

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptists when convening with
Mt. Olive Church on January 13, 1968

Before meeting was called to order,
Rev J. M. Goode made it known to
the group that his choice was to
remain as member of Credentials Committee
and not to accept the office of
moderator as he was elected at previous
meeting. Rev Goode turned meeting
over to Rev Lee Ray Anderson, assistant
moderator, who then called the meeting
to order. The following were appointed
to serve temporarily on Credentials
Committee: Rev. A. F. Ferguson,
Rev. Harold League, and Bill Berry.
Singing was led by Rev C. F. Ferguson,
with Mrs. Harold League at the
piano. Prayer by Arthur Fease.

The host pastor welcomed the
group and gave devotional using
Philippians 4: 7-8.

Credentials Committee report was
given as follows: Nine churches
reporting; sixteen delegates present
and total of \$100.00 received for dues.

Motion made and passed that
report be accepted and that all

delegates be seated.

Motion made to accept Rev Harold into association upon letter of good standing from former association.

Motion withdrawn. Rev League would have to be examined by credentials committee before being accepted.

Minutes were read and approved.

After examining Rev Harold League, pastor of First Church of Henderson, Credentials Committee made motion that he be accepted into this association in full fellowship as an ordained minister. Motion carried.

Resolution committee was appointed as follows: Bill Berry, Arthur Fearn, and Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Since Rev J. M. Goodie's choice was to remain as member of credentials committee, Rev Lee Ray Anderson ~~was~~ automatically become moderator and a new assistant be elected.

Rev L. K. Brackin was elected as assistant moderator.

Bill Berry and Arthur Fearn were elected to as new members.

needed on ~~Executive~~ Credentials Committee.

Motion passed to adjourn for recess
Prayer Rev A. F. Ferguson

Worship service opened with
singing led by Rev C. F. Ferguson.

Union Arbor requested that group
have special prayer and that love
offering be taken for Rev Lee Feass.
Prayer by Rev Lee Ray Anderson. Special
Offering was taken.

Regular offering was received.

Additional singing was led by Rev
C. F. Ferguson. Special music was
brought by Rev A. F. Ferguson, Rev
C. F. Ferguson and Rev Harold League.

Message by Rev Harold League
using as scripture Philippians 4:1-9

Host pastor announced lunch

Prayer by Rev C. F. Ferguson

Afternoon session opened with
singing led by Rev C. F. Ferguson
with Mrs. Harold League at piano.

Devotional given by Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Scripture taken from Nehemiah 4:1-6, 2:12

Good Hope Church invited the next meeting. Motion passed to accept invitation.

Motion made to accept Resolutions Committee's ^{report} as follows: Be it resolved that we give Hart Church a rising vote of ~~Thanks~~ thanks. Motion carried.

Student loan report given and accepted.

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson informed the group that the response to the state indebtedness had not been good and urged each church to send \$10.00 toward this. He also ask each church to send name to State Executive Secretary for paper.

Motion made and passed to adjourn. Prayer Mrs. Harold League

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Nan Green
Clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association of
Free Will Baptists when Convening with the
Good Hope Church April 13, 1968

Meeting was called to order by moderator,
Rev. Lee Ray Anderson. Singing led by
Rev. A. F. Ferguson with Rosalie Bism
at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Harold League.
The host pastor welcomed the group.
L. K. Brashier and Lee Feas were
appointed to serve temporarily on
credentials committee.

Devotion given by Mrs. Allen Nix.
Credentials committee's report was
given as follows: 8 churches reporting,
total dues received, \$80.00 and that
all delegates be seated. Motion
made and passed that report be
accepted and delegates be seated.
Stewart Church invited next meeting.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following were appointed to
serve on Resolutions Committee:
Elbert Nation, Rev. A. F. Ferguson,
and Rev. Harold League.

Motion made that the district
reimburse Rev. Rachie Kennedy,
State Executive Secretary, for copies
of state minutes a cost of \$22.50
for 90. Motion carried.

Motion made to accept Stewart's invitation for next meeting.

Motion passed.

Motion made that Rev. Elwin Godwin be granted a card of good standing in this association.

Motion carried.

Motion passed to adjourn for evening Prayer by Elbert Watson.

Worship service opened with singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson with Mrs. Harold League at the piano.

Moderator read a card of thanks from Lee and Lou Mary Fear for the love offering given to them at previous meeting.

Offering was received.

Prayer by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Additional singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Message was brought by Rev. J. McGovern using as scripture Matt. 28:16 and Acts 1:8-11.

Hart pastor announced lunch.

Prayer by Rev. Lee Fear.

Afternoon Session opened with singing led by Mrs. Claud Tompkins with Regina Tompkins at the piano. Prayer by Mrs. Bill Berry.

Special music was brought by Rev & Mrs. Harold League.

Devotion brought by Mrs. Harold League using Hebrew 11: 8-16 as scripture.

Resolution Committee report was given. Motion passed to vote on it item by item.

Item I. Be it resolved that each church send cards or letters to ministers who are ill, Rev C. F. Ferguson and Rev L. M. Partin.

Item I. Carried

Item II Be it resolved that this body give the host church a rising vote of thanks for hospitality.

Item II Carried.

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Student Loan report given and accepted.

Camp Fund report was accepted as read.

Mrs. Fearw told the group that she had a signed notarized statement from Rev. Goode stating that it was by their own request and choosing that the funds of \$926.00 be replaced into the fund and not the choosing of the camp committee.

Mrs. Leroy Anderson requested that as a point of information, someone should give a report to the district of any information concerning the discrepancy found in the camp fund some time ago.

Mrs. Jake Fearw, camp treasurer, told the group that when she went to the bank to check on the balance of the camp account, the bank told her that the money was gone. The parties involved were then contacted and by the camp committee. Mrs. Fearw said that after several meetings and much discussion that the money had been put back into the account at the ~~Citizen~~^{First} National Bank in Henderson.

Rev. J. M. Goode told the group that Barbara Dunning, camp treasurer for the time in question, said that she did not take the money. Rev. Goode went on to say that upon the advice from his banker a note was made and the money had been repaid in full. After much discussion,

A motion was made that we as a district have copies of the checks in question analyzed by a handwriting expert to see if they were forged; the motion included the following: (1) if checks were forged, we conduct a further investigation be conducted, (2) if checks were written by Barbara Dunning, she should make public apology before the district. Motion was seconded but did not carry.

Rev A. F. Ferguson, ~~announced~~ ^{announced} camp director, ~~announced~~ that camp would be June 24-29 and urged the attendance of all to come.

Motion made that with the authority of camp committee a stove and refrigerator be purchased for the camp for the price of \$60.00 from Rev Gaston Clary. Motion carried.

Bill Berry announced that Judy Smith would be awarded a scholarship from the district when it was needed.

Student Loan Board voted not to grant any more scholarships.

Rev. Harold League requested
the prayer of each church as
he serves as camp evangelist.

Motion carried to adjourn
Prayer Mrs. Ruth Tompkins

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Nan Dean

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptists when convening with
the Good Hope Stewart Church, July 5 & 6, 1968

Friday Night

The Moderator, Rev. Lee Roy
Anderson, called the meeting to order.
Singing was led by Rev. L. K. Brashier
with Marilyn Fears on piano.

Prayers by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson

Moderator read scripture taken
from Isaiah 40:31. Additional
singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Moderator appointed following
committees:

Nominating - Rev. A. F. Ferguson,
Donald Lunsford; Rev. Harold League

Obituary - Judy Smith, Rosa Hayatt,
Mrs. L. K. Brashier

Resolutions - Mrs. Bill Barry,
Louise Fears; Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Program committee to be
appointed at Saturday session.

Singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.
Prayer by Rev. Lee Fears.

Message by Rev. L. K. Brashier
using Revelation 11:3-12, Hebrews 9:27
as his scripture.

Dismissal prayer - Mrs. Jake Fears.

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Saturday Morning

Meeting was called to order by Moderator.

Rev. L.B. Welch, and Ivan Rev. Ivan Godwin were temporarily appointed to credentials committee.

Singing led by Rev. L.K. Brashier.

Prayer by Rev. Harold League
Host pastor welcomed group.

Hymn led by Rev. Brashier.

Devotion brought by Elbert ^{Nations} Nations

Credentials committee gave following report:

Set eight churches reporting total dues of \$80.00 received. One church represented by delegate but no letter received. Motion was made to accept report & seat delegates.

The committee recommended that cards of good standing be granted to the following:

L.B. Welch, L.K. Brashier, Lee Fears, C.F. Ferguson, L.M. Partin, Harold League, A.H. Ferguson, Lee Roy Anderson, J.M. Goode.

Minutes read & approved.

Program committee appointed as follows: Rev. F. B. Welch, Rev. Swan Godwin, Mrs. Ruth Tompkins.

Motion made to accept recommendation by Credentials Committee to grant ministers named a card of good standing. Motion carried.

Student loan report was given & accepted.

Youngblood Church invited next meeting. Motion carried to accept invitation.

Motion carried to adjourn for morning worship service. Prayer by Rev. F. B. Welch.

Worship service opened with singing by Rev. L. K. Brashier.

Special music - Rev. C. F. Ferguson, Rev. R. F. Ferguson, Rev. Harold Deague.

Message - Rev. Rashie Kennedy - Scripture - Revelation 11:3.

Host pastor announced lunch prayer by ^{Rw} D. M. Partin.

Afternoon Session 195

Singing led by L. K. Brashier with Rosalee Burns at piano.

Prayer by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Devotion - A. F. Ferguson -

Scripture - Acts 1:8

Obituary committee gave report. Report was ~~accepted~~ accepted & groups stood in silent prayer.

Resolutions committee gave report. Motion carried to accept & vote on it report item by item.

Item No. I - Be it resolved that each pastor consider calling missionaries name & place of service that have a birthday during week & offer a prayer for them during worship hour. Item No. I. carried.

Item No. II. Whereas, we are laborers together with God in the great commission, and whereas the cooperative plan of support shares in the work of the District, State, National, and

Foreign Fields; therefore, be it resolved that each church in the District be encouraged to tithe into the Coop plan. That the Coop funds be sent to Clerk-Treas. of the District & be divided 50-50 with the State Work. Item No. II carried.

Item No. III. Be it resolved that we give host church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality. Item No. III carried.

Rev. Rachie Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, reported to group on State work & urged help & support of this District.

A partial report of Youth Camp was given by ^{Rev.} Harold League.

(See copy of report attached.) Rev.

League reported camp was success & 19 decisions were made that week.

Motion passed to accept report.

Possibilities for this District building its own camp were discussed. Motion was made that camp committee prepare information to present to District at next meeting. Motion carried.

Nominating committee gave a report. Motion carried to receive report & vote on each separately.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator - Lee Roy Anderson

Assitant Moderator - L.K. Brashier

Clerk - Nan Green

Assitant Clerk - Mrs. A.F. Ferguson

Parliamentarian - A.F. Ferguson

Camp Committee - Bill Berry.

Chairman, Homer Sears, Mike Sears, Lee Roy Anderson, A.F. Ferguson ^{John Davis}

Credentials Committee -

C.F. Ferguson, L.M. Pardin, J.B. Welch,

Bill Berry, Donald Lundsford.

Student Loan Board - Bill

Brashier.

Motion was made that the election of Promotional Secretary be omitted until next meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion made passed that this District give Rev. Rachie Kennedy \$25.00 to help pay expenses.

The following meetings were announced:

July 31 - Aug. 1 - State Meeting - Dallas
July 15 - 18 - National - Oklahoma City
Moderator urged all to attend.

Delegates to State & National meeting from this District to be appointed at meeting. *

Motion to adjourn carried.

Prayer - Elbert Nations

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nan Green
Clerk.

Student Loan Board now consist of
Jake Sears & Elbert Nations - 1966-69
Bill Berry & Lee Sears - 1967-70, &
Bill Thrasher - 1968-71.

Minutes of the last Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptist when convening with
Youngblood Church on October 12, 1968

The moderator, Rev. Lee Roy
Anderson called the meeting to order.
Singing was led by Rev. Harold League
with Diane Nations at the piano.
Albert Nations led in prayer.

Welcome was given by the host
pastor.

Additional singing was led by
Ruth Thompson with Diane Martin
Nations at the piano.

The Devotional was brought by
Rev. C. F. Ferguson using as scripture
James 1:13. The special prayer was
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Larney Weaver
who had been injured in a car wreck.

Credentials Committee reported
as follows: Nine churches reporting
total of \$81.00 received for dues, that
all delegates be seated and that Mt.
Union invited next meeting. Motion
was made that delegates be seated
and the report be accepted. The
motion was carried.

Resolutions Committee was
appointed as follows: L. M. Partin,

Ivan Godwin, and Sister Flays.

Prayer was led by Bill Berry.

Minutes were then read and approved. The minutes for called emergency meeting were read and approved.

Motion was carried to adjourn for morning worship service.

A prayer was led by Rev. J. B. Welch.

The worship service was opened with singing led by Albert Nations with Diane Nations at the piano.

A prayer was ~~led~~^{led} by Rev. L. M. Partin. The message was brought by Rev. Harold League using as scripture I Corthintians 2:1-3. A Prayer was given by Rev. League.

The host pastor then announced lunch with Rev. Ivan Godwin leading in prayer.

The afternoon session was opened with singing led by Albert Nations.

Offering was then recieved
A devotion was given by Rev.
J. S. Welch using scripture Matt.
24: 12-13.

The Resolutions Committee
reported no resolutions.

A motion was made that we give
the host church a rising vote of
thanks. The motion was carried.

A resignation was submitted
by Rev. & Mrs. A. J. Ferguson stating
their resignation from the office of
Parliamentarian, Assistant Clerk,
and member of the camp committee.
The motion was made that we accept
the resignation regretfully. The
motion was carried.

The following were elected by
acclamation to fill the vacant offices.

Parliamentarian - Rev. J. M. Hoode.

Promotional Secretary - ^{Hobert Joyner} Ivan Godwin

Assistant Clerk - Rosalie Burns

Camp Committee - Ivan Godwin

A motion was then carried
to accept Mt. Union's invitation for

the next meeting.

The Moderator read a letter from Oklahoma Bible College stating that ~~if the convention~~ invitation from this District they would send a representative from the college to visit East Texas District. A motion was made to ignore letter temporarily. The motion was carried.

The Treasurers report was given and accepted.

The Student Loan reported a balance on hand of \$692.92 after paying out \$200.00 scholarship and \$200.00 loan to Judy Smith. The report was accepted.

Bill Berry then gave a report of the camp committee.

He urged everyone to go back to their churches and ask the people to support the camp work. They are in great need of financial help at present time.

A motion was passed to adjourn with prayer by Mrs. C. J. Ferguson

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Nan Green
Clerk

Minutes of the called meeting of East Texas Free Will Baptist District,
which met at Good Hope Church, Sept. 15, 1968 2:00 P. M.

The meeting came to order by song, and prayer by Bro. Lois Parton.
Brother Anderson (Moderator) called the meeting into session, and pointed out that this was an emergency meeting called for the purpose of ascertaining what to do about the building offered by Sister Griffin.
Since the committee nor the Camp Board had the power to go ahead with the moving of the building, and the expense involved, the Vote of the Churches and Pastors was needed.

The buildings dimension are 26X 55, with ampiano, plumbing, seats, and \$140.00 given with the building etc. when it is moved.
Discussion on whether the building was worth moving or not.
After some discussion, the rising cost of materials, labor etc. it was decided that it would be worth the price of moving.

Since it had not been voted to have a Camp of our own, the question was put before the body.

Motion made by Bro. Parton that we have a Camp. (Motion Carried)

Motion by Bro. Parton to accept the building with all its fringe benefits.
Motion carried.

Some discussion on where to set the building on the land.

The most logical and plausible place seemed to be next to the road.

Motion to accept the front part of the land, next to the road, and set the building down there.

Motion to adjourn.

A. F. Ferguson pro-tem.

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A Special Session of East Texas Association of Free Will Baptist was held Sunday November 24, 1968 at the Youngblood Church at approximately 3:00. This meeting following a meeting of a group of representatives from 5 of the district churches to the old Dr. ? St. Officer & church in Carthage. The group had previously inspected the premises & is in consideration of buying for the encampment.

Rev. Leroy Anderson called the meeting to order. ~~and~~ he read a scripture reading from Psalm 133. The group then sang "The Light of the World is Jesus" with Miss Nations at piano & Mrs. Claude Tompkins leading.

Opening business session. Rev. Anderson then reported Progress of Encampment with land already granted with deed, and one building on location paid for.

He further stated the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether

or not to purchase the Doctors building. He pointed out to group as had been seen there were 17 rooms, 4 bath, showers, and other accessories, & equipment that was included. He told the body that the house mover had given a price of 2400.00 to move it to the Camp location. A prolonged discussion followed. Possibilities of securing loan was ~~discussed~~ ^{evaluated}. Also it was pointed out that money could possibly be raised from local churches. Expense to repair after moving & whether be worth to do in comparison with new facilities costs were questioned.

Concluding discussion Herman King made a motion seconded by Jake Fears that each church be informed by letter concerning the building and be given an opportunity to analyze whether to purchase or not & submit a note back to district in 10 days. Motion carried.

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~~more uses of radioactivity are being found.~~

Jake Zucers told the group that the lot in Kitzore was up for sale. ~~He stated that he told the group~~ It was granted and that 3 men of the district would be needed to sell deed. The moderator appointed Bro. Harold Zague, Bro Jake Zucers, and Bro. Bill Berry to handle this when time came. It was related that the lot was to sell if possible for \$1000.00, then after amounts due against it were cleared, balance would go to Camp Fund.

For information it was stated that the New Hope Church building could possibly be secured for \$300.00. The Camp committee already had authority to investigate this.

Meeting adjourned by
motion, seconded & carried.

R. Burns
Acting for Min Burn