

# MINUTES

of the  
FOLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held at the  
OAKLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
July 13, 1985

Near Bradford  
White County  
Arkansas

The next Annual session of the Association will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in July 1986. Place to be selected later.

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### MODERATOR

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### ASST. CLERK

Mrs. Lauretta Coleman

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Bobby Shepherd	5 years, 1990
Deacon Jimmy Crabtree	4 years, 1989
Rev. Mark Casey	3 years, 1988
Rev. David Phillips	2 years, 1987
Rev. Ray Prince	1 year, 1986

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Russell Johnson	3 years, 1988
Rev. Bobby Shepherd	2 years, 1987
Rev. J.W. Blanks	1 year, 1986

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## Proceedings

Saturday, July 13, 1985, 9:30 A.M.

The oakland Church hosted the annual meeting of the Polk Bayou Association. The session was opened with congregational singing--"Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "I Want to Know More"--directed by Ealem Doyle with Carolyn Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer was led by Bro. Mark Casey. In the absence of the Pastor, Bro. Floyd Medlock, the Moderator, Bro. David Winfrey, gave the welcome.

The Devotion was given by Bro. David Phillips after reading Job 23:10. "But He Knoweth The Way That I Take".

The Ordained met at the altar and prayer was led by Bro. Lester Harp.

The delegates were seated and the Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Bobby Shepherd-Chairman, Stanley Fulbright, and Elizabeth Odglen.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The Bradford Church was mentioned. Since they had not sent in a report for the last two quarters and had not had a Free Will Baptist Pastor for some time the following motion was introduced by Bro. David Phillips and seconded by Bro. J.W. Blanks. "In line of information that the Bradford Free Will Baptist Church has changed to a Pentecostal Church, I move that the Polk Bayou Association withdraw fellowship from said church". This motion carried unanimously by the body.

Delegates were elected to the State Meeting in August. They were as follows: Glyndene Deaton, Delca Blanks, Judy Harp, Lauretta Coleman, and Juanita Shepherd.

Blackland Chapel was selected for the meeting place on October 12, 1985. Speakers will be selected from the men coming from the Free Will Baptist Bible College to attend this meeting.

Officers elected were:

Moderator--Rev. David Winfrey  
 Asst. Moderator--Rev. Russell Johnson  
 Clerk and Treasurer--Mr. Ealem Doyle  
 Asst. Clerk--Mrs. Lauretta Coleman

Rev. Bobby Shepherd was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board to replace Bro. Jerry Taylor whose term had expired. Rev. Russell Johnson was appointed to a 3 year term on the Ordaining Council to replace Rev. Bobby Shepherd whose term had expired. Rev. Ray Prince, Rev. Bobby Shepherd, and Rev. Lester Harp were appointed to serve on the Youth committee.

The Committee on Committees gave their report as follows.

Sunday School--John Ship-Chairman, Bud Clark and Elizabeth David.

Temperance--Lauretta Coleman-Chairman, Frances Smith, and Tresa Casey.

Obituaries--Emma Lee McDoniel-Chairman, Alvie Stroud, and Paul Huskey.

Resolutions--Rev. J.W. Blanks-Chairman, Rev. Curt Billins, and Rev. Lester Harp.

Prayer was led by Bro. Ray Prince. Recessed.

### 11 A.M. Memorial Service

The service opened with congregational singing--"I'll Live in Glory" and "Keep on the Firing Line:."



The Offertory Prayer was led by Bro. J.W. Blanks. The amount of the offering was \$100.17.

Special music was by Bro. David and Sis. Carolyn Winfrey.

The Memorial Message was brought by Rev. Dwayne Goforth after reading from Eccl. 3:1-8.

The Benediction and Blessing on the food was by Bro. Othaniel Safirt.

1:15 P.M.

The Congregation sang "Come and Dine". Prayer was led by Bro. Bud Clark.

The Committee Reports were given at this time(listed later). The financial condition of Bro. Steve Trail, and funds for Bro. Tommy Brasher's family, and Bro. Floyd Wolfenbarger's family were mentioned and a motion was sustained to take care of this matter at a later date.

The Congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee". Special Music was by Blackland Chapel Church. Rev. Terry Forrest, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Monticello and a member of the State Mission Board, brought the afternoon message. He read from Mark 9:14-29.

After announcements were made the Conference was adjourned to meet with the Blackland Chapel Church on October 12, 1985. The Benediction was by Rev. Bobby Shepherd.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Sunday School:

In view of the fact we have two less reporting churches, this could make the difference in the enrollment which is down about 100 from the last two years. The Sunday School classes should have increased over the year to offset the loss of the two churches. This years figures are: S.S. Enrollment 1257, Avg. Attendance 1031. We recommend the S.S. Superintendent keep working for the added growth of Sunday Schools in his own church.

John Shipp, Chairman  
Bud Clark  
Elizabeth Davis

### Temperance:

We your committee report as follows: We, as Christians, should be temperate in all things, abstain from all appearance of evil; being mindful of our witness and always trusting faithfully in Christ, rather than things the world offers us. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are honest, just, pure, lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any praise and virtue, think on these things.  
(Phil. 4:8)

Lauretta Coleman,  
Chairman  
Frances Smith  
Tresa Casey

### Obituaries:

We find that 15 have been called home to be with the Lord since our meeting last July. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Emma Lee McDoniel  
Chairman  
Alvie Stroud  
Paul Huskey



## DECEASED

Allen's Chapel--Juanita Darby, Vivian Trent,  
P.L. Bowman, and Edgar Hightower.

Ballew's Chapel--Deacon Virgil Odglen.

Batesville First--Carthel Chavers and Estel  
Walden.

Grace--O.T. Hickman and Tim Bowden.

Mt. Harmony--Deacon Gerphus Huskey and Eula  
Gowdin.

Tuckerman First--Hollie Huskey, Elizie  
Foster, and Carrie Cason.

Weaver's Chapel--Hortense Weaver.

### Ordaining Council:

We the Ordaining Council recommend that  
Bro. Dwayne Goforth be accepted as a  
minister into our association pending a  
letter of Recommendation from his association.

We the Ordaining Council recommend that  
Bro. Robert Gatties be accepted as a  
minister into our association with transfer  
of Credentials from the General Baptist,  
pending a letter of Recommendation from  
his former association.

J.W. Blanks, Chairman  
Russell Johnson  
Bobby Shepherd

### Resolutions:

Be it resolved that this Association go on  
record in expressing our heartfelt appreci-  
ation to Sis. Lucy Williams, our retiring  
Secretary, for her 40 years of faithful  
service as Secretary of our Association.  
Her faithful service to our Association  
and to our Lord has been a wonderful example  
of stewardship. Paul states that a steward  
must be found faithful. Be it resolved we  
also give her a standing vote of appreciation.

J.W. Blanks, Chairman  
Lester Harp  
Curt Billins

Registration was as follows: Ministers 12,  
Deacons 8, Church Clerks 4, Delegates 30,  
Alternates 6, Visitors 21, TOTAL 81.

#### MINISTERS ATTENDING

J.W. Blanks  
Bobby Shepherd  
Russell Johnson  
Othaniel Safirt  
Lester Harp  
Curt Billins  
David Phillips  
Dwayne Goforth  
Ray Prince  
David Winfrey  
Mark Casey  
Robert Gatties

#### MINISTERS BELONG- ING NOT PRESENT

Floyd Medlock  
J.W. Roach  
Steve Burton  
Cecil Smith  
David Waltrip  
Jim Richardson  
Kenneth Manuel  
Jerry Taylor  
J.H. Lewis  
Ray Watkins  
Billy White

#### DEACONS ATTENDING

Wilson Sturch  
Billy Obarts  
Paul Robinson  
Ealem Doyle  
H.J. Howard  
Charles McLaughlin  
W.N. McCoy  
John Shipp

#### CHURCH CLERKS ATTENDING

Mabel Huckaba  
Glyndene Deaton  
Lorene Doyle  
Rosa Stuart

## DELEGATES ATTENDING

Allen's Chapel--Mirl Coles, Oma Fulbright,  
and Stanley Fulbright.

Ballew's Chapel--Lena Clark, Ethel Safirt,  
and Judy Tubbs.

Batesville First--Juanita Shepherd and  
Emma Lee McDoniel.

Blackland Chapel--Judy Harp, Janet Swain,  
and Dessie Freeman.

Cave City First--Velvie Coles, Esther Crafton,  
and Wanda Billins.

Grace--Elizabeth Davis, Jim Davis, and  
Norene Young.

Mt. Harmony--Paul Huskey, Albert Sharp,  
and George Powell.

New Home--Diana Summers, Agnes Sipes, and  
Lauretta Coleman.

Newport First--But Clark, Gayle Benson, and  
Bobby Woodruff.

Oakland--Frances Smith, Odis Stuart, and  
Thomas Smith.

Pool's Chapel--Warren Roach, Alvie Stoud,  
and Doretha Campbell.

Tuckerman First--Elizabeth Odglen, Estell  
Bradley, and Pearly Gray.

Weaver's Chapel--Teresa Casey and Gleva  
Lesley.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, Dues & Offerings in July	\$1163.66
Dues and Offerings in October	340.85
Dues and Offerings in January(1985)	438.10
Dues and Offerings in April	<u>362.51</u>
TOTAL	\$2305.12

## EXPENDITURES

State Ent., Minutes, Nat'l. Dues	\$ 595.00
Paper for reports	4.00
Bro. Wolfenbarger(Guest Speaker Oct)	114.00
Love Offering (Bro. Russell Johnson)	200.00
National Benevolence Fund (Oct)	400.00
Minutes for 1984	100.00
Bro. Hughes (Guest Speaker Jan.)	69.60
Work at Siloam Springs (Jan)	250.00
Bro. Scott (Guest Speaker April)	98.00
Sponsored Youth Rally	200.00
To Jean Francis (Bro. Bob Francis)	<u>150.00</u>
TOTALS	\$2180.60

Received	\$2305.12
Spent	<u>2180.60</u>
BAL.	\$ 124.52

Balance at end of June 1985	\$124.00
Dues and offering (July 1985)	<u>728.07</u>
TOTAL	\$852.07

## SPENT

Bro. Forrest(Guest Speaker July)	\$119.00
State Ent., Minutes, Nat'l. Dues	<u>525.00</u>
TOTALS	\$644.00

Received	\$852.07
Spent	<u>644.00</u>
BAL.	\$208.07

Bal. when the new clerk, Ealem Doyle took the book over Aug. 27, 1985	\$208.07
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