

MINUTES
OF THE 1985 SESSION
OF THE
BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE PLEASANT FLAT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LAKEVIEW, ARK.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MAY 24, 25

THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION WILL CONVEENE WITH
DAVIS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ELIZABETH, ARK.

ON FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 6TH, 1986 AT 7:00 P.M.
AND SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 1986 AT 10:00 A.M.

MODERATOR

ROY GREGG
RT 7, BOX 811A
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

OPIE HARGRAVE
CLARKRIDGE, AR 72623

CLERK

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

ASSISTANT CLERK

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

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

MAY 24, 25

HELD AT PLEASANT FLAT FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LAKEVIEW, ARKANSAS

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER AND SINGING.

TESTIMONIAL SERVICE OPENED BY BR. HOWARD PRUITT.

SERVICE WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE
MESSAGE WAS "MESSAGE OF SALVATION", EPHESIAN 3:1

SERVICE WAS RETURNED TO BRO. HOWARD PRUITT.

BRO. HOWARD PRUITT REQUESTED PRAYER FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION.

SERVICE WAS DISMISSED WITH A SONG, "O HOW I LOVE JESUS"
AND HANDSHAKE.

SATURDAY SERVICES

SERVICE OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. GEORGE SILER, WITH CAROLYN PRUITT AT THE PIANO.

PRAYER LED BY BRO. GEORGE SELLERS.

IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE A SERMON AT 11:00, BRO. ROY GREGG WAS ELECTED TO BRING THE MESSAGE.

DELEGATES RECOGNIZED AND WELCOMED BY MODERATOR.

ZION - LELA SELLERS, ROSINE WEBBER

DAVIS CHAPEL - SCOTT & RHONDA WALKER, RONNIE WALKER, DOYLE DAVIS

PLEASANT FLAT - MAXINE PARTEE, CAROLYN PRUITT

COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR:

FINANCE - BAY KENDALL, ROSINE WEBBER, RONNIE WALKER, RHONDA WALKER

NOMINATING - GEORGE SILER, MAXINE PARTEE, IRENE KENDALL, CAROLYN PRUITT

CREDENTIALS - GEORGE SELLERS, DOYLE DAVIS, LINDA GREGG

RESOLUTIONS - OPIE HARGRAVE, SCOTT WALKER, LELA SELLERS, BERNICE SILER

PRAYER WAS LED BY BRO. ROY GREGG AND THEN ASSEMBLY WAS RECESSED FOR COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS.

SERVICE WAS RESUMED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY BRO. GEORGE SILER, WITH CAROLYN PRUITT AT THE PIANO. SERVICES WERE THEN TURNED OVER TO BRO. ROY GREGG. SPECIAL SONG "GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME" BY LINDA GREGG & RHONDA WALKER.

THE THEME OF BRO. ROY'S MESSAGE WAS "THE BODY OF CHRIST"
SCRIPTURES USED CAME FROM COLASSIANS 3:12-17, EPHESIANS 4:2-4,
AND ACTS 2:1. THIS PART OF THE SERVICE WAS CLOSED BY AN
ALTER PRAYER LED BY BRO. HOWARD PRUITT.

BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE WAS GIVEN THE FLOOR FOR AN EXHORTATION ON
"REVIVAL". FLOOR TURNED BACK TO THE MODERATOR. SERVICE WAS
DISMISSED FOR LUNCH WITH PRAYER BY BRO. GEORGE SILER.

SERVICE RESUMED WITH THE READING OF THE MINISTER'S LETTERS,
WHICH WERE ACCEPTED (PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN MINUTES).
CHURCH LETTERS WERE READ AND ACCEPTED, FOLLOWED BY COMMITTEE
REPORTS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

WE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FIND THAT THE RECEIPTS FOR 1985 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 TO BE SENT TO
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THERE WILL BE A BALANCE OF \$57.00
LEFT IN THE TREASURY.

BAY KENDALL, CHAIRMAN
ROSINE WEBBER
RONNIE WALKER
RHONDA WALKER

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND COMMITTEE RELEASED.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

GEORGIE SELLERS, CHAIRMAN
DOYAL DAVIS
LINDA GREGG

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE RELEASED.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL-----BRO. HOWARD PRUITT
MODERATOR-----BRO. ROY GREGG
ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE
CLERK-----SISTER CAROLYN WALKER
ASSISTANT CLERK-----SISTER CAROLYN PRUITT
INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE (OPENING)-----BRO. HOWARD PRUITT
ALTERNATE (SAT. @ 11:00)-----BRO. DWIGHT PARTEE

GEORGE SILER - CHAIRMAN
MAXINE PARTEE
IRENE KENDALL
CAROLYN PRUITT

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND THE COMMITTEE RELEASED.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD AT AN APPOINTED TIME IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE 2ND SUNDAY IN JUNE. CARRIED
2. THAT THE 11:00 SERVICE BE ON EVANGELISM AND SOUL SAVING. CARRIED
3. SHORT MEMORIAL SERVICE SUCH AS - SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MENTION OF NAMES, OR MOMENT OF SILENCE. CARRIED
4. THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNSEL MEET QUARTERLY DURING THE YEAR. CARRIED
5. PRINTED RESOLUTIONS # 4, 7, 11, 13, 14 BE DROPPED. CARRIED
6. THAT WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH FOR THE HOSPITABILITY IN THIS MEETING. CARRIED

OPIE HARGRAVE - CHARIMAN
BERNICE SILER
LELA SELLERS
SCOTT WALKER

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AND COMMITTEE RELEASED.

EXHORTATIONS WERE MADE TO BE MORE FAITHFUL IN THE LORD'S WORK BY BRO. OPIE & BRO. HOWARD.

LELA SELLERS MOVED TO ADJOURN AND MEET WITH DAVIS CHAPEL, FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE 2ND SUNDAY IN JUNE.

MINISTERS LETTERS

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST. THE PAST YEAR
I HAVE WORKED AT PLEASANT FLAT FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH. I
HAVE DELIVERED 45 MESSAGES, TAUGHT 32 BIBLE CLASSES.
I CONDUCTED ONE FUNERAL, AND HELPED IN ONE REVIVAL. I HAVE
TRAVELED AT LEAST 3000 MILES IN CHURCH RELATED WORK.
RECEIVED FROM PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH \$1050.00, FROM OTHER PLACES
\$170.00. TOTAL \$1220.00

RESPECTFULLY,
HOWARD PRUITT

TO THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS.
DURING THE PAST ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR I PREACHED 52 MESSAGES,
MARRIED 2 COUPLES AND PREACHED ONE FUNERAL. I TRAVELED
3200 MILES AND RECEIVED \$766.00 IN OFFERINGS.

RESPECTFULLY,
ROY GREGG

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

MAY 24, 1985

GREETINGS:

MY MINISTRY THE PAST YEAR INCLUDES LAKESIDE MINISTRY, TEACHING
PROGRAMS, CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (FEROZEPORE, INDIA),
LITERATURE WRITING AND DISTRIBUTION, PERSONAL VISITATION,
AND SUPPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTERIES.

NO CONVERTS

TEACHING:

CLASSES IN LOCAL CHURCHES..... 19
STUDY LESSONS BY MAIL..... 100

LITERATURE

PUBLISHED ARTICLES..... 4
MESSAGES BY MAIL151
PASTORAL LETTERS..... 42

PUBLIC SPEAKING MESSAGES

SERMONS..... 26
EXHORTATIONS..... 6

PERSONAL VISITATION

HOME, HOSPITAL, AND OTHER VISITS.174
TELEPHONE CALLS..... 10

FOREIGN SUPPORT

MONEY FOR HANNA...INDIA.....\$500.00
WORLD VISION.....\$367.58
EXPENSES FOR SAMUEL JOHN.....\$350.00 / \$1217.58 TOTAL

FELLOWSHIP (SOME OF THIS MONEY WAS
CONTRIBUTED BY OTHERS)

RECEIPTS.....\$181.65

EXPENSES

PERSONAL.....\$850.00
MILEAGE.....\$984.00 (4920 @ 20¢)

\$1834.00 TOTAL EXP.

OPIE HARGRAVE
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STATISTICS 1984 - 1985

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	77	TOTAL SPENT	\$4,119.20
S.S. MEMBERSHIP	70	PASTORS SALARIES	\$2,167.65
MEMBERS RECEIVED	3		
MEMBERS DISMISSED	2		
MEMBERS DECEASED	3		

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 PREVILIAGE OF A REGULAR DELEGATE.
3. RESOLVED; THAT THE CLERK PREPARE AND MIMEOGRAPH 60 COPIES OF THE MINUTES.
4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED JUNE 1978. RESOLVED; THAT WE REQUEST THE PASTORS TO INSTRUCT DELEGATE AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHURCHES, OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
5. RESOLVED; THAT EACH CHURCH ELECT FOUR DELEGATES AND FOUR ALTERNATES INSTEAD OF TWO, TO THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.
6. 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
7. RESOLVED; THAT THE MINISTERS LETTERS BE READ AT THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING, RESOLUTION PASSED MAY 1981.
8. RESOLVED; THAT THERE BE A QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING IN ASSOCIATION NEXT YEAR.
9. RESOLVED; THAT THE QUARTERLY MEETING BE DEDICATED TO A SPECIFIC CAUSE SUCH AS SUNDAY SCHOOL, EVANGELISM, ETC. 1983
10. RESOLVED; THAT EACH CHURCH AUDIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP ROLES AND REMOVE THE NAMES OF THOS THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO BE ABSENT FOR THREE YEARS OR MORE. EXCEPT THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND. 1984

11. RESOLVED; THAT WHEN ANYONE IS ELECTED DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO OUR ASSOCIATION THAT 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. 1984
12. 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. 1984
13. 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. 1984
14. RESOLVED; ASSOCIATION MEETING TO BE HELD AT AN APPOINTED TIME IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE 2ND SUNDAY IN JUNE. 1985
15. RESOLVED; THAT THE 11:00 SERVICE BE ON EVANGELISM AND SOUL SAVING. 1985
16. RESOLVED; SHORT MEMORIAL SERVICE SUCH AS - SCRIPTURE, PRAYER, MENTION OF NAMES, OR MOMENT OF SILENCE. 1985
17. RESOLVED; THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNSEL MEET QUARTERLY DURING THE YEAR. 1985
18. RESOLVED; THAT WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO PLEASANT FLAT CHURCH FOR THE HOSPITABILITY IN THIS MEETING. 1985

OFFICERS OF THE BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION 1985-1986

MODERATOR-----BRO. ROY GREGG
ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----BRO. OPIE HARGRAVE
CLERK-----SISTER CAROLYN WALKER
ASSISTANT CLERK-----SISTER CAROLYN PRUITT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

DWIGHT PARTEE
OPIE HARGRAVE
GEORGE SILER

MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

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