

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREWILL BAPTISTS WHEN
CONVENED WITH FIRST FREWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF HENDERSON, JAN. 9, 1971.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Harold Teague, Moderator.
Congregational singing was led by Bro. Elbert Nations with Diane Nations
at the piano.

Bill Berry brought a devotional based on Romans 12:1-2. He
stressed the importance of our district as a whole being transformed
by the renewing of our minds rather than conforming to the things of
the world.

The Credentials Committee was excused to examine church letters
and question two young ministers who were new to our district.

Diane Nations, Paula Goode and Pam Nations were appointed to
Resolutions Committee.

The Moderator used the theme of "All Things Made New" for his
message. He challenged the group to strive to be what it ought to
be, by living each day in the will of God.

Prayer - Bro. Elbert Nations.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Camp report was given by Mrs. Fears.

Credential Committee report was given and delegates seated.
Rev. Jerry McArthur and Rev. Bill Housely requested information about
becoming members of this association. Rev. McArthur planned to go
back to West Fork Association for his ordination. Stewart Church was
instructed to ask Rev. Housely's former association for letter of
recommendation.

Motion was made by Rev. Leroy Anderson to change annual meeting
from July to January because of change in church year. Motion was
seconded and placed on table until afternoon session.

Recess was omitted because of lack of time.

Song Service - Bro. Elbert Nations

Message - Rev. Jerry McArthur. The scripture he used for his
message was Ecclesiastes 12 using the whole duty of man as his theme.

Offering - \$22.61

Student loan report given by Bill Berry.

Announcements.

Benediction and Blessing on food - Elbert Nations.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing.

Rev. Leroy Anderson announced that Louis Powell, who had recently
surrendered his life to God's work, would give the devotional in his
place. Louis based his remarks on both the old and new Testaments
and urged a renewing of the mind.

Prayer - Rev. Leroy Anderson.

Committee appointed at last meeting to study change in Article IX,
Section I of constitution made their report. Change was read and
adopted after discussion. Article is to read as follows:

"Any Minister having been a member of Freewill Baptist for one year or more prior to becoming a member of the East Texas District Association, having suitable recommendation from the District where he recently served, may be elected by the body to an executive office without the one year waiting period.

Any Minister recently coming into the Freewill Baptist Denomination from another denomination, or an independent, must have a one year waiting period after becoming a member of the East Texas District Association before he will be eligible to hold an executive office in the District."

Motion and second to take business of changing annual meeting from July to January from table. After discussion, motion carried.

Camp plans discussed.

Motion and second that officers of District be retained until one year from this meeting. Motion carried.

Marvin Wright was nominated to replace Rev. D. H. Rudd on the Credentials Committee. Vote was unanimous.

Resolutions Committee report was given and voted upon item by item.

ITEM I: Be it resolved that we as members of East Texas District purpose in our hearts to work faithfully in our local churches to build them up in 1971. Item carried.

ITEM II: Be it resolved that we all pray and work for our Youth Camp that 1971 will be a great success with souls won. Item carried.

ITEM III: Be it resolved that we will pray diligently each day for our Missionaries at home and abroad and for our Bible College. Item carried.

ITEM IV: Be it resolved that programs for the district meeting be mailed to church clerks two weeks in advance of meeting. Item carried.

ITEM V: Be it resolved that standing vote of thanks be given host church for hospitality. Item carried.

Mrs. Fears offered Mike's resignation on Camp Board. Group voted to let it stand as it was for the present time.

As no church asked for next session, it will be held at Camp grounds. Motion to adjourn.

Prayer - Rev. Bill Housely.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Berry
Clerk