

PROCEEDINGS

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Seventeenth Annual Session

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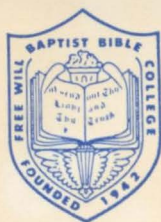
Free Will Baptists

Held with Shady Grove Church, Wetumka,
Oklahoma, August 10-12,

1922

REV. A. A. MILLER, MODERATOR.
J. R. KAMPPLAIN, CLERK, Wetumka, Okla.

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PROCEEDINGS

of the 17th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, held at Shady Grove Church, 1¼ miles east of Wetumka, Okla., August 10, 11, 12, 1922.

In the absence of Rev. W. K. Smith, who had been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, the alternate, Rev. O. P. Westbrook, filled the stand. Subject, "Unity."

After a good service, motion and second to adjourn till 8 o'clock, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met per adjournment. The house was called to order by the Moderator. The devotional service consisted of reading of the 133rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Vaughn.

Then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the election of Rev. A. A. Miller, Moderator and Rev. O. P. Westbrook, Assistant Moderator. T. R. Kampllain being the permanent clerk and treasurer, was on hand.

The Moderator called for letters from the churches. The following churches responded: Mountain View, Shady Grove, Bird Springs, Paden, Mount Pleasant, Lawnwood. Letters were read and hand of fellowship given and delegates seated.

Petitionary letters were then called for. The following churches responded with letters: District 38, Valley Grove, Mount Bethel, Welcome, Twin Oak and Antioch. Letters were read and received and hand of fellowship given delegates.

The Association being organized, the Moderator invited all visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.

Then the Association proceeded with the following business, to-wit: The appointment of the several committees.

Committee on Arrangements—F. B. Brooks, N. J. Murray, B. M. Mayfield.

Divine Service—J. S. Breshears, J. H. Vansant, G. A. Eason.

Obituaries—G. H. Jones, T. S. Wood, W. P. Scott.

Temperance—T. J. Townsend, W. H. Hulsey, J. A. Osborn.

Finance—Sisters Fannie Townsend, M. E. Vanzant, Lucy Smith.

Sabbath School—J. L. Masey, W. T. Childress, Ely Rodgers.

Credentials—R. L. Roberts, L. K. Green, J. T. Champion.

Committee on Resolutions consisted of each minister present and one delegate from each church represented. After the committees were appointed a list of the names of ministers present was called. The following responded:

W. T. Childers, address not given.

Rev. T. S. Wood, Castle, Okla., R. 1.

Rev. Bud Bailey, Seminole, Okla., R. 1.

Rev. T. J. Townsend, Wetumka, Okla.

Rev. G. N. Hatchett, Dustin, Okla.

Rev. G. W. Bailey, Seminole, Okla., R. 2.

Rev. W. P. Scott, Holdenville, Okla., R. 3.

Rev. W. P. Hollingshead, Lamar, Okla.

Rev. A. A. Miller, Dustin, Okla.

Rev. Dan. Pierce, Dustin, Okla.

Rev. R. L. Roberts, Weleetka, Okla.

Rev. L. K. Green, Weleetka, Okla.

Rev. J. T. Champion, Welty, Okla.

Rev. O. P. Westbrook, Okemah, Okla.

Rev. D. S. Denney, Wetumka, Okla.

Rev. J. W. Davis, Seminole, Okla.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, Yeager, Okla.

Ministers absent: A. B. Epperson, G. W. Rupe, Colvin, Okla.

The following licentiates were present: J. A. Osborn,

Welty, Okla.; W. T. Childers, and Bud Bailey. These were ordained later.

At this time the delegates from Lawnwood Church arrived and presented their letter to the Association. By motion and second their letter was received and hand of fellowship extended to them. Called for report of committees.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report:

Temperance.

We believe that a great majority of the crimes committed are caused from the use and unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks, which is detrimental to the cause of christianity, morality and decency, blighting the fairest flowers of our country. It clouds the mind, corrupts the morals of both young and old, wrecks many otherwise happy lives and homes and laughs at the ruin it has wrought. None are exempt from its direful influence.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we recommend a rigid enforcement of our prohibition laws and that we assist in the enforcement of the same; that our ministers preach one or more discourses to each church they pastor during the year on Temperance.

Committee,

T. J. TOWNSEND,

J. A. OSBORN,

W. H. HULSEY.

Motion and second to receive the report and discharge committee. Carried.

Adjourned till 2:30 P. M. Rev. E. J. Vaughn to preach at 11 o'clock; L. K. Green to follow.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met per adjournment at 2:30 P. M. Singing and prayer, Rev. O. P. Westbrook leading the prayer.

The regular order of business was taken up. Called for report of committees.

The committee on building a shed and improving the ground at Shady Grove as the home of the Association,

made their report, which was received and committee discharged.

Ministerial Character.

The committee on Ministerial Character made the following report: We find all the brethren to be upright and endeavoring to let their light and influence shine out to the world, and we believe them to be worthy of the position they hold. May God bless each of them as they go out to their fields of labor. Also credentials we examined were all right, orthodox and in accord with rules of the Free Will Baptist church.

Committee,
J. T. CHAMPION,
R. L. ROBERTS,
L. K. GREEN.

Motion and second to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The Treasurer of the Association made his report as follows:

Total amount received.....	\$34.57
Paid for publishing Minutes and postage.....	30.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 4.57

T. R. KAMPPLAIN, Treasurer.

Motion and second to receive report and retain treasurer.

Report of Committee on Obituary.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Death has removed from our church our belived Brother A. J. Shoemaker, a member of Twin Oak church. Bro. Shoemaker was about 50 years old and will be missed very much by the church and community, but our loss will be his gain. May God help us to live so we will be numbered with the redeemed. The bereaved have the sympathy of the Association, and may God bless them, is our prayer.

Motion and second to receive the report and discharge the committee.

Committee,
G. H. JONES,
T. S. WOOD,
W. P. SCOTT.

Motion and second that the clerk correspond with Rev. W. T. Walden, and get him to surrender his credentials back to us if he expects to stay with the M. B. Carried.

Motion and second that the report of the committee on Sunday Schools be further considered. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn until 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Carried.

Singing and prayer by Rev. D. S. Denney.

Rev. A. A. Miller to preach tonight, followed by Rev. R. L. Roberts.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met per adjournment at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. After singing, Rev. J. T. Champion led in prayer. The order of business was then taken up.

Motion and second that the Association appoint a committee to examine Bros. W. T. Childers and Bud Bailey as to their qualifications for ordination. Carried.

The committee appointed consisted of Rev. J. T. Champion, W. L. Hutchins and W. P. Scott. After examining the brothers, the committee reported favorably and set the time for their ordination at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion and second to adjourn till 2:30 P. M.

Prayer led by Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

Bro. Bailey to preach at 11 o'clock and Bro. Childers to follow.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met per adjournment at 2:30. After singing, led in prayer by Bro. Hatchett. The order of business was taken up.

T. R. Kampplain submitted his report as treasurer of the building committee.

For building material	\$163.70
Paid the carpenter	17.00
Paid for 1 well bucket	1.40
Total paid out	\$182.10
Total amount collected	223.10
Balance on hand	41.00

Motion and second to receive the report and retain treasurer.

Motion and second for treasurer to retain the balance and divide it between the building committee appointed by Shady Grove church and Bro. Mayfield on the well. Carried.

Then proceeded with the ordination of Bros. W. T. Childers and Bud Bailey. The following brethren were chosen by the brothers to be ordained: Rev. W. L. Hutchins; J. T. Champion, O. P. Westbrook, W. P. Scott, W. H. Hulsey, deacon.

The committee on Finance made the following report: Amount sent by several churches for printing of

minutes	\$22.15
Balance with Treasurer of Association.....	4.57
Total amount	\$26.72

Committee,
FANNIE TOWNSEND,
M. E. VANZANT,
LUCY SMITH.

Motion and second that we establish the 5th Sunday meeting and appoint the place for them.

That the first 5th Sunday meeting be held with the Fair View church, 3 miles east and 1 mile south of Dustin, Okla.

The second 5th Sunday meeting will be held with the church at District 38, 14 miles northeast of Okemah, at Lovelad Store.

The third 5th Sunday meeting will be held with Twin Oak church, 4½ miles northeast of Seminole City, Okla.

Watch for these meetings and be there sure.

Report of Committee on Arrangements

We, your committee on Arrangements submit the following: We have not found much to do, therefore have not done much, but hope you will receive our report.

Committee,
F. B. BROOKS,
J. N. MUNCY,
B. M. MAYFIELD.

Resolutions

The committee brought two resolutions: No. 1, lost; No. 2 was to have our articles of faith as laid down in our 1917 minutes. Report received and committee discharged.

The Committee on Resolutions submits the following: That the 14th article of our constitution read: "All candidates for the ministry preach under license until the church to which he belongs calls for his ordination."

Resolution No. 2.—Resolved that the committee on Resolutions consist of each minister present and one delegate from each church.

No. 3.—That each pastor preach as many as two doctrinal sermons during the year to each church.

Sunday School

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: That each minister and deacon organize a Sunday School in each church if possible; that the Bible be used by all who can read it, and that we use our own literature as we have a publishing company.

We believe the Sunday School to be the nursery of the church that each church should report its Sunday School at the Association.

Committee,

J. L. MASSEY,

W. T. CHILDERS,

ELYIE RODGERS.

Motion and second that the clerk prepare the minutes and have published the number that the money on hand will pay for.

The Association then made a free will offering to the clerk in appreciation of his services, which amounted to \$3.43, which was appreciated by the clerk.

Rev. A. A. Miller was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next association, which will convene at Shady Grove, 1¼ miles east of Wetumka, Okla., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1923. Rev. R. L. Roberts, alternate.

Called for reading of minutes. Minutes read and approved by the Association.

An expression of thanks was voted to Shady Grove church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown the visitors.

REV. A. A. MILLER, Moderator,

REV. O. P. WESTBROOK, Assistant Moderator,

T. R. KAMPLAIN, Permanent Clerk and Treas.

NOTE BY CLERK

To the Members of the Association:

We had one of the best Associations we have ever had and all felt the power of the Spirit in the meeting. Now we have a good shed and everything in shape for a good meeting next year. So let us begin now to make ready for our next Association. We have a long time to think and to pray for a good meeting. The arrangements have been made for everybody to come and camp on the ground and enjoy themselves. So come and camp and stay on the ground, and let's have a meeting for a few days after the business of the Association is over. You ministers come to stay a few days; don't be in such a hurry to get home. Now may God's greatest blessings rest on each of you and may we be permitted to meet next year in the best Association we have ever had.

Your obedient servant,

T. R. KAMPLAIN.

Church Clerks

Valley Grove, J. S. Vaughn, Seminole, Okla.
 Twin Oak, Ida Nichols, Seminole, Okla.
 Antioch, J. A. Eason, Wetumka, Okla.
 Mt. View, Edna Moody, Holdenville, Okla.
 Paden, B. F. Lawless, Paden, Okla.
 Byrd Springs, Lessie Martin, Weleetka, Okla.
 Fair View, M. J. Rodgers, Dustin, Okla.
 Lawnwood, Nola Westbrook, Wetumka, Okla.
 Shady Grove, B. M. Mayfield, Wetumka, Okla.
 Welcome, Louisa Cantrell, Tuskegee, Okla.
 District 38, B. N. Mitchell, Okemah, Okla.
 Mt. Pleasant, W. C. Vanzant, Welty, Okla.
 Mt. Bethel, W. T. Prewett, Wetumka, Okla.

Church Directory

Below we give the names of our churches, the pastors, meeting days, and number of members:

Mountain View—W. P. Scott, 1st Sunday.....	62
Paden—W. K. Smith, 2nd Sunday.....	39
Bird Springs—R. L. Roberts, 1st Sunday.....	24
Fair View—A. A. Miller.....	
Lawnwood—D. S. Denney, 3rd Sunday.....	65
Shady Grove—T. J. Townsend, 4th Sunday.....	65
District 38—J. T. Champion	26
Mount Pleasant—P. T. Champion, 2nd Sunday.....	23
Mount Bethel—D. S. Denney, 3rd Sunday.....	11
Antioch—G. W. Rupe, 3rd Sunday.....	12
Valley Grove—E. J. Vaughn, 3rd Sunday.....	24
Welcome—W. H. Carter, 3rd Sunday.....	16
Twin Oak—A. B. Epperson, 4th Sunday.....	34

Rules of Order for the Association.

1. The association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

3. Any person speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone except the moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question, and shall not cast any personal reflection on him who may have spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

7. The member shall be addressed by the appellation of brother or sister.

8. No member shall absent himself from the association while in-session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled, and called over as the association deems necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the association.

11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the moderator according to the direction of the association.

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and "to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible words of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16; Pet. 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God-head or Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1; John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and can not extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 2:1-19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13; 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. That baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; St. John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week, or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns, except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15-17; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation; and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15:44; St. John 5:28, 29; 1 Thess. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—St. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by repentance toward God and faith

in the Lord Jesus Christ; infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 30:21; 1 Tim. 3:5; St. John 3:14, 16; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; Rom. 5:15.

12. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—St. John 10:7; 1 Pet. 3:31.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table.—1 Cor. 1:2, 11, 27, 28; St. John 17:11.

CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we, the members of the Canadian Association of Freewill Baptists, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better church government.

Art. 1. Membership—This Association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons, with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who, upon presenting letters, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. Letters from each church represented will express their number in fellowship, and number of ordained and licentiate ministers, and their postoffice addresses, the number of members received upon confession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice, the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died, since last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen when assembled with the minister and deacons to denominate the Canadian Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of several churches.

Sec. 2. The Association having no power to lord it over to God's heritage.

Sec. 3. Reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 4. Officers—The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the members present.

Art. 5. New Churches—Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this Association, who petition by letter and delegates; and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association and given the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. Questions—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed in its own church, when not of a general nature, and interest to the churches.

Art. 7. Motions—Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

Art. 8. Minutes.—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches minutes of the Association in proportion to the members in each church at the direction of the church.

Art. 9. Clerk—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file on the minutes of the Association for official record of the Association.

Art. 10. Signatures—The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. Amendments—Amendments for the constitution may be made when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. Ordinances—The pastor of the church shall preach once to each church they pastor on the ordinances of the church each year, and one discourse on temperance.

Art. 13. That every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and it shall be the duty of the deacons to solicit and raise the amount of funds necessary for all expenses of the church, act as treasurer, keeping account of business, and report all transactions to the church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

Art. 14. All candidates for the ministry shall preach under license till the church to which he belongs call for his ordination. Said license to be issued by the church of which he is a member and shall be approved at each annual session of the Association.

Art. 15. Treasury—Resolved, That each church have a treasury and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

LETTER OF DISMISSION.

This certifies that..... is a member in good standing of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in church conference.....192.....
....., Pastor.
....., Clerk.
.....P. O.,County, Okla.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION.

.....County, Oklahoma.
We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at..... Church, to the Center Association, composed of Freewill Baptists, assembled with..... of.....
We send as delegates from our church Bros....., whom we pray you to receive to aid in your deliberations. (Add full statistical reports.)

Done in church conference.....192.....
....., Moderator.
....., Clerk.

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Fall Term begins.....Sept. 11, 1922
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