

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

## **Second Semi-Annual Meeting**

WHEN CONVENING WITH THE

**Pleasant Valley Free Will  
Baptist Church**

**Clinton, Oklahoma**

**May 5-6, 1955**



# **PROGRAM**

OF THE

## **Third Semi-Annual Meeting**

WHEN CONVENING WITH THE

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION AT THEIR  
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING**

**November 7-8, 1955**

**Free Will Baptist State  
Minister's Conference**

Program of the 3rd. Semi-Annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist State Ministers Conference, when convening with the Progressive Association Camp Ground, Wetumka, Oklahoma, November 7-8, 1955.

## PROGRAM

### THEME: COMMISSION OF THE MINISTRY

#### Monday Evening Session

Scripture: Matthew 28: 19- 20.

- 7:30.....Song Service, Rev. Lynn Wood  
8:15.....Message, Rev. Ross Hamar  
                    Alternate, Rev. Fred Kirby  
9:00.....Announcements and adjourn

#### Tuesday Morning Session

- 9:30.....Song Service, Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
9:45.....Devotions, Rev. W. V. Wood  
9:55.....Welcome, Progressive Association  
10:00.....Response and Presidents Message  
                    Rev. H. E. Staires  
10:10 ..Building the Local Church through the Ministry  
                    Rev. E. E. Morris  
10:40 ..... Business  
11:00 ..... Recess  
11:10.....Song Service, Rev. Delbert Akin  
11:20.....Morning Message, Rev. F. A. McCage  
12:00 ..... Lunch

#### Tuesday Afternoon Session

- 1:15.....Song Service, Rev. Weldon Wood  
1:25.....Devotions, Rev. Robert E. Duncan  
1:35.....Executive Secretary's Message  
                    Rev. E. M. Kennedy  
2:05 ..... Business  
2:30.....Commission of the Ministry through Home  
                    Missions, Rev. Jack Dodson  
3:00.....Commission of the Ministry through Foreign  
                    Missions, Rev. Lonnie DaVoult  
3:30.....Election of Officers  
3:45 ..... Close Conference

## OFFICERS FOR 1955

|                                              |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rev. H. E. Staires.....                      | President                 |
| Rev. Gilbert Pixley.....                     | Vice-President            |
| Rev. Homer Young.....                        | Secretary-Treasurer       |
| 107 East Merrick Street, Henryetta, Oklahoma |                           |
| Rev. L. A. Yandell.....                      | Asst. Secretary-Treasurer |

## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Rev. E. E. Morris.....   | Chairman |
| Rev. Jack R. Dodson..... | Clerk    |
| Rev. Ross Hamar.....     | Member   |
| Rev. A. E. Keeney.....   | Member   |
| Rev. N. R. Smith.....    | Member   |

## MEMBERSHIP

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Members.....          | 47 |
| Life Time Member..... | 1  |
| Total Memberhips..... | 48 |

## Covenant

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

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 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.

### PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening, May 5, 1955

The service opened by singing, "Marching To Zion."

Prayer: Bro. Furgeson, Denison, Texas.

Devotional: Rev. Earnest Harrison, Weleetka, Okla.

Special Number: Akin, Furgeson, Munkus and Thompson.

Special Number: Duncan Boys. Message: Rev.

Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tennessee, Subject: The

Four C's of the Ministry.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Herron.

Friday Morning, May 6, 1955

Song Service: Rev. Delbert Akin, "Jesus Saves."

Pianist: Rev. E. M. Kennedy. Devotional: Rev. Roy

Herron, Psalm 1. Prayer by Rev. Robert E. Duncan.

Welcome: Rev. Ross Hamar, 1 Cor. 1.

Response: Rev. N. R. Smith.

Motion: To accept program. Carried.

A uniform Ministry through Church Administration:

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Scripture: Eph. 4:3.

Motion: That President appoint Committee members to serve at this session only. Carried.

Rev. John H. West, Rev. Elize Yandell, and Rev. N. R. Smith were appointed on the Credential Committee. Rev. Robert E. Duncan was appointed to serve as Vice President for this session only.

Motion: That we adopt the Covenant. Carried.

Credential committee excused for organization and to examine new members.

Song: "Mansion Over The Hilltop."

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Motion: To adjourn. Carried.

11:00 A. M.

Song Service: Rev. Woodrow Matthew, "Love Lifted Me". Pianist: Rev. E. M. Kennedy. Prayer: Rev. J. J. Postlewaite. Special Numbers Delbert Akin, Dale Munkus, Waldo and Homer Young.

Message: Dr. I. W. Yandell, Subject: Three Essential Prerequisites of the Child of God.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Ed. Sunday.

1:00 P. M.

Song Service: Rev. N. R. Smith, "Standing on the Promises." Pianist: Rev. E. M. Kennedy. Devotional: Rev. A. L. McAffrey, Scripture: Romans 13: 1-11. A uniform Ministry through Sunday School Administration: Rev. John H. West, Scripture: Judges 7:21. Rev. Harry Beatty resigned.

Motion: To accept his resignation. Carried.

Rev. N. R. Smith was appointed on the Credential Committee to fill Rev. Beatty's unexpired term. Motion: That we accept the report of the Credential Committee Carried. (See Report)

Motion: To accept treasurer's report. Carried.

Motion: To have next meeting the first Monday and Tuesday in November. Carried.

The next meeting will be held in the Progressive Association Headquarters Building in Wetumka, Okla. Motion: That officers serve as program committee for the next program. Carried.

Round table discussion: Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Robert E. Duncan.

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Ministers have applied for membership and paid the membership fee of \$1.00 each, with the understanding that each of them send a letter of good standing from their Church to the clerk of the Ministers Conference.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Turley, Oklahoma.

Rev. A. L. McAffrey, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Rev. E. S. Sunday, Healdton, Oklahoma.

Rev. James F. Minor, Ringling, Oklahoma.

Rev. W. Dorey, Poteau, Oklahoma.

Rev. J. J. Postlewaite, McAlester, Oklahoma.

Rev. Lonnie Sparks, Norman, Oklahoma.

Rev. Bailey Thompson, Allen, Oklahoma.

Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Oklahoma.

Rev. J. E. Jones, Putnam, Oklahoma.

Rev. Orville Carpenter, Norman, Oklahoma.

## MEMBERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

1. Rev. Delbert Akin, Box 292, Tecumseh, Okla.
2. Rev. Harry Beatty.
3. Rev. A. C. Booth, Route 4, Stigler, Okla.
4. Rev. Leroy Bowers, Shawnee, Okla.
5. Rev. J. R. Dodson, 1904 South Central, Okla. City.
6. Rev. Robert E. Duncan, Norman, Okla.
7. Rev. John B. Elliston
8. Rev. I. L. Florence, Route 1, Poteau, Okla.
9. Rev. Clyde Hamar, Putnam, Okla.
10. Rev. Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Okla.
11. Rev. Earnest Harrison, 139 East Drumright,  
Drumright, Okla.
12. Rev. Arthur Herron, 4601 Melrose Lane,  
Okla. City, Okla.
13. Rev. Roy Herron, 1111 East 11th, Shawnee, Okla.
14. Rev. A. E. Keeney, Heavner, Okla.
15. Rev. E. M. Kennedy, 1930 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla.
16. Rev. L. P. King, Box 316, Wister, Okla.
17. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, 1148 East Main,  
Cushing, Okla.
18. Rev. A. L. McAffrey, Sulphur, Okla.
19. F. A. McCage, Route 2, Stigler, Okla.
20. Rev. James F. Minor, Ringling, Okla.
21. Rev. E. E. Morris, 2709 South West 33rd.,  
Okla. City, Okla.
22. Rev. Dale Munkus
23. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chickasha, Okla.
24. Rev. George Pettyjohn, 305 N.W. 7th, Okla. City
25. Rev. Gilbert Pixley, 305 S. 1st., Duncan, Okla.
26. Rev. Elvis Priest
27. Rev. Cleo. Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Okla.
28. Rev. Paul E. Purcell, Box 997, Bristow, Okla.
29. Rev. Ben Scott, Oilton, Okla.
30. Rev. Clarence Shepherd, Butler, Oklahoma.
31. Rev. Ira W. Smathey, 4309 S. Agnew, Okla. City
32. Rev. N. R. Smith, Box 868, Wewoka, Okla.
33. Rev. Lonnie Sparks.
34. Rev. H. E. Staires, 516 S. 61st., Tulsa, Okla.
35. Rev. E. S. Sunday, Checotah, Okla.
36. Rev. V. B. True, 4309 S. Agnew, Okla. City.
37. Rev. Carl H. Walters, 238 S. Okla., Shawnee, Okla.
38. Rev. John H. West, 836 N. Utica Ave., Tulsa, Okla.
39. Rev. Lynn Wood, 330 W. Grand, McAlester, Okla.
40. Rev. Weldon Wood, 420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.
41. Rev. W. V. Wood, Lexington, Okla.
43. Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Duncan, Okla.
42. Rev. D. C. Wynn, 3720 S. W. 40th, Okla. City.
44. Rev. I. W. Yandell, 2336 S. W. 39th., Okla. City  
(Lifetime)

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46. Rev. L. A. Yandell, Route 9, Box 412, Tulsa, Okla.
  47. Rev. Homer Young, 107 E. Merrick Henryetta, Okla.
  48. Rev. Waldo Young, 315 North Tenbrook,  
Shawnee, Okla.

These Ministers will be members as soon as a letter in good standing is received from their Church.

1. Rev. Orville Carpenter, Norman, Okla.
2. Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Turley, Okla.
3. Rev. W. Dorey, Poteau, Okla.
4. Rev. J. E. Jones, Putnam, Okla.
5. Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite
6. Rev. Bailey Thompson, Allen, Okla.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

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 present, the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

### ARTICLE II

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 III

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 IV

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

### ARTICLE V

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

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## ARTICLE VI

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

## ARTICLE VII

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

## ARTICLE VIII

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

## ARTICLE IX

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

## ARTICLE X

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

## ARTICLE XI

speaking more than five minutes, nor twice on the same

No member of this conference shall be allowed to subject without permission from the President.

## ARTICLE XII

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 I

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 II

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

## ARTICLE III

This conference shall have the power to discipline its members.



## ARTICLE IV

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 a 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 V

This conference shall meet Semi-Annually.

## ARTICLE VI

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

## ARTICLE VII

# CONSTITUTION

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