

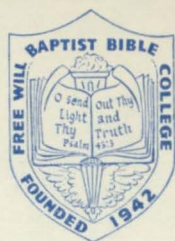
MINUTES
OF THE
^{25th}
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST

Convened With The Non Church
in October, 1932.

The next Annual Session of the State Association
will be held with the Dibble Church,
beginning on Tuesday night before
the Fourth Sunday in October, 1933.

OFFICERS

W. E. Dearmore..... Moderator
E. E. Morris..... Assistant Moderator
E. E. Bristow..... Clerk
Frank Purser..... Assistant Clerk
Earline Haskins..... Treasurer



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Annual State Association of Free Will Baptists which convened with the Non church at Non, Okla. beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1932. A large representation was present and a great work was done.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bro. B. C. Munkus conducted a devotional service which was fine. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Earlin Haskins of Stratford, Okla. text Phill. 2:4. This was a real feast for all.

THURSDAY MORNING

After singing, Elder W. E. Dearmore read Psalms 121 and Bro. B. C. Wilson led prayer. Letters from Associations were called for, and were presented. The delegates were seated after a good old-fashioned hand shaking.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

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| Moderator, | W. E. Dearmore |
| Ass't. Moderator, | E. E. Morris |
| Clerk, | E. E. Bristow |
| Ass't. Clerk, | Frank Purser |
| Treasurer, | Earline Haskins |

The various committees were appointed.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. Rogers: The great and Final Reunion, followed by Bro. Melvin Bingham.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional by Sister Mae Dickinson, John 15, Prayer by Bro. Underwood.

Motion carried to seat persons present from an Ass'n.

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whose delegates, one or all, are not present, in place of those not present. Motion carried to discuss whether a deacon has a right to be on the ministerial standing committee.

Motion carried to appoint a committee of unordained delegates to investigate the standing of ministers and deacons.

Motion carried to discharge previously appointed committee on ministerial standing.

The rules of order were read.

Motion carried to recess 15 minutes to allow committee to prepare reports.

Motion carried that Resolution no. 1 be made an amendment to the Constitution.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Bro. J. E. Yandell, followed by Bro. F. C. Jones.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional by Bro. Geo. Garrett of Wanette, Okla.

Scripture reading Matt. 7:1-6.

This being ministers and deacon's day, the following questions were discussed.

1. The hindrances to the spread and growth of our church, and how can they be overcome?

By motion Bro. E. E. Bristow was allowed from 20 to 40 minutes for discussion, others discussing this question were Bro. E. A. O'Donnell, Bro. E. E. Morris, Bro. Earlin Haskins, Bro. J. E. Bean, Bro. Melvin Bingham, Bro. I. W. Yandell and Bro. B. C. Munkus.

It was suggested that a publication fund be started to finance the publication for distribution of various articles by any of the brethren who would contribute such.

Bro. J. E. Bean preached a soul stirring sermon at

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11 o'clock, subject: The Ark of the Covenant. Bro. E. E. Morris concluded by talking about the New Covenant of Christ.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional by Bro. Harry Staires, prayer by Bro. Melvin Bingham.

By vote, Bro. E. E. Bristow was allowed 30 minutes to discuss the Thousand Year Reign. He showed that it was a spiritual reign by Christ in the hearts of His people, and began in His personal ministry on earth. There is no literal thousand year reign on earth. Several speakers followed.

Motion carried to discuss other subjects even though not on the program.

Bro. W. L. Bean and Bro. I. W. Yandell were allowed 15 minutes each in discussion of "Do women have the Bible right to be ordained to preach the Gospel". Bro J. E. Bean was granted 5 minutes for rebuttal, to which Bro I. W. Yandell replied.

Bros. E. E. Morris and E. A. O'Donnell discussed the subject of apostasy. This was ably presented and argued.

At 7:30 p. m Elder H. E. Dixon preached on "Christ the Foundation". A good sermon was given. The devotional service was fine, there being 54 testimonies given in 17 minutes.

SATURDAYMORNING

Devotional service by Bro. Edmonson.

Scripture, Psalms 124. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Bean

Ten minutes was allowed to solicit subscriptions for the Western Free Will Baptist published by Bro. W. E. Dearmore at Wanette, Okla.

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The following churches were nominated as host for the next Association: 1. Vance Chapel, by Bro. W. L. Bean. 2. Dibble, by Bro. E. E. Morris. 3. Cross Roads, by Bro. McLain. 4. Drumright, by Bro. Dickinson. By motion the selection was deferred until afternoon.

Motion carried to purchase a book suitable for the purpose of registration provided in Resolution no. 7, to cost \$5.00 or more. Motion carried to allow Bro. Dearmore to print such a book.

A communication from Bro. A. B. Talbert was read relative to the use of the King James Bible in Sunday School literature by the Ayden Free Will Baptist Press in which they agreed, for the sake of unity, to use the King James translation after Jan. 1, 1933.

Motion carried to have the clerk write to the Ayden Press expressing thanks and appreciation for this action.

Bro. E. E. Morris was elected State President of the Young People's League.

At 11 o'clock Bro. I. W. Yandell preached a powerful sermon on "The Church" in which he showed that the Free Will Baptist Church preached and practiced the doctrines of Christ and the Apostles, therefore were entitled to be called the Church of God.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional by Bro. J. Q. Moore, Psalms 23. Prayer by Bro. R. V. Wood.

Bro. Earlin Haskins was elected Secretary of the Young People's work.

The following were appointed to confer with other State bodies to try to organize a Western Conference of Free Will Baptist to be composed of State Associations west of the Mississippi River. J. E. Yandell, Melvin

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Bingham and J. Q. Moore

Motion carried to pay Bro. I. W. Yandell \$100.00 per month as State Evangelist.

A committee, J. E. Yandell, H. E. Dixon and C. C. Garland, was appointed to meet the Eureka Association at their October 5th Sunday Meeting at Scipio, Okla.

The report of the outgoing treasurer was adopted.

Motion carried that a pastor, who has been indicated by an evangelist to aid a new church, be compelled to care for that church.

Motion carried to ordain Bro. G. L. Bain as deacon. He was ordained, Bro. I. W. Yandell officiating.

The Dibble church was selected to be the host for the next State Association which will convene on Tuesday night before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1933 and adjourn Friday afternoon in order to give pastors and delegates time to return for the 4th Sunday services at their churches. Bro. Melvin Bingham was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

A vote of thanks was given the Non church and community for the kind and generous hospitality shown this Association.

Motion carried to have Bro. Dearmore print 1000 copies of the minutes, or as many as the funds will allow at 3cts each.

Motion carried to have Bro. Dearmore to mail copies of the minutes to clerks of the Associations, they to distribute them in Fifth Sunday meetings, etc.

Motion carried to retain the Executive Board as it now is.
Adjourned with prayer.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICATION—Seeing the great need for more publication, be it resolved that the State Association endorse The Western Free Will Baptist, at Wanette, Okla. as our church organ for publication.

Melvin Bingham, Harry Staires, Bert F. Rogers, E. A. O'Donnell.
COMMITTEE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL—We find that each church reports a good Sunday School and we urge this work be carried on. Each member should attend and urge that others do so. A church without a Sunday School is on the downward road and sooner or later is gone. We urge also the use of Free Will Baptist literature. Sunday Schools should be encouraged by pastors and deacons. All teachers should be Christians.

Birdie Drennan, Sadie Fincher, B. C. Munkus, Earlin Haskins and R. E. Wright.
COMMITTEE

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OBITUARY—Whereas the Supreme Ruler in His wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst Bro. Clutchman, Sister Fannie Townsend, Bro. R. Bess, Bro. J. D. Cook, Bro. S. P. Carmichael, Bro. Eason, Bro. Campbell from Center Ass'n.; Bro. George Thompson, Bro. Bohanan, Sister Carrie Hibborn, Rev. W. J. Pierce, Elder Briles, Sister Vera Hill, Bro. Daniel Hayes, from the First Mission Association; Bro. G. W. Bawson, Bro. Ed Campbell, Bro. Jim Bingham, and Sister Munkus from Dibble Association; and J. D. Coplan, Bro. Cluck, and Sister Alice Caskey of Box church.

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May we bow in prayer by Bro. Dearmore, to the will of our Father.

R. V. Whitten, W. P. Scott, I. W. Yandell, Ed Chisum
and J. Q. Moore. COMMITTEE

MISSIONS—We find that our Mission work is a great work and a great uplift to the churches and communities where Missions are organized. We find that such churches are more spiritual. We recommend that all churches not having a Mission to organize one as soon as possible.

W. L. Bean, W. D. McCready, Mary Rogers, Mae Dickinson and J. T. Champion. COMMITTEE

FINANCE—Received from.

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| First Oklahoma Association..... | \$5.00 |
| Hopewell Association | \$3.39 |
| First Mission Association | \$5.00 |
| Dibble Association..... | \$5.00 |
| Center Association..... | \$5.00 |
| Grand River Association (promised by Bro. Jones) | \$5.00 |
| Eureka Association..... | \$2.25 |

Oscar Kess, E. A. Russell and F. C. Jones.

COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Resolved that this body go on record as opposed to any Association in this State Association allowing a church in its jurisdiction to call a licensed preacher as pastor. (Adopted) Melvin Bingham, Chairman.

No. 2. Resolved that we change our time of meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday and close Friday.

(Adopted)

J. E. Bean, Chairman.

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No. 3. (Lost)

No. 4. Resolved that we recommend to the pulpit committee that they put only one preacher on program at one service. (Adopted) J. E. Bean, Chairman

No. 5. (Lost)

No. 6. Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Associations of the different states to make arrangements to organize a Western Conference comprising all the territory west of the Mississippi River.

(Adopted) J. E. Bean, Chairman

No. 7. Resolved that this Association keep a permanent register to be signed by ministers, deacons and delegates present each year, the register to repose with the clerk.

(Adopted) J. E. Bean, Chairman

No. 8. Resolved that this Association establish a publication fund to be kept by the Treasurer and to be supported by contributions given by the different churches and Sunday Schools in any amount they may wish to give. Such fund to be used to publish booklets, ect., for distribution among the churches. The Moderator shall appoint a committee of three to criticize all manuscript submitted and to recommend for publication such as they shall approve. Committee appointed, E. A. O'Donnell, Denison, Texas, I. W. Yandell, Stratford, Okla., E. E. Bristow, Gerty, Okla. (Adopted) J. E. Bean, Chairman

No. 9. Be it resolved that we are unalterably opposed to the doctrines of Sanctification and Baptism of the Holy Ghost, as taught by the modern Holiness people, subsequent to regeneration. We also disapprove of our members aiding them directly or indirectly.

(Adopted) J. E. Bean, Chairman

No. 10. Be it resolved that the State Association put out an evangelist for the state of Oklahoma and each

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Association pay its part in support of the evangelist.

(Adopted)

J. E. Bean, Chairman

ASSOCIATION LETTERS

First Mission Association—Delegates: A. R. Whitten, Mrs. W. L. Bean, Mary Rogers and Mae Dickinson. Alternates: May Graham, Geo. Miller, Sisters Holland and Bacon.

State of religion, good. Sunday Schools in good condition; average 1000 pupils, with 74 officers and teachers.

Total membership of churches, 981.

Amount paid pastors: \$251.32. Amount for evangelistic work: \$140.91. Amount for building and repairs, \$567.10. Amount for incidentals, \$500.32. Value of church property, \$10,000. Amount for Home Missions, \$171 82. Amount included for minutes, \$5.00. Ministers, 34; Deacons, (not given), 9.

Melvin Bingham, Moderator, Tulsa, Okla. W. H. Dickinson, Clerk, Drumright, Okla.

Asked for next State Ass'n. to meet at Drumright.

Dibble Association—Delegates, James Sparks, Jim Headrick, John Claunch. State of religion, very good; number received this year, 81; number baptized, 71; number dismissed, 25; number died, 4; total membership, 593. Amount paid pastors, \$587.99. Amount for evangelistic work, \$76.90. Value of church property, \$2000.00. Amount for Home Missions, \$16.00. Amount included for minutes \$5.00.

Condition of Sunday Schools, good. Average number of pupils, 270.

Ministers: B. C. Munkus, L. E. Ward, E. E. Morris, Frank Lee, John Nunnally, J. H. Burr, Eld. Atkinson, Eld. Hudson, Eld. Lee, Eld. Mainard, Eld. Boswell, Eld. Buckner,

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and Emmett Clagg.

Asked for next meeting of State Association.

Elder L. E. Ward, Moderator, Blanchard, Okla.

Birdie Drennan, Clerk, Tabler, Okla.

Hopewell Association—State of religion good. Number revivals held, 8; number churches, 4; number Sunday Schools, 4; number converted, 62; new churches, 2; total membership, 265; ordained ministers, 8; licensed ministers 3. Delegates: Sister Naomi Pyles and Sister O'Donnell.

Amount for minutes, \$3.39. E. A. O'Donnell, Moderator, Denison, Texas. Dorothy Ford, Clerk.

First Oklahoma Association—Number churches, 11; members, 1000; paid pastors, \$2000.00; value of church property, \$10,000.00. Delegates: T. L. Fry, J. A. Owens, Oscar Kees, Homer Perrin and Samuel Kees.

Minute money, \$5.00.

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator, Wanette, Okla.

A. B. Epperson, Clerk, Earlsboro, Okla.

Center Association—Delegates: Joe Hemingway, J. N. Caton and Tom Priest. Alternates: M. L. Caton, H. M. Merrit, and T. L. Tollet.

Churches, 14; members, 686; died, 10; rec'd. 59; dismissed, 33, pupils in Sunday School, 664; state of religion, fair; ordained ministers, 32; licensed ministers, 1; value of church property, \$3000.00; buildings, 3; paid ministers, \$594.73, Sunday Schools, 14; S. S. membership, 694.

Earlin Haskins, Moderator, Stratford, Okla.

Virgil Hunt, Clerk, Ada, Okla., Route No. 3.

Grand River Association—Delegates: F. C. Jones and H. E. Dixon. Number of churches, 18; ordained ministers, 24; members 808; state of religion, good. Sunday Schools in good condition. Prayer meeting in most churches.

H. E. Dixon, Moderator, Checotah, Okla.

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Ozella Littlefield, Clerk.

Canadian Association—Churches, 9; members, 367; ministers, 14; died 6; value of church property, \$2100.00; paid pastors, \$350.00; paid evangelist, \$150.00; Sunday School work, good.

Delegates: W. D. McCready, J. T. Champion and W. P. Scott.

Roberts McGee Association—Delegate: J. E. Yandell.

Churches, 12; ordained ministers, 10; members rec'd. 118; dismissed none, died, 2. J. E. Yandell, Moderator, Red Oak, Okla. Jessie Leo Morris, Clerk, Poteau, Okla.

Eureka Association—Delegates: H. O. Turner, C. C. Garland, Elder McClain and Cliff Meyers. Number churches 23; ordained ministers, 19; ordained deacons, 79; membership 1500; church houses 4; valuation \$3000.00; minute money sent \$2.25

Some churches are without pastors, due to hard times, the churches not being able to pay their pastors who are unable to go unassisted. Most of the churches have prayer meetings and S. S. using Free Will Baptist literature.

W. J. Nance, Moderator. Dovie LaFave, Clerk.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

