

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptist when convened with
Stewart church on Jan. 12, 1957.

Morning Session

Meeting was called to order by moderator,
Goode.

Song Service - Rev. Ellis & Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Moore

Song - Mrs. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. C. B. Tompkins

Devotional - Bro. Lee Fears

The following were appointed on
Resolutions Committee: Mr. Donald
Lunsford, Mr. Jake Fears and Mr. Luke
Lunsford

Visitors recognized were: Rev & Mrs.
Moore and Rev. C. B. Tompkins

Moderator asked Rev. Ferguson to read
By-laws to body.

Minutes of annual meeting were read
and accepted on motion & second.

Report of Credential Committee was given
by Rev. Brasher and received by
motion & second.

Letters were read by Assistant Clerk from
the following Churches: Union Arbor,
Stewart, Mt. Union, Jamerson Memorial,
Bancroft, Youngblood, Mt. Olive, Kilgore,
Good Hope & Carthage.

Motion made that New Church at Carthage be received into association and delegates seated along with other delegates. Motion seconded motion was sustained. Alternates from Kilgore & Good Hope were seated in place of absent delegates.

Discussion was held on changing date for calling pastors of association.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Ferguson was followed by a short recess.

Song Service - Mrs. O. Tompkins

Prayer - Rev. Robert Kimbrell

offertory prayer - Rev. Doode

Morning offering \$28.76

Special music - Rev & Mrs. L. K. Brashier

Morning message - Rev. Don Ellis

Scripture - Matt. 16:1

Subject: Some of the Faiths & Practices of The Early Church. Rev. Ellis brought a very timely message & encouraged all present to follow these faiths & practices.

Invitation to stay for lunch was extended by host pastor.

Remarks by Rev. Tompson who was

visiting from Central Texas association.
Benediction & Blessing ^{and} food was given
by Rev. Don Ellis
Lunch

Afternoon Session

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Prayer - Rev. J. P. Griffin

Sermonette - Bro. Arthur Fears

Scripture I Tim. 6:

Subject: Putting Things of God First and
The Rest shall be added.

Resolutions Committee reported and on
motion & second body voted to accept
report & act upon resolutions item by
item.

Item I Be it resolved that this association
nominate & elect a digest committee.

On motion & second item one was adopted
Digest Committee was explained by Rev.
E. Ellis.

~~Attention of body was~~ Attention of Body was
called to fact that Art. XI of By-Laws
would have to be changed before
this committee could be elected.
After much discussion, amendment to
Art. XI of By-Laws was placed in

Writing & tabled to be acted upon after recess was declared.

Item II which reads: Be it resolved that this association "Check the possibilities of a district sponsored Radio Program".

After a lengthy discussion motion and second were sustained to adopt resolution.

on motion & second chair was given power to appoint this committee.

Item III Be it resolved that the association sponsor the registration fee at the League encampment.

After resolution was clarified, motion and second were sustained.

Ordayning Council, ^{Rev. Clary chairman}, gave their report as follows:

1. We recommend that Lee Fears be granted license to preach for one year.

Motion & second to receive.

Motion carried

2. We recommend that license of W. N. Bailey be extended for one year

and then be given another examination by Council.

Recommendation sustained by motion and second

Discussion on receiving new ministers into association

Recess Declared

During Singing of Song "While The Years Roll On", Hymn of Christian Fellowship was given Rev. & Mrs. Don Ellis & Rev. & Mrs. Allen Moore.

Motion & second that tabled amendment to art. XI of By-laws which reads as follows "Be it resolved that art. XI of the By-laws be amended as follows, The following committees shall be appointed at each setting of the association, or any other committees that the body may deem necessary to appoint. Be removed from table & adopted
Motion Carried

Discussion on Pastor calling again.

Motion to recommend to Churches that those who call on annual basis call pastor by July meeting of association.

Motion failed to get a second
more discussion

Motion & second that this association
recommmend to each church that
July first be designated as time to
call pastors.

Discussion again

Motion sustained

Discussion on printing of minutes

Motion & second to print minutes
of annual session.

Motion carried

Kilgore & Mt. Olive invited next
meeting of association

Invitation from Kilgore was accepted

Report on Student Loan Board was
given by Rev. Clary.

Treasurers Report of Student Loan Board
given by Bill Berry.

On motion & second Treasurer of
Student Loan Fund was given
authority to place funds collected
in Federal Savings & Loan.

Motion & second that each church
sch a minimum amount to be
paid each month to Student Loan

Fund, and Treasurers be notified of that amount.

Motion Carried

Report on "Needs of Calvary" by Mrs. Gaston Clary

Rev. Goode, Moderator appointed the following Committee:

Radio - Rev. Don Ellis, Rev. Gaston Clary, and Rev. C. E. Oliver.

Digest Committee: Mrs. Joe Ferguson, Mrs. Don Ellis and Mrs. S. P. Griffin.

Motion & second to adjourn

Motion withdrawn

Spring Revival discussed

Motion that Executive committee make plans for revival & notify churches.

Motion sustained

Motion & second to adjourn

Motion Carried

Benediction - Mrs. J. W. Smith

Mrs. Gladys Berry, Clerk

Ministers present were: Revs. J. M. Goode, C. F. Ferguson, Bob Kimbrell, Allen Moore, Gaston Clary, C. E. Oliver, S. P. Griffin, L. K. Brashier, W. H. Bailey (Abs.) C. B. Simpson (Visiting)

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when convened with First Free Will Baptist
Church at Kilgore April 13, 1957

Morning session

Meeting was called to order by Rev. J. M. Goodie
Moderator.

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Devotional - Mrs. C. F. Ferguson followed by
prayer by Mrs. S. P. Griffin.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

Report of Credentials Committee was given
by Rev. L. K. Brasher.

Roll call was made and delegates seated
on motion & second.

The following visitors were recognized:
Rev. & Mrs. C. B. Thompson from Central
Association & Mr. Wilson Ewing.

On motion & second from floor, the
Chairman was given power to appoint
resolutions Committee. The following
were appointed: Mrs. Don Ellis, Mrs. Barley
Jenkins, Mrs. S. P. Griffin.

Rev. Don Ellis reported on findings of
Radio Committee. He explained that
the 7:30 spot on Sunday mornings
would be available for \$10 for 30
minutes or \$5 for 15.

Motion & second that this body buy Radio
time on KGRD for 15 minutes each

Sunday at 7:45 for this quarter.
motion carried

Pledges were taken from all who would help support this program. The money to be sent to Clerk & bill for Radio time mailed to her for payment.
motion & second that Rev. Don Ellis be appointed as speaker for this quarter

Motion carried

Discussion of missionary conference recently held at Jamerson Memorial Church was held.

motion & second that body adopt recommendation of Executive Comm. on holding missionary conference annually

Purpose of conference was explained by Rev. Ellis.

Rev. Clary invited conference to ~~be~~ convene at Good Hope

motion & second that conference run Mon thru Sat.

motion & second to accept Good Hope invitation to entertain conference.

Motion carried

Motion & second That offering be taken to pay Rev. Ellis for rest of expenses of speakers of missionary conference held in March.

Offertory prayer - Rev. Doode

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Brashier for morning recess

Song Service - Rev. Ferguson

Prayer - Rev. Gaston Clary

Message - Rev. C. B. Thompson

Scripture II Peter 3-10 verses rest of chapter

After a very timely message, Mrs. S. P. Griffin invited the body to stay for lunch. Benediction & Blessing on food was given by Rev. Thompson.

Lunch

Afternoon session

Song Service - Rev. L. K. Brashier

Devotional - Rev. Allen Moore opened with prayer.

Scripture II Peter 3:14

Subject: This Is The Life

Letters from Churches were read

Rev. Doode mentioned electing a promotional Secretary for foreign missions.

Rev. Clary explained that By-laws would have to be changed before this could be done.

Motion & second to elect man to act in interests of different phases of the denomination in our district.

Motion carried

Rev. Ellis & Rev. Clary were nominated
Motion & second that nominations cease

Rev. Ellis was elected.

Report of committees

Report of Digest Committee Mrs. Joe Ferguson
on motion & second report was adopted.

Resolutions committee report was given by Mrs. Don Ellis.

Item I. Be it resolved that this body give standing vote of Thanks to host Church for hospitality

Item carried

Credential Committee Report by Rev. Clary

Committee reported that they found Albert B. Golding worthy of license to preach the gospel for one year
Motion & second to grant license
motion carried

Student Loan Report - Rev. Clary
Student Loan Treasurers Report - Bill Berry
Announcements
Motion & second to adjourn
motion carried
Benediction Rev - S. P. Griffin

Mrs. Gladys Berry, clerk

Churches present were: Buncombe, Carthage,
Good Hope, Mt. Union, Mt. Olive, Union
Arbor, Jamerson Memorial, Youngblood &
Kilgore.

Ministers present were: Rev's J. M. Goode, S. P.
Griffin, Allen Moore, Gaston Clary, L. K. Brasher,
C. D. Stegall, C. F. Ferguson & Rev. C. B. Thompson
Don Ellis (visitors)

Minutes of East Texas District
Association when convened with
Good Hope Church July 13, 1957

Morning session was opened by
moderator J. M. Goode.
Song Service Mrs. Claude Tompkins
Devotional - F. B. Welch using John
1:5 & Math. 13-47 as his scripture.
Minutes of last meeting were
read and adopted.

Treasurers Report was given
Ordained Ministers and Deacons
were seated.

On motion & second Credential
Committee report ^{given} by Rev. Clary
was received & delegates seated
from the following Churches: Good
Hope, Jomerson Memorial, Union
Arbor Mt. Union, Stewart, ^{Young} ~~Young~~
Carthage, Kilgore, Mt. Olive and
Burncomb.

Motion & second That Chair
appoint members to replace absent
members on digest committee to
assist Mrs. S. P. Griffin
Mrs. C. F. Ferguson & Mrs. Wassel
Brightwell were appointed.
Mrs. J. M. Goode, Mrs. Lester Harris

Mrs. Nettie Godwin were appointed to serve on Resolutions Committee. Rev. Brasheer invited all churches to attend a meeting at Mt. Union Church July 20th in the interest of Youth Camp. Discussion of Radio program was held.

Motion & second that association continue 15 minute Radio program

Motion carried with pledges being made to support program for next three months.

Revs Ellis, Clary & Moore were nominated for Radio Speaker.

Rev. Clary was elected

Jamerson Memorial, Buncombe and Carthage asked for next associational meeting. Carthage was selected.

discussion was held on appointing delegates to National association. Motion & second ~~was in~~ to represent on State level was defeated.

Recess was declared by moderators
with dismissal prayer by Rev. Clary.

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Morning Message - Rev. Robert Kimbrell

Scripture Luke 16

Romans 1:13

Prayer - Rev. L. K. Brashier

Lunch

Afternoon Session opened with song
service by Rev. Don Ellis

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Goode

Devotional - Rev. Allen Moore

Subject: Precious Promises with
Scripture II Cor. 4:9.

Business

Report of Resolutions Committee was
given by Mrs. Goode & received.
to be acted upon item by item.

Item I Be it resolved that we
encourage each Church to tithe
to the association treasury in
support of the Cooperative plan.
motion & second to adopt was
withdrawn when attention was
drawn to fact that this conflicted
with art. VI of constitution.

matter was discussed fully.
motion & second to appoint
committee to word amendment
to art. VI of Constitution and
specify use of funds sent
in.

Rev. Ferguson acting as moderator
appointed Revs. Eluk, Clary and
Moore on this committee.

Item II Be it resolved that association
send 75% of Cooperative funds
to State promotional Secretary &
retain 25% in district
treasury.

This item was delayed until
item one had been clarified.

Item III Be it resolved that the
associational promotional
Secretary be paid 2¢ per mile
to make it possible for him
to visit churches in interest
of our work.

Motion & second to adopt
with mileage allowance in-
creased to 5¢ per mile.
motion carried.

Item IV Be it resolved that the association follow the suggested monthly emphasis of our denominational work as suggested in Woman's Aids Yearbook.

Motion & second that Item IV be adopted. Item V we recommend in as much as William & Anne Travis have been sent to Cuba by our national foreign mission board, that this association contribute to their support since they are members of a Church in this association.

Item V carried on motion and second.

Item VI Be it resolved that this body give rising vote of thanks to host Church for splendid hospitality.

Motion carried.

Report of rewording of art II of constitution was given by Rev. Clary.

Report was received and placed upon table to be removed after short recess.

Motion & second that members

of this Committee rework art. VI
of Constitution and present to
next meeting of this body.
motion carried.

← Recess declared by singing of song.
Amendment to art. VI of
Constitution removed from
table.

Art. to read as follows. "The
work of this association shall
be financed by the Churches
of which it is composed. 25%
of all cooperative funds shall
be retained for district work."
The rest of art. to read as it is
in present condition for the
present.

This 25% retained from Cooperative
Funds shall be broken down
as follows:

1. 10% district general fund
 2. 25% Student Loan fund
 3. 40% promotional work
 4. 25% district home missions
- Motion & second to adopt
amendment carried.

Motion & second to adopt
amendment carried.

digest Report was read and adopted
Church letters were read & adopted
Camp Information was given by
Rev. Clary

Announcements were made and song
service was held while Credentials
Committee examined F. B. Welch and
Ivan Godwin who had asked for
license to preach.

Offering of \$8.09 was taken
Credentials Committee reported
favorably on both Candidates &
they were granted license to preach
one year.

Motion & second to adjourn carried
and body was dismissed by
prayer by Rev. Albert Golding.

Ministers present were: Revs J. M.
Goode, C. F. Ferguson, Allen Mosse,
Don Ellis, Robert Kimball, Gaston
Clary & licensed ministers Albert
Golding & Lee Fears

Mrs. Gladys Berry, Clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association
when Convened with First Church of
Carthage on Oct. 11-12, 1957

The morning session was opened by the
moderator, Rev. J. M. Goode
Song Service - Mrs. Claude Tompkins
Devotion - Allen Godwin

The moderator appointed members to replace
Credentials Committee members who were absent.

Congregation singing was led by Mrs. Tompkins
after prayer by Rev. Don Ellis, Mrs. Tompkins again
led the body in a song.

The report of Credentials Committee was accepted
and delegates from were seated from the following
churches Good Hope, Carthage, Kilgore, Buncombe,
Mt. Olive, Mt. Union, Youngblood, First Church of
Henderson and Stewart.

At the direction of the body, the moderator
appointed the following Committees - Obituary,
Mrs. Claude Tompkins, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Lawhorne.
Resolutions, Mr. Curbo, Rev. Golding and Rev. Ellis.
Christian Education, Bill Berry, Rev. Allen Moore,
and Mr. P. H. Graves. - Digest, Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs.
B. Strong and Mrs. J. M. Goode. - Temperance, Mrs.
Reuben Hays, Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, and Mrs. C. F. Ferguson.

Motion passed to seat delegates whose
letter had not arrived and accept letter
when it came.

~~From~~ Minutes of last meeting were read
and approved.

Youngblood and Mt. Olive invited the next association. Motion was passed to go ahead and vote on next place of meeting. Youngblood was selected.

Rev. D. P. Griffin dismissed in prayer for recess.

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Prayer - Bill Berry

After another song, Rev. Ellis introduced the speaker for the morning, Rev. Robert Hill of Nashville, Tenn., who brought an inspiring message taken from Malachi 3: 7-11. After the message Rev. Hill, asked the Christians come to front and Rev. Goode lead in prayer.

After a song, Mr. Graves dismissed the body for lunch.

Friday Afternoon Session

Song Service - Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Prayer - Rev. Suttleworth, a visiting minister from Kilgore.

Song -

Devotion - Rev. Allen Moore using II Tim. 4: 1-2 as his scripture.

Church letters were read and accepted. Motion passed that chair fill vacancy of Credentials Committee to examine Allen Bodwin for license to preach one year.

The Obituary report was read and accepted with a song and a prayer in memory of the deceased. Rev. Ellis led the song and prayer. Temperance report was read and received. Report of Encampment was given and accepted.

The Credentials Committee recommended that Allen Godwin be issued a ~~license~~^{licence} to preach the gospel for one year. Accepted.

An offering of \$13.37 was received and Rev. Holding prayed the offertory prayer. Announcements were made.

Rev. Oliver prayed the closing prayer.

Friday Night

The Friday night service consisted of a regular worship service with Rev. Bubby Welch bringing the message.

Saturday Morning

The meeting came to order with singing led by Rev. C. F. Ferguson.

Devotion - Rev. Gaston Clary using Psalm 116.

A motion was passed that moderator have power to make necessary changes in voting body.

The ordaining Council was given permission to retire.

The letter from Union Arbor Church was received.

The treasurer's report was ~~given~~ given and accepted.

Motion was made that the moderator be given power to appoint delegates to the state association and each pastor work with him in securing delegates. An amendment to the motion passed that moderator be given power to substitute delegates after he gets to state association. Motion as amended passed.

Motion passed that we give one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to the Encampment and also pay registration fee of all Campers in this district to Camp in 1958.

The moderator appointed the nominating Committee as follows Mrs. O.D. Breedlove, Jack Broome, Mrs. Pelham, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Ferguson.

Motion passed that nominating Committee be given power to nominate two members on Student Loan Board.

Amendments to ~~Art~~ Art. VI and Art. X of the Constitution ~~was~~ were read and placed on the table.

By motion and second the chair

was given power to appoint a program committee.

Partial report of Credentials Committee was accepted with following ministers being recommended for cards of good standing ordained - Rev. Allen Moore, Don Ellis, J. M. Goode, Gaston Clary, C. F. Ferguson, C. E. Oliver, S. P. Griffin and L. K. Brashier. Licensed - F. B. Bubby Welch, A. B. Holding and James O. Crank.

Motion passed that Clerk write a letter of recommendation for Rev. Robert Kimbrell to the Association of which he is now a member.

The report of Student Loan Treasurer was accepted.

Motion was made that this district invite the State Association in 1958. - Carried

The body granted the Chair power to appoint a Committee to look into facilities of Churches for state meeting and report back in the afternoon. Revs. Oliver, Ellis, and Clary were appointed.

After a song, Rev. Crank led the body in prayer.

Rev. Ferguson led a testimony service after which he led a prayer and the

group was dismissed ^{for recess.}
Song Service - Mr. Elbert Nations
Message - Rev. Bob Hill using Eph. 2:19
~~and~~ as his scripture.

Prayer - Rev. Hill

Business - A proposed Amendment,
by the Credentials Committee, to Art IX
Sec. 2 of Constitution was read and
placed on the table.

Afternoon Session.

Called to order - by moderator

Chourser - Rev. Hill

Prayer - Rev. Moore

Devotion - Rev. Buddy Welch using Dan.
6:10 as his scripture.

Prayer - Rev. Welch.

There was a round table discussion
on Sunday School conducted by Mrs. Koede.

The report of the woman's Auxiliary
was given and accepted.

The resolution Committee ~~announced~~
announced their work had been taken
care of by motion, so they had no report.

The report of Committee on placement of Church for state association, as Mt. Olive was accepted.

The report of Christian Education was accepted. Motion passed to remove all amendments to Constitution from table.

Motion was made and seconded to accept amendments to Art. VI and Art. X of Constitution - passed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept amendment to Art. IX Section 2 of Constitution. After discussion a motion passed to amend the motion to read, strike out Art. 5 to Amendment. Motion as amended passed.

The ordaining Council recommended that Mr. Darnell be ordained and that the ordination be done by his home church. This recommendation was accepted.

Motion passed that ~~radio~~ radio program be dropped.

Motion passed that all who supported the radio time continue to do so; except money be sent to Apiccia for mission station. The moderator appointed the same program Committee for next year. They all declined. He then appointed Revs. Ellis, Moore and Brashier as program Committee for next year.

The nominating committee's report was accepted except Bill Berry on the Student Loan Board for the reason he was already a member of the board.

Mr. Elbert Nations was nominated from the floor for the Student Loan Board.

Motion was made that nominations cease and Mr. Nations was elected.

An offering of \$5.84 was received and Rev. Darnell prayed the offertory prayer.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator expressed their appreciation to the body for past cooperation.

The meeting closed by the singing of the hymn, "Till we meet again".

Ministers present were, Rev. C. F. Ferguson, J. M. Goode, Allen Moore, S. P. Griffin, Don Ellis, C. E. Oliver, L. K. Brashier & Gaston Clary. Licensed ministers present were, Rev. Bubby Welch, A. B. Golding and James O. Crank. Rev. Robert Hill was a visiting minister.

Mrs. Gaston Clary, Clerk