

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

—OF—

FREE WILL BAPTIST

—HELD WITH—

Shady Grove Church, near Wetumka, Oklahoma,
beginning on Thursday night, August 9, 1928.

OFFICERS

Eld. W. H. Carter, Moderator,	Tuskegee,	Okla.
Eld. W. K. Smith, Ass't Mod.,	Paden,	"
Bro. C. H. Goode, Clerk-Treas.	"	"
Eld. E. A. O'Donnell, Ass't Clerk,	"	"

The next Annual Session of this Association will
be held with Paden Church, Paden, Oklahoma,
beginning on Thursday night before the second
Sunday in August, 1929.

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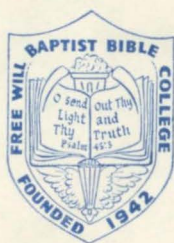
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

PROCEEDINGS

The 23rd Annual Session of the Canadian Association was held with Shady Grove Church one-half mile east of Wetumka, Oklahoma, beginning Aug. 10, 1928. Opened by singing, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand." Introductory sermon preached by Rev. W. T. Childers.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter. In absence of moderator and assistant moderator, Rev. W. H. Carter was elected moderator and Rev. W. K. Smith assistant.

Called for clerk. Clerk absent. C. H. Goode was elected clerk.

Motion carried that C. H. Goode be made permanent clerk.

The Moderator called the Association in session and the following churches presented letters with delegates: Paden, East Liberty, Mountain View, Allen, Antioch, Shady Grove. Tuskee Church petitioned by letter. Letters were read and received with delegates. A song was sung and right hand of fellowship was given the delegates.

The following officers were elected for ensuing year.

Rev. W. H. Carter,	Moderator
Rev. W. K. Smith,	Assistant Moderator
C. H. Goode,	Permanent Clerk
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell,	Assistant Clerk.

Petitionary letters called for. Tuskee Church responded.

Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seats with us in council.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—D. M. Mayfield, G. A. Eason, G. W. Baker.

Finance—Sister Dunnivant, Bro. Jones, Sister Ollie Clenney.

Obituary—Bro. Tippit, Sister Carmichel, Bro. Carmichel.

Temperance—Rev. E. M. Gray, Rev. W. A. Smith and Rev. W. K. Smith.

Sunday Schools—Rev. W. T. Childers, Rev. W. D. McCrady, L. M. Birden.

Resolution—Rev. Scott, Arthur Reed, Rev. J. T. Champion.

Arrangements—Brothers Mayfield, Dunnivant and Brownlee.

Devotional Committee reported that Rev. E. M. Gray preach at eleven o'clock a. m. followed by Rev. W. K. Smith.

Shady Grove Church was granted permission to meet in conference to discuss future officers.

Rev. E. O. O'Donnell made a talk explaining Home Mission work. Rev. D. T. Mansker followed with an interesting talk on the same subject, referring to a visit made to his home. Much interest was manifested in his talk. Sister W. H. Carter made a splendid talk on the Mission.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met pursuant to ajournment. Devotional service by Rev. W. H. Carter. Scripture reading, the 150th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Joe Westbrook.

Report of Temperance Committee received and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Obituary—We, your Committee, beg leave to report the following: After close investigation we find God in his divine providence saw fit to call from our churches by death two of our beloved members, Sister Mary Heathcott of Mountain View Church, (age and date not given) and Sister Mollie Troop of Shady Grove Church (age and date not given). These good Christian sisters have finished their work on earth, and the Father has called them to the home of the

blest. We miss them in our home, in the church and in the community, but our loss is their gain. May God bless the bereaved, and may we meet in the Glory World.

Committee { Bro. Tippet,
Bro. Carmichel,
Sister Carmichel.

Report of Committee on Divine Service: Rev. J. T. Champion preach at eight o'clock p. m. followed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at eight o'clock a. m. Saturday. Closing song, "Will Jesus find us watching." Dismissed by Rev. W. D. McGrady.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing, "I am bound for the Promised Land." Scripture reading with comments from 2 Tim. by Rev. W. K. Smith. Prayer by Bro. Garmichael.

Report of Committee on Divine Service: At eleven o'clock a. m. Rev. W. D. McGrady will preach, Rev. Arthur Reed following. At eight o'clock p. m. Rev. W. P. Scott, followed by Rev. T. J. Townsend. Sunday, eleven o'clock a. m. Rev. W. H. Carter, followed by Rev. W. K. Smith.

Motion carried to receive the report and discharge Committee.

Paden Church and Allen Church each called for the Association. Vote taken, Allen receiving 14 votes and Paden 15 votes. Motion carried to make it unanimous for Paden, Association to convene on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in Aug., 1929.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 p. m. Closed by singing, "There's a Land that is fairer than day," dismissed by Rev. T. J. Townsend.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?" Scripture reading with comments by Rev. W. H. Carter from Psalms 150. Prayer by Sister Dunivan.

Motion carried that we reject the Articles of Faith in our 1927 minutes.

Motion carried that we adopt the Articles of Faith recorded in our 1911 minutes.

Committee on investigation of ordaining ministers, Revs. D. T. Mansker, W. K. Smith and E. A. O'Donnell reported as follows: We, your committee, find Bro. M. D. McGrady and Bro. E. M. Gray sound in their doctrine and recommend their ordination.

Ministers were ordained by Deacon F. Brooks, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Rev. W. H. Carter. Done by order of the Canadian Association, this the 11th day of August, 1928.

Committee,—Bro. Smith, Bro. Joe Westbrook, Bro. Mayfield—to investigate the credentials of ministers desiring to join the Association, examined the credentials of Bro. Arthur Reed, and reported them correct. Report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to have 300 minutes printed.

Final report of finance committee. Report shows \$21.85 for minutes. Motion carried to receive report and discharge committee.

Motion carried that we send minutes to churches not represented.

Reading of Articles of Faith in minutes of 1911.

Motion carried to draft said Articles as printed in said minutes.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a standing committee to examine ministers at Association. Committee, Arthur Baker, Paul Brownlee, D. W. Mayfield, Lee Burden, H. A. Holt.

Report of Committee on Arrangements. We, your Committee submit the following report: We have performed our duty in selecting delegates for the State Association.—Bros. Joe Westbrook and Arthur Baker.

Committee on Resolutions. We, your Committee report no further business, and beg to be discharged. Motion carried that report be received, and committee be discharged.

Rev. W. D. McCraey was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Arthur Reed alternate. Remarks

of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell inviting all to attend the Association at Paden.

The first Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Allen Church. The next Fifth Sunday meeting will be announced at that meeting.

Rev. W. H. Carter, Moderator,	Tuskegee, Okla.
„ W. K. Smith, Ass't Mod.	Paden, „
C. H. Goode, Clerk,	Paden, „
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Ass't Clerk,	Cushing „

Committee Reports

Arrangements—We, your Committee, submit the following: We have performed our duty as best we could in preparing for convening of Association, and its comfort while here.

Committee	{	Bro. B. F. Mayfield
		„ Dunivant
		„ Brownlee

Divine Service—We, your Committee, supplied the pulpit through the Association as follows: Friday morning, Rev. E. M. Gray, followed by Rev. W. K. Smith. Friday night, Rev. J. T. Champion, followed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Saturday morning, Rev. W. P. Scott, followed by Rev. T. J. Townsend. Saturday night, Rev. W. D. McGrady, followed by Rev. Arthur Reed. Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Carter, followed by Rev. W. K. Smith.

Committee	{	Bro. D. M. Mayfield
		„ G. A. Eason
		„ G. W. Baker

Temperance—We, your Committee, submit the following: We endorse the report in our 1927 minutes, and ask that it be retained in our minutes.

Committee	{	Rev. E. M. Gray
		„ W. A. Smith
		„ W. K. Smith

Temperance Report. (Copied from 1927 minutes)
We believe that a majority of the crimes committed are caused from the use and unlawful sale of intoxicating

driks, it 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.

Be it resolved, That we place ourselves on record as a denomination that opposes the use and sale of cigarettes to our boys, and that we use our influence to put down the use and sale of same.

Finance—We, your Committee, find that the churches have sent \$18.00 for minutes, and this not being sufficient, a free will offering was taken up amounting to \$3.85. Total amount for minutes, \$21.85.

Committee { Sister Dunivant
Bro. Jones
Sister Ollie Clenney

Sunday Schools—We, your Committee, submit the following: We endorse the report laid down in our last minute, and ask that it be printed in our present minutes.

Committee { Rev. W. D. Childers
Rev. W. D. McCrady
Bro. L. M. Burden

Sunday Schools. (Copied from 1927 minutes) We, your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: That each minister organize a Sabbath School in each Church, if possible; that the Bible be used by all who can read it and that we use our own literature, when practical, as we have a publishing house. We believe the Sabbath School to be the nursery of the church. We would urge that each church try to report their Sunday School to the Association.

Ministerial Standing and Character—We find our ministers to be worthy of their calling, and find nothing against them in any way, and we are proud to make this report. May God bless each of them, and crown their labors with success. Brethren, let us help them in every way we can.

Committee { Bro. Arthur Baker
 „ Paul Brownlee
 „ B. M. Mayfield
 „ Lee Burden
 „ H. A. Holt

Resolutions—No. 1. Resolved, That each minister in this Association report in full for the previous year's work, giving in detail the number of miles traveled, number of churches pastored, No converted, number received into church, number baptized, total amount received in money or its equivalent. (Accepted by vote)

Committee { Rev. Scott
 Bro. Arthur Reed
 Rev. Champion

Treasurer's Report—Clerk and Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance forwarded..... none
 Received from Finance Committee..... 21.85
 Amount paid for minutes..... 14.00

C. H. Goode, Clerk-Treasurer.

Ministers Present at the Association

Rev. J. T. Champion,	R1 Okemah, Okla.
„ W. K. Smith,	Paden, „
„ W. D. McCrady,	Edna, „
„ T. J. Townsend,	Wetumka, „
„ D. T. Mansker,	Paden, „
„ W. P. Scott,	R3 Holdenville „
„ E. M. Gray,	Tuskegee, „
„ W. T. Childers,	R3 Earlsboro, „
„ Arthur Reed,	R1 Weleetka, „
„ L. K. Green,	Weleetka, „
„ E. A. O'Donnell,	Paden, „
„ W. H. Carter,	Tuskegee, „

MIMISTERS ABSENT

Rev. W. H. Hutchinson

„ O. P. Westbrook

„ W. T. Walden

„ W. E. Vanderpool

„ T. E. Edwards

„ R. L. Roberts

„ John Bean

„ J. T. Kampplain

„ J. W. Davis

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Articles of Faith

1. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are infallible words of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 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; 1 John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot 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 saint's 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; 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; Deut. 5:12; Matthew 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; 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; John 5:28, 29; 1 Thes. 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. 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 his repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; 1 Tim. 2: 5, 6; John 3: 14-16; 1 Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; 1 Peter 3:21.

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

Letter to Association

..... Church of Okla., County of.....
(date)..... (P. O. address).....
church sends greetings to the..... Annual Session of the
Brethren, composing the Canadian Association of Free
Will Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship
and of our zeal for the cause of Christ. Statistics are as
follows:

Pastor's salary for next year \$..... Meeting
days are on the..... Sunday in each month. We have
received by confession..... by letter..... dismissed
by letter..... excluded..... withdrawn.....
dead..... resident members..... non-resident mem-

bers total in full fellowship value of church
 property \$ contribution for minutes \$
 We have chosen for our pastor Bro.
 We have chosen (Brothers or Sisters)
 as our delegates to
 represent us in the Annual Session when convened with
 church. (Here ask for the next
 (Association if wanted) Pray for us. Done in Conference
 on the day of 192.....
 Moderator
 Clerk

Constitution

From long experience, we, the members of the Canadian
 Association of Free Will Baptists, being regularly baptized
 upon the 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 a correspondence with each other, we
 do, therefore, ordain this Constitution for our better associ-
 ational government.

Art. 1. Membership—This Association is composed of or-
 dained 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 ex-
 press their number in fellowship and number of ordained
 and licensed ministers, and their postoffice addresses, the
 number of members received upon confession of faith,
 by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denomi-
 national choice, the number dismissed by letter, excluded
 or died since last association.

Art. 3. Sec. 1. The members thus chosen when
 assembled with the ministers and deacons to be denominated
 the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, being
 composed of several churches.

Sec. 2, The Association having no power to lord over 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.

Art. 7. Motions—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the persons making it.

Aat. 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 discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. Clerk—It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. Signature—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. Amendments to 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 on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 13. That every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and that 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 conference, and in case of more than one deacon in a church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

Art. 14. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons are to make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry and the quarterly conference will make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 15. Treasury—Resolved, That each church have a treasurer, 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 church.

Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Reading Rules of Order.
6. Invitation to Delegates and Brethren to Seats.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Call for Report of Treasurer.
9. Report of Committees.

A Presbytery for Ordaining Ministers and Deacons

1. The Presbytery for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained deacon.
2. A Presbytery for ordaining a deacon must be composed of two ordained deacons and one ordained minister.

Rules for Ordaining

1. To present the candidate.
2. To examine the candidate on doctrine and qualifications.
3. Praying and laying on of hands by Presbytery.
4. Presentation of Bible.
5. To deliver him the charge.
6. To extend him the right hand of fellowship.

Rules of Order

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 and address the Moderator.
3. Any person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator, until he is through speaking, nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.
4. The persons speaking shall adhere to the subject in question, and shall not cast any reflections 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 a public speech.
7. Members shall be addressed by the appellation of brother or brothers.
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 reproved by the Moderator according to the direction of the Association.

