

MINUTES OF THE EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH STEWART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, JAN. 10-11, 1975.

THEME: I'M NOT ASHAMED

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:16

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Elbert Nations, Moderator

Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Teague

Prayer - Rev. Roy Norie

Special Music - The Teague Family

The following committees were appointed: Obituary - Mrs. Clyde Tucker, Mrs. Mace Perry and Mrs. Steve Lewis.

Resolutions - Bro. Donald Lunsford, George Barak, and Rev. Bill Housely.

Nominating - Bill Berry, Marvin Wright, Rev. Steve Lewis, Rev. Clyde Tucker, and Rev. L. K. Brashier.

The admission of the New Church in Shreveport, La. into our District was discussed. The Credentials Committee was directed to examine the doctrines of the New Church and report to the body.

Prayer - Bro. Jim Williams

Message - Rev. Clyde Tucker using Psalms 103:1-5 as his scripture and God's Benefits as his subject.

The Benediction and Blessing on refreshments for fellowship period were offered by Rev. Bob Scott.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator.

Song Service - Rev. Housely with Mrs. Hampton at piano.

Prayer - Rev. Steve Lewis

Devotional - Leroy Anderson Jr. from Psalms 25:1-5.

Credentials Committee was dismissed to examine letters.

The Moderator's message was based on the thought "We must live our religion day by day to prove we are not ashamed."

Rev. Roy Norie of Bryan brought greetings from the Mission Church Extension Board. He discussed the needs of missions and new plans for mission work in Texas.

The Credentials Committee reported eight churches present with letters and requested that the delegates be seated. They also recommended the admission of the God's Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Shreveport into our district; and requested that Leroy Anderson, Jr. be granted a license to preach for one year.

On motion and second report was accepted.

Motion and second made to seat delegates. Motion carried.

The Shreveport Church was accepted into the district on motion and second with the Dedication of Church set for Jan. 17, 1975 at 7:30. The invitation from the new church to host the April meeting was also accepted. The request for Leroy Anderson, Jr. to be granted a license to preach for one year was granted on motion and second.

Bro. Lynn Lockner gave a brief report on the God's Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Shreveport.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Camp Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Student Loan report was given and accepted.

Prayer - Rev. Bill Housely

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Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Housely

Prayer - Rev. Leroy Anderson

Offeratory Prayer - Bro. Walter Graham

Offering - \$36.80

Special Music - Ricky Futch - Henderson, Kathy Hays and Thomas Balzrette - Shreveport.

A special prayer for Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Linton and others who were sick was offered by Rev. Roy Norie.

Message - Rev. L. K. Brashier. He used Gal. 1:10-12 along with the scripture text to bring out the point that we should please God rather than man.

Benediction and Blessing on food given by Bro. Lynn Lockner.

LUNCH

Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Housely

Devotional - Rev. Harold Teague using John 9 as his scripture. He closed his devotional with prayer.

Mrs. Teague gave a brief talk on Woman's Auxiliary and challenged all churches to organize if they didn't have an auxiliary.

Bro. Jim Williams gave a brief resume of his work as executive secretary for the State Work and challenged all to do more in 1975. The Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers who were elected by acclamation:

Moderator - Bro. Elbert Nations	Assistant Moderator - Rev. Bob Scott
Clerk - Mrs. Gladys Berry	Asst. Clerk - Mrs. Nan Green

Parliamentarian - Rev. Leroy Anderson

Promotional Secretary - Rev. Harold Teague

Credentials Committee - L. D. Ritter, Rev. Bill Housely, *Rev. Mace*

[Clyde Tucker] *[Bill Berry]* *Perry Marvin Wright*, Rev. Marvin Williams.

Student Loan Board: Bill Berry, Rev. Clyde Tucker, Belton Green, O. D. Breedlove and Rev. Bob Scott.

Program Committee - Mrs. Bob Scott, Mrs. Marvin Wright and Mrs. George Davis

Camp Board - Rev. Bill Housely, Larry Nations, Rev. Clyde Tucker, Belton Green and Rev. Bob Scott.

Camp Treasurer - Mrs. Charles Morris

The Resolutions Committee gave their report and it was voted upon Item by Item.

Item I Since the minutes of each meeting are sent to all churches and delegates who attend have already read them, be it resolved that we omit the reading of the minutes at our meetings. The Clerk will have a copy if they are needed for reference. Item carried.

- Item II Be it resolved that the voting delegates be seated in a group at each meeting. Item carried.
- Item III Be it resolved that the Camp Board meet at each quarterly meeting. Item carried..
- Item IV Be it resolved that we meet on Friday night before each quarterly meeting. After a motion to delete the name of ministers and deacons from the first motion and change it to Fellowship meeting, Item IV was passed.
- Item V Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Item carried.

The Obituary Committee reported several deceased members and the group stood for prayer for the families of the deceased led by Rev. Clyde Tucker.

Larry Nations announced that the Camp Board would soon be ready to begin the new boys dormitory at camp and encouraged everyone to let them know when they would be able to help.

Bro. Lynn Lockner challenged the body to read I John 4:20-21 and abide by it and see if more progress was not made in the next quarter than in the past.

Motion and second were made to adjourn.

Benediction - Bro. George Hays.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Berry
Clerk