

MINUTES

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

OF

Free Will Baptist Church

Convening with the

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1955

The Association will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas, August 28, 29, 30, 1956.

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A. F. Ferguson.....222 E. Hull St., Denison
A. L. Hudson.....Comanche

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M. L. Sutton.....	Fort Worth
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RESOLUTION

L. J. Foreman.....	Dallas
A. G. McLain.....	Denton
J. C. Scott.....	

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Mrs. R. E. Conner.....	Bellevue
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Mrs. C. J. Turrentine.....	Fort Worth
Mrs. Frank Smith.....	Fort Worth
Mrs. J. T. Reeder.....	Fort Worth

PROCEEDINGS

Proceeding of the 66th Annual Session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when convened with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Fort Worth, Texas, August 30, - September 1, 1955.

TUESDAY EVENING

Services opened with singing led by C. J. Hearron in the absence of A. F. Ferguson, director for the Association. Special quartet song by M. L. Sutton, C. J. Hearron, Bob Franks and Mildred Cosby. Devotion brought by C. J. Hearron. Welcome address by M. L. Sutton, host pastor. In the absence of Mrs. H. C. Cox, the moderator, C. B. Thompson gave the response address. The moderator presented Rev. R. E. Conner of the Buffalo Springs Church, reading Acts 20:28.

Assignment of homes by Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

Dismissed with prayer by R. E. Conner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by A. L. Hudson. Devotion by W. D. Phillips reading Psalms First Chapter. Prayer by W. D. Phillips.

Report of Credential Committee made and received by vote of body. Two new churches were received. Love Temple, Fort Worth, and Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Delegates given the right hand of fellowship and delegates were seated.

The nomination of officers was opened and voting was done by ballot. Tiff Covington was elected moderator with C. J. Turrentine as assistant moderator.

Mrs. D. W. Wilkes was elected clerk.

J. A. Brooks was elected Treasurer.

M. L. Sutton was elected Parliamentarian.

Motion carried that second low man be made assistant moderator.

Motion carried program be adopted with any necessary changes.

M. L. Sutton gave miscellaneous business report on the National Association held in Tulsa, in July. Encouraged all churches to co-operate in the national program. Very encouraging report.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by A. F. Ferguson.

The congregation was called to order with singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by Rev. Thrasher, Indian Creek, Missouri, Association. Solo by Sister Mildred Cosby. Special prayer for member of Rev. J. A. Brooks church and Brother Bennett of First Free Will Baptist. Rev. J. A. Brooks led prayer.

J. E. Marecle was introduced as morning speaker. He read First Kings 18:17-21. Prayer by C. B. Thompson. Dismissed for lunch served by ladies of host church.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Called together with singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by C. B. Thompson. Special song by M. L. Sutton and Sister Mildred Cosby. Devotion by J. A. Brooks reading Psalms 133:1, and John 13:35. Prayer by J. A. Brooks.

Report of Committee on Committees, composed of H. Z. Cox, R. E. Conner and J. B. Estes was read and by vote of body was received.

Report of Home Mission Board was read and adopted.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary was read and adopted.

Report of Encampment was read and adopted.

Report of Children's Home was read and adopted.

By vote of the body the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches for 1956, will be held in Weatherford, Texas.

Recommendations for building up camp spirit as follows: improvement, use, interest in welfare, adopted.

Motion made to discontinue Encampment Board and elect Board of Trustees to handle all business pertaining to camp ground. Board of Trustees elected for camp site are: Wesley Broom, W. D. Phillips and Wilburn Covington.

Dismissed with prayer by G. W. Covington.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Services opened with singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by C. J. Hearron. Special Duet by Bro. C. J. Hearron and Sister C. J. Hearron. Special Duet by Sisters El Dorris Stephens and El Doris Payne. Prayer and devotion by H. Z. Cox. Special solo by A. F. Ferguson. Quartet composed of Sister Mildred Cosby, M. L. Sutton, Bob Franks and J. M. Palmer.

Sunday School Program was presented by the Sunday School of Trinity Free Will Baptist. Impressive program.

E. H. Scott brought the sermon using Matthew 16:16. Dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

Singing led by A. F. Ferguson. Prayer by Sister C. B. Thompson. Devotion brought by A. L. Hudson from Luke 6:45.

Report of Treasury was read and adopted.

Committee Report:

Obituary report was read and adopted with prayer by A. F. Ferguson.

Temperance Committee report read and adopted.

Resolution Committee's report and adopted.

Report of Committee of Committees was read and adopted. Through oversight the Committee of Committees failed to name a Program Committee and the body voted for the Chair to appoint this Committee, adopted.

Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read and adopted.

Motion made to finish business before noon and adjourn and carried.

Motion carried that incoming Moderator appoint delegates for State Association and they be notified.

Appointment of Board by Assistant Moderator read and adopted.

Motion carried to lay item of business on table to be first item of business at next meeting.

Report of Revision Committee read and adopted. Motion carried to call it off the table as the first item of business at next session.

Motion carried to adjourn after preaching and meet again in 1956.

Message brought by visiting minister, Rev. Thrasher. Dismissed with prayer by C. B. Thompson.

C. B. Thompson, Moderator

Mrs. D. W. Wilkes, Clerk

CHURCH LETTERS

Liberty, Church, Commanche—Delegates: Sisters Darlene Cathey, Ione Hudson, Jewel Kerley, Vera Cathey and Dorothy Abby. Membership 40, members received 17, letter 12, statement 1, baptism 4. Services 104; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$1250.30; paid pastor \$228.68; evangelist \$56.42; building and repairs \$728.22; balance \$43.10; value of property \$3,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 54; new members 22; baptism 4; letter 13; statement 1; classes 4; officers 9; teachers 4; attendance 40; offering \$965.20; grade 80; phone calls 10; cards and letters 10.

League—enrollment 54; leagues 4; officers 12; attendance 50; offering \$2.70.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 13; active 13; circles 1; meetings 3; dues \$9.59; paid out \$5.75.

Sunday School Supt., Alton Kirkland, Box 376, Comanche.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., DeAlva Harbour, Route 1, Comanche.

Jastor, A. L. Hudson, Rt. 1, Comanche.

Church Clerk, Lillian Kirkland, Box 376, Comanche.

Treasurer, Robert Harbour, Rt. 1, Comanche.

Deacons: Robert Harbour, Bob Jones, Edward Isham, Erwin Cathey.

First Church, Bowie—Delegates: Bro. Troy Wolf, Sis. Dorothy Wolf, and Sis. La Nell St. John. Total membership 123; by letter 5; by baptism 8; by statement 8; dismissed 4. Paid pastor \$1658.91; evangelist \$196.12; building and repairs \$1,027.38; incidentals \$157.26; literature \$89.71; value of property \$10,000.

Sunday School—classes 7; teachers 7; enrolled 73.

Sunday School Supt., Murphy Scrugg, Bowie.

Pastor, Tiff Covington, Bowie.

Clerk, Elsie Deweber, Bowie.

Ministers: W. W. Brown.

New Salem Church, Decatur—Delegates: Bro. W. D. Phillips, Sisters Fitzpatrick and Prince. Membership 55; received 3; letter 1; statement 2; deaths 1, J. W. Taylor; services 156; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$1516.20; pastor \$1140; evangelist \$100.00; building and re-

pairs \$50.00; incidentals \$95.00; stationery and supplies \$25.00; miscellaneous expenses \$20.00; literature \$100.00; balance \$220.00; value of property \$8,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 56; new members 6; classes 4; officers 5; teachers 4; attendance 35; offering \$1450.

Sunday School Supt., J. R. Fitzpatrick, Decatur.

Ministers: L. J. Forman, ordained and W. D. Phillips.

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

Clerk, L. J. Forman, Decatur.

Deacons: Fred Anderson, J. R. Fitzpatrick.

First Church Weatherford—Delegates: Sisters Ruth Jackson, Verda Mae Detherage, Ella Lathridge, J. H. Measures, Bro. Clemon Ray Measures and Sis. Myrle Jackson as alternate. Membership 93; received 8; letter 2; statement 1; baptism 5; dismissed 8; services 130; revivals 2; prayer meeting 64; collections \$2772.53; paid pastor \$2079.72; evangelist \$200.00; home missions \$10.00; miscellaneous expenses \$58.97; literature \$28.16; total \$2662.73; balance \$115.72; values of property \$10,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 51; added to church from Sunday School 6; baptism 4; letter 2; classes 7; officers 2; teachers 6; offering \$1420.44; grade 61; visits 58; phone calls 50.

League—enrollment 27; leagues 2; officers 8; attendance 15; offering \$88.57; grade 65.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 8; active 8; meetings 29; dues \$19.73; other \$37.72; paid out \$73.24.

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

League Dir., J. E. Francis, 706 Water Street.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Sis. C. J. Hearron, 816 Sycamore Street.

Pastor, C. J. Hearron, 816 Sycamore Street.

Clerk, Mattie Jackson, 806 Liberty Street.

Treasurer, Myrle Jackson, 313 Hameson Street.

Ministers: C. J. Hearron, J. L. Brandon, J. B. Estes, J. H. Measures, Mrs. Verda Walker.

Deacons: H. L. Harley, Claude Jackson.

First Church, Midland—Membership 85; received 23; letter 5; statement 9; baptism 9; dismissed 1; services 208; revivals 3; prayer meetings 52; collections \$3000; paid pastor \$2100; evangelist \$225.00; stationery and supplies \$45.00; literature \$132.00; total \$2502; balance \$340.00; value of property \$8000.

Sunday School—enrollment 65; new members 20; added to church from Sunday School 8; baptism 4; letter 1; statement 3; departments 4; classes 4; officers 7; teachers 4; attendance 50; offering \$240.00; grade 65.

League—enrollment 12; leagues 1; officers 4; attendance 8; offering \$60.00; grade 50.

Sunday School Supt., Dalton Brown, Midland, Texas.

League Dir., Fred Woodruff, Box 667, Odessa, Texas.

Pastor, J. A. C. Hughes, 910 S. Mineola, Midland, Texas.

Clerk, Mrs. Estelle Horton, 708 S. Terrell, Midland.

Treasurer, Burma Jo Lennox, 706 Andrews Hiway, Midland.

Minister, Jack Horton, 1605 S. Lorraine, Midland.

Deacons: Burl Havner, George Axtons, Bert Onley.

First Church, Dallas—Delegates: Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fielding and Bro. and Sis. J. H. Brown. Membership 175; received 16; letter 8; statement 2; baptism 6; dismissed 3; services 104; revivals 3; prayer meetings 52; collections \$12,158.41; paid pastor \$3,220; evangelist \$380.60; building and repairs \$1,012.53; incidentals \$3,175.59; foreign missions \$55.00; home missions \$125.00; children's home \$45.00; misc. expenses \$788.12; superannuation \$25.00; literature \$117.00; Bible College \$70.00; total \$8,959.63; balance \$2,776.13; value of property \$35,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 175; new members 43; added to church from Sunday School 16; baptism 6; letter 8; statement 2; departments 8; classes 8; officers 9; teachers 8; attendance 88; offering \$8,670.00; grade 60.

League—enrollment 40; leagues 2; officers 5; attendance 30; offering \$40.00; grade 60.

Women's Auxiliary—enrollment 15; active members 12; circles 1; meetings 12; dues \$68.50; other \$538.93; paid out \$538.00; balance \$198.06.

Sunday School Supt., Mackie B. Adams, 3419 Michigan.

League Dir., Joe Fielding, 2607 Bentley.

Women's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. Mackie B. Adams, 3419 Michigan.

Pastor, H. Z. Cox, 3312 Michigan.

Clerk, Mrs. Betty Morrison, 2327 Stovall.

Treasurer, O. H. Simins, 1602 Maywood.

Ministers: A. J. Fielding, 1650 Vilbig, ordained; A. M. Gibson, ordained; Bob Morrison, 2327 Stovall, licensed.

Deacons: F. E. Walling, O. H. Simons, Ed Atwood.

First Church, Wichita Falls—Delegates: Sisters Jones, Hutson, Cook and Jackson, and Bro. Hutson. Membership 89; received 29; letter 13; statement 7; baptism 9; dismissed 6; services 104; revivals 2; prayer meetings 52; collections \$2,372.01; paid pastor \$1,580.00; building and repairs \$532.18; home missions \$40.00; children's home \$50.00; superannuation \$8.00; literature \$25.04; total \$2,316.89; balance \$55.12; value of property \$8,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 69; baptism 7; offering \$1,351.84.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 14; active members 9; circles 1; meetings 19; dues \$52.50; other \$82.53; paid out \$83.65; balance \$55.08.

Sunday School Supt., M. C. Halford, Rt. 1, Iowa Park Rd.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. Oran Washborn, 1331 31st Street.

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

Clerk, Mrs. Lawton Medley.

Minister: John Newberry, ordained.

Deacons: Lee Roy Dixon, C. R. Toombs, Hutson.

Dott Church, Dott—Delegates: Jim Marecle. Membership 56; received 4; statement 4; services 96; revivals 1; prayer meetings 48; collections \$530.21; paid pastor \$550.00; evangelist \$121.00; building and repairs \$14.25; stationery and supplies \$12.00; literature \$23.40; total \$538.61; balance \$39.84; value of property \$2,500.

Sunday School—enrollment 34; members 9; classes 3; officers 2; teachers 3; attendance 30; offering \$246.34; visits 15; phone calls 6; cards and letters 12.

Sunday School Supt., J. D. Haddock.

Pastor, L. M. Parton, 204 South 29th Street, Temple.

Clerk, Mrs. J. D. Haddock, Route 2, Eddy.

Treasurer, Alton Rothe, Route 2, Eddy.

Deacons: James H. Marecle, Alton Rothe, B. B. Phelps.

First Church, Denton—Sisters Oma McLain, Richard Smith, Layce Thurman. Membership 130; received 10; letter 9; statement 1; dismissed 10; deaths 2; J. H. McLain, J. C. McKay; services 104; revivals 1; prayer meetings 48; collections \$4127.05; paid pastor \$1075.00; evangelist \$69.67; building and repairs \$2040.98; incidentals \$327.56; stationery and supplies \$25.96; misc. expenses \$214.43; literature \$279.00; total \$4032.60; balance \$90.17; value of property \$18,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 76; new members 15; number added to church from Sunday School 2; departments 6; classes; officers 2; teachers 6; attendance 70; offering \$1773.-29; grade 60; phone calls 139; cards and letters 175.

Sunday School Supt., A. T. Meadows.

Pastor, J. C. Scott.

Clerk, Mrs. Layce Thurman.

Treasurer, Eddie Walton.

Ministers: A. G. McLain, ordained; Billie Daniels, licensed.

Deacons: A. T. Meadows, Eddie Walton.

First Church, Fort Worth—Sisters J. H. Cosby, Ray

Adams, Chester Hall, D. W. Wilkes and Bro. Ray Adams, J. H. Cosby. Membership 148; received 9; letter 5; baptism 4; dismissed 32; services 112; revivals 1; prayer meetings 52; collections \$6264.83, paid pastor \$3120.00; building and repairs \$428.53; foreign missions \$155.00; home missions \$124.17; children's home \$60.00; miscellaneous expenses \$1269.37; superannuation \$60.00; literature \$83.04; Bible College \$60.00; total \$6009.67; balance \$255.16; value of property \$30,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 117; classes 7; officers 3; teachers 7; attendance 73; offering \$3799.16.

League—enrollment 37; leagues 4; officers 2; attendance 22; offering \$258.84.

Sunday School Supt., D. W. Wilkes, 2904 N.W. 25th Street, Fort Worth.

League Dir., Raymond Guthrie, 4408 Eastridge, Fort Worth.

Pastor, C. B. Thompson, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth.

Clerk, Mrs. A. C. Long, 4100 Littlejohn, Fort Worth.

Treasurer, J. H. Cosby, 617 Frontier, Fort Worth.

Minister: Frank Bennett, ordained.

First Church, Denison—Delegates: Sisters Myrtle Coffman, Cora Norie and Mary Feath. Membership 43; received 4; statement 2; baptism 2; dismissed 4; services 150; revivals 2; prayer meetings 45; collections \$2771.54; paid pastor \$1870.15; evangelist \$226.10; building and repairs \$121.74; incidentals \$97.50; stationery and supplies \$11.83; foreign missions \$20.00; children's home \$20.00; miscellaneous expenses \$337.35; literature \$52.51; total \$2752.18; balance 71.71; value of property \$8,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 52; new members 19; departments 5; classes 5; officers 2; teachers 4; attendance 40; offerings \$863.60; grade 50; phone calls 137; cars and letters 58.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 13; active members 8; circles 1; meetings 12; collected \$171.68; paid out \$154.81; balance \$16.87.

Sunday School Supt., Roy Norie, Jr., 630 W. Day St.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. W. L. Fulce, 605 East Acheson.

Clerk, Mrs. Mary Feath, 406 W. Monterey.

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

Minister: Roy Norie, Jr., licensed.

Deacons: Joe D. Higgins, 925 Star Street; W. H. Sampson, 3220 Juanita Drive.

Concord Church, Dallas—Delegates: Sisters El Dorris Stephens, Lottie Stephens, El Doris Payne. Membership 62;

received 23; letter 6; statement 5; baptism 12; services 104; revivals 2; prayer meetings 52; collections \$2485.21; paid pastor \$480.00; evangelist \$80.00; building and repairs \$759.31; incidentals \$63.04; stationery and supplies \$40.59; children's home \$48.00; miscellaneous expenses \$130.00; total \$2141.51; balance \$344.06; value of property \$10,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 60; new members 23; number added to church from Sunday School 12; baptism 14; letter 4; statement 5; departments 4; classes 4; officers 2; teachers 4; attendance 48; offering \$1082.45.

Sunday School Supt., Robert Foster, 8821 Beckleyview, Dallas.

Pastor, Fred C. King.

Clerk, Lottie Stephens, 1818 Garza Ave., Dallas.

Treasurer, Dale Smith, 3906 Denley Dr., Dallas.

Ministers: Fred C. King, ordained; W. V. Kennedy, 817 Gray Road, Dallas, ordained; H. P. Griffin, ordained.

Deacons: Dale M. Smith, Claud Maxwell, Howell F. Stephens.

First Church, Waco—Delegates: Sisters Edwin Murphy, Ernest Conaway and J. E. Marecle. Membership 130; received 7; letter 1; statement 2; baptism 4; services 104; revivals 2; prayer meetings 52; collections \$3804.28; paid pastor \$2608.50; evangelist \$213.50; building and repairs \$169.06; incidentals \$80.46; stationery and supplies \$84.50; foreign missions \$103.55; miscellaneous expenses \$244.98; literature \$58.62; total \$3563.17; balance \$639.23; value of property \$5500.

Sunday School—enrollment 79; new members 19; number added to church from Sunday School 4; baptism 3; letter 1; departments 6; classes 6; officers 3; teachers 6; attendance 244; offering \$1290.75; grade 60; phone calls 592; cards and letters 600; visits 500.

Sunday School Supt., Edwin Murphy, 2512 Ross, Waco.

Pastor, J. E. Marecle, Route 9, Box 2179; Waco.

Clerk, Mrs. Milburn Crosby, Route 4, Box 922-E, Waco.

Treasurer, Ernest L. Marecle, 4335 Memorial Dr., Waco.

Minister: J. E. Marecle ordained.

Deacons: A. Sullins, Ellis Calvery, O. M. Martin, Milton Graham, B. L. Conaway, Albert Fisher, Ernest L. Marecle, I. M. Marecle.

Trinity Church, Fort Worth—Delegates: Sisters M. L. Sutton, Winnie Dysart, Maude Wier, Bea Cox and Helen Lowery. Membership 163; received 19; letter 11; statement 1; baptism 5; dismissed 23; services 52; revivals 1; prayer meetings 51; collections \$7820.41; paid pastor \$4160.00; evangelist \$24.63; building and repairs \$419.65; incidentals

\$1627.31; stationery and supplies \$1300.80; foreign missions \$31.07; home missions \$82.14; miscellaneous expenses \$31.07; total \$7676.77; balance \$246.32; value of property \$50,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 161; new members 79; added to church from Sunday School 19; baptism 5; letter 11; statement 1; departments 6; classes 16; officers 9; teachers 14; average attendance 100; offering \$6820.41; grade 44; phone calls 1444; cards and letters 1300; visits 2184.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 26; active members 20; circles 1; meetings 5; collected \$11.11; paid out \$2.19; balance \$8.82; visits 312; phone calls 15; cards and letters 34.

Sunday School Supt., Bob Franks, 4904 Voncille, Fort Worth.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Mrs. M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth.

Pastor, M. L. Sutton, 2605 Skyline Dr., Fort Worth.

Clerk: Mrs. Leota Barger, 7432 Mohawk St., Fort Worth.

Treasurer, G. R. Bassham, 2413 Hemphill, Fort Worth.

Ministers: H. E. Reid, Rt. 13, Box 700, Fort Worth.

Deacons: G. R. Bassham, J. T. Reeder, F. E. Smith, J. P. Lowery, Fort Worth, G. A. Wetzel, Los Angeles, Calif.

Easleys Chapel, Gartmans View—Delegates: Sisters Will Bradshaw, R. V. Lesley, Bros. Will Bradshaw, R. V. Lesley. Membership 157; received 8; statement 6; baptism 2; dismissed 8; deaths 1; services 100; revivals 1; prayer meetings 45; collections \$1186.27; paid pastor \$1020.00; evangelist \$125; building and repairs \$19.97; miscellaneous expenses \$135.01; literature \$89.11; total \$1254.64; balance \$212.02; value of property \$7,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 110; members 4; departments 5; classes 5; officers 7; teachers 5; attendance 47; number cards and letters 140.

League—enrollment 20; leagues 2; officers 11.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 16; active members 16; meetings 11; paid out \$24.75; balance \$54.15; visits 371; cards and letters 123.

Sunday School Supt., James Plumlee.

Clerk, Mrs. C. B. McGuire.

Treasurer, Ted Patton.

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

Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs—Delegates: Sisters R. E. Conner, Wesley Broom, Bro. J. W. Broom. Membership 87; received 4; statement 3; baptism 1; dismissed 8; services 114; revivals 1; prayer meetings 30; collections \$3008.82; paid pastor \$1885.86; evangelist \$143.81; building and repairs \$460.66; incidentals \$32.85; foreign missions \$60.00; chil-

dren's home \$60.00; miscellaneous \$76.32; literature \$80.68; Bible College \$60.00; total \$2960.18; balance \$606.11; value of property \$6,000.

Sunday School—enrollment 102; added to church from Sunday School 4; baptism 1; statement 3; classes 6; officers 2; teachers 6; attendance 75.

Woman's Auxiliary—enrollment 29; members 29; circles 1; meetings 8; collected \$41.25; others \$77.39; paid out \$67.35; balance \$82.82.

Sunday School Supt., Jim Stell, Rt. 2, Bellevue.

Woman's Auxiliary Pres., Eva Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue.

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

Clerk, Frances Cozart, Rt. 1, Bellevue.

Treasurer, Wesley Broom, Rt. 1, Newport.

Ministers: R. E. Conner.

Deacons: I. W. Broom, Rt. 1; Newport; Ben White, Jolly; I. M. Inman, Rt. 2, Bellevue; Jess Jones, Wichita Falls, Arnold Reeder, Rt. 1, Post Oak; J. S. Treadwell, Rt. 1, Henneretta.

First Church, Gainesville—Delegates: Sisters Raymond Richardson, Jack W. Arnold. Membership 40; letter 25; baptism 15; dismissed 8; services 116; revivals 1; prayer meetings 57; collections \$2001.51; paid pastor \$190.00; Bible College \$45.00; foreign missions \$45.00; other expenses \$1624.49; evangelist \$56.00; balance \$97.02; building fund \$612.28; value of property \$2000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 46; classes 4; teachers 4.

Sunday School Supt., O. G. Hott.

Clerk, Ruby Bond.

Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Richardson.

Ministers: J. W. Arnold, 805 Wine St., Gainesville.

Deacons: O. G. Hott.

First Church, Comanche—Delegates: Sisters Sylvia Burks, Betty Steele and Bro. James Almond. Membership 58; received 19; baptized 3; dismissed 4; paid pastor \$293.52; evangelist \$40.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 40; officers 10; teachers 4.

Pastor: C. C. Almond, 3222 Montague St., Fort Worth.

Clerk, Nancy Cloud.

Love Temple, Petitionary Letter, Fort Worth—Delegates: Sisters Naomi Stom, Kaye Stom and Othella Davis. Membership 21; received 8; letter 5; statement 3; services 64; prayer meeting 31; collections \$1610.25; building and repairs \$187.37; incidentals \$28.00; stationery and supplies \$35.24; foreign missions \$5 00; miscellaneous expenses \$1264.01; total \$1519.72; balance \$90.53; value of property \$5,000.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 19; new members 6; depart-

ments 2; classes 3; officers 2; teachers 3; attendance 17; offerings \$681.70; grade 76; vsits 508; phone calls 311; cards and letters 415.

Sunday School Supt., Jack Lucas, 2612 Refugio, Fort Worth.

Pastor: A. L. Baber, 1607 N.W. 21st St., Fort Worth, licensed.

Clerk: Andrew Stom, 1109 N.E. 33rd St, Fort Worth.

Treasurer: E. E. Eagleton, Sr., 3423 N. Hampton, Fort Worth.

Ministers: W. B. Chafin, 1215 Elizabeth, ordained; A. L. Baber, Brownsville, Texas, licensed.

Deacons: E. E. Eagleton, Sr., Jack Lucas, Andrew Stom, on trial, Gilbert Davis.

Bethel Church, Petitionary Letter, Fort Worth—Delegates: Sisters Sue Turentine, L. M. Ward, Love Sheets. Membership 16; services 96; prayer meetings 48; revival 1; collections \$969.03; paid evangelist \$25.00; building and repairs \$205.00; value of property \$5680.00.

Sunday School—enrollment 16.

Pastor: C. J. Turentine, 4300 Ave. H, Fort Worth.

Clerk: Sue Turentine, 4300 Ave. II, Fort Worth.

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We find the following churches in order: Trinity Church, Fort Worth, five delegates, \$5.00; Liberty Church, Comanche, five delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Waco, three delegates, \$5.00; Concord Church, Dallas, three delegates, \$5.00; Dott Church, Dott, one delegate, \$5 00; First Church, Midland, no delegates, \$3.00; First Church, Fort Worth, five delegates, \$5.00; Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs, three delegates, \$5.00; Bethel, Petitionary, Fort Worth, three delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Comanche, three delegates, \$2.00; First Church, Denton, three delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Gainesville, two delegates; New Salem Church, Decatur, three delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Wichita Falls, five delegates, \$5.00; Easleys Chapel, Gartmans View, no delegates, \$10.00; First Church, Denison, three delegates, \$5.00; Love Temple, Petitionary, Fort Worth, three delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Weatherford, five delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Bowie, three delegates, \$5.00; First Church, Dallas, two delegates, \$5.00.

R. E. Conner, Chairman

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

First Church, Wichita Falls.....	\$50.00
First Church, Denison.....	20.00
First Church, Fort Worth.....	60.00
Concord Church, Dallas.....	48.00
First Church, Dallas.....	45.00
Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs.....	60.00

Also sixteen sheets, towels and pillow slips.

Mrs. R. E. Conner, Chairman Mrs. M. L. Sutton

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand, \$1258.00; received from churches \$100.00; bought and paid for Youth Camp \$1283.00; donation received from Broom and Thompson \$25.00; Texas Association \$73.20; balance in treasury \$173.20.

W. D. Phillips, Treasurer

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report: The Bible teaches us in Titus 2:12, "That denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Let us pray more to keep strong drink out of our churches and try to influence those that do drink, in the right path.

Mrs. Jack Dysart, Chairman

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT:

Weatherford League.....	\$ 10.00
Trinity Church, Fort Worth.....	31.07
First Church, Fort Worth.....	155.00
Love Temple, Fort Worth.....	5.00
First Church, Denison.....	20.00
First Church, Waco.....	103.55
Pleasant Mount, Buffalo Springs.....	60.00
First Church, Gainesville.....	45.00
First Church, Dallas.....	55.00

TOTAL\$484.62

C. J. Hearn, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Resolve to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

Resolve to go home with a greater zest in our hearts to put forth every effort to make our next association bigger and better than ever before.

Resolve that we thank the out going officers for their service for the past and especially our Moderator who has so gracefully served us.

Mrs. Grace Jackson, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD:

We, your Home Mission Board, wishes to present the following facts and figures from the past year:

Number of revivals held—2.

Balance brought forward from 1954—\$58.31, total income for 1954 \$284.88, total expense for 1954 \$135.87, total profit for 1954 \$149.01, total in treasury \$207.32.

H. Z. Cox, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We submit the following report of deaths: Easley Chapel Church, Comanche, one death, but no name on letter; First Free Will Church, Denton, J. H. McLain and J. C. McRoy; New Salem Church, Decatur, J. W. Taylor.

Our deep love and sympathy go out to our Brothers and Sisters who have lost their loved ones. However, we do know that God does all things well.

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

Mrs. Ruth Smith, Chairman

Mrs. Bill Reeder

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

We have 8 Auxiliaries with 134 members; a total amount collected \$1237.84. Anyone wishing to contact the Auxiliary Headquarters can address Mrs. H. E. Willis, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Chairman

REVISION COMMITTEE:

We, your Revision Committee, recommend to the West Fork Association that the Licensed Ministers, and Ordained Deacons be given the right to vote in our Association.

A. L. Hudson, Chairman

W. D. Phillips

J. E. Marecle

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 considered 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 election 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 recognize 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 case 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.

