

Minutes

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Fork Association

OF

Free Will Baptist Churches

Convening with the

WICHITA FALLS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

AUGUST 31, SEPTEMBER 2, 1954

The Association will meet with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, 2320 Azle Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas

August 30, - September 1, 1954

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—1954-55

Moderator.....	C. B. Thompson 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth
Assistant.....	M. L. Sutton 2605 Skyline Dr. Fort Worth
Clerk.....	Mrs. A. F. Ferguson 222 E. Hull St., Denison
Treasurer.....	W. D. Phillips Rt. 1, Decatur

BOARDS

HOME MISSION

A. L. Hudson	Comanche
H. Z. Cox.....	3312 Michigan, Dallas
J. A. Brooks.....	Rt. 1, Wichita Falls
Wesley Broom.....	Buffalo Springs
Garland Collins.....	Comanche

FOREIGN MISSION

C. J. Hearron.....	816 Sycamore, Weatherford
Tiff Covington.....	Bowie
Carlos McGuire.....	Comanche, Rt. 1

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Braxton Chaffin.....	3824 Winfield, Fort Worth
J. E. Marecle.....	Waco
A. F. Ferguson.....	222 E. Hull St. Denison

LEAGUE

Raymond Guthrie.....	3408 Eastridge, Fort Worth
R. E. Conner.....	Rt. 2, Bellevue
Clemon Ray Measures.....	Weatherford

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. C. B. Thompson.....	2003 Prairie, Fort Worth
Mrs. H. Z. Cox.....	3312 Michigan, Dallas
Mrs. C. J. Hearron.....	816 Sycamore, Weatherford

ENCAMPMENT

M. L. Sutton.....	2605 Skyline Dr. Fort Worth
Fred King.....	Dallas
L. J. Foreman.....	2109 Gould, Dallas

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

C. C. Almond.....	Fort Worth
Roy Norie, Jr.....	Denison
L. J. Foreman.....	Dallas

CHILDREN'S HOME

Mrs. R. E. Conner.....	Bellevue
Mrs. Arnold.....	Gainsville
Mrs. M. L. Sutton.....	Fort Worth

CREDENTIAL

R. E. Conner.....	Bellevue
J. E. Marecle.....	Waco
A. G. McLain.....	Denton

PROGRAM

Garland Collins.....	Comanche
Mrs. C. B. Thompson.....	Fort Worth
J. F. Parr.....	Bowie

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Garland Collins.....	Comanche
Mrs. Grace Jackson.....	Wichita Falls
Mrs. C. B. Wier.....	Fort Worth

OBITUARY

Mrs. Frank Smith.....	Fort Worth
Mrs. Cora Norie.....	Denison
Mrs. J. T. Reeder.....	Fort Worth

TEMPERANCE

Mrs. Jack Dysart.....	Fort Worth
Mrs. Elec Marecle.....	Waco
Mrs. Wesley Broom.....	Buffalo Springs

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the 65th Annual Session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with the Wichita Falls Church at Wichita Falls, Texas, August 31, - September 2, 1954.

TUESDAY EVENING

Services opened with singing led by G. W. Covington and A. F. Ferguson. The moderator, C. B. Thompson, called the association to order with the reading of I Cor. 15:58. Welcome address by the host pastor. Special song by Sisters Grace Jackson and Bessie Bates.

A. L. Hudson was introduced as the introductory speaker. His message, "What Have I Now Done? Is There Not a Cause?," using I Samuel 17:29.

Assignment of homes by Mrs. Grace Jackson.

Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by W. D. Phillips. Devotion by W. D. Phillips reading Romans 12, closed with prayer.

Motion carried to accept a partial report from the Credential Committee and seat the delegates. Delegates given the right hand of fellowship and delegates were seated.

The nomination of officers was opened and voting was done by ballot. C. B. Thompson was elected moderator with M. L. Sutton as assistant moderator.

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson was elected Clerk.

W. D. Phillips was elected Treasurer.

C. J. Hearron was elected Parliamentarian.

Program was adopted with any necessary changes. Dismissed for recess with prayer by C. B. Thompson.

The congregation was called to order with singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by M. L. Sutton. Quartet composed of Sister Lois Slawson, Bros. M. L. Sutton, C. J. Hearron, A. F. Ferguson.

Report from Children's Home was given by the Superintendent of Home, C. C. Cain. Solo by Mildred Cosby.

C. J. Hearron was introduced as morning speaker. He read Isaiah 59: 10-16, Text "Failures and Opportunities." Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. C. C. Cain.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Called together with singing. Prayer by R. E. Conner. Devotion by L. J. Foreman reading Psalms 46.

Report by the Home Mission Board was read and adopted.

Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read and adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report of the Children's Home was read and adopted.

Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees as follows: Sister A. F. Ferguson, Bro. A. L. Hudson, Bro. A. G. McLain.

Motion carried to accept the invitation of the Trinity Church of Fort Worth to entertain the next yearly meeting. R. E. Conner was selected to bring the opening message.

Recessed with prayer.

Reopened with singing led by Bro. Ferguson. Special song by Ministers Quartet composed of Tiff Covington, C. J. Hearron, M. L. Sutton, and A. F. Ferguson.

Bro. Covington brought devotion, using Romans 14: 4-8. Quartet number by Sister Betty Hughes and Bros. C. J. Hearron, A. E. Ferguson, and M. L. Sutton.

Free will offering was taken for Home Missions. Quartet from Wichita Falls sang "Death Will Never Knock on Heaven's Door."

M. L. Sutton was introduced as evening speaker. His text was "The Message of the Churches," using I Cor. 15: 1-3.

Assignment of homes. R. E. Conner dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

Singing led by Bro. Hearron. Prayer by Sister R. E. Conner. Bro. C. B. Thompson brought devotion from 23 Psalm. Report from League Board was read and adopted.

Report of Committee of Committees was read and adopted.

Report by the Sunday School Board was given and adopted with recommendations.

Partial report by Resolutions Committee was read and accepted. Recessed with prayer by Bro. Thompson.

Singing led by Bro. Ferguson. Special quartet sang "What Will Your Answer Be?" A. G. McLain brought morning message from Ezekiel 1: 28-2: 1-3, Isaiah 6:8. Text: "Here Am I, Send Me." Prayer by visiting minister, F. C. Chessir.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing led by Bro. Ferguson. Prayer by Bro. Wesley Broom. Sister Ferguson brought devotion using Acts 1:8, Subject "Power." Prayer by Sister Ferguson.

Board members were announced.

Oral report was given by the Encampment Board Chairman. Sister C. B. Thompson told of "The Week of Camp" at Woodlake, Texas.

Resolution Committee's report was completed and accepted as read.

Temperance Committee report was adopted as read.

Motion carried for Moderator to appoint delegates to State Association, those appointed were: Sisters J. H. Measures, Carlos McGuire, John Newberry, Lois Slawson, M. L. Sutton, C. B. Thompson, R. E. Conner, Loyce Thurman, Alton Keith, Odis Simon, Fred King, Giola Onley and Bros. J. F. Parr and Ernest Womack.

Delegates to National Association were appointed as follows: Sisters Cora Norie, M. L. Sutton, Cleo Jackson, Frank Smith, and C. B. Thompson.

Obituary Committee report was read and adopted and congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer and was closed by Bro. Ferguson.

Motion carried to adjourn and the host Pastor dismissed with prayer.

C. B. Thompson, Moderator
Naomi Stom, Clerk Pro Tem

CHURCH LETTERS

First Church, Bowie—Delegates: Bro. and Sis. Emmitt Denebber, and Bro. and Sis. Frank Lovelady. Total membership 109, members received 10, by letter 5, by baptism 5, dismissed 4, number deaths 2, Mr. Sam Houston and Mr. Bob Thompson. Number services 124; revivals 2; Prayer meetings 52; collections \$3590.46; paid pastor \$1916.97; evangelist \$263.58; building and repairs \$638.72; incidentals \$475.07; home missions \$60.00 Literature \$24.10; Bible College \$36.00; balance \$175.02; value of property \$10,000.

Sunday School—departments 6; classes 6; officers 2; teachers 6; average attendance 60.

League—leagues 1; officers 12; attendance 110; just organized.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 15; active 10; circles 1; meetings 12; dues \$86.36; other \$66.00; paid out \$68.46; balance \$45.58.

Sunday School Supt., Dick Avery, S. Mills St.

League Director, Robert Henry, Strong St.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. A. J. St. John.

Pastor, Tiff Covington, Bowie.

Clerk, Ethel Woods, Bowie.

Treasurer, Bud Parr, 204 Edith.

Ministers: Bill Brown and J. C. Harris.

Deacons: Dick Avery, W. A. Woods, Bud Parr, Troy Wolf.

Buffalo Springs Church—Delegates: Bro. and Sis. Odis Jones and Sis. R. E. Conner. Membership 85; received 2; letter 2; dismissed 6; deaths 2, Bro. Leonard Adams and Sister Maggie Lee Wynn; services 120; revivals 1; collections \$3131.69; paid pastor \$1743.75; evangelist \$131.20; building and repairs \$843.83; children's home \$60.00; foreign missions \$66.00; home missions \$25.00; Bible College \$60.00; total \$3191.27; balance \$557.47; value property \$6,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 110; new members 4; classes 6; officers 2; teachers 12; attendance 88.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 36; active 20; circles 1; meetings 12; dues \$56.45; other \$194.31; paid out \$267.90; balance \$31.53.

Sunday School Supt., Bro. Jim Stell.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. R. E. Conner.

Pastor, R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.

Clerk, Mrs. L. E. Cozart, Post Oak, Texas.
Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Broom, New Port, Texas.
Ministers: R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue.

Deacons: J. W. Broom, J. M. Inman, J. O. Jones, L. J. White, Ben White, Johnie Treadwell, Arnold Reeder, Lee Roy Dixon.

Easley's Chapel, Comanche—Delegates: Bro. and Sis. Garland Collins and Sister Ann Wilson. Membership 153; dismissed 6; services 72; revivals 1; prayer meetings 46; collections \$808.82; paid pastor \$489; evangelist \$162; building and repairs \$114.91; incidentals \$38.82; flowers \$15.00; home mission \$47.00; misc. expenses \$202.82; literature \$46.70; Bible College \$20.00; total \$1039.81; balance \$297.02; value property \$7,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 106; new members 36; classes 5; officers 11; teachers 5; attendance 45; offering \$808.99; visits made 538; phone calls 1; cards and letters 208.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 14; active 14; meetings 10; paid out \$8.00; balance \$33.61; visits 279; cards and letters 31.

Sunday School Supt., C. B. McGuire, Rt. 1, Comanche.
Women's Auxiliary Pres., Montie Brinson, Rt. 1, Comanche.

Pastor, Elder W. A. Hearron, Sulphur, Oklahoma;
Clerk, Mrs. C. B. McGuire.

Treasurer, Ted Patton.

Minister: Ted Patton, Rt. 1, Comanche

Deacons: C. B. McGuire, W. B. McGuire, Homer Williams, W. A. Irby, P. J. Easley.

Liberty Church, Comanche—Delegates: none, membership 19; new members 9; letter 9; dismissed 7; deaths 1, George Kerley; services 118; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$743.37; paid pastor \$203.81; evangelist \$70.00; building and repair \$162.00; incidentals \$103.17; home missions \$49.00; misc. expenses \$64.07; literature \$13.48; balance \$125.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 36; new members 15; number added to the church from Sunday School 15; letter 9; statement 1; departments 3; classes 3; officers 3; teachers 3; attendance 30; offering \$539.56; grade 85; visits made 50; phone calls 75; cards and letters 125.

Sunday School Supt., Bob Jones, Comanche, Rt. 1.

Pastor, M. R. Gains, Box 132, Comanche.

Clerk, Mrs. Robert Harbour, Rt. 1, Comanche.

Treasurer, Mrs. Jewell Kerley, Rt. 1, Comanche.

Ministers: M. R. Gains, Box 132; R. H. Rogers.

Deacons: A. V. Venson; Robert Harbour.

First Church, Dallas—Delegates: Artlee Cox, Ruby Brown, L. J. Foreman. Membership 159; members received

37; letter 19; statement 2; baptism 16; dismissed 8; services 104; revivals 2; prayer meetings 52; collections \$10,489.49; paid pastor \$3600; evangelist \$175.00; building and repairs \$12,605.84; incidentals \$180.00; home missions \$25.00; misc. expenses \$526.35; literature \$198.45; Bible College \$19.97; total \$19,567.03; balance \$365.45; value property \$32,000.00. Radio Broadcast \$1820.70; Pianist \$416.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 165; new members 40; number added to the church from Sunday School 20; baptism 10; letter 8; statement 2; departments 7; classes 8; officers 2; teachers 8; attendance 91; offering \$8,000.00; grade 60.

League—enrollment 40; leagues 4; officers 5; attendance 30.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 15; active 9; circles 1; meetings 12; dues \$55.50; other \$469.45; paid out \$441.71; balance \$83.24.

Sunday School Supt., Charlie Edwards, 3419 Michigan.
League Dir., Mac Adams, 3419 Michigan.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Catherine Simons.

Pastor, H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan.

Clerk, Maurin Morrison, 3419 Michigan.

Treasurer, O. H. Simons, 1602 Maywood.

Ministers: H. Z. Cox, A. J. Feilding, 1820 Vilbig, L. J. Foreman, 2109 Gould, Bob Morrison, 2327 Stovall.

Deacons: Fe. Walling, 4049 Buna Vista; O. H. Simons, 1602 Maywood.

New Salem Church, Decatur—Delegates: Bros. C. C. Almond, W. D. Phillips and Sis. Hudson. Membership 90; received 5; statement 5; dismissed 3; services 200; revivals 1; prayer meetings 50; collections \$1840.37; paid pastor \$1087.50; evangelist \$175.00; building and repairs \$89.98; incidentals \$42.40; supplies \$20.00; home missions \$25.00; misc. expense \$20.00; literature \$16.00; total \$1695.88; balance \$172.34; value of property \$6.000.

Sunday School—enrollment 58; new members 3; departments 4; classes 4; officers 8; teachers 4; attendance 35; offering \$1840.37.

Sunday School Supt., Ronny Fitzpatrick, Decatur.

Clerk, W. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Decatur.

Treasurer, W. D. Phillips.

Ministers: A. L. Hudson and C. C. Almond, ordained.

Deacons: W. D. Phillips, J. W. Taylor, Fred Anderson.

First Church, Denison—Delegates: Sisters Cora Norie, Myrtie Coffman, and Lois Slawson. Membership 50; received 6; letter 2; statement 2; baptism 2; dismissed 2; deaths 2, Mrs. J. W. Fulce, Mr. J. W. Coffman; services 172; revivals 2; prayer meetings 55; collections \$2701.17; paid pastor

\$1634.46; evangelist \$182.68; building and repairs \$295.29 incidentals \$94.28; foreign missions \$27.33; home missions \$20.40; children's home \$34.64; misc. expenses \$263.71; balance \$67.46; value of property \$8,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 60; classes 5; officers 7; teachers 5; attendance 45; offering \$340.03.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 14; active 12; meetings 45; dues \$12.57; other \$196.11; paid out \$201.89; balance \$6.79; visits made 120.

Sunday School Supt., O. R. Norie Jr., 630 W. Day St.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Sister A. F. Ferguson, 222 E. Hull St.

Pastor, A. F. Ferguson, 222 E. Hull St.

Clerk, Mrs. Martha Sweeney, 609 E. Acheson St.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Fulce, 605 E. Acheson St.

Ministers: A. F. Ferguson and Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, ordained, and J. W. Fulce, licensed.

Deacons: W. L. Fulce and O. R. Norie Jr.

First Church, Denton—Delegates: Mrs. Trudie Swanson, Mrs. Bessie Meadows and Mrs. Oma McLain. Membership 127; received 28; letter 15; statement 6; baptism 7; dismissed 11; services 104; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$3,294.36; paid pastor \$350.00; evangelist \$55.58; building and repairs \$2,385.27; incidentals \$251.36; home missions \$22.50; misc. expenses \$129.35; literature \$48.31; Bible college \$7.60; total \$3,249.97; balance \$28.36; value of property \$16,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 89; new members 20; added to church from Sunday School 13; baptism 4; letter 7; statement 2; departments 6; classes 6; officers 11; teachers 6; attendance 75; offering \$1375.07; average grade 70; visits made 80; phone calls 80; cards and letters 150.

League—enrollment 20; leagues 1; officers 8; attendance 25; offering \$21.76; grade 70.

Women's Auxiliary—Enrollment 11; active 6; circles 1; meetings 6; dues \$12.70; paid out \$2.00; balance \$10.70; visits made 12; phone calls 12; cards and letters 12.

Sunday School Supt., A. T. Meadows, Rt. 1.

League Dir., Mrs. Charlene Walton, 1819 W. Scripture St.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. Claire Laird, 2620 Fort Worth Dr.

Pastor, A. G. McLain, 1021 Cleveland.

Clerk, Mrs. Loyce Thurman, 1911 Bernard.

Treasurer, Ben Thurman, 1911 Bernard.

Ministers: A. G. McLain and Harold Sheets, ordained.

Deacons: A. T. Meadows, R. L. Laird.

First Church, Fort Worth—Delegates: Sisters Naomi Stom, Mildred Cosby, Margie White and C. B. Thompson. Membership 176; received 40; letter 6; statement 18; baptism 16; dismissed 5; deaths 2, Mrs. Loretta Baber and Mrs. Tom Crabb; services 180; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$7,077.52; paid pastor \$2,980; evangelist \$150; building and repairs \$1,076.13; foreign missions \$130; home missions \$60; children's home \$60; misc. expenses \$470.08; superannuation \$60; Bible College \$195; total \$6,506.89; balance \$570.63; value of property \$30,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 159; new members 31; classes 9; officers 3; teachers 10; attendance 91; offering \$4,508.08; grade 49; visits made 2332; phone calls 907; cards and letters 829.

League—enrollment 61; leagues 5; officers 3; attendance 40; offering \$298.87; grade 47.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 14; circles 1; collected \$52.10; paid out \$32.59; balance \$19.51.

Sunday School Supt., Jack Lucas, 2612 Refugio.

League Dir., Raymond Guthrie, 3408 Eastridge.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. Naomi Stom, 1109 N. E. 33rd.

Pastor, C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie Avenue.

Clerk, Mrs. Emma Eagleton, 2114 Columbus Avenue.

Treasurer, J. H. Cosby, 617 Frontier.

Ministers: C. B. Thompson, Frank Bennett, Kenneth Eagleton, C. J. Turrentine, ordained and Louis Bernecker, licensed.

Deacons: G. Moore, Jim Eudy, Floyd Eudy, Doc Baber, Bill Killough, Jack Lucas, E. E. Eagleton Sr., E. E. Eagleton Jr., E. E. Morris, J. H. Cosby, Cliff Nichols, George Dearing, Frank Holding, W. C. King.

Trinity Church, Fort Worth—Delegates: Mrs. Maude Wier, Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Winnie Dysart and Harold Reeder. Membership 183; received 25 letters 8; statement 5; baptism 12; dismissed 4; deaths 1, Mrs. Laverne Wier; services 169; revivals 2; prayer meetings 49; collections \$8,070.72; paid pastor \$3,770; evangelist \$235; building and repairs \$1,615.29; incidentals \$277.94; Stationary and supplies \$671.90; foreign missions \$67.75; home missions \$135.51; children's home \$10.46; misc. expenses \$452.63; literature \$252.44; Bible College \$78.21; total \$7,567.13; value of property \$55,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 200; new members 107; added to church from Sunday School 23; baptism 12; letter 8; statement 3; departments 6; classes 17; officers 8; teachers 17; attendance 105; offering \$7,556.56; class grade 52; visits made 2,672; phone calls 1,925; cards and letters 1,688.

Sunday School Supt., W. B. Chaffin, 3824 Winfield Ave.
Pastor, M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Dr.
Clerk, Mrs. Leota Barger, 7432 Mohawk St.
Treasurer, G. R. Bassham, 2413 Hemphill St.
Ministers: W. B. Chaffin, Lonnie Palmer, H. E. Reid,

ordained.

Deacons: G. R. Bassham, G. A. Wetzel, J. T. Reeder,
F. E. Smith and J. P. Lowery.

First Church, Midland—Delegates: Melvin Flemming,
Joe Kelly, and Betty Hughes. Membership 65; received 23;
letter 4; statement 3; baptism 16; dismissed 5; services 208;
revivals 3; prayer meetings 52; collections \$2,615.55; paid
pastor \$2,080; evangelist \$67.03; building and repairs \$14.77;
literature \$30.72; total \$2,614.54; balance \$1.01. 52 broad-
casts.

Sunday School—enrollment 51; new members 26; added
to church from Sunday School 6; baptism 9; letter 4; state-
ment 3; departments 6; classes 6; officers 5; teachers 6; at-
tendance 50; offering \$24.00; grade 65.

League—enrollment 19; leagues 1; officers 2; attendance
15; offering \$3.05; grade 85.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 8; active 5; meetings
12; dues \$150; paid out \$115; balance \$35.00.

Sunday School Supt., Burl Havner, Rt. 1, Box 6 GG.

League Dir., Joe Kelly, Rt. 1, Box 18E.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Virginia Hughes, 402 E. Estes.

Pastor, J. A. Hughes, 910 S. Mineola.

Clerk, Betty Hughes, 910 S. Mineola.

Treasurer, Roy M. Cox, Rt. 1, Box 67.

Ministers: H. F. Savage, Andrews, Tex., licensed; and
Alfred Savage, General Delivery, Andrews, Tex., ordained

Deacons: Bert S. Onley, J. O. Horton, Burl Havner, R. M.
Cox.

First Church, Waco—Delegates: Sisters Billie Crosby,
Wilma Jean Peppers, Pauline Marecle. Membership 122; re-
ceived 12; letter 2; statement 5; baptism 5; services 120;
revivals 1; prayer meetings 48; collections \$6,849.31; paid
pastor \$2500; evangelist \$185; building and repairs \$3,603.10;
incidentals \$81.34; supplies \$99.55; home missions \$150; misc.
expenses \$194.91; literature \$46.95; total \$6,861.09; balance
\$484.95; value of property \$6,500.

Sunday School—enrollment 79; new members 27; de-
partments 6; classes 6; officers 2; teachers 6; attendance 56;
offering \$936.80; grade 59; visits made 664; phone calls 791;
cards and letters 826.

League—enrollment 40; leagues 1; officers 6; attendance
30; offering \$22.41; grade 50.

Sunday School Supt., Ernest L. Marecle, 4335 Memorial

Drive.

League Director, J. B. Williams, 1925 S. 14th St.

Pastor J. E. Marecle, Rt. 9, Box 2179.

Clerk, Mrs. J. E. Marecle, Rt. 9, Box 2179.

Treasurer, Ernest L. Marecle.

Minister: J. E. Marecle.

Deacons: I. M. Marecle, F. F. Phillips, Ellis Calvary, Milton Graham, O. M. Martin, B. L. Conaway, Albert Fisher, Edwin Murphy, Layton Marecle.

First Church, Wichita Falls—Delegates: Sisters Muriel Brooks, Loree Medley, Clemmie Holmes. Membership 70; received 12; letter 8; statement 4; dismissed 3; services 118; revivals 2; prayer meetings 50; collections \$2,026.76; paid pastor \$1,545; misc. expenses \$559.13; literature \$49.55; total \$2,153.68; balance \$11.00; value of property \$8,000; \$205.50 in Building Fund.

Sunday School—enrollment 43; new members 5; departments 4; classes 4; officers 2; teachers 4; attendance 33; grade 74.

League—enrollment 20; leagues 1; officers 2; attendance 12.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 15; active 10; meetings 20; dues \$61.25; other \$199.91; paid out \$239.92; balance \$20.24.

Sunday School Supt., Cleo Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 231.

League Dir., Bob Bates, Rt. 1, Box 236B.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Minnie Holmes, 2121 Holliday.

Pastor, J. A. Brooks, Rt. 1, Box 38.

Clerk, Mrs. G. W. Covington, 3200 Cumberland.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Toombs, 2305 Grant.

Ministers: J. A. Brooks, James Stevens, John Newberry, ordained; O. H. Washburn, licensed.

Deacon: C. R. Toombs.

First Church, Weatherford—Delegates: Sisters C. J. Hearron, Delores White, Evelyn Barber, and Bro. Clemon Ray Measurers. Membership 94; received 20; letter 9; statement 5; baptism 6; dismissed 4; services 128; revivals 2; prayer meetings 81; collections \$2,738.08; paid pastor \$2,008.32; evangelist \$137.04; incidentals \$34.32; home missions \$20.00; misc. expenses \$402.43; literature \$66.58; Bible College \$5.85; total \$2,687.96; balance \$40.16; value of property \$10,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 61; new members 41; added to church from Sunday School 6; baptism 6; departments 1; classes 6; officers 2; teachers 7; attendance 47; offering \$1,346.33; grade 61; visits made 287; phone calls 90; cards and letters 32.

League—enrollment 25; leagues 2; officers 6; attendance 18; offering \$26.93.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 9; active 6; circles 1; meetings 16; dues \$16.10; other \$61.09; paid out \$163.52; balance \$4.89; visits made 7.

Sunday School Supt., J. E. Francis, 706 Water St.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. C. J. Hearon, 816 Scycamore.

Pastor, C. J. Hearron, 816 Scycamore.

Clerk, Mattie Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 245-A.

Treasurer, Myrle Jackson, 313 Jameson St.

Ministers: C. J. Hearron, J. H. Measurers, and Mrs. Verda Walker.

Deacons: H. L. Harley, Claude Jackson, and J. B. Estes.

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We find the following churches in order: First Church, Denton \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Wichita Falls, \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Bowie, \$5.00; four delegates; Liberty Church, Comanche, \$2.00, no delegates; Trinity Church, Fort Worth, \$10.00, five delegates, and invitation; New Salem, Decatur, \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Fort Worth, five delegates and \$10.00; First Church, Weatherford, \$5.00, four delegates and invitation; First Church, Waco, \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Midland, \$3.00, three delegates; Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, \$5.00, three delegates; First Church, Denison, \$5.00, three delegates; Easley's Chapel Church, Comanche, \$10.00, three delegates and invitation; and First Church, Dallas, \$15.00, three delegates.

—R. E. Conner, Chairman

We the committee for the Children's Home, wish to make the following report:

First Church, Wichita Falls.....	A Quilt
First Church, Denison.....	\$34.00
Trinity Church, Fort Worth.....	10.46
First Church, Fort Worth.....	60.00
Pleasant Mound.....	2 stoves and 60.00
First Church, Dallas.....	16.25

—Mrs. R. E. Conner, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand, \$74.57; received from churches \$100.00; paid out \$66.37 for printing of minutes, and \$15.00 for Texas State Association; total paid out \$81.37; balance in treasury \$93.20.

—W. D. Phillips, Treasurer

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, your committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report: We are taught to abstain from the very appearance of evil and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world; of course when we think of temperance we think of strong drink.

Let us strive to make this world a better place in which to live by opposing this damnable drink in every way possible.

Let us not be temperate only in our attitude toward these but toward everything which will bring reproach on our church and the name of our Lord.

—Mrs. J. E. Marecle, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church and their friends who have so graciously entertained us.

2. Resolved that we tell others of the blessings we have received during this association, hoping to gain more interest, cooperation and attendance in future associations.

3. Resolved that the association authorize the Sunday School Board to receive offerings from the churches through the promotional secretary to be used at the discretion of the board.

—Mrs. Joyce Collins, Chairman

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD:

Each year sees an increase of interest in Foreign Missions within our denomination. As this interest grows many who are now waiting will be enabled to go to foreign fields. Let us labor to that end. Our churches report a total of \$346.66 given to this work.

—Tiff Covington, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

We, your Sunday School Board, beg leave to make the following report:

We regret that due to the incompleteness of so many letters from the churches to the Association we are not able to secure a complete statistical report. To the best of our ability, therefore, we have secured such information as we could, and we respectfully submit it to you with our recommendations. We request all who read this to bear in mind that it is only a partial report.

From the churches reporting we learn that the Sunday School is still the most powerful instrument ordained of God for winning souls to Christ and the Church. In the Association we have a reported enrollment of 1,217. Of this number there

was an average attendance of 843. The number of members coming into our churches from our Sunday Schools was 83. We ascertained from the churches reporting that our Sunday Schools brought \$27,285.85 into our treasury.

Recommendations: Whereas, the Sunday School is so important to our churches, and whereas, the need for more, and better, Sunday School work is beginning to make itself felt so keenly among us, we feel led of the Lord to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Sunday School Board be authorized to secure a Promotional Secretary who will be responsible to the Board for the promotion of every phase of the Sunday School work in the Association. That the methods of securing finance for this endeavor, and the expenditure of the same, be decided in an agreement between the Board and the Promotional Secretary.

2. That on Wednesday night of the next session of the Association thirty minutes be allowed for a Sunday School program.

3. That the Sunday School Promotional Secretary, and the Sunday School Board, urge every church in the Association to give a complete statistical report at the next session of the Association.

4. That each Sunday School in the Association be urged to sponsor a Vacation Bible School next summer.

—M. L. Sutton, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD:

We, your Home Mission Board, prayerfully submit the following report:

Number of revivals held—2

Number of churches started—1

Number of revivals scheduled—5

Balance brought forward from 1953 — \$514.22, income for 1954 \$582.55, expenses for 1954 — \$1031.21, balance in treasury September 1, 1954 — \$65.56.

We appreciate your prayers and cooperation during the past year. Please continue to lend us your support.

—A. L. Hudson, Chairman

LEAGUE BOARD:

Number of Leagues 8, they are as follows; First Church, Dallas, 40; Midland 19; Waco 40; Weatherford 35; First Church, Fort Worth 61; Denton 20; Bowie 20; Wichita Falls 20; total membership 240.

—R. E. Conner, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We submit the following report of deaths: First Church, Comanche, Mr. George Kerley; First Church, Bowie, Sam Houston and Bob Thompson; Trinity, Fort Worth, Mrs. La-

verne Wier; First Church, Denison, Mrs. J. W. Fulce and J. W. Coffman; Buffalo Springs, Leonard Adams, and Mrs. Maggie Lee Wynn; First Church, Fort Worth, Mrs. Loretta Baber and Mrs. Tom Crabb.

Words cannot express our deep love and sympathy to these our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones in this life but we feel it is heavens gain.

We ask as a body we stand for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of those soldiers of the cross that have gone on.

—Mrs. Cora Norie, Chairman

CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST FORK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Revised by order of the Association, August 29, 1951

Preamble.

From long experience we, the members of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the expedience of an association of churches to better perpetuate our union, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better government.

Article 1—Name

The name of this organization shall be, The West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

Article 2—Membership

This association shall be composed of delegates duly elected, or appointed by, and from the membership of the various churches in Texas which have entered into, and which shall hereafter enter into, the agreements set forth in the constitution.

1. Each church shall have equal representation, the number of delegates not exceeding five.

2. Each church shall have the right to refrain from participating in any part of the associational program which it deems detrimental to its work and welfare.

3. Each church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the association, but shall not have the right to reenter the association without examination.

4. The association shall have the right to discipline any church holding membership in it for unsound doctrine or disorderly conduct; and may, when reasoning and persuasion fails, withdraw the hand of fellowship, but in no case shall it have the right to reverse the decisions of any church.

5. No question of dispute from any church shall be con-

sidered in this association except to council and then only when the church extends an invitation in writing signed by the moderator and church clerk.

6. All regularly ordained ministers who are members in good standing of the churches of this association are by virtue of their office, members of this association. Visiting ministers may be made honorary members and accorded every privilege of the association except making motions and voting.

7. Each delegation shall be qualified upon presenting to the association, through the credentials committee, an authorized statistical letter signed by the pastor (or moderator) and church clerk, together with the stipulated associational dues. Failure to present the proper credentials shall disqualify the delegation.

8. New churches wishing to become members of this association shall present such petitionary letters as shall be authorized by this body.

9. Upon the adoption of the report of the credentials committee the moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship in the name of the association to the delegates, and new and honorary members, and invite them to sit with us.

Article 3—Officers

The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the association to order and to preside over all sessions thereof. In the absence of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall preside, or in his absence the clerk or the senior minister shall preside until the lection of a moderator pro tempore. Between sessions the moderator is chairman of the executive committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the assistant moderator to assist the moderator in maintaining order and preside over the association in his absence, or at his request. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep accurate records of all sessions of the association, to have copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches, comprising this association, to make and keep good and accurate records of all meetings of the executive committee, and to enter the same in the minutes of the next session of this association. Between sessions the clerk is secretary of the executive committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds paid or donated to the association and to make duly authorized disbursements; to make and keep a good and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed, and to

report the same to the association at the annual session. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to familiarize himself with the parliamentary law recognized by the association, and be ready to dispose of any point of order that may be referred to him. Between sessions he is a member of the executive committee.

6. The officers of the association shall be elected by ballot at the beginning of each annual session and shall assume office at the close of the session at which they were elected. No person may be elected to succeed himself more than once.

Article 4—Meetings

This association shall meet in regular session on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September each year. The place of meeting shall be selected by majority vote of all members present: however, no invitation will be accepted by the association unless it is written into the church letter by authority of the church. The delegation from three member churches shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the boards and committees must be called by their respective chairmen.

Article 5—Finance

Each church shall send with its letter \$5.00 for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. In cases of emergency the association may assess each church proportionately to meet the emergency. The association may also, when it is deemed expedient, ask the churches for a special free will offering.

Article 6—Committees and Boards

1. The session committees of the association are Committee on Committees, Temperance, Obituary, and Resolution. There also may be need for special session committees.

2. The standing committees are Executive, Credential, Program, and Children's Home. Other standing committees may be added as necessity arises.

3. The boards of the association are Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Women's Auxiliary, or any other that may become needful.

4. All committees shall be composed of three members each except the executive committee which shall be composed of the general officers of the association and three additional members elected by the body. The moderator shall appoint the committee on committees.

5. All boards shall consist of three members each except the Home Mission Board which shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be laymen. The moderator shall

appoint all board members and present his appointment to the body before end of the session for conformation.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act for and in behalf of the association between sessions in matters of business that cannot be held over till the next regular session. It shall be the duty of the standing committees to make a thorough study of the department of work assigned to them and make such recommendations to the association as they deem expedient. It shall be the duty of the session committee to perform the work assigned to them before session adjourns.

7. The Boards of the association shall be charged with the promotion and oversight of the work of their departments. If, and when, the work of two or more boards overlap they shall work together in this particular.

Article 7—Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall serve as parliamentary authority for this association unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present. The parliamentarian shall be furnished with a copy of the work which he shall hold as property of the association.

Article 8—Amendments and Revisions

This constitution may be amended or revised at any regular session of the association provided, however, that notice has been put in writing, along with the proposed amendment or revision, and placed on the table at the last previous session. The rules of order may be amended or revised at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of all the members present.

