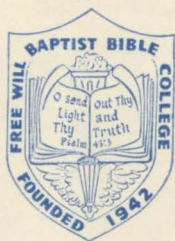


The
First Oklahoma Ass'n
of
Free Will Baptists

1943

Proceedings of the
46th Annual Session

Convened at
North View Church
Tecumseh, Oklahoma



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
North View Church, Tecumseh, Okla.
August 12, 1943

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. W. E. Dearmore	Wanette, Okla.
Ass't. Mod.	Eld. Lester Judd	
Clerk	Earleen Parris	Shawnee, Okla.
Ass't. Clerk	Lillian Argo	Norman, Okla.

The next annual session of this Association will be held with North View Church, two miles east of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday morning before the third Sunday in August, 1944.

A ten day Camp Meeting to proceed the Association will also be held at North View church.

FOREWORD

After attending this session and hearing the enthusiastic plans for the future of our Association we feel that each one who was present will not want to miss an opportunity of putting these plans into effect in order to see the Free Will Baptists progress.

Our next session, the 47th, we want to have a bigger and better meeting that will be a glory and advancement to the cause of Christ. We are happy to say that we have the kind of leaders and material that will move onward, and upward.

We want each and every member of this Association to feel that it is their duty to step out and help us in the new plans we are launching.

Let us all pray more in 1944 than we did in 1943.

PROCEEDINGS

The Camp Meeting of the First Oklahoma Association convened with the North View Church, ten days preceeding the Association, August 2, 1943.

Evangelists were Eld. Lester Judd and Eld. A. E. Downs both of Earlsboro, Oklahoma. These ministers are to be commended for their wonderful work and cooperation. Theirs was a great responsibility not having been selected for the evangelists.

Associational Proceedings

The forty-sixth annual session met August 12, 1943.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting opened by singing, led by Sister George Taylor.

Eld. Lester Judd led in prayer.

The assistant moderator, Eld. W. E. Dearnmore, took charge after reading a devotional lesson.

Letters from the following churches were read, received and delegates seated as follows: Earlsboro, Tecumseh, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill, North View, and Wolf.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

Eld. O. H. Doss, pastor of the Spring Hill Church, was to bring the message at eleven o'clock service.

Election of Officers

Moderator	Eld. W. E. Dearnmore
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Lester Judd
Clerk	Earleen Parris
Assistant Clerk	Lillian Argo

Bro. Tom Frye asked God's blessing on this session of business.

A Committee of Committees was appointed by the moderator as follows: Clerk, Assistant Clerk. Eld. L. Judd, Eld. A. B. Epperson, and Sister Mamie Stevenson.

By motion we adjourned until the eleven o'clock service.

Dismissed by Eld. Geo. McLain.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "How Firm A Foundation."

Prayer by Eld. Geo. Taylor.

A spiritual devotional was led by Eld. Judd.

Eld. O. H. Doss brought the message using "Go" as his subject and Isaiah 6th chapter as his text.

After an inspiring message everyone joined in a song and old fashioned handshake.

Dismissed by Bro. Earl Stevenson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing.

Bro. Tom Fry read the 67th Psalm, after which he led in prayer.

Letter from Central Avenue Church at Oklahoma City, was read, received and delegates seated.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore, Eld. Lester Judd, Eld. A. E. Downs, Eld. O. H. Doss and Eld. A. B. Epperson are the members of the Executive Board.

By motion the board is to designate at their first meeting the number of years that each member is to serve.

The committees were selected as follows:

PULPIT — Roy Trice, Tom Fry, Earl Stevenson.

RESOLUTION — Lester Judd, O. H. Doss, Roy Waddle, A. B. Epperson, George Taylor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sister G. T. Taylor, Major Fallowell, Daisy Davis.

LEAGUE — Mamie Stevenson, Woodrow Wilson, Thelma Trice, Charles Sapp.

MUSIC — B. C. Wilson, Ester Lansdown, J. T. Hurst.

PRAYER MEETING — George Taylor, Fred Garner, Maud Pitts.

PUBLICATION — Clyde Argo, Calvin Hanna, Myrtie Trice.

CREDENTIAL — Earl Stevenson, Ben Maxwell, Bro. Lynn.

FINANCE — W. E. Dearmore, A. B. Epperson, Allen Straughn.

TEMPERANCE — A. B. Epperson, Ben Maxwell, Geo. Taylor.

OBITUARY — Ben Littleton, Tom Lansdown, Sister Brayboy.

LADIES' AUXILIARY — Earleen Parris, Carrie Mae Alfrey, Myrtie Trice.

Committees were dismissed to make reports.

Eld. Harry Staires gave a brief talk.

Pulpit Committee reported that Eld. George McLain would bring the message at the evening service.

Reports from the following committees were read, accepted and committees dismissed: Sunday School, Finance, Credential, League, Prayer Meeting, and Music.

After the report of the Obituary Committee was read and accepted a moment of silent prayer was offered in reverence of those deceased.

Publication Committee report read and accepted.

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were read and accepted.

A committee as referred to in Resolution No. 3 was appointed to attend to the business of the purchasing of property for Camp Meeting.

This committee consists of Eld. O. H. Doss, Bro. Earl Stevenson, Eld. George Taylor, Bro. B. C. Wilson, Eld. Clyde Argo, and Eld. A. B. Epperson.

By motion the Camp Meeting fund is to be divided between the two ministers that held the series of meetings preceding the Association.

Motion carried that each church send in their back dues for the Camp Meeting.

An offering of \$6.50 was received toward the expense of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn until the evening service.

Dismissed by Eld. A. B. Epperson.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand," after which we were led in prayer.

A special number in song was given by Mamie Stevenson and Virgil Downs.

Eld. George McLain took the stand using for his text Acts 1, his subject "The Upper Room."

After his soul stirring message was delivered there were lost souls at the altar.

The business meeting was resumed.

Field worker for the Ladies' Auxiliary was chosen by moderator.

Earleen Parris with Lillian Argo as assistant were selected.

The quarterly meetings were placed as follows, begin-

ming on Thursday before the third Sunday in the following months:

First, Wolf Church in November.

Second, Pleasant Hill Church in February.

Third, Spring Hill Church in May.

Eld. Clyde Argo is to bring the message at the first quarterly meeting; Eld. A. E. Downs alternate.

Eld. A. B. Epperson is to bring the introductory message at our next Association with Eld. A. E. Downs as alternate.

Motion carried that we have our Camp Meeting and Association at North View in August 1944. Placing the responsibility on each delegate to furnish his own board. Rooms will be provided to care for the delegation during the association.

Eld. Lester Judd was elected as our evangelist for the Camp Meeting with Eld. O. H. Doss as alternate.

The following were elected as delegates to the Oklahoma State Association: Sister Mamie Stevenson, Sister Irene Conner, Sister Alva Downs, Sister Lillian Argo, and Sister Thelma Trice.

Resolutions Nos. 5 and 6 were read and accepted.

By motion Bro. Roy Trice's ministers' license was to be renewed.

By motion we are to pay the moderator \$5.00. The clerk and assistant are to receive the same as the previous year, \$5.00 and \$2.50 respectively.

By motion we request that each church take a collection once a month for "Old Ministers Fund."

Sister Mamie Stevenson was re-elected as custodian. Her address is, Mamie Stevenson, Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Eld. Lester Judd gave a talk on the Camp Ground.

A resolution of thanks was extended to North View, Earlsboro and Tecumseh.

By motion we adjourned until our first quarterly meeting.

Dismissed by Eld. W. E. Dearmore.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS — We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

No. 1. Be it Resolved, That no minister be allowed a vote in the Association unless he is a member of some church in the Association.

No. 2. Be it Resolved, That we recommend to our denomination in writing to their boys in the army that The Gem will send to them the paper if they will request same.

Address, Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri.

No. 3. Be it Resolved, That the Association appoint a committee to see the members of the North View church in regards to the purchasing the church property for the Camp Meeting and Association grounds.

No. 4. Be it Resolved, That our Association appoint a field worker and assistant for the Ladies' Auxiliary work to create and stimulate interest among the ladies of our churches. It will be the duty of each church to support and finance the trip to their respective churches.

No. 5. Be it Resolved, That none of our churches hold revivals during our Camp Meeting period and Association and all that are able, to attend our services and camp.

PRAYER MEETING — We, the Committee, find that most of our churches have prayer meeting. We recommend that each church have one prayer meeting in each week. Prayer changes things.

OBITUARY — We find these deaths in our Association: Bro. John Halloway, Spring Hill Church; Bro. Elijah Haggy, and Robert Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vaughan, Pleasant Hill Church.

FINANCE — We, your Committee on Finance, report the following: Paid in \$35.00 Minute money; \$23.00 for evangelists; \$9.35 for Old Ministers' Fund.

LEAGUE — We, your Committee on League, believe that every church have a League and recommend that each church in our Association organize one. Since our young people of today will be our Association in a few years the League will

act as a training school for the betterment of our churches and our country.

MUSIC—We, your Committee on Music, recommend that each of our churches participate in community singings. We find that special numbers aid spiritually in the cause for Christ.

We recommend the teaching of singing schools and especially for the children of our denomination.

We believe that in the training of our younger folk now, we will have made advancement that we will be proud of in later years.

CREDENTIAL—We, the Committee on Credentials, find all our ministers and deacons in good standing and working for the glory of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We want to encourage our children and the older folk in Sunday school work, and all to use Free Will Baptists as teachers, and to use our denominational literature publications. We your committee urge that all our printing supplies be sent and obtained from the Free Will Press. We urge that 500 or more Minutes be printed for our particular Association. The Minutes are to be distributed to the churches according to membership and the Minutes be sent to each church as soon as possible.

MINISTERS REPORTS

CLYDE ARGO, Moore, Oklahoma—I beg to report as follows: Preached approximately 50 sermons; have one Sunday of each month at Pleasant Hill; conducted 4 funerals; traveled 10,000 miles; assisted in 1 revival; married 1 couple.

W. A. LAND, Dale, Oklahoma—Conversions 6; number baptized 7; additions to church 13; reclaimed 3; granted 1 letter; received as pastor \$100.00; as evangelist \$59.50; paid tithe \$16.28; preached 138 messages; traveled 3,100 miles.

O. H. DOSS, 1009 N.W. 44th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Pastored 1 church half time; conducted 2 revivals; preached 60 sermons; witnessed 14 conversions; received \$250.00; traveled 2,000 miles.

CLERK'S REPORT

I wish to report as follows:

Received for:

Minute fund	\$40.00
Balance from last year	10.17
Total	\$50.17

Paid Out:

Clerk	\$ 5.00
Assistant Clerk	2.50
Printing of Minutes	16.00
Postage, etc.	1.49
Ordination Blanks	.53
State Minutes	10.00
Total	\$35.52

UNIFIED BUDGET

Received:

Earlsboro	\$20.00
Tecumseh	7.00
Oklahoma City	20.00
Wolf	10.00
Spring Hill	6.55
Total	\$63.55

Paid out:

F. S. VanHoose	\$60.00
Postage, etc.	.84
Total	\$60.84

Now in Unified Budget Fund	\$2.71
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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We Promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

3. Those who speak shall arise 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.

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 if necessary before the close of the Association.

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

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

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

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Membership	Number Received	Number Dismissed	Number of Ministers	Number of Deacons	Sunday School	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist
Earlsboro	R. L. Judd	Mrs. T. R. Alfrey ..	224	8	6	2	4	40	\$ 602.00	\$6 .00
North View	W. A. Land	Bernice Carr	27	..	..	..	2	25	150.00	
Tecumseh	A. B. Epperson	Vivian Davis	63	2	2	3	5	42	306.25	80.00
Central Avenue	Harry Staires	Laura Mangham	162	15	..	5	5	55	125.00	40.00
Spring Hill	O. H. Doss	George Molder	105	5	12	6	12	100	1750.00	
Wolf	George Taylor	Sister Dinwiddle ...	49	..	..	..	..	..	250.00	
Pleasant Hill	W. A. Land	Lillian Argo	76	13	1	6	..	..	90.00	59.50

Earlsboro Church has a League enrollment of 10 and a valuation of church property is \$4000.

