
MINUTES
of the
NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists

1954

Proceedings of the
Fourth Annual Session

Convened at
ZION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Oologah, Oklahoma

YOUTH MEETING



W. E. Mc Donald
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The Bible School of the Northeast Oklahoma Association began on the 26th day of July, 1954 at 9 o'clock a. m., at Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church. One-hundred and ten pupils were enrolled for the 8-day session.

Sister Marie Roberts and Sister Marie Coursey were the supervisors. Teachers and helpers were:

NURSERY—Sister Michem, Sister Norvell.

BEGINNERS—Sister McDonald, Sister Boyd, Sister Young.

PRIMARY—Sister Plumer, Sister Thomason.

JUNIORS—Sister Bowen, Sister Glance.

INTERMEDIATE—Sister Winn, Sister Penner.

BIBLE CLASS—Rev. Ollie Heaton.

SINGING TEACHERS—Bro. Thomason, Rev. A. B. Talbert.

PIANIST—Sister Walker.

REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE—Sister Taylor,
Sister Plumer, Sister Mendell.

The Bible School was very helpful and much good accomplished.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

August 5, 1954

Thursday evening services, Rev. Raymond McMillen was in charge.

Services were opened with singing, directed by Bro. Thomason, Sister Harper, pianist.

Invocation by Rev. Hastings.

Special Songs:

Duet — Rev. and Sister McDonald, "A Home Up In Heaven"

Solo—Rev. Kelly Mathis, "Precious Lord Take My Hand".

Quartett—Claremore Church, "Looking For A City", and "God's Great Love".

Quartett—Monroe, Eva and Elsie McMillen and Leoma Jenkins, "I'm One Of His Own".

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Vickers.

Quartett—Claremore Church, "I'll Have A New Body".

Solo—Sister Dorothy Brazeal, "Jobs God Is True".

Rev. McMillen read the 6th chapter of Romans and used for a subject, "Life Or Death". Rev. Roberts followed, using the same subject. Both were inspirational messages.

Rev. Mathis gave the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The conference was opened by singing. Bro. Thomason directed with Sister Harris at the piano.

Invocation, Rev. Shade. Scripture Reading, 15th Psalms, by Rev. McMillen.

The Fourth Session of the Northeast Oklahoma Association was declared in conference by the moderator, Rev. McMillen. Letters were called for. Letters from Vera, Claremore, Barnsdall, Zion Hill, Collinsville and Opportunity Heights were read. Motion carried to receive all letters as read.

Delegates were seated and Christian hand of fellowship was extended.

Rev. Alfred Coursey and Rev. Tommy Roberts were examined and accepted into the Northeast Oklahoma Association in full fellowship.

Election of officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Tommy Roberts, moderator; Rev. R. McMillen, assistant moderator; Sister Elsie McMillen, clerk; Sister Lottie Plumer, assistant clerk.

A petitionary letter from the Barnsdall church was read and the church was accepted as a member of the Northeast Oklahoma Association.

Report of the treasurer was made and accepted as read, with the recommendation that the remainder of the expense of the Bible school be paid. Motion carried to give Moderator and Assistant Moderator, power to appoint all committees.

Rev. John West of Tulsa, Okla., was welcomed as a visitor and advisor.

Report of the Pulpit Committee.

Rev. Johnson and Rev. John West were selected to bring the 11 o'clock message.

Motion carried to pay Sister Roberts, Sister Coursey and Bro. Thomason \$15.00 for their expense of the Bible school.

Motion to adjourn until the 11 o'clock preaching hour, carried. Benediction by Rev. John Brown.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were opened by singing "Where Could I go", and "Just A Little While". Bro. Thomason directing and Sister Harris at the piano.

Invocation, Rev. McMillen.

Solo—Bro. A. B. Talbert.

Quartett—Sister Roberts, Bro. Thomason, Rev. Roberts and Rev. West.

Solo—Rev. Mathis, "When He Reached His Hand For Me".

Rev. West then took the stand, reading the 2nd chapter of Titus. He brought a very good message and was enjoyed by all.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES

The afternoon services were opened by singing "Jesus Hold My Hand" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" Prayer by Rev. McMillen.

Committees were dismissed to transact business.

Special song, "I'm Longing For Jesus", Sister McMillen and Sister Penner.

Mission reports were given by Sister Nova Brazeal, Collinsville; Sister Mary McMillen, Vera; Sister Marie Roberts, Claremore; Sister Exie Winn, Zion Hill. The reports were good and show that our ladies have been doing a good work. The reports were accepted as read.

Report of Obituary Committee (See reports).

A moment of silent prayer for the departed and then Rev. Vickers led in audible prayer.

Credential Committee report (See reports).

Motion carried to retain the Mission Committee.

Report of Resolution Committee (See reports).

Motion carried that we elect delegates to the State Association. Sister Marie Coursey, Sister Elsie McMillen, and Sister Marie Roberts, were elected as delegates. Alternates elected were: Sister Peck, Sister Ethel McDonald and Sister Jackson.

Report of Resolution Committee (See reports).

Motion carried that each church conduct a Bible school in 1955. Motion carried to set date for Youth Encampment. Date, Wednesday through Friday, one week before the Association convenes. To be held at Claremore, Oklahoma.

Rev. Vickers and Rev. McDonald were elected conduct the services at the First Quarterly meeting at Claremore, Oklahoma.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Zion Hill ladies for the lunch.

Motion carried to give the assistant clerk \$10.00 for helping the clerk. Motion carried to have the picture of the Bible school in the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn until the night session. Benediction by Rev. Shade.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Services were opened by singing. Bro. Miller leading with Sister Ethel McDonald at the piano. Songs, "From The Cross To The Crown", "Precious Jesus Don't Forget", and "Jesus Hold My Hand".

Specials in Song:

Quartett—Bro. Peck, Bro. Miller, Sister Roberts and Bro. Thomason, "Love Will Roll The Clouds Away".

Duet—Shirley and Carolyn Roberts, "He Set Me Free".

Duet—Ernestine Cook and Hazel Garrett, "Kneel At The Cross".

The pulpit committee reported they had selected Rev. Fanning and Rev. Coursey to have charge of the preaching hour.

Scripture reading, the 3rd chapter of Galatians by Rev. Roberts.

Prayer by Sister Marie Roberts. Praise service was led by Sister Peck.

Rev. Fanning took the stand, using as his text, "Elijah's God" and reading 1st Kings, the 18th chapter, beginning at the 19th verse. He brought a wonderful message. Rev. Coursey took the stand, using "How Long Halt Ye Between Two Opinions", certainly a message from God.

Report of Credential Committee (See Reports).

Minutes of the Association were read and approved. Motion to adjourn carried. Benediction by Rev. McDonald.

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God, in his loving kindness, has called from us our beloved: Sister Noblett, Claremore; Sister Payne, Claremore; Bro. T. J. Jenkins, Claremore; Bro. John Cooper, Claremore; Sister Elizabeth White, Barnsdall; Sister Clara Platt, Talala, Sister Darlene Jenkins, Talala; Sister Monie Hays, Talala.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee have examined Bro. Troy Sanders. We find him sound in doctrine and recommend him to be ordained as a deacon.

We, the Credential Committee, have examined Bro. Arnold Fanning. We find him sound in the doctrine and recommend he be ordained to preach the gospel.

We, the Credential Committee, have examined Rev. W. C. Hastings, and recommend he be ordained to preach the gospel.

We, the Credential Committee, have examined Bro. Cecil Brown, and recommend he be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

We, the Credential Committee, report that action on Rev. Edward Jenkins' credentials be deferred until next Quarterly meeting.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that we send a petitionary letter to the State Association, when convened at Stigler, Oklahoma, October 19, 1954, to become a member of the State Association.

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that the Free Will Baptists of the Northeast Oklahoma Association, engage only Free Will Baptist evangelists to fill our pulpits in holding our revivals.

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that the Zion Hill Church dispose of the property that did belong to the Prairie Grove church and turn the money to the Associational clerk.

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that the host church keep any amount of money that is left after lunch has been paid for, to put in their church treasure.

ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Rev. A. B. Talbert	119 So. Florence, Claremore
Rev. R. H. McMillen	Talala
Rev. E. E. Jenkins	Talala
Rev. C. S. Pate	Claremore
Rev. Clyde Shade	Talala
Rev. Ollie Heaton	Collinsville
Rev. W. L. Vickers	Vera
Rev. Johnny Brown	Vera
Rev. Shirley Stout	Vera
Rev. Lester McDonald	1517 Main, Collinsville
Rev. Arnold Fanning	Barnsdall
Rev. Alfred Coursey	Turley
Rev. Tommy Roberts	620 N. Sheridan, Tulsa
Rev. Retes Hunsucker	Tulsa
Rev. Kelly Mathis	Collinsville
Rev. W. C. Hastings	R. 13, Box 569, Tulsa
Rev. Bill Cardin	Barnsdall
Rev. Mitch Garret	Barnsdall

ORDAINED DEACONS

Bro. Troy Sanders	Bartlesville
Bro. Fred Hudson	Claremore
Bro. T. J. Bentley	Claremore
Bro. Jimmy Sweeney	Vera
Bro. Peace	Ver
Bro. Carson Mendell	Talala
Bro. Emery Jenkins	Oologah
Bro. Ed Clark	Collinsville
Bro. Russell Heaton	Collinsville
Bro. Willard Peck	Bartlesville
Bro. Chas. Pope	Bartlesville
Bro. Bill Cook	Barnsdall

REPORT OF CHURCHES

CLAREMORE—

Condition of church: good. Members received this year, 25; Number died, 5; Total membership, 137. Condition of prayer meeting: good. Condition of Sunday school: good. Average attendance: 50. Young people's league: average attendance, 14. For delegates and minutes \$10.00. Number of officers, 6. Number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor \$540.00. Valuation of property, \$12,500.00 Moderator, Rev. Roberts. Clerk, Sister Bowen.

VERA—

State of religion: good. New members received, 9. Number baptized, 3. Total membership, 51. Condition of prayer meeting: good. Condition of Sunday school: fair. Average number of pupils, 33. Number of officers, 3. Number of teachers, 4. Paid pastor \$242.32. Paid Evangelist \$19.74. Paid for building and repair, \$272.42. Amount spent for utilities, \$59.88. Amount for minutes and delegates, \$7.00. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Vickers. Clerk, Lorene Vickers.

OPPORTUNITY HEIGHTS—

State of prayer meeting: good. State of Sunday School: good. Condition of church: good. God is really Blessing. We are sending \$3.00 to help with minutes and delegates. Moderator, W. C. Hastings. Clerk, Mamie Hastings.

COLLINSVILLE—

State of religion: good. Number received this year, 4. Number baptized, 4. Number died none, Total membership, 40. Condition of prayer meeting: good. Condition of Sunday school: good. Paid pastor \$460.00. Paid evangelist \$81.33. Enclosed \$3.00 for minutes, \$5.00 for delegates, \$2.00 general fund. Moderator, Rev. Lester McDonald. Clerk, Sister Ava Young.

BARNSDALL—

State of religion: good. Members received this year, 18. Number baptized, 5. Number dismissed, 2. Number died, 1. Total membership, 41. Condition of prayer meeting: fair. Condition of Sunday school: good. Average Number of pupils, 40. Number of officers, 7. Paid pastor, \$437.58. Paid evangelist, \$80.22. Paid Home Missions since Dec. 5, 1953, \$20.34. Paid Foreign Mission since Dec. 5, 1953, \$20.34. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Paid children's home, \$103.50. Moderator, Bro. Willard Peck. Clerk, Sister Emma Chezem.

ZION HILL—

State of religion: good. State of prayer meeting: good. State of Sunday School: good. Average number of pupils, 100. Number of teachers, 5. Number of members received this year, 30. Number baptized, 16. Number dismissed by letter, 1. Total membership, 105. Paid pastor \$568.69. Paid evangelist, \$188.70. Building and repair, \$1051.44. Education, \$33.75. Amount enclosed for minutes, \$5.00. Amount enclosed for delegates, \$5.00. Moderator, Rev. R. H. McMillen. Clerk, Sister Pearl Jenkins.

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.

Therefor, 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 belong 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 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.

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call 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. The Association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten days notice of such meeting.

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

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.

1. 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 insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

To the _____ of Free Will Baptists when
convened with the _____ Church at _____
19_____. We send as delegates our beloved brethren:

who we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, _____; members received this year,
_____; No. baptized _____; No. dismissed _____;
No. died _____; Total membership _____; condition of
prayer meeting _____; Condition of Sunday School _____;
Average No. of pupils _____; No. of officers _____; No.
of teachers _____; Paid pastor \$_____; Paid evangelist,
\$_____; Mission: Foreign \$_____; building and repair,
\$_____; For education \$_____; Publication \$_____;
Amount enclosed for minutes \$_____.

Pastor's name and address: _____

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church:

Done by order of _____ Church assembled
in conference this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

Moderator _____

Clerk _____

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