

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WHEN
CONVENED WITH MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, JANUARY 7-8, 1977.

THEME: OBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 12:50

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harold Teague.
Song Service - Bro. Elbert Nations with Mrs. Denise Ferguson at the piano.

Prayer for sick of the District was led by Rev. Dale Price.

Special Music - Rev. and Mrs. Teague

The following were appointed to serve on the Obituary and Resolutions Committee combined: Mrs. Denise Ferguson, Mrs. Frances Tucker and Mrs. Sarah Clark.

Rev. Marvin Williams, Bro. Larry Nations, and Rev. Bob Scott were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Prayer for guidance in transacting business in tomorrow's session was led by Rev. Leroy Anderson, Sr.

Song - Trust and Obey

Moderator based his message on Gal. 5:16-26. He pointed out that a life filled with the Spirit will produce fruit. He stated that self-control is necessary if we are to obey God with our entire being. His message was closed with prayer.

Announcement about refreshments was made by Rev. Clyde Tucker.

Benediction and Blessing on food was given by Rev. Bob Scott.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Credentials Committee met before services were called to order by the Moderator.

Song Service - Bro. Nations with Diane Scott at the piano.

Prayer - Bro. Jim Williams

Devotional - Rev. Clyde Tucker using I Peter 1: 13-17 as his scripture. He stressed the fact that obedience is required to please God.

Song - Bro. Elbert Nations and Diane Scott.

Denise Ferguson expressed her thanks for the prayers and help she received at the time of her bereavement. She used Eph. 5:21-33 and I Tim. 3:1-16 as her scripture reference.

Rev. Herman Hersey explained the plans and needs of the Board of Retirement and Insurance for Pastors and Missionaries. He also explained the churches' obligations in this matter.

Rev. Hersey played, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" which was greatly enjoyed.

Special Music - The Teague Family

Rev. Hersey brought his message from I Chronicles 29:1-5. He pointed out that the greatest need today is to fall in love with Jesus and set our affections on the house of God and give him our undivided service. He closed his message with prayer.

Benediction and Blessing on food was given by Rev. Dale Price.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service - Bro. Nations and Diane Scott

Devotional - Rev. Leroy Anderson, Jr. using Matt. 12:50 and Matt. 18-3. He pointed out that three ways to please God were: Become as little children, place Jesus first and obey the great commission.

Bro. Jim Williams reported that the Valley project and the work in Grand Prairie were doing well. He stated that his heart was saddened by conditions at North Zulch in Central Texas District and offered prayer in their behalf.

Bro. Marvin Wright gave the Credentials report. Eight churches were represented. He stated that the Credentials Committee recommended that the request of a license by Ricky Futch be granted. On motion and second, the request was granted. The Committee also recommended the acceptance of Rev. Dale Price into our district on receipt of a letter of recommendation from his former district in Arkansas. Motion carried and Clerk was instructed to write for letter.

Student Loan report was given by Bill Berry. Report was accepted.

Camp Report was given by Mrs. Charles Morris. Report was accepted. Work Day at Camp was announced for next Saturday, January 15th.

Since Rev. Larry Powell is unable to serve as Camp Evangelist, Bro. Jim Williams was selected to replace him.

East Texas District Home Mission Board report was given by Bro. Marvin Wright. Report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee report was given. The same slate of officers were nominated and elected by acclamation with Sarah Clark replacing Eloise Morris on the program committee.

The following deceased members were reported by the Obituary Committee: First Church, Carthage: Mrs. Gladys Kelly, Mrs. Mittie Whitley and Bro. Earnest Dendy and Mrs. Jettie Wainwright; Union Arbor: Bro. Floyd Ferguson and Bro. J. M. Sanders; Good Hope: Bro. Jake Fears, Sister Emma Gibson and Bro. Tim Phillips; Mt. Union: Bro. Joe Little. Bro. Elbert Nations led the prayer in their memory.

Resolutions Committee report was given and accepted to vote upon item by item.

- ITEM I: Be it resolved that each church be requested to receive a special offering in the immediate future for the deficit account of our State executive office. Be it further resolved that each church be encouraged to support this office monthly and for those who give regularly to consider increasing their monthly report. Motion carried.
- ITEM II: Be it resolved that we have a meeting in the near future to discuss getting adult help for camp and setting Christian standards for guide lines at Camp. Motion carried and date for meeting was set for January 16th at First Church, Henderson.
- ITEM III. Be it resolved that we consider more fellowship meetings for our young people to encourage spiritual growth. Motion carried.
- ITEM IV: Be it resolved that we give a \$10 memorial gift to the Camp in memory of Bro. Jake Fears and his name be placed on the memorial plaque. Motion carried.

The Plaque was discussed. Rev. Howard Smith announced that the plaque was made. The Committee was authorized to secure metal plates and get names engraved.

ITEM V: Be it resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have worked so faithfully to provide a camp for our youth. Motion carried.

ITEM VI: Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to those who have faithfully served their terms of office and to the host church for its hospitality. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Bro. Leroy Anderson discussed ordination of Deacons in his church.

The invitation of Henderson to host the next meeting was accepted.

A motion and second was made to send \$50 to the Board of Retirement and Insurance represented by Rev. Herman Hersey. Motion carried.

Motion and second made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Benediction - Bro. Larry Nations

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gladys Berry, Clerk