

MINUTES  
OF THE 1982 SESSION OF THE  
BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE-WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE  
PLEASANT FLAT FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
LAKEVIEW, ARKANSAS

ON SATURDAY MAY 15, 1982  
FROM 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH  
THE DAVIS CHAPEL FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH, ARK.  
ON THE THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT  
BEFORE THE 4th SUNDAY IN 1983  
TO BEGIN AT 7:30 PM WITH 30 MINUTES PRAYER  
SERVICE TO PRECEED EACH SERVICE

MODERATOR

HOWARD PRUITT  
RT. 5 BOX 280  
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

GEORGE SILER  
GAINESVILLE, MO 65655

CLERK

OLENE SANDERS  
STAR RT. BOX 7  
GEPP, AR 72538

ASSISTANT CLERK

WILLIA PRUITT  
RT. 5 BOX 280  
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

## MORNING PRAYER SERVICES

MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT OPENED THE SERVICES WITH THE SONG "WON'T IT BE WONDERFULL THERE" LED BY KEITH PARTEE, WITH LELA SELLERS AT THE PAINO. WE WERE LED IN PRAYER BY GEORGIE SELLERS, MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT AND BY ASSISTANT MODERATOR BRO. DWIGHT PARTEE. WE THEN HAD MORE SINGING LED BY KEITH PARTEE WITH LELA SELLERS AT THE PAINO. SONGS WERE:

"TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"  
"WHEN THE MORNING COMES"  
"THE UNCLOUDED DAY"

MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT TOOK A MESSAGE FROM THE 11 CHAPTER OF HEBREWS, VERSE 6. HIS TEXT WAS "KEEP THE FAITH" AND TO "PLEASE GOD FIRST".

A WORD OF WELCOME WAS GIVEN TO ALL PRESENT. CHURCH AND MINISTERS LETTERS WERE GIVEN TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE EXAMINED, THEN GIVEN TO THE CLERK TO BE READ TO THE BODY. WE FIND THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES WERE SENT TO THIS BODY:

ZION CHURCH - LELA SELLERS, MARION DALE KENDALL, LEE ALLEN  
AND DONNA SUE KENDALL

PLEASANT FLAT - EMMA HARGRAVE, MAXINE PARTEE, JEWEL PARTEE  
AND EUNA PRUITT

DAVIS CHAPEL - CAROLYN WALKER

THE DELEGATES WERE WELCOMED AND THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR:

FINIANCE - CAROLYN WALKER (CHAIRWOMAN), LENA DOVER,  
WILLIA PRUITT AND EUNA PRUITT

RESOLUTIONS - DWIGHT PARTEE (CHAIRMAN), JESSIE DOVER,  
LELA SELLERS, MAXINE PARTEE

NOMINATING - KEITH PARTEE (CHAIRMAN), EMMA HARGRAVE,  
GEORGIE SELLERS AND JEWELL PARTEE

CREDENTIALS - THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE COMMITTEES GROUPED TO PREPARE THEIR REPORTS TO BE READ LATER.

WE THEN HAD MORE SINGING. THE SONGS WERE, "AMAZING GRACE" AND "I'LL BE SATISFIED" LED BY KEITH PARTEE WITH LELA SELLERS AT THE PAINO. MAXINE PARTEE LED THE SONGS, "HE LOVES ME" AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES" WITH LELA SELLERS AT THE PAINO.

PRAYER BY EUNA PRUITT. ANOTHER SONG LED BY KEITH PARTEE "GOD CAN DO ANYTHING BUT FAIL". SERVICES WER TURNED OVER TO BRO. DWIGHT PARTEE WHO BROUGHT THE MESSAGE IN BRO. GEORGE SILER'S ABSENCE.

HIS SCRIPTURES WERE TAKEN FROM THE 19th CHAPTER OF MATTHEW, STARTING WITH VERSE 13 THROUGH VERSE 21.

HIS TEXT WAS TAKEN FROM VERSE 17, "AND HE SAID UNTO HIM. WHY CALLEST ME GOOD? THERE IS NONE GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS GOD."

SERVICES WERE THEN TURNED BACK TO MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT. WE HAD ALTER PRAYER LED BY BRO. HOWARD PRUITT, THEN THE BODY WAS DISMISSED FOR LUNCH PREPARED BY THE LADIES FROM ALL 3 CHURCHES.

#### ATERNOON SERVICES

THE BODY WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT.

CHURCH LETTERS WERE THEN READ BY THE CLERK AND ACCEPTED BY THE BODY. THERE WAS NO LETTER OF REPORT FROM BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE.



## FINIANCE COMMITTEE

WE THE FINIANCE COMMITTEE, BROUGHT THE FINIANCES BEFORE THE BODY.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND ACCEPTED TO SEND \$105 FOR 1982 FEES.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND ACCEPTED TO SEND IN \$30 FOR 1983 NATIONAL FEES.

THE CLERK HAS RECEIVED \$35.00 FROM EACH CHURCH, IN ADDITION THE CLERK HAS RECEIVED \$10.00 FROM EACH CHURCH FOR THE 1983 NATIONAL FEES. THERE IS A BALANCE OF \$23.52 IN THE TREASURE, THE COMMITTEE HAS EXAMINED AND APPROVED THE BOOKS.

CAROLYN WALKER(CHAIRWOMAN)  
WILLIA PRUITT  
EUNA PRUITT  
MAXINE PARTEE

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BODY AND COMMITTEE RELEASED.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

WE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FIND THAT WE HAVE 3 ACTIVE DEACONS AND 2 INACTIVE DEACONS WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

ACTIVE: JESSE DOVER.  
KEITH PARTEE  
MARION KENDELL

INACTIVE: FRANCIS PARTEE  
HERMAN DAVIS

## MINISTERS

ACTIVE: HOWARD PRUITT  
DWIGHT PARTEE  
GEORGE SILER

NO LETTER OF REPORT:OPIE HARGRAVE

GEORGE SELLERS (CHAIRMAN)  
KEITH PARTEE  
HOWARD PRUITT  
LEE ALLEN KENDELL

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BODY AND COMMITTEE RELEASED

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. RESOLVED THAT BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION DATE BE MOVED FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER. PASSED
2. RESOLVED THAT THE CHURCHES DISMISS THEIR MORNING SERVICE TO ATTEND THE QUARTERLY MEETING. FAILED
3. RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATION EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO SISTER CAROLYN WALKER FOR THE WORK SHE DID IN PREPARING LAST YEARS MINUTES. PASSED
4. RESOLUTION MADE FROM THE FLOOR. RESOLVED THAT WE MEET ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE 4th SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER. PASSED

DWIGHT PARTEE (CHAIRMAN)  
JESSE DOVER  
MAXINE PARTEE  
LELA SELLERS

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BODY AND COMMITTEE RELEASED

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

WE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATE BRO. GEORGE SELLERS TO 5 YEARS ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BRO. HOWARD PRUITT AS MODERATOR, CLERK - OLENE SANDERS, ASSISTANT CLERK - WILLIA PRUITT

SPEAKERS FOR INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: ROY GREGG,  
ALTERNATE GEORGE SILER

KEITH PARTEE (CHAIRMAN)  
JEWELL PARTEE  
EMMA HARGRAVE  
GEORGE SELLERS

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BODY AND COMMITTEE RELEASED

## MINISTERS LETTERS

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREE-WILL BAPTISTS

BRETHERN;

DURING THIS PAST YEAR I MINISTERED TWO CHURCHES

PREACHED 57 MESSAGES  
TRAVELED 4000 MILES  
RECEIVED IN OFFERINGS \$720.00

SINCERELY,  
GEORGE SILER

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREE-WILL BAPTIST

MAY 16, 1981 TO MAY 14, 1982

DURING THIS PAST TIME I PASTORED PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH. PREACHED 63 SERMONS; MADE MANY HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITS. TRAVELED 3000 MILES IN CHURCH RELATED WORK. RECEIVED FOR PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH \$1,105.00 AND \$69.00 FROM OTHER PLACES.

RESPECTFULLY;

HOWARD PRUITT

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREE-WILL BAPTISTS

DURING THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING MAY 15, 1982 I PREACHED 31 SERMONS, 2 FUNERALS, MARRIED ONE COUPLE AND RECEIVED \$645.00. CONDUCTED ONE REVIVAL.

RESPECTFULLY,

DWIGHT PARTEE

MINISTERS LETTERS WERE READ TO THE BODY AND ACCEPTED

MEETING WAS DISMISSED BY A SONG "OH HOW I LOVE JESUS" LED BY KEITH PARTEE. LELA SELLERS AT THE PAINO, AND A PRAYER BY MODERATOR BRO. HOWARD PRUITT. WE AGREED TO MEET FOR IT'S NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING AT DAVIS CHAPEL CHURCH.

OFFICERS OF THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION 1982 - 1983

MODERATOR - HOWARD PRUITT

ASSISTANT MODERATOR - GEORGE SILER

CLERK - OLENE SANDERS

ASSISTANT CLERK - WILLIA PRUITT



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

LEE ALLAN KENDALL-----1 YEAR  
 HOWARD PRUITT-----2 YEARS  
 KEITH PARTEE-----3 YEARS  
 GEORGE SILER-----4 YEARS  
 GEORGE SELLERS-----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, MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653  
 BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE, 308 N. CHURCH ST. MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

CHURCH

PLEASANT FLAT  
 LAKEVIEW, AR 72642

PASTOR

HOWARD PRUITT  
 RT. 5 BOX 280  
 MTN. HOME, AR  
 72653

CLERK

WILLIA PRUITT  
 RT. 5 BOX 280  
 MTN. HOME, AR  
 72653

INTERIM PASTOR

DAVIS CHAPEL  
 ELIZABETH, AR  
 72531

DWIGHT PARTEE  
 P.O. BOX 64  
 LAKEVIEW, AR  
 72642

CAROLYN WALKER  
 ELIZABETH, AR  
 72531

ROY GREGG  
 CLARKRIDGE, AR  
 72623

ZION  
 CLARKRIDGE, AR  
 72623

GEORGE SILER  
 GAINESVILLE, MO  
 65655

GEORGIE SELLERS  
 CLARKRIDGE, AR  
 72623

*Dwight Partee  
 P.O. Box 64  
 Lakeview, AR 72642*

ROY GREGG  
 CLARKRIDGE, AR  
 72623

STATISTICS 1980 - 1981

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	107	TOTAL SPENT	\$ 4,311.03
S.S. MEMBERSHIP	55	PASTORS SALARIES	\$ 1,921.48
LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP	10	EVANGELISTIC WORK	\$ 400.00
MEMBERS RECEIVED	2	BLDG. AND REPAIR	\$ 140.27
MEMBERS DISMISSED	0	LITERATURE	\$ 401.65
MEMBERS DECEASED	3	MISC.	\$ 1,161.63

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 COVENANT 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 PRIVILEGES OF A REGULAR DELEGATE.
3. RESOLVED; THAT THE CLERK PREPARE AND MIMOGRAPH 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; THAT THE MINISTERS LETTERS BE READ AT THE ASSOCIATION MEETING, RESOLUTION PASSED MAY 1981.
10. RESOLVED; THAT THERE BE A QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING IN ASSOCIATION NEXT YEAR.
11. RESOLVED; ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS BEFORE THE 4TH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1983.
12. RESOLVED; THAT THE ASSOCIATION EXPRESS IT'S APPRECIATION TO MRS. CAROLYN WALKER FOR THE WORK SHE DID IN PREPARING LAST YEARS MINUTES.