

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WHEN
CONVENED WITH MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, JANUARY 8, 1972.

THEME: GOD'S HANDS ON OUR TIME

SCRIPTURE: "I will go before thee and make the crooked places
straight." Isiah 45:2

Meeting was called to order by Moderator. Song service was led by
Rev. Jerry McArthur with Teressa Morris at the piano.

Rev. Jerry McArthur brought the devotional from Issiah 45:2 and John
15:5. He pointed out the fact that the hands of Satan were leading
more people today than the hands of God; but that God's hands would
have control on Judgement Day. He closed his devotional with prayer.

The Moderator asked the Credentials Committee to retire and examine
letters so that delegates might be seated. The following were appoint-
ed to serve on the resolutions committee: Rev. Clyde Tucker, Arthur
Fears, Walter Graham.

Moderator's message was omitted and time was given to Rev. Bobby Fer-
guson, State Executive Secretary, who discussed the State and
National associational meeting to be held this summer. He urged dele-
gates to go back to their churches and encourage them to support all
denominational enterprises. Credentials Committee reported seven
churches were represented. Delegate's names were read and delegates
were seated. Body was dismissed by prayer and a short recess was
declared.

Group reassembled for morning worship service, with Mrs. Teague and
Rev. McArthur leading the song service.

Prayer - Rev. Clyde Tucker

Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Offering - \$18.83

Rev. A. F. Ferguson brought the morning message using Eph. 5:16 and
Col. 4:5 as scripture reference. He used Redeeming the Time as the
theme for his message.

Prayer - Rev. Teague

Rev. Lee Roy Anderson pronounced the benediction and offered thanks
for the noon meal.

Lunch

Afternoon session was opened by song service. A quartet composed of
Rev. Bobby Ferguson, Rev. Harold Teague, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, and
Rev. Jerry McArthur with Mrs. Teague at the piano rendered two
numbers replacing the afternoon devotional, as Mr. Lunsford was not
present.

Prayer - Rev. Bill Housely

Business session:

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

State meeting was discussed fully. Motion and second made to rent
Henderson Community Center building for meetings and make camp
facilities available for any need that arose. Motion carried.

Student loan report was given and accepted.

Camp report was read by Clerk and accepted.

Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. Clyde Tucker.

Motion made to accept report and vote on item by item.

ITEM I: Be it resolved that each church contribute regularly to mission work. Item carried.

ITEM II: Be it resolved that each church support the Bible College at Nashville systematically. Item carried.

ITEM III: Be it resolved that this body contact churches that have not been reporting. During discussion Bro. Elbert Nations, who is promotional secretary, volunteered to contact Buncombe Church. Item carried.

ITEM IV: Be it resolved that churches that can help the smaller churches of the district meet their quota for the National meeting expense do so. Item carried.

ITEM V : Be it resolved that the group give host church a standing vote of thanks for hospitality. Item carried.

Report of nominating committee composed of Rev. Clyde Tucker, Bro. Walter Graham, Bro. Elbert Nations and Bro. Belton Green, was given as follows:

Moderator - Rev. A. F. Ferguson Asst. Moderator - Rev. Harold Teague

Clerk - Mrs. Gladys Berry Asst. Clerk - Mrs. Nan Green

Promotional Secretary - Bro. Elbert Nations

Parliamentarian - Bro. Walter Graham

Credentials Committee: Rev. J. M. Goode, Rev. Lee Roy Anderson, Bro. Jake Fears, Bro. Marvin Wright and Bro. Bill Berry.

Camp ^{Board} Committee: Mrs. Doris Davis, Bro. Bill Berry, Bro. Mike Fears, Bro. Homer Fears, Bro. Marvin Wright, and Bro. Walter Graham

Student Loan Board for reelection: Bro. Jake Fears, Bro. Elbert Nations and Bro. Bill Thrasher

Program Committee: Mrs. Jake Fears, Mrs. Jerry McArthur and Mrs. Clyde Tucker

Motion and second to elect slate of officers nominated by committee as a whole. Motion carried.

The following were appointed by the moderator to serve on the Food Committee for State meeting in July: Good Hope - Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Breedlove, Chr., Henderson - Miss Mary Brown and Mrs. Mildred Fears. Carthage - Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Nations, Stewart - Mrs. Watt Williamson and Mrs. Walter Graham, Mt. Olive - Mrs. A.F. Ferguson and Mrs. Lester Harris, Mt. Union - Mrs. Winnie Lunsford & Mrs. Clarise Little, Youngblood - Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Tucker. Since there was no invitation to host the next meeting, a motion and second was made to meet at the Camp Grounds. Motion carried.

Motion and second made to put profit from meals served at State meeting into Camp Fund. Motion carried.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Rev. J. M. Goode offered closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Berry, Clerk