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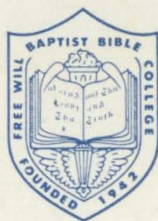
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# **PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the 2nd Annual Session of the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptist.

Convened Wednesday night, August 21, 1929 with the Drumright church. Preaching by Rev. W. M. Bingham.

Thursday, 9:00 a. m. called to order by Moderator, read the fourth chapter of Colossians. Prayer by Rev. P. H. Coffman.

Letters called for Tulsa, Drumright, Vance Chapel, and Cushing churches were represented by letters and delegates. Letters received and delegates seated.

Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Moderator. Rev. A. U. Freer, Assistant Moderator. Rev. A. B. Talbert, Clerk and Treasurer. Mae Graham, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in council.

Rules of order read by clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Pulpit: A. B. Talbert, Maud Moore, Livia Waltman.

Resolutions: Livia Waltman, W. Underwood, A. B. Talbert, Mae Graham.

Missions: Rev. Hattie Newman, Sallie Florence, Jane Valentine.

Credentials: A. U. Freer, Hattie Newman, A. B. Talbert.

Sunday Schools: Will Bean, Clint Moore, Floe Markley.

Obituary: Floe Markley, Mable Spain, Flossie Perkins.  
Finance: Sister McFaren, Livia Waltman, W. A. Taylor.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman. Preaching at 11 by Rev. A. U. Freer and P. H. Coffman. Text, Matthew 28:20. Closed with prayer by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Called to order by Moderator at 2:30 p.m. Read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Prayer by A. B. Talbert.

Called for report of committees. Committees on Credentials, Sunday School, Obituary, Finance and Missions reported and their reports received.

Committee on locating a place for "Old Ministers Home." reported and committee retained.

Special committee on finances, Mae Graham and Livia Waltham, reported and several good talks were made on same.

Motion carried to accept the report of the credential committee and endorse the credentials of Rev. J. F. Polston that were given him by the General Baptist and seat him as one of our ministers.

Bro. L. J. Florence was seated as a corresponding delegate from the Oklahoma Association of General Baptists.

Adjourned to meet Friday, 9:00 a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Polston. Preaching at 8:00 by Rev. W. M. Bingham, text Hebrew 12;22, 23.

Friday 9:00 a. m. Called to order by Moderator. Lesson 3rd chapter of 1st Timothy. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Conley.

Petitionary letters called for. Rev. W. L. Bean presented a letter from the Cordell church, letter received and delegates seated.

A corresponding letter from the Grand River Association was presented by Rev. J. M. Roberts. Letter received and Brother Roberts was seated as a delagate from that Association.

Rev. P. H. Coffman was seated as a visiting minister from the Hope Well Association.

Resolution No. 1 adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Adjourned till 2:00 p. m. Prayer by Sister W. A. Taylor. Preaching at 11:00 by Rev. J. F. Polston.

Friday, 2:00 p. m. Called to order by Moderator. Lesson, Titus 2nd chapter. Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

It was agreed that we pay clerk \$20.00 for last year's work.

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Committee appointed to Ordain Rev. B. H. Perkins were Rev. J. M. Roberts, A. B. Talbert and Will Bean.

Rev. A. B. Talbert was elected Association Evangelist.

Adjourned until Saturday 9:00 a. m. Prayer by W. Underwood. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. by Rev. Hattie Newman, text, Isa 45:22.

Saturday 9:00 a. m. Called to order by Moderator. Lesson Psalms 100. Prayer by Rev. Will Bean.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Treasurer accepted.

A verbal report of the New Home Church by the Assistant Pastor A. U. Freer accepted.

Resolution No. 4 adopted.

Motion carried to seat Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. W. K. Smith and Rev. W. D. McCreedy as visiting ministers from the Canadian Association.

Rev. Will Bean was elected as a member of the Executive Board.

J. L. Waltman, A. B. Talbert, M. M. McKee were elected as delegates to the State Association.

A. B. Talbert, W. M. Bingham, Will Bean were elected as delegates to the co-operative Association which convenes at Monett, Missouri.

Motion carried that we hold our next Association, also the Camp Meeting with the Vance Chapel church. Rev. Will Bean to preach the introductory sermon and A. B. Talbert to be his alternate.

Rev. W. M. Bingham and J. L. Florence were elected as delegates to the Eureka Association. Rev. J. L. Waltman and Hattie Newman were elected as corresponding delegate to the First Oklahoma Association.

The first quarterly meeting was given the Cushing church. Rev. J. L. Waltman to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that the Association convene on Thursday night instead of Wednesday night, also that we take Communion and wash feet on Sunday night at the close of the Association.

Adjourned until 2:00 p. m. Preaching at 11:00 by Rev. W. K. Smith, text, Romans 1;16. Rev. J. L. Waltman concluded.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Moderator. Lesson, 2nd chapter of Romans. Prayer by Moderator.

Motion carried that we pay Rev. A. B. Talbert \$400.00 for Evangelistic work this year.

Letter of commendation from the Cushing church to Rev. J. L. Waltman was read.

Several ministers gave verbal reports of their work.

Resolution of thanks was read by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet with the Vance Chapel church on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August, 1930.

Prayer by Rev. R. L. Oliver. Rev. B. H. Perkins was ordained at the eight o'clock services after which Rev. Will Bean preached.

Rev. B. H. Perkins preached Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. M. Roberts preached at 3:00 p. m. Took Communion Sunday night.

# **Report of Committies**

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## **Committee on Resolutions.**

### **Resolution No. 1**

Resolved that whereas we have failed to get our people as a whole to tithe we recommend the Budget system. We also insist that our ministers try to educate our people to tithe and when receiving members they should instruct them that they are supposed to help support the church.

### **Resolution No. 2**

Resolved that we pay our Associational clerk. Each church to pay its part.

### **Resolution No. 3**

Resolved that whereas so much depends on our attending our Association, resolved that we request our ministers not to arrange any revivals so that they will interfere with the Association and any minister that persists in failing to attend our Association will be considered out of harmony with our Association. Also we request our people to make a special effort to attend our Association and that our ministers and delegates arrange to to stay throughout the entire Association.

### **Resolution No. 4**

Resolved that whereas we need a closer cooperation among our churches we ask that this Association set a place and hold a camp meeting each year closing with our Association.

## **Resolution No. 5**

Resolved that each teacher in our Sunday Schools strive to get the young people to read the Bible through and to study it more.

### **Committee on Home Missions.**

We beg to report that Sister Russie Austin, wife of Sam Austin, departed this life August 15. Also Brother Wilson departed this life early this spring. We all extend our sympathy and bow in submission to God's will. We feel our loss is heaven's gain and hope to meet where we will never say good bye.

### **Committee on Home Missions.**

We, your committee on Home Missions, report as follows: Whereas the Mission work has proven such a help to our churches and we believe we can reach souls through the Mission work that would not be reached in any other way, we ask that every possible effort be made to advance the mission work and during our State Association there was a committee to decide upon a uniform and we ask that every member have one, also that they be worn at members funerals, also any one else that requests we also ask that every President bring it up with the workers in regard to little black silk hats all made alike to wear with the uniforms.

### **Committee on Finance.**

We, your committee on Finance reports as follows: Minute fund: Tulsa \$5.50, Cushing \$3.00, Cordell \$3.00, Vance Chapel \$2.50, New Home \$3.00, Cushing on 25c per member \$3.00. Total \$20.00.

### **Report of Clerk**

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|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| Left over last year     | _____ | \$ 6.71 |
| Received at Association | _____ | \$20.00 |
| Total                   | _____ | \$26.71 |

## **Names and Addresses of Ministers**

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Rev. A. B. Talbert, Drumright, Okla. Rev. B. H. Perkins, Drumright, Okla. Rev. A. B. Talbert, Drumright, Okla. Rev. J. L. Waltman, Drumright, Okla. Rev. M. M. McKee, Drumright, Okla. Rev. Hattie Newman, Drumright, Okla. Rev. J. F. Polston, Drumright, Okla. Rev. G. W. Conley, Cushing, Okla. Rev. Robert L. Oliver, Cushing, Okla. Rev. Linnie Oliver, Cushing, Okla. Rev. I. B. Dunway, Cushing, Okla. Rev. Melvin Bingham, Dawson, Okla. Rev. W. M. Bingham, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. A. U. Freer, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. W. C. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. W. J. Pierce, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. O. T. White, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. W. L. Bean, Watonga, Okla.

### **Licensed Ministers**

Rev. Sadie Fincher, Drumright, Okla. Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Drumright, Okla. Rev. Cherry Clark, Drumright, Okla. Rev. Homer Bond, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. D. F. Hayes, Tulsa, Okla. Rev. Fay Green, Drumright, Okla.

## 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 the 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, assistant Moderator, a clerk and assistant 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 has 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.

7.

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

8.

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

## BY-LAWS

1.

The moderator or assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association into 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 reflection 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.

10.

The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled 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 their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

| Churches     | Property  | Members | Pastor         | Clerk           | Address          |
|--------------|-----------|---------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tulsa        | \$2500.00 | 130     | Melvin Bingham | C. E. Philips   | Tulsa, Okla.     |
| Drumright    | \$1250.00 | 103     | J. L. Waltman  | W. A. Taylor    | Drumright, Okla. |
| Vance Chapel | \$ 000.00 | 53      | Hattie Newman  | Lewis Lindsay   | Oilton, Okla.    |
| Cushing      | \$2500.00 | 52      | R. L. Oliver   | Zona Payne      | Cushing, Okla.   |
| Cordell      | \$ 000.00 | 20      | Will Bean      | Virgil Florence | Watonga, Okla.   |
| New Home     | \$1500.00 | 30      | W. J. Pierce   | Chas. Sterling  | Tulsa, Okla.     |
| Garden City  | \$ 500.00 | 28      | Not Reported   | Not Reported    | Not Reported     |

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| Amount paid Pastors this year ----- | \$1280.00 |
| Evangelistic work -----             | 220.00    |
| Missions -----                      | 400.00    |
| Building -----                      | 400.00    |

