

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN
CONVENED WITH HENDERSON FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST - JAN. 9 - 10, 1976.

THEME: SEEDS WE SOW.

SCRIPTURE: GAL. 6: 7-8

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Elbert Nations.
Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Teague
Prayer - Rev. Roy Norie
Special Music - The Teague Family
Message - Rev. Leroy Anderson, Jr. He used as his scripture Mark 4:
3-8 and Gal. 6: 7-9. He admonished everyone to put Christ first in
their life.

Prayer - Rev. Leroy Anderson, Sr.

The following were appointed on the Nominating Committee by the
Moderator: Rev. Bob Scott, Bro. Marvin Wright and Rev. Clyde Tucker.

Bro. O. D. Breedlove, Rev. Bill Housely and Rev. Marvin Williams
were appointed to serve on the Obituary Committee.

After the benediction and blessing on the food were offered by Rev.
Bill Housely, refreshments and a fellowship period were enjoyed.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Moderator.

Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Bill Housely

Prayer - Rev. Harold Teague

Credentials Committee was dismissed to examine church letters.

Greetings were extended to the group from the Texas State Mission
and Church Extension Board by Rev. Roy Norie of Bryan. He urged all
districts to stand together to win souls for Christ in Texas.

It was noted that we have two churches in our district that are over
one hundred years old.

The Treasurer's report and the Student Loan report were given while
the group waited for the Credentials Committee to complete their
business.

Credentials Committee report was given and accepted and delegates
were seated. By motion and second Treasurer's report was accepted as
was the Student Loan report.

On motion and second Union Arbor was received back into the district
as an active member.

Credentials Committee recommended that Leroy Anderson, Jr. be or-
dained. His home church was granted the privilege of planning
ordination service on motion and second.

Mrs. Charles Morris gave the annual camp report which was accepted by
motion and second.

On motion and second business was adjourned until afternoon.

Devotional - Rev. Bob Scott using II Timothy Chapter 3 as his scrip-
ture. He deplored world conditions today and stressed the fact that
Christians with God's help are the ones to do something about it.

Prayer - Bro. Elbert Nations.

The Moderator appointed the following on the resolutions committee: Mrs. Ruth Tompkins, Mrs. Marvin Williams and Mrs. Frances Tucker.

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Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Teague

Special Music - Judy Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Housely.

Offering - \$54.85

Message - Bro. Jim Williams, State Executive Secretary. He used Gal. 6: 7-8 and Acts as a basis for his message. His subject was "As a Church sows, so does it reap". He pointed out that seeds sown by the First Church in Jerusalem were prayer, love, preaching and praise and a bountiful harvest was the result. His message was closed with prayer. Benediction and Blessing on Food was given by Rev. Howard Smith.

LUNCH

Song Service - Rev. and Mrs. Housely

Devotional - Rev. Clyde Tucker using Psalms 34: 1-3. He pointed out that praise should be one of the most vital deeds of each Christian.

Bro. Teague discussed plans for the State Meeting which will meet with our District in June. Plans have been made to meet at the American Baptist Youth Camp located between Laneville and Minden.

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers who were elected on motion and second:

Moderator - Rev. Harold Teague
Asst.-Moderator - Rev. Clyde Tucker
Clerk - Mrs. Gladys Berry
Asst.-Clerk - Mrs. Nan Green
Parliamentarian - Rev. Bob Scott
Promotional Sec.- Bro. Elbert Nations
Credentials Committee - Bro. Marvin Wright, Rev. Marvin Williams, Rev. Clyde Tucker, Rev. Bill Housely, Rev. LeRoy Anderson, Sr.
District Home Mission Board: Rev. Bob Scott, Bro. Marvin Wright, Rev. LeRoy Anderson, Sr., Bro. LeRoy Anderson, Jr., Rev. Harold Teague *Bro. Larry Nations*
Student Loan Board - Bro. Bill Berry, *Rev. Howard Smith*, Bro. Elbert Nations, Rev. Bill Housely and Rev. Marvin Williams
Camp Board - Bro. Bill Berry, Bro. Belton Green, Bro. O. D. Breedlove, *Bro. Tommy Morgan* & Bro. Gayle Berry
Program Committee - Mrs. Frances Tucker, Mrs. Mae Ferguson and Mrs. Eloise Morris
Camp Treasurer and Registrar - Mrs. Eloise Morris

The following deceased members were reported by the Obituary Committee:

Mrs. Lela Boatman, Mr. Charlie Curbo, Mr. J. A. Stanaland, Mt. Union; Rev. Lee Fears, Henderson; Mrs. Emma Linton, Stewart; and Baby Mary Boren, Carthage. A few moments of silent prayer were held closed by Bro. Jim Williams.

The Resolutions Committee report was given and acted upon Item by Item:

ITEM I. Be it resolved that a \$25.00 memorial gift be made from our District treasury to our State Office work in honor of our

brother in the ministry, Rev. Lee Fears, who went home to our Lord recently. Be it further resolved that our clerk send a record of this action to his widow. Motion carried.

ITEM II. Be it resolved that we give \$25.00 to the State Office for Bro. Jim Williams' travel expenses to this meeting today. Item carried.

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

Motion was made to remove motion on Article IX, Section, 5, Number 3, concerning clerk hire from table and vote on same. Article read, "The clerk shall receive an honorarium of \$25.00 at the close of each church quarter, with an additional \$25,00 at the yearly meeting". On motion and second article carried.

The next session of the Quarterly Meeting will meet with Stewart Church.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Benediction - Bro. Tommy Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gladys Berry, Clerk