

MINUTES
of the
First Annual Session
of the
First Mission Association
of the
Free Will Baptist Churches

held with
Tulsa Church, Sept. 26-30, 1928. (Also history
of Association.)

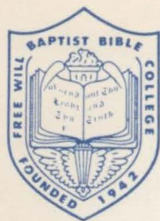
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OFFICERS

Rev. W. M. Bingham	- - - - -	Moderator
Rev. Melvin Bingham	- - - - -	-Ass't. Mod.
Rev. A. B. Talbert	- - - - -	Clerk
Rev. Hattie Newman	- - - - -	Ass't. Clerk.

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Next Association will be held with Drumright
Church, beginning Wednesday night, be-
fore the 4th Sunday in Aug., 1929.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Melvin Bingham

ORDER OF BUSINESS



1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Called to order by Moderator.
3. Letters called for and adopted.
4. Hand of Fellowship Given.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Reading Rules of Order.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seat as Advisory Members.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Report of Committees.
13. Selecting Place for next Association.
Also First Quarterly Meeting.
14. Resolutions of Thanks.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1928.

The First Mission Association met with the Tulsa church.

House called to order by Rev. W. M. Bingham, Moderator. Preaching by A. B. Talbert. Text Prov. 29:18.

Motion carried to organize.

Letters called for. Tulsa, Garden City, and New Home Churches were represented by letters and delegates.

Letters received and delegates seated.

Rev. W. M. Bingham was elected Moderator. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Assistant Moderator.

A. B. Talbert, Clerk. Hattie Newman, Ass't Clerk.

Brothers C. J. Petty and John Wilson were ordained as Deacons, as requested by the Garden City Church.

Adjourned to meet Thursday 8:30 A. M.

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THURSDAY 8:30 A. M.

Called in Conference by Moderator. Read 78 Psa. Prayer by Sister Fincher.

Called for petitionary letters. Letters presented from Drumright and Cushing churches. Letters received and delegates seated.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in Council.

Bro. Martin McGee was seated as a visitor from the Southern Association.

Rules of order read.

The Moderator was given power to appoint committees.

Motion carried that the Pastor of church where Association is held act as Chairman on Pulpit Committee.

Committees appointed as follows:

Pulpit: W. M. Bingham, J. O. Parker, G. W. Miller.

Resolutions: J. L. Waltman, W. L. Bean, A. W. Freer.

Finance: M. M. McKee, W. C. Wilson, G. W. Miller.

Temperance: Sister Pruitt, Sister Edwards, Sister Fincher.

Literature: W. C. Wilson, L. L. Collins, J. O. Parker.

Missions: Sister Newman, A. B. Talbert, J. L. Waltman.

Resolution No. 1. Adopted.

A. B. Talbert, W. M. Bingham, Melvin Bingham, J. L.

Waltman, W. L. Bean were elected as Executive Board.

Adjourned to meet 1:30.

Preaching by Sister Fincher and W. L. Bean.

1:30: Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Pierce.

Resolutions No. 2-8 Adopted, No. 9 lost, No. 10 Tabled.

Adjourned to meet Friday 8:30 A. M. Prayer by Brother Freer. Preaching 7:30 by M. M. McKee on "Two Ways"; Text Matt. 7:14. (One converted.)

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FRIDAY 8:30 A. M.

Called to order by Moderator.

Sister Newman read 133rd Psalm.

The Moderator being sick, Sister Newman moderated the Meeting.

Resolution No 11, Lost. No. 12 Adopted. Adjourned to meet at 1:30. Praysr by Sister Bean.

Preaching at 11:00 by A. W. Freer and W. J. Pierce. Text Rev. 2:10.

1:30 Called to order by Miderator. Prayer by W. L. Bean.

Motion carried to elect an Associational Evangelist. Rev. John Bean was elected.

Motion carried to represent in the State Association by letter and delegates.

W. J. Pierce, W. C. Wilson and Melvin Bingham were elected as delegates.

M. M. McKee, Melvin Bingham, J. L. Waltman, and W. L. Bean were appointed as council to examine those set apart by the Tulsa Church to be ordained.

Resolution No. 13 Adopted.

Called recess for preaching. PPreaching by Rev. W. C. Wilson.

Adjourned to meet Saturday 8:30. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Bingham.

Preaching at 8:00 by Hattie Newman, and Melvin Bingham. (Three converts.)

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SATURDAY 8:30 A. M.

Called to order by moderator. Prayer by J. L. Waltman.

Motion carried to appoint a committee to meet at Drum-right at the State Association o decide on a uniform for Mission Workers.

Sisters, Livia Waltman, Mae Waltman, Cook, Walker,

Fuller, Graham, Fincher, Dickenson, Light, Florence, Pruitt, Parker. Paterson, Petty, Baken, and Opal Bingham were appointed.

Committees on Missions, Temperance, Finance, and Resolutions reported, and reports received. (See Reports.)

Resolutions No's. 14 and 15 Passed.

Motion carried for Clerk to act as Treasurer.

Motion carried to have 500 minutes printed, also to have our articles of faith printed in pamphlet form, giving scriptural reference. The Clerk to compile and have some printed.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30. Prayer by Bro. W. T. Miller.

Preaching by Bros. Lingo, White and Waltman.

1:30 Called to order by moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Roberts.

The examining committee reported favorable on Rev. W. C. Wilson, O. T. White, W. J. Pierce, and A. W. Freer. All four were ordained.

A. B. Talbert, M. M. McKee, J. M. Roberts, W. L. Bean, J. L. Waltman, Melvin Bingham, W. M. Bingham and Bro. O. E. Stairs acted as ordaining council.

J. L. Waltman and W. L. Bean were elected as associational Sunday School Superintendents.

Motion carried to send next association to Drumright, to begin on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1929. Rev. W. M. Bingham was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. W. J. Pierce as Alternate.

Motion carried to hold first quarterly meeting with New Home Church.

Motion carried for the Moderator to express our thanks to the people for their kindness toward us during our stay with them. Adjourned to meet as stated.

Mission Program Saturday night.

Sunday School program Sunday.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Missions:

We, your committee on Missions, report as follows:

Whereas the Mission Work has proven such a help to our churches, and we believe that we can reach souls through the Mission that would not be reached any other way; we ask that every possible effort be made to advance the Miss-

ion Work. We also ask that a committee be appointed to meet at Drumright at the State Association to decide on a uniform for the Mission Workers.

Signed:

Committee.

Temperance:

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

Realizing that intoxicating drink is one of the greatest evils of our land; that it destroys homes, starves children, wrecks human life; makes prostitutes of our girls and human brutes of our boys: Therefore we condemn its use, and as abody we stand on the 18th Amendment; Also that we stained with our officers in enforcing all Laws against Intemperance.

Committee.

We, your committee on finance make report as follows:

Receiving for printing minutes: Drumright Church, \$5.00 Cushing, \$4.00, Tulsa \$5.30, Garden City, \$2.50, New Home \$3.30, Collection \$1.61. Total \$21.71.

Committee.

Resolutions:

No. 1. No minister shall be entitled to a seat in this association until credentials have been approved by the association or Executive board, and the Association or Executive board may withdraw from any minister walking disorderly.

No. 2. The Pastor of the church where the Association is held act as Chairman of Pulpit Committee.

No. 3. Resolved that the churches abide by the ruling of the Association one year then, should any ruling be found not to be best for the churches it may be changed at next Association.

4. Whereas all officers for churches should be christians be it resolved that all churches select their officers from the members of the respective churches.

No. 5 Resolved that we allow churches near our boundary line to represent in the Association of their preference.

No. 6. No one shall be granted license to preach until they have been examined by a committee appointed by the Association, or Quarterly Meeting, at the request of their church.

7. Resolved that this Association will not license or ordain any minister or Deacon that believes in either a sec-

ond work of Grace, or a thousand years to repent in after death.

No. 8. Resolved that we will not ordain any minister that does not teach and practice feet washing.

No. 9-10-11. Lost.

No. 12. Resolved that we recommend that each church pay into the Associational Treasure 25cts. per member, for Evangelistic and other Associational work.

No. 13. We recommend that the Pastor instruct their members to pay "as the Lord has prospered" also that they keep a record of amount paid and have the report read at least twice each year.

No. 14. Resolved that the Manuscript for our minutes be approved by at least 3 members of the Executive Board before being printed.

No. 15. Resolved that we will not allow our ministers to debate unless such a debate be approved by the Executive Board.

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CONSTITUTION

From long experience we are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate our union and to maintain a correspondence among our churches.

Therefore we have adopted the following constitution and by laws for our government.

1.

This Association shall be called the First Mission Association.

2.

This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches Maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and practices, favoring the enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.

3.

The acting members of this Association shall be the Ministers, Deacons, and Church Clerks belonging to any church composing this body, also 3 delegates from each church chosen by the members of their respective churches.

4.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Ass't. Moderator, a Clerk and Ass't. Clerk and an executive board composed of 5 members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected for one year. All officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

5.

The property of any church in this Association that should go down until they could not transact business because they were disorganized, shall become the property of this Association and the executive board his power to execute legal papers for the property.

6.

This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association at such quarterly meetings. Any business of the Association may be transacted.

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This Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches 10 days notice of such called meeting.

8.

This Constitution may be changed at any yearly meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

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BL-LAWS

1.

The Moderator or Ass't. Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association unto conference.

2.

Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3.

Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum a less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4.

Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5.

Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6.

If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7.

Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8.

No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9.

The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a christian spirit.

The ruling of the moderator may be over ruled by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

11.

Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by this Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference.

12.

No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

13.

At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or other equivalent devotional exercises each day.

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ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATION

On May 9th, 1928 the Committees and delegates that had been elected to organize a new Association met at the Berry Hill School house, west of Red Fork.

Those present were: Rev. A. B. Talbert, State Supt. of Missions, Rev. J. L. Waltman, State Supt. of Sunday Schools. Also elected by the First Oklahoma Association to help organize the new association.

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Pastor of the Tulsa Church, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor of New Home Church, Rev. C. W. Thompson, Pastor of the Garden City Church, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Rev. A. W. Freer, Rev. O. J. White, Rev. W. J. Pierce, Liva Waltman, Mae Waltman, Violet Waltman, Rosa Cook, Bro. and Sister Parker, Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Bro. and Sister Edwards, Sister White, Sister Lierly, Wm. C. Thrasher, Charles Petty, L. L. Collins, D. F. Hayes, Sister Baken, Sister Martin, Sister Sales.

House called to order by Rev. A. B. Talbert. Rev. W. M. Bingham was elected Moderator, Rev. J. L. Waltman Ass't. Moderator. Sister J. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Brother Petty Ass't Clerk.

The Constitution, By-laws and Church Covenant were read and adopted.

The hand of fellowship was given and prayer offered for God's guidance.

Rev. W. C. Wilson was elected Sunday School Supt. for the Association, Rev. Melvin Bingham Ass't Supt.

Motion carried that we recommend that the churches of

this Association do not call pastors who are not in sympathy with the Mission Work, and other enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.

Motion carried that we meet on Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in August.

Adjournment to meet with Tulsa Church Thursday night. 7:30 P. M. met with Tulsa Church. Called to order by Moderator.

Minutes read and approved. Order of business read and adopted.

Adjournment to meet on Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in August with Tulsa Church.

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Moderator.

Mrs. J. R. Pruitt, Clerk.

Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On July 11th the Association met in a called meeting with the Tulsa Church to elect Delegates to the Co-operative Association.

Rev. W. M. Bingham and Rev. J. L. Waltman were elected as delegates. Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. W. C. Wilson as alternates.

Motion carried to change date of Association for this year to Sept. 26th.

Adjourned to meet with the Tulsa Church Sept. 26, 1928.

W. M. Bingham, Moderator.

Mrs. J. R. Pruitt, Clerk.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We Promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unwholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God will come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Value Property	No. Members	Pastors	Address
Tulsa	\$2500.00	140	W. M. Bingham	Skitook, Okla.
Garden City	\$500.00	28	W. C. Wilson	Tulsa, Okla.
New Home	\$1500.00	42	Melvin Bingham	Dawson, Okla.
Drumright	\$1250.00	146	A. B. Talbert	Drumright, Okla.
Cushing	\$2500.00	58	W. L. Bean	Cushing, Okla.
Total	\$8250.00	414		

Every Church a Full Time Church and has a Mission and Sunday School.

