

MINUTES
Of The
THIRTY THIRD SESSION
Of The
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF GOD

Next session will convene with Spring Hill Church 4 miles east of Lexington, on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in September 1931.

W. E. DEARMORE, Moderator,
O. C. DESKIN, Assistant Moderator
A. B. EPPERSON, Clerk,
I. B. DUNAWAY, Assistant Clerk.

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Minutes of the First Oklahoma Association of the Free Will Baptist Church of God. Held with Northview Church, September 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Officers,;

W. E. DEARMORE, Moderator,

O. C. DESKIN, Assistant Moderator

A. B. EPPERSON, Clerk,

I. B. DUNAWAY, Assistant Clerk.

Introductory sermon preached by Brother Dunaway, text First Corinthians, which was fine. By motion was adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 A. M.

Met according to adjournment, called to order by Moderator W. E. Dearmore. Scripture reading Psalms 23. Prayer by Brother Florence.

Church letters called for: Tecumseh, Box Spring, Hill, Pleasant Hill, New Bethlehem, Liberty, North View. The hand of fellowship was given by a general handshake.

Patriotary letters called for Earlsboro, Cordell; Church letters were presented and delegates seated.

Reading of the rules was leisurely read. Appointment of committee.

Committee on divine service: S. L. Simpson; T. A. McMurry; W. E. Hodam.

Commission on Resolution; I. B. Dunaway, O. C. Deskin, W. M. Long.

Committee on Ministerial standing; V. A. Florence, T. C. Christian, F. A. Strawn.

Publicity Committee: B. L. Lawless, I. B. Taylor.

Committee on Sunday School: Mrs. I. B. Dunaway, G. W. Argo, W. E. Long.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Florence, J. S. James and P. Conner.

Committee on Home Mission: Mrs. W. M. Long, J. L. Jones, Frank Kieffer.

Committee on Obituary: W. M. Long, I. B. Dunaway, O. C. Deskin.

Temperance Committee: Mrs. Clarada, Mrs. Dunaway, A. B. Epperson.

Special Committee: I. B. Dunaway, W. M. Long, A. B. Epperson.

Adjourned for preaching.

Preaching 11 A. M. by Elder Deskin, text Mark 13-34; had a fine service.

Motion to adjourn to 1:30 Friday.

At 1:45 called to order by singing 209, "In Guide to Glory"
Devotional by Sister Florence. Scripture Eph. 5th chapter.
Report of committee on resolutions.

No. 2. Makes it the duty of all churches to report the number of ministers in their church with letter to the Association, if not will be the duty of the Association to deal with them.

Resolution No. 3. That our ministers demand that their churches observe the ordinances of the church in May and September, if possible, as has been our practice so long.

Resolution No. 4. Inasmuch as we beleive we are living in the very Saturday evening of time, and that the world is being deceived by deceptive theories and doctrines of devils and seducing spirits; therefore be it resolved that we urge that our preachers take a firm stand against such—and a firm stand for the true doctrine of Jesus Christ, and out against all deceptions and misleading theories and protect our people against the modes of deception possible from the en-roads of deception:

I. B. DUNAWAY,

W. M. LONG.

Be it further resolved that we charter the first Oklahoma Association. Be it further resolved that we co-operate with our evangelist in his work, with finance and our prayers.

Motion to elect an ordaining counsel; I. B. Dunaway, O. C. Deskin and A. B. Epperson were elected. Motion to elect W. E. Dearmore Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

Motion: one member of the Board J. P. Fry was elected for three years.

Motion to adjourn to meet Saturday at 8:30 A. M.

Elder J. T. Hagen to preach at 7:30 P. M.

Devotional by Brother Florence.

Saturday morning session. Devotional by T. C. Christian. Scripture lesson Hebrews 12th chapter.

The next session of the Association will convene with the Spring Hill church, 4 miles east of Lexington. A. B. Epperson to preach the introductory sermon.

First 5th Sunday meeting at New Bethlehem, 3 miles east and 2 miles south of Asher beginning Friday night before the 5th Sunday in November. W. E. Dearmore to preach the introductory sermon. Second 5th Sunday meeting with Earlsboro church on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in March. The third 5th Sunday meeting will be held with Cordell church.

Watonga Oklahoma, beginning on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in May. Motion that we ordain Brother Simpson. Try this afternoon.

Motion to adjourn to meet 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Brother Thompson, Preaching by Brother T. C. Christian.

Saturday afternoon called together by singing. Scripture reading Jonah 4th chapter by Brother Dearmore. Prayer by Tom Fry.

Motion that we formulate a group of questions to use in ordaining a minister.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Spring Hill church on regular meeting time of the association Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September 1931.

This Association was a real success. Nine churches represented with a fine spirit throughout the meeting.

YAWAZJU 2311

Report of committee on Ministerial standing. We your committee find our ministers in good standing as far as we know. T. A. Strawn.

Committee on obituary submitted the following report. We find that since we met in our Association God has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved Brother J. A. Caskey and Sister Johnson of Box church. Brother J. M. Howard and Sister Helen McPherson of New Bethlehem and Sister O. A. McMahon of Tecumseh. While we miss their presence in our homes and churches and the loving counsel of Dear Brother Caskey in our Association, yet we bow our heads in humble submission to God's Will, knowing that our loss is Heaven's gain and that we have stronger ties to draw us heavenward.

W. M. LONG.

Committee on finance for minutes:

Pleasant Hill Church	\$5.00
Box	\$4.15
Spring Hill	\$5.00
Cordell	\$3.50
Liberty	\$3.00
Tecumseh	\$2.00
North View	\$2.00
New Bethlehem	\$2.00
Earlsboro	\$2.00
TOTAL	\$28.65

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: We cannot place too high an estimation on the subject that it is destructive in this life and the life to come. Intemperance

is disloyal to the laws of nature, laws of the country, It destroys the morals and always hurtful, and in many destroys both soul and body. Therefore we urge total abstinence from the same that every child of God should take a part rescuing our fellow man from its clutches. Also we ask that our preachers preach at least once a year on Intemperance.

MRS. DUNAWAY

MINISTER'S REPORT

I have done a few months pastoral work, have assisted in revival meeting, witnessed 60 conversions, married four couples, conducted 8 funerals, preached about 100 times, served as Sunday School Superintendent for the First Oklahoma Association and served as emissary for the state Association—travel about 3,000 miles. Received about \$3.00.

W. E. DEARMORE.

I have pastored 2 churches, received 27 members in church, baptized 20, had regular appointments. Married two couples. Received \$100.

W. L. WADDLE.

My year's work as follows: Sermons 48 held one revival, 4 reclaimed. Money received \$40.51 paid \$18.93. Traveled 961, Pray for me.

J. F. HAGAR.

I wish to say that I am glad to be with you once more and have membership with you again. I have pastored one church. Have preached from 2 to 4 times a month, may the Lord bless the work. Remember us when you pray.

I. B. DUNAWAY.

Pastored one church, sermons 90, converts 25, baptized 12, married 8 couples, funerals 6. Miles traveled, 3,500; money paid out, \$150.00; money received, \$75.00. May God bless you.

G. H. JOHNSON .

I have preached 21 times, superintended one Sunday School, taught the Bible class in that school.

T. C. CHRISTIAN.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We find that our churches all have Sunday Schools and we especially urge that our people put forth every effort possible to make our Sunday School a success.

We also suggest that our people use our own literature as far as it is possible. And too we think it best to use F. W. B. Teachers and officers when it is possible.

MRS. DUNAWAY,
G. W. ARGO,
W. E. LONG.

LIBERTY

LIST OF MINISTERS

Elder G. H. Johnson, Drumright.
G. W. Bailey, Bristow.
Mrs. Bond.

SPRING HILL

J. F. Hagar, Lexington,
Mr. Bullard, Lexington.
W. L. Waddle, Stratford.
D. L. Simpson.
W. C. Keylon, Oklahoma City.

PLEASANT HILL
O. C. Deskin, Norman Route, 2.

NEW BETHLEHEM
J. P. Fry.

BOX CHURCH
W. E. Dearmore, Trousdale.
J. B. Johnson, Mountain View.
T. C. Christian, Wanette.

CORDELL CHURCH

B. Dunaway, Watonga.
TECUMSEH CHURCH

A. B. Epperson.
Mr. Hoppers.
CLERKS:

SPRING HILL

Roy Thompson, Lexington

BOX

T. C. Christian, Wanette

PLEASANT HILL

Winnie Alsup, Norman.

NEW BETHLEHEM

Emma Fry.

NORTHVIEW

Alice Jett, Tecumseh.

EARLSBORO

Arthur Downs.

CORDELL

Virgil Florence, Watonga.

LIBBERTY

Mrs. Tressa Luker.

TECUMSEH

Alice B. Clark.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **God** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in his divine nature truly God, in his human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, he is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance of faith until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit and live; or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation is Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The devine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Ressurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches

to perpetuate a union and a communion among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. Membership. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Northwest Brazos Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. Letters. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received, the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since the last Association. The churches in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. Officers. The Association shall have a moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. New Churches. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this association who petition by letter and delegates, if upon examination they are found to be orthodox, the Moderator giving 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 member who made it.

Art. 8. Minutes. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association; in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the society.

Art. 9. Clerk. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. Signatures. 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. Amendments to this constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER:

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

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

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

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

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, or speak more than five minutes.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

