

MINUTES OF THE EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENING WITH MT. UNION CHURCH, JANUARY 11, 1969

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Lee Roy Anderson.

Scripture was read by Moderator taken from Exodus 14:15. Prayer was given by Marvin Wright.

Rev. Ivan Godwin and Rev. L. K. Brashier were appointed to serve temporarily on the Credentials Committee.

Singing was led by C. F. Ferguson with Joan Robertson at the piano.

The group was welcomed by host pastor. Devotion was brought by Mrs. C. F. Ferguson.

Credentials Committee report was given as follows: 9 churches reporting, \$90.00 dues received, Mt. Olive church and First Church of Henderson invited next meeting.

Motion to receive report and seat delegates, motion carried.

Minutes were read and approved. Minutes were read and approved on emergency meeting.

Rev. Lee Roy Anderson told the group that the building in Carthage that had been previously discussed to be purchased for camp was being held for decision at this meeting.

Motion passed to hold next meeting at First Church in Henderson.

Rev. L. M. Partin gave his resignation on the Credentials Committee because of his health. His doctor had ordered him to retire from active work.

Motion made to accept his resignation with regret. Motion carried.

Bro. Levy Koonce was elected by acclamation to replace vacancy on Credentials Committee.

Rev. Lee Roy Anderson orally resigned from position of Camp Director due to his work.

Rev. Harold Teague asked him to reconsider his resignation if a co-director was appointed to help. After much discussion, it was decided that the final decision would have to be made by the Executive Camp Board.

Motion carried to adjourn for worship service.

Prayer by Bill Perry.

Worship opened with singing led by C. F. Ferguson with Joan Robertson at piano.

Prayer by Rev. F. B. Welch.

Mrs. Harold Teague, Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, Mrs. Elwood Jimmerson were appointed to serve on Resolutions Committee.

Special music was brought by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Teague singing "Leave it There".

Message was brought by Rev. L. K. Brashier using as scripture Exodus 14:15, Hebrews 11:23-30.

Host pastor announced lunch. Prayer led by Rev. Harold Teague.

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Harold Teague with Joan Robertson at the piano.

Devotion brought by Mrs. Harold Teague - using as scripture Ecclesiastes 11.

Motion made to accept or reject buying building at Carthage to be used by Camp. Motion seconded.

Rev. Harold Teague gave information concerning plans to build camp new with pre-fab buildings. After much discussion, motion carried not to buy building at Carthage. Motion made to start with new building and grow and leave it up to the camp committee to determine the size of buildings and details. Motion carried.

Motion made to build new building with the following limitation:
(1) Camp committee have the authority to make any necessary decision
(2) Being as reasonable as possible in their decisions and build as cheap as possible. (3) Construction must not exceed \$10,000.00.
Motion carried.

Rev. R. J. Kennedy requested a written letter of recommendation of East Texas District. Motion carried to grant him a letter of good standing from the District.

Rev. Harold Teague announced that a meeting would be held on Feb. 3 at the First Church of Henderson for all ministers. Our State Executive Secretary, Rev. R. J. Kennedy, Sr. and our National Executive Secretary, Rev. Rufus Coffee would be the speaker of the evening. The District would be responsible for their night lodging and evening meal. Motion made that the District pay for lodging and meal and that the Moderator have the authority to tell them where to eat and lodge. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried to give Ruth Thompkins \$5.00 for cost of printing programs. The Student Loan reported a balance of \$730.03 with interest earning of \$40.87 for 1968. The report was accepted as read.

Resolutions Committee report was given as follows: Motion carried to vote on it Item by Item:

Item I - Be it resolved that we as a body give Bro. Parta a rising vote of thanks for his services as a minister to the Lord and to the East Texas District and to remember him in prayer.

Item II - Be it resolved that we recommend to each church that they support the Youth Encampment work through their prayer, their work and their financial support.

Item I and II carried.

Item III - Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Item III carried.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Camp Fund reported a balance of \$2,174.56. Report accepted.

Offering was received.

Prayer - Rev. Ivan Godwin

Motion passed to adjourn.

Prayer by Joe Little.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nan Green - Clerk

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MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENING WITH FIRST CHURCH OF HENDERSON
ON APRIL 12, 1969

Meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Lee Roy Anderson. Singing was led by Rev. Harold Teague with Nan Green at the piano. Rev. Ivan Godwin and Rev. L. K. Brashier were appointed to serve temporarily on credentials committee. Devotion was brought by Bill Berry using as scripture Solomon 2:8-17.

Host pastor welcomed the group and made the following announcements: The District CTS Rally would be held on April 22 at Carthage Church at 7:30 p.m.

The State CTS Rally would convene on April 25-26 in Henderson at Henderson Community Center.

Good Hope Church to hold revival beginning April 27 and the Stewart Church would begin their revival on June 1.

Credentials Committee reported as follows: 8 churches reporting, \$70.00 dues received, and request made by Rev. Lee Fears asking to withdraw as a minister of East Texas Association. Motion made to accept report and seat delegates, that any late delegates be seated upon arrival and with recommendation that request be accepted. Motion carried.

Bro. Hicks, pastor of Buncomb Church, gave oral report from his church. He reported three additions by letter and requested prayer for his church from the district.

Moderator read scripture taken from Hebrews 11:1-3 concerning our faith for thought and consideration.

Motion made to accept Rev. Lee Fears' request to withdraw as minister of this association with regret. Motion carried.

Motion passed to accept the Mt. Olive Church invitation to host next meeting.

Marvin Wright, F. B. Welch, and Mrs. Bill Berry were appointed to serve on Resolutions Committee.

Minutes were read and approved. Motion carried to adjourn for recess. Prayer - Rev. F. B. Welch

Worship Service opened with singing led by Rev. C. F. Ferguson with Nan Green at the piano.

Offering was received. Prayer - Rev. Harold Teague

Additional singing led by Rev. Ferguson
Prayer - Mrs. C. F. Ferguson

Message was brought by Bro. Hicks using as scripture Zechariah 11:15-17

Host pastor announced lunch. Prayer - Bill Berry

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

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Goode

Special Music was brought by Rev. & Mrs. Harold Teague singing "Show me Thy Way O Lord".

Devotion was brought by Rev. Ivan Godwin.

Resolutions Committee's report was given as follows: (Motion carried to accept report and vote on item by item.)
Item I - Be it resolved that Free Will Baptists stand in unity as followers of Christ. Item I carried
Item II - Be it resolved that we give host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Item II carried
Motion made to accept report and ~~vote~~ vote on item by item.
Motion carried.

Motion made that each church contribute to assist District in financing expense of State CTS Rally. Motion carried. Each church to be notified at later date as to what was needed in the way of funds and food.

Student Loan reported balance of \$764.74. Report accepted as read. Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Motion made that this District pay \$33.75 to State to help pay expense of State minutes. Motion carried

Motion made that District make \$100.00 available to food committee for State CTS Rally and that churches would pay their part later. Motion carried.

Camp Fund report was accepted with a balance of \$1,936.95.

Suggestion was made that a work sheet and detailed schedule be sent to each church notifying them of time and needs of work for youth camp. Motion passed that camp committee send each church a letter of notification on each work day scheduled for camp.

Group was ~~not~~ urged to encourage their churches to contribute to camp work in every way possible. It was announced that camp would begin on June 23 through June 27.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Prayer - Rev. Harold Teague

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Nan Green
Clerk

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptists when convening with
Mt Olive Church on July 4 and July 5, 1969

Friday Night

The meeting was called to order by
Clerk. Prayer by Elbert Nations

Clerk turned meeting over to moderator,
Rev Lee Ray Anderson. Singing was led
by Elbert Nations with Dian Nations
at the piano

Moderator commented on theme
"Needed Laborers" and read scripture
taken from Rev 26:16

An oral report was given by Rev Harold
League concerning his office as Promotional
Secretary for East Texas District.

Rev League encouraged the East Texas
District to make plans as to what we
intended to do and do it. He said
that because we were living in
the last days, we needed to take
inventory of our personal life and see
what we could do to make this a
better district. He also stated that
we ^{should} examine our local churches
and ~~look~~ label any problems that
might exist there. Rev League urged
that we all believe as Free Will
Baptists and accept our responsibilities

and to air share and give more attention and concern to the government of our local churches.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee - Rev C. F. Ferguson, Rosa Hyatt, and Elbert Nations

Program Committee - Marvin Wright, Pauline Nations and Ruth Thompson

Other committees needed were to be appointed at morning session.

Singing led by Elbert Nations with Dian Nations at the piano.

Special Music was brought by Pam Nations, Dian Nations, Paula Gooch, and Rev Harold League singing "Love Is Why".

Message was brought by Rev C. F. Ferguson, using a scripture Luke 10: 2-3

Prayer - Bill Berry

Saturday Session

Meeting was called to order by clerk
Prayer - Rev D H Rudder

Clerk turned meeting over to Moderator,
Rev Lee Ray Anderson who gave message
using scripture taken from Psalm 1

Singing led by Elbert Nations with
Dian Nations at the piano,

Welcome given by Mrs Bill Berry

Devotion was brought by Elbert Nations

Credentials Committee reported as
follows: 8 churches reporting, all
church letters ^{be} ~~were~~ accepted except
Union Arbor and delegates be seated.
Motion carried to accept this pastoral
report and seat delegates

The committee recommended that
the request from Good Hope Church
to accept their pastor, Rev D H Rudder
into this association as a licensed
and ordained minister be accepted
Motion made to accept Rev Rudder
in East Texas District in full
fellowship and that a letter of
recommendation from ^{this} previous district
be obtained. Motion carried

Motion made that the following
members of this Association be
granted a card of good standing
~~Rev~~ J. M. Goode, Harold League,
Lee Roy Anderson, C F Ferguson, F B Welch,
Ivan Godwin, L K Brashier, & D H Rudd
Motion carried

Resolution Committee was appointed
as follows: Marvin Wright, F B Welch,
and Gladys Lunford

Obituary Committee was appointed
as follows - Ivan Godwin, Mrs
C F Ferguson, and Mrs D H Rudd

Motion carried to accept
Youngblood's invitation to host next
meeting.

Motion passed to adjourn for recess
Prayer - Rev J M Goode

Worship service opened with
singing led by Elbert Nation
with Dion Nation at the piano

Offering was received

Prayer Bill Berry

Message brought by Rev Lee Roy
Anderson using as scripture Matt 9: 36-38

Host pastor announced lunch

Prayer - Rev D H Rudd

Afternoon Session opened with singing led by Elbert Nations

Devotion brought by Rev F B Welch

Minutes were read and approved

Resolutions Committee report was given as follows: Motion Carried to accept report and vote on items by item

Item I Be it resolved that our churches encourage their pastors to take a more active interest in our youth camp.

Item I carried

Item II Be it resolved that clerk of each local church send yearly report to district clerk as soon after January 1st as possible.

Item II carried

Item III Be it resolved that we have our annual meeting at our camp site on permanent basis

Item III carried

Item IV But Be it resolved that every church put forth an effort to promote the camp with their labor expense and prayer

Item IV carried

Item IV Be it resolved that we give Hart Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality

Item V carried

Motion carried to accept obituary Committee's report and stand in silent prayer for those who have passed on. Motion carried

The following officers and committees were elected:

Moderator - Rev Harold Leagen

Asst Moderator - Rev L K Brashier

Clerk - Nan Green

Asst Clerk - Rosalie Burns

Parliamentarian - Rev J M Goode

Promotional Secretary - Elbert Nations

Credential Committee - C F Ferguson, F B Welch, Bill Berry, Donald Lunford, and Leroy Koonce

Camp Committee - Bill Berry - chairman
Mike Fear, Lee Ray Anderson, Owen Godwin and Homer Fear

Motion passed to retain Elbert Nations and Jake Fear on Student Loan Board

Student Loan reported balance \$794.11

Motion carried to accept report ~~on~~ and

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Mr. Jake Fenn reported that camp was a big success and everyone received a blessing from it. Camp Fund took in \$595.70 with a total of 42 campers who stayed all the time. Balance on hand \$2437.13

Motion passed to accept report as read.

Motion made that everyone that could meet at new camp ground on July 12 at 8:00 a.m. to make some definite plans concerning the building of our youth encampment. Motion carried.

State meeting to be held at First Church in Houston on July 29-30-31 was announced.

~~Delegates to be appointed at meeting~~
Motion made that Moderator be given authority to appoint delegates at meeting. Motion carried.
Motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted
Nan Green
Clerk

Student Loan Board now consist
of Jake Feam & Elbert Nations 1969-72
Bill Berry & Lee Feam 1967-70 &
Bill Thrasher 1968-71

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptists when convening
with Youngblood Church on October 12, 1969

Meeting was called to order by
Clerk. Prayer by Elbert Nation

Clerk turned meeting over to
Rev L K Brashier, Assistant Moderator
Singing was led by Mrs Claude Thompson
Devotion was brought by Rev
Alan Moose.

Credentials Committee reported as
follows: there were seven churches
reporting, that all letters be accepted
and delegates be seated. Motion
passed to accept report and seat
delegates.

Resolution Committee was appointed
as follows: Mrs Clifford Weaver,
Mrs Lee Fearn, and Mrs Lorgan Thompson

Moderator message was given by
Rev L K Brashier. He urged each
one to examine our lives and our
churches to see where we are lacking.
Rev Brashier used Rev 22:1 as his
scripture.

Minutes were read and approved.

Rev Alan Moose spoke to the
group on Mission Church Extension
work. He encouraged our district

to do more toward mission work by our finances and prayers. He asked that all gifts from local churches be sent thru the district fund so that the church and district would receive credit.

Rev C F Ferguson reported on a letter he had received from Rev D H Rudder's previous district. The letter gave a good report on Rev Rudder.

He was accepted in full fellowship by East Texas District.

Motion passed to adjourn for recess
Prayer - Rev Ivan Godwin

Worship service opened with singing led by Elbert Nations with Paula Goode at the piano.
Prayer Rev F B Welch

Special music was brought by Rev & Mrs L K Brashier singing "Heaven"

Message was brought by Rev D H Rudder using as scripture Nehemiah 4:6 and Luke 11

Next pastor announced lunch
Prayer - Rev Alan Moore

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Elbert Nation with Paula Goode at the piano.

Prayer - Rev C F Ferguson

Devotion was brought by Rev Dean Godwin using as scripture Psalm 116

Offering was received

Prayer - Elbert Nation

Resolution Committee's report was given. ^{as follows:} Nation passed to

accept report and to accept all items.

→ Item I Be it resolved that our churches strive to create more interest in our association.

Item II Be it resolved that we as Free Will Baptists pray and read the Bible more and watch television less.

Item III Be it resolved that ~~each~~ pastor of each church try to encourage their deacons to attend the Quarterly Meetings more.

Item IV Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Student Loan reported a balance of \$823.62, Motion passed to accept report.

Bill Berry gave report on the progress made on camp. He told the group that the bus building there had almost been completed and that a well had been dug. He encouraged the help of all who could to come down and work on camp whenever they could.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Motion passed to put the \$47.82 received from Tyler, Texas Mission back into District fund.

Bill Berry encouraged the East Texas District to give \$25.00 a month to the Ken Eggleton's to underwrite their stay on the mission field.

Good Hope Church agreed to send \$20.00 a month and Carthage First Church agreed to do what they could. The group was ~~also~~^{asked} to go back and encourage their local churches to ~~give~~^{give} to the Eggleton fund.

Motion passed to go to Mt Olive Church for next meeting.

Union Arbor Church requested to know why they had been withdrawn out of fellowship with the district. and why their letter was not accepted.

After some discussion a motion was made to accept letter at this meeting and letter of previous meeting and to accept Union Arbor back in full fellowship if ^{they Pastor, Lee Fears would come back into association in good standing} Motion Carried

Motion made to accept Rev Lee Fears request to come back into the East Texas District in full fellowship as an ordained minister and to destroy his letter of withdrawal.

Motion Carried

Motion Carried to adjourn

Prayer - Elton Godwin

Respectfully submitted
Nan Green
Clerk