

MINUTES
OF THE
First Oklahoma Association,
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST,
CONVENED WITH
Forest Hill Church, Tecumseh, O.T.,
AUGUST 11th, 12th and 13th,
1906.

Next Session will Convene with New Liberty Church, Commene-
ing Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1907.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION.

The eighth session of the First Oklahoma Association of the Free Will Baptist convened with Forest Hill Church, Tecumseh, O. T., Aug. 11, 12, 13, 1906. Introductory sermon preached by — —.

Bro. Tom Townsend was elected moderator, Bro. T. W. Mitchell assistant moderator.

Motion carried that Bro. J. B. Wilson act as assistant clerk.

Letters from various churches were called for, and the following were represented:

Liberty No. 1.—G. M. Bryant, Leon Case.

Liberty No. 2.—J. D. Pierce.

Friendship—Bertie Mitchell, John Settlemyre.

Oak Grove—N. E. Gaines.

Union Grove—W. M. Dawson, W. H. Baker.

Forest Hill—H. Shelley, W. K. Long, J. B. Louis.

Mountain View—Tom Kampplain.

Mt. Zion—H. S. Huckaby.

Lewis Chapel—G. W. Wright.

Union—No delegates, letter sent by pastor, Tom Kampplain; received.

Betnel—Jack Hensby, Saul Grey.

Red Oak—Bros. Dukes and Smith.

Lone Star—H. S. Wynn, J. H. Hutcheson, Allen Smith.

Pleasant View—D. L. Mullens, P. H. Coleman.

A song was sang and the right hand of fellowship was given the delegates.

The following committees were appointed:

Arrangements—A. G. Forkner, Will Smith, J. T. Kampplain.

Sunday Schools—J. D. Pierce, W. M. Dawson, W. J. Hutcheson.

Finance—Saul Grey, L. Case, M. H. Baker.

Obituaries—G. L. Main, D. W. Sanderson, G. W. Wright.

Bro Isaac Townsend
grandfather of
Allie Townsend Henry

Isaac Kampplain close
friend of the Townsend family

Temperance—W. K. Long, W. M. Long, J. L. Grey.

Motion carried to adjourn until 3, p. m. After singing, prayer was led by Bro. T. W. Mitchell.

Afternoon Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was led by Bro. Mitchell.

Motion carried that Bro. Murray's credentials be endorsed by this association.

Motion that the credentials of Bro. Owens, given him by the United Baptist and endorsed by the Free Will Baptist, be demanded and if he fails to surrender same he shall be published in the minutes.

Motion carried that this association approve the action of Friendship church in taking Bro. Newberry back into the church.

Report of committee on Sunday Schools received and committee discharged. (See report.)

Report of committee on obituaries received and committee discharged. (See report.)

Report of committee on temperance received and committee discharged. (See report.)

Report of committee on finance received and committee discharged. (See report.)

A donation was called for to aid in paying for printing of minutes, was taken and \$2.20 received.

Motion carried that the treaties on Free Will Baptist Faith be handed back to committee for a most thorough investigation.

Motion carried that we have 500 minutes printed to be distributed according to membership of churches.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9, a. m., tomorrow.

After singing, prayer was led by Bro. D. W. Sanderson.

A motion carried to reconsider our motion to adjourn until 9, a. m., tomorrow and go on with the work tonight and have the minutes read tomorrow for the benefit of delegates not present, and if there is any protest they shall be heard and considered.

After singing, prayer was led by Bro. H. S. Wynn.

Motion carried that this association be divided; the boundary lines shall be from the South Canadian river, north, along the West Seminole line, to boundary line of next association.

Motion carried that the new association be organized at Benson with Liberty No. 2

Motion carried that meeting be held on Friday at 11, a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1906, for the purpose of organizing the new association.

Motion carried that this association elect two delegates to meet with and help organize the new association.

Bro. H. S. Huckaby was elected and he to select some one to go with him.

Bro. Hutcheson was elected to go as corresponding delegate to the Hopewell Association which convenes Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in Aug., 1906.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9, a. m., tomorrow.

Prayer led by Bro. Hutcheson.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

House called to order by moderator.

After singing, prayer was led by Bro. T. W. Townsend.

Motion carried that the article prohibiting receiving members who have been baptized by Campbellites be erased from our minutes and never be put there again.

Motion carried that when a member of the Campbellite church comes to the Free Will Baptist and asks admission and states that he was regenerated before baptism he shall be admitted.

Resolution No. 1 adopted. Resolution No. 2 adopted. (See resolution). Resolution No. 3 adopted. (See resolution).

Motion carried that report of ministers be received.

Motion carried to adopt deacons' reports as read.

Motion carried that this association elect a minister

to preach the introductory sermon to the new association to be organized at Yeager, I. T. Bros. Mitchell and Wright were elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Motion carried that we elect a moderator and assistant moderator to preside over this association the next year.

Motion carried that this association recommend that Bro. E. F. Felt take charge of new Liberty church if possible.

A contribution was taken to pay clerk for work. \$2.36 was received.

Motion carried that if there is any money in the treasury after printing of minutes are paid for clerk shall receive same.

Motion carried that Bro. Huckaby be dismissed from this association by his request.

Next association will meet with the new Liberty church, beginning Friday at 11, a. m., before the first Sunday in August, 1907, 9 miles west and 1½ miles north of Tecumseh, O. T.

First Q. M. will meet at Red Oak Friday at 11, a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in Nov., 1906.

Second Q. M. will be held at Forest Hill, beginning Friday at 11, a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in Feb., 1907.

Third Q. M. will be held at Medkiff, beginning Friday at 11, a. m., before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1907.

Report of committee on arrangements received and committee discharged.

Motion carried that Bros. J. R. Durham and J. A. Caskey preach the introductory sermon at next association.

Motion carried that minutes of this association be read. Same were read and approved.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with the new Liberty church.

T. J. TOWNSEND, moderator.

W. H. COLWELL, Clerk.

*Grandfather of
Allie Townsend Henry*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 1.—Be it resolved by this association that each minister preach at least one sermon a month, show reasons why not at next association. (Adopted.)

Resolution No. 2.—Resolved that the following named committee, G. L. Main, A. D. Johnson and John Rogers, appointed to examine H. S. Huckaby on doctrine, at quarterly meeting at Union Grove, found the said brother sound in doctrine and favor his credentials being returned to him. (Adopted.)

Resolution No. 3.—Resolved that this association tender their heartfelt thanks to our beloved moderator for the impartial manner in which he has conducted this association, also to Forest Hill community for their kindness and hospitality shown during this association. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE.—Resolved that we are in favor of prohibiting the manufacture, exportation, importation and sale of all intoxicants and desire to place ourselves on record in the most positive terms that we will use our influence to accomplish this end, and that we withdraw fellowship from any minister or lay member who is a dram drinker or any member or minister who signs a petition for the sale of any intoxicants.

FINANCE.—We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following report: That the several churches have donated \$10.35 for minute money.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: We recommend that every pastor organize a Sunday School in every church if possible. We recommend American Union literature.

OBITUARIES.—We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following report: We find that an all wise God has seen fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved Bro. H. C. Johnson, an ordained deacon, died August, 1906, also R. L. Brazil died Aug., 1906, and Sister M. R. Williford died Nov. 20, 1905, also Sister Harriet Edmond died May 29, 1906.

ARRANGEMENTS.—Preaching Friday at 11, a. m., by Bros. G. W. Wright and D. T. Mansker; Friday night, Bros. H. S. Huckaby and T. W. Townsend; Saturday at 11, a. m., G. L. Main and T. W. Mitchell; Saturday night by W. C. Campbell and G. W. Wright; Sunday at 11, a. m., T. W. Townsend and W. L. Hutchens; Sunday night, H. S. Wynn and D. T. Mansker.

MINISTERS' REPORTS.

D. T. MANSKER—Sermons preached 125, churches organized 1, members received 24, marriage ceremonies 1, miles traveled 553, money received \$76.35.

T. W. MITCHELL—Sermons preached 50, exhortations 50, received into church 18, marriages 5, miles traveled 100, money received \$70.70.

W. C. CAMPBELL—Sermons 21, exhortations 7, miles traveled 86, money received \$1.50.

T. J. TOWNSEND—Sermons preached 100, number of conversions witnessed unknown, funerals 6, baptized 21, miles traveled 1000, money received \$135.00.

H. S. WYNN—Members received into church 68, churches organized 4, conversions witnessed 72, miles traveled unestimated, baptized 14, donation \$23.00.

W. L. HUTCHENS—Sermons preached 45, exhortations 15, funerals 4, marriages 4, miles traveled 250, money received \$15.00.

E. PULTS—Sermons preached 51, exhortations 25, received into church 2, conversions witnessed 19, miles traveled 383, money received \$61.95.

CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we, the members of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we do, therefore, ordain this constitution for our better associational government.

ART. 1. MEMBERSHIP.—This association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons with delegates chosen

by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who, upon presenting letters, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. Letters from each church represented will express their number in fellowship and number of ordained and licentiate ministers and their postoffice addresses, the number of members received upon confession of faith, by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice, the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died since last association.

ART. 3. SEC. 1. The members thus chosen when assembled with the ministers and deacons to denominate the first Free Will Baptist Association of Oklahoma being composed of the several churches.

SEC. 2. The association having no power to lord over God's heritage.

SEC. 3. Reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

ART. 4. OFFICERS.—The association to have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who are to be chosen by the members present.

ART. 5. NEW CHURCHES.—Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this association who petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the association and given the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 6. QUESTIONS.—No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

ART. 7. MOTIONS.—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

ART. 8. MINUTES.—The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches minutes of the association in proportion to the members in each church at the discretion of the churches.

ART. 9. CLERKS.—It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association in a book kept by the association for that purpose.

ART. 10. SIGNATURE.—The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the close of the association.

ART. 11. Amendments to the constitution may be

made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ART. 12. ORDINANCES.—The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support on the ministry.

ART. 13. Every church shall call their pastor, state what salary they can pay and if the pastor agrees to serve for the amount stated, and church fails to pay the salary agreed upon, the association shall consider that church out of order. And if the pastor fails on his part to serve the church a year, he shall be considered out of order and dealt with accordingly.

ART. 14. This association shall hold three quarterly meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons are to make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry and the quarterly conference will make a written report to the association annually.

ART. 15. TREASURY.—Resolved that each church have a treasury and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and the said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

RULES OF ORDER FOR ASSOCIATION.

1. The association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and address the moderator.

3. Any person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the moderator, until he is through speaking, nor shall the moderator unless he breaks order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question, and shall not cast any personal reflections on him whom may have spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of a public speech.

7. Members shall be addressed by the appellation of brother or brothers.

8. No member shall absent himself from the association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the association seems necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the association.

11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the moderator according to the directions of the association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call for letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Reading rules of order.
6. Invitation to delegates and brethren to seats.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Call for report of treasurer.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

J. A. Caskey.....	Box.....	O. T.
E. Pults.....	Romulus.....	"
G. L. Main.....	Willzetta.....	"
D. B. Dunipin.....	Dibble.....	I. T.
A. J. Smithey.....	Lexington.....	O. T.
R. Durham.....	Lexington.....	"
D. T. Mansker.....	Prague.....	"
L. Townsend.....	Wetumka.....	I. T.
T. W. Mitchell.....	Welty.....	"
P. Smith.....	Welty.....	"
A. J. Newberry.....	Welty.....	"
John Thompson.....	Wanette.....	O. T.
W. C. Campbell.....	Tecumseh.....	"
J. P. Westbrook.....	Wetumka.....	I. T.
H. S. Wynn.....	Wetumka.....	"
T. R. Kampplain.....	Wetumka.....	"
H. S. Huckaby.....	Etawa.....	O. T.
G. W. Wright.....	Kanawa.....	I. T.
E. Bean.....	Asher.....	O. T.
A. Lee.....	Sasakwa.....	I. T.

*O. P. Westbrook - great uncle of
Allie Townsend, Henry*

*Grandpa of
Allie*

O. K. Davis.....
 W. L. Hutchens.....Yeager.....
 W. F. Bean.....Asher.....O. T.

RULES FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE.

1. Call church in conference.
2. Invitation to visiting brethren and sisters to seats in council.
3. Call for reading minutes of last conference.
4. Attend to unfinished business.
5. Call for peace of church.
6. Invitation for members.
7. Is any sick or in distress.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.

A Presbytery for Ordaining Ministers and Deacons.

1. The presbytery for ordaining an elder shall consist of an ordained minister and one ordained deacon.
2. A presbytery for ordaining a deacon must be composed of two ordained deacons and one ordained minister.

Rules for Ordaining.

1. To present the candidate.
2. To examine the candidate on doctrine and qualifications.
3. Prayer and laying on of hands by presbytery.
4. Presentation of the Bible.
5. To deliver him the charge.
6. To extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

Form of Church Letter.

..... to the Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, when assembled with, we send as delegates from our church Bros..... whom we pray you to receive, to sit with and aid you in your deliberations.

Add statistical report, state of religion, post office address, number in fellowship and etc. Done in church conference 190...

.....Mod.
Clerk.

Letter of Dismissal.

This is to certify that is a member of good standing of the Free Will Baptist church at and as such we recommend him to the fellowship of God's people. Done in church conference 190...

.....Mod.

.....Clerk.

Form of Deacon's Letter.

This is to certify that Brother is a worthy deacon of our church and we recommend him as being worthy of his calling. Done in church conference 190...

.....Mod.

.....Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible words of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:16; Peter 1:20, 21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead or Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17: 1; I. John 5: 7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and can not extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 2: 1, 19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.—Acts 4: 12; Titus 3: 5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24: 13; Rev. 2: 10.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25: 46.

7. That baptism and the Lord's supper and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.—Mark 1: 4, 9, 10; Luke 23: 30; St. John 13: 14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week, or Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex: 31: 15, 17; Deut. 5: 12; Matt. 12: 12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but everyone in his own order; those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; and that God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I. Cor. 15: 44; St. John 5: 28, 29; I. Thes. 4: 16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—St. John 13: 35; Gal. 6: 10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefits only by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 30: 21; I. Tim. 2: 5, 6; St. John 3: 14, 16; I. Cor. 15: 20, 22; Rom. 5: 15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—St. John 10: 7; I. Peter 3: 21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him and therefore should be one at His table.—I. Cor. 1: 2, 11, 27, 28; St. John 17: 11.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

great-uncle of
Allie Townsend Perry

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CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	PASTORS.	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Con.	Baptized.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	No. Members.	Died.	Contribution
Bethel.....	Jack Hensley..... Payden..... I.T.	D. T. Mansker.....	16	9	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	\$ .50
Lone Star.....	J. J. Troop..... Wetunka.....	T. R. Kampplain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	1.50
Union Grove.....	S. A. Dawson..... Keokuk Falls, O.T.	T. W. Mitchell.....	.....	1	1	8	8	55	.....	1.10
Pleasant View.....	P. H. Coleman..... Hazel..... I.T.	G. W. Wright.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1.00
New Prospect.....	M. W. Lovelace..... Asher..... O.T.	J. E. Beau.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	1.00
Mountain View.....	Bel Smith..... We'unka..... I.T.	Tom Kampplain.....	1	18	18	7	1	65	2	1.50
Forest Hill.....	E. S. England..... Tecumseh..... O.T.	D. T. Mansker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	1	.50
Liberty.....	Leon Case..... Paden..... I.O.	D. T. Mansker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.50
Oak Grove.....	Amanda Stewart..... Wilzetta..... O.T.	Ola Westbrook.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.50
Liberty No. 2... ..	J. D. Pierce..... Yeager..... I.T.	T. W. Mitchell.....	.....	.....	12	3	3	60	.....	.....
Friendship.....	W. F. Knapp..... Welty..... I.T.	H. S. Huckaby.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	1.25
Red Oak.....	Mary Smith..... Etawa..... O.T.	T. R. Kampplain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.50
Union.....	A. M. Parker..... Dustinsburg..... I.T.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.50
Medkiff.....	W. H. Colwell..... Tribbey..... O.T.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	Viola Tugram..... Box..... I.T.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewis Chapel.....	J. L. Wood..... Violet..... I.T.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....										
New Bethlehem	W. L. Stevens..... Asher.....									
Moore.....	James Pults..... Romulus.....									

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