

Minutes of East Texas District Association
Quarterly Meeting when convened with
Mt. Olive Church on Jan. 8, 1955.

Saturday morning session

Meeting opened with prayer by
Rev. Gaston Clary, moderator

Song Service - Rev. J. M. Goode

Prayer - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Devotional - Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

The theme of love was very ably
emphasized by using 1 Cor. 13 Chap.
He concluded his devotional with prayer.

Business

Credentials Committee reported that
pastors & ^{deacons} delegates from following
churches were eligible for seats in the
body: Youngblood, Stewart, Centerpoint,
Dirgin, Buncombe, Good Hope, Mt. Olive,
Fellowship, Union Arbor.

They also reported that Jamerson
Memorial Church was not eligible
to seat in body because of disorderly
walk.

The Credentials Committee met on Dec.
30, 1954. The report of Rev. Tray McDonald
was approved and a Card of Good
Standing in the East Texas District Association
was issued on basis of report.

Motion & second that report of
Credentials Committee be accepted
Request by M. G. Tuttle that work
of Credential Committee be explained
Moderator explained work of
Credential Committee
Discussion on points of order
Question called for
For Motion 2

Against

Rev. C. D. Stegal asked to give oral
report to Credential Committee. Report
was satisfactory and Card of Good
Standing was issued by clerk.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn,
and Rev & Sister McAdams, Huntsville
recognized as visiting ministers.

Ministers present were: J. M. Goode,
Gaston Clary, A. A. Williams, Troy L.
McDonald, C. D. Stegall, S. P. Griffin,
C. F. Ferguson and Amanda J. Kester.
Days Program with necessary
changes was adopted by motion
and second.

The following were appointed
on resolutions Committee by

Moderator: Rev. Robt. Kimbrell, Rev. C. F. Ferguson & Lee Fears

Dismissal prayer - Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
Recess

Song Service - Mrs. Ernest Wade

Motion & second that Rev. Stegal be seated in body

Motion Carried

Mrs. Amanda Kester asked the privilege to acknowledge that she voted wrong when she voted for the motion to refuse Jamerson Memorial a seat in the body.

Worship offering of \$2.63 was taken.

Morning Message - Rev. J. M. Goode

1 John 3:11-18 - 4:11-20

Subject: "The Evidence of Love" He pointed out that true Christians must show evidence of God's love in our hearts and lives.

Remarks from host pastor

Prayer - Rev. A. A. Williams

Lunch

Song Service - Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

Prayer - C. E. Oliver

Special Music - Margie Freeman & Sue

Bailey from Stewart Church
Remarks by Rev. C. J. Ferguson
Devotional - Rev. Bob Kimbrell
Using John 3:16 as a text he
explained that Jesus was best
example of love.

Business

Report given by State Executive Secretary.
discussion of Student loan fund
Committee

Motion & second that present
board stay in office until annual
meeting before election of 1 yr.
members.

Motion Carried

Finance & representation section
of Constitution explained
Report of Resolution Committee
given.

Motion & second to accept report
and vote on it item by item
Item I

Be it resolved that this association
continue to promote the support of the
Wesley Calverys serving as our
missionaries. And that we encourage

individuals and corporations to give freely to their support and that we hold them up to the throne of Grace in our prayers.
Motion Carried

Item II

Be it resolved that we, with Central Texas association continue to support the youth encampment and that we earnestly pray for good to be accomplished through the Camp.

Motion Carried

Item III

Be it resolved that from henceforth we be more careful about accepting ministers to preach in our association.

Motion Carried

Item IV

Be it resolved that our pastors prayerfully & earnestly stress the great need to our Churches of peace and harmony among ourselves.

Motion Carried

Item V

Be it resolved that we give thanks to God and Host Church for this splendid session of the association.

Stewart Church invited next session of association. Invitation was accepted. Discussion of appointment of Committee to try to bring about reconciliation with Jefferson Memorial & Harper's Grove Churches.

Motion & second that moderator appoint Committee of three.

Motion & second to amended motion and change number from 3 to 9.

Motion Carried

Credentia. Committee reported request of Rev. Gower to make apology to body.

~~Request granted~~

Motion & second to grant request.

For 21

Against 12

Rev. Gower stood before entire body and made public apology.

Discussion on accepting apology.

Rev. Mooneyham suggested that Credentials be restored to Rev. Gower on probationary basis.

Remarks by Rev. Clary

Discussion

Motion & second that apology be accepted & Rev. Gower be put on probation until annual meeting in Oct. 1955.

More discussion

Motion & second to amend motion to read Oct. 1956

Motion Carried

Question called for
For 18

Against 12

Terms of probation discussed.

Motion & second that Credential Committee be given power to revoke Credentials of Rev. Gower at anytime he is found out of line with Free Will Baptist practices subject to action of next meeting of association.

Motion Carried

Rev. Gower agreed to terms of probation & agreed to satisfy committee of his whereabouts at all times.

Motion & second to adjourn.

Motion Carried
Right Hand of Christian
Fellowship given Rev & Mrs.
Gower.

Benediction - Rev. Clary

Gladys Berry, clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with Stewart Free Will
Baptist Church on April 9th 1955

Morning Session -

Moderator called body to order at
9:30

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson
devotional - Rev. L. K. Brasher spoke
on Christian attitudes from 1st Peter.
Business

Credentials Committee gave its
report and delegates and other
eligible voters were seated.

Motion and second made to adopt
recommendation of Committee. ~~and~~
Motion carried

Motion & second that program
be adopted with necessary
changes.

Motion carried

Moderator appointed the following
on Resolutions Committee.

Chairman - Lee Fears

Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Miss Mary Brown

Letter read from Rev. Mrs. Amanda
J. Kester by Clerk requesting her
name to be dropped from our

roll.

Motion and second to place letter in hands of Credentials Committee

Motion Carried

Clerk acknowledged mistake made in Fellowship financial report in minutes of annual meeting.

Request was read from Good Hope Church to license C. E. Oliver for one year.

This request was referred to Credentials Committee.

Rev. L. K. Brashier asked for information about reading Church letters.

Motion and second that body vote on reading of Church letters.

Discussion

For motion 17

against 5

Letters were read by Clerk

Motion & second to receive reading of letters.

Motion Carried

The following motion was made to be placed on table to be acted upon in afternoon session.

"motion made to amend article IV of Constitution to read - The Executive Committee will have the privilege of voting with the moderator voting only in case of a tie"

Motion & second that body work out plan for Kilgore Mission to report.

Discussion

Motion Carried

Motion & second that mission report on regular church letter form and mark in mission work.

Motion Carried

Prayer - Rev. A. A. Williams

Recess

Song Service - Mrs. Earnest Wade

Morning offering - \$13.72

Special Music - Mrs. Wade & Mrs. A. A. Williams

Message - Rev. C. E. Oliver

Scripture 4:29 - He brought a

very inspiring message on
Christian Attitudes

Prayer - Rev. S. P. Griffin

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Mrs. Ernest Wade

Prayer - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Devotional - Rev. Bob Kimbrell

1 John 3:2 as text

He closed his devotional with
prayer.

Special Music - Sue Bailey & Margie
Freeman

Business

Resolutions Committee gave their
report.

Motion & second to adopt report
and vote on it item by item.

Item I Resolved that we
continue to support the
Calverys, who are our missionaries
to Japan and to encourage
others to give

Item carried

Item II was voted down since
it was a repetition of a
resolution already passed.

Item III Be it resolved that all the churches use the printed forms to make their reports.

discussion

Item carried

Item III Resolved that we extend our thanks to host Church for hospitality

Item carried

Motion & second that amendment placed on table pertaining to article IV of Constitution be passed

Motion carried

Credentials Committee reported on request of Mrs. Kester

Motion & second to adopt report and give chair privilege to appoint Committee of three ladies to talk to Mrs. Kester.

Motion carried

Rev. C. J. Fergusson, chairman of committee appointed to contact Jamerson Memorial Church to effect reconciliation reported failure to accomplish purpose, but expressed hope that it could be done

later.

Motion & second to receive report.
discussion

Motion Carried

Motion & second to defer until
next meeting dealing with
Jamerson Church

Motion Carried

Discussion again

Motion & second that body
set a time limit on meeting
with Church.

discussion

Motion defeated

Compton selected as home for
next meeting

Credentialed Committee reported
favorably on examination of
Rev. C. E. Oliver and he was
granted license for one
year.

Ministers present were: Gaston
Clary, A. A. Williams, C. F. Ferguson,
S. P. Griffing, L. K. Brasher and
Robert Rumbell.

Churches reporting were:

Fellowship, Stewart, Mt. Olive, Good
Hope, Union Arbor, Mt Union and
Buncombe & all in sent letters
without delegates.

Mrs. Gladys Berry, clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with Mt. Olive Church
on July 9, 1955

Morning Session -

Meeting was called to order by
Rev. Gaston Clary, Moderator.

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Prayer - Bro. Bill Travis

Devotional - Rev. Kimbrell

Proverb 17-22:22-6

Subject - Training our Youth. He
closed his devotional with prayer.

Churches present were: Good Hope,
Lurkin Union arbor, Youngblood,
Mt. Union, Mt. Olive, Fellowship,
Hilgore Mission. Buncombe represented
by letter.

Ministers present were: Rev. Kimbrell,
Rev. Clary, Rev. Williams, Rev. Ferguson,
Rev. Brasher, Rev. Stegal, Rev. Griffin
& Rev. Oliver.

Rev. James F. Minor & Rev. Bill
Travis were recognized as
visiting ministers.

Report of Credential Committee
was given & delegates were seated.
Delegates, ministers and officers
were asked to stand for prayer.

by Rev. Clary

1st motion & second nominated delegates were seated.

Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

Letters read

Corrections were made on letters.

Motion & second that letters be received but action be deferred until afternoon session.

Motion Carried.

Moderator appointed the following on Resolutions Committee:

Miss Avis Kinard

Mrs. C. F. Ferguson

Rev. C. E. Oliver

Report given by committee who was appointed to talk to Mrs. Kester.

Report received

Discussion

Prayer - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Recess

Song Service - Rev. Brasher

Morning offering - \$11.42

Morning message - Rev. Brasher

Scripture Rev. 11-1

Subject: God's Measurement
Invitation Song - "Only Trust Him"

Prayer - Rev. James Minor

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Mrs. G. A. Parker

Prayer - Rev. Ferguson & Rev. Williams

Devotional - Rev. C. J. Ferguson

Scripture - "Remember Thy Creator In
Days of Thy Youth"

Report on Youth Camp - Mrs. Gaston Clary

Report on Childrens Home - Rev. James Minor

Business

Report of Resolutions Committee
was received & voted upon item
by item.

Item IV Resolved that this body stand
in a vote of appreciation to Mt.
Olive Church for its open hand
of fellowship

~~on~~ Item passed

Item III Resolved that this body
either elect or give moderator
power to appoint a committee
of 5 members to arrange for

a combined sunrise service next
Easter morn of 1956.

Motion & second that item be
adopted giving moderator power
to appoint Committee
motion carried

Item II Resolved that this body
encourage our churches to put
forth more effort to support our
Childrens Home systematically.
motion carried

Item I Resolved that this body
send a delegation of three to our
Childrens home in Ringling,
Okla. to obtain first hand
information on existing
conditions and report findings
at next meeting.
motion carried

Motion & second that body
pay gas & oil expense of trip.
motion carried

Since Fellowship & Mt. Union
both asked for next meeting
of body, a vote was taken and

Mt. Union selected.

Rev. Ferguson, Chairman of Committee appointed to talk to Jamerson Memorial Church reported that nothing definite had been accomplished but he still felt they might be reclaimed. Motion & second to ~~not~~ receive report. Motion carried.

Matters of letters tabled in morning session brought before body.

Motion & second to discontinue reading of Church letters.

Motion defeated.

More discussion of Jamerson Memorial Church.

Letter of resignation from Rev. Clary read.

Motion & second to ~~accept~~ ^{accept} Rev. Clary's resignation as moderator. Motion carried.

Discussion on election of Asst. Moderator.

Motion and second that Rev. Williams appoint Asst. Moderator. Motion carried.

More discussion on Jamerson Memorial Church matter.

Motion & second That Executive Committee be given authority to restore fellowship to Jamerson Church if N. G. Tuttle resigns after Sunday night or withdraw fellowship completely if he continues as pastor.
Motion Carried

Motion & second That Moderator inform members of Jamerson Memorial Church of last motion before Sunday night service.
Motion Carried

Rev. Ferguson appointed asst. Moderator.

Motion & second That last motion be stricken from record.
Motion Carried

Motion & second to adjourn.
Motion Carried

Benediction - Rev. Clary.

Mrs. Gladys Berry, Clerk.

Minutes of annual Meeting of East Texas
District Association when convened with
Mt. Union Church on Oct. 7-8, 1955

Friday morning session

Meeting was called to order by assistant
moderator, Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Song Service - Mrs. Francis Bell

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Goode

Devotional - Bill Berry using as Scripture
Hebrews 2:1-3. His subject was "Obedience
To Christ."

A partial report of Credential Committee
was given and delegates were seated.

The moderator appointed Mrs. J. M.
Goode, Mrs. Joe Ferguson and Mrs. Leeman
King on the Resolutions Committee.

Motion carried that moderator appoint
Program Committee for another year.

By motion & second moderator appointed
Floyd Boatman, Mrs. C. F. Ferguson and Mrs.
Leeman King on obituary committee

Bill Berry was nominated as chairman
of nominating committee, and was elected
by acclamation. Motion carried that
all ministers and deacons present
serve with Mr. Berry on nominating comm.
Ministers present were: Rev. Goode, Oliver &
Braschier.

Minutes of last meeting were read

and approved.

Church letters were read. Motion made and sustained that letters be tabled so Good Hope & Mt. Union could be corrected & read later.

Recess

Song Service - Mrs. Francis Bell
Message - Rev. J. M. Goode. He used the 5th Chap. of Mark for a very inspiring message.

Prayer - Rev. Robert Kimbrell

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Mrs. Bell

Prayer - Rev. L. K. Brashear

Devotional - Mrs. J. M. Goode using Psalms 90

Rev. & Mrs. Robert Kimbrell were seated in body.

Report of nominating committee was given. Those nominated by committee and elected were: Moderator - Rev. J. M. Goode, Asst. Moderator, Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Clerk - Mrs. Gladys Berry. Mrs. Leman King was nominated & as asst. Clerk by committee. Mrs. Pastor Clary was nominated from floor. Mrs. Clary was elected.

Rev. Gaston Clary was nominated and elected Chairman of Ordaining Council. Members elected were: Rev. Robert Kimbrell, Rev. L. K. Brasher, Bill Berry and Ernie Weaver.

Discussion of Student Loan Fund. Motion made & carried to retain Mr. Pelham on board. Ronnie King was nominated to fill place of Mr. Megason. Motion made and seconded that nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Discussion of Sunday School Board.

An oral report of Womens auxiliary was made by Mrs. Clary.

An oral report from Childrens Home at Ringling Okla. was given by Rev. C. E. Oliver.

Rev. Ferguson read the constitution and By-laws.

Rev. Brasher invited all to stay and spend night and attend League Rally.

Dismissal Prayer - Mr. Curbo.

Saturday morning session.

Song Service - Mrs. L. K. Brasher.

Prayer - Mrs. Brasher.

Devotional - Rev. J. M. Goode using John 4:14-39 as a basis for his remarks.

Rev. & Mrs. H. Ray Berry were recognized as visitors. Rev. Crank was also recognized as a visitor.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Oliver, Mr. Donald Lunsford and Mr. Tom Phillips to serve on ordaining council for this session with Rev. Dodd & Rev. Chary in the absence of other members.

Motion carried to accept program for the day with necessary changes.

Moderator appointed program committee for another year as follows: Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. Joe Ferguson and Mrs. Lewis Jordan.

Letters were taken off table and motion carried to receive them.

Discussion of Sunday School Board. Motion made and sustained that matter of Sunday School Board be referred to Executive Committee and Rev. Oliver to work out changes to art. 13 of Constitution and their duties and report at next meeting.

discussion - motion carried

Dismissed for Recess with Prayer by
Rev. Berry

Song Service - Mrs. Brasher

Worship offering - 22.39

Moderator introduced Rev. H. Ray Berry
of Huntville who brought a very
inspiring message

Prayer - Rev. C. E. Oliver

Afternoon session

Song Service - Mrs. Brasher

Prayer - Rev. S. P. Griffin

Devotional - Mrs. S. P. Griffin - Scripture Mark 5

Report of Kilgore Mission read & received

Obituary Report read and received

Body stood in "moment of ~~stan~~ silent prayer

Concluded by Moderator for families

of deceased who are: Rev. J. W. Smith,

Jerry Linton, Lloyd Linton, Ida Briggs,

Sam Broome, Mrs. Birdie Simpson and

D. J. Dollar

Resolutions report was made and

received to be acted upon item by item

Item I. Whereas the Wesley colverys

are Texas Free Will Baptist and are

now doing mission work in Japan

be it resolved that this district

association promote their support and encourage individuals and corporations to give systematically to the Calvary Fund. - motion carried

Item II - Be it resolved article XI in the by-laws be amended to read as follows, "The following committee shall be appointed at each setting of the association: Resolutions and at the annual session the five following shall be ~~appointed~~^{elected}: program, obituary, nominating Christian Ed. & Temperance - Item tabled.

Item III Since our denomination has a new plan of work "The Co-operative Plan" be it resolved that this plan be explained to the body, and this information be carried back to each local church and be encouraged to adopt this plan of work. Deferred for few minutes

Item IV Be it resolved that we give thanks to God and standing vote to host church for splendid way we have been entertained.
Motion Carried

Item V Whereas the Free Will Baptist Encampment is a joint enterprise between Central Texas & East Texas associations and whereas the expenses of the camp are paid by these associations. It is resolved that this association contribute \$100.00 to this fund. Discussion. Motion carried.

Mrs. H. Ray Berry gave report on the Free Will Baptist Encampment. Upon motion and second this report was received.

The ordaining Council gave a partial report recommending that the following ministers be given cards of good standing: J. M. Goode, Robert Kimbrell, C. D. Staggall, C. E. Oliver, L. K. Braschier, C. F. Ferguson, Gaston Clary, A. A. Williams, Gray McDonald, and S. P. Griffin. Upon motion & second report was accepted.

An invitation for association to meet at Buncombe next time was read. By motion and second invitation was accepted.

Delegates to State Association were appointed as follows: Mrs. Braschier, Mrs. Clary, Mrs. Jake Fears, Mr. Curby,

Mrs. Curbo, Mrs. Goode. Motion made That remaining delegates be appointed by moderator or someone representing this association after we get to state meeting - motion carried

Co-operative plan of work was explained by Rev. C. E. Oliver and Item III of Resolutions Committee was accepted.

Final Report of Ordaining Council was given.

Item I upon due consideration this committee recommends that this body issue a license to preach the gospel for one year under the name Free Will Baptist to Chester Lee Satchelben of Mt. Union Church - motion carried

Item II Upon due consideration this committee recommends that this body issue a license to preach the gospel for one year under the name Free Will Baptist to Horace Clifton, but defer issuing license until April meeting - carried

Item III Upon due consideration this committee recommends that this body issue a license to preach the Gospel for one year under the name Free Will Baptist to William Travis but defer issuance of license until April meeting - Motion carried.

Announcement was made of ministers and deacons meeting.

Motion & second to adjourn

Benediction - Rev. H. Ray Berry

Mrs. Gaston Clary, asst. Clerk.

Ministers present were: Revs Ferguson, Broshier, Olines, Kimbrell, Goode, Clary, Stegall & Griffin.

Deacons present: Bill Berry, Charlie Curbo, Tom Phillips, Jack Broome, Donald Lunsford, Ed Lunsford and Watt Williamson.

Churches representing: Mt. Olive, Mt. Union, Buncombe, Stewart, Good Hope, Youngblood, Jonnerson Memorial, Fellowship, Kilgore Mission, Union Arbor and Virgin represented by letter only.

Campbell sent in dues after association.