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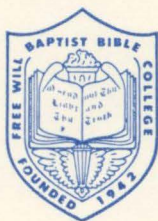


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BAPTISTS
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✓ Moderaor ----- M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla.
Ass't Moderator ----- W. E. Deermore, Wanette, Okla.
Clerk ----- C. L. Hudson, Blanchard, Okla.

PROCEEDINGS

✓ Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma, which met with Non Church, Non, Oklahoma, October 23, 24, 25, 1929. On Wednesday evening, October 23, called to order by moderator, Bro. M. M. McKee. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Cook. After a brief song service the introductory sermon was brought by Rev. W. G. Fields, text, Isa. 1:18, which was enjoyed by all present. Dismissed by Bro. W. E. Dearmore, to meet at nine o'clock Thursday.

3 Met according to adjournment. Called to order by moderator, Bro. M. M. McKee. Song No. 111. Prayer by Bro. Jack Hopkins. Called for election of moderator. Rev. M. M. McKee was elected moderator, Rev. W. E. Dearmore ass't moderator, C. L. Hudson clerk. Called for letters of various associations. Letters from Dibble, Washitaw, first Oklahoma association, were received. Motion and second that delegates be seated, after which the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all present. Rules of order was read. The moderator appointed the following committees: committee on divine service, Jack Hopkins, J. Q. Moore, Tom Priest; committee on education, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Rev. W. G. Fields, Si Huddleston; committee on publication, Rev. O'Donnell, Rev. M. M. McKee, Jack Hopkins; committee on resolutions, J. Q. Moore, J. E. Bean, G. W. Wright; committee on obituaries, Sisters Fields, O'Donnel, and Vance. Dismissed for committee work.

Called to order for divine service by song, "Tell It to Jesus Alone." Message brought by Rev. W. E. Dearmore, text—Romans 12:1. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Thursday evening session called together by singing at two o'clock, after which ass't moderator, Rev. W. E. Dearmore read Acts, 15th chapter. Prayer by W. G. Fields, after which Rev. W. E. Dearmore turned in his report. Motion and second to receive it. Motion carried

(report given elsewhere), after which Rev. E. A. O'Donnel turned in his report as editor of the Mission Publishing Co. Motion and second to accept his report; motion carried (report given elsewhere). Motion and second that there be an investigating committee appointed. The following committee was appointed: Bros. Jack Hopkins, J. Q. Moore, Rev. M. M. McKee. ✓

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

REPORT OF RETIRING CLERK

As your clerk for the past two years I beg leave to submit the following report. The state did not do very much business last year. The state conceded its time to the executive board of the Mission Publishing Co. We received \$23.25 for minutes last year. Paid out \$2.25 for leaflets, 25c for stamps to mail these to the different parts of the state. Total received for minutes \$23.25. Total paid out \$2.50. Total in treasury \$20.75. Motion and second to receive the report carried. ✓

Motion and second to organize a preachers and deacons school. Committee to form organization: Abe Tolbert, A. E. O'Donnel, C. L. Hudson, W. G. Wright, and J. E. Yandell. ✓

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Resolved that we have two Bible schools of thirty days each, one in the eastern part of the state and one in the western part. Committee: J. E. Bean, G. W. Wright, J. Q. Moore. Accepted and adopted. ✓

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Resolved that our educational committee formulate the methods to pay the expenses of these schools.

Committee:

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved that we require our preachers to study carefully the importance of stewardship and to preach at least one sermon a year on the great subject. Received and accepted.

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Called together by singing at 2 o'clock, after which ass't moderator, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, read Acts, 15th chapter. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Fields, after which Rev. W. E. Dearmore turned in his report. Motion and second to receive it. Motion carried, after which Rev. E. A. O'Donnel turned in his report as editor of the Mission Publishing Co. Motion and second to accept his report. Motion and second that there be an investigation committee appointed. The following committee was appointed: Brother Jack Hopkins, Bro. J. Q. Moore, Bro. M. M. McKee.

REPORT OF STATE EVANGELIST, M. M. McKEE

From October 28, 1928 to October 24, 1929

Miles traveled, 8000; sermons preached, 350; meetings held, 14; conversions witnessed, 265; members received, 149; baptized 84; and have preached at many of our churches. I have helped to organize two new churches; helped to ordain five preachers; helped to ordain four deacons; preached six funerals; married four couples; visited the Arkansas and Missouri State associations as well as our Oklahoma state association. Money received from October 28, 1928 to October 24, 1929, \$578.79. Yours in Him.

REV. M. M. McKEE, Oklahoma State Evangelist,
Soper, Oklahoma

Received.

REPORT OF W. E. DEARMORE

To the State Association of the Church of God, known as Free-Will Baptists of Oklahoma.

I beg to submit the following as my report. I have been moderator of the First Oklahoma Association, Superintendent of Sunday Schools for that association, chairman of the executive board of the same association, also chairman of the Home Mission Board, and also of the state association. I have had regular appointments throughout the year. Sponsored several Sunday school conventions. Am at present sponsor to the Western Fireside Paper for the First Oklahoma Association. Have conducted several fu-

nerals, and have officiated in several marriage ceremonies. Besides this I have had the care of an invalid wife. I have received no compensation to speak of. I ask you when you make your devotions to God to remember me.

Your Brother, W. E. DEARMORE

PUBLICATION

We your committee on publication report as follows: We are in favor of supporting our own publication houses. We feel the great need of a better publication system, and need more printing in our denomination. So we recommend that each one who can subscribe for the FREEWILL BAPTIST of Ayden, North Carolina, and the FREEWILL BAPTIST GEM. We are also in favor of our people using our denominational literature in our Sunday schools. Hoping to be able to start a paper of our own in Oklahoma next year.

Committee:—

REV. M. M. McKEE

E. A. O'DONNELL

JACK HOPKINS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

October 25, 1929, 9 A. M.

The association was called together by moderator, Bro. M. M. McKee. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Wright. Lesson read by moderator (Romans 12th chapter). Resolution No. 4 read and accepted. Motion that the election of the officers referred to in above resolution to be deferred until 2 p. m.

Report of the obituary committee read and accepted (see report). The body stood two minutes in reverence of their memory. Prayer was conducted by moderator.

Motion and second that we put out two evangelists in the state association. Motion and second that we elect Rev. M. M. McKee, A. B. Epperson, W. E. Dearmore, A. E. O'Donnell as delegates to the Arkansas state association.

Motion and second that we elect Bro. G. W. Wright, J. E. Bean, Bro. Abbott, A. B. Tolbert, Bingham, as delegates to the Missouri state association.

Motion and second that we have our emblems printed

on silk ribbon of our state association. Carried.

Motion and second that our clerk be made treasurer also and he receive five dollars for his work.

Motion and second that we print the minutes of the First Oklahoma Association.

Motion and second that the state minutes have the same Articles of faith found in the treaties adopted by the cooperative association.

Motion and second that all associations have their minutes printed together.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Called to order by moderator, Bro. M. M. McKee.
Prayer by C. L. Hudson.

Motion and second that we elect officers for the preachers' and deacons' organization. Rev. W. E. Dearmore was elected emissary; W. G. Fields, assistant; A. E. O'Donnell clerk and treasurer.

Motion and second that we meet Rev. Dearmore, Fields, O'Donnell in the altar and anoint them for this special work.

Motion and second that the range 6 east be the evangelist dividing line, and that any church in four miles of the line have their preference of evangelists.

Motion and second to adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday was elected.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9

Meet pursuant to adjournment. Motion and second that we elect member of executive board. Bro. A. B. Epperson morning. Dismissed by Bro. Epperson.

Read and accepted.

Resolved that we endorse our home mission work and inasmuch as the home mission is doing a great and good work, be it resolved that we recommend and insist that each church that does not have a home mission society put forth their best efforts to organize a home mission society.

Committee:—

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

RESOLUTION 6

Resolved that we, the denominational Free Will Bap-

tists of the State of Oklahoma have a paper, supported and maintained by the Free Will Baptists, for the purpose of teaching our doctrine, also that this paper signify in name and doctrine that its editor be acquainted with the doctrine as taught by the Free Will Baptists; that the editor be under the supervision of the state executive board, also that we effect this move at once, as the work done in the state will be lost unless we cooperate state-wide by correspondence.

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

RESOLUTION 7

Be it resolved that we have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed and that our clerk, Bro. C. L. Hudson, superintend the printing of the minutes, distributing same.

Committee:—

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

RESOLUTION 8.

Be it resolved that this association cause its by-laws to be read so as to give the executive board of their respective associations power to take charge of any church property that fails to call a pastor for two years, and they have power to sell or dispose of such property as they see best, provided, however, that the said board is to use proceeds of such benefits in the bounds of said association. Be it further resolved that the executive board of this association be chartered by the State of Oklahoma.

J. E. BEAN

G. W. WRIGHT

J. Q. MOORE

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Resolved that we tender our heart-felt thanks to the Non Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them during this association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand \$61.30 for the printing of the minutes.

OBITUARIES

Rev. D. T. Monasker of Paden, Okla. Member of the Paden F. W. B. Church of the Canadian Association. He was converted about 43 years ago. He lived an unquestionably devoted life. He was an ordained minister of the highest honors that could be bestowed upon the F. W. B. ministry. He was loved and respected by both saved and unsaved. We therefore request the state association to arise and remain silent two minutes in his honor.

Monsetta Yandell, daughter of Rev. J. E. Yandell, was killed by lightning during the latter part of June. She was beautifully saved when 12 years of age. She is gone to her eternal rest.

Bro. Thomas Cooper of the Ada F. W. B. Church of the Center Association. He was an ardent worker in the F. W. B. ranks.

Sister Mary Connelly of the First Oklahoma Association. She was one of the well loved pioneers of the state. She went to live with God on high.

Bro. Bill Hughes died about the middle of January, 1929.

THE ORGANIZATION

It is with a prayerful and contrite heart, broken by the needs of our denomination, that we your committee present these plans to effect a preacher-deacon organization. 1st, we recommend that we look out a man in our ranks free from immoral habits, affectionate to all persons, loved and respected by the majority of our people; he should have reached the minimum in education, one who can command and get love, and keep his feelings out of his executive pursuit. He must be one who prays daily, rules his home well; in fact, we want the very best material to head this organization that can be procured. We recommend that he be designated as "Presiding Emissary," and for the entire body to abide by his decision without murmuring. We further recommend that he have an assistant in his work to aid him in his sacred duties, also to take the chair and preside in the absence of the Presiding Emissary, also that we have a scribe to care for the clerical work, that one day out of every state association be set apart for the meeting of the organization, that our chief aim the

first year be "unity", that we adopt Psalms 133:1: "Behold how good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," for our theme the ensuing year; that if any one is found guilty of speaking lightly of his ordained brethren he has violated the rules of this organization and will be dealt with accordingly.

Committee:—

G. W. WRIGHT

C. L. HUDSON

H. A. O'DONNELL

Friday morning session called to order by singing, devotional by moderator. Scripture reading I John, 1 chapter, after which the body went into organization. Rev. W. E. Dearmore was re-elected moderator.

Rev. G. H. Johnson, assistant moderator.

Berly Wilson Clerk.

A. B. Epperson, Assistant clerk.

The following were represented:

Box Spring Hill Liberty.

Northview, Tecumseh

The hand of fellowship was given by moderator, after which the regular routine of business was taken up and committee appointed.

Resolution Committee

See report.

J. B. Dunaway

W. G. Fields

J. A. Casky

Temperance Committee

Sister May Graham

Rev. Hattie Newman

G. H. Johnson

Sunday School Committee

A. B. Talbut

J. A. Gross

G. H. Johnson

Publication Committee

A. B. Talbut

J. K. Hayter

Mrs. P. E. Lacey

Committee on Obituary

Will Vanwinkle

T. S. Shooman

Ada Dearmore

Report of Committee on Sunday School as follows:

The Sunday school is a great school to train our children and is greatly neglected by the older, the Sunday school is the greatest support the church has.

Talbert Gross

G. H. Johnson

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report our convictions as follows: In studying the Bible we find in 1st Cor. 8-13 the following:

Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth lest I make my brother to offend.

Therefore, we feel that the use of cigarettes among our ministers are an offence to our young people as they are looked upon as examples and leaders, therefore, anything that is an offence to sinners or our young people is a hindrance to the cause of Christ and we feel that each child of God should use their influence in every way possible to discourage the use of cigarettes tobacco, home brew, and all intoxicating drinks of all kinds and should instill in all a spirit of humility, purity, cleanness and Godliness.

Mae Graham

Rev. Hattie Newman

G. H. Johnson

We your committee on publication report as follows: Seeing the need of the press advise that our people subscribe to our papers as far as we can, keep our homes supplied with religious literature, we also endorse the Western Fire Side, published by Bro. Taylor at Cushing Committee.

FRIDAY 8 P. M.

The Association was called into conference by the moderator.

Motion carried that we retain and empower Rev.

A. B. Epperson, Rev. W. E. Dearmore and W. M. Long as a committee to transact any business regarding our property at Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Adjourned to meet Saturday 9 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING

Session called to order by Moderator. Devotional by Brother W. M. Long. Scripture lesson I John 1.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Partial report of resolution com.

Election of delegates to the state meeting, Brother Dearmore and G. H. Johnson and T. S. Shapman were elected.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Committee on Resolutions—

J. A. Caskey

A. B. Epperson

W. E. Dearmore

RESOLUTION NO. 1

A committee be elected to care for the Earlsboro property and such other business as may come and this committee to outstanding. Committee to be elected each year to hold office for three years. W. M. Long, W. E. Dearmore, and A. B. Epperson, their time they hold office 1-2-3 years as their name appears. A. B. Epperson to be treasurer and required to give bond sufficient to cover the amount in treasury such money to be kept in bank. Such committee shall have the right to spend enough to pay their expense in caring for associational property.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it resolved that we ask the state association to adopt the article of faith as found in our treatise and request all other associations to adopt same. See committee.

Saturday afternoon session opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Dearmore.

Minutes of morning session read and received.

Bro. O'Donnel elected to go to the State Associational meeting. First Fifth Sunday meeting at Tecumseh church,

second at Box, and third Fifth Sunday meeting at Liberty. Bro. Caskey to preach the introductory sermon at the first Fifth Sunday meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

That we have three Fifth Sunday Meetings, the first to be at Tecumseh, fifth Sunday in December; second, at Box; third, at Liberty and a committee be appointed to get a program.

Brother Odonnell to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the association, G. H. Johnson alternate. Next session of the association to be held with Northview church, two miles east of Tecumseh, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1930. Motion to adjourn to meet at the above stated place and time.

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator.

G. H. Johnson, Ass't Moderator.

B. C. Wilson, Clerk.

A. B. Epperson, Ass't Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

For State Minutes—

Box Church	-----	\$2.50
Spring Hill	-----	\$2.50

For Oklahoma Association—

North View	-----	\$2.00
Spring Hill	-----	\$4.00
Box Church	-----	\$4.25
Liberty Church	-----	\$4.00

Total for State Minutes ----- \$5.00

Total for first Oklahoma Association ---- \$14.25

The state money was not turned in.

On page 3 of the State Minutes and about one fourth from top of page begins the First Oklahoma Associational Minute. I am sorry this was not headed but just believe there should have been a heading and go on with the reading. The minutes are late but maybe it is best, for some of us have already forgotten what was done, and this minute will be a reminder.

Yours with love and a greater work.

E. A. O'DONNELL,

