

MINUTES

OF THE

Central Texas Free Will

Baptist Association

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION HELD WITH

KEITH FREE WILL

BAPTIST CHURCH

OCT. 14 - 16, 1937

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Next Session to be held with the Pine Prairie Church, Walker Co.

OCT. 13 - 16, 1938



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Rita McDuffie

Rev. W. H. Mc

Rev. C. B. Tho

Noah Cole

Moderator

Moderator

Clerk

Rev. John Swar

Rev. R. L. Davi

J. P. Rice

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Term Expires 1939

HOME MISSION BOARD

N. C. Cole

James Lang

Emmitt Holland

Term Expires 1940

Term Expires 1938

Term Expires 1938

PROCEEDINGS

The 32nd annual session of the Central Texas Free Will Baptist Association met in session Thursday evening at 7:30 with the Evergreen Church at Keith, Texas, in song and prayer service.

Friday Morning:

10.00 a. m.—Song by Mrs. McAdams.

Devotional by Mrs. McAdams.

Business, N. C. Cole, clerk of association presiding, Rev. H. M. McAdams was elected Moderator and Rev. C. B. Thompson, assistant moderator.

Church letters were called for and the following churches responded: Evergreen, Bright Light, Bryan, Pine Grove, Christian Home, Pine Prairie. These letters were read and received and the delegates seated.

Motion carried that chair appoint all session committees. The program was adopted.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. Emmitt Holland and Mrs. Jim Edge were named on the Pulpit Supply committee.

J. L. Edge, Sister Mollie Lawlis and Mrs. C. B. Thompson were named on the Committee on Committees.

Rev. C. B. Thompson was selected to preach at 11 a. m. Adjourned for preaching.

11:00 a. m.—The message was brought by Rev. C. B. Thompson.
Dinner.

Friday afternoon:

1:30 p. m. — Song Service.

Devotional by Mrs. Amanda Kester.

Business: Letter from Edge and North Zulch read and delegates seated.

Quarterly meeting - delegates seated. Report of Committee on Committees received and adopted.

Pulpit supply committee reports. Rev. C. B. Thompson to preach.

Report of Committee on Condition of Churches.

Standing of ministry read and received.

Committee on Education received and after being discussed was adopted. Committee on Temperance read and received.

2:30 p. m.—“The Liquor Question”, by Sister Lizzie McAdams, who gave a very strong talk on the results of strong drinks and evils that follow from drinking.

Adjourned.

7:30 Song Service — P. Rice

8:00 Sermon by C. B. Thompson.

Saturday morning—

9:30—Song service led by Paschal Rice; Devotional by Mrs. George Smith.

Business: Motion made that the Association endorse the "Student Loan Fund" started by the Bryan Church, offering \$100.00 and the association adding \$100.00 more. Carried. The next session of the association will be held with the Pine Prairie Church Walker Co., Oct. 13-16, 1938.

Quarterly meeting letter read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituary received and adopted.

Delegates were named to the State Convention, Fort Worth, Texas: Mrs. O. L. Moore, Stuart Rice, Miss Ruby Vaughn, Miss Robbie Mae Denman, Mrs. Jack Bullard, Mrs. John Moody, Mrs. Carlton Hibbitts, Lewis Jordy, Mrs. Horace Holligan and Jerry Payne.

Treasury instructed to pay bills as follows: \$2.00 for printing programs, \$10.00 State Convention, \$10.00 to clerk.

Rising vote of thanks was given the Keith Church for their hospitality to the association. Words of appreciation were given by members of the audience of the work done by Bro. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson in our churches and throughout our association. May God's blessings go with them in their new field of work.

STATISTICAL REPORT

From Edge Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Evergreen Church at Keith, Texas this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Holland, Mrs. Robert Davidson. State of religion good; resident members 27; non-resident members 10; Total 37; condition of Sunday school fair; average No. of Pupils 35; officers 4; teachers 4; Amount paid pastor \$125.00; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$16.00; For Foreign Missions \$21.00; value of church property \$300; pastor's name, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Address, Bryan, Texas.

Done by order of Conference at Edge Free Baptist Church, Post office, Edge, Texas; Moderator, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Moderator; Emmett Holland, Clerk.

From North Zulch Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Evergreen church at Keith, Texas this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Mrs. M. E. Andrews, Mrs. W. M. Stewart, Mrs. A. F. Ford,

Mrs. Charlie Rogers. State of Religion fair; We observe Communion annually; Number received this year 22; Number baptised 19; Number dismissed 2; Number died 1; resident members 93; non-resident members 65; total 158; Condition of Sunday School fair; average No. of pupils 40; officers 3; teachers 3; total amount paid pastor, \$125.00; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$86.00; for Home Missions \$20; for education \$40.00; for charity \$10.00; budget fund \$5.00; value of church property \$2,000.00; pastor's name, Rev. B. A. Grant; address, Jacksonville, Texas. Done by order of Conference at North Zulch Free Baptist Church, North Zulch, Texas.—Rev. B. A. Grant, Moderator; Mrs. L. M. Adams, clerk.

From Christian Home Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with Keith Church this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Mr. J. A. Rhoades, Mrs. James Lang. State of religion good; we observe Communion quarterly; number received this year 1; Number Baptised 1; Number dismissed 3; Number died 1; resident members 25; non-resident members 20; total 45; condition of Sunday school, union; average number of pupils 20; officers 5; teachers 4; amount paid pastor \$86.50; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$18.00; budget fund \$5; value of church property \$1,000.00. Done by order of Conference at Christian Home Free Baptist Church, assembled this 26th day of September, A. D., 1937.—C. B. Thompson, moderator; L. E. Hearne, Clerk.

From Pine Grove Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Evergreen church at Keith, Texas this 13th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greeting: Ruby Parker, Mollie Lawlis. State of religion, good; number received this year 3; resident members 30; total 30; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils 30; officers 4; teachers 4; amount paid pastor, \$215.42; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$16.60; for foreign missions \$2.50; for home missions \$2.50; pastor's name, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams; address, Midway, Texas. Done by order of Conference at Pine Grove Free Baptist Church, assembled this 11th day of October, A. D., 1937 at Midway, Texas.—Lizzie McAdams, moderator; Mollie Lawlis, clerk.

From Evergreen church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Evergreen Church at Keith, Texas this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Sister Bonnie Rice, Sister Willie Moon. State of religion, good; number received this year 1; number baptised 1; resident members

53; non-resident members 47; total 100; condition of prayer - meeting good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils 20; officers 3; teachers 4; amount paid pastor—1st qr., \$34.00; 2nd qr. \$26.50; 3rd qr., \$22.60; 4th qr., \$42.65; total \$125.75; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$10.50; for incidentals \$12.00; for foreign missions \$3.25; for home missions \$3.25; for education \$8.00; value of church property \$1,000; pastors name and address, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Bryan, Texas. Done by order of Conference at Evergreen Free Baptist Church, assembled this 25th day of September, A. D., 1937 at Iola, Texas.—Mrs. C. B. Thompson, moderator; Willie Moon, clerk.

From Bright Light church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Keith Church this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren and Sisters with Christian greetings: Miss Icy Goen, Mrs. O. L. Moore. State of religion, good; we observe Communion annually; resident members 66; non-resident members 20; total 86; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils 16; officers 2; teachers 2; amount paid pastor—1st. qr., \$44.75; 2nd qr., \$49.50; 3rd. qr., \$42.50; 4th qr. \$42.20; total \$178.95; plus \$1.00—\$180.00 pastor paid in full; amount for Evangelistic work \$23.31; for incidentals \$2.00; for home missions \$8.15; for education \$14.00; for building and repairs \$5.80; budget fund \$5.00; value of church property \$1,000. Done by order of Conference at Bright Light Free Baptist Church, assembled this 18th day of September, A. D., 1937 at Bryan, Texas.—Rev. J. L. Bounds, Moderator; Mrs. O. L. Moore, clerk.

From Bryan Church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Keith Church at Keith, Texas this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Mrs. W. O. Withers, Mrs. Charles Mohleman, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. Jim Edge. State of Religion, fair; we observe community quarterly; number received this year 6; number baptised 3; number dismissed 2; number died 1; resident members 178; non-resident members 31; total 209; condition of prayer-meeting, fair; condition of choir practice, fair; condition of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils 81; teachers 11; Womans Missionary Society, fair; members 30; Christian Endeavor, fair; members, 38; total, amount paid pastor \$1318; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$225.00; for foreign missions \$400.00; for building and repairs \$162.55; budget fund \$2084.99; value of church property \$10,000; J. R. Davidson, pastor; Minister's names—E. Steve Phinney, L. C. Johnson and John Swanwick.—H. S. Edge, moderator; Mrs. W. O. Withers, Clerk.

From Pine Prairie church to the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at Evergreen Church at Keith, Texas this 15th day of October, 1937.

We send as delegates our beloved Brethren, and Sisters, with Christian greetings: Fleta Woods, Hugh Roberson, Lewis Jordy. State of religion, very good; number died, 1; total members 60; Condition of Sunday school, very good; average number of pupils, 25; officers 3; teachers 3; total amount paid pastor \$40.00; amount paid for Evangelistic work \$26.50; for incidentals \$9.00; budget fund \$1.00; pastor's name and address—Rev. J. W. Handy, 7940 Sherman Street, Houston, Texas.

We sadly regret the death of one of our members, William Dennis Colburn, age 16. We invite the next session of the Association.

Done by order of conference at Pine Prairie Free Baptist Church, assembled this 18th day of September, A. D., 1937, Huntsville, Texas, Rt. 4.—Rev. J. W. Handy, moderator; Fleta Wood, clerk.

REPORT OF Rev. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams of work for the year ending September 30, 1937 to the Central Texas Association of Free Baptist.—Sermons preached 229; churches pastored 2; names of same, Easley Chapel; revivals held 7; members received by Baptism 70; amount of salary \$573.13; funerals conducted 6; collected for foreign missions \$2.50; collected for home missions \$2.50; churches having Sunday schools 2; number conversions 230; number mission societies 6; tithes and offerings given \$106.00.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1936 AND 1937

October 17, 1936—Balance of\$ 58.54
Collections for 1936 and 1937:

Bryan Church	\$ 10.00
Bright Light	5.00
Pine Grove	5.00
Evergreen	2.00
Pine Prairie	2.50
Kurten	4.86
North Zulch	5.00
Quarterly meeting	2.00

Total Collections\$ 94.90

Total Disbursements\$ 59.50

Balance, October, 1937\$ 35.40

J. P. GILPIN, treasurer.

TREASURE DISBURSEMENT FOR 1935 and 1937

Oct. 26, 1936, Printing Programs	\$ 2.50
State Convention	10.00
N. C. Cole	10.00
Jan. 30, 1937, printing Minutes	25.00
Total	\$4750
Programs	\$ 2.00
State Convention	10.00
	\$59.50

STANDING COMMITTEES

Education: Mrs. C. F. Goen, Mrs. H. S. Edge, Mrs. James Lang.
 Missions: C. F. Goen, Kan Kelley, Jack Bullard.
 Evangelism: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. H. M. McAdams, John Swanwick.
 Temperance: Miss Fleta Wood, Mrs. McAdams, Mrs. Della Lawlis.
 Standing of Ministry: W. J. Lawless, James Lang, J. T. Gilpen.
 Women's Work: Mrs. Edd Ringo, Mrs. Bethel McAdams, Miss Reba Wood.
 Program: Mrs. J. L. Edge, Mrs. C. A. Moehlman, C. F. Goen.
 Condition of churches: Rev. J. Swanwick, E. F. Trant, Mrs. C. C. Conlee.
 Sunday School: Mrs. Willie Moon; Pascal Rice, Mrs. E. F. Trant.
 Denomination: Mr. E. Holland, Mr. Charles Paynes, Mrs. R. Davidson.
 Obituary: Mrs. A. F. Ford, Mrs. W. M. Stewart, Mrs. Mit Andrews.
 Young Peoples Work: Robbie Mae Denman, Mrs. W. T. Kelley, Miss
 Delores Vance. —J. L. Edge, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. Geo. Lawlis

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, submit the following report:

Realizing the need of education we recommend that a loan fund be started to help our worthy young men and women who wish to enter college.

That it be taken up in our Association and carried on to the State Convention and made a State Fund. To show our interest in this movement, Bryan Church offers to start this fund with \$100.00.

Committee: Mrs. Jack Bullard; Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

OBITUARY

Your committee on Obituary wishes to report that God has called from our midst the following loved ones: Miss Kate Lawless, Mr. Aubrey Ferrell, Mr. Dennis Coburn, Mrs. Will Smith, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. Churchwell. We commit the bereaved loved ones to the Lord or comfort. Committee: P. H. Robinson; Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on condition of churches, beg to submit the following:

As we find that the churches are in fairly good running condition, with the exception of a few of them, we would like to especially commend a number of the church in the bounds of the Association for the unusual active interest they have taken in the promotion and welfare of Foreign Missions.

As it is a proven fact that the more interest a church takes in Foreign Home Missions, Sunday School, League Classes, Prayer Meetings and general Auxiliaries of the Church; the less interest they take in strange peculiarisms and cisims they are so ready to creep in with meetings that are more or less spectacular, that may be termed as a parody, if not a burlesque on regular common Bible teaching of the gospel.

We are proud to note that most of our churches have had real spiritual soul winning revivals that has greatly strengthened the cause in general over the field of our Association; and may the good work go on and prosper with the blessing of our Lord resting upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. Conlee, E. F. Trant, J. Swanwick.

TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on temperance, submit the following report:

We believe that the return of the sale of legalized beer and other alcoholic drinks in our State has had a demoralizing effect on the general welfare of the people and especially the younger generation.

We urgently recommend the discussion of prohibition at denominational gatherings as well as from the local pulpit and in the adult and young people's groups.

It is necessary that we unite in an organized movement to obtain laws that will prohibit the sale of beer, or any other alcoholic drinks in our state.

Mrs. Charles Holmes; Mrs. Harry Edge.

STANDING OF MINISTRY

Your committee on the standing of the ministry wishes to make the following report: Upon inquiry we find our ministers are sound in doctrines and of good character.

Committee: W. J. Lawless, James Lang, J. P. Gilpin.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, are glad to report that our denomination is doing more for the cause of missions at present than we have for a number of years. We feel that this pleases our Heavenly Father and we urge that our ministers and all our laymen and members stay behind our missionary program and support it whole heartedly.

We have Brother and Sister T. H. Wiley as our Missionaries to South America and Sister Laura Bell Bernard in India, that we can call our own Free Will Baptist Missionaries. Let us see that their needs are bountifully supplied to keep the Gospel and teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before people who have never heard the Word of God. We are commanded in God's Word to carry the Gospel to the whole world.

Committee: C. F. Goen, Kan Kelley, Jack Bullard.

Since Rev. E. Sterl Phinney resigned as Secretary of Missions, April 10, 1937, we have been paid in on Missions \$72.61, up to October 1st, 1937 and sent to National Secretary I. J. Blackwelder. C. F. Goen, Act. Sec.



