

Minutes

OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
STATE
MINISTERS CONFERENCE



AT McALESTER CHURCH,
McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

June 7, 1945



NEXT MEETING at
FIRST CHURCH, 833 NORTH UTICA,
TULSA, OKLAHOMA, DECEMBER 6, 1945



Officers

Rev. E. E. Morris.....	<i>President</i>
Rev. F. A. McCage.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
Rev. C. C. Wilson.....	<i>Clerk</i>
Rev. Ova Stalcup	<i>Assistant Clerk</i>
Rev. O. H. Doss	<i>Treasurer</i>

Credential Board

Rev. Harry E. Staires	Rev. F. A. McCage
Rev. G. H. Johnson	Rev. Floyd Test
REV. BERT F. ROGERS	

Present Membership, 45.



Thursday Morning Session

Conference opened with song service directed by Rev. F. A. McCage. Devotional by Clerk Rev. John H. West, reading Psalms 15.

Minutes read of last meeting by Clerk Rev. John H. West. Report of treasury by Rev. O. H. Doss. Motion carried that we receive these reports.

Membership privilege extended to Ministers present that are not members.

Motion carried that we accept report of Credential Board Report as follows: We, the Credential Board, have examined the following applications for membership: the Brothers Rev. W. D. McCready, W. V. Wood, Paul Pursell, Cleo Pursell, W. E. Warner, Earl Jenson, Arthur Reed, J. A. Claxton, and Walter Boyd; and we highly recommend them to our fellowship.

Motion carried that we accept resignation of Bro. West as clerk. Bro. C. C. Wilson elected as clerk in his place. Standing vote of thanks was given Bro. West for his work.

Motion carried that we elect all committees needed. Resolution Committee, Bros. Paul Pusell, W. D. McCready, John West, J. A. Claxton, and W. V. Wood. Request and Inquiry Committee, rBos. O. H. Doss, Arthur Reed, W. E. Warner, Ralph Hampton, and V. Bradford. Both committees were elected by acclamation.

Motion carried that we have a devotional service at the 11 o'clock hour. Host church supplied pulpit committee, and announced that Revs. Fay, Bookout and Rev. Doena Florence would bring the morning messages.

Motion carried that we adjourn 'til 1 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. Floyd Test.

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MORNING SERVICE:

Song service led by Bro. C. C. Bonds. Rev. Bookout taking stand using Romans 12:1 and 3 as text, with "Sacrifices" as the subject. Rev. Florence followed, using the same subject. Messages were enjoyed by all. Benediction by Bro. E. E. Morris.

Afternoon Session

Song service led by Bro. McCage. Several special songs were rendered by Bro. West, Bro. Bond, Bro. McCage and daughter. Scripture lesson read by Bro. Hellard—Eph. 6th chapter, verses 10 to 17. Prayer by Bro. T. A. Rogers.

Letter read from Rev. Geo. T. Taylor of Snomock, Oklahoma, to conference. Letter read from Rev. William Stevenson, requesting membership. Letter accepted for discussion. President declared discussion closed. Motion carried that the resolution committee take the matter up and bring a resolution on it to the body. Recess 10 minutes. Motion carried we accept the report of the credential committee as follows: "We the credential committee have examined the following applications for membership: the Revs. B. E. Hickman, J. Reford Wilson and A. J. Jenson, and we highly recommend them to our fellowship." Dates were set for our meetings which are the first Thursday in June and the first Thursday in December, the next meeting to be at the First Free-Will Baptist Church, 833 North Utica, Tulsa, Okla.

Motion carried we adopt resolution number 1. Motion carried we adopt resolution No. 2. Motion carried we adopt resolution No. 3. Motion carried we adopt resolution No. 4. (See resolutions elsewhere). Motion carried that we have the minutes of this meeting printed. Pulpit committee reports Rev. Paul Pursell and Rev. John West to bring evening messages.

Motion carried that we print cards so ministers can turn in semi-annual reports of their work.

Request discussion to be given by Rev. McCready, "Primitive Man and His Fall," also discussed by Rev. E. E. Morris and Rev. McCage. Wonderful talks were given. Motion carried that we adjourn till next meeting in December. Benediction by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Evening Services

Song service directed by Rev. F. A. McCage. Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson. A quartet arranged by Rev. McCage was enjoyed by all. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Cleo Pursell. The power of the Spirit was felt in this service. A solo was rendered by Fern McCage which was enjoyed by all. Rev. John West of Tulsa, Okla., was the first speaker, using for a subject, "Why Preach?" Rev. Paul Pursell closed the services using the same subject. God united their minds on this message. They preached under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Resolutions

No. 1—Resolved that no minister be taken into this conference except they present a letter of recommendation in person.

No. 2—Resolved we have a devotional period from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in each session of this conference, with some minister selected by the host church to bring the message.

No. 3—Resolved that each minister send or bring a report of his work semi-annually.

No. 4—Resolved that we give this church a standing vote of thanks for their fine lunch and wonderful hospitality shown us while in their midst.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1.

The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the ministers into conference. If a Quorum is present the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall moderate the meeting. If neither of these are present, the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

ARTICLE 2.

It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the ministers of the conference. Ministers shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the conference. In case of questionable representation the case under question shall be referred to the Credential Committee.

ARTICLE 3.

It shall be the duty of each minister belonging to this conference, to be active in pastoral or evangelistic services (disabled and retired ministers excepted). Any minister belonging to this conference shall report in each session in person or by letter, and failing to do this for two successive sessions shall be dismissed from the conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE 4.

Each conference shall be opened by reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and each session shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 5.

By a two-thirds vote of the members present a ruling of the President may be overruled.

ARTICLE 6.

This conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

ARTICLE 7.

No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meetings without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 8.

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of a committee, unless person nominated is not elected.

ARTICLE 9.

The President shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

ARTICLE 10.

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President by the appellation, "Brother President", but shall not speak further until recognized.

ARTICLE 11.

No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 12.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

This Minister's Conference shall be called The Oklahoma State Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference, and shall be composed of Ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers who are regular members of some Orthodox Free Will Baptist church in the state of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE 2.

The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President, Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3.

This conference shall have the power to discipline it's members.

ARTICLE 4.

Every ordained minister in the State of Oklahoma should be a member of this conference and is required to report in each session in person or by letter. Every member shall be required to carry a card of identification and recommendation from this conference, and said card to be issued annually.

ARTICLE 5.

This conference shall meet Semi-Annually.

ARTICLE 6.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We are willing by self denial, to promote the Gospel, and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace".

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Educational and Denominational enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievement for Christ. May the God of peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

