

minutes of East Texas district association
when convened with Buncombe Free Will
Baptist Church on Jan. 7, 1956

Saturday morning session

Meeting was called to order by moderator
Song Service

Prayer - Rev. A. A. Williams

Devotional - Mrs. Claude Tompkins Taken
from Philippians

Minutes of last meeting were read. on
motion & second minutes were received as
read.

The following were appointed by moderator
to serve on Resolutions committee:

Rev. C. D. Stegall

Rev. A. A. Williams

Mr. P. H. Graves

Program for day was accepted with
any necessary changes by motion
and second.

Song Service - Mrs. Claude Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Crank

Motion & second that moderator
members to serve on Credentials
committee in absence of regular
members.

Rev. Stegall, Lee Fears and P. H. Graves
were appointed.

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Visitors were recognized.

Report on State Convention - Rev. J. M. Goode.

Report of Credential Committee was given and on motion and second delegates were seated.

Motion & second That Deacons & ministers coming in later might be seated.

Prayer - Rev. C. D. Stegall

Recess

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Griffin

Morning message - Rev. Gaston Clary

Luke 6: 46

Subject: Inconsistency of Christians

Song

Prayer - Rev. Goode

Lunch

Afternoon session

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Kimbrell

Devotional - Rev. Crank

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Business

Reading of request from Kilgore Mission

for body to send ordaining council to
examine mission for purpose of
organization

Discussion

Motion & second That body send council
to answer request.

Motion & second that ordaining council of
body be given this authority
discussion - motion carried

Invitations from Youngblood and Good
Hope for next meeting were read.

Youngblood 10

Good Hope 12

Letters from Churches were read. Motion
and second That body receive letters
Motion carried

Report of Credential Committee on
examination of W. H. Bailey for license
to preach the Gospel for one year was
given.

Council requested that body grant
W. H. Bailey license. Motion carried.
Rev. Clark presented Resolution
recommended by Ministers and
deacons meeting. Namely: any
person must hold memberships

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in a Free Will Baptist Church
for one year before being
licensed to preach under
name of Free Will Baptist. on
motion & second resolution
was adopted.

Programs were discussed. Several
suggestions were made on getting
programs into each church
before association meets.

Rev. Stegall gave report from
Resolutions Committee.

Motion & second that resolutions
be acted upon item by item.

Motion carried

Item I Be it resolved that
this body give \$75.00 to
Cooperative Plan.

Discussion - motion carried

Item II Be it further resolved
that all ministers, deacons and
church members give publicity
to youth camp which commences
Aug. 13th

Discussion - motion carried

minutes of said District Association
held at the Church of the Holy Spirit
April 24, 1954

Item III Be it resolved that This
association cooperate with ministers
and Deacons meeting in the District
Wide Revival Campaign.

Discussion - motion carried

Item IV Be it Resolved that this body
give standing vote of Thanks to host
Church for hospitality. motion carried
motion & second to adjourn. motion carried
Song - God Be With you Till we meet Again
Benediction - Rev. Hebron

Churches representing were: Mt. Olive,
Fellowship Union Arbor, Youngblood,
Buncombe, Good Hope, Campbell,
Jamerson Memorial, Kilgus Mission.
Stewart by letter only.

ministers present: Rev. J. M. Goode, Gaston
Clary, A. A. Williams, S. P. Griffin, C. D.
Stegall, (Rev. Crank)

Gladys Berry, Clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with Good Hope Church
on April 7, 1956

Morning Session

Meeting was called to order by Rev.

J. M. Goode Moderator

Song Service - Rev. L. K. Brashier

Prayer - Rev. A. A. Williams

Devotional - Rev. C. D. Stegall

Business

Moderator appointed the following
on Credentials Committee to pass on
Church letters:

Rev. A. A. Williams, Rev. C. F. Ferguson,
Rev. C. D. Stegall, Rev. C. L. Sochtleben,
Bro. P. H. Graves.

Minutes of last meeting were read and
received by motion & second.

The following were appointed by the Moderator:
Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, Mrs. A. A. Williams and
Mrs. Lerman King. (Resolutions Committee)

Days program was adopted with
necessary changes.

Announcements were made by Rev. Brashier,
Oliver Goode & Mrs. Griffin.

Song service, while waiting for report of
Credentials Committee to report, was
led by Rev. Brashier.

Prayer - Rev. Gaston Clary

Credentials Committee reported that letters & delegates from the following churches were eligible: Youngblood, Mt. Olive, Buncombe, Union, Arthur Jamerson Memorial, Stewart, Mt. Union, ~~First Free Will Baptist Church of Kilgore~~, Fellowships, Good Hope, Virgin.

Letters were read & delegates seated.

Motion & second that body accept First newly organized First Free Will Baptist Church of Kilgore into association

Motion carried & delegates from that Church were seated.

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Goode

Recess

Song Service - Rev. Braschier

Prayer - Rev. Kimbrell

Morning message was very inspirational & timely on subject we teach by Example
Scripture - Col. 1: 27-29

Announcement about lunch was made by Rev. Oary, host pastor.
Lunch

Afternoon session

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Miss Avis Kinard

Devotional - Rev. C. E. Oliver

Scripture 1 Cor. 3-16 - Subject: Being an Example.

Business

On motion & second late delegates from Union Arbor were seated.

Moderator asked Asst. Moderator to act in his place because of physical weakness.

Rev. Clary was granted permission to replace absent delegates.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Item I reading as follows was read:

Be it resolved that this body recommend that each pastor and each church where it is not in practice, start meeting for mid-week prayer service.

Motion was made & passed after discussion and amendment was added.

Item II

Be it resolved that this body instruct delegates to go back to their

respective Churches and promote
the encampment.

discussion of Camp plans by
Rev. Clary

Motion & second to pass item two.
Item III

Be it resolved That This body
give host Church a standing vote
of Thanks for hospitality

Motion & second That item III be
adopted and necessary action taken
Report on Childrens home by Forrest
Berry & Rev. Oliver.

Announcement was made about plan
of Rev. James Grimes to visit the
association was made & plans for his
itinerary were made.

Report was received by motion
and second after much discussion
Ladies Auxiliary Report was given
by Mrs. Clary.

Motion & second to receive the report.

Announcement was made about
plans of College Quartet to
visit the association.

Motion & second That body

accept invitation of Youngblood
for next meeting place in July.

Mrs. Griffin thanked body for
accepting new Church in
Kilgore into association.

Motion made by Rev. Goode for
host pastor for each meeting to
be a member of program committee
and help arrange program
discussion.

Explanation given by Rev. Clary that
~~item~~ art. 12 of By-laws would
have to be amended to make this
change.

Motion was tabled until July
meeting.

Suggestion made by Rev. Oliver
that both nights of Girls
Quartet visit be held at

Jamerson Memorial Church
with all churches of association
to attend.

Rev. Oliver offered his resignation
as Student Loan Fund Chairman
discussion.

Body accepted his resignation.

Rev. C. L. Sachtleben was nominated
and elected unanimously.
Program for League Rally. ^{was} ~~these~~
read.

Motion & second to adjourn
Benediction - Forrest Berry

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with Youngblood Church
on July 7, 1956

Morning Session

Meeting was called to order by
Moderator

In the absence of Credential Committee,
the Moderator appointed the ordained
ministers present to serve in their
stead.

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Frank Breedlove

Devotional - Bobbie Ferguson

Brought very inspirational message
from Proverbs Chapter Three on
"Seeking for Things we Need"

Credential Committee reported that
the following churches were eligible
and their delegates seated: Mt. Union,
Buncombe, Centerpoint (by letter), Virgin,
Youngblood, First Church Kilgore, Union
Arbor, Fellowship, Stewart, Mt. Olive, and
Good Hope.

On Motion & Second report was
received.

Visitors recognized were Bobbie
Ferguson, Frank Breedlove and Rev.
Kenneth Eggleton.

On Motion & Second Ministers

and Deacons were seated with delegates.

Church letters were read and received on motion & second.

Minutes of last meeting were read and received.

Motion & second to accept days program with necessary changes.

Motion & second that amendment to art. 12 of ^{By-Laws} Constitution that was tabled at last meeting be removed from table & disposed of. Motion carried discussion.

Motion & second that motion again be placed on table. Meanwhile moderator was to appoint committee to re-word motion for afternoon session.

Rev. Satcheben, Bill Berry, Rev. Williams were appointed on this Committee.

Motion & second that moderator appoint Resolutions Committee.

The following were appointed:

Mrs. Gaston Clary

Mrs. Ernest Wadd

Mrs. S. P. Griffin

Motion & second that moderator

appoint members to complete ordaining Council to examine Frank Breedlove for license.

Revs Williams & Ferguson were appointed on motion & second body was dismissed for short recess.

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Eggleston

Message - Rev. Satchelben

Scripture - Eph: 2: 1-6

Subject - God's Love

Invitation Song "Let Him Have His Way With Thee"

Announcements

Benediction - Rev. Doode

Lunch

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Devotional - Rev. Bob Kimbrell

Subject - The Love of God

Business

Moderator asked committee to report on rewording of amendment to art. 12 of ^{by laws} constitution, but committee had failed to meet. They were excused to meet.

Body discussed meeting place for annual meeting, since no church asked for it.

Motion & second that next meeting be held at Jamieson Memorial, if that was agreeable, and all churches were to be responsible for the food.

Motion & second that Woman's Auxiliary be responsible for notifying churches on which day to bring lunch.

Motion carried

Committee on amendment to art. 12 reported that they were ready. The following amendment was read:

"The program of each session of the association shall be prepared by the regularly elected ~~program~~ program committee and host pastor. Programs to be distributed not less than two weeks in advance of date of session of association."

Motion & second that amendment be added to art. 12.

Motion & second to accept report of resolutions committee ready by Mrs. Clary.

Items were to be acted on item by item.

Item I read - Be it resolved That this body recommend That each pastor and his Deacons meet once a month.

Discussion

on motion & second item was accepted

Item II Be it resolved That a Committee be appointed to work among the churches of the association in the interest of the encampment.

Rev. Clary explained resolution and asked for cooperation from pastors & churches

motion & second to adopt resolution

Body gave Moderator power to appoint committee to serve. It was agreed that he give matter some thought before appointing committee.

Item III

Be it resolved that this body give host church a rising vote of Thanks for their splendid Hospitality and delicious lunch

motion was adopted.

Ordaining Council reported That examination of Frank Breedlove for

license had been favorable. Body
voted by motion & second to grant
license.

Motion & second to adjourn
motion carried
Benediction - Gladys Berry

Gladys Berry, Clerk.

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with Jamerson Memorial
Church on Oct. 13-14, 1956

Friday Morning Session

Rev. J. M. Goode, Moderator called the
meeting to order.

Song Service - Rev. L. K. Brashier
Praise - Rev. L. P. Griffin
Devotional was brought by Rev. Brashier
using Love as his theme.

Welcome - Mrs. Leemon King

Minutes of last meeting were read and
approved

Credentialed Committee retired to examine
the Church letters

Resolutions Committee was appointed as
follows: Mr. O. H. Graves, Mr. Tom Phillips
and Mr. J. L. Anderson

Nominations were declared in order
for obituary Committee, Mrs. Brightwell,
Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. ~~Griff~~ Brashier
were nominated. Motion was made and
seconded that Nominations cease and
these three be elected by acclamation. Motion
carried.

Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs. O. A. Bridglove and
Mrs. Bill Berry were nominated for
program Committee. By motion & second
Nominations ceased, they were elected
by nomination.

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Goode.

Recess -

Meeting came to order and report of Credentials Committee was given. Letters were read and delegates seated.

Program was adopted with necessary changes.

Song Service - Rev. L. K. Brashier

Message - Rev. Robert Kimbrell. He brought a very inspiring message using as a text "God so loved" with scripture from John 3:16.

Song - Rev. L. K. Brashier

Prayer - Mr. Anderson

Lunch

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Mrs. Claude Tompkins

Prayer - Bill Berry

Special Music - Mrs. Claude Tompkins and Mrs. S. P. Griffin.

Devotional - Bro. P. H. Graves using as his scripture Psalms 103

Prayer - Mr. Graves

A letter from Rev. Sachtleben wishing to withdraw from Free Will Baptist denomination, was read by The

moderator. By motion & second request was granted and clerk was ordered to give him a letter of recommendation.

The Obituary Committee reported and report was adopted.

Motion was made and seconded that each church clerk attach the names of deceased members to their church letters at the next annual meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion about holding Friday night session at next annual meeting was held. Motion made & seconded that Friday night service be held, beginning with present session motion carried.

The Chair was given power to appoint speaker for night session

Motion was made to have afternoon message on Friday at annual session motion carried.

The invitation from Stewart Church to entertain next session of body was accepted by motion & second.

offering was taken (\$13.18)

offertory Prayer - Rev. Griffin

Meeting adjourned

Night Session

Rev. L. K. Brashier brought the
message for evening service
Saturday morning

Moderator called meeting to order
Song Service - Rev. L. K. Brashier
Prayer - Arthur Fears

Devotional - Rev. C. F. Ferguson using Matt. 5:1-13
and 1 Cor. 12:31 as his scripture

Motion made and sustained to give
moderator power to appoint nominating
committee. Mr. Dunn, Lee Fears and
Jake Fears were appointed.

Arthur Fears was appointed to take
place of Mr. Jim Phillips on resolutions
committee. He was absent because of illness
of Mrs. Phillips.

Motion was made that Chair be given
power to appoint encampment committee.
Carried. Moderator asked to be given
time to consider & promised to appoint
later.

Motion made, ^{seconded} that matter of Sunday
School Board be dropped. Item carried

By motion & second moderator was
given power to appoint speaker for
morning message in absence of Rev. Stegall.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted
discussion was held about Student Loan Board
dismissed for recess with prayer by Rev. Clary
Song Service - Rev. Brashier
Prayer - Lee Fears

The Moderator introduced the morning speaker,
Rev. Crank, who spoke on God's House. His
Scripture was taken from Matt 4:4 and the
14th chapter of John.

After invitation song, Rev. Kimbrell dismissed
in prayer for lunch

afternoon session

Song Service - Mrs. Brashier

Prayer - Miss Avis Kinard

Devotional - Mrs. O. D. Breedlove using as her
theme "Our Responsibility as Mothers and
Fathers to our Children". She used Psalms
173:3 as her Scripture

offering of \$17.77 was taken with Rev. Goode
praying offertory prayers.

Letter from Centerpoint Church was
read and received.

Resolution committee report was read and
received to be acted upon item by item
Item I Whereas, the Wesley Alvays, who are
Texas Free Will Baptist, are on the mission

field in our behalf, therefore, we resolve that this association continue to support them with our prayers and finances. Item Carried

Item II Whereas, the youth encampment is a joint enterprise between the Central & East Texas District Associations, and whereas the expense is paid by these associations. Be it resolved that this body contribute (\$100) one hundred dollars to the Camp fund. and that each church through its officers encourage more young people to attend. After discussion, item Carried

Item III Be it resolved that we make some provision for our young people to have a place on our program and to encourage them to take more interest and have a larger part in our associational work.

Item Carried

Item IV Be it resolved that we give thanks to God, the host church and any church or individual who contributed to the success of this association. Item Carried

A standing vote of Thanks was

given with Rev. Brasher voicing our thanks to God for wonderful association. Report of ordaining Council on ministers letters was read and received. The following were considered and granted new cards: C. F. Ferguson, L. K. Brasher, Robert Kimbrell, J. M. Goode, C. E. Shier, Gaston Clary, and S. O. Griffin. They also reported that Rev. Crank had been examined and recommended that he be given a license to preach for one year.

Motion was made that all churches be asked to help supply food for annual session of association. Amendment was added to motion to make each session self supporting. Motion was passed with amendment added. Consequently from now on each church will be expected to bring picnic lunch.

Nominating committee reported. Motion carried to receive report and elect each officer separately. The following officers recommended by nominating committee were elected:

Moderator - J. M. Goode

Asst. Moderator - C. F. Ferguson

Clerk - Treasurer - Mrs. Gladys Berry

Asst. Clerk - Treasurer - Mrs. Gaston Clary

By motion & second ordaining council as recommended by nominating committee was elected. Rev. Clary was nominated as Chairman with Rev. Kimbell Rev. Brashier Bill Berry & Ernie Weaver to complete the ~~the~~ council.

Motion was made to elect Chairman of Student Loan Board to take Rev. Sachtler's place. Rev. Brashier was elected. Discussion was held on Student Loan Board. Motion & second was sustained to discontinue old board and organize a new one. Rev. Clary was elected as Chairman of new Board to serve three years. Other members were Bill Berry, 2 yrs, Rev. L.K. Brashier 2 yrs, Rev. Kimbell 1 yr, Rev. Griffin, 1 yr.

Motion carried to receive report of youth encampment given by Rev. Clary

Motion carried to receive women's auxiliary report given by Mrs. Griffin

Motion made & sustained that this body contribute 10% of their funds to the Student Loan Fund.

Motion carried to dispense with reading & correcting of minutes

Motion was made & carried to issue Rev. Don Ellis a card of good standing, since he could not attend meeting because of death in family.

Motion carried to issue Rev. Stigall's card, since he had been called out of town.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Rev. Troy McDonald prayed Closing prayer.

Mrs. Gaston Clary,
Assistant Clerk

Churches representing were: Mt. Union, Stewart, Virgin, Fellowship, Youngblood, Kilgore, Mt. Olive, Union Arbor, Good Hope, Buncombe, Jamerson Memorial and Center Point.

Ministers Present were: Revs. Goode, Ferguson, Kimbell, Brashier, Griffin, Clary & Crank.

Rev. Troy McDonald was a visitor.

Deacons present were: Arthur Fears, P. H. Grimes, J. L. Anderson, Jake Fears, Lee Fears, Bill Berry, James Buckner, Donald Lunsford and Lewis Jordan.