

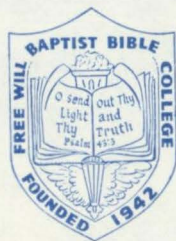
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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, which met with the Dibble church, at Dibble, Oklahoma, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1933.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing. Prayer by H. E. Dixon. Testimonial service was conducted by Elder Will Bean. A special prayer was led by Elder Melvin Bingham for Eld. W. E. Dearmore who was in the hospital not able to attend the Association. After this Elder Melvin Bingham took the stand to bring the introductory sermon. Text, St. John 4:4. A wonderful message was delivered.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 34, by Elder E. E. Morris. Prayer by Elder B. F. Rogers.

Letters were called for and read, and by motion they were received and delegates seated and given the hand of fellowship.

Letters were received from the following Associations:

First Mission, Canadian, Dibble, Grand River, Gaines Creek, First Oklahoma, Center, Hopewell, Robert McGee. Motion carried that verbal reports be accepted from associations not having letters.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Elder E. E. Morris,

Ass't Moderator, Elder W. H. Carter

Clerk Elder B. F. Rogers

Ass't Clerk, Bro. Pete Conon

Executive Board

Elders J. L. Waltman, L. E. Ward, H. E. Dixon, Will Bean and Bro. Jack Hopkins.

President State Missions, Elder J. L. Waltman.

State Evangelist, Elder E. A. O'Donnell.

Appointment of Committees

Resolutions—Brothers Melvin Bingham, E. H. Dixon, W. D. McCready, Jack Hopkins and Lee Oliver.

Pulpit—Brothers Pete Conor, W. A. McLaughlin, Cash Roberts, L. E. Ward, Chairman of committee.

Sunday School—Brothers Will Bean, Marvin Dalton, H. E. Dixon, H. E. Staires, Allie Ward.

Obituary—Brothers John Waltman, A. A. Williams, Chas. W. Thompson, T. C. Christian and J. W. Sanders.

Missions—F. F. Mann, A. D. Merchant, Carl Hembree.

Finance—Bros. Quince Moore, L. E. Ward, H. E. Dixon.

Credentials—Pete Conor, J. Q. Moore, Homer Perine.

By motion E. H. Dixon from the State of Arkansas was seated as advisory member and given hand of fellowship.

By-Laws were read by the moderator.

Pulpit committee reported Elder W. H. Carter to preach at 11 o'clock and Elder E. H. Dixon to preach at night.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Elder W. H. Carter who takes the stand and asks that the new song, "Amazing Grace," be sung. His text was Luke 24:49. A wonderful message was delivered, followed by a song and an old time hand-shake.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading by moderator. Prayer by Elder E. A. O'Donnell.

Moderator ruled that all subjects for discussion be given to committee on resolutions, the committee to select the subject to be discussed, then turn it to the committee on divine service, who will select ministers to discuss the subject selected.

First subject: How many resurrections are there and, if there are two, where will Christ and his saints reign until the final resurrection? Discussion by Elders E. A. O'Donnell, E. E. Morris, Thomas Dixon, ten minutes each.

Second question: "The Unpardonable Sin?" Discussed by Elder E. A. O'Donnell, 20 minutes.

Third question: Should we or should we not enforce our discipline more than we have in the past? Discussion by Elders Marvin Dalton and H. E. Staires, ten minutes each.

Motion carried to seat Elder C. J. Turentine of Fort Worth, Texas as an advisory member in this Association.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing. Prayer by Elder E. E. Morris. Devotional service conducted by Eld. W. D. McCready. Special numbers in song were rendered by Elders W. L. Bean and B. F. Rogers.

Preaching by Elder E. H. Dixon. Text, 2 Tim. 3:16. A wonderful message was preached and heart-felt religion was demonstrated throughout the service.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, 14th chapter of St. John, by moderator. Prayer by Eld. L. E. Ward.

Elder B. F. Rogers was elected treasurer.

Motion carried to adopt resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. See report.

Motion carried to have one thousand Ministers' State Statistical blanks printed by Elder C. J. Turentine of Fort Worth, Texas, at the price of \$1.25. A collection was taken and \$1.88 was received and given him.

Pulpit committee reported Elder I. W. Yandell to preach at 11 o'clock and Elder E. A. O'Donnell at night.

By motion a finance committee was elected for State Evangelist, Elder E. A. O'Donnell; Jack Hopkins and Quince Moore were elected.

Elder I. W. Yandell takes the stand. A wonderful message was delivered on Establishment of the Church. It was clearly pointed out that the Free Will Baptist church was organized by Jesus Christ Himself, and continues to the present time.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 23, by moderator. Prayer by moderator.

By motion Jack Hopkins' resignation was accepted, and Elder L. E. Ward was elected in his place.

Ministers that will teach in the Bible school before next State Association at Ada will be as follows:

Elder I. W. Yandell, Book of Acts and Revelation.

Elder W. A. Hearrin, Book of Romans.

Elder E. A. O'Donnell, Book of St. John.

Elder Melvin Bingham was given time to report on the Eastern Conference.

By motion a committee was appointed by the moderator to go to the next session of the Eastern Conference, which convenes at Jakin, Ga, to negotiate a union predicated on the 1832 Treatise. Elders Melvin Bingham, B. F. Rogers and J. L. Waltman were appointed.

Elder C. J. Turentine of Fort Worth, Texas was given time to discuss his paper, the Free Will Baptist Trumpet.

By motion the report of the committee on finance arrangements was adopted. See report.

By motion a treasurer was elected to care for the funds of the State Evangelist. Bro. Luther Hudson was elected..

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer.

Special numbers in song were rendered by a male quartet.

Testimonial service was conducted by Elder L. E. Ward. Many wonderful testimonies were given, the power of God fell on the congregation and three souls were saved.

Preaching by Elder E. A. O'Donnell. Text, Luke 24:29.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 25, by Elder A. B. Epperson. Prayer by Sister Epperson.

By motion a letter was written by the clerk to Elder W. E. Dearmore, telling him how the Association missed him, also a collection of \$9.10 was sent to him by the body.

By motion a boundry line committee was appointed. Elders E. E. Bristow, A. B. Talbert and A. B. Epperson were appointed.

Voted to convene the next State Association with the Ada church in the Center Association, Oct. 23, 1934.

By motion reports of committees were received and committees discharged. See reports.

By motion clerk of the State Association was to be paid \$5.00 for his work.

Motion carried that any association needing the assistance of the Executive Board must pay their expenses.

By motion the report of the treasurer was received and the treasurer discharged.

The body was led in prayer by Dadie Coggins.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Elder Carl Hembree. Text, Gen. 4:9. A wonderful message was delivered.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading, Psalm 133, by Elder B. F. Rogers. Prayer by Bro. Bob Rolins.

Motion carried that each association in the State Association pay \$10.00 into the treasury for expense of the delegates to the Eastern Conference, at Jakin, Georgia.

By motion corresponding delegates were elected to go to the Arkansas State Association. Brothers Elzie Yandell, Quince Moore and B. F. Rogers were elected. By motion expenses were to be paid out of the funds left from the Eastern Conference fund that was provided by the association.

The State League Convention will be held at Bryant, Oklahoma Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1934.

By motion the 1933 league work was endorsed by the Association.

By motion State evangelist was given credentials for one year as State Evangelist.

Elder L. E. Ward will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, at the church of Ada.

Pulpit committee reported Elder E. A. O'Donnell will preach Friday night.

By motion conference adjourned until next session meets at the Ada church, beginning Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1934.

Adjourned with prayer.

Elder E. E. Morris, Moderator,
Elder B. F. Rogers, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions—We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit our report:

We, the Association, want to extend a vote of thanks to the people of Dibble for their hospitality shown us during this Association.

Res. No. 1—Be it Resolved, That each minister of the State Association make a minute of his work for the year and bring it or send it to the State Association. By this the churches and associations can know the standing of all ministers.

Res. No. 2—Resolved, That we elect a state evangelist and pay him \$50.00 per month and traveling expenses, and that a committee be appointed to work out a system of financing the State Evangelist.

Res. No. 3—Resolved, That we precede each session of the State Association with a ten days' Bible school, and that we have an old time revival meeting each night of the Bible school period. That this school be taught by competent teachers for the special benefit of our young ministers. Furthermore, That a committee will select the preacher to do the preaching at the meeting, and the teachers shall be selected one year in advance to teach in the school.

Res. No. 4—Resolved, That the State Association appoint a committee to retrace the old boundry lines of each association, and that each church automatically be a member of the association within whose boundaries it is located; and if any church cannot fellowship the association, that it stand suspended until reconcillation be made. Furthermore, if there be an association that is not sure of the exact line, then this committee shall map out lines for this association. Also that any association shall have the privilege of appointing a committee to co-operate with the state committee.

Res. No. 5—Resolved, That the State Association elect a president for State Mission work.

Committee { Melvin Bingham,
E. H. Dixon,
W. D. McCready,
Jack Hopkins,
Lee Oliver.

Investigation—We, your Committee on Investigation, beg leave to report as follows:

We made the investigation that was assigned to us by the State Association on the adoption of the Treatise by the Eureka Association, and the Treatise was unanimously adopted by the Eureka Association at Cross Road church, while they were in session on Friday, A. D. 1933.

Committee { Elder Dixon,
Birdie Garland,
J. E. Yandell.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to report that the following Free Will Baptists of this great State Association have gone to their reward:

Bro. W. A. Taylor of Drumright, Okla., Sister Payne of Cushing, Okla., Sister P. L. Duhn of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sister R. H. Miller, Sister Holder, Sister William's baby, Sister Gebhart's baby, Sister Thomas' baby, Sister Sue Cope, all of Tulsa, Sister Lemmons of Earlsboro, Okla., Bro. Thomas Epperson, father of A. B. Epperson, of Tecumseh, Okla., Elder W. C. Austin, able defender of the Free Will Baptist doctrine, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sister Townsend, wife of Uncle Tom Townsend, of Wetumka, Okla., Elder Vanderpoole of Hanna, Okla., Sister Elizabeth Harrell of Blanchard, Okla., Sister Wade of North View church, Sister Phillips of Dibble church.

We suggest that we spend one moment in silent prayer to be concluded by our moderator in honor of our dead.

Committee { J. L. Waltman,
A. A. Williams,
Chas. W. Thompson,
T. C. Christian.

Finance—

First Oklahoma Association	\$4.00
Canadian Association	3.00
Dibble Association	5.00
Grand River Association	5.00
First Mission Association	5.00
Robert McGee Association	3.00
Center Association	2.00

Total \$27.00

Committee { Quince Moore,
L. E. Ward,
H. E. Dixon.

Missions—We, your Committee on Missions, beg to report that we endorse last year's report and also wish to report that we find 24 churches that have organized missions.

Committee { F. F. Mann,
A. D. Merchant,
H. E. Dixon.

Sunday School—We have no necessary amendment to offer in regard to the work of our Sunday schools, and we recommend that they remain as they are.

Committee { Eld. W. L. Bean,
Elder Marvin Dalton,
H. E. Staires,
Allie Ward,
H. E. Dixon.

Evangelistic Arrangements—We, your Committee on Evangelistic Arrangements, recommend that each pastor take up a freewill offering at each monthly appointment. Also pastors at full time churches, not less than one offering per month for the State Evangelist.

We further recommend that the money collected be turned to the church clerk and the amount sent directly to Bro. Luther Hudson, Treasurer, Blanchard, Okla., R2, to be disbursed for the salary and expenses of the evangelist. We also recommend that the churches have one month to work this plan. Also that the committee inform the evangelist if there is not enough money to keep the evangelist on the field, and that the evangelist write his resignation and turn it in to the treasurer of the committee, and that he cease from his labors when the money ceases to come in.

We further recommend that not less than one dollar from each church each month be sent in, and that any church which pays as much as \$12.00 for its year's work, regardless of time be given a paid up yearly receipt, and that whatever there may be over their part in the yearly budget will be counted as a freewill offering, and will be used exclusively for evangelistic work.

Committee { E. A. O'Donnell,
Jack Hopkins,
Quince Moore.

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian—Association statistics are as follows:

Ten churches in good standing; 17 ministers; 408 members; received 90 new members; dismissed 21; two removed by death; value of church property \$1,000.00; we send \$3.00 for minute funds.

Elder W. K. Smith, Moderator,
J. H. West, Clerk.

Grand River—17 churches; 1006 members; state of religion good; all of our churches have Sunday school, and most of them have prayer meeting; we send \$5.00 for minute funds.

Elder H. E. Dixon, Moderator,
Ozella Littlefield, Clerk.

Dibble—State of religion good; Sunday schools and prayer meetings good; members received, 14; baptized, 4; dismissed, 4; total membership, 393; value of church property \$2,700.00; paid pastors \$231.84; nine ministers; five churches; we send \$5.00 for minute fund.

Elder L. E. Ward, Moderator,
Birdie Drennan, Clerk.

Hopewell—State of religion good; number received this year, 30; baptized, 20; dismissed, 4; died, 3; six churches; seven ministers; all churches have Sunday schools.

Elder E. A. O'Donnell, Moderator,
M. L. Bonds, Clerk.

First Mission—State of religion good; 15 churches; total membership, 1249; average attendance in Sunday schools, 1225; incomplete valuation of church property, \$14,500.00; 34 ministers; for minute fund, \$5.00.

Elder Melvin Bingham, Moderator,
Elder Bert F. Rogers, Clerk.

Robert McGee—State of religion good; Sunday schools and churches in good condition; membership 450; number of churches, 12; minute money, \$3.00.

Elder J. C. Nuby, Moderator,
Jessie Lee Morris, Clerk.

Gains Creek—State of religion good; seven churches; members, 368; value of church property, \$1,000.00; ministers, 18; prayer meetings and Sunday schools good; no deaths.

Elder Higgins, Moderator,
Sister Willie Hughes, Clerk.

Other associations gave in verbal reports which we will not be able to give in this minute.

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."

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.

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 Savior 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. WAR. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

