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MINUTES

of the

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

ASSOCIATION

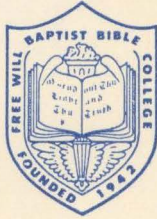
of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1952

Proceedings Of The
Second Annual Session

Convened at
ZION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Four Miles West, One-half South
Oologah, Oklahoma



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Mr. Jim Haas

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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OFFICERS

Rev. Lester McDonald ----- Moderator
Collinsville, Oklahoma
Rev. Kelley Mathis ----- Assistant Moderator
1610 Center St., Collinsville, Okla.
Sister Elsie McMillen ----- Clerk
Sister Ada Mae Penner ----- Assistant Clerk

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YOUTH MEETING

The Youth Meeting of the Northeast Oklahoma Association began on July 28, 1952. Class was enrolled Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Forty were enrolled.

Rev. A. B. Talbert took charge and was assisted by Bro. Leard Thomason. One hour of singing was taught, followed by a message by Rev. Raymond McMillen.

A nice lunch was enjoyed by all at noon which was followed by another hour of singing lessons.

We were dismissed at 2:00 p. m. each day except Thursday. Supper was served at the Church and all stayed for night services.

There were twelve conversions.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. B. Talbert ----- Chairman
110 South Florence St., Claremore, Okla.
Rev. Edward Jenkins ----- Clerk
Collinsville, Oklahoma
Rev. Clyde Shade ----- Member
Rev. Raymond McMillen ----- Member
Rev. Lester McDonald ----- Member

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Peace	Vera Church
Bro. Ed Clark	Collinsville Church
Bro. Emery Jenkins	Prairie Grove Church
Bro. Leard Thomason	Zion Hill Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sister Nova Brazeal	Collinsville
Sister Edna Green	Claremore
Sister Gertrude McMillen	Vera

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Sister Grace Reed	Claremore
Sister Duncan	Collinsville
Sister Maggie Thomason	Zion Hill
Sister Pearl Jenkins	Prairie Grove
Brother Shirley Stout	Vera

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Ed Jenkins	Prairie Grove
Brother Ed Clark	Collinsville
Sister Olinger	Claremore

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. A. B. Talbert	Chairman
Rev. Edward Jenkins	Clerk
Rev. Clyde Shade	Member
Rev. Raymond McMillen	Member
Rev. Lester McDonald	Member

MISSION COMMITTEE

Sister Pearl Welder	Zion Hill
Sister Darlene Jenkins	Prairie Grove
Sister Mary Standridge	Claremore
Sister Marie Carpenter	Vera
Sister Ava Young	Collinsville

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

August 7, 1952

Thursday Evening Services

Rev. Raymond H. McMillen takes charge. Service opened with group singing under the direction of James Wofford with Pauline Roberts at the piano.

Rev. Ollie Heaton led the invocation prayer.

Specials in song:

Duet—Monroe and Eva McMillen singing "How Can You Refuse Him Now?"

Solo—Rev. Lester McDonald singing "Waiting For the Sunset."

Solo—Rev. C. S. Pate singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow".

Solo—Pauline Roberts singing "The Prettiest Flowers".

Quartet—Christ Ambassadors (Donald Chafin, Curtis Rohr, Jody Dorsey, Billy Dorsey), pianist, James Wofford, singing "He Is Stilling the Storms", "The Glory Bound Train", "When He Calls Me I'll Fly Away", "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", "Way Down Deep in my Soul", "Is It Well With Your Soul"

Solo—Jody Dorsey singing "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me"

Rev. Bob Maxwell took the stand using for his text, James 1:22. His subject: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only". The message was enjoyed by everyone.

Benediction by Rev. Marvin Roberts.

Friday Morning Business Session

Opened conference with singing directed by Bro. Ed Clark with Sister Darlene Jenkins at the piano.

Scripture reading by the Moderator, Rev. A. B. Talbert, reading Hebrew 13:12.

Prayer by Rev. Pate.

The second session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association was declared in conference by the moderator.

Letters were called for and were received as read.

Delegates were given the Christian hand of fellowship.

Election was held for officers for the coming year. Rev. Lester McDonald was elected Moderator; Rev. Kelley Mathis, Assistant Moderator; Sister Elsie McMillen, Treasurer and Clerk; Sister Ada Mae Penner, Assistant Clerk; Rev. A. B. Talbert, Association Sunday School Superintendent.

Motion carried to give Moderator and Assistant authority to appoint all but the Standing Committees.

Report of Divine Committee for Friday morning service was given.

Motion carried to have a 15 minute recess.

House called to order at 11:00 o'clock by Moderator. Songs No. 58 and 108 were sung. Prayer led by Bro. Young.

Specials in Song:

Duet by Brothers Talbert and Pate.

Solo by Rev. Pate, "I'm Half Way To Heaven"

Duet by Sisters Elsie McMillen and Ada Mae Penner,
"I Need the Prayers"

Rev. Ed Jenkins took the stand using as his subject, "The Power of God".

Rev. Clyde Shade followed using the same subject and both were enjoyed by all.

An altar call was made, followed by a dismissal prayer led by Brother Ed Clark.

Friday Afternoon Services

Services were opened by singing, directed by Brother Ed Clark.

Scripture read by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Kelley Mathis, Romans 12.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Zion Hill ladies for the nice lunch served at noon.

Motion carried that we elect a mission committee.

Motion carried that we change our quarterly meeting from Friday night to Thursday night before the second Sunday.

Rev. Ed Jenkins was elected for Association Evangelist.

Motion carried we go to Collinsville for the next association and have four days youth encampment before the association begins.

Rev. A. B. Talbert and Bro. Leard Thomason were elected to take charge of the day service.

Rev. Ed Jenkins was elected to take charge of the four night services.

Motion was made to adjourn until the night service.

A song was led by Bro. Kelley Mathis and an old time hand shake was enjoyed by all. Brother Shirley Stout led the closing prayer.

Friday Evening Service

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. Lester McDonald. Singing was directed by Bro. Leard Thomason with Sister Darlene Jenkins at the piano. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Johnny Brown.

"I'm A Millionaire" was sung, followed by prayer led by Sister Fugate.

Services were turned to Moderator, Rev. Lester McDonald who called all the young people that attended the Youth Meeting to the front and they sang two numbers, "Hide Me Rock of Ages" and "I Can Tell You The Time."

"The Blood That Stained the Old Rugged Cross" was sung by Bro. and Sister McMillen. Bro. and Sister McDonald sang "There'll Be Someone in Gloryland Looking for You."

An offering was taken for Rev. Raymond McMillen, outgoing Evangelist.

Rev. Raymond McMillen took the stand reading as his scripture the 6th Chapter of Acts and Timothy 3:1-13. He was followed by Rev. Lester McDonald who used the same scripture.

An altar call was made.

Rev. Lester McDonald gave the charge to Bro. Shirley Stout and Bro. Jimmy Sweeney, who were ordained for Deacons. We were dismissed by all the ministers coming to the Altar and led in prayer by Rev. Raymond McMillen.

REPORTS

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God, in his loving kindness has called from us our beloved Bro. Arthur Wilson of Collinsville.

Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend that Bro. Shirley Stout and Bro. Jimmy Sweeney be ordained as Deacons.

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend that Rev. Edward Jenkins be ordained to preach the Gospel.

ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Rev. A. B. Talbert	-----	119 South Florence St., Claremore
Rev. Raymond McMillen	-----	Route One, Talala, Okla.
Rev. Bob Maxwell	-----	4th and Lavour St., Claremore, Okla.
Rev. Edward Jenkins	----	General Delivery, Collinsville, Okla.
Rev. Retes Hunsucker	-----	Armed Services
Rev. James Timbrook	-----	Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Clyde Shade	-----	Talala, Okla.
Rev. Johnny Brown	-----	Route One, Oologah, Okla.
Rev. Lester McDonald	----	West Main St., Collinsville, Okla.
Rev. Kelley Mathis	-----	1610 Center St., Collinsville, Okla.
Sister Ollie Heaton	-----	Route One, Collinsville, Okla.
Rev. Leroy Homes	-----	Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. W. M. Wilson	-----	Collinsville, Okla.
Rev. C. S. Pate	-----	Claremore, Okla.

DEACONS BELONGING TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Bro. Fred Hudson	Claremore, Okla.
Bro. T. J. Bently	Claremore, Okla.
Bro. Jimmy Sweeney	Vera, Okla.
Bro. Peace	Vera, Okla.
Bro. Shirley Stout	Vera, Okla.
Bro. Carson Mendell	Talala, Okla.
Bro. Leard Thomason	Talala, Okla.
Bro. Emery Jenkins	Oologah, Okla.
Bro. Ed Clark	Collinsville, Okla.
Bro. Russell Heaton	Collinsville, Okla.

REPORT OF CHURCHES

Vera

State of Religion: Good. Members received this year: 8. Number baptized: 2. Number dismissed: 2. Total Membership: 32. Condition of Prayer Meeting: Fair. Condition of Sunday School: Fair. Average number of pupils: 25. Number of officers: 2. Number of Teachers: 5. Paid Pastor: \$58.50. Building and repair: \$17.91. Education: \$13.50. \$1.00 for minutes. \$5 for delegates.

Rev. Lester McDonald, Moderator
Sister Flossie Sweeney, Clerk

Claremore

State of Religion: Good. Members received this year: 46. Total Membership: 80. Condition of Prayer Meeting: Fair. Condition of Sunday School: Good. Average number of pupils: 45. Number of officers: 6. \$5 for minutes and \$5 for delegates. \$5 for Articles of Faith.

Moderator, Rev. Bob Maxwell
Clerk, Sister Wanda Maxwell

Zion Hill

State of Religion: Good. Members received this year: 13. Number baptized: 5. Number dismissed: 5. Total Membership: 65. Condition of Prayer Meeting: Good. Condition of Sunday School: Good. Average number of pupils: 44. Paid pastor \$440.61. Paid evangelist \$185.38. Building and Finance: \$363.23. \$2 for minutes and \$5 for delegates.

Moderator, Rev. Raymond McMillen
Clerk, Bro. Walter Platt

Prairie Grove

State of Religion: Good. Number of members received this year: 6. Number baptized: 1. Number dismissed: 2. Condition of Sunday School: Fair. Average number of pupils: 25.

Paid pastor: \$318.60. Paid evangelist: \$28.39. \$2 for minutes and \$5 for delegates.

Moderator, Rev. Ed Jenkins
Clerk, Sister Pearl Jenkins

Collinsville

State of Religion: Good. Members received this year: 22. Number baptized: 18. Number died: 1. Total Membership: 35. Condition of Prayer Meeting: Fair. Condition of Sunday School: Fair. Paid pastor: \$385. Paid Evangelist: \$125. Building and Finance: \$415. \$10 for Orphanage at Ringland. \$1.50 for minutes and \$5 for delegates. \$5 for Zion Hill Church and \$3.50 for Association expense.

Moderator, Rev. Kelley Mathis
Clerk, Sister Ava Young

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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, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant 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 session 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 day's notice of such meetings.

8. This Constitution may be changed at any yearly meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

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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 over ruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

12. At each Association session, arrangements shall be made to ensure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

