

Minutes of East Texas District Association of
Free Will Baptist when meeting with Mt. Olive
Church on April 10, 1965

Meeting was called to order by the moderator,
Rev. C. F. Ferguson. Singing was led by Rev. Bobby
Ferguson with Mrs. Mike Fears at the piano.

After a prayer by Rev. Brashier, Rev. Ferguson read
II Cor. 4th Chapter for the Scripture reading.

Rev. Brashier and Rev. Kennedy were appointed to
serve on the Credentials Committee with Rev.
Anderson.

Mr. Elbert Nations brought the devotion, "The need to
be as concerned with our spiritual vision as our
physical vision", using Hosea 4:6 and Prov. 29:18 as
the scripture.

Credentials Committee gave a report and recommended
that delegates from all 11 churches be seated and
that moderators of all churches replace delegates where
needed. Motion passed to accept recommendation.

Request was made that Shreveport Church have
inserted in ~~their~~ their letter that Rev. Doyle
Sheppard be received into association. Also
request was made that Rev. R. J. Kennedy be
received into association. These requests were
turned over to Credentials Committee.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and
approved.

Moderator welcomed the body in behalf
of Mt. Olive Church. Rev. Kennedy and Rev.

Sheppard were welcomed.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Digest - Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. Bill Burns and Mrs. Ivan Godwin. Resolutions, L. K. Brashier, Elbert Nations and Bill Berry.

Offering was received by Bill Berry and Ivan Godwin. Offertory prayer by Ivan Godwin.

Motion to table Change in Art. VI of Constitution ~~was~~ Carried.

Invitation to meet with First Church of Henderson was accepted.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted by motion.

Student Loan report was given and accepted by motion.

Mrs. Nations and Ivan ^{Godwin} were appointed to serve on Credentials Committee.

Motion was made that Chair appoint a committee to look into Student Loan Committee and see if scholarships can be set up and to encourage students to attend the Bible College. Motion passed.

Recess was declared and Rev. Scott led in prayer.

Morning Worship Service was begun by singing a congregational hymn. Prayer by Rev. Sheppard.

Special music was by a quartet composed of

Rev. C. F. Ferguson, R. J. Kennedy, Doyle Sheppard and Bobby Ferguson. Another couple of special songs was sung by a ladies quartett from the Stewart Church. The morning message was brought by Rev. Kennedy. The subject was, "Without the message of God, people perish," using Prov. 29:18 as the scripture. Prayer by Rev. Kennedy.

The group was dismissed for lunch with Arthur Fears leading the prayer.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing led by Bobby Ferguson. Prayer by Rev. Scott and then another hymn was sung.

Rev. Ferguson read John 7:16.

The devotion was by Rev. Sheppard using II Timothy Chapter 3 as his scripture concluding with prayer.

The Credential Committee gave a report and recommended to the body that Rev. Sheppard and Rev. Kennedy be accepted into this association as ordained ministers pending a letter of recommendation. Motion Carried to accept recommendation.

Motion Carried to remove item of Change of Art. XI of Constitution from table.

Motion was made to ammend Art. XI to read on Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in July. Motion Carried.

Motion as Ammended Carried. Art. XI of the Constitution now reads: "The regular sessions of this association shall be on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April and October and the annual session on Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in July at a place designated by vote of the Association at its previous regular session."

Youth Camp Committee appointed were Bill Berry, Bobby Ferguson and Mrs. Gasten Clary.

The Ministers and Deacons made the following recommendations: Item No I. That July 19th be set as Camp time. Item No I Carried.

Item II. That we ask Rev. Eubanks to be evening speaker for Camp. Item II Carried.

Item III That we get The Bible College Quartett to help in Camp. Item III Carried.

Item IV. That a fee of \$7.00 be charged for each camper except those under six years who will be half price. Item IV Carried.

Motion Carried to enter into contract with the Compton Community Center Board.

Motion was made that it be left up to Camp Committee as to how we use funds available. Motion Carried.

Digest Committee report was given and

received.

Resolutions Committee gave report. Item No I. Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to host Church, Item No I Carried by rising.

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Ferguson

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Hester Clay - Clerk

Student Loan Committee appointed by the Moderator were: Rev. R. G. Kennedy, Mr. Elbert Nations and Rev. Doyle Sheppard.

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptist when meeting with First
Church of Henderson on July 2-3, 1965

Friday Night

The meeting opened with singing led by
Rev. R. J. Kennedy with Rev. Cockran at the piano.

The Moderator, Rev. C. F. Ferguson, announced
that Rev. Cockran and Gonzalo Sanchez, a
native of Mexico were present and gave them
a chance to testify. Gonzalo Sanchez, the
general secretary of F. W. B. in Mexico, spoke
and Rev. Cockran ~~was~~ interpreted.

The Moderator then read II Peter 3.

Motion was made and seconded that
Digest Committee be eliminated. Motion was
ruled out of order.

Committees were appointed as follows: Resolutions,
R. J. Kennedy, Lee Roy Anderson and Perry Kodwin.
Obituary, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Tompkins.
Program, the ones who served last year, Mr. & Mrs.
Jake Fears and Mr. & Mrs. Meredith Silvey.
Nominating, Bill Berry, Clyde Guillentine and A.
B. Clark.

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Kennedy.
After another hymn, Rev. L. K. Brasher brought
the evening message using Isa. 6 as his
scripture. He used the message as "who is
prepared to go for Him?"

Rev. Lee Fears closed the meeting with prayer

Saturday Morning.

The meeting was opened with singing led by Rev. Kennedy with Mrs. Mike Fears at the piano.

Psalm 100 was read by the Moderator.

Prayer was led by Rev. Guellentine.

Rev. Kennedy was appointed to serve on Credentials Committee for the day.

Bill Berry brought the devotion using Isa 6:8 with the thought that ministers are going and Lay-members need to go by upholding the ministers.

Moderator spoke to the group about Camp.

Credentials Committee gave their report. They reported 10 Churches in good standing and recommended that delegates and also those arriving later be seated. They further recommended that pastor or moderators of Churches be given power to make any necessary changes in delegation. Motion carried to accept Credentials Committee report and delegates were seated.

A hymn was led by Rev. Kennedy and he then welcomed the body.

Offering was received by Lee Roy Anderson and Perry Godwin. offertory

prayer was by Mr. Godwin

Special music was by Mrs. Lewis Jordan.

Motion was made that we dispense with the digest Committee, motion was seconded and carried.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Recommendation from Scholarship Committee was given and adopted as read. (Report at end of minutes)

Student Loan report was given and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Announcement that Rev. Doyle Sheppard, the morning speaker, was ^{was} able to be here because of ~~illness~~ illness and that host pastor has asked the moderator to bring the morning message.

Motion carried to adjourn business until afternoon.

Prayer was by Rev. Anderson.

Morning worship period was begun by congregation singing.

Prayer by Rev. Kennedy.

Message by Rev. E. F. Ferguson using Luke 8:37-40 as his scripture. He stressed the fact that we can look around us and see the need to go.

Rev. Kennedy made announcement about lunch and Mr. Pepper prayed the closing prayer and asked the Lord's blessing on the food.

afternoon session

The meeting opened with Congregational singing led by Mrs. Claud Tompkins.

Scripture Reading was I John 3:1-11 and prayer was by Bill Berry.

Devotion was by James Pepper. His Scripture was Isa. 4:8 and Gen. 22: 3-11, 18. His topic was service and the necessity to go.

Resolutions Committee report was given.

Item no. I. Be it resolved that this body give the host Church a standing note of thanks and gratitude for their hospitality and fellowship we have enjoyed at this session. - Motion to adopt Carried.

Item no. II. Be it resolved that we urge all to participate in our summer camp in every way possible to make it a complete success. - Motion to adopt Carried.

Obituary Report was given and received. Prayer for loved ones of deceased was led by Rev. Anderson.

Nominating Committee gave their report which was received and acted upon one by one. Each one nominated by Committee was elected. They were as follows: Moderator, Rev C. F. Ferguson - Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lee Roy Anderson - Clerk, Mrs. Gaston Clary - Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Bill Burns - Executive Secretary, Rev. R. J. Kennedy - Ordaining Council, Lee Roy Anderson, Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Gaston Clary, Rev. Clyde Guillemin

and Mr. Watt Williamson. Student Loan member, Mr. Bill Thrasher.

Delegates to State association were appointed as follows: Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, Mrs. P. D. Breedlove, Mrs. S. A. Hyatt, Mrs. Lee Roy Anderson and Mrs. Gaston Clary.

Invitation for next meeting was given by Youngblood and Good Hope. Good Hope was selected.

Credentials Committee recommended that all active ministers be given a card of good standing upon receipt of old card by Clerk. Motion passed to accept recommendation.

Announcement was made that there would be a work on Camp next Saturday and the women would work Thursday.

Motion to adjourn passed.

Prayer was by Mr. Pepper.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Gaston Clary - Clerk.

Student Loan board as follows; Jake Fears and Elbert Nations 1963-66, Bill Berry and Lee Fears 1964-67 and Bill Thrasher 1965-68.

Scholarship Committee Report; Free Will Baptist Scholarship Qualifications for East Texas District Association.

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Dedication

Pastor's Recommendation

Accepted by Bible College.

- II. \$200.00 will be the limit each year to a qualified student. Any student would be eligible again the next year.
- III. Scholarship is to be presented to young person at the yearly meeting in July.
- IV. all pastors are urged to be on look out for qualified, deserving young people and present them to the Scholarship Committee.

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptist when meeting with Good
Hope Church on October 9, 1965

The meeting came to order with singing
led by Mr. Elbert Nations with Mrs. Mike
Fears at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Ivan Godwin.

I John 4:10 was read by the Moderator,
Rev. C. F. Ferguson. He also welcomed the body.

Rev. L. K. Brasher was appointed to serve
on the Credentials Committee.

Rev. R. J. Kennedy brought the morning Devotion
using Phil. 2: 24-25 as his scripture. He urged
that we remember the importance of realizing
that we are brothers & sisters and fellow-workers
in Christ. Rev. Kennedy led in prayer.

Resolutions Committee was appointed as
follows: Revs. Clyde Guillentine, Burl Ferguson
and Ivan Godwin.

Credentials Committee gave a report. They
reported 9 churches reporting and recom-
mended that delegates be seated. Motion
was made ~~that~~ to receive report and seat
delegates and also those coming in later.
Motion was sustained and Carried.

Offering was received by Dennis Nations
and Clyde Guillentine. Rev. Guillentine
prayed the offertory prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read
and approved.

a letter from our missionaries, ~~as~~ the 'Sammy Wilkersons' was read by the Clerk.

Report of Camp was given. Announcement was made that we need a building for Camp and the group was asked to be on look out for one we can move.

Treasurer's report was given and motion to accept carried.

Rev. Kenned gave report from Scholarship Committee as follows: "The East Texas District Association Scholarship Committee has found that we have a deserving and qualified person who is presently attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. Her pastor, Bro. Clary recommends her for a Scholarship. Therefore we the Scholarship Committee recommend that Linda Gillam be granted a scholarship and that the Association send her a letter stating our actions - Signed Bro. Elbert Nations, ~~Dolgo~~ Doyle Sheppard and R. J. ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy - Chairman". Motion to adopt carried.

Student Loan report was given by Bill Berry and was accepted.

Invitation for next meeting was given by Buncombe Church. Motion to accept invitation carried.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Jake Feare as District Reported to State paper.

Motion that we dismiss for recess was made & carried. Rev. Lee Roy Anderson prayed the dismissal prayer.

The morning worship period was begun by congregational singing.

after ~~another~~ prayer was led by Rev. Guillemin, another hymn was sung.

Rev. Henderson and wife from Austin were recognized.

Message was by Rev. Alton Hickey using Rev. 2: 4-5 as his Scripture. He stressed that the great need of the Church is to reach out now through personal evangelism.

Prayer was led by Rev. Henderson.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began by singing. Scripture was read from I Peter 1.

Motion passed to receive Rev. Burl Ferguson into this Association. Motion was made to receive Rev. Alton Hickey into the Association. Motion carried.

Rev. H. L. Henderson of Austin brought the afternoon devotion. He first told us about the Church in Austin and asked for prayer. For the devotion, he read John 4: 35.

and stressed the need to look. Rev. Henderson then led in prayer.

Motion was made that we give Rev. Henderson the morning offering and also take another offering for him. Motion Carried. Rev. Kenned and Rev. Wickey received the offering. ^{B16124} Rev. Kenned prayer the offertory prayer.

Resolutions Committee gave a report which was received to be acted upon item by item.

Item I. Be it resolved that this Association give \$250.00 from the District Home Missions Fund to State Home Missions and it be ear-marked for the work in Austin. Item no. I Carried

Item II Be it resolve that we appoint a divine service Committee to select a preacher at each quarterly meeting. Item II was defeated

Item III Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host Church for the wonderful hospitality shown this Association.

Moderator asked Executive Secretary to see why Shreveport Church didn't ~~not~~ represent at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned with Rev. C. F. Ferguson praying Closing prayer - Respectfully Submitted Mrs. Boston Clark - Clerk