

The Central Texas District Association met in regular yearly conference on February 12, 1977 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas.

The meeting was opened with a congregational hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. Raymond Lee. Bro. Sheffield led in prayer. We then sang "To God Be the Glory".

The moderator called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and accepted. The Constitution & By-Laws were read by the Moderator.

Bro. Dennis Henderson gave an inspiring devotional taken from John 13:34-35. Also I John 3:10,11,16,18 & 23. Bro. Henderson closed with prayer.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Charles Denman. A motion was made to receive the report and the delegates be seated. Carried. The church letters were read at this time.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions - Jerry Fling, Tommy Thompson and Keith Phipps

Obituary - Lucille Carroll, Denise Meyer and Bertha Lawson

The meeting was dismissed for a short recess.

Following a short recess the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Bro. A.V. Jennische led in prayer. We then sang "Love Lifted Me", and "At Calvary".

Bro. Charles Denman and Bro. Billy Ferguson received the offering. Mrs. Thelma Anderson sang special music entitled "I Have Returned" accompanied by Michael Anderson on guitar and Mrs. Stephens at the piano.

Bro. Johnny Williams brought a soul searching message entitled "What does God have the right to expect out of us as Christians"? His scripture text was taken from Rev. 19:6 and I Cor. 3:9-23. Bro. Williams closed with prayer.

Bro. Billy Walker dismissed for lunch with prayer.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "He Lives". Mr. Matt Reeves read the scripture reading taken from James 1:1-27. Matt closed with prayer.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

A motion was made to accept the Nominating Report and act on it item by item. Carried. The following were elected to serve as officers for the year 1977.

Moderator -- Bro. Raymond Lee

Assistant Moderator -- Bro. Billy Walker

Clerk-Treasurer - Frances Ellis

Asst. Clerk -- Rita McDuffie

Parliamentarian -- Bro. Keith Phipps

Student Loan -- Bro. Mack Humbles

Dist. Home Missions - Bro. Verlan Pegues

Trustees -- Bro. RAY Trant

Retirement & Insurance-- Bro. Paul Meyer

Christian Education - Bro. Ernest Gregg

CTS Director -- Sister Betty Kelly

Credentials Committee-- Bro. Charles Denman

Bro. Ernest Gregg gave the Christian Education Board Report. A motion was made to accept the report. Carried.

Bro. A.V. Jennische gave the Student Loan Board Report. A motion was made to

accept the report. Carried.

Bro. Raymond Getz gave the Ordaining Council report. A motion was made to accept the report and act on it item by item. Carried.

1. Recommend that Bro. Billy Walker be accepted into the District in good standing. Carried.
2. Recommend that Bro. Charles Jackson be issued license to preach for one year. Carried.

Bro. Bobby Ferguson presented Bro. Charles Jackson his license to preach. Bro. Jackson shared his testimony with those present.

A motion was made to receive the Resolutions Report and act on it item by item. Carried.

1. In view of the fact that the District Home Mission Board's share in the Co-op plan has been reduced from 55% to 5% giving, be it resolved that the motion passed at the last District meeting requiring the District Home Mission Board to send all finances above \$50.00 to the State Home Mission Project, be rescinded. Carried.
2. Whereas the District Association did elect these brethren - Rev. Paul Meyer, Bro. Sam Clements & Bro. Verlan Pegues to be the members on the District Home Mission Board & in so doing did express it's confidence that these brethren would & could supervise the work of Home Missions in our district and whereas the District Home Mission Board has been given the power to organize itself and devise it's own government as may be found in harmony with the principles of this Association, be it resolved that anyone desiring support from the District Home Mission Board for any work, should first meet with the District Home Mission Board for discussion & consideration. If it could & should support this work, then the Board will submit it to the Associational body for a vote. If the Board does not agree that it could or should support this work, then the person could bring it before the Associational body for a vote. Carried.
3. Recommend that the district continue to support the executive office with \$50.00 a month. Carried.
4. Recommend we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the food & hospitality. Carried.

Bro. Verlan Pegues gave the District Home Mission Board Report. A motion was made to accept the report.

The Obituary Report was given by Mrs. Bertha Lawson. A motion was made to accept the report and stand for prayer. Bro. Jim Williams led in prayer.

Mrs. Rita McDuffie gave the Woman's Auxiliary Report. A motion was made to accept the report. Carried.

Bro. Jerry Fling gave the CTS Report. A motion was made to accept the report. C.

Bro. Raymond Getz turned in his resignation as CTS Director. A motion was made to accept his resignation. Carried.

A motion was made that Sister Betty Kelly be elected as CTS Director. Carried.

A motion was made that the moderator select two people to work with him on the program committee. Carried.

Bro. Paul Meyer gave the Retirement & Insurance Board Report. A motion was made to accept the report. Carried.

The Executive Committee Reports were given. A motion was made to accept the reports and act on the item of business. Carried.

A motion was made that the District recognize as the North Zulch Free Will Baptist Church the group that stayed in the church building and represented by Deacons, Bro. Carlton Hibitts, Bro. Lois McGill, Bro. Joe Winddom, Bro. A.E. Lee and Bro. Frank Berger. Carried.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee be reimbursed for phone calls, gas bills, etc. Amended that \$30.00 be given to Bro. Earl Scroggins and \$20.00 be given to Bro. Harold Teague for travel expense to the called quarterly conference. Carried.

A motion was made that Bro. Raymond Getz serve as Teen Camp Director and Bro. Billy Walker as Assistant Director and that Bro. Billy Walker serve as Pre-teen Camp Director and Bro. Raymond Getz serve as Assistant Director. C.

A motion was made to rescind the motion made at the last quarterly meeting to have the church letters read. Carried.

A motion was made to commend the clerks for preparing the digest of reports. C.

Bro. Jim Williams gave the Executive Secretary's Report. A motion was made to accept his report with commendations for his work in Texas. Carried.

A motion was made to rescind the motion to leave the new building with as much open air as possible and to close the building and air condition. Carried.

A motion was made that the Christian Education Board make any necessary improvements to get the camp ready this year. Carried.

The next quarterly meeting will meet at the camp grounds in Carlos, Texas.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to Bro. Don Ellis for his work as moderator.

Bro. Raymond Lee, newly elected moderator, shared a few words with the body.

A motion was made to adjourn. Carried.

Bro. Carlton Hibitts dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ellis
Clerk