

MINUTES
OF THE
Annual Session
OF THE
Oklahoma State Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
NON CHURCH

Beginning on Tuesday Night, October, 1936
The next Annual Session of this Association will be
held with the Wirt Church, two miles west of Healdton,
Oklahoma, via Ardmore, Oklahoma, Tuesday night before
the fourth Sunday in October, 1937.

OFFICERS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE
ASSOCIATION

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Asst. Moderator, Elder H. E. Staires...Drumright, Okla.
Clerk, Earleen ParisOklahoma City, Okla.
Asst. Clerk, Elder B. F. RogersTulsa, Okla.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. E. Dearmore ----- Wanette, Okla.
M. M. McKee ----- Soper, Okla.
I. W. Yandell ----- Oklahoma City, Okla.
Geo. McLain ----- Scipio, Okla.
E. E. Morris ----- Blanchard, Okla.

HOME MISSION OFFICERS

Hattie Newman ----- President
Mae Graham ----- Secretary-Treasurer

STATE EVANGELISTS

Rev. Paul Pursell ----- Box 1001, Wewoka, Okla.
Rev. Geo. McLain ----- Scipio, Okla.
Rev. I. W. Yandell ----- 2724 S. W. 31st, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by Moderator.
2. Letters called for and adopted.
3. Right Hand of Fellowship given.
4. Electing of officers.
5. Reading of rules of order.
6. Petitionary letters.
7. Introductory sermon.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in Council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. New business.
11. Report of committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, October, 1936.

TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting opened by singing. Brother Rush led in prayer. Sister Hattie Newman led the Praise Service. A special number was given "Old Daniel Prayed." The introductory message was brought by Elder Elzie Yandell followed by Elder B. F. Rogers. Scripture text being Isa. 56:6-7. Each bringing a wonderful message. A precious soul was saved. A temporary committee on Divine Service was appointed by Moderator B. C. Wilson, Quincy Moore and T. A. Priest. They reported that Eld. T. H. Dixon followed by Eld. Earlin Haskins would deliver the message at the 11 o'clock hour Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Began by singing. E. E. Morris led in prayer. Mae Graham of Drumright read the Scripture Lesson, Psalms 133, after which Elder Earlin Haskins led in prayer. House called to order by Moderator. Letters from the various associations were called for, read, accepted, and delegates seated as follows: Center, Hopewell No. 2, Gaines Creek, First Mission, First Oklahoma, Dibble, Hopewell; verbal report of Grand River and a verbal report Southern. A song was sung and an "old fashion handshake" given. All visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats in council with the association to act as advisory members.

The election of officers for the oncoming associational year were elected as follows:

Moderator, W. E. Dearmore
Asst. Moderator, Harry Staires
Clerk, Earleen Paris
Asst. Clerk, Bert Rogers

The new executive board members are: W. E. Dearmore, M. M. McKee, I. W. Yandell, Geo. McLain, and E. E. Morris. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell was elected state statistician.

Rules of order were read by Asst. Clerk. Those appointed on the Comm. of Divine Service were: M. M. McKee, B. C. Wilson, Quincy Moore, T. A. Priest and F. F. Mann. The motion was put before the house that two ministers are to preach at the 11 o'clock hour. This move was rejected.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Came together by singing. Assistant Moderator read the names of those on the various committees which will be stated later. E. A. O'Donnell led in prayer. Divine Comm. reports that Melvin Bingham will fill the stand at the night service. Elder T. H. Dixon preached a wonderful sermon on "Apostasy."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing and prayer. Devotional conducted by Rev. J. L. Tatum, reading Prov. 30-1-9.

Minutes of morning session read and approved. These are the following committees and members.

Resolution—Melvin Bingham, Will Bean, Pete Coffman.

Ministerial Standing—Alice Clark, John Karr, Bart Rush, Frank Purser, Homer Perrin.

Church Extension—O. H. Staires, John Bean, Geo. McLain, J. H. Burr, G. W. Hanks.

Publication—Bert Rogers, Doc. McGhee, D. M. Berch, Doc Yandell, T. H. Dixon.

Sunday School—Callie Freeman, Louis Woods, Luther Tatum, W. J. Webb, M. M. McKee.

Finance—Earleen Paris, Mrs. F. F. Mann, Ora Jackson, Mae Graham, Gleneria Staires.

Evangelistic—E. A. O'Donnell, Harry Staries, Carl Hood, Paul Pursell, Everett Wilson.

Mission—Hattie Newman, Mrs. C. C. Chism, F. A. McCage, B. C. Munkus, Joy Freeman.

Obituary—John West, T. J. Knight, Bill Huddleston, Earlin Haskins, Sis. Gene Chance.

Report of state evangelist read and accepted.

Clerk report read and accepted.

By motion we, the State Association request that each sub-ordinate association centralize their annual meeting at some time during the ensuing year.

By motion the State Association adopted the Treatise.

By motion we adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Brother Dearmore dismissed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

After a song service and prayer by Brother Quincey Moore, a lively praise service was conducted by Rev. John Bean. We were favored with a solo by Brother Rogers, and several numbers by the quartette. Rev. Melvin Bingham brought the message of the evening. The text being Isa. 63:1. The splendid message was enjoyed by all. And may we state that some dear souls left the altar without Christ.

E. E. Morris dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation met together with singing. Brother H. E. Staires read the Scripture, Rev. 14:1-7. Minutes of the Thursday Session read and approved. Brother McLain led a wonderful prayer.

Dismissed for committee meetings.

Report of Publication Committee read and accepted.

Mission Report read and accepted.

Officers for following year of the Mission Work were:

Sister Hattie Newman, President.

Sister Mae Graham, Secretary-Treasurer.

Financial report read and accepted.

Ministerial Standing Report read and accepted. Our next annual association was placed at Hopewell No. 2 at Wirt. Elder H. E. Staires was elected to bring the introductory sermon at the Association. Elder John Bean, alternate.

By motion we adjourned.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

After the song service Brother Munkus led in prayer. Brother I. W. Yandell brought the message of the hour, "Disobedience." Everyone enjoyed it. The Divine Service Committee reports that Brother John Bean will bring the message at the night service. A collection of \$6.04 was taken up for the moderator.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service. Brother Coffman led in prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Church Extension report read and adopted.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Evangelistic report read and accepted.

Brother Geo. McLain and Brother Paul Pursell were elected as our State Evangelists. Brother I. W. Yandell was elected as our State Doctrinal Evangelist.

Sunday School report read and accepted.

Obituary Report read and accepted.

Congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer. Concluded by Brother Rogers.

Brother Morris was elected to preach a memorial sermon at a daylight service at our next association.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted.

All ministers will meet at Cushing on Monday night after the first Sunday in May for a Ministerial Association.

The moderator appointed the following to represent us at the co-operative association. M. M. McKee, T. J. Knight, Everett Wilson, T. A. Priest, Mae Graham, F. F. Mann, Elzie Yandell, Buddie Garland, Earleen Paris, E. E. Morris and Geo. McLain.

A vote of thanks was given to the officers.

A standing vote to show our thanks and hospitality was given to the community.

By motion we adjourned until our next association.

Brother Payton dismissed.

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator. Earleen Paris, Clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORTS

Name of Association	No. of CHURCHES	Members	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastors	Ordained Ministers	Paid Lv'gst.
Hopewell	9	500	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 900.00	11	
First Oklahoma	9	1000	\$10,000.00	960.00	22	\$221.00
✓ Hopewell No. 2	11	406	3,000.00	..	11	
✓ Dibble	7	..	\$3,300.00	451.00	14	
✓ Gaines Creek	12	600	700.00	..	14	
✓ First Mission	30	2167	30,900.00	3,576.46	56	
✓ Southeastern			UNREPORTED			
✓ Canadian						
Southern						
Center						
Grand River						
Washita						
✓ Robert McGee						
✓ Eureka						

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1.—Whereas Reverend J. L. Waltman, our past year's State Mission Superintendent, was unable to be with us in our session, we give him a standing vote of thanks for his untiring work and service, during the past year's work and ask God's blessing upon him wherever his work might be.

Resolution No. 2.—Since there exists a state wide dissatisfaction with reference to the Treatise: Be it resolved, that we call a state-wide meeting of all ordained ministers that we may become united in Doctrine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obituary—We find that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following number: 5 from Hopewell No. 2; 14 from Center; 3 from Gaines Creek; 7 from Hopewell; 16 from 1st Mission; 1 from Dibble; 2 from Roberts McGee; 15 from 1st Oklahoma; 2 from Southern.

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 submission to the will of the Lord.

Mission—We, your committee on missions beg to submit the following: We find so many of the churches do not have a home mission work. We recommend that each church have one; also we suggest they try a circle meeting once a month as Hebrews 10:25 teaches. We believe the mission work is a good way to reach lost souls and to advance the kingdom of Christ.

Finance—We beg leave to report as follows: Amount paid in for minute money—1st Mission \$5.00; Gaines Creek \$2.50; Hopewell \$2.25, Hopewell No. 2, \$2.50; Dibble \$3.00; 1st Oklahoma \$2.50; Non Church \$1.50. Total \$19.25.

Publication—We submit the following report. We recommend that all our Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist Literature also that each Association of the State put forth every effort possible to have a publishing house in our state.

Evangelistic—We do recommend that the State Association appoint two field evangelists as we believe there was a great deal of good accomplished this last year by our evangelist.

We, your committee on Evangelizing beg to make our report. As we see the need of evangelizing our state. We recommend that each sub-ordinate association pay into the state treasury \$25.00 each for the purpose of buying a tabernacle for the State Association and that the tabernacle be used by state evangelists to evangelize our state.

Ministerial Standing—We your committee have examined all associations except Washita, Southeastern, Eureka and Canadian. We find all examined to be doctrinal except possibly some that has been rumored to be in the center and possibly one in the Southern. We recommend the state Association to ask each local association to look after any possible ministers that should be preaching any other than Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

Sunday Schools—We report as follows. We believe that the future of our great church work as a denomination depends upon being organized and that through S. S. is one way to promote the cause of Christ, therefore, we recommend that all of our subordinate associations encourage the churches in their associations to organize Sunday Schools as much as possible; we also encourage the use of Free Will Baptist literature in all places possible. We know the future of the great work of God is depending largely upon the real training of our children, therefore, we recommend the Sunday School work.

Church Extension—We beg to report as follows: We have investigated and find there are so many places where we could have some fine churches if we had finances and God has the plans and we, a committee of the state association ask the subordinate associations to have their ministers to pay a half of their tithe to their associational treasurer for the expense of evangelistic work, while in their association.

MINISTERS PRESENT

1. W. L. Bean, Cushing, Okla.
2. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.
3. J. E. Bean, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4. J. H. Burr, Sherman, Tex.
5. G. W. Conley, Cushing, Okla.
6. P H Coffman, Denison, Tex
7. W. E. Dearmore, Wanette, Okla.
8. T. H. Dixon, Hitchita, Okla.
9. Glenn Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark.
10. J. W. Freeman, Norman, Okla.
11. Carl Hood, Tulsa, Okla.
12. Earlin Haskins, Stratford, Okla.
13. G. W. Hanks, Wilson, Okla.
14. T. J. Knight, Healdton, Okla.
15. E. E. Morris, Blanchard, Okla.
16. M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla.
17. Drew Marchant, Oilton, Okla.
18. F. A. McCage, Wirt, Okla.
19. D. McGehee, Ada, Okla.
20. W. D. McCready, Okemah, Okla.
21. Geo. McLain, Scipio, Okla
22. Hattie Newman, Drumright, Okla.
23. E. A. O'Donnell, McLoud, Okla.
24. Paul Pursell, Wewoka, Okla.
25. Ben Pifley, Budy, Ark.
26. B. F. Rogers, Tulsa, Okla.
27. Harry Staires, Drumright, Okla.
28. O. H. Staires, Earlsboro, Okla.
29. J. H. Tatum
30. John West, Bristow, Okla.
31. L. V. Wood, Stratford, Okla.
32. Lem Williams, Tulsa, Okla.
33. Everett Wilson, Denison, Tex.
34. L. E. Ward, Blanchard, Okla.
35. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, Okla
36. J. E. Yandell, Red Oak, Okla.
37. Don Burch, Stratford, Okla.

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 ministers 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 just 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.

