

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists hosted by First Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, January 7, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick reading from Matthew 28 for our opening scripture and devotion. Our charge is to impact the world for Jesus Christ. The time is always right.

Sidney Cox led the congregation in singing "We Have Come Into His House" with Mitzi Burks and Allen King at the piano and organ.

The partial report of the credentials committee was received. The standing and appointed delegates were seated.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Bro. Mark appointed John Collier and Mitzi Burks to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Jane Cammack and Francis Tucker were appointed to the Obituary Committee.

The district financial reports were accepted as presented.

The state Home Missions Board report was not presented. We did not have guest reports presented.

The Whispering Pines Camp Board Financial report was accepted as presented. Cindy King updated the meeting with the board's thinking concerning the boys' dorm project. It is the opinion of the board that it is more feasible to remodel the dorm instead of building a new building. They are working with a contractor to obtain plans and estimates to present at the April meeting.

The meeting was recessed for twenty minutes to allow boards and committees to meet.

As the session reconvened the Credentials committee presented their final report. Buncombe FWB Ch., First FWB Ch. Carthage, First FWB Ch. Henderson, First FWB Ch. Nacogdoches, Lifegate FWB Ch., Mt. Union FWB Ch., Union Arbor FWB Ch. and Youngblood FWB Ch. reported with letter and dues making a total of eight churches reporting. As of the date of the meeting a letter had not been received from Good Hope FWB Ch. and Stewart FWB Ch.

It was noted that there was not any unfinished business.

The report from the nomination committee was accepted. A motion was made to close the nominations and elect the slate of officers and board members as nominated. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The Resolutions Committee report was presented. MS&C to accept the report and act item by item.

Item #1 – (Please see attached Resolutions Report) – A motion to adopt the resolution was made and seconded. After extensive discussion a motion and second was made to call the previous question, motion carried. The previous motion carried.

Item #2 – (Please see attached Resolutions Report) – MS&C to accept the resolution. Testimonies of thanks were presented in memory of Bro. Harold Teague and closed with a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Item #3 – (Please see attached Resolutions Report) – MS&C to accept the resolution and the thank the host church with a rising vote of thanks.

The report from the Obituary Committee was presented and accepted. A moment of silence, then prayer was observed.

No other business was brought before the session.

Bro. Headrick presented information concerning the fund balances at International Missions, the couples retreats planned for this February and March and the new events with the Texas Challenge. You can now obtain a copy electronically on texasfwb.org.

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Carthage invited the quarterly to meet with them on April 14th, 2012. Bro. Josh Horton the new pastor at Carthage was asked to bring the devotion at the meeting. MS&C to ask Bro. Horton to bring the message at the April meeting also. MS&C to ask Bro. Jimmy Pyers to serve as alternate speaker for the April meeting should Bro. Horton be unable to attend.

As the business session closed a time of prayer at the altar for the district churches was held.

The worship hour opened with Bro. Sidney Cox leading the congregation in worship with the singing of "How Firm A Foundation", "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "In Times Like These". Mitzi Burks and Allen King accompanied on the piano and organ. The offering was received and totaled \$95.00.

Bro. Clyde Tucker brought the message using Hebrews 12: 1-3, Acts 10:38, Hebrews 7:26, Ephesians 5:2, 1John 3:3, 1Peter 2:21, Philippians 2:5-8 examining our relationship with God. Our perfect example is Jesus Christ. Our lives should follow His example, accepting God's timing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen King, clerk

East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist

Executive Board and Committee Members Elected January 2012

Executive Board

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Parliamentarian

Mark Headrick - R

David Rudd - E

Allen King - R

Mitzi Burks - R

Lillie Kee - R

Credentials Committee

5 year term

4 year term

3 year term

2 year term

1 year term

John Collier - E

Clyde Tucker - R

Jesse Murdock - N

Charles Cammack - N

James Edwards - N

Whispering Pines Camp Board

4 year term

3 year term

3 year term

2 year term

2 year term

2 year term

1 year term

Lifetime Members:

Rusty Phipps - E

Angela Edwards - N

Dale Andrews - N

Cindy King - N

Diane Melton - N

Wade Rector - R

Elsa Anderson - R

Gayle Berry

Mary Welch

All Boards Member

John Collier - E

Updated: January 7, 2012 (R= Reelected to vacant position or new term, E= Elected to new term, N=Term not expired at this election)

1-6-2012

Resolution #1

Be it resolved that we affirm the resolution deploring all forms of racism that was adopted at our 1995 convention and that we support the official statement issued by the National Association of Free Will Baptists Executive Office. Further, we recommend the Bible study, Racism, the Bible and the Church, published by Randall House Publications.

The resolution mentioned is as follows:

1995 Resolutions Committee Report

Resolution #2—Resolution Concerning Racism

Whereas, all people are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and,
Whereas, all people have descended through "one blood" from Adam (Acts 17:26) and,
Whereas, God desired for all people to be saved (2 Peter 3:9),
Be it resolved that the National Association of Free Will Baptists do hereby condemn racism in any form and do pledge to proclaim the Gospel freely to all men of every race.

FWB Executive Office Statement Regarding Interracial Couples:

Antioch, TN—Recently, the action of a Free Will Baptist church in the state of Kentucky raised questions regarding the position of the National Association of Free Will Baptists on interracial couples. This statement is intended to bring clarity to the subject.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists does not have an official policy regarding interracial couples because it has not been an issue in the denomination. The Free Will Baptist Treatise neither condemns nor disallows marriage between a man and woman of different races.

Free Will Baptists have historically championed the rights and dignity of all people, regardless of race. The denomination's leadership in the abolition movement is evidence of that fact. Free Will Baptists currently spend millions of dollars each year to take the good news of Jesus Christ to people of every race.

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Many interracial couples are members of Free Will Baptist churches. They are loved, accepted, and respected by their congregations. It is unfair and inaccurate to characterize the denomination as racist.

It is our understanding that steps are being taken by the church in question to reverse its decision. We encourage the church to follow through with this action. Leaders from the local conference and state association in Kentucky are working with the church to resolve this matter.

Contact Executive Secretary Keith Burden: keith@nafwb.org

Resolution #2

Whereas, Rev. Harold R. Teague served faithfully as pastor of Free Will Baptist churches in East Texas for many years and,

Whereas, Bro. Teague faithfully served the Free Will Baptist denomination for many years and,

Whereas, Bro. Teague served as an example for members of his congregations and other pastors in the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists and,

Whereas, Bro. Teague went to be with our Lord on January 2, 2012,

Be it resolved we express our gratitude to God for Bro. Teague with a moment of silence and prayer of thanksgiving for Bro. Teague and comfort for his family.

Resolution #3

Be it resolved that the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists offer a standing vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas and Pastor Mark Headrick for their hospitality in hosting this meeting.

Submitted by:

John Collier
Mitzi Burks

Minutes of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting April 14, 2012 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Carthage

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick with a welcome and comments. Bro. Jimmy Pyers led the congregation in the morning devotion, using Ephesians 4:16-17, thinking about the idea of Christian unity and strength. After prayer for the meeting Josh Horton led #317 "Victory In Jesus" with Stephanie Horton at the piano. Bro. Wesley Boren led the prayer.

The Credentials Committee report was presented by Clyde Tucker. MS&C to set aside the restriction concerning who can serve on the Credentials Committee for this meeting only. Bro. Don Ellis and Bro. Mark Headrick will serve on the committee for this meeting along with Bro. Clyde Tucker and Bro. Larry Melton.

The standing and appointed delegates were seated.

The minutes were received with a correction on the officers elected during the January meeting. The assistant clerk position should read George Bridwell instead of Mitzi Burks.

Larry Melton and Jimmy Pyers were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

A report from the state Home Missions Board was not presented

A report from Whispering Pines Youth Camp was not presented.

Visitors reports presented were:

- 1 Allen King reminded the attendees about the State Youth Retreat scheduled for April 27, 28 & 29, 2012. He also reminded all about the state association meeting in June asking for volunteers for the convention choir and praise band.
- 2 Mitzi Burks reminded the attendees about the Texas Women Active for Christ activities at the state meeting and the fall retreat at Forest Glen, Huntsville.

The meeting was recessed with prayer led by Mark Headrick.

After a break the meeting reconvened. The District Financial Report was accepted as presented.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was presented. Three recommendations were presented; (1) a request for letter for Bro. Steven Shotzman has been received from the Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, (2) The year set aside has been accomplished by Bro. Jimmy Pyers. A request was not received from his home church so no action could be taken at this time, (3) request was received from First Free Will Baptist Church, Carthage to accept Bro. Josh Horton into the East Texas District Association pending a letter from his former district.

MS&C to accept Bro. Josh Horton into the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists pending receipt of a letter from the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church.

MS&C to grant a letter of recommendation for Stephen Shotzman to the Northeast Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptists, 9141 E 440 Rd, Claremore, OK 74017.

As of the date of the meeting seven churches reported with letters and dues have been received from eight churches.

The report was received from the Resolutions Committee (please see attached).

MS&C to accept the resolutions as presented and act on them as a whole.

Lifegate Free Will Baptist Church extended an invitation to host the July 7, 2012 meeting. MS&C to accept their invitation.

Bro. Don Ellis was nominated as the speaker for the July meeting. MS&C to cease nominations and elect by acclamation.

Bro. Jimmy Pyers volunteered to serve as the alternate. MS&C to accept.

A circle of prayers was held at the altar for our district churches.

As the meeting moved into the time of worship Josh Horton led the singing using Hymn #411 "O, How I Love Jesus" with Mitzi Burks accompanying at the piano.

A offering of \$97.00 was received.

Stephanie Horton presented special music singing "Beneath the Cross Of Jesus".

Our morning message was brought by Bro. Josh Horton from Romans 8: 1-39, Galatians 5:16, Hebrews 2:9-18, Ephesians 1:5, and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Bro. Horton developed three points in the message; (1) Christ did not come to condemn but rather to save, (2) We have a avenue of forgiveness when we sin, (3) and we are renewed in Christ.

Before adjournment several announcements were made. First FWB Church, Carthage will be hosting the Travis Lee Band the evening of May 19th and the First FWB Church, Henderson will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on May 20th. Mike Teague will be the guest speaker.

MS&C to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen King, Clerk

Resolutions Committee Report to the Quarterly Meeting of the East Texas District
Association of Free Will Baptists

Date of Meeting: 4-14-12

Resolution #1

We the resolution committee
resolve to give a standing vote of
thanks to Pastor Josh Horton & Free Will
Baptist church of Carthage for their hospitality.

Resolution #2

We the resolution committee
resolve to encourage members of the
District of Free Will Baptist to attend
future district meetings to show unity

Resolution #3

Resolution #4

Minutes of the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptist, meeting July 7, 2012 at Lifegate Free Will Baptist Church, Tyler, TX

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick. Bro. Don Ellis brought the morning devotion using Psalm 94:1, Psalm 95:1, and Psalm 146:1-2. How great is our God and greatly to be praised. All of our earth and the entire universe speak to the greatness of our God. Bro. Ellis led the congregation in our opening prayer.

Larry Melton with Mitzi Burks at the piano led the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock"

The partial report of the credentials committee was received. At this point seven churches are reporting with letter and dues. The delegates were recognized and seated. David Rudd, Don Ellis, Josh Horton and Mark Headrick were appointed to serve as the Credentials Committee for this meeting.

The minutes were examined and accepted as presented.

Bro. Headrick appointed Cindy King and Mitzi Burks to serve as the Resolutions Committee for this meeting.

The district financial report was presented and accepted.

David Rudd presented a report from the state Home Missions works in Texas. All of the works are seeing progress. He wished to express "Thanks" from the mission's board and the missionaries. He did remind the congregation of the August 12th Day of Prayer for state missions works. There is a new work planned for the Wichita Falls area which is close to getting started.

The report from Whispering Pines Camp was presented by Cindy King. There were 61 registered for camp this year with 3 first time decisions and several rededications and other decisions. The National Youth Evangelistic Team was there for several days working with the campers which everyone enjoyed. Bro. Stephen Shotzman from Oklahoma was the evangelist for the week. The Building Fund balance is \$41,744.61 and the General Fund balance is \$7,743.68.

The meeting was recessed for break to allow the committee's to meet.

The meeting reconvened with the final report of the credentials committee. The first recommendation was that the district extend the licensing of Bro. Billy Westbrook for another year. The second recommendation was that the district approve Bro. Jimmy Pyers for ordination at the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Carthage. The third recommendation was for the district to request a letter of good standing from the

Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists for Bro. William Bushong. MS&C to accept the Credentials Committee report and act on it as a whole.

The Resolutions Committee report was presented by Cindy King. Be it resolved we give a standing vote of thanks to Bro. William Bushong and Lifegate Free Will Baptist Church for hosting today's meeting. MS&C to accept the report.

As no invitations were extended MS&C to hold the October 13, 2012 meeting at Whispering Pines Camp.

MSC to nominate Bro. William Bushong as the speaker for the October meeting.

MSC to nominate Bro. David Rudd at the alternate speaker.

The moderator stated that he would give the morning devotion as the host of the meeting.

As has become our practice the congregation gathered at the altar for prayer concerning our district churches.

As we entered our worship hour Larry Melton and Mitzi Burks led the congregation in singing "Count Your Blessings." The offering was received totaling \$69.00. Katy King presented our special music on the piano performing "How Great Is Our God."

Our message was brought by Bro. William Bushong using the scriptures of Joshua 20:1-6, Matthew 16: 17-19, Psalm 110:4, Matthew 18:20, Romans 10:9-10, 1John 1:9 Hebrews 9:27, John 3:16 and John 14:1-3. The church should be our place of peace, strength and refuge; also, the church should be built upon the foundation of the Son of God, We have a High Priest in Jesus Christ. He is our savior, protector, confessor and provider.

The worship service closed with a hymn of invitation "Only Trust Him"

Announcements

Carthage Aug 5-8, services with Josh Aufdengarten from Arkansas. Sunday Night at 6: and rest of the services at 7

Good Hope 6:15 nightly VBS, July 22nd through (Thursday).

National Association Meeting beginning July 15th.

MS&C to adjourn the meeting with lunch following.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen King, clerk

**MINUTES OF THE EAST TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTISTS meeting at Whispering Pines Free Will Baptist Camp, October 13, 2012.**

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Mark Headrick. He used 2 Corinthians 10:14 as the opening devotion. The emphasis of the devotion was on looking outward toward the world that needs the message, instead of looking inward, to look toward growth instead of sitting still.

After prayer the congregation was led in signing "Have Faith In God".

The partial report of the credentials committee was presented. Bro. Clyde Tucker, Bro. Larry Melton and David Rudd will serve on this committee for this meeting.

The delegates were seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and accepted.

The resolutions committee was appointed. Sis. Lillie Key and Frances Tucker will serve on this committee.

The District Financial Report, Student Loan Fund report, Missions Fund report were all presented and accepted.

Bro. David Rudd presented a report from the Texas missions. All of the missions in Texas report progress. Bro. Jeremy Lightsey and the Cross Point Church have a financial need of \$35,000.00 to complete their finish out of the store front where they plan to move their church to. The state Home Missions board has decided to sell the Wichita Falls property instead of establishing a Hispanic church in that particular location. The area has changed from residential to commercial and it is felt they need to look for a better piece of property to establish the church. The district was also reminded that November 19th is the Missions North America Offering.

The meeting was recessed for break to allow the committees to meet.

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

The final report of the credentials committee was presented with seven churches reporting to the meeting with letters and dues.

No unfinished business from the preceding session was presented.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution: be it resolved that we pray that our churches show more interest in our district meetings. MS&C to accept the resolutions report.

In new business a motion was made to refund the state for 2012 state and national dues that Lifegate FWB Church was not able to provide. The district has received a donation for general use that can be used for this. MS&C

The nominating committee was appointed by the moderator. William Bushong, Larry Melton, Diana Melton and Clyde Tucker will serve on this committee.

MS&C to accept the invitation of Buncombe Free Will Baptist Church to host the January 2013 meeting.

MS&C to ask Bro. David Rudd to bring the morning message at the January meeting.

MS&C to ask Bro. Clyde Tucker to serve as alternate speaker for the January meeting.

A time of prayer at the altar was held for our district churches.

Bro. Larry Melton led the congregation in singing "Bring Them In" and Revive Us Again". Our offering of \$87.00 was received. Bro. David Rudd presented our special music singing "Beulah Land".

Bro. William Bushong presented our morning message, "Daily Events For Our Lives", using 1 Corinthians 4:15, Nehemiah 8:19, 2 Timothy 2:15, Psalm 72: 14-16, Hebrews 3:13, 1 Timothy 4:13, Luke 9:23.

Announcements from district churches included:

1. Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church will be observing their homecoming October 31st.
2. The East Texas District Yard Sale to benefit the Whispering Pines Building Fund will be held October 19th & 20th. The set-up day will be October 18th.
3. The district Fall Festival will be October 27th at 6:00 pm at the Whispering Pines Free Will Baptist Camp.

Upon MS&C the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen King, clerk