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of the

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

ASSOCIATION

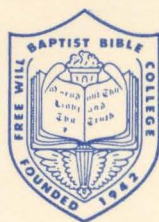
of

Free Will Baptists

1955

Proceedings of the
Fifth Annual Session

Convened at
ZION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Oologah, Oklahoma



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Mr. Jim Haas

Northeast Oklahoma Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

August 11-12, 1955

OFFICERS

Rev. Raymond McMillen	-----	Moderator
Route 1, Talala, Oklahoma		
Rev. Tommy Roberts	-----	Assistant Moderator
408 S. Normal, Claremore, Okla., phone 1291		
Sister Odela Testerman	-----	Clerk
Box 234, Vera, Oklahoma		
Sister Marie Roberts	-----	Assistant Clerk
408 S. Normal Claremore, Oklahoma		

The Sixth Annual Session of the North East Oklahoma Association will convene at Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1956.

Rev. Raymond McMillen and Rev. Retes Hunsucker will bring the Introductory Message.

The First Quarterly Conference will convene Nov. 10 at the Free Will Baptist Church at Collinsville. Rev. Retes Hunsucker and Rev. Tommy Roberts will bring the introductory message.

The Second Quarterly Conference will convene at the Claremore Free Will Baptist Church—1st and Normal—on Thursday night before the second Sunday in February.

The Third Quarterly Conference will convene at the Barnsdall Free Will Baptist Church beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in May.

The Youth Encampment will convene at Zion Hill beginning Monday before the second Sunday in August.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by the Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council

9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Reports of Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

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

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 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.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Clyde Shade	Talala
Rev. A. B. Talbert	Claremore
Rev. Tommy Roberts	Claremore
Rev. Raymond McMillen	Talala
Rev. Johnnie Brown	Collinsville

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Retes Hunsucker	Tulsa
Rev. W. L. Vickers	Vera
Rev. C. S. Pate	Claremore
Rev. Lester McDonald	Collinsville
Rev. E. Jenkins	Talala

MISSION COMMITTEE

Sister Lester McDonald	1517 Main, Collinsville
Sister Marie Roberts	408 S. Normal, Claremore
Sister Mendell	Talala
Sister Mary McMillian	Vera
Sister Jewel Peck	Barnsdall

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Wilson Peace ----- Vera
Bro. Emery Jenkins ----- Oologah
Bro. Willard Peck ----- Barnsdall

PROCEEDINGS

The Northeast Oklahoma Association met with Zion Hill Church Thursday evening, August 11, continuing through Friday evening, August 12, 1955.

Congregation came together with singing, "Light at the River" led by Bro. Leard Thomason, Sister Eva Walder, Pianist.

Prayer by Bro. Retes Hunsucker.

Congregational Singing-Leaders—Bro. Thomason, Bro. Whisnant, Bro. Locust.

Welcome address given by Moderator Rev. Tommy Roberts, Ass't. Moderator, Raymond McMillen had charge of special singing. Special Songs by Claremore and Zion Hill quartets. Duet by Raymond Allen and Louise Batson. Solo by Bro. James Timbrook, dedicated to Bro. and Sis. Peace. Duet by Bro. and Sis. Batson. Solo by Sister Dorothy Brazeal.

A five minute Testimony meeting was conducted by Rev. Tommy Roberts.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. Rozelle, was introduced. Using as his subject "Co-operation", his scripture was Luke 5:17. An inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

MINISTERS PRESENT — 13

Rev. Rozell	Rev. James Timbrook
Rev. McDonald	Rev. Tommy Roberts
Rev. Retes Hunsucker	Rev. W. L. Vickers
Rev. Burch	Rev. Shirley Stout
Rev. Richard Shade	Rev. Joe Patrick
Rev. Clyde Shade	Rev. Heaton
Rev. Raymond McMillen	

Motion and second to adjourn until 9:30, Friday, August 12. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Timbrook.

Friday, August 12, 1955

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. Tommy Roberts; opened with singing "I'm Not Ashamed", led by Bro. Whisnant; Prayer by Rev. Richard Shade.

Devotional by Rev. Joe Ragg using as his scripture, Gal. 6:1-10.

Letters called for and read. Letters from Zion Hill, Collinsville, New Hope, Skiatook, Vera, Barnsdall, Opportunity Heights, Claremore.

Motion carried to receive all letters as read and seat the delegates. The right hand of fellowship was extended to delegates.

Election of Officers for Ensuing Year

Bro. Raymond McMillen, Moderator
Bro. Tommy Roberts, Ass't Moderator
Sis. Odela Testerman, Clerk
Sis. Marie Roberts, Ass't Clerk

By-laws of the Association were read.

Visiting ministers were welcomed and invited to sit in business session as advisory council.

Motion carried for moderator and ass't moderator to appoint all temporary committees.

Committee on Divine Service — Sis. Brannam, Bro. Whisnant, Bro. Martin, Sis. Bates, Sis. Vann. They reported Bro. Joe Ragg and Bro. Richard Shade to bring the morning message.

Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1:00 p.m.

11:00 o'clock Service.

Congregation came together by singing "I Feel Like Traveling On", led by Bro. Whisnant. Prayer by Bro. Joe Ragg. Congregational song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; prayer by Bro. Hunsucker; Rev. Shade, a visiting minister, took the stand. His subject: "The Free Will Baptist Treatise"; several scriptures were used in both the Old and New Testaments. Bro. Ragg concluded on same subject. Messages enjoyed by all.

Invitational song, "Pass Me Not".

Service dismissed and blessing asked on food by Bro. Retes Hunsucker.

Friday Afternoon, August 12, 1955

Opened by singing "I Know Somebody's Listening". Prayer by Bro. A. B. Talbert.

Resolution Committee Appointed — Sis. Brazeal, Bro. Clyde Shade, Sis. Martin, Sis. Peck, Sis. Hemphill.

Committees were dismissed to transact business.

Minutes of last quarterly conference were read and accepted.

Motion carried to send flowers to Bro. Hastings, who was ill.

Motion carried to give Rev. A. B. Talbert a letter of recommendation as a Home Missionary for Northeast Oklahoma Association.

Motion carried to retain Board of Trustees; motion carried to retain Mission Committee; motion carried that each church sponsor a Vacation Bible School; motion carried to have Youth Encampment; motion carried to hold Youth Encampment at location of Association, beginning on Monday before the Association; amendment: that each 2 churches be responsible for one day's expense.

Motion carried to wait until last quarterly conference to elect committee to take care of Youth Encampment arrangements. Motion carried that each church recommend a delegate for the State Association and send \$5 delegate fee. Motion carried to give standing vote of thanks for retiring officers. Motion carried to give standing vote of thanks for hospitality of host church. Motion carried to wait until evening to select ministers for 8:00 p.m. service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission reports were given by Claremore, Collinsville, Vera, Zion Hill, New Hope, and Barnsdall Missions.

We are happy to report two new missions organized in this year's work. They are New Hope and Barnsdall. God is blessing us in our work. Our chief aim is winning the lost to Christ.

OBITUARY REPORT

A special number in song "Precious Memories" was rendered in honor of our beloved deceased who have departed this life in the past year. A moment of silent prayer concluded the service.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

(see reports)

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(see reports)

CREDENTIAL BOARD

(see reports)

Special song by Bro. Pate "I Will Follow Where He Leadeth".

Motion to adjourn until evening service; benediction by Rev. Shade.

Friday Evening, August 12, 1955

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. McMillen.

Congregational song "Let Me Live Close to Thee"; prayer by Bro. Kendall; Congregational song.

Report from Committee on Divine Service: Bro. Retes Hunsucker and Bro. Cecil Bowen selected to bring the evening messages.

Congregational singing; prayer by visiting minister Rev. Roberts from Collinsville.

Special song by Sis. Brazeal and son Gerald, "Stop and Tell Somebody"; Zion Hill Quartet, "Who Would Want To Live Without The Savior"; duet by Bro. Pate and Bro. Talbert, "The Heavenly Light Is Shining On Me"; solo by Bro. Pate, "Every Day He Grows Sweeter".

Bro. Bowen took the stand to bring the evening message. He called the congregation together for united prayer. For the message, he used as his text Romans, 1:16. His subject, "The Gospel of Christ"; Bro. Hunsucker concluded the message using the same text; invitational song, "Why Not Tonight".

Rev. Kendall requested that he be ordained at the night service. Ordaining Council—Bro. Talbert (to give charge), Bro. Bowen, Bro. Hunsucker, Bro. Vickers, Bro. McMillen.

The charge was given. All ordained ministers and deacons were called into altar for united prayer and laying on of hands. Right hand of fellowship extended to Bro. and Sis. Kendall.

Motion carried to adjourn; Benediction given by Bro. Shirley Stout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We, the Credential Committee met and organized with Bro. McMillen as chairman and Bro. W. T. Roberts as Clerk.

We, the Credential Committee beg to submit the following reports: After having examined Bro. Joe Ragg we recommend that he be seated in this association.

Bro. Retes Hunsucker has been examined by this committee and we recommend that he be accepted and seated in this Association.

After having examined Bro. Mitch Garrett, we recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

We, the Committee, have examined Bro. Young, found him sound in doctrine, and recommend he be ordained as deacon.

We, the Committee, having examined Bro. Otis Kendall and finding him sound in doctrine, recommend that he be ordained to preach the gospel.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

We the Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved: that we continue Associational services through Saturday evening, conducting a Memorial Service Saturday morning, disposing of unfinished business Saturday afternoon, and giving the young people of our Association complete charge of the Saturday evening service.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved: that each church send as their representatives to quarterly and associational meetings three delegates, to be replaced by an alternate only in the absence of a delegate.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved: that we adopt the cooperative plan which has been adopted by the state and national associations.

REPORTS OF CHURCHES

CLAREMORE—

Condition of church: good; members received this year: 31; number dismissed: 20; number deceased: 1; total membership: 121; baptized: 7; average attendance in Sunday School: 64; 5 officers; 9 teachers; paid pastor, \$855.00; paid evangelist, \$100.00; spent \$123.93 for church literature; average attendance in Young People's League, 14; we send \$5 monthly to orphanage. We have built a new 3-bedroom parsonage.

Rev. Tommy Roberts, Moderator

Raymond Allen, Clerk

BARNSDALL—

State of religion: good; members received: 4; condition of Sunday School: good; we turned prayer meeting over to young people, meeting good; paid pastor \$350.00; evangelist, \$77.36; foreign mission, \$23.92; National Association, \$23.92; children's home, \$5.00 monthly; paid out on building new church, \$1414.84.

Rev. Arnold Fanning, Moderator

Sis. Emma Chezem, Clerk

NEW HOPE—

State of religion: good; number dismissed: 6; condition of Sunday School: good; average attendance, 20.

Rev. M. O. Kendall, Moderator

Sis. LaVena Kendall, Clerk

ZION HILL—

State of religion: good; members received: 7; number baptized: 1; condition of prayer meeting: good; condition of Sunday School: good; average attendance: 85; number of officers: 5; number of teachers: 5; paid pastor \$2,013.46; paid evangelist \$55.70; Bible School \$26.22; love offering \$67.75; singing school \$100.00; National Association \$11.75; repair and miscellaneous expenses \$339.07.

Rev. Raymond McMillen, Moderator
Sis. Pearl Jenkins, Clerk

COLLINSVILLE—

State of religion: good; Sunday School: fine; prayer meeting: good; members received this year: 5; number baptized: 1; number dismissed by letter: 2; number deceased: 2; paid pastor \$420.00; Foreign Mission \$13.00; building and repair, \$260.91.

Rev. Retes Hunsucker, Moderator
Sis. Avo Young, Clerk

VERA—

State of religion: good; new members received: 9; total membership: 47; condition of prayer meeting: fair; condition of Sunday School: fair; average attendance: 35; 3 officers, 3 teachers; paid pastor \$167.14; paid evangelists \$115.40; building and repair, \$1,496.16.

Rev. W. L. Vickers, Moderator
Sis. Lorene Vickers, Clerk

SKIATOOK—

The Skiatook church became a member of the Northeast Oklahoma Association during this year. We are happy to welcome them into our midst.

OPPORTUNITY HEIGHTS—

Condition of church: good; condition of prayer meeting: good; condition of Sunday School: good.

Rev. W. C. Hastings, Moderator
Sis. Mamie Hastings, Clerk

Business Transacted at Quarterly Conferences

During the Year

At the third Quarterly conference when convened with the Vera church a motion was made and carried that each church include \$5.00 with the letter to the Associational Meeting, to be put in a general fund, and dispense with taking an offering at the meetings.

MINISTERS OF NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Rev. Johnnie Brown ----- Route 1, Collinsville
Rev. Billie Cardin ----- Route 1, Ochelata
Rev. Arnold Fanning ----- Gen. Del. Barnsdall
Rev. W. C. Hastings ----- Route 13, Box 569, Tulsa
Rev. Ollie Heaton ----- Collinsville
Rev. Retes Hunsucker ----- 823 E. 32nd Pl., Tulsa
Rev. E. E. Jenkins ----- Oologah
Rev. M. O. Kendall ----- Route 3, Claremore
Rev. Bill Little ----- Claremore
Rev. Kelly Mathis ----- Collinsville
Rev. Lester McDonald ----- Collinsville
Rev. Raymond McMillen ----- Talala
Rev. C. S. Pate ----- Claremore
Rev. Bill Patrick ----- 1804 S. Ridgeway, Tulsa
Rev. Joe Ragg ----- 2112 N. Atlantic Courts
Rev. Tommy Roberts ----- 4085 Normal, Claremore, ph. 1291
Rev. Aubrey Rozelle ----- Skiatook
Rev. Clyde Shade ----- Talala
Rev. Shirley Stout ----- Vera
Rev. A. B. Talbert ----- Claremore
Rev. W. L. Vickers ----- Vera
Rev. Wilson -----

ORDAINED DEACONS OF

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Bro. Burger ----- Claremore

Bro. Ed Clark ----- Collinsville

Bro. Bill Cook ----- Barnsdall

Bro. Russell Heaton ----- Collinsville

Bro. Fred Hudson -----

Bro. Emery Jenkins ----- Oologah

Bro. Carson Mendell ----- Talala

Bro. Willard Peck ----- Barnsdall

Bro. Wilson Peace ----- Vera

Bro. Jack Perry ----- Claremore

Bro. Charles Pope ----- Bartlesville

Bro. Troy Sanders ----- Claremore

Bro. Jimmy Sweeney ----- Vera

Bro. F. J. Testerman ----- Vera

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

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

whom 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,
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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