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PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Freewill Baptist, which met with the Drumright Church, at Drumright, Oklahoma, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1935.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service began with singing and prayer. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. M. McKee, after which Rev. E. A. Odonnell delivered the Introductory Message. Subject: Power of the Atonement. A wonderful message was heard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. Will Bean, scripture reading by Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Dearmore. Letters called for read and received; also delegates were seated and given the hand of fellowship. Letters were received from the following associations: First Oklahoma, Canadian, Dibble, First Mission, Hopewell No. 2, Grand River, Center, Gaines Creek and Hopewell Association.

Election of Officers

Moderator	Rev. W. E. Dearmore
Ass't Moderator	Rev. E. E. Morris
Clerk	Rev. Bert F. Rogers
Ass't Clerk	Sister Earleen Paris

Executive Board

Rev. E. A. Odonnell, Rev. W. H. Carter, H. E. Staires, J. T. Champion and W. E. Dearmore.

Appointment of Committees

Pulpit—Brother T. A. Priest, K. C. Bowser, Sister Dowens, Brother F. F. Mann, Rev. H. E. Staires.

Resolution—Rev. E. A. Odonnell, W. L. Bean, B. F. Rogers, T. H. Dixon, E. E. Morris.

Finance—Rev. Clay Ritchie, Rev. M. M. McKee, Rev. J. W. Reddick, Vard Wood, T. J. Knight.

Sunday School—L. E. Florence, Sister Shay Ritchie, Sister E. E. Morris, Sister Alva Dowens, Sister Earl Stevenson.

Temperance—Rev. George McClain, Rev. Jack Williams, Rev. Pete Coffman, T. E. Cooper, Rev. Hattie Newman, Rev. W. H. Carter.

Music—Sister Earleen Paris, Sister L. E. Waltman, Sister D. B. Hellard, Sister Artie Dixon, Rev. E. A. Odonnell, Rev. B. F. Rogers.

Obituary—Sister W. L. Bean, Sister Helen Tattershell, Sister Pauline Williams, F. S. Yocham, Sister Claud Chism, P. E. Lacy.

Mission—Rev. A. B. Talbert, Rev. D. B. Hellard, Rev. Ralph Gieger, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. J. L. Waltman.

League—Rev. O. H. Staires, K. C. Bowser, F. F. Mann, Rev. W. H. Carter, Rev. Paul Purcell.

Ministerial Standing—Rev. Austin Deaton, Rev. F. M. Wood, Rev. G. W. Conley, Rev. W. D. McCready, Rev. Lem Williams.

Prayer Meeting—C. A. Tipton, R. B. Mangham, Gilbert Priest, Rev. W. H. Younger, Sister Emma Mann, Rev. Sadie Fincher.

Education—Rev. E. A. Odonnell, Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. George McClain, Rev. Austin Deaton.

Publication—Rev. Hattie Newman, Rev. J. L. Tatum, C. B. Potter, Sister George McClain, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Rules of order were read by assistant Moderator. Rev. E. E. Morris, committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. Clay Ritchie and Rev. Austin Deaton will bring message at Eleven o'clock. By motion two ministers were to bring the message at each preaching hour.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing and prayer. A special song was sung, "I Am Not Ashamed," by Rev. E. A. Odonnell, Rev. B. F. Rogers and Earleen Paris. Rev. Clay Ritchie takes stand to bring message, text, second Timothy, 4:2, followed by Rev. Austin Deaton. Wonderful messages were heard by each of them. Dismissed by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing and prayer. Devotional service conducted by Sister Earleen Paris, 4th chapter of Second Corinthians was used as scripture lesson. Prayer by Brother Buster Mangham.

Reports from the following committees were read, adopted, also committees discharged. (See Reports.)

Sunday School, Finance, Prayer Meeting, Obituary, Temperance, Publication, Music, Education, Mission, Ministerial Standing, League and Resolutions.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Clerks Report read and adopted.

Committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. Paul Purcell and Rev. E. E. Morris will bring message at the night service. By motion conference adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday.

Dismissed by Rev. G. W. Conley.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by singing and prayer. Testimonial service was conducted by W. H. Carter. Rev. Paul Purcell takes stand to bring message, followed by E. E. Morris, their subject was sin. They delivered wonderful messages.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together by singing and prayer. Devotional service

was conducted by F. M. Wood, scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm. By motion a committee was to be elected to get a printing press for the state of Oklahoma. By motion Moderator was given power to appoint them. The following were appointed: Rev. Clay Ritchie, Earleen Paris, Rev. G. H. Johnston, F. M. Wood, Rev. George McClain, Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. W. D. McCreedy, Rev. E. A. Odonnell, T. J. Knight, Rev. Elzie Yandell, G. W. Wright, Barb Hickman.

A Bible School in connection with old time revival will be at Oklahoma City Church, beginning third Monday in January, 1936. The teachers for the school are as follows: Sister B. A. Smith, Rev. I. W. Yandell, T. H. Dixon, E. A. Odonnell, E. E. Morris.

Committee on Divine Service reports that Rev. J. W. Reddick and Rev. M. M. McKee will bring message at 11 o'clock.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing and prayer. Brother Reddick takes stand to bring message, Text, Rev. 21:7, followed by Rev. M. M. McKee. Soul stirring messages were rendered by each of them. Dimissed by Rev. A. B. Epperson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing and prayer. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jack Williams. Prayer by Sister Hatie Newman.

Mission report of Rev. J. L. Waltman was read and adopted and Rev. Waltman was retained another year as state President of Missions.

Rev. E. A. Odonnell was elected State Statistition. His report was read and adopted. (See Report).

By motion ministers names and address were to be printed in minutes.

Next association will go to the Non Church, beginning Tuesday night, before the fourth Sunday in October, 1936. Rev. Elzie Yandell was elected to Preach Introductory message, Rev. B. F. Rogers alternate.

Rev. E. A. Odonnell was elected as member of Executive Board to take the place of E. E. Bristow who has united with the Methodist Church. Rev. W. H. Carter was elected as member of the Board to take the place of Brother Olin Dunn.

By motion, Rev. T. H. Dixon was given time to read his article which was rejected by the Gem office and Editor.

The committee on the State Publishing House were to return to their respective associations and labour for the Co-operation and financial support to begin publication of a paper in the interest of the Freewill Baptist of the state of Oklahoma. By motion the committee on state publishing were to have 500 copies of Freewill paper printed and to sell same for 25c per copy.

Committee on divine Service report that Rev. Vard Wood and W. H. Carter bring message at the night service. By motion

conference adjourned until Friday Morning at 9 a. m.
Dismissed by Rev. T. H. Dixon.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by singing. Prayer by Rev. W. N. Beaty. Testimonial service was conducted by Rev. O. H. Staires and Rev. M. M. McKee. Many wonderful testimonies were heard. Rev. Wood takes stand to bring message, his subject was on "Hell", followed by Rev. Carter. A wonderful message was rendered by each of them. Dismissed by Sister Hattie Newman.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing and prayer. Scripture reading by Moderator, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, 1st Psalms was read. Prayer by Sister Hearrin. The report from the Arkansas State Association was accepted and the hand of fellowship was given delegates by Moderator. By motion corresponding delegates were elected to attend the 1936 session of the Arkansas State Association which convenes at the Sharon Church, 12 miles this side of Pocahontus, beginning Wednesday night before First Sunday in October. Corresponding messengers elected are as follows: Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. George McClain, Rev. W. H. Carter. Alternates: Rev. E. E. Morris, E. A. Odonnell, Rev. H. E. Staires.

Committee on Divine Service report that Rev. John West and Rev. W. A. Herrin bring the message at Eleven O'clock. The following delegates were elected for the National Conference at Nashville, Tenn: Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. E. A. Odonnell, Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. W. H. Carter. By motion their expense was to be paid by association. Rev. E. E. Morris was appointed treasurer of the committee of delegates.

Rev. George McClain was elected State Evangelist. By motion conference adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.
Dismissed by Rev. G. H. Johnston.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Carter. Rev. John West takes stand. Text, "Who is the Son of Man?" followed by Rev. W. A. Herrin. A wonderful message was rendered by each of them.

Dismissed by Moderator, W. E. Dearmore.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. Devotional service conducted by Rev. Buster Mangham. Scripture lesson 1st Psalms. Prayer by Sister Earleen Paris.

By motion clerk will send copy of Resolution No. 1 to Rev. Everette Wilson, Pastor of The Denison Texas Church.

By motion clerk was to have minutes printed wherever he desires. Committee on Divine Service report that Rev. W. D. McCready and Rev. B. F. Rogers bring the message at the night service.

By motion clerk's fee will be \$5.00, and assistant clerk \$2.50.

By motion Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk given a standing vote of thanks for their service during the association.

By motion conference adjourned until next session.

Dismissed by entire congregation with the Lord's Prayer.

Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Moderator.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions—We your committee on resolutions, beg to submit our report: We the state association want to thank the Pastor of the Drumright church and its respective members for the bountiful table spread, and the hospitable reception into the many good homes of Drumright, also for the spiritual blessings received in the church.

Resolution No. 1—Resolved that we the state association of Freewill Baptist go on record as being opposed to the modern teaching of Pre-Millennialism as taught by Seventh Day Adventis, Pastor Russell, Judge Rutherford, Modern Holliness, Fundamental Baptist, many other denominations and some Freewill Baptist. That if any one be found teaching that Christ will reign personally, materially and literally on Davids throne on this earth for one thousand years. That they be charged with attempting to divert the meaning of the scriptures, and that they be reprimanded as a heretic, and if after they have been reproved they refuse to conform to the teaching of the scriptures, they be excommunicated from the church as a heretic.

Ministerial Standing—We your committee beg leave to submit, the following. We find that Rev. Everette Wilson Pastor of the Denison Church is teaching a personal reign of Christ on the earth for 1000 years. Therefore we request a personal re-approval for his unscriptural teaching, and that if he fails to adhere to the doctrine of the church he be ask to resign his pastorate.

Sunday School—We your committee beg leave to submit the following. We believe the Sunday School is the training school of the Church. We urge the parents to take their children to Sunday School rather than send them. We should encourage children of an accountable age to remain for church services. All Sunday School teachers and officers should be christians. All our churches report a Sunday School.

Prayer Meeting—We feel the great need of more Prayer Meetings, and we urge that every church give one night at least to Church Prayer-Meetings and cottage Prayer Meetings, if possible. As financial affairs will not permit some to come to services we might reach out in the highways and hedges and bring the lost to Christ. Also that we have more grove meetings in our revivals and that Gods children will always pray and not faint and that we might pray for the conversion of the world.

Obituary—We find that God in his infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following: 4 from Center Association; 13 from Gaines Creek Association; 5 from Payden; 6 from 1st Mission; 5 from Dibble; 1 from Hopwell; 3 from Hopwell No. 2; 17 from Grand River. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones, yet we know that our loss is heaven's gain. We ask that this body stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those gone on.

Temperance—We your committee on temperance beg leave to report the following. After a careful study of the Prohibitory laws, and the impending laws about to be submitted to the voters of the State of Oklahoma, we find that the 18th ammendment has failed for lack of co-operation of the churches and enforcement of the law. Therefore we urge every member of the Freewill Baptist churches to abstain from the use of 3.2 Beer, intoxicating wines, whiskey or any other intoxicating beverages. We further recommend that our minsiters co-operate with the officials of the law in their endeavors to destroy them, and that all Pastors and Evangelists condemn the use and possession of any intoxicants.

Publication—We your committee submit the following. We recommend that all our Freewill Baptist Sunday Schools use Freewill Baptist Literature, and that we put forth some effort to have a publishing house in our own state.

Mission—We beg to make the following report. We recommend that each mission circle arrange a program and go out to some new place at least once each month that we may advertise the mission department of the church work with the hope that we may reach lost souls and advance the kingdom of Christ.

Music—We beg leave to submit the following. After visiting many churches we find that music is at a very low ebb in them. Therefore we recommend that each church sponsor a school of music to train church choirs. We further recommend that we make choir practice a regular weekly meeting of the church.

League—We recommend that our leagues use Freewill Baptist Literature exclusively. Furthermore that each league set as their goal the conversion of the Young People in their respective communities. We further recommend that all Pastors and Parents get behind the young people with the league work and encourage them to go forward.

Education—We your committee on education beg leave to report: That whereas we the state association have written in the records a resolution setting apart ten days each associational year for the purpose of a Bible School for our young ministers. As therefore this present session of the association was petitioned separate and apart from the Bible training school. We therefore now request the association to entertain petitions for the placing of our annual Bible School in connection with an old time revival to run jointly with the school and furthermore that the teachers be selected at this session as a Faculty to teach in this school. We furthermore recommend a training course for Sunday School Superintendents and teachers under an experienced instructor.

Finance—We your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows, money received: First Mission Association, \$5.00; Gains Creek, \$2.50; Center, \$5.00; Hopwell, \$2.00; Hopewell No. 2, \$2.00; Dibble, \$3.00; Canadian, \$4.00; Grand River, \$3.00; total, \$26.50.

Name of Association	No. of Churches	Members	Value of Church Property	Pastors Paid	Paid Evangelist Ordained Ministers
First Mission	28	1976	\$30,108	\$2980.32	45
First Oklahoma	9	1200	\$10,000	\$1000	20 \$200
Canadian	17	750	\$ 2000	\$ 250	21
Dibble	7	435	\$ 2500	\$ 500	8 \$150
Hopewell	8	396	\$ 3900	\$ 800	8 \$120
Hopewell No. 2	11	350	\$ 1200	\$1200	8
Gains Creek	10	566	\$ 1000		14
Southeastern	7	225	\$ 1200	\$ 325	7 \$300
Southern	8	200	\$ 1000	\$ 300	8 \$275
Center	13	527	\$ 3000	\$ 129.50	28
Grand River	24	1149	\$ 6200	\$ 752.71	30
Washata	6	400		\$ 400	6
Robert McGee					
Eureka					

Ministers that Attended State Association.

1. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla.
2. B. F. Rogers, Tulsa, Okla., Route 9, Box 374
3. Sadie E. Fincher, Drumright, Okla., Box 244
4. W. N. Beaty, Yale, Okla., Route 2
5. W. H. Carter, Wewoka, Okla.
6. A. B. Talbert, Tulsa, Okla.
7. Hattie Newman, Drumright, Okla.

8. P. H. Coffman, Denison, Texas
9. Jack Williams, Cushing, Okla.
10. T. J. Knight, Heaton, Okla.
11. George McLain, Scipio, Okla.
12. E. A. O'Donnell, McCloud, Okla.
13. T. E. L. Currey, Pitcher, Okla.
14. Lester Judd, Treece, Kansas
15. John H. West, Bristow, Okla., Route 5, Box 117
16. Paul Purcell, Pitcher, Okla.
17. W. E. Dearmore, Wanette, Oklahoma, Box 283
18. W. D. McCrady, Okemah, Okla., Route 3
19. J. W. Conley, Cushing, Okla.
20. Lem Williams, West Tulsa, Okla.
21. W. V. Wood, Stratford, Okla., Route 4
22. A. R. Deaton, Albus, Okla.
23. F. M^g Wood, Stratford, Okla., Route 4
24. W. L. Bean, 11 East Noble, Guthrie, Okla.
25. J. P. Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
26. M. M. McKee, Antlers, Okla.
27. Thomas H. Dixon, Hitchita, Okla.
28. Clay Richey, Blanchard, Okla., Route 4
29. K. C. Bowser, Blanchard, Okla.
30. J. L. Tatum, Durant, Okla.
31. Ethel Staires, Earlsboro, Okla.
32. J. W. Redderick, Weleetka, Okla.
33. E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla.
34. Ralph Gieger, Yale, Okla.
35. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.
36. G. H. Johnson, Drumright, Okla., Box 1533

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

Hopewell—State of religion good. 7 churches, 396 members. Nearly all churches have Pastors and Sunday schools and Prayer-meetings, also Young People's League. \$800 paid Pastors. We send \$2.00 for minutes.

Rev. P. H. Coffman, Moderator

Dorothy Ford, Clerk.

Canadian—State of religion good. Total membership 750. No. died, 5. Prayer-meeting and Sunday School good. No. of churches, 17. Ordained Ministers, 21. Sunday School membership, 1250. Mission work and league. Value of church property, \$2000. We send \$4.00 for minutes.

Rev. J. W. Reddick, Moderator

George W. Rogers, Clerk

First Oklahoma—7 churches, 1200 members, \$200 paid for Evangelist. Paid Pastors, \$1000. Value of church property, \$10,000. 20 ordained ministers.

Rev. W. E. Dearmore, Moderator

Pete Conner, Clerk.

Hopewell No. 2—State of religion good. 10 churches. We send \$2.00 for minute money.

Rev. G. W. Hanks, Moderator Mrs. Ed. Gilliam, Clerk.

Gaines Creek—State of religion fair. 10 churches. 2 new churches. 566 members. 14 ministers. Value of church property, \$1000. We send \$2.50 for minute money.

Rev. Drew Marchant, Moderator Sister Tillie Oliver, Clerk.

Dibble—State of religion good. Members received this year, 28. Baptized 22. Dismissed 35. Died 5, total membership, 435. Prayer-meeting and Sunday School good. Amount paid Pastors, \$500. Evangelists \$150. Building and repairs, \$200. Incidentals, \$69. Value of church property, \$2500. Home Mission, \$25.00. Education, \$50. Publication, \$25. Amount included for minutes, \$3.00.

Rev. Clay Richey, Moderator Sister Shay Richey, Clerk.

First Mission—State of religion good. No. received this year, 461. Churches, 28. Full time churches, 19, total membership, 1976. Amount paid Pastors, \$2,980.32. Ordained ministers, 45. Home Missions, \$284.92. Sunday School good. Value of church property, \$30,100.00. Amount for minutes, \$5.00.

Rev. Melyin Bingham, Moderator Sister Mae Graham, 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."

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 school, 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.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association in 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 seats 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 separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.
9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members voting.
11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in conference and we will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.
12. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.
13. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

