

Quarterly Association meeting April 9, 2011 at Union Arbor Free Will Baptist Church, Beckville, TX

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick

Bro. Headrick presented our devotion with scripture from John 11: 25. Using the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead he developed the theme "Do You Believe?" Our opening hymn, #210 "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes" was led by Bro. Larry Martin with Sis. Mitzi Burks accompanying on the piano.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Bro. James Edwards. Nine churches are reporting to the Quarterly with dues and letters. A letter and dues was not received from Youngblood Free Will Baptist Church as of the date of the meeting. Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church extended an invitation for the quarterly to meet at their church in July. First Free Will Baptist Church – Carthage requested that Bro. Jimmy Pyers be licensed to preach. Lifegate Free Will Baptist Church requested that Bro. John Collier be examined as his year set aside has been achieved. Bro. Wade Rector's year as being set aside has been achieved.

The delegates were seated.

The minutes were examined and with a motion and second to accept, motion carried.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed. The members are Bro. John Collier, Sis. Adethia Rudd and Sis. Diane Melton.

The treasurer's report was presented with a motion and second to accept, motion carried.

The State Home Missions Report was presented by Bro. David Rudd. In San Antonio, Bro. Don Bailey, is working through some utility problems with their building. The interior work is almost done on the building. Bro. Jeff Cates and the members of Canyon FWB Church are looking at starting phase 2 on their building project. Mike Scott and the church are experiencing some difficulties with their location. Jeremy Lightsey and the church in southwest San Antonio may have found place to lease. The new work in the McKinney is getting ready to start. They have a core group forming and will be coming to the area this summer to look at possibilities. A new work in McAllen is under consideration. A Bible study is currently being held weekly and this will be a English speaking work.

The Whispering Pines Camp report was presented by Bro. Stephen Shotzman.

Sis. Mitzi Burks reminded the ladies concerning the East Texas District Woman's Auxiliary Tea scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2011. Natalie Nichols will be the guest speaker.

Bro. Allen King presented a report from the State Christian Education Board concerning the annual youth retreat scheduled for April 15, 16 & 17th. 2010.

The opening session was dismissed for break and refreshments. Prayer was led by Bro. Mark Headrick.

The session was called back to order by Bro. Mark Headrick.

The Credentials Committee's final report was presented. Bro. John Collier and Bro. Wade Rector's year period of being set aside has been achieved. The Committee recommended that Bro. John Collier and Bro. Wade Rector be ordained at a date to be determined. The committee also recommended that Bro. Jimmy Pyers be set aside for one year before ordination.

A motion and second was made to accept the recommendations of the Credentials committee and vote item by item, motion carried.

A motion and second was made that Bro. Wade Rector be ordained. Motion Carried.

A motion and second was made Bro. John Collier be ordained. After discussion the motion carried.

A motion and second was made that Bro. Jimmy Pyers be set aside for one year pending ordination. After discussion the motion carried.

The Resolutions Committee's report was presented by Bro. John Collier.

1. We resolve that the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists receive an offering at today's session to be sent to the Billy Westbrook family to assist with medical expenses. We further resolve that pastors and delegates return to their respective churches and do the same. All monies collected should be delivered to Pastor John Voss at the Mt. Union Free Will Baptist Church for delivery to Billy Westbrook. All monies should be made out to Billy Westbrook; motion and second to accept, motion carried.
2. We resolve that the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists rise in a standing vote of thanks to Pastor James Edwards and the Union Arbor Free Will Baptist Church for hosting today's session and providing the noon meal; motion and second to accept, motion carried.

New Business.

A resolution was presented by Allen King, clerk.

Be it resolved the Quarterly meeting of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist authorizes Allen King, clerk and Mitzi Burks, assistant clerk as primary signers of the following accounts:

1. General Fund account # 2212293,
2. Home Missions Fund account #7641966,
3. Student Loan Fund account #7636237,

The above accounts are located at Texas Bank Henderson.

Mark Headrick, moderator and Stephen Shotzman, assistant moderator are authorized as secondary signers on the above district owned accounts.

Only 1 signature is required to authorize checks from the above district owned accounts.
Motion and Second was made to authorize, motion carried

A motion and second was made to accept the invitation of Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church to meet with them on July 9th 2011, motion carried

A motion and second was made to nominate Bro. Jimmy Pyers as the speaker for our meeting in July. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed, motion carried

A motion and second was made to nominate Bro. John Voss as the alternate speaker for our July meeting. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed, motion carried.

The love offering for Bro. Billy Westbrook of the Mt. Union Free Will Baptist Church was taken. The total was \$413.00. (note added 7.9.2011 – The total recorded here differs from the amount recorded on the financial report due to the fact that a check was included in the offering that was made out to Bro. Billy Westbrook directly. The financial report only records the amount that was cash or checks made out to the district. – ak, clerk)

Prayer was held at the altar for our district churches.

As we moved into the worship time Bro. Larry Melton led the congregation in “Revive Us Again” and “I Won’t Have To Cross Jordan Alone”.

An offering was received totaling \$142.00.

Sis. Tenie Rector from the Mt. Union Free Will Baptist Church presented special music titled “Some Call It Heaven.”

Bro. David Rudd began his message, “A Tool In The Master’s Hand”, from 2 Timothy 4: 6-8. We have to be engaged in our rightful use by Him. Isaiah and Paul are two examples of “tools” that allowed God to use them fully. Isaiah 6:1-8 continued the thought, “Are you getting wore out for God?” Our tasks are sometimes difficult but God provides the strength and meets our needs. Isaiah was a tool of great use because he allowed God full control. Acts 9:1-6 continued the thought of Christians as tools and assets of God. God takes us when we are worthless and makes us assets in his toolbox. First we have to let him have full control. The message closed in prayer.

Announcements

1. State Meeting at Duncanville, June 8 – 11, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bro. John Collier.

Respectfully submitted
Allen King, clerk

Minutes of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting at Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church – July 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick and gave the opening devotion from 1st Peter 2: 13. The theme of the devotion was doing right and setting an example to the world in the name of Christ.

The partial report of the credentials committee was received. All churches reporting with letter except Nacogdoches. A letter was received from Bro. Stephen Shotzman informing the district that he is resigning from the Assistant Moderator position and his position on the Whispering Pines Camp Board as he has resigned as the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Carthage.

The standing and appointed delegates were seated

The minutes were accepted as presented. *Clerks Note: A discrepancy was noted from the floor between the special offering amount recorded in the minutes as received on April 9, 2011 and the amount reported on the financial report. This discrepancy results from the fact a check was included in the offering plate made out to the recipient of the special offering therefore it was not included in the district's deposit. Said check was handed to the recipient. This note has been included in the minutes for the April 9, 2011.*

Bro. Headrick appointed the Resolutions Committee. The members are Sis Mitzi Burks, Sis. Angela Edwards and Sis. Francis Tucker.

The district financial report was given and accepted as presented.

Bro. David Rudd presented an informational report from the state Home Missions Board.

1. Bro. Jeremy Lightsey in western San Antonio has found a new lease space for the church that is very suited for use by a church. They are in the process of remodeling the space for their needs and the landlord is supportive of their work. The people are excited about the prospects for growth.
2. Bro. Don Bailey and the church in northeast San Antonio have made much progress on obtaining their certificate of occupancy. When the sewer line is connected they will be ready. Bro. Rudd requested that we remember Bro. Don and the church in our prayers as this has been very long and sometimes discouraging process.
3. The work at Canyon, TX has broken ground on a new addition to their building. Bro. Jeff Cates reports steady growth in the church and continued excitement.

4. Bro. Mike Scott, serving in Lubbock, needs our prayers. The work continues to face many obstacles, but the people continue to persevere.

5. Bro. Randall Wright and his family are moved to the McKinney area and are getting their feet on the ground. Bro. Rudd encouraged the pastors to contact Bro. Wright about visiting with their church.

The Whispering Pines Camp report was given by Bro. Stephen Shotzman. The camp this year was very successful with multiple decisions experienced, including decisions concerning full time Christian service.

There were not any guest reports presented.

The first session was recessed for break with prayer.

The second session was summoned back into session by Bro. Headrick.

The final report of the credentials committee was presented. Nine churches reported with letters and eight churches presented dues at the meeting.

Per receipt of a written request for letter of recommendation concerning Rev. Derrick (Buzz) Kirby from the Salem Association in Marianna, Florida and in view of the previous decision of the East Texas District Association dated July 10, 2010 it is the recommendation of the credentials committee that a letter of good standing from the district be issued to the Salem Assoc. The clerk will issue the letter.

The credentials committee recommended that Bro. Billy Westbrook be set aside for one year and licensed to preach the gospel; Motion and second to accept recommendation, motion carried.

The Resolutions Committee report was presented.

Item 1 – Be it resolved that \$1000.00 from the district General Fund and \$1000.00 from the district Home Missions fund be sent to Free Will Baptist Home Missions to reduce \$85,000.00 deficit. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Item 2 – Be it resolved we extend our thanks and appreciation to Steven & Laura Shotzman for their service to the Lord in this district. Steven has served in various areas including credentials committee, assistant moderator and camp. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Item 3 – Be it resolved we encourage Bro. Billy Westbrook as he follows the Lord's will answering the call to preach. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Item 4 – Be it resolved to encourage our ladies to attend the district Women Active for Christ meeting September 17th and the state ladies retreat at Sky Ranch, Van, TX on September 23rd & 24th. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Item 5 – Be it resolved we give a rising vote of thanks to Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Union Arbor extended an invitation to the Quarterly meeting to meet at their church on October 8, 2011. Bro. James Edwards informed the meeting that their church would provide the lunch. Motion and second to accept, motion carried.

Motion and second was made to nominate Bro. Billy Westbrook as the speaker for the October quarterly meeting; motion carried.

Motion and second was made to nominate Bro. Mark Headrick as the alternate speaker; motion carried.

At the end of the business session prayer was held at the altar for the district churches and their work.

Our worship time was opened with singing led by Bro. David Rudd with Sis. Mitzi Burks at the piano. We sang the following hymns; "The Family of God", "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". An offering was received totaling \$112.01.

Bro. Jimmy Pyers presented God's Word using Matthew 28:18-20. He asked the question, "What made us so important", it was God's love for us. We have our marching orders, go and share the message of the gospel. Bro. Pyers reminded us that God will always be with us. God has a purpose for all of us, We might not realize at the time, but God uses our life experiences to prepare us for what lies ahead. Ours is a divine mission. He then closed by asking the question, "How are we doing?" Bro. Steven Shotzman closed the worship time in prayer.

During the announcement time Bro. Billy Westbrook thanked the district and the churches for their prayers and support during the trials that he and April have experienced.

Bro. David Rudd announced Vacation Bible School at Good Hope for last week of July.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen King, clerk

Minutes of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting at Union Arbor Free Will Baptist Church, Beckville, TX – October 8, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick. Bro. Allen King led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory" accompanied by Sis. Adethia Rudd at the piano. Bro. Headrick brought the morning devotion from Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 encouraging us to use the tools we have available for the purposes of God, maintaining our humbleness before Him.

The partial report of the credentials committee was given by Bro. James Edwards with eight (8) churches reporting by letter and dues. The delegates were seated.

The minutes were examined and accepted.

The district financial reports were examined and accepted.

Bro. Mark Headrick appointed the following members to the resolutions committee; Bro. David Rudd and Bro. John Collier.

Bro. David Rudd gave a report from the state Home Missions efforts.

1. Bro. Don Bailey and the North Point Free Will Baptist Church in San Antonio are very close to being in their building. They are almost through all the legal aspects for the utilities and easements.
2. Bro. Jeremy Lightsey and the CrossLife Free Will Baptist Mission in San Antonio have started the permit process to remodel the store front that will be their church home.
3. Bro. Jeff Cates and the Canyon Free Will Baptist Church have started the Phase 2 of their building project.
4. Please be in prayer for Mike & Nita Scott in Lubbock. The church is going through a slump at this time.
5. Randall Wright and the Clearview Free Will Baptist Church in McKinney will be having their first Sunday service this Sunday, October 9th.
6. Greg Yacobian in the Valley is doing very well with their group Bible studies.
7. The state Home Missions Board is continuing to look at and pray for a new work in the Wichita Falls area.
8. The state Home Missions Board very much appreciates the continue giving to missions. Considering the state of the economy the district has maintained its level of giving and that is much appreciated.

The Whispering Pines Camp Board report was not presented.

Guest reports were presented. Bro. David Rudd announced that Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church will be observing homecoming on October 16th.

The meeting was recessed for a break and to allow committees to meet.

The meeting resumed as the final report of the credentials committee was given, no further information was presented.

The resolutions committee report was presented by Bro. David Rudd with a motion to accept and act item by item; motion seconded and carried.

1. Be it resolved that we extend a standing vote of thanks to Union Arbor for hosting the meeting. Motion & Second to approve, motion carried.
2. Be it resolved that the pastor of the host church bring the morning devotion. Motion & Second to approve, motion carried.
3. Be it resolved that we set aside Sunday, November 6th, 2011 as a day of prayer for rain in East Texas. Motion & Second to approve, motion carried.

The nominating committee was appointed by Bro. Headrick to include Sis. Francis Tucker, Sis. Adethia Rudd and Sis Georgia Bridwell.

The site for the January 7th, 2012 meeting was chosen by invitation received from First Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson. Bro. Clyde Tucker was nominated as the speaker for the annual meeting; motion & second to close nominations and to accept nomination, motion carried.

Bro. John Collier was nominated as the alternate speaker; motion & second to close nominations and accept nomination, motion carried.

Prayer was held at the altar for the district churches led by Bro. Wade Rector.

As we began our worship time, Bro. Allen King led the congregation in singing favorites selected by the congregation. Sis. Adethia Rudd assisted at the piano.

The message was brought by Bro. Mark Headrick from 1 Peter 5:1-5 using the theme of setting the example for those around us using word and deed. He encouraged and reminded the pastors and leaders of the churches to remember their responsibilities to guide, nurture and protect their flocks, clothing ourselves with the humility of Christ. Bro. closed in prayer.

District churches made their announcements and the meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Bro. James Edwards.

Respectfully submitted

Allen King, clerk