

MINUTES

OF THE 1984 SESSION  
OF THE  
BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
CLARKRIDGE, ARK.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
MAY 25, 26

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

ON FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 24TH, 1985 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AND SATURDAY MAY 25TH, 1985 AT 10:00 A.M.

MODERATOR

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

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

ROY GREGG  
MTN. HOME, AR 72653

CLERK

CAROLYN WALKER  
RT. 1, Box 32  
VIOLA, AR 72583

ASSISTANT CLERK

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

# BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

MAY 25, 26

HELD AT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CLARKRIDGE, ARKANSAS

## FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

30 MINUTES PRAYER AND SINGING.

PRAYER REQUESTS TAKEN BY BRO. MODERATOR.

ALTER PRAYER LED BY BRO. ROY GREGG.

SPECIAL SONG "CORNERSTONE" BY CAROLYN PRUITT.

SERVICE WAS TURNED OVER TO BRO. DWIGHT PARTEE WHO REQUESTED THE SONG "HIGHER GROUND" WHICH WAS SANG BY THE CONGREGATION. THE THEME OF BRO. PARTEE'S MESSAGE WAS "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH.." PROVERBS 29:18. A SCRIPTURE WAS ALSO TAKEN FROM HEBREWS 11 AND II PETER 1:1-9.

SERVICE WAS RETURNED TO BRO. PRUITT. BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. SAYING THAT, DISOBEDIENCE AND UNBELIEF IS A MOUNTAIN THAT MUST BE REMOVED IF THE CHURCHES ARE TO PROSPER.

AFTER SERVICES WERE TURNED BACK TO THE MODERATOR, THE TIME 9:00 A.M. WAS SET FOR SATURDAY'S MEETING.

SERVICE WAS DISMISSED BY THE SONG "O HOW I LOVE JESUS" AND A CHRISTIAN HANDSHAKE.

## SATURDAY SERVICES

SERVICES OPENED WITH BRO. ROY GREGG LEADING IN PRAYER.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. GEORGE SILER, WITH  
LELA SELLERS AT THE PIANO.

PRAYER LED BY KEITH PARTEE.

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER BY THE BRO. MODERATOR.

DELEGATES RECOGNIZED AND WELCOMED BY MODERATOR.

PLEASANT FLAT - MAXINE PARTEE, EUNA PRUITT, CAROLYN PRUITT

ZION - LELA SELLERS, NOVA ABNEY

DAVIS CHAPEL - DOYLE DAVIS

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY KEITH PARTEE, WITH CAROLYN PRUITT  
AT THE PIANO.

BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE TALKED ABOUT WORLD VISION.

COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED BY THE BRO. MODERATOR AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE - KEITH PARTEE, CAROLYN PRUITT, LELLA SELLERS, NOVA ABNEY

NOMINATING - OPIE HARGRAVE, HOWARD PRUITT, MAXINE PARTEE, DOYLE DAVIS

RESOLUTIONS - DWIGHT PARTEE, EUNA PRUITT, GEORGE SILER, ROY GREGG

CREDENTIALS - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ROY GREGG

RECESSED FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET.

THE MEETING RESUMED WITH READING OF THE MINISTERS' LETTERS.  
LETTERS ACCEPTED BY BODY. (THEY ARE RECORDED ELSEWHERE IN THE  
MINUTES)

THE COMMITTEES THEN READ THERE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

WE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FIND WE HAVE 3 ACTIVE DEACONS:  
JESSIE DOVER, KEITH PARTEE, AND MARION KENDALL.  
MINISTERS: OPIE HARGRAVE, DWIGHT PARTEE, GEORGE SILER,  
HOWARD PRUITT, AND ROY GREGG.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
ROY GREGG

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE RELEASED.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. THAT RESOLUTION #2 OF 1983 BE CARRIED OUT. CARRIED
2. RESOLVED: THAT EACH CHURCH AUDIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP ROLES AND REMOVE THE NAMES OF THOSE THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO BE ABSENT FOR THREE YEARS OR MORE. EXCEPT THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND. CARRIED
3. RESOLVED: THAT WHEN ANYONE IS ELECTED DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO OUR ASSOCIATION THAT THEY SHALL NOT ACCEPT THESE POSITIONS IF THEY KNOW AT THE TIME OF SELECTION THAT THEY CAN'T ATTEND. WHEN DELEGATES OR ALTERNATE DELEGATES CANNOT ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION THEY SHOULD INFORM THE MODERATOR. CARRIED
4. RESOLVED: THAT THE CHURCHES ELECT THEIR DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE SETTING OF ASSOCIATION AND THE MODERATOR BE GIVEN A LIST OF THESE DELEGATES. CARRIED
5. RESOLVED: THAT THE MODERATOR AND ASSISTANT MODERATOR SELECT THE COMMITTEES FROM THE LIST PROVIDED BY THE CHURCHES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SETTING OF THE ASSOCIATION. CARRIED

DWIGHT PARTEE, EUNA PRUITT,  
GEORGE SILER, ROY GREGG

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND COMMITTEE RELEASED.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

WE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FIND THAT THE RECEIPTS FOR 1984 WERE \$35.00 FROM EACH DAVIS CHAPEL, PLEASANT FLAT, AND ZION CHURCHES. THERE WAS A BALANCE OF \$57.00 IN THE TREASURY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$162.00. WE FIND THAT \$75 WAS TURNED IN TO BE SENT TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR FEES AND MINUTES AND \$30.00 TO BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WILL BE A BALANCE OF \$57.00 LEFT IN THE TREASURY.

KEITH PARTEE, LELA SELLERS,  
NOVA ABNEY, CAROLYN PRUITT

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE RELEASED.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL-----DWIGHT PARTEE  
MODERATOR-----HOWARD PRUITT  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----ROY GREGG  
CLERK-----CAROLYN WALKER  
ASSISTANT CLERK-----WILLIA PRUITT  
INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE -----DWIGHT PARTEE  
ALTERNATE-----OPIE HARGRAVE

EACH CHURCH CAN BE REPRESENTED BY A DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN LITTLE ROCK.

OPIE HARGRAVE, HOWARD PRUITT,  
MAXINE PARTEE, DOYLE DAVIS

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE RELEASED.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH.

MEETING RESUMED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, BRO. GEORGE SILER LEADING WITH LELA SELLERS, CAROLYN PRUITT AT PIANO.

PRAYER LED BY BRO. BAY KENDALL.

POEM READ BY SISTER LELLA SELLERS.

THE CHURCH LETTERS WERE READ AND ACCEPTED BY THE BODY.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN UNTIL MAY 1985.  
BRO. HOWARD PRUITT LED IN CLOSING PRAYER.

### MINISTERS LETTERS

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST. DURING THIS TIME I HAVE PASTORED AT PLEASANT FLAT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. PREACHED 40 MESSAGES. HELPED IN ONE REVIVAL. TRAVELED ABOUT 3500 MILES IN CHURCH RELATED WORK. RECEIVED FROM PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH \$921.53 FROM OTHER \$90.00 - TOTAL 1011.53.

RESPECTFULLY,  
HOWARD PRUITT

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS:  
DURING THE PAST ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR I PREACHED 30 MESSAGES, MARRIED ONE COUPLE, PREACHED ONE FUNERAL AND RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY \$811.75. I CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTIAN WORK IN INDIA AND ALSO TO FEED THE CHILDREN WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA.

RESPECTFULLY,  
DWIGHT PARTEE

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION  
MAY 25, 1984  
REPORT FROM 9-22-83 TO 5-25-84

MESSAGES: SERMONS - 8, LETTERS/TRACTS - 135, TEACHINGS,  
EXHORTATIONS, COUNSEL - 35.

VISITATION: PERSONAL VISITS - 85, PERSONAL LETTERS - 20,  
PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALLS - 15.

MONEY FOR INDIA - THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER:

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM W/SAMUEL JOHN \$300.00

FOR FWB MINISTERS UNDER CARLISLE HANNA \$600.00

EXPENSES - \$1316.00

RECEIPTS - \$ 123.00

TRAVELED - 4,000 MILES

OPIE HARGRAVE

BRETHERN,

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR, I MINISTERED  
THE GOSPEL TO THE MT. PLEASANT UNION CHURCH TWICH MONTHLY,  
TO THE ZION FREE WILL CHURCH TWICE MONTHLY. UNTIL I FELT IT  
NECESSARY TO RETIRE FROM THE MINISTRY. MY WORKING IN THE  
CAUSE OF CHRISTIANITY THROUGH THE PAST YEARS HAS BEEN A GREAT  
BLESSING TO ME, MY RETIRING FROM THE MINISTRY DOES NOT MEAN  
I AM RETIRING FROM THAT GREAT CAUSE.

MAY GOD EVER BE PRAISED,  
GEORGE SILER

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION:

I PREACHED 50 SERMONS, TRAVELED 1807 MILES, RECEIVED \$933 IN  
OFFERING AND MARRIED THREE COUPLES. DURING THE PERIOD OF  
SEPTEMBER 4TH THROUGH APRIL 8TH 1984 I PASTORED ZION FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH.

RESPECTFULLY,  
ROY GREGG

OFFICERS OF THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION 1984-1985

MODERATOR.....BRO. HOWARD PRUITT  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....BRO. ROY GREGG  
CLERK.....SISTER CAROLYN WALKER  
ASSISTANT CLERK.....SISTER WILLIA PRUITT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

KEITH PARTEE-----1 YEAR  
GEORGE SILER-----2 YEARS  
GEORGE SELLERS-----3 YEARS  
OPIE HARGRAVE-----4 YEARS  
DWIGHT PARTEE-----5 YEARS

ORDAINING COUNCIL

DWIGHT PARTEE  
OPIE HARGRAVE  
GEORGE SILER

MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

BRO. DWIGHT PARTEE, STAR RT. BOX 34, GEPP, AR  
BRO. HOWARD PRUITT, RT. 5, BOX 280, MTN. HOME, AR 72653  
BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE, CLARKRIDGE, AR 72623  
BRO. ROY GREGG, MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653  
BRO. GEORGE SILER, GAINESVILLE, MO 65655

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

DAVIS CHAPEL  
ELIZABETH, AR  
72531

INTERIM PASTOR

DWIGHT PARTEE  
STAR RT., BOX 34  
GEPP, AR

CAROLYN WALKER  
RT. 1, BOX 32  
VIOLA, AR 72583

ZION  
CLARKRIDGE, AR  
72623

GEORGIE SELLERS  
RT. 1, BOX 97  
CLARKRIDGE, AR  
72623

## STATISTICS 1983 - 1984

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	60	TOTAL SPENT	\$3,738.39
S.S. MEMBERSHIP	51	PASTORS SALARIES	\$2,461.22
LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP	8	EVANGELISTIC WORK	\$ 100.00
MEMBERS RECEIVED	0	BLDG. AND REPAIR	\$ 222.75
MEMBERS DISMISSED	0	LITERATURE	\$ 479.08
MEMBERS DECEASED	2	MISC.	\$1,367.88

### 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 EXHORTED 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 PRIVILEGE OF A REGULAR DELEGATE.
3. RESOLVED; THAT THE CLERK PREPARE AND MIMOGRAPH 60 COPIES OF THE MINUTES.
4. MOTION MADE AND PASSED JUN 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 DELEGATE AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE 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 MEMERIAL 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 ASSOCIATIONAL 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 AT AN APPOINTED TIME IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN MAY. 1983
12. RESOLVED; THAT THE QUARTERLY MEETING BE DEDICATED TO A SPECIFIC CAUSE SUCH AS SUNDAY SCHOOL, EVANGELISM, ETC. 1983
13. RESOLVED; THAT WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH, FOR THE HOSPITALITY IN THIS MEETING. 1983.
14. RESOLVED; THAT RESOLUTION #2 OF 1983 BE CARRIED OUT. 1984
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