

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST WHEN
CONVENED WITH MT. OLIVE CHURCH, JANUARY 6, 7, 1978.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

THEME: UNITY

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 14:19

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Harold Teague.

Song Service - Rev. Bob Scott with Mrs. Teague at the piano.

Prayer - Rev. Allen Moore

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Credentials Committee was appointed to serve as Nominating Committee.

Resolutions: Mrs. Dian Scott, Mrs. Sharon Housely and
Mrs. Frances Tucker

Special Music - Rev. and Mrs. Teague

Prayer - Rev. Clyde Tucker

Message - Rev. Bill Housely. He used Romans 14 beginning with the 13th verse as his scripture. He pointed out that man's first duty is to Christ. He also stated that unity in the home is necessary for unity in our churches and that lack of unity was caused by not being in the center of God's will. He closed by asking the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Closing prayer and Blessing on refreshments was offered by Rev. Teague.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Moderator.

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

Prayer - Rev. Teague

Devotional - Bro. Marvin Wright using Romans 14:19 as his scripture. He stated that unity was one of the most important characteristics for close harmony in the church family. He closed with prayer.

Rev. Teague used Psalm 133 as a basis for the Moderator's Message. He pointed out many facets of unity, stressing the facets of unity, stressing the fact that the solidarity of the home would insure unity in God's work. He urged each one to use God's word to provide unity in the group. His message was closed with prayer.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Camp report was given and accepted.

Prayer by Rev. Teague dismissed the body for recess.

Song Service - Bro. Nations and Diane Scott.

Offering - \$36.05.

Message - Rev. Marvin Williams. After reading his scripture from Romans 14:11-19, he asked Rev. Ken Eagleton to lead in prayer. Rev. Williams stated that there can be no unity between worldliness and Christianity. He pointed out that we who name the name of Christ, need to be united in our resistance of worldly things and work together against the forces of evil. He closed with prayer.

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

LUNCH

Moderator called meeting together after lunch,
Song Service.

Devotional - Rev. Leroy Anderson, Sr. He used the program text again and stressed the importance of unity in furthering God's work in our local churches.

Prayer - Rev. Leroy Anderson, Jr.

Rev. Allen Moore, State Executive Secretary, brought greetings from the state. He discussed the needs of Missions and the State Office. He solicited the prayers and financial support of each church.

Rev. Bob Scott, who is a member of the State Mission Board, reported on the progress of State Mission work.

Student Loan report was given by Bill Berry and accepted.

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

Resolutions Committee report was given by Mrs. Diane Scott and accepted to be voted on item by item.

ITEM I. Be it resolved that we use the grocery shower from each church for the camp again this year. Item carried.

ITEM II. Be it resolved that we take some money out of the District Treasury and give toward the indebtedness of the State Office. After discussion, one hundred dollars was named as the amount to be paid. Item carried.

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

Rev. Teague invited the group to meet with his church for the next meeting.

The Obituary Committee Chairman read the names of the deceased members and asked the group to stand for silent prayer in their memory.

Nominating Committee report was read and on motion and second, the slate was elected by acclimation.

Moderator - Bro. Elbert Nations

Parliamentarian - Rev. H.

Assist. Moderator - Rev. Bob Scott

Clerk - Mrs. Gladys Berry

Assist. Clerk - Mrs. Frances Tucker

Parliamentarian - Rev. Harold Teague

Pro. Secretary - Rev. Clyde Tucker,

Credentials Committee: Marvin Wright, Rev. Marvin Williams, Rev. Clyde Tucker, Rev. Bill Housely, Rev. Leroy Anderson, Sr.

District Home Mission Board: Rev. Bob Scott, Marvin Wright, Rev. Leroy Anderson, Sr., Rev. Leroy Anderson, Jr., Rev. Harold Teague.

Student Loan Board: Bill Berry, Larry Nations, Elbert Nations, Rev. Bill Housely, Rev. Marvin Williams.

Camp Board: Bill Berry, Larry Nations, O. D. Breedlove, Gayle Berry, Belton Green.

Program Committee: Mrs. Frances Tucker, Mrs. Mae Ferguson, Mrs. Eloise Morris.

Camp Treasurer - Mrs. Eloise Morris.

Bill Berry handed in his resignation on the Camp Board, but no positive action was taken.

Rev. Ken Eagleton was nominated as Camp Evangelist for this year. On motion and second he was accepted if his schedule can be worked out.

Revival at Youngblood was announced to begin on April 9th with Rev. Allen Moore as Evangelist.

Rev. Ken Eagleton challenged Pastors to encourage church members, young and old, to attend the Quarterly meeting.

The Ministers meeting for this quarter was announced to meet on Friday night before the next Quarterly meeting with First Church at Henderson.

Motion and second were made to adjourn.

Benediction - Bro. Elbert Nations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gladys Berry, Clerk