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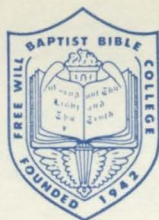
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Proceedings

The First Mission Association convened with the Vance Chapel Church August 21, 1930.

After song service the Moderator, Rev. W. M. Bingham, called the house to order.

Preaching by Rev. Will Bean; Text Gal. 6:2.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning, August 22, 1930, at eight o'clock.

Friday, 8 O'clock A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Lesson: 1st. Thes. 4th chapter.

Prayer by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

Letters called for. Tulsa, New Home, Vance Chapel, Drumright and Cushing Churches were represented by letters and delegates.

Letters received and delegates seated.

Motion carried to allow the alternates to vote as delegates.

Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. Will Bean, Moderator.

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Assistant Moderator.

A. B. Talbert, Clerk and Treasurer.

Mae Graham, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Rules of order were read by the clerk.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint all committees.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

PULPIT—Sister Bean, Sister Taylor and Sister Markham.

RESOLUTION—P. T. Dunn, Sadie Fincher and Roy Beshers.

OBITUARY—Cecil E. Horner, A. U. Freer and Flossie Perkins.

HOME MISSION—Mae Dickinson, Mae Waltman, Sister Bean and Sister Haltzinger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Melvin Bingham, Sister Kirby, Sister Thomas and Sister Hood.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION—A. B. Talbert, Melvin Bingham and P. T. Dunn.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES CALLED FOR

The committee that had been appointed to sell the Garden City property reported and was given more time.

The committee on examination reported and ask that Brother B. T. Kirby be granted a license to preach.

Motion carried that the Board examine Rev. Mathews' credentials as he is coming from another Association to us.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Afternoon prayer by P. T. Dunn.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. Carl Hood and Sister Perkins. Text: Heb. 11:1.

Friday Afternoon

Called to order at 1:30 o'clock by Moderator.

Prayer by Sadie Fincher.

Committee on Resolutions reported. (see report.)

Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 were adopted. No. 6 lost.

Adjourned until Saturday, August 23, at 8 a.m.

Prayer by A. B. Talbert.

Rev. Melvin Bingham preached Friday night. Text: Eccl. 12:1.

Saturday Morning

Called to order by Moderation, read Ephiseans 4th chapter. Prayer by P. T. Dunn.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer read and received. (See report.)

Received a written report from Rev. J. L. Waltman, also verbal reports from Rev. Sadie Fincher, A. U. Freer, Melvin Bingham, W. M. Bingham, P. T. Dunn, Cecil Horner, W. H. Dickinson, B. H. Perkins, and R. T. Oliver.

Reports of committees on Missions, Sunday School and Obituary read and received. (See reports.)

Rev. J. T. Waltman was re-elected as member of the Executive Board.

Sister Mae Dickinson was elected as Association Superintendent of Mission work and assist the State Superintendent.

Motion carried to send next Association to the New Home Church.

Rev. A. B. Talbert was elected to preach the Introductory: Rev. Melvin Bingham, alternate.

The first quarterly meeting was given the Tulsa Church and will convene on Tuesday before the third Sunday in November so as to be at the co-operative Association which meets on Tuesday night.

Delegates were elected to the Co-operative Association as follows: T. G. Cope and Oscar Taylor. Alternates, O. H. Staires and Sister W. A. Taylor.

Rev. P. T. Dunn was elected as Evangelist, working in this Association.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Bro. Staires.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. Sadie Fincher and W. M. Bingham. Text: Rom. 7:21.

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 o'clock p. m. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Sister Graham.

Report of Mission work at Vance Chapel read.

Motion carried that Mission reports be printed in the minutes.

Delegates to the State Association were elected as follows: Sister Mae Dickinson, Sister Will Bean and Bro. W. Underwood.

Alternates were: Mae Graham, Mae Waltman, and Bro. Carl Hood.

Motion carried that the Clerk have the minutes printed, also that he have some forums printed to make yearly reports on to the Association.

Motion carried that we extend to the people of Vance Chapel our thanks for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Preaching at three o'clock by Rev. A. U. Freer.
Text: Matt. 4:10.

Adjourned to meet with the New Home Church on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1931. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Bingham.

REV. WILL BEAN, Moderator

REV. A. B. TALBERT, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1.—Resolved that: We allow our churches to grant license to preach to any that they deem worthy.

No. 2.—Resolved that: Our preachers preach tithing as one of the doctrines of the Church.

No. 3.—Resolved that the Clerk keep up a record of minutes of quarterly meetings and that they be read at our Association.

No. 4.—Resolved: That our pastors should bring before our churches each Conference the need of getting the 25 cents per number in before the close of the Association year.

No. 5.—Resolved: That each minister should give a written or verbal report of their work to this Association so that their names may appear in our minutes.

No. 6.—Resolved: That we hold our quarterly meetings so as to divide the Associational year equally.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Whereas we find that our Sunday Schools are doing a great good we ask that we have a Sunday School rally at each quarterly meeting and the school having the largest attendance be given a banner: banner to be furnished by the Association.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, ask that the Resolution regarding uniforms be abided by and that a superintendent be elected for this Association.

We also ask that one day during our Association be set apart as "Mission day" for talks on the mission work. And in order to make the mission what it was organized for we ask that each one cooperate with their president to help do this greatest good possible.

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg to make the following report.

Whereas the Supreme Ruler in his wisdom saw fit to remove from midst Sister Wilson from Drum-right church, Sister Bethel Martin from the New Home church, and Bettie Jene, 4 year old daughter of Bro. and Sister Hood of Tulsa church, we feel that we must bow in submission to His will for "He doeth everything well".

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS

CUSHING MISSION

Money received, \$22.00. Paid out, \$20.80. Gro. showers 15. Sick calls 71. Prayer meetings, 20.
Mrs. Walker, President.

Vance Chapel Mission

Money received, \$117.16; paid out, \$98.50; gro. showers, 11; sick calls, 407; Cottage Prayer meetings, 18.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer

Received minute fund—

Tulsa Church, \$6.10; New Home \$2.50; Drumright, \$5.00; Cushing, \$4.00; Vance Chapel \$5.00; received on sale of Articles of Faith, \$11.00. Total, \$33.60.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Tulsa Church—

Bro. and Sister R. H. Haltzinger,
Bro. and Sister Carl Hood,
Bro. and Sister Wilber Underwood.

New Home Church

Sisters Sterling, Sales and Bacon.

Vance Chapel Church

Julia Bean, Dora Shaffer, B. T. Kirby, Lindy Campbell, Dessie McFarren and Iva Lindsay.

Drumright Church

Flossie Perkins, S. A. Taylor, Mae Dickinson,
and Mae Graham.

Cushing Church

Mae Waltman, S. E. Thomas, Ray Thomas and
Sister Walker.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. P. L. Dunn, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. A. U. Freer, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. Cecil E. Horner, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. W. C. Wilson, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. O. T. White, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. W. J. Pierce, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. R. J. Miller, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. Will Bean, Yale, Oklahoma
Rev. W. F. Campbell, Oilton, Oklahoma
Rev. Hattie Newman, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. Sadie Fincher, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. B. H. Perkins, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. J. H. Waltman, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. A. B. Talbert, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. R. L. Oliver, Cushing, Oklahoma
Rev. Linnie Oliver, Cushing, Oklahoma
Rev. G. W. Conley, Cushing, Oklahoma

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Fay Green, Drumright, Oklahoma
Rev. A. V. Cline, Oilton, Oklahoma
Rev. B. T. Kirby, Oilton, Oklahoma
Rev. Homer Bond, Tulsa, Oklahoma

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Pastors	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	No. Members	Paid Pastor	Pd. Evangelist	For Missions	Bldg. and Repairs	Value of Church property
Vance Chapel	W. L. Bean	24	1	82	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$94.00	\$262.00		
Drumright	A. B. Talbert	29	8	124	360.00	190.00	100.00	700.00	\$3000.00	
Tulsa	Melvin Bingham	75	1	221	592.00	130.00			2500.00	
New Home	P. L. Dunn	1	34						1500.00	
Cushing	J. L. Waltman	6	3	37		44.00	22.00		2500.00	
Total		134	13	3	498	\$1552.00	\$414.00	\$216.00	\$962.00	\$9500.00

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 three 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 five members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected each 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 exe-

cutive 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 quarterly meetings. Business of the Association may be transacted.

7.

This Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten 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.

