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of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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BRIEF HISTORY

January 6, 1951

The Churches of Northeast Oklahoma met at Zion Hill Church and voted to organize a new Association. Adjourned to meet at Vera, Oklahoma, February 5, 1951.

The Vera, Oologah, and Zion Hill Churches met at Vera and adopted a Constitution and By-Laws. Reverend Raymond McMillen was elected moderator and Sister Shade, Clerk. Adjourned to meet at Oologah, February 16, 1951. This meeting postponed because of bad weather.

Met in Conference at Oologah, February 23, 1951. The Vera, Oologah, Zion Hill, Claremore and Prairie Grove Churches were represented. At this meeting an Executive Board, Credential Committee and Board of Trustees were elected. Next meeting to be at Zion Hill, May 11th and 12th, 1951.

Met at Zion Hill, May 11th and 12th, 1951, with three very spiritual services, after which Brother Jack Brassfield was ordained to preach the gospel and Brother Fred Hudson, Claremore, was ordained as Deacon, also Brother Ed Jenkins was licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Meeting adjourned to meet again at Zion Hill for the Association, August 10, 1951.

PROCEEDINGS

Of Northeast Oklahoma Association, which convened
with Zion Hill Freewill Baptist Church,
August 10, 1951.

Friday Morning

House was called to order by moderator, Brother Raymond McMillen. Services opened with a song led by Brother Laird Thomason, followed by prayer led by Bro. A. B. Talbert. Then the by-laws were read by Brother Raymond McMillen. The minutes were read and approved of the last meeting. Then Church letters were read and received and delegates were seated and made welcome by the body. Brother A. B. Talbert was elected

moderator with Brother Raymond McMillen retained as assistant moderator, following by united prayer of leadership for Brother Talbert during the conference. We had a congregation song led by Brother Laird, Thomason and Brother J. D. Jacson was elected clerk and Sister Elsie McMillen was elected assistant clerk. Then the pulpit committee was selected consisting of Brother Emery Jenkins, Sister Millie Stout. and Sister Olinger. A motion was carried that the moderator and assistant moderator appoint all committees.

Eleven o'clock preaching hour opened with song No. 130 directed by Brother Laird Thomason, followed by prayer by Brother J. D. Jackson. Brother Gammel took charge of the service, taking his text from John 6:20, "Be Not Afraid." Brother Shade followed on same text, both brought wonderful messages. Dismissed by prayer.

Friday Afternoon

Service opened with singing No. 57 "Some Day." after which services were turned to Brother Talbert. Moderator, reading scripture from 13th chapter of Hebrews. And the visitors were made welcome. The Moderator appointed the Credential Committee, which consisted of the pastors of each church in the Association as follows: Rev. Bob Maxwell, Claremore; Rev. James Timbrook, Vera; Rev. Raymond McMillen, Zion Hill; Rev. Johnny Brown and Rev. J. D. Jackson, Prairie Grove. A motion was made and carried that we use the Credential Committee as the Executive Board, the Executive Board being recommended for the settling of any business transactions that may arise in the Association and the carrying on of the good will of the Association. A motion

was carried that we retain the former Board of Trustees. A recess was called for by the Moderator for Committees to discuss business. Services were reopened after recess by song No. 58, "Just Over in the Glory Land." A call was made for the reading of the reports from all of the Committees.

Resolutions read and approved by body. Read and accepted by the body:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credential Committee examined Brother Emery Jenkins and recommended him to be ordained as Deacon. Credential Committee also met with Brother Hulseby and reported that they are unable to examine him for ordination, because of improper papers, dismissing him from the First Mission Association.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Obituary Committee submit the following names: Martha Synyard from Zion Hill Church, Clara Stout from Vera Church and Beulah Pearl Truelove from Prairie Grove Church. A motion was carried that we put only our meeting reports in the minutes and exclude our Articles of Faith. A motion was made and carried that Brother Ed Jenkins become president of the Junior Home Mission activity in our Association.

All business having been taken care of, Rev. A. B. Talbert, taking the stand, followed by Rev. Raymond McMillen. Both brought very inspiring messages on what we believe and practice as Free Will Baptists. Benediction by Brother Pease.

Friday Evening, August 10, 1951

The Friday evening services opened with a song led by Brother Laird Thomason, followed with prayer by Brother Gammel. We had several songs led by Brother Laird and prayer again led by Brother McDonald. Sister Darlene Jenkins played the piano. We had a song while taking up an offering for the Association which was \$6.28. The pulpit Committee appointed Brother Jackson and Brother McDonald to bring the evening messages. We had a special song by Brother and Sister McDonald, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone." A special by Sister Patsy Roberts, "The Last Mile of the Way," and a special by the Hulsey girls and two other girls from Oologah. The assistant Moderator, Rev. Raymond McMillen, turned the meeting to Rev. J. D. Jackson, who took his scripture from the 106th Psalm. His subject, "The Power." Then Brother McDonald took up where Brother Jackson left off, reading from the 12th chapter of Isaiah. Both were inspiring messages.

The report of the retiring redential Committee was read by the assistant clerk. Contents, "We the Credential Committee make this following report. Met August 10, 1951, and examined Rev. Robert Maxwell and Rev. James Timbrook and Rev. J. D. Jackson. We recommend that Rev. Robert Maxwell and Rev. James Timbrook be seated as members of this Association. They having been members of the First Mission Association. We recommend that Brother J. D. Jackson be ordained as he is now pastoring Prairie Grove Church. We were dismissed in prayer by Sister Lester McDonald."

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 Northeast Oklahoma 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 and their wives, Deacons, and 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, Ass't Moderator, a Clerk and Ass't Clerk and an Executive Board of five members they shall be elected by and subject to the Association; they shall act as a committee to promote peace and harmony among the Ministers and Churches belonging to this Association; they shall also act between sessions of the Association to carry out the program of the Association. Also a Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The Trustees shall be elected by and be subject to the Association. They shall act as custodians of all property belonging to the Association, and shall sign all legal papers when authorized by the Association to do so. 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 cannot transact business because they are disorganized, shall become the property of this Association.

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.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Brother Laird Thomason, Brother Emery Jenkins, Brother Bud McMillen, Rev. Johnny Brown, Rev. Bob Maxwell.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sister Maggie Thomason, Sister Lucille Brown, Sister Gertrude McMillen, Sister Pat Roberts, Brother Oscar Gammel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sister Doris Gammel, Sister Ruth Jenkins, Sister Frankie Gammel.

All of the visitors were seated and made welcome by the body. Pulpit Committee appointed Brother Gammel to open the eleven o'clock preaching service and to be followed by Brother Richard Shade. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and was carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Brother Richard Shade.

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