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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. T. Wood, Moderator Harvey, Texas
J. L. Payne, Clerk Zulch, Texas

Ordaining Council.

D. C. Hargroves Iola, Texas
A. W. Mays Keith, Texas
S. T. Thomas Keith, Texas
John Swanwick, Assistant Bryan, Texas

Mission Board.

J. P. Gilpin, Treasurer Bryan, Texas
J. S. Harrison, Treasurer Keith, Texas
R. E. Lawlis, Treasurer Kurten, Texas
John Swanwick, Clerk Bryan, Texas

Ordained Ministers.

Baker, F. S. Normangee, Texas
Crenshaw, W. N Keith, Texas
Hargroves, D. C. Iola, Texas
Mays, A. W. Keith, Texas
Orr, John , Texas
Swanwick, Jno. Bryan, Texas
Thomas, S. T. Keith, Texas
Robinson, G. W. Cross, Texas
Rogers, W. C. Zulch, Texas
Wood, W. T. Harvey, Texas

Licentiates.

Bryan, F. S. Piedmont, Texas
Gressett, Lucy Iola, Texas
Hunter, W. H. Normangee, Texas
Lindley, C. H. Keith, Texas
Lawlis, Elizabeth Kurten, Texas
Merka, Frank Bryan, Texas
Smith, Verda Singleton, Texas
Thomas, Emma Cross, Texas
Payne, J. L. Zulch, Texas

Minutes

The Central Texas Free Baptist Association met with Spring Hill church, at Cross, Grimes county, Texas, Thursday night, October 21st, 1909.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Mays. Text, 1 Cor. 13:8 "Charity never faileth."

At 9 o'clock p. m., the Association was called to order by Rev. Jno. Swanwick. Rev. W. T. Wood was chosen moderator; Rev. F. S. Baker, assistant moderator.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Friday at 9 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Standing Clerk J. L. Payne being present, the Association called together by a song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Devotional services conducted by the Moderator, W. T. Wood. Prayer by G. W. Robinson.

Committee on pulpit supply selected by the moderator. Committee: J. L. Thomas, Jno. Foster, J. W. Cook.

Committee on committees: C. H. Lindley, J. S. Harrison, Charles Rogers.

Letters were read and delegates seated. Each Q. M. was well represented.

The new church at Macy, Texas, recently organized by Rev. A. W. Mays, was admitted and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

Bylaws of the Association were read by the clerk.

The meeting adjourned for preaching services.

The Pulpit Supply Committee turned the services over to Rev. S. T. Thomas at 11 a. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services by Rev. F. S. Baker. Scripture lesson, Heb. 12.

Committee on Sunday School reported verbally, stating that all the churches, with the exception of one, had good, live Sunday schools, and where they could consistently do so were using the F. B. literature.

H. C. MILLER,
G. W. ROBINSON,
WILEY LAFEVER.

Five minutes intermission after which the meeting was called together by song, and prayer was offered by Sister Verda Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash carried over from last report	\$ 5 60
By collection since last report	8 40
Pledges	12 25
	\$26 25
Paid Jno. Swanwick for postage	\$ 1 00
Cash on hand Oct. 22, 1909	\$25 25

J. P. GILPIN,
Treasurer.

TEMPERANCE.

We, the committee, submit the following report: Our communities are very well organized on temperance. We realize all christian people are temperate and if they are not temperate, they have not the love of God in their heart, and we are strictly against liquor in any form, and we do pray that we will see the day that Texas will be dry, and as christians let us strive for that to come about. We realize that there is no good in liquor, it

injuries the mind, and wrecks the home and brings sadness to many lives.

J. W. HENDERSON,
N. F. CARSON,
J. L. ROBINSON.

A letter was read from Bro. Searcy who has located at Strawberry Point, Iowa, and was gladly received.

Committee on condition of churches reported verbally that all churches had pastors except two, and that they were working in harmony and walking uprightly.

J. W. COOK,
M. G. BUCHANAN,
W. C. ROGERS.

We your committee on Standing of the Ministry beg leave to report that we find our ministers all in good standing and strong in faith and laboring earnestly for the cause of Christ.

J. W. COOK,
J. D. BERRY,
N. F. CARSON.

We, your committee on Home Mission find the collection has been very good. We still recognize the pledge plan, and the 5 cent plan, and we request that we have a committee in each church for this purpose, and we request that our preachers preach as many as one sermon on missions each quarter.

W. H. HUNTER,
J. C. THOMAS,
G. W. STEPHENS.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with song. Devotional by Moderator; prayer by W. N. Crenshaw.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries beg to make the following report: Whereas, it has pleased God, in his infinite wisdom to call from our midst, our beloved brother, J. E. Folsome, Brother G. S. Davidson, Sister Josey Burney, Sister M. C. Henderson, Resolved that each of these homes has lost faithful loved ones, and the churches consistant members, it is with sadness we chronicle their deaths. May the joys of heaven comfort the beloved ones in their homes, and may each have the christian grace to say "Thy will be done" not ours, for our loss is but heaven's gain.

F. S. BAKER,
H. S. RAMSEY.

EDUCATION.

We, the committee on education beg to submit the following: That we recommend our people to use our literature in the S. S. and all should take the Free Baptist News. Apply themselves more closely to the study of the scripture. We recommend the young ministers to apply themselves to a thorough course of Bible study, and use the books prescribed by the Free Baptist denomination.

JNO. SWANWICK,
J. W. PETEETE,
F. E. FOLSOM.

FINANCE.

The committee reports that our people are waking up to the necessity of a more prompt financial system in the Lord's work, and that our ministers have been paid better than ever before. also that the churches were clear of debt except three, N. Zulch being the mose involved.

LUTHER BOUNDS,
J. SWANWICK,
J. M. FLYNT.

Motion carried that Sister W. E. Lawlis be empowered by this body to raise money to relieve the situation at N. Zulch, and that she be allowed \$15.00 to defray her expenses, and as Bro. A. P. Baines term on the Home Mission Board had expired, Sister Lawlis was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Bryan, Brightlight and Christian Home made application for the Association in 1910. Christian Home received the majority vote.

The Ordaining Council after careful examination recommended that the following ordained ministers have their credentials endorsed: Rev. F. S. Baker, from the M. E. church; Rev. W. C. Rogers from the M. B. church, and Rev. G. W. Robinson from the Woodlawn Association. Carried. They also recommended the following for primary license: R. F. Bryan, W. H. Hunter, C. H. Lindley, Emma Thomas, Lucy Gressett, J. L. Payne, Frank Merka, Elizabeth Lawlis and Verda Smith. Granted.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following: Realizing the Divine Master has so wonderfully blessed us in this Association, we desire to make grateful acknowledgments to Him from whom all good and helpful blessings come for His watchful care and helpful guidance in these meetings; Resolved, we thank the pastor for his thoughtfulness and the community for their kind hospitality, and the officers and committees for their faithfulness.

MRS. V. E. CARSON,
MRS. J. A. BOSWELL,
MRS. K. F. FLYNT.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by song, Sister Verda Smith led the devotional, lesson, 1 Psalm. The object assigned by the committees were freely discussed until 4:30 p. m.

Saturday night the meeting called to order and discussion of

subjects continued until 8 p. m., after which Bro. W. T. Wood preached a good sermon.

Rev. Frank Merka was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association which meets at Christian Home church, Kurten, Texas, Brazos county, on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1910.

W. T. WOOD, Moderator.

J. L. PAYNE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This organization shall be called the Central Texas Freewill Baptist Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Baptist Quarterly meetings conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Art. 2. The members of this Association shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly meetings of which it is composed. Every Quarterly Meeting containing five hundred or less members shall be entitled to twelve delegates, and Quarterly Meeting containing more than five hundred members shall be entitled to one delegate for each additional one hundred members or fractional part thereof. Ministers shall be considered as standing members.

Art. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a standing clerk and a standing treasurer, and a moderator shall be chosen at every session of the Association with such assistance as may be found necessary.

Art. 4. Any regularly organized and well-regulated Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist Denomination as published in the Treatise on the Faith, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the Denomination, may at any time on application, by a vote of this Association become a member thereof.

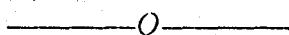
Art. 5. This Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meeting of which it is composed and to exclude them

for disorderly work, if labor with them proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decision or to interfere with their internal regulations.

Art. 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held, beginning on Thursday at 7 o'clock p. m. before the regular meeting Sunday with church where held, in October of each year, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings composing the Association to represent themselves by delegates, and spiritual standing and statistics by letter, and at which time the Association shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to them by their respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not contrary to this Constitution or to the usages of the denomination, as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ, and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Association.

Art. 7. The Association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-law not contrary to this Constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Art. 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last previous session.



BY-LAWS.

Art. 1. Each session of the Association shall be called to order by the standing clerk, when present, and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

Art. 2. Each session and adjourned sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 3. This Association may hold correspondence by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies, as it may deem advisable.

Art. 4. Conference shall sit with open doors except when it may go into a committee of the whole.

Art. 5. Any person, not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the conference.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the standing clerk to furnish each session of the Association with a book of records containing the doings of its previous sessions.

Art. 7. The conference may determine the time when its daily sessions commence and close.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of all the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each daily session, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from conference during its session without first obtaining permission from the Conference.

Art. 10. Every member wishing to speak in conference shall first address the Moderator.

Art. 11. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject without leave of the conference.

Art. 12. No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of Conference.

Art. 13. No whispering will be allowed in conference without leave of the moderator, but all members shall pay strict attention to the business of conference.

Art. 14. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person or member on any committee, provided the one nominated be elected.

Art. 15. The Constitution and By-Laws of this conference shall be read at each session near its commencement.

Ministers' Institute

Wednesday Night, October 20th, 1909.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. Jno Swanwick.

Thursday morning session called to order by J. Swanwick. Scripture lesson III Ps. by C. H. Lindley. Prayer by G. W. Stevens. After which the Ministers' Institute was permanently organized, and by-laws adopted.

W. T. Wood was elected president, Jno. Swanwick, vice-president; C. H. Lindley, clerk; S. T. Thomas was elected as a member of the ordaining council; Jno. Swanwick as an assistant member.

At 11 a. m. Rev. F. S. Baker occupied the pulpit.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The various topics assigned by the committee to the Ministers were freely discussed.

Introductory sermon to be preached next year by C. H. Lindley, at Christian Home church on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1910.

BY-LAWS OF THE F. B. MINISTERS INSTITUTE.

Art. 1. This body shall have a membership of all the regular ordained and licensed ministers, deacons and H. M. board of the C. T. F. B. A.

Art. 2. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a clerk, and an ordaining council of three.

Art. 3. All matters of general business pertaining to church

work shall be executed by the officers, subject to the approval of the majority of the Institute.

Art. 4. Candidates for the ministry after passing satisfactory examination shall receive primary license, junior license, senior license and ordination in order named, and are requested to study the course prescribed by the Free Baptist denomination, Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the ordaining council.

Art. 5. All matters of discipline shall be conducted privately.

Art. 6. Exclusion shall be effected by requesting the party to return their credentials. In case of refusal, other steps may be taken.

Art. 7. This Institute shall be subject to call meeting at any time by the president or vice-president.

Art. 8. The clerk shall not give out license, or annual certificates except by request of the ordaining council.

Church	Church Clerk	P. O. Address	Resident Members	Total Members	S. S. Members	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Excluded or Erased	Died
Christian Home	T. L. Tobias	Kurten, Texas	69	88	75					2
Independence	Thos. Byers	Bryan, Tex. R. F. D. No. 6	34	43	50	19	24			
Bryan F. B. Ch.	Sim Edge	Bryan, Texas	70	80	93	5	4	6		
Union Hill	Robbie Spiller	College Station, Texas	31	31	35	2	1	3	3	1
Brightlight	Allice Cole	Bryan, Tex., R. F. D. No. 3.	91	101	35				3	
Wellborn	W. E. Graham	Bryan, Tex., R. F. D. No. 4.	35	60	70					
Liberty	Mattie Martin	Edge, Texas	36	51	71	6	2			1
Zion	B. H. Marquart	Wellborn, Texas	33	40		1	2	4	3	1
Macy	Nannie Manning	Macy, Texas	24	24	36	18	6			
		Total.....	411	518	465	51	39	13	9	5
Plainview Quarterly Meeting.										
Plainview	J. F. Reed	George	150	183	60	36	47	0	0	2
Willowhole	A. A. Shannon	Zulch, Texas	132	132	60	3	6	7	1	1
N. Zulch	Sarah Keefer	N. Zulch, Texas	37	37	0	7	4			
Evergreen	J. S. Harrison	Keith, Texas	100	112	40					
Hollis	Miss Cheshire	Normangee, Texas	25	33	25					
Spring Hill	Clara Cobb	Cross, Texas	117	117	95	13	13	1		
Blue Lake	M. C. Carter	Piedmont, Texas	21	33	23	1	0	1	2	
		Total.....	582	647	303	60	70	9	3	3
		Grand Total.....	993	1165	768	110	109	22	12	8