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OFFICERS

Rev. Huey Gower Moderator
Rev. A. A. Williams Assistant Moderator
Mrs. John Gary, Rt. 1, Laneville, Tex. Clerk

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session will be held with the
Buncombe Church near Clayton, Texas, beginning Thursday
night before the first Sunday in October, 1953, through
Saturday.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists opened with song service led by Bro. Huey Gower, Moderator. Opening song was "The Light of the World Is Jesus," followed by prayer by Bro. Troy McDonald.

Devotional, following the subject "The Believer's Walk," and using Eph. 4:1-3 and 5 by Mrs. Huey Gower.

Song, "Trust and Obey," was sung and speaker for the evening presented.

Rev. A. A. Williams used the Sermon Subject: "Opportunity," with Scripture Text, Gal. 6, talking the 10th verse as text, admonishing all to "move up and live closer to God—using our opportunities."

Rev. Noah Tuttle led in prayer following the reading of the Word. Services closed with singing of "I Gave My Life For Thee."

Bro. Williams pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

Session opened with song service by Bro. J. M. Goode.

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Smith.

Mrs. S. P. Griffin brought the Devotional, using the parable of the Marriage Feast as the scriptural basis for her remarks.

The Chair then called for a roll call of churches and delegates to establish whether a quorum was present. A quorum was found and the following enrollment was made:

Church	Delegates	Deacons
Good Hope	Mr. Tim Phillips Mrs. Jake Fears Mrs. Clarence Lollar	Mr. J. L. Anderson
Union Harbor	Mrs. S. P. Griffin Mrs. Wright Hebron Mrs. Effie Harris	Mr. H. B. Mims Mr. S. S. Simms Mr. Ernie Weaver
Mt. Olive	Mrs. A. A. Williams Mrs. Bill Berry Mrs. Robt. E. Fears	Mr. W. H. H. Hays
Harper	Mr. Foy Alexander Mrs. Foy Alexander	
Dirgin	Mrs. Angus Jameson Mr. Charles Jameson	
Buncombe	Mrs. J. M. Goode	
Fellowship	Mrs. T. W. Smith Mrs. J. P. Crow	Mr. C. R. Dunn
Mt. Union	Mrs. Lucile Bell Mrs. Cecil Lunsford Mrs. Gladys Lunsford	

Ministers Enrolled:

Rev. J. M. Goode
Rev. A. A. Williams
Rev. T. W. Smith
Rev. Noah Tuttle
Rev. Huey Gower
Rev. John Newberry

Letters were received and read from the following churches: Mt. Olive, Dirgin, Jameson Memorial, Union Harbor, Harper Grove, Good Hope, Fellowship, Mt. Union, Buncombe.

Ministers reports were received and read from: Rev. Mrs. Amanda Kester, Rev. T. W. Smith, Rev. A. A. Williams, Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. S. P. Griffin, Rev. John Newberry.

Motion made and carried that delegates be seated.

Motion and seconded that Dirgin Church, after prolonged absence, be reinstated to association.

Motion tabled and business adjourned until after noon.

In the worship service that followed Bro. J. M. Goode conducted the song service and Bro. Tuttle brought an inspiring message from I Cor. 2:1-5, taking as his text verse 2, "For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service led by Bro. J. M. Goode.

Prayer, Bro. J. L. Anderson.

Mrs. J. M. Goode brought devotional from I Cor. 2:14, using "The Holy Spirit" as her subject.

Chair called for business and requested the motion which was tabled be re-read. Bro. Charles Jameson clarified by way of explanation the subject under discussion and motion carried.

Motion carried program be adopted with any necessary changes.

Motion made and carried chair appoint committees which follow:

Resolutions: Bro. J. M. Goode, Bro. Will Hays, Bro. Tim Phillips.

Evangelism: Bro. A. A. Williams, Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Missions: Bro. T. W. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Goode, Bro. C. R. Dunn.

Publication: Bro. Chas. Jameson, Mrs. S. P. Griffin, Mrs. Bill Berry.

Standing of Ministry. Bro. W. H. H. Hays, Bro. S. S. Sims, Bro. Foy Alexander, Bro. H. B. Mims.

Finance: Bro. John Newberry, Mrs. Clarence Lollar, Mrs. Robert E. Fears.

Divine Committee: Bro. Ernie Weaver, Mrs. A. A. Williams, Bro. T. W. Smith.

Obituary: Mrs. J. P. Crow, Mrs. Wright Hebron, Mrs. Gladys Lunsford.

Moderator requested these committees to report on Saturday.

The request of Jameson Memorial Church that the body secure a council to perfect their organization was brought up for consideration. Motion carried that this body empower moderator to appoint this council. The following were named: Rev. T. W. Smith, chairman; Bro. J. M. Goode, Bro. A. A. Williams, Bro. John Newberry, Bro. Troy McDonald.

The Buncombe church invited the next meeting of the Association. Motion carried that the body accept this invitation.

Mrs. Will Hays gave a report on the District Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. J. M. Goode reported on Youth Camp and urged that each church sending children send at least one adult to help care for the children.

Motion carried that officers for another be elected. Elected as follows:

Moderator—Bro. Huey Gower.

Assistant Moderator—Bro. A. A. Williams.

Clerk—Mrs. John Gary.
Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Finis Rogers.

The Divine Committee reported that Bro. J. M. Goode would deliver the evening message; Bro. Chas. Jameson the 11 o'clock message on Saturday.

Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING

Song service was under the direction of Miss Rosalee Hyatt.
Miss June Goode brought the Devotional from Matt. 18:24.
Mrs. Noah Tuttle brought a message in song.
Prayer, Mrs. T. W. Smith.
Bro. J. M. Goode brought the message, taking his text from Ezekiel 18:20, using "What Free Will Baptists Believe" as his subject.
Closed with song and a prayer by Miss Rosalee Hyatt.

SATURDAY MORNING

Services opened with song, "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us," Mrs. Huey Gower directing.
Prayer: Rev. E. J. Vaughn.
Devotional by Mrs. Bill Berry, using scripture 143 Psalm, and taking "Prayer" as her subject.
Prayer: Mrs. Huey Gower.
Business opened with reading of minutes of previous session. Approved as read.
Bro. John Gary was added to enrollment of deacons.
Bro. J. E. Vaughn, Bro. Troy McDonald and Bro. J. A. Page were added to enrollment of ministers.
Ministers report read from Bro. Troy McDonald and Bro. J. A. Page.
Moderator appointed committee on Christian Education: Bro. Vaughn, Bro. Gary, Bro. McDonald.
Bro. Chas. Jameson reported as chairman of Committee on Publications. Report adopted as read.
Mrs. J. M. Goode reported on Missions. Report adopted as read.
Ministers report of Bro. E. J. Vaughn read.
Mrs. J. P. Crow reported as chairman of Obituary Committee. Adopted as read.
Bro. John Gary gave Orphanage report. Adopted as read.
Bro. A. A. Williams gave report on Evangelism. Adopted as read.
Motion carried Moderator be empowered to appoint delegates to State Association.
Delegates: Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs. J. M. Goode, Mrs. Bill Berry, W. H. Hays, Fred Grant, F. W. Dollar, S. S. Simms, Mrs. Lucy Lunsford and Mrs. Ruth Tompkins.
Mrs. S. P. Griffin gave oral report of work in Center Point Church.
Body recessed for five minutes.
Worship service opened with song service, led by Mrs. Huey Gower.
Prayer, Bro. Noah Tuttle.
Morning message—Bro. Chas. Jameson. Subject: "A House Divided." Scripture, Heb. 11 and 12 chapters.
Service closed singing "Have Thine Own Way," and an old time handshake by everyone.
Benediction by Bro. J. A. Page.
NOON.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service—Mrs. Huey Gower.

Devotional from Acts 3, by Bro. S. P. Griffin.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Goode.

Letter from Youngblood Church read and accepted.

Motion carried that body discuss a radio broadcast known as the "Free Will Baptist Hour." Motion carried that this body approve this plan and delegates to State Association be instructed to bring it up before that body.

Report on Christian Education read and accepted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Report on Resolutions read and received. Motion that the report be acted upon item by item. (See reports.)

Report on Standing of Ministry read and accepted. Clerk instructed to send \$16.00 with letter to State Association.

Motion carried that this Association take action in contacting the Board of Superannuation in an effort to secure financial aid for Bro. Vaughn.

Motion carried that this association co-operate with Central Association to build a State Camp.

Bro. J. L. Anderson announced he would take care of the bill for printing programs which was \$8.00.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjournment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

We, the Committee on Publications, recommend the following:

1. We recommend that special emphasis be placed on the reading of our denominational papers: "The Small Voice," "The Free Will Baptist," and the "Gem."

2. We also recommend that we use our denominational literature so long as it is of the highest quality.

3. That we encourage our denominational publishers to supply higher quality literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Chas. Jameson, Mrs. S. P. Griffin, Mrs. Bill Berry.

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We, the Committee on Evangelism, submit the following report:

The Evangelistic standing of this Association is in fair condition, but we recommend more evangelistic work be done in our local association.

Rev. A. A. Williams, Mrs. T. W. Smith, Mrs. Jake Fears.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, recommend:

1. That each church of this Texas Association put special stress on tithing among all ministers and lay members of this Association.

2. That each church finance some plan to send the children to Youth Encampment.

3. That each church establish a Home Mission Fund to be used for aid toward any need arising within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John Newberry, Mrs. Clarence Lollar, Mrs. Robert E. Fears.

STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

1. We, the Committee on Standing of the Ministry, seeing the need of more ministers in our association, do hereby recommend that our churches stand by and encourage our young ministers that they may be able to replace our retired ministers; that God's plan may be fulfilled.

2. We further recommend that our ministers stand firm on our faith and doctrine, that we may all be of one accord, that our business sessions may be conducted in the spirit of love.

3. We recommend that the ministers' reports be approved and that licensed ministers be ordained.

Respectfully submitted,

Will H. H. Hays, S. S. Simms, Foy Alexander, H. B. Mims.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that Article 9 in the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

The program of each session of this Association shall be prepared by the Program Committee, which shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk of this Association, together with the pastor and clerk of the entertaining church, and shall be distributed thirty (30) days in advance of each sitting of this Association.

2. We further resolve that each minister bring a report of his year's work to the Association which will entitle him to his card of standing. He is also requested to bring one dollar (\$1.00) as a love offering.

3. That churches without pastors contact the Ministers Conference if they desire help in obtaining a pastor.

4. That this body give a rising vote of thanks in appreciation of the splendid hospitality given us by the host church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. M. Goode, Bro. Tim Phillips, Bro. Will H. H. Hays.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Christian Education, are happy to report that at last we have a college, the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., that is qualified to give the students a full four-year course. We further recommend that churches encourage our boys and girls to attend our College for Christian Education and training in Christian service. We further recommend that each minister and lay member stress October as "Bible College" month to help finance their new building.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. John Gary, Bro. Troy McDonald, Bro. E. J. Vaughn.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, the Committee on Missions, recommend the following:

1. That each church in our Association give a certain amount of offering, monthly, to the Calvary Fund to be applied on the salary of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary while in India.

2. That churches continue the Unified Program Plan and contribute to missions accordingly.

3. That the churches in our Association respond with special offerings when called for by our State or National Mission Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. T. W. Smith, Bro. C. R. Dunn, Mrs. J. M. Goode.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We wish to report the following deaths in our churches the past year:

Mrs. Etta Pittman,
Mrs. Leta Hunt,
Mrs. Effie Hunter,
Mrs. Mary Sipes,
Miss Emma Birdwell,
Mr. J. P. Jennings.

We recommend that this body stand in a moment's silent prayer in expression of deepest sympathy to the bereaved and that the prayer be concluded, in memory of these departed ones, by Bro. John Gary.

Mrs. J. P. Crow, Mrs. C. W. Hebron, Mrs. Gladys Lunsford.

MINISTERS OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Arthur Dunn, Englewood, Colo.
Rev. Noah Tuttle, 305 Truman Drive, Henderson, Tex.
Rev. C. D. Stegall, Marshall, Texas.
Rev. T. W. Smith, Henderson, Texas.
Rev. A. A. Williams, Rt. 1, Laneville, Texas.
Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Beckville, Texas.
Rev. Huey Gower, Star Route, Henderson, Texas.
Rev. John Newberry, Kilgore, Texas.
Rev. J. M. Goode, Laird Hill, Texas.
Rev. Troy McDonald, Route 1, Laneville, Texas.
Rev. Dewey Williams, 1911 N. Erie Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. S. P. Griffin, Big Sandy, Texas.
Rev. Mrs. Amanda Kester, Arp, Texas.
Rev. J. A. Page, Box 721, Kilgore, Texas.
Rev. W. A. Dickinson, Tulsa, Okla.

CONSTITUTION

Constitution amended at regular session of the Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Texas Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2. It is not the object of this Association to usurp authority over the churches, but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of the individual churches with one another in their efforts to accomplish good and make each other more proficient in their good undertakings for good.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches, who shall be selected and sent from the churches composing it, and each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and for over fifty and not more than seventy-five members a Church shall be entitled to one more delegate.

Article 4. Ordained ministers may have seats in the Association and be entitled to privilege of delegates, even when not representing Churches. (As amended).

Article 5. New Churches and ministers may be admitted to

membership on application when duly accredited. (As amended).

Article 6. The standing officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary.

Article 7. This Association shall hold its session once every year, at a time and place specified by a preceding session.

Article 8. The Association shall have the right to dismiss disorderly Churches and objectionable members at any of its sessions.

Article 9. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. It shall be the duty of each member of the Association to familiarize himself with these By-Laws and strictly adhere to same.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the President or Vice-President, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, to call the meetings into association. If a quorum is present, the body may proceed with business according to program.

Article 3. All persons, who are qualified delegates to this Association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws under which this Association is governed.

Article 4. All visiting brethren are invited to seats in the Association and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except voting.

Article 5. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor over ten minutes at the time, without permission of the chair. No member shall be recognized by the presiding officer without first rising and addressing the chair, and shall not proceed until recognized by the chair.

Article 6. No member of the body shall be allowed to leave its session without permission of the chair.

Article 7. The business of this Association shall be governed by parliamentary regulations.

Article 8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any Committee, or officer, at any one time.

Article 9. The program of each session of this Association shall be prepared by the Program Committee which shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk of this Association, together with the pastor and clerk of the entertaining church, and shall be distributed thirty (30) days in advance of each sitting of the Association.

Article 10. Each session of the Association shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article 11. The clerk of the conference shall be required to keep each sitting of this conference, and shall be able to produce same at request of the body at any time.

Article 12. Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment.

Article 13. These by-laws may be amended at any regular session of the conference, by a two-thirds vote of the body.

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