

Minutes

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THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION
O F
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1953

PROCEEDINGS
of the
76th ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At The
BUNCOMBE CHURCH
CARTHAGE , TEXAS

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Buncombe Church, Thursday night, October 1 at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting opened with song led by Charles Bailey with Mrs. Huey Gower at the piano.

Remarks of welcome were made by the moderator, Rev. Huey Gower and the host pastor, Rev. J. M. Goode.

Mrs. Huey Gower led in prayer.

Rev. J. M. Goode brought the evening message, using Luke 19:28-41, as his text a portion of the 31st verse, "Because the Lord hath need of him."

Visitors were given a cordial invitation to stay overnight in the community.

Bro. John Gary led the closing prayer.

Friday Morning

Session called to order by Rev. Huey Gower, Moderator.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", led by Mrs. Huey Gower.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Williams.

Devotional by Rev. Noah Tuttle, using Psalm 32 as the scriptural basis of his remarks.

Roll call of churches made, a quorum established, and ministers, deacons and delegates enrolled. The following churches were present: Youngblood, Good Hope, Mt. Olive, Union Arbor, Harper, Dirgin, Fellowship, Buncombe, Mt. Union and Jameson Memorial.

Delegates were: Mrs. Birley Tompkins, Mrs. Jimmie Pelham, Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs. Gaston Clary, Mrs. Huey Gower, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Weaver, Mrs. Bill Berry, Mrs. Vic. Broome, Sonny Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Alexander, Mr. John Fitzgerald, Mrs. Nettie Godwin, Mrs. Ouida Morris, Mrs. J. O. Lambeth, Mrs. T. W. Smith, C. E. Curbow, Ed Lunsford, Mrs. T. T. Megason, and Mrs. Mary Brown.

Deacons registered were: Henry Birdwell, Fred Grant, Chester Young, P. H. Graves, Joseph Morris, C. E. Curbow, Ed Lunsford and Ernie Weaver.

By Motion, the following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Divine Committee: Rev. J. M. Goode, Bro. Ernie Weaver and Bro. Henry Birdwell.

Resolutions: Rev. T. W. Smith, Mrs. Huey Gower and Rev. Noah Tuttle.

Temperance: Mrs. T. W. Smith, Mrs. Carlton Weaver and Rev. Robert Kimbrell.

Finance: Mrs. Bill Berry, Bro. T. T. Megason and Bro. Carlton Weaver.

Christian Education: Mrs. Claude Tompkins, Mrs. T. T. Megason, Mrs. Jake Fears.

Standing of Ministers: Bro. P. H. Graves
Bro. C. E. Curbow and Bro. Ernie Weaver.

Missions: Mrs. Gaston Clary, Mrs. Vic
Broom and Mrs. Foy Alexander.

Evangelism: Bro. Fred Grant, Bro. Joseph
Morris, Mrs. Mary Brown,

Obituary: Bro. John Fitzgerald, Bro. Chester
Young and Mrs. Foy Alexander.

Letters were read from the above named
churches. Five dollars in each letter for
minutes.

By Motion, letters received and deleg-
ates seated.

Prayer by Bro. Joseph Morris.

Meeting adjourned for five minutes
recess preceeding eleven o'clock service.

Song service led by Rev. Huey Gower.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Kimbrell.

Rev. Huey Gower brought the message
using Hosea 4:1-12 for scripture reading
and Matt. 28:19-20 as text, speaking on
Missions and the Doctrinal Position of Free
Will Baptists.

Prayer- Rev. T. W. Smith.

Friday Afternoon

Session opened with song service led by Mrs. Vic Broome.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Williams.

Devotional- Rev. Robert Kimbrell, who used 1 Cor. 2:4-9 and John 14: 1-2, as scriptural basis for message.

Chair called for reading of ministers reports. By Motion, reports received as read, to be placed in the minutes.

Chair called for business and officers were elected as follows:

Moderator- Rev. Huey Gower.

Assistant Moderator- Rev. A.A.Williams.

Clerk- Mrs. John Gary.

Assistant Clerk- Mrs. Huey Gower.

By Motion, delegates to State Association elected as follows: Mrs. Bill Berry, Mrs. John Gary, Mrs. J. M. Goode, Bro. Charles Jameson, Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. Vic Broome, Mrs. T. T. Megason and Mrs. Joe Ferguson.

Motion carried that the moderator be empowered to appoint and fill any vacancy at State meeting.

Oral reports were given as follows:

League Encampment- Mrs. Jake Fears.

League Rally- Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Goode

Women's Auxiliary Convention- Mrs. Goode
Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Gower and Mrs. Clary.

Orphanage report- Rev. Williams, Mrs.
Goode and Rev. Gaston Clary.

Rev. Gaston Clary announced League
Rally October 13, at Good Hope Church.

Mrs. Gower encouraged church wide Stew-
ardship study in all churches.

Mrs. Goode made announcement of new F.
W. B. publication "Contact", subscription
price-\$1.00, urging all to subscribe.

The Divine Committee reported that Rev.
Robert Kimbrell would bring the evening
message .Saturday morning message would be
brought by Rev. T. W. Smith.

Adjournment.

Friday Night

Song service led by Mrs. Gower, follow-
ed by testimonial service led by Rev. Gower.

Rev. Robert Kimbrell brought the evening
message, using as scripture Isaiah 5. His
subject was "No Rain".

Prayer- Mrs. Ethel Carmichael.

Saturday Morning

Song service led by Mrs. Gower with Mary Ellen Williams at the piano.

Prayer: Rev. E. J. Vaughn.

Devotional from Mark 6:44 by Rev. C. D. Stegall.

Committee reports were called for. Resolutions report read, received and acted upon item by item.

Temperance report read and adopted.

Finance report read and adopted.

Report on Christian Education read and adopted.

Song service preceeding 11 o'clock message led by Mrs. Gower, followed by prayer led by Rev. S. P. Griffin.

Bro. Graves read minutes of dedicatory service of Buncombe church which was organized in 1922 but building dedicated on August 28, 1938. Rev. Smith, who preached the dedication sermon, brought the message from Psalm 46, using verse 8 as his text, "Come, behold the work of the Lord."

Song-"Amazing Grace" was sung and everyone shook hands with Rev. Smith in appreciation of his ministry.

A love offering of \$21.08 was given him, as the eldest minister of the Assoc-

iation.

Prayer- Rev. S. P. Griffin.

Saturday Afternoon

Rev. J. A. Page brought a message from 1 Peter 5th chapter, using the subject, "Suffering for Christ's Sake".

Chair called for business and report of the Committee on Standing of the Ministry was read and adopted.

Report from Chrystal Farms Church read and accepted as information.

Additional ministers' reports read and adopted.

Obituary report read, silent prayer concluded by Rev. Gaston Clary.

Report on Evangelism read and adopted.

Report on Missions read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Motion carried that minutes be mimeographed to cut expense and that Rev. Gower be authorized to mimeograph the minutes. Motion that the clerk again notify ministers not reporting in an effort to secure reports.

By motion, the moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to study the need of perfecting the Constitution and By-Laws of

this association.

This Committee is: Rev. Gaston Clary,
Rev. Noah Tuttle and Rev. J. M. Goode.

Minutes read and approved.

Closing prayer- Rev. T. W. Smith.

Mrs. John Gary , Clerk

Rev. Huey Gower, Moderator

Committee Reports

Resolutions

We, Your Committee on Resolution, wish to submit the following for your consideration:

1. Be it Resolved that the Program Committee have the privilege of placing all speakers on program.

2. Be it Resolved that the Thursday night service of the Association be omitted.

3. Whereas, the famed and much publicized "Kensley Report" seeks to expose and explore the private life of America and Whereas it is evident that his report is far from being accurate, Whereas we feel sure that it will encourage immorality and lax living among both married and single,

Be it Resolved that the Texas Association of Free Will Baptists go on record

as bitterly opposing the publicizing of such erroneous and immoral literature which will tend to poison the minds of our youth.

4. Be it Resolved, that the information contained in the church letters and the Ministers' reports be included in the minutes.

5. Be it Resolved, that the Texas Association invite the next session of the Texas State Association to convene with it, and that this association decide on the church.

6. Be it Resolved, that a rising vote of thanks be given to this church for its hospitality and the splendid way that it has entertained this session of the association, also the officers and those on program, and to everyone who has had a part in making this session of the association a blessing.

Rev. T. W. Smith
Mrs. Huey Gower
Rev. Noah Tuttle

Mission Report

Since the Calverys are still planning to go to the Foreign Field and Texas Free Will Baptists have been called upon for a larger Foreign Mission quota than ever before and in view of Christ's last command to go ye therefore and teach all nations, the undersigned constituting the committee on Missions do therefore make the following recommendations to this body:

1. That we continue our support of the Calvary's .

2. That we put forth a special effort in the interest of the General Foreign Mission Fund.

3. Continue to support denominational enterprises through Unified Program.

4. Cooperate fully with State and National Foreign and Home mission Boards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Gaston Clary

Mrs. W. V. Broome

Mrs. Foy Alexander

Christian Education

We, your Committee on Christian Education, are pleased to report that education among Free Will Baptists in general presents a much brighter picture than heretofore.

Our Bible College at Nashville has been a tremendous success from the beginning. Many of our Bible college graduates are serving on the field and are accomplishing much for the cause of Christ.

We make the following recommendations to this body:

1. Support Bible college with prayers and offerings regularly.

2. Encourage Free Will Baptist young people to attend our school.

3. Support Texas- Central Texas Free

Will Baptist Encampment.

4. Encourage attendance of both ministers and laity.

5. Give all publicity possible to Encampment and Bible College.

Mrs. Claud Tompkins

Mrs. T. T. Megason

Mrs. Jake Fears.

Evangelism

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

We recommend each church of this association to conduct a class in personal Soul winning some time during the year.

We recommend that each church strive to maintain a Wednesday night prayer service and much emphasis be placed on world wide revival.

Fred Grant

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

1. We firmly believe that the Biblical plan for financing a church of any of God's work is tithing. Therefore, we recommend:

A. That each minister, deacon and lay member stress tithing at every opportunity.

B. That every minister of this body plan a special program on stewardship during the coming year.

C. That each church send at least one child or more to Youth Encampment with expenses paid.

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Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Bill Berry

Bro. T. T. Megason

Bro. Carlton Weaver

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report:

There is entirely too much intemperance in our ranks. We beg our people to take every precaution against intemperance

and to abstain from all intoxicating beverages and to set every example possible against intoxicating beverages because of the fact that many homes have been wrecked on account of the liquor traffic. We beg to ask our people in the name of Christ to leave whiskey alone in all forms.

Many children are crying today for food because of drink habits.

Mrs. T. W. Smith

Mrs. I. C. Weaver

Rev. Robert Kimbrell

Obituary

We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to report the following deaths in the past year: Mr. Will Barrett, Mr. Walter Barrett, Mr. John Lunsford, Mr. Victor Broome and Mrs. Pearl Wyatt.

We recommend that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of our departed ones and that the prayer be concluded by Bro. Gaston Clary.

Mr. J. T. Fitzgerald

Mr. Chester Young

Mrs. Foy Alexander

Standing of the Ministry

We, your Committee on the Standing of the ministry, beg to report the following

We believe the ministers of this association to be a group of men being led by the Spirit and to be upholding the teaching of the Scriptures as accepted by the Free Will Baptists and doing their duty as best they can with the cooperation they have from the membership and recommend that the members cooperate more fully in maintaining the ministers and that we encourage more ministers to come into our association with the idea of establishing and maintaining more and stronger churches in this association that the cause of Christ may be advanced to the fullest extent.

P. H. Graves
Ernie Weaver
C. E. Curbow

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury beginning of year-	\$6.80
Received from churches-----	\$50.00
Received from Ministers -----	\$11.00
Total	<u>\$67.80</u>

Paid out to State Dues-	\$16.00
Clerk hire-----	\$10.00

Balan ce in Treasury ----- \$41.80

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT									
GOOD HOPE	66	see ch.	61	85.75	15	62.14	80	11	3
FELLOWSHIP	35						40	9	1
JAMESON MEMORIAL	53	299.09	24	55.96	6	65.77	59	25	
DIRGIN	37						75	0	4
MT. OLIVE	63	206.33	51	118.15	8	71.25	140	14	0
HARPER	21						56	0	6
UNION ARBOR	50	93.16					138	4	3
YOUNGBLOOD	30		19				38	1	0
MT. UNION	67	10.00					100	4	3
BUNCOMBE	50	189.46	33	155.29	14	89.97	75	4	1
CRYSTAL FARMS	30	2.08							
TOTAL	521	800.12	118	411.15	43	267.13	791	72	21
		S. S. ENROLLMENT							
		S. S. OFFERING							
		LEAGUE ENROLLMENT							
		LEAGUE OFFERING							
		W. A. MEMBERSHIP							
		W. A. TOTAL OFFERING							
		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							
		MEMBERS RECEIVED							
		MEMBERS DISMISSED							

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT CONTINUED

	GOOD HOPE	MEMBERS DECEASED	TOTAL CH. OFFERINGS	PAID PASTOR	OTHER EXPENSES	DENOMINATIONAL EXPENDITURES
FELLOWSHIP	0		2680.53	2198.00	202.74	265.24
JAMESON MEMORIAL	0		8412.69	520.00	447.77	
DIRGIN	0		925.30	2100.00	6198.66	71.85
MT. OLIVE	1		2259.85	720.00	190.64	45.00
HARPER	0		611.35	1662.60	370.50	200.70
UNION ARBOR	0			188.00	261.04	
YOUNGWOOD	0			748.83	159.09	
MT. UNION	3		547.76	170.00	71.80	11.30
BUNCOIT BE	0		2846.25	412.25	65.06	75.00
CHRISTAL FARMS	0			1339.70	464.05	143.00
TOTAL	6		18283.72	10059.38	8431.35	812.09

MINISTERS' REPORT

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MINISTERS' REPORT CONTINUED

CLARY, GASTON	\$ 2345.00	\$3220.00	\$5565.00
GOODE, J. M.		2100.00	4000.00
GOWER, HUEY	896.91	495.79	1392.70
GRIFFIN, S. P.			151.83
KESTER, MRS. ARMANDA	(See Previous Page)		
PAGE, J. A.	450.00		450.00
SMITH, T. W.	520.00	21.00	541.00
STEGALL, C. D.	170.00	40.00	210.00
TUTTLE, N. G.	3200.00	300.00	3500.00
VAUGHN, E. J.			327.00
WILLIAMS, A. A.	1500.00	150.00	1650.00

RECEIVED for
SERVICE

RECEIVED FROM
OTHER SOURCES

TOTAL RECEIVED

