

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
STATE  
MINISTERS CONFERENCE



When Held at

*Ada Church*

**June 6, 1946**

*Ada, Oklahoma*



NEXT MEETING at

*The Orphanage*

*Ringling, Oklahoma*

**December 5, 1946**



## OFFICERS

Rev. B. T. Kirby .....*President*  
Rev. H. E. Stairs .....*Vice-President*  
Rev. C. C. Wilson .....*Secretary-Treasurer*  
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Rev. F. A. McCage .....*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*



## CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Vard Woods  
Rev. W. V. McPhail  
Rev. G. H. Johnson  
Rev. D. B. Hellard  
Rev. C. E. Kennady



Members .....53  
Lifetime Members .....20  
Total Membership .....73



## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference opened with song service directed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Prayer by Rev. Ode Wickham.

Covenant read by Rev. R. C. Hampton.

Talk on Covenant by President; by-laws were also read by President.

Minutes of former meeting read; approved.

Financial report read; approved.

Recess to give Credential Committee time to report on applications for membership.

Host church supplied committee on Divine Service.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell to bring morning message.

President appointed Rev. B. L. Kirby, Rev. Rex Weatherman and Rev. A. B. Epperson to serve on the Resolution Committee.

Report No. 1 of the Credential Committee accepted.

Motion to dismiss till 1:30 p. m. carried.

Dismissed by Rev. F. M. McCage.

Song service directed by Rev. Ode Whickham.

Called to Altar of Prayer by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, which was led by Rev. J. M. Raglan. A great blessing was received.

Rev. O'Donnell took stand using Rom. 8.18 as his text. An inspiring message was delivered. Services were closed with a song and hand of fellowship given to Rev. O'Donnell and the new members.

Dismissed by Rev. Reford Wilson.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service directed by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Scripture read by Bro. Dennis O'Donnell, reading the 27th Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Sapp.

Ministers' reports read. Rev. Leona Mayfield and Rev.

Cleo Pursell's reports accepted as letters to conference.

Credential Committee report No. 2 accepted.

Rev. E. E. Morris' resignation as President, to become effective at once, accepted. Rev. B. L. Kirby was elected President for the rest of the year.

Resolution No. 1 accepted.

Resolution No. 2 accepted.

Credential Committee report No. 3 accepted.

Resolution No. 3 accepted.

Orphanage was selected for our next conference, December 5, 1946.

Talks were given by Rev. A. B. Epperson and Rev. Caton, which gave one an inspiration and courage to go forward.

Rev. Ralph Hampton to preach at evening service.

Good talks were made by various ministers.

Motion to adjourn till next meeting carried.

Dismissed by Rev. E. E. Morris.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance, brought forward Dec. 6 .....   | \$29.21        |
| Paid in dues, December .....            | 68.00          |
| Paid in February, Rev. O. H. Doss ..... | 2.00           |
| <b>Total Income .....</b>               | <b>\$99.21</b> |

#### Paid Out—

|                                          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dec. 10, for Stationery .....            | \$ 6.63        |
| Dec. 13, Flowers for Bro. Dearmore ..... | 8.15           |
| Jan. 4, for Minutes .....                | 29.00          |
| May 30, for Post Cards .....             | .70            |
| <b>Total Paid Out .....</b>              | <b>\$44.48</b> |

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| <b>Total Income to date .....</b> | <b>\$99.21</b> |
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| <b>Total Paid Out .....</b> | <b>\$44.48</b> |
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| <b>Balance in Treasury June 6, 1946 .....</b> | <b>\$54.73</b> |
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### REPORTS

#### Credential Committee Reports

No. 1—We recommend for membership Revs. F. M. Wood, J. L. Taylor and Rev. Charles Sapp, as Association Members.

No. 2—We recommend Rev. J. H. Stepp and Rev. C. C. Slaybough as Association Members.

No. 3—We recommend Rev. J. N. Caton as Honorary Lifetime Membership.

## Resolution Committee Reports

- No. 1—Be it resolved that the Moderator of each subordinate Association assume the responsibility of notifying our clerk of the death of any minister in their Association.
- No. 2—Be it resolved that this conference make Rev. A. B. Epperson and his wife, Rev. Epperson, Honorary Lifetime Members of the conference.
- No. 3—Be it resolved that this conference express its appreciation for the hospitality shown by the Ada church.

## MINISTERS' SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

|                                                  | Churches Pastored | Sermons Preached | Revivals Held | Conversion Witnessed | Number Baptized | Funerals | Miles Traveled |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| Rev. George T. Taylor ..1                        | 52                | 1                | 12            | 4                    | 2               | 2000     |                |
| Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.....                        | 50                | 2                | 10            |                      | 2               | 500      |                |
| Rev. Earl J. Guinn .....                         | 24                |                  | 12            |                      |                 | 300      |                |
| Rev. J. L. Florence .....1                       | 56                | 1                | 25            |                      | 1               | 1200     |                |
| Rev. R. C. Hampton ....1                         | 50                |                  | 4             | 4                    | 3               | 4000     |                |
| Rev. W. V. McPhail.....1                         | 52                |                  | 39            | 3                    | 4               |          |                |
| Rev. E. E. Morris .....1                         | 108               | 4                | 27            | 6                    | 8               |          |                |
| Rev. O. H. Doss .....1                           | 50                |                  | 2             |                      | 3               | 2500     |                |
| Rev. F. A. McCage .....1                         | 56                | 1                | 7             | 6                    | 1               |          |                |
| Rev. W. V. Wood .....2                           | 46                |                  | 4             |                      | 1               | 1680     |                |
| Rev. Cleo Pursell<br>2 mo. report .....          | 11                | 1                | 6             |                      |                 |          |                |
| Rev. Paul Pursell .....1                         | 50                | 1                | 14            |                      | 1               | 3000     |                |
| Rev. J. Reford Wilson ....                       | 9                 |                  |               |                      |                 |          |                |
| Rev. A. B. Epperson .....1                       |                   |                  | 3             |                      | 2               |          |                |
| Rev. Guy H. McGuire ..                           | 50                | 1                | 7             | 5                    |                 | 1500     |                |
| Rev. B. T. Kirby.....1                           | 49                |                  | 16            |                      | 18              |          |                |
| Rev. Leona Mayfield ....                         | 17                | 1                | 3             |                      |                 | 2000     |                |
| Rev. C. C. Wilson .....1                         | 46                |                  | 11            |                      | 2               | 1515     |                |
| Rev. Rex Weatherman ..<br>(also orphanage supt.) |                   |                  | 4             |                      |                 | 2000     |                |

# 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 so for two successive sessions shall be subject to discipline.

## 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 its 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.



