

MINUTES

OF THE 1981 SESSION
OF THE
BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CLARKRIDGE, ARK.
ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 14th AND 15th

THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH
PLEASANT FLAT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LAKVIEW, ARK.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN MAY
FROM 9:30 A.M. TO ABOUT 3:00 P.M.

MODERATOR

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ASSISTANT MODERATOR

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ASSISTANT CLERK

Willia Pruitt
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BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

MAY 14 AND 15, 1981

Held at Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Clarksridge, Ark.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Prayer Service 7:30 P.M.

Moderator Bro. Dwight Partee called the Prayer service to order with Prayer led by Bro. George Siler.

Congregational songs, When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, led by Keith Partee with Lela Seller at the paino. We then was led in Alter Prayer by Bro. Howard Pruitt. Another song Try Jesus, led by Jesse Dover with Lela Sellers at the paino. Prayer by Bro. Opie Hargrave, and Bro. Dwight Partee.

To start the business session, Jesse Dover led the congregation in a song, "Amazing Grace", with Pat Hargrave at the paino.

Church letters were given to the Executive Council to be examined.

Bro. Opie Hargrave asked that the moderator call the body to peace, discussion was held and body was declared at peace.

A word of welcome was given by the moderator to Bro. Roy Gregg and his family, also a of welcome to all present.

For his scripture Bro. Dwight Partee read 2nd Chronicles, 2nd chapter, starting with the 14th verse.

Church letters were then given to clerk, to be read to the body.

We find the following delegates were sent to this body:

Zion Church - Lela Sellers, Rosene Webber, Lee Alan Kendell,
and Donna Sue Kendell

Pleasant Flat Church - Maxine Partee, Emma Hargrave, Alfred Pruitt
and alternate Jewell Partee

Davis Chapel Church - Joyce Davis, and Carolyn Walker

The delegates were welcomed and seated.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator.

FINIANCE - Pat Hargrave (Chairwoman), Maxine Partee, and
Jewell Partee

RESOLUTIONS - Howard Pruitt (Chairman), Opie Hargrave, Jessie Dover,
George Siler, and Rosine Webber

NOMINATING - Carolyn Walker (Chairwoman), Bernice Siler,
Lena Dover, Emma Hargrave, and Joyce Davis

CREDENTIALS - Keith Partee (Chairman), Lela Sellers, Bay Kendall,
Donna Sue Kendell, and the Executive council.

Ministers letters were turned over to the Clerk to be read on Friday night. They are recorded else where in the minutes. Adjourn for a short recess. Prayer by Bro. Dwight Partee.

Congregational songs "I'll Fly Away", and "I Love To Tell The Story", led by Jesse Dover, with Lela Sellers at the piano.

The message was by Bro. Roy Gregg. He read Ephesians 3rd chapter, verses 14 - 21. His text was "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love and to live closer to the Lord and have more faith.

Services was then turned back over to the moderator, motion made and seconded to adjourn until Friday night, at 7:30 passed.

Prayer by Jewell Partee.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Zion Church.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Called to order by moderator Bro. Dwight Partee.
Prayer by the moderator.

FINIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finiance Committee, recommend that each church send \$35.00, instead of the usual \$30.00, we are obligated to send \$75.00 to the State Association and \$15.00 to the National Association.

We find the clerk has received \$90.00, \$30.00 from each church, after we send the \$90.00 to the State and National Associations, we will need money for printing the minutes. There is a balance of \$10.29 in the treasure, the committee has examined and approved the books.

Pat Hargrave, Chairwoman
Jewell Partee
Maxine Partee

The report was accepted and the committee released.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee, find that we have 5 Deacons, in good standing with the Association, and 4 ministers in good standing with the Association, they are as follows: Ministers: Howard Pruitt, George Siler, Dwight Partee, and Opie Hargrave.
Deacons: Keith Partee, Jesse Dover, Marion Kendell, Francis Partee and Herman Davis(Non-Resident).

Keith Partee, Chairman
Marion Kendell
Lela Sellers
Donna S. Kendell

The report was accepted and committee released.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolved that the resolution passed June 1970, the resolution #2, in our minutes, be deleted from the minutes. FAILED

Resolved that there be a quarterly fellowship meeting in associational year. CARRIED

Resolved to change meeting time from Thursday and Friday, to the first Saturday before the third Sunday in May, with the following recommended schedule from 9:30 A.M. to about 3:30 P.M. CARRIED

Howard Pruitt, Chairman
George Siler
Opie Hargrave
Rosine Webber
J.F. Dover

The report was accepted and committee released.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating committee, would like to nominate the following as officers for the Big Springs Association:

Moderator - Bro. Howard Pruitt
Assistant Moderator - Bro. Dwight Partee
Clerk - Olene Sanders
Assistant Clerk - Willia Pruitt
Vacancy on Executive Council - George Siler

To fill Clarence Comstocks (Deceased) unexpired year we nominate Georgie Sellers

The following speakers were nominated for the 1982 Session:

Introductory Message - George Siler
Alternate - Dwight Partee

Carolyn Walker, Chairwoman
Bernice Siler
Joyce Davis
Emma Hargrave
Lena Dover

This report was accepted by the body and committee released.

MINISTERS LETTERS

To the Big Springs Association of Free-Will Baptists meeting
at Zion Church, Clarkridge, Ark. May 14, 1981.

Greetings,

I present a brief report of my work in the ministry for the past year. With Christian life ministries, I undertook to resolve problems in the (1) Teaching programs - geared especially to deal with special needs and general needs in this association. (2) promoting christian widows fellowship among widows of various fellowship backgrounds. (3) Personal ministries - visitation in homes, hospitals, tract distribution, publication writing, and others. (4) Indian Ministry - arranged schedules for Samuell John here, sent books and Bibles for church of God fellowship, India, personal correspondance with Indian brethern. Following are some estimated statistics of services.

Expenses - \$213.56
Mileage - 4,824 @ \$.20 = \$964.80
Receipts - \$145.00
Newspaper Messages - 3
Visits - Personal - 50
Counsell - Personal - 12
Letters, Telephone Calls - 50
Class Studies - 16
Sermons - 3
Radio Spots - 10

Sincerely,
Opie C. Hargrave

To the Big Springs Association of Free-Will Baptists;
Brethern,

During 1980-1981 associational year I pastored Zion Free-Will Baptist Church. Preached 21 sermons, received \$264.25. Other churches - 21 sermons, received \$600.00. Other - \$50.00. One funeral and three weddings. Traveled 1,800 miles.

Sincerely,
George Siler

To the Big Springs Association of Free-Will Baptists;

During the past part of the associational year I preached 22 sermons, one funeral and witnessed two new births. Received - \$252.04 from Davis Chapel Church and \$30.00 from Pleasant Flat Church, \$152.00 from Zion Church, Total Receipts - \$434.04. Served as Moderator of the Big Springs Association.

Respectfully,
Dwight Partee

To the Big Springs Association of Free-Will Baptists;

June 1980 to May 1981

During this past time I pastored Pleasant Flat Church. Preached 59 sermons, baptized 2, one funeral and assisted in 2. Traveled 3,000 miles, received \$1,365.00.

Respectfully,
Howard Pruitt

TESTIMONY SERVICE

Testimony service was turned over to Bro. George Siler. Several testimonies were given. Services were then turned back over to moderator.

Motion passed to hold next years (1982) Associational meeting at Pleasant Flat, Free-Will Baptist Church, Lakeview, Ark.

Motion passed that we adjourn to meet again at Pleasant Flat Church on the first Saturday before the third Sunday in May 1982.

Meeting was dismissed with Prayer and a christian handshake. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Zion Church.

OFFICERS OF THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION 1981-1982

MODERATOR - Howard Pruitt
ASSISTANT MODERATOR - Dwight Partee
CLERK - Olene Sanders
ASSISTANT CLERK - Willia Pruitt

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

George Sellers-----1 Year
 Lee Alan Kendall-----2 Years
 Howard Pruitt-----3 Years
 Keith Partee-----4 Years
 George Siler-----5 Years

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Dwight Partee
 Opie Hargrave
 George Siler

MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Bro. George Siler, Gainesville, MO 65655
 Bro. Dwight Partee, P.O. Box 64 Lakeview, AR 72642
 Bro. Howard Pruitt, Rt. 5 Box 280 Mtn. Home, AR 72653
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STATISTICS 1980 - 1981

Church Membership	122	Total Spent	\$ 4,619.49
S.S. Membership	73	Pastors' Salaries	\$ 2,239.50
League Membership	30	Evangelistic Work	\$ 541.45
Members Recieved	2	Bldg. and Repair	\$ 228.38
Members Dismissed	5	Literature	\$ 400.35
Members Deceased	3	Misc.	\$ 1,209.81

STANDING TEMPERANCE AND LITERATURE REPORT

We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy; in speech, press, and choice. Clean reading material is recommended by this association. We encourage daily Bible study and Prayer. We recommend our members be exorted to vote dry to all issues pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

STANDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

1. Motion passed on Sept. 14, 1964, that the clerk print Constitution and Church Coveant in booklet form for distribution as needed, and to print minutes in sheet form each year.
2. Resolution passed June 1970. Resolved; That the moderator extend to ministers and deacons wives that are present, the priviliages of a regular delegate.
3. Resolved; That the clerk prepare and mimegraph 60 copies of the minutes.
4. Motion made and passed June 26, 1971, that three committee reports (Obituary, Auxiliary, and Temperance and Literature) be dropped, Obituary, and Literature report is to be included in the minutes.
5. Resolutions passed June 1978. Resolved; That we request the pastors to instruct delegates and other representatives from the churches, of the Associational activities.
6. Resolved; That each church elect four delegates and four alternates instead of two, to the annual association meeting.
7. Resolution passed June 1979. Resolved; That instead of the Memorial message a testimony service be held.
8. Motion passed June 20, 1980, That the clerk send a copy of the minutes each year to the Free-Will Baptist Historical Commission, P.O. Box 50117, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.
9. Resolved; Passed to change meeting time from Thursday and Firday to the First Saturday before the third Sunday in May, with the following schedule recommended from 9:30 A.M. to about 3:00 P.M.
10. Resolved; That the ministers letters be read at the Association meeting, Resolution passed May 1981.
11. Resolved; That there be a quarterly fellowship meeting in Association next year.