

MINUTES
OF THE
30th Annual Session
OF THE
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

**Oak Hill Church Beginning Thursday night
before the second Sunday in August 1935**

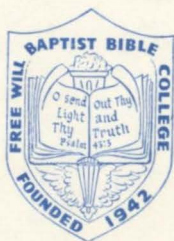
The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with
the Paden Church beginning on Thursday night before the
second Sunday in August 1936.

J.W.Reddick

Moderator

G.W.Rogers

Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

Thurslay night session called to-gather by Moderator W.T.Walden. Song On Jordan Stromy Banks, prayer by sister Eva Smith. Song, I want to be a worker Lesson, first chapter of Psalms read by W T. Walden. Preaching by Rev Waldon text Jer. 6-16. followed by Rev.Carter. Dismissed by Rev. W.D McCready.

Friday morning session opened by singing Sweet By and By. Prayer by Rev. Arthur Reed. Scripture lesson Romans 8, Letters called-from West Liberty, White Rose, Allen, Reddick Chappel, East Liberty, Wewoka, Vanzant, Rock, Paden Welcome home, Oak Hill, Trenton and Okfuskee church letters recieved and read and delegates seated.

Election Of Officers

J.W.Reddic

Moderator

Arthor Reed

Asst. Moderator

Petitionary letters called for. There was none.

Visiting Brethern was invixed to seats. Bro Purcell and Bro Jud from Pitcher church.

Committee appointed

Divine

Bro Louis

Bro Collins

Bro Mayfield

Arrangements

Bro Pently

Bro Bogle

Bro I. Penley

Resolutions

Charley Green

W.D.McCready

Birdie Mitchell

Temperance

Lily Vanzant

Leuie Smith

Mrs Lee Burden

Obituary

Arthur Reed

Arthur Rice

Green Jones

Sunday School

Nina Burden

Effie Radford

Gilla Davis

Ministerial Standing

Finance

Ordaining Council

Charley Green
B.N. Mayfield
Birdie Mitchell
Jim Adams
Louis Ewing
George W. Rogers
Charley Green
W.D. McCready
Arthur Reed
W.T. Walden
W.D. McCready
Charley Green

Executive

Arthur Reed
J.W. Reddick

Divine committee reported J H. West to preach at 11 o'clock followed by Rev. W D. McCready.

Letter of quarterly meeting was read and approved. Motion to adjourn for preaching. After a splendid message by Bro. West followed by Bro McCready, the Delegates and members were cordially entertained

Friday afternoon Devotion led by Bro. Reddick. Scripture read from the tenth chapter of St. John. Prayer by A.G. Rice

Motion to take up resolution talked at third quarterly meeting. Resolved that all churches maintain full time pastorate was carried

Finance committee reports Thirty dollars collected to print the minutes. Resolved that all ministers be licensed for one year before ordination. Motion that Shell Creek letter be referred back to church and send their minute money with their letter.

Devotional committee reports that Bro. Carter preached at 8 o'clock P.M. followed by Bro. Walden. Motion to adjourn to meet at 9. A.M. Saturday morning,

Friday night service came to-gather by singing a song. Prayer by Sister Eva Smith. Devotion service led by Bro. Taylor of Wewoka. Prayer by Bro. McCready. Special song by Oak Hill quartet. Bro. Carter preached a Memorial sermon text 2nd Sam. that was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning service came together by song, prayer by Pro Rice. Scripture reading. Bro McCready reports that the church at Seminole is irregular and that Mrs. Metcalf is a member of the First Oklahoma Association. Motion the partial report of the ministers & deacons committee be approved. Motion to revoke Bro. Kingcade's deacon credential.

Report of divine committee Paul Purcel preached at 11 o'clock A.M. followed by Bro. Lester Judd. Motion to appoint three members to act with Moderator and clerk on the executive board. Bro. W.D. McCready, Arthur Reed, and W.T. Walden was appointed.

OBITUARY We your committee on Obituary report that Bro. Robert Bunker of Allen, and Sister C.H. Good of Paden, Sister Skaggs of Okfuskee, Sister Leander Nickles of White Rose, Bro. Henry and Jim Lunford of Rock. Bro. V. Anyland of East Liberty, Bro. W.A. Vanzant of Vanzant, have deceased from the toils of this life, we miss their presents with us, no one can fill their place. Our lost is Heaven's gain. A.G. Rice

We your committee on temperance submit the following. We believe that the majority of crimes committed are caused from the use and unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks 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 the young and old. Wrecks many otherwise happy 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 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 of and sale of cigarettes to our boys and that we use our influence to put down the use and sale of the same. Lily Vanzant. Leuie Smith and Mrs Lee Burden.

We the committee on Sunday School, submit the following: that each minister 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, when practical as we have a publishing house We believe the Sunday School to be a nursery of the church. We urge that each church try to report their Sunday School to the Association. Furthermore we find from statistics of the United States that 98 percent of all church members have come from the Sunday Schools, and 98 percent of all crimes are committed by those who do not attend Sunday School. We find that only about 60 percent of our people are members of any Sunday School today. We know from our own observation that the church that has no Sunday School has not the life it should have. Taking the above facts as stated, we indorse Sunday Schools as part of religious worship in which our minds may be started with the teaching of God's Word. We also find that many of our churches are without Sunday Schools. We urge our people to maintain a Sunday School in every church in our great state. Nina Burden, Effie Radford and Gilla Davis.

Motion to adjourn to meet again at 1:30 o'clock P.M. Services at 11 A.M. opened by singing Scripture reading 1st John 3-1-8. Prayer by Rev. Judd. 1:30 P.M. service opened by song and prayer, scripture reading John 3-1-8 by J.W. Reddick. Voted that the First quarterly meeting convene with East Liberty church Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in November The 2nd quarterly meeting to meet at Allen church 3 mile north of Weleeka, Thursday before the 1st Sunday in February 1936. The 3rd quarterly meeting at Wewoka church on west 5th St. Thursday before the 1st Sunday in May 1936 The Association will meet with Paden church Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1936. Introduction sermon by W.T. Walden and W.D. McCready, by motion.

W.D. McCready and J.W. Reddick were elected as delegates to the State Association at Drumright Okla. alternate W.T. Walden, and Charley Green. By motion, Thanks were voted to Oak Hill church and community. Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. McCready

CHURCH LETTERS

TRENTON Greetings to Canadian Association, when convened with Oak Hill church. Pastor's salary not set, Members receive by confession none, by letter 2. Resident members 26, non-resident members 3. Minute money \$1.50 We have chosen Sister Bricker, Jaunita Hamilton and Cloves Braddford as delegates, W.O. Mangham Mod. G.O. Smith Clerk

WEWOKA CHURCH Sends greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill. Pastor's salary \$40.00 a month and house rent. Meeting full time. Received by confession 38 members by letter 6. Dismissed by letter 3. Resident members 70 non-resident 4. Name of ministers in our church Rev. O'Donnell and Rev. Taylor. We send \$5.00 for minute money. Value of church property \$1,000. We send as delegates Claud Percell, Irvin Tate, Dorris Pierce and Odie Taylor. We ask for the 1st. quarterly meeting. W.H. Carter Mod. Maude M. Sharp Clerk.

PADEN CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association. Pastors salary for the year \$100.00. Meeting day 2nd Sunday of each month. Members received by confession 2, by letter 2, dismissed by letter 5. Excluded 6. Resident members 57, non-resident 19. Value of church property \$1,000. Minute money \$3.00. We send as delegates; Bro. Ewing and Sis. Day. we have called Bro. McCready for pastor. We ask for the next Association. Sis. Brently and Sis. Baker. alternate Mrs Geo. Cheatwood W.D. McCready Mod. C.H. Goode Clerk.

OAK HILL CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened Oak Hill church. Pastor's salary \$62.22 a year. Bro McCready pastor. Received by confession 1. Resident members 73, dismissed 13. Minute money \$2.00. Have chosen Ervin Pendley and Gus Barlow as delegates. W.D. McCready Mod. T.E. Bogle clerk.

VANZANT CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill church. Meeting day 4th Sunday of each month. Dismissed by letter 1. Resident members 36 non-resident 6. Minute money \$1.50. We send as delegates Lillie Vanzant and Grace Harwell. Willie Reddick Mod. Lillie Vanzant Clerk.

OKFUSKEE CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association Meeting day 3rd. Sunday of each month. Members received by letter 2. Resident members 30. non resident 6. Minute money \$1.35. We send as delegates, Ed Adams and Lillie Long. J.T. Champion Mod. Ed Adams Clerk.

WHITE ROSE CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association Pastor W.T. Walden. Members received 5. Resident members 45. Minute money \$1.00. Ministers in our church Bro. Thomas J. Bradley. We send as delegates Henry Friend and Edith Forster.

Our meeting day is the second Sunday of each month. W. Walden Mod. Jessie Lee Prewett Clerk.

WELCOME HOME CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill church, Pastor Rev. Charles F. Jones. Meeting day third Sunday of each month. Number of members 11. Minute money \$1.00. We send as delegates, Bessie Rice and Edna Ritchie, alternates Clara Case and Silva Carver. A. G. Rice Mod. Silva Carver Clerk.

ROCK CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill church, Meeting day second Sunday of each month. Resident members 14, non-resident 36. Minute money \$1.00. Pastor Bro. J. T. Champion. We send as delegates, Melton Vanzant, John Chlander and Ed Lunford, Willie Reddick Mod. Jewell Sex on Clerk.

REDDICK CHAPEL CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened Oak Hill church. Meeting day 1st, Sunday of each month. Resident members 21, non-resident 3. Minute money \$2.25. We send as delegates Jewell Elling and Alma Reddick, alternate Eunice Austin and Louise Reddick W. T. Walden Mod. Payton Reddick Clerk.

EAST LIBERTY CHURCH Greeting to the Canadian Association when convened With the Oak Hill church. Meeting day 3rd-Sunday of each month. Members received by confession 2. Resident members 32 non-resident 10. Minute money \$1.50. We ask for the first quarterly meeting day. We send as delegate Jim Hames and Clarence Ferguson. W. D. McCreaby Mod. Eulcare Green Clerk.

WEST LIBERTY CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill church. Meeting day 1st. Sunday of each month. Eld W. K. Smith pastor. 70 Members \$1. cents Mission fees. We sends as delegates, Columbus. Taber, Arthur—Renolds, and Georgia Renolds Will Smith Mod. Joe A. Owens Clerk.

ALLEN CHURCH Greetings to the Canadian Association when convened with Oak Hill church. Meeting day 1st. Sunday of each month. Members received by confession 15. by letter 7. Dismissed by letter 2. Resident members 106 non-resident 37. Minute money \$3.05. Bro. J. W. Reddick all time Pastor. The church is sending Bro Orvis DeArmond and Sister Carrie May to go before the examining board for ministerial standing and doctrine, Bro. John Cluck who is a member of our church wishes to be examined and we ask that he be examined on doctrine, character and

ministerial standing; We send as delegates Bud Burden and Florence Burden. We ask for next Association. W. D. McCreilly
Mod Nina Barden Clerk

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word 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 1st 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. 5;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;2 Titus 3 5.

5 That he that endure unto 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 ordinance 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 of the week, or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concern, except in case of necessity or mercy Ex 31 15. Deut 5;12 Matt 12;12.

We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one on 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;34. John 5;28, 29. 1Thes. 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. 25; 6, John 3, 14, 16 1 Cor, 15, 20; 22; Romans 5, 15.

12 We believe that Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience. John 10; 7. 1 st 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; 11, 27, 28; John 17; 21.

A Presbyterian for Ordaining Ministers and Deacons

1 The Presbyterian for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained deacon.

2 A Presbyterian 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 qualification.

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.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to persevere and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. Membership. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or Q.M. of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of

said unions shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

2. Name. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

3. Letters. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the numbers of received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded and those having died since last Association. The church in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

4. Officers. The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasure, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New Churches. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

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.

7. Motions. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. Minutes. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

9. Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association.

tion for that purpose.

10. Signatures. 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,

11. Amendments. Amendments to this Constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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.

13. Church Finances. Every church shall call their pastor, state what amount they can raise, and it shall be the duty of the deacons to solicit the amount of funds necessary for all the expenses of the church; acts as treasurer, keeping account of all business and report all transactions to the church conference and, in case of more than one deacon in the church, the deacons shall select one of their number to act as treasurer, provided the church has no treasurer.

14. Fifth Sunday Meeting. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons 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 shall make a written report to the Association annually.

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, 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules or Order (By-Laws).

- 8 Invite visiting brethren to seats in our council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
- 11 New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

_____ Church of Okla, County of _____
 date _____ P.O. Address _____ Church
 sends greetings to the _____ Annual Session of the
 brethren and sisters composing the Canadian Association of
 Free Will Baptist, to let you know of our love and fellowship and
 of our zeal for the cause of Christ. Statistics are as follows;

Pastors salary for the coming year \$

Meeting day is on the _____ Sunday of each month

We have received by confession _____ by letter

dismissed by letter _____ excluded _____ withdrawn

died _____ resident members _____ non.resident members

total in full fellowship _____ value of church property \$

contribution for minutes \$ _____ We have chosen —Brothers

or Sisters —

_____ as our delegates to represent us in
 the Annual Session. When convened with
 Church. —Here ask for next association if wanted— pray for us.

Done in conference this _____ day of _____ 193.

Moderator

Clerk

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given our selves 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 coven-
 ant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things
 to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amuse-
 ments and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of
 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 devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church; of its poor, and of its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christain 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christain principals sacred and Christain obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

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.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This is to certify that

_____ is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church 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 Conference this _____ day of _____ 193_____

Pastor

Clerk

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES

1. Call Church into Conference,
2. Call for peace of church.

3. Invite visiting Brethren to seats in Council.
4. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
5. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business
8. Any sick or in need.

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 to his feet and address the moderator.

3. Any person shall not be interrupted by any one 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 reflection on him who may have spoken before him.

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

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

7. The members shall be addressed by the appellation of brothers or sisters.

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 it necessary.

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

11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to direction of the Association.

