

MINUTES
OF THE
Fourth Annual Session
OF THE
FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

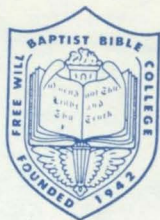
HELD WITH
New Home Church, August 19 to 22, 1931.

OFFICERS

Rev. W. M. BinghamModerator
Rev. Cecil HornerAssistant Moderator
Rev. W. J. PierceClerk and Treasurer
Rev. W. H. DickinsonAssistant Clerk

The next Annual Session will convene with Drum-
right Church, on Wednesday night before the 4th
Sunday in August, 1932.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Melvin Bingham

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MISSIONS

1. President in Charge.
2. Song or Songs.
3. Prayer.
4. Leader read Scripture; have Prayer and turn the Meeting back to President.
5. Minutes of previous meeting read.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Report of Committees.
9. New Business.
10. Report of Sick and Needy.
11. Suggestions for Good of the Mission.
12. Song and Offering.

Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House Called to Order by the Moderator.
3. Letters Called for, Read and Received.
4. Right Hand of Fellowship.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary Letters.
7. Reading Rules of Order (By-Laws).
8. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats in Council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Report of Committees.
12. Report of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

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PROCEEDINGS

The First Mission Association convened with the New Home Church, on Thursday morning at 8:00 o'clock, August 20, 1931.

Called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. L. Bean. Lesson 2 Tim. 4th chapter. Prayer by Moderator.

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

Letters received and delegates seated.

Petitionary letters from Daisy church at Valley, Okla., Allen Free Will Baptist church at Sapulpa, Okla., R1, and Mt. Zion church at Catoosa, Okla. were read.

Churches were received as members of the Association and their delegates seated.

Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. W. M. Bingham, Moderator.

Rev. Cecil Horner, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. W. J. Pierce, Clerk and Treasurer.

Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint all committees.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

PULPIT—Rev. W. J. Pierce, Bro. Geo. Miller and Sister Alice Fuller.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. W. L. Bean, Rev. A. B. Talbert, and Bro. W. A. Taylor.

Motion carried that we take up Mission work and leave the appointment of other committees until Friday.

Received report of associational Supt. of Missions, Sister Dickinson of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Received reports of Missions from New Home, Vance Chapel, Allen, Cushing and Tulsa churches.

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Sister Liz'ie McAdams. Text, Zach. 7:10.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Moderator. Lesson, Matt. 1:1 to 7. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Waltman.

Committee on Resolutions reported. (See report.)

Adjourned until Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Thursday night service was led by Mission workers, who gave a splendid program under the direction of Superintendent of Missions, Sister Dickinson.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. Lesson, 3rd chapter of Prov. Prayer by Bro. W. A. Taylor.

Rev. W. H. Carter and wife and Bro. J. H. West and wife were seated as corresponding messengers from Canadian Ass'n.

Other Committees Appointed:

MISSIONS—Rev. Hattie Newman, Sister Opal Bingham, Sister Levia Waltman and Sister Wynemia Boue.

CREDENTIALS—Rev. Will Bean, Rev. A. B. Talbert, Rev. J. L. Waltman and Rev. Melvin Bingham.

TEMPERANCE—Bro. W. A. Taylor, Bro. J. H. West, Bro. A. C. Turner and Bro. A. E. Mefford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. Wilber Underwood, Rev Cecil Horner, Bro. Sherman Lydel and Bro. W. E. Warner.

OBITUARY—Sister Markham, Sister Fincher, Sister Bacon and Sister Lydia Warner.

FINANCE—Rev. J. L. Waltman, Bro. Wilber Underwood and Rev. O. T. White.

Sister Mae Dickinson was re-elected as Associational Superintendent of Mission work.

Rev. W. J. Pierce was elected as a member of the Executive Board to fill vacancy left by Rev. Melvin Bingham whose term had expired.

Received report of retiring Secretary of Executive Board.

Received report of Associational Clerk.

Adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. Cecil Horner.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev O. T. White, followed by Rev. J. L. Waltman. Text, Matt. 8:13.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Assistant Moderator. Lesson, 2nd chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Prayer by Rev W. H. Carter.

Committee on Temperance reported. (See report).

Committee on Obituary reported. (See report).

Committee on Missions reported. (See report).

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. (See report).

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching Friday night by Rev. W. H. Carter. Text: 3rd chapter of Jonah, 2nd verse.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator at 8:00 a. m. Lesson: 3rd chapter of Colossians. Prayer by Sister Fincher.

Delegates were elected to the Co-operative General Association as follows: Bro. Wilber Underwood, Sister Mae Dickinson and Bro. A. E. Mefford.

Bro. Morris, Bro. Sherman Lydel and Sister Bean. Alternates:

Delegates were elected to the State Association as follows: Bro. Noble, Sister Mae Graham and Sister Bacon.

Committee on Finance reported. (See report).

Motion carried that we send the next Association to the Drumright Church.

Motion carried that the Camp Meeting be left in the hands of the Executive Board, and to amend resolution No. 4 of 1929.

The first Quarterly Meeting was given to the Daisy Church and will convene on Friday at 2:00 p. m. before the 4th Sunday in November, 1931.

Rev. Cecil Horner was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and Rev. W. J. Pierce as alternate.

Reports were given by the following ministers: Rev. A. B. Talbert, Rev. W. M. Bingham, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. W. J. Pierce, Rev. Hattie Newman, Rev. Sadie Fincher, Rev. Carl Hood, Rev. Cecil Horner, Rev. J. L. Waltman, Rev. W. H. Dickinson and Rev. Will Bean.

Rev. A. B. Talbert was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the first Quarterly Meeting.

Motion carried that we leave the office of Associational Evangelist vacant for one year.

Adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Bro. A. C. Turner and Rev. Cecil Horner. Text: Mark 1:17.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Assistant Moderator. Lesson: 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Waltman.

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

Motion carried that our Clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with the Drumright Church on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.

Rev. W. M. BINGHAM, Moderator.

Rev. W. J. PIERCE, Clerk-Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions

No. 1. Resolved that: Each Mission send in a full report each year of their work and include all sick calls and grocery showers and the cost of grocery showers, also the number of prayer meetings and conversions.

No. 2. Resolved that: We recommend that each Mission circle have a special visiting committee and that we encourage our Mission workers to go into homes where people cannot go to church and pray with them and make a special effort to get souls saved.

No.3. Resolved that: We meet at our churches once a year and have a day of prayer for all Missions.

No. 4. Resolved that: Every Mission band have for their motto: "Salvation of Souls." Second: Visit and provide for the poor and needy. Third: Raising finance for the work.

No. 5. Resolved that: Our women Mission workers wear their uniforms while in special services and if any member is unable to buy a uniform, that the circle furnish this member with one, and all uniforms be made with long sleeves.

No. 6. Resolved that: Each Mission have the same order of business as they need in their work each week, and this order of business to be placed in the minutes.

No. 7. Resolved that: Each Mission meet a week or ten days before our regular Association and make out their report, and we insist that the report be sent to the Association.

No. 8. Resolved that: Our ministers give a written report of their yearly work at each Association and that this report be listed in our minutes each year.

No. 9. Resolved that: We include all resolutions passed in our quarterly meetings in associational minutes.

No. 10. Resolved that: We place the order of business in our minutes.

No.11. Resolved that: Article No. 6 of our Constitution be changed to read:

"This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association, also meet in regular quarterly meetings and at such quarterly meetings shall have power to transact all business of the Association, except to change the Constitution.

No. 12. Resolved that: Whereas we are in great need of finance for Associational purposes we request each church to send in to Association Treasurer five cents per member for our Associational work.

No. 13. Resolved that: We will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit. This is to be added to Article 11 of the By-Laws.

No. 14. Resolved that: Whereas this Association has seen fit to elect an Associational Sunday School Superintendent for the purpose of working with each Sunday school within our bounds, and sponsoring Associational rallies: Be it resolved, that each church give him their full co-operation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Whereas the Sunday School is the training school for our future church: Be it resolved, that we endorse our denominational literature. Be it further resolved, that our Associational Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to our publishing house.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, request that the uniforms be all alike and of same materials. That all previous patterns be disregarded and, in order to be uniform, we get our uniforms through the office of our Associational Superintendent and that she also have our emblem on each uniform, and that we still hold to our regular uniform caps, our regular day for Missions and night for programs.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We believe in being temperate in all things.

We believe intoxicating drink to be one of the worst curses of our nation. It not only robs people of the necessary things of life, but also of their souls. It causes many souls to spend eternity in hell. May we, as Christians, do all we can to be temperate in all things while in this life, that we may spend eternity with God.

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg to report as follows:

Whereas the Supreme Ruler, in His wisdom, saw fit to remove from our midst the infant son of Bro. and Sister Oscar Hargis of New Home church; Bro. Oren Nance of Tulsa church; and Bro. Roy Spain, Bro. Jack Davidson and Bro. George Sanders of Drumright church we feel that we must bow in submission to God's will, for He doeth all things well. Our loss is but Heaven's gain.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS

CUSHING MISSION—Mission meetings 38; grocery showers 11; cottage prayer meetings 23; homes visited 44; money taken in \$105.76; money paid out \$108.49.

NEW HOME MISSION—Money received \$54.80; money paid out \$43.03; grocery showers 10; sick calls 324; cottage prayer meetings 46.

VANCE CHAPEL MISSION—Money received \$25.59; money paid out \$40.72.

TULSA MISSION

Money received \$78.13; money paid out for charity work and pastor \$76.00; sick calls 584; grocery showers 30.

ALLEN MISSION

Organized July 15, 1931. Money taken in \$155.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

New Home Church \$5.00; Vance Chapel Church \$3.00; Drumright Church \$3.00; Daisy Church \$1.00; Allen Church \$3.00; Cushing Church \$3.00; Mt. Zion Church \$3.00; Drumright Mission \$0.75; Cushing Mission \$0.75; Vance Chapel Mission \$0.75. Total \$23.25.

LIST OF DELEGATES

NEW HOME CHURCH—Sister Sales, Sister Carlen, Sister Bacon.

Bro. W. A. Pierce, Bro. W. C. Moss, Bro. John Bacon, alternates.

ALLEN CHURCH—Bro. and Sister Turner, Sister McDonald. Bro. and Sister Buie, Sister Lida Warner, alternates.

VANCE CHAPEL CHURCH—Sister Bean, Wilma Rosebrough, Gordie Rosebrough.

Sister Markley, Sister Markham, Sister Milton, alternates.

DAISY CHURCH—Bro. and Sister Sherman Lytle, Sister Livia Waltman.

MT. ZION CHURCH—Bro. Frank Morris, Bro. Grand Nobles, Sister Edwards.

DRUMRIGHT CHURCH—Sister Mae Graham, Sister Fuller, Sister Moore, Sister Dickinson.

TULSA CHURCH—Bro. George Miller, Bro. Florence, Sister Glenaria Staires.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. Bingham,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Melvin Bingham,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. J. Pierce,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. P. L. Dunn,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Cecil Horner,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. O. T. White,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Albert Boen,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Carl C. Hood,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. O. B. Lane,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. E. Bell,	Barnsdall, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. E. Wheeler,	Barnsdall, Oklahoma.
Rev. Rufas Miller,	Mutual, Oklahoma.
Rev. A. B. Talbert,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. H. Dickinson,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. Sadie Fincher,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. T. Polston,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. B. H. Perkins,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. Hattie Newman,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. G. W. Conley,	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. Lee Oliver,	Shamrock, Oklahoma.
Rev. Linda Oliver,	Shamrock, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. L. Waltman,	Valey, Oklahoma.
Rev. Will Bean,	Yale, Oklahoma.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Fay Green,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. B. F. McDuffie,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Frank Martin,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. B. T. Kirby,	Oilton, Oklahoma.
Rev. A. V. Cline,	Oilton, Oklahoma.
Rev. Flossie Perkins,	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. O. H. Staires,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. P. Johnson,	Okmulgee, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. M. Batey,	Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. M. Bingham,	R9, B225, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. A. B. Talbert,	B947, Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. J. Pierce,	R9, B235, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. L. Waltman,	R1, Valley, Oklahoma.
Rev. Will Bean,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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 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, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an 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 are 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, also meet in regular quarterly meetings and at such quarterly meetings shall have power to transact all business of the Association, except to change the Constitution.
7. This Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten days' notice of such meetings.
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 with 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 seat 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. Motions 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 the members voting.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by this Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference, and we will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

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

CHURCH	PASTOR	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	No. Members	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	For Missions	Bld'g and Repair	Value of Church Property
Vance Chapel	W. L. Bean	14	3	39	\$600.00	\$7.99	\$21.85			
Drumright	H. M. McAdams	11	16	3	139	178.88	1.28	242.07	940.50	\$3000.00
Tulsa	Melvin Bingham	107		1	327	974.49	50.00		500.00	3000.00
New Home	W. J. Pierce	37	7	1	68	203.93		43.03		2500.00
Cushing	B. H. Perkins	18	13	44	62.16		55.60	87.45	187.74	2500.00
Daisy	J. L. Waltman	Organized August 16, 1931. Have 14 members.								
Allen	Carl Hood	Organized June, 1931. Have 46 members.								
Mt. Zion	O. T. White	Organized August 1, 1931. Have 47 members.								
Totals.....		294	39	5	784	\$2019.46	\$226.88	\$380.54	\$1650.09	\$11000.00

