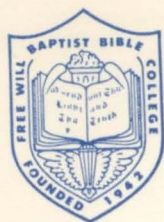


MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Northwest Brazos Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CONVENED WITH THE
Free Will Baptist Church
OF
Vernon, Texas
August 28, 29, 1958

Will Convene with The Levelland Church on
Thursday before the last Sunday in
August, 1959.

MODERATOR.....	REV. H. H. HASTON
ASST. MODERATOR.....	REV. BOB GILL
CLERK.....	EVIE ROGERS
ASST. CLERK.....	OPAL ALLISON
TREASURER.....	BOB GILL



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Jim Williams

REPORT OF VERNON CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. J. E. Rogers

Delegates: Sis. Evie Rogers, Sis. Flois Hickey, Bro.
Luther Blackwood.

Members received this year.....	Eight
Church Membership.....	Sixty-Eight
Total money received.....	\$1,684.54
Total spent.....	\$1,598.41
Value of church property.....	\$4,000.00
Condition of prayer meeting, Sunday school and League.....	Good

Pastor's address:

Rev. J. E. Rogers, 910 Wichita St., Vernon, Texas.

REPORT OF CROWELL CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Bob Gill

Delegates: Sis. Jeffie Webster, Sis. Pearl Beesinger.

Members received this year.....	Three
Church membership.....	Eighty
Total money received.....	\$1,676.40
Total spent.....	\$1,931.79
Value of church property.....	\$4,000.00
Condition of prayer meeting, Sunday school and League.....	Good

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. Bob Gill, Crowell, Texas.

REPORT OF ANDREWS CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Jake Armstrong

Delegates: Sis. Burke, Sis. Stansbury and Sis. Horton

Members received this year.....	Thirty-two
Church membership.....	Eighty
All the money this letter gives as being received is	\$314.00
Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school.....	Good

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. Jake Armstrong, Box 837, Andrews, Texas.

REPORT OF LEVELLAND CHURCH

Pastor.....	Rev. J. R. Wooten
Delegates.....	Bro. and Sis. Jack Mills
Members received this year.....	Twenty-two
Church membership.....	Twenty-two
Total money received.....	\$83.32
Total spent.....	\$90.00
Condition of prayer meeting, Sunday school.....	Good

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. J. R. Wooten, 807 Ave. F, Levelland, Texas.

REPORT OF AMARILLO CHURCH

Pastor	Rev. Edd Abbott
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Delegates: Bro. Robert Thompson, Bro. Alex Allison and
Sis. Pearl Abbott.

Members received this year.....	Eighteen
Church membership.....	One hundred fifty-seven
Total money received.....	\$4,711.46
Total spent.....	\$4,647.25
Value of church property.....	\$9,000.00
Condition of prayer meeting, Sunday school and League.....	Good

Pastor's name and address:

Rev. Edd Abbott, 900 N. Johnson St., Amarillo, Texas.

REPORT OF MIDLAND FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Pastor.....	Rev. J. A. C. Hughes
Delegates.....	Sis. Betty Kelly and Sis. Audene Hughes
Church membership.....	Thirty-one
Total money received.....	\$2,588.84
Total spent.....	\$2,565.84
Value of church property.....	\$10,000.00
Condition of prayer meeting and Sunday school.....	Good
Pastor's name and address:	

Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Route 1, Box X15, Midland, Texas

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 28

Program opened with congregational singing, "Love Lifted Me" led by Rev. H. H. Haston. Opening prayer led by Bro. Hayden Hickey. Testimonial service, led by Rev. Edd Abbott. Bro. Kelly Hall led in prayer.

Motion carried that we go into the business. Moderator, appointed a Clerk Pro-tem. Sis. Burton Hughes was appointed.

Welcome address was given by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Rogers.

Letters were called for. Six churches came forward: Vernon, Crowell, Andrews, Levelland, Amarillo and Midland. Letters received and delegates seated. Hand of fellowship given to delegation.

Reports as follows: Motion carried that Moderator, Rev. Edd Abbott, be given the power to appoint all Committees.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Bros. Alton Hickey, Robert Thompson and Hayden Hickey.

Sis. Betty Kelly sang, "Pearly White City."

Rev. J. E. Rogers brought evening message. Text, St. John 6:66-69. Theme "To whom shall we go?"

Report of Pulpit Committee given.

Motion carried we adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning. Dismissed by Rev. G. G. Garrett.

FRIDAY 9:30 A. M.

Service opened with congregation singing "The Glory-land Way," led by Bro. Hayden Hickey. Prayer by Rev. J. A. C. Hughes. Devotional by Rev. J. R. Wooten . . . Scripture, Psalms 100

Minutes of last Association read and accepted. Moderator appointed Rev. Hughes to get Minister's Cards printed. Rev. Abbott read the by-laws and the list of committees appointed. As follows:

Resolution Committee

Bro. Alex Allison, Bro. Patterson and Bro. W. O. Kennedy. The resolution follows: "Be it resolved that the sermons we hear have the fundamental points of scripture, of basic faiths and truths. Also, truth of our doctrine."

Obituary Committee Report

That the good Lord has removed from this life the following: Mrs. G. L. Scott, Crowell; Mrs. A. J. Dockins, Crowell; Bro. Charlie Tollison, Amarillo.

Temperance Committee Report

"We, the Temperance Committee, have found our Christians should live temperately in all things. That we might be an example, and live a life not to offend the lives of those our brethren in Christ."

Bro. Robert Thompson gave a report on Youth Camp. Fifty-four were saved. Motion caried we secure the Ceta Camp Ground at Amarillo for next year, if we can. It will be 75c per person August 17-25. To help with the securing of this, the following committee was appointed: Sis. Evie Rogers, Sis. Opal Allison and Rev. Edd Abbott.

Motion carried we accept the disbanding of the Amarillo Second Church. Dismissed for ten minutes. Prayer by Sis. Pearl Abbott.

Opened with rongregational singing led by Bro. Hayden Hickey. Message by Rev. J. R. Wooten. Scripture: I Kings 1:21. Text: "Have a definite purpose for God." Following with the song, "A Wonderful Time." Prayer by Rev. J. A. C. Hughes. Message by Rev. Bob Gill. Scripture: II Corinthians 4:17. Text: "Suffering with Christ." Song by Bro. Hickey. Invitation was given. Dismissed for lunch by Sis. Eunice Haston.

1:30 P. M.

Met back afternoon, with song and prayer service led by Bro. Hayden Hickey. It was enjoyed by all. All committee's reports accepted and the committees released. We stood in one minute of silent prayer, in memory of those who had passed on. Prayer closed by Rev. H. H. Haston.

Reports read or given orally of Ministers not pastoring a church the past year. Good reports were brought by Rev. Bob Gill and Rev. Alton Hickey, and accepted and God bless each of you.

Nominations for Moderator for the coming year: Rev. H. H. Haston and Rev. Bob Gill. Rev. H. H. Haston was elected Moderator. Rev. Bob Gill, Assistant Moderator.

Nominations for Clerk for the coming year: Sis. Burton Hughes and Sis. Opal Allison. Sis. Burton Hughes was elected Clerk and Sis. Opal Allison, Assistant Clerk.

Motion carried that each pastor ask their church about sending 10 per cent of their church income to the Association Treasurer, to be used as that body sees fit. Motion carried. The Ministers' wives have same vote as husbands.

Elected to the Executive Committee for three years was Rev. J. E. Rogers. Our Executive Committee now is: Rev. Edd Abbott, Rev. Troy Harp and Rev. J. E. Rogers.

The minutes were read and accepted. An offering was taken for the Association Tteasury. Received \$10.55.

Dismissed for ten minute intermission by Rev. Starnes.

Called together after intermission, by congregational song, "I'll Live On." Prayer by Rev. Bob Gill. Altar prayer. Song, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Message by Rev. J. A. C. Hughes. Theme: "Faith." Message by Rev. Starnes. Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20.

Motion carried that we have Minutes printed of this Association.

Amarillo First Church 25, Levelland 12, Crowell 25, Midland 18, Vernon 18, Andrews 10. Printing Committee: Rev. H. H. Haston, Rev. Bob Gill and Sis. Burton Hughes.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. R. Wooten, until 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M. FRIDAY

Service opened with song and prayer. Special song by Sherry Rogers and Clemmie Garrett.

Ordained at this service were two Ministers and one Deacon. Rev. Bob Gill and Rev. R. D. Starnes, ministers. Bro. Clarence Beesinger, deacon.

Ordaining Cimmittee: Rev. H. H. Haston, Rev. Edd Abbott and Rev. J. E. Rogers.

Message brought by Rev. Abbott, charge given by Rev. Haston. Hand of fellowship given to the newly ordained ones.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Edd Abbott.....	900 N. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
Rev. Troy Harp.....	1415 Trigg St., Amarillo, Texas
Rev. M. T. Holley.....	Box 149, New Deal, Texas
Rev. J. A. C. Hughes.....	Route 1, Box X15, Midland, Texas
Rev. Jack Horton.....	Midland, Texas
Rev. J. C. Armstrong.....	Box 837, Andrews, Texas
Rev. Fred Savage.....	710 S. W. 3rd St., Andrews, Texas
Rev. W. D. Johns.....	
Rev. R. D. Starnes.....	General Delivery, Notrees, Texas
Rev. J. R. Wooten.....	710 Ave. F., Levelland, Texas
Rev. Bob Gill.....	Crowell, Texas
Rev. J. E. Rogers.....	910 Wichita St., Vernon, Texas
Rev. Alton Hickey.....	2401 Wood St., Vernon, Texas
Rev. G. G. Garrett.....	1026 Paradise St., Vernon, Texas
Rev. R. G. Stevenson.....	1409 Ave. H, Cisco, Texas
Rev. H. H. Haston.....	Guthrie Route, Paducah, Texas

DEACONS

A. E. Hickey.....	Andrews
C. R. Horton.....	Andrews
R. C. Horton.....	Andrews
Howard Bartee.....	Andrews
J. M. Pollard.....	Andrews
Pat Duffy.....	Andrews
J. L. Stansberry.....	Andrews
O. B. Hickey.....	Vernon
C. R. Knight.....	Vernon
W. O. Kennedy.....	Vernon
A. A. Allison.....	Amarillo
B. F. Hardin.....	Amarillo
R. Webster.....	Crowell
W. Golden.....	Crowell
C. Beesinger.....	Crowell

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

Crowell one year report:

Average attendance	Eight
Money in Treasury.....	\$80.00
Objective.....	Helping the church build classrooms.
President.....	Sis. Civilban Ford
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sis. Pearl Beesinger

Vernon one year report:

On roll.....	Eight
Average attendance.....	Five
Total collection.....	\$114.08
Total spent.....	\$41.75
Balance in treasury.....	\$72.33
Project.....	Making and selling cuptowels.
Objective.....	Helping our church finish the new building
President.....	Sis. Evie Rogers
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sis. Flois Hickey

Midland one year report:

Members	Five
Total taken in.....	\$20.30
Total expenses.....	\$10.25
Balance in treasury.....	\$14.88
President.....	Sis. Betty Welch

Amarillo First one year report:

Members on roll.....	Ten
Taken in (from bake sale, rummage sale, etc.).....	\$265.00
Regular offering total.....	\$420.00
Objective.....	Paid for carpet for the church
President.....	Sis. Pearl Abbott
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sis. Etta Beeulls

NORTHWEST BRAZOS ASSOCIATION OF AUXILIARIES

President.....	Sis. Pearl Abbott, 900 N. Johnson St., Amarillo, Texas
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sis. Opal Allison 1406 Lincoln St., Amarillo, Texas.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
 2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator.
- Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
3. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
 4. When a motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be separated by vote on request of any member.
 5. Motion lost shall not be recorded.
 6. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without leave of the Moderator.
 7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
 8. No one shall leave the Association without permission of the Moderator.
 9. Arrangements shall be made for two or more sermons each day of the Association, or other equivalent services.
 10. The Rules of Order shall be read by the Moderator immediately after the organization of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these are equal in Divine Essence, Power and Glory. Rom. 1:20; John 1:1.

2. We believe that Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written and revealed Word of God and infallible rules of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16, 17.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy; but that he voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall of Adam, and that man is not able to save himself; but we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory that He, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man. Matt. 1:21, Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the condition of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He sayeth, "Look upon Me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17, Isa. 45:22, Acts. 20:21, Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3, Rom. 5:1-13.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:10.

7. We believe that all Christians persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life and enter in through the gates of the city. Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bid us walk therein. John 2:22, Matt. 3:16, Rom. 6:25, Matt. 28:15-20.

9. We believe that God, in His goodness, displays His powers of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teachings of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and preach life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own rejection and sinful refusal to come. I Cor. 12:3, Eph. 3:8, Rev. 22:17, Isa. 55:1.

10. Sec. 1. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saints' feet to be gospel ordinances. John 13:4, 5.

Sec. 2. We believe the keeping of the Lord's Day holy and abstaining from worldly lust and carnal cares and the assembling ourselves together in an ornament which prepares and beautifies the Soldiers of the Cross to march on in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:28.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have a right to administer the ordinances, only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons and clerk chosen by the church, and continue the same in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members reference should be made to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous. Tit. 1:15, Acts. 14:23, II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and it is the duty of the pastor when setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:26; I Cor. 11:27, 28.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both just and unjust—the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God. The unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. II Thess. 1:4-11, Rev. 20-10 and 11-12, John 19:26.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, we, the Church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate union and communion amongst us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, and we do hereby adopt this Constitution for our church government.

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the different churches in our union and not exceeding four from each church, and, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seat.

2. Letters from the different churches shall express their number of members, number received by experience, letter of recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen to be denominated the Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptists.

4. This body shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor have ecclesiastical power over churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly. However, the Association shall have the power, for good cause, to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction, and to exclude the delegates from its session when they, or church, become disorderly or fail to keep good report.

5. The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by vote of members present.

6. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they be found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the body extending the hand of fellowship.

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

8. Every oral motion, seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

9. The Clerk shall assign each church its quota of minutes.

10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book kept for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk and before the close of the Association.

12. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution without first being adopted by three-fourths of the churches in the Association.

13. The Presbytery is composed of all ordained authorities in the Association. Any three members of the Presbytery may ordain a minister to preach the Gospel.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, through Jesus Christ, and adopted the foregoing practice as our confession of faith we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God and agree to the following Church Covenant:

1. We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive, by His assisting grace, to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians to watch over each other in love for the mutual upbuilding of the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the err'ng. and to labor together for the upbuilding of the church, the denomination and the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain family prayer and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We covenant and agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, contributing according to our ability and circumstances for the support of the ministry and other church expenses among us that we will be benevolent to the needy, and especially to the poor of the church.

4. We promise that as far as we shall be able we will attend upon public worship and the social meetings of the church and regularly report ourselves at monthly conferences, and that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's House.

5. And we shall covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and simple conformities to the world, that we will not traffic in the use, nor furnish to others, intoxicating beverages, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination as missions, education, Sabbath schools, moral reform, and all others that tend to the glory of God and the welfare of men. And may the God of Peace sanctify us Holy, preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in escribing blessings, honor and glory and power to Him that sitteth on the throne and the lamb, forever. Amen.

