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MINUTES

OF THE

P. 24
Fiftieth Annual Session

OF THE

D. C. Stetson
Finance Com.

Social Band Association of the Free Will Baptist

Held with Pirtle church, Peach Orchard,
Ark., Aug. 16, 17 and 18, 1924. Next ses-
sion will be held with Lone Oak church, Man-
son, Ark., on Friday before the third Sun-
day in August, 1925.

ELD. D. M. HOLDER, Moderator,

Maynard, Ark.

J. A. RIGGS, Clerk,

Pocahontas, Ark.

Order of Business

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Call for Letters from Churches.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Appoint of committees on Divine Service, Finance, Obituary, Arrangement of Business.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

MINUTES

A goodly number of the Deacons, Ministers and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God known as Social Band Association of Freewill Baptist, met with Pirtle Church on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1924. The annual sermon was preached by Eld. D. M. Holder. Adjournment was then taken until Saturday morning at 8'clock. A splendid interest was manifested at this meeting.

Saturday Morning Session

Met near 8 o'clock. After prayer, reading and song service proceeded to business.

1. Letters from the several churches were called for. Several were represented by letters which were read and received. Love Divine was represented by Eld. T. W. Sharp, inactive.

2. The delegates from the different churches were seated and given the right hand of fellowship after which proceeded to organize which resulted in the election of Eld. D. M. Holder, Moderator and J. E. Riggs, Clerk, by a unanimous vote.

3. Called for petitionery letters, received none.

4. Called for tardy churches, received two—Eureka and Oak Grove.

5. The several committees were appointed and were as follows:

Committee on Divine Service—C. R. Pierce, J. M. Johnson and Bro. J. L. Webb.

Committee on arrangement of business—Eld. W. T. Shoffitt, Bro. Rhodes, Bro. N. P.

Gates, Bro. Tatum and Eld. W. T. Sharp.

Committee on finance—B. M. Hogan, I. C. Staten and Bro. E. Cox.

Committee on obituary—Bro. Bish Patterson, Olen Thompson and Allen Huddleston.

6. There being no further business before the house the people all present enjoyed a few minutes devotional service conducted by Eld. J. O. Hefner.

7. Committee on Divine service reported the stand be filled Saturday night by Eld. W. T. Shoffitt. Eleven o'clock service. Stand filled by Eld. D. C. Jones and Eld. D. M. Holder. Text: 33rd Chapter of Ezekiel.

8. Committee on arrangement of business asked the Association to restore Bro. Kildow and his name be added to the ministers list in our minutes, which was done by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment was then taken until 2:30 Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening Session

Met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Bro Hogan.

9. Appointed Eld. W. T. Shoffitt as Presbytery to act through the session in place of Eld. G. W. Million, who was absent.

10. There being no business in order the Association enjoyed a few minutes devotional service conducted by Bro. W. P. Brooks.

11. Moved to take up minutes report. Taken up and disposed of. (See Reports.)

12. Moved to take up conduct of ministers. No charges were preferred and all

being in good standing moved to adjourn until Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday Night Session

After song services and prayer, by Bro. Niswonger, stand was filled by Eld. Shoffitt. Create within me, Oh God, Clean Heart and create in me a Pure Spirit.

Sunday Morning Session

After song service the Presbytery composed of Eld. W. T. Shoffitt, Eld. D. M. Holder, Bro. W. P. Brooks and Bro. J. E. Osborn ordained Will Tyler and W. C. Forsythe to the full ministry of the Gospel, and Bro. Charley Pierce of Pirtle church and Bro. E. T. Jones of Hopewell church to the deaconship. After which the stand was filled by Eld. D. M. Holder, followed by Eld. W. T. Shoffitt. Text: Matt. 13:43.

Sunday Evening Session

Stand was filled by Eld. W. T. Sharp, Text: Matt. 7th Chapter, immediately after which a considerable number followed the Lord's command in taking the Lord's Supper and washing feet.

Sunday Night Session

Preaching by Eld. E. W. Tucker. Text: I have Called and You Have Refused. Prov. 1:24.

Monday Morning Session

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Patterson, after which proceeded to business.

13. Called for petitionery letters. Received one, White Oak.

14. Lone Oak church, two miles west

of Manson was selected to have the next Association. Eld. D. C. Jones was selected to preach the annual sermon.

15. Moved to turn over all money belonging to the Home Mission work to Eld. W. T. Shoffitt.

16. Moved to take up the charges against J. W. Tharp by Sugar Tree church. After investigation a committee was appointed to investigate and report at the next Association. Bro. Webb, Bro. Hogan and Bro. Olin Thompson were appointed on this committee.

17. Moved to be represented in Cave Springs Association by letters and delegates. Eld. D. M. Holder, Sid Litherland and Eld. E. W. Tucker were elected delegates.

18. Moved that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community for their kindness to us while in their midst.

19. Eld. E. W. Tucker and Eld. D. C. Jones were elected delegates to the State Association and that the churches pay their expenses to same.

20. Moved that Eld. Sharp represent New Covenant church.

21. The several committees reported, their reports were received and committees discharged. (See Reports.)

22. Moved to have Clerk have minutes printed and distributed to the churches.

23. Moved to adjourn until Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1925.

Eld. D. M. Holder, Moderator, Maynard, Ark.
J. E. Riggs, Clerk, Pocahontas, Ark.

Associational Letter

We, the disciples of Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptist, worshiping at

, send greetings to ministers, deacons and messengers composing Social Band Association, when convened with church.

We send our beloved brothers to sit with you in your Godly deliberations with full power and authority to transact all legal business that may become before your honorable body, for the good of our church and Christianity in general. Bro.

the statement of our church is as follows:

Received by experience by letter

by recommendation re-
stored dismissed.

Report Of Ministers

1. Preached 64 sermons, witnessed 12 conversions, baptized 9, preached 2 funerals, married 2 couples, traveled 700 miles, received \$43.82. Expense \$18.64.

B. L. Patterson.

2. Served 2 churches, witnessed 18 conversions, traveled 1320 miles, preached 89 sermons, restored 4, baptized 21, conducted 2 funerals, received from Pruitt's Chapel, \$48.75; from Pleasant Grove, \$154.15; Grand View, \$35.50; O'Kean, \$6.90; Ladies Aid, \$21.00; other places, \$15.40. Total for year, \$231.70.

E. W. Tucker, Delaplaine.

3. Traveled 2050 miles, preached 152 sermons, witnessed 42 conversions, baptized 16, conducted 1 funeral, received from Pirtle church, \$57.50; O'Kean, \$119.10; New Covenant, \$108.15; Coffman, \$31.90; Love Divine, \$20.00; White Oak, \$19.50; other places, \$6.30. Total, \$310.35. W. T. Sharp.

4. Pastor of 1 church, traveled 150 miles, preached 50 sermons, received \$15.59, baptized 4. P. M. Witcher.

5. Preached 33 sermons, conducted 12 funerals, married 6 couples, witnessed 40 conversions, baptized 17, received \$18.00. W. T. Shoffitt.

6. Summary: Friendship, 10 trips, preached 17 sermons, received \$50.00; Denman's, 7 trips, preached 20 sermons, received \$42.50; Hopewell, 9 trips, preached 19 sermons, received \$39.09; Stony Point, 6 trips, preached 13 sermons, received \$45.76; other places, preached 7 sermons, received \$11.00. Total received for year, \$177.26. D. M. Holder.

7. Served 3 churches, traveled 1364 miles, preached 85 sermons, witnessed 16 conversions, baptized 15, received from Clear Lake, \$60.05; from Cedar Ridge, \$49.16; Lone Oak, \$16.33; other places, \$9.08. Total \$134.62. Expenses, \$52.44. D. C. Jones.

8. Pastor of two churches, traveled 580 miles, preached 108 sermons, preached 8 funerals, witnessed 13 conversions, baptized 7, received from White Oak, \$15.00; Valley Chapel, \$15.50; other places, \$94.20. Organized 5 Sunday schools, 1 church. Total pay, \$224.70. J. O. Hefner.

9. Pastored 2 churches, traveled 900 miles, preached 65 sermons, witnessed 30 conversions, baptized 5, preached 3 funerals, received from Evening Star, \$65.50; Eureka, \$35.50; other places, \$82.00. Total, \$183.00.

W. C. Hudson.

10. Preached 41 sermons, witnessed 11 conversions, married 2 couples, received \$38.43.

J. W. Tharp.

11. Traveled 227 miles, preached 25 sermons, held one meeting, married 1 couple, conducted 1 funeral.

W. F. Vickery.

Report of Obituary Committee

We find that our Great and Kind Heavenly Father has seen fit in His Infinite Wisdom to call from our membership 5, located as follows: Stony Point 2; Clear Lake, 1; Grand View, 1; Eureka 1. We extend to the relatives and bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy, praying that our Gracious and Kind Father may grant to them such consolation and comfort as is consistent with His divine will. We are glad our loss is their gain.

Allen Huddleston, Chairman.

Messengers Enrollment

White Oak—Bro. Kellow, Bennett and Sister Kellow.

Stony Point—Everett Teel, Sister Blanche Kirk, Sister Bettie Graham.

Liberty—J. M. Johnson, I. C. Staten.

Clear Lake—C. P. Hogan, E. Hogan, A. J. Robins.

Pleasant Valley—William Jones and Brother Tyler.

Lone Oak—Sister and Brother Tom Brown, Sisters Essie and Novella Tyler.

Friendship — Edmond Rhodes, Grace Huddleston.

Cedar Ridge—Ed Tyler, Brooks Roland, H. S. White.

Hopewell—E. F. James, I. N. Hawkins.

Grand View—Sisters Sherman and Ethel Fowler and H. R. Fowler.

Pruitt's Chapel—Sallie Hamilton and Sister Mothershed.

Sugar Tree Grove—Toney Hubbard and Amos Niswonger.

Pirtle—C. R. Pierce, T. R. Cleveland.

Evening Star—Ben Wagner, Bill Vanier.

Oak Grove—Sisters C. F. Garner, Ellen Palmer, Frank Garner.

Eureka—M. Dean, Lewis Dean, Dan McKinney.

Union—Oscar Martin, S. Perkins.

Deacons Enrollment

Eureka—J. D. McKinney, Delaplaine, R. 1 Ark., and Charles Jones, O'Kean, Ark.

Pruett Chapel—G. W. Dale, Light, Ark., and G. Tatem, Beach Grove, Ark.

Hopewell—B. J. Patterson and B. F. Lee, Reyno, Ark.

Cedar Ridge—E. Cox and C. T. White, Noland, Ark.

Sugar Tree Grove—G. W. Hoffman, Poy-nor, Mo.

Love Divine—L. H. Clark, Alicia, Ark.

New Hope—J. R. Hancock and David Million, Pocahontas, Ark.

Clear Lake—H. C. Shipman and Arthur Sluter, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Stony Point—Wiley Hawkins, Water Valley, Ark., Frank Tyler and Olen Thompson, Elevenpoint, Ark.

Zion Hill—Dan Bates and D. M. Seamons, Pocahontas, Ark.

Grand View—H. C. Jolly and A. R. Pride, Supply, Ark.

Lone Oak—Geo. Tyler and Herbert Cooper, Manson, Ark.

Valley Chapel—J. C. Hughes, Ravenden Springs, Ark.

Old Jackson—None.

Pleasant Grove—Dave and Arthur Forrester, Knobel, Ark.

Friendship—W. A. Huddleston and J. L. Webb.

Union—M. M. Romines and C. L. Rickey, O'Kean, Ark.

Oak Grove—None.

Liberty—W. P. Brooks, N. S. Carroll and R. M. Johnson, Delaplaine, Ark., R-1.

New Covenant—J. A. Fender and Zack Mintern, Walnut Ridge, Ark., R-3.

Ordained Ministers

D. N. King.....Warm Springs, Ark.

W. T. Shoffitt.....O'Kean, Ark.

J. F. Gates.....O'Kean, Ark.

D. M. Holder.....Maynard, Ark.

W. T. Sharp.....Frisbee, Ark.

G. W. Million.....Pocahontas, Ark.

Geo. U. Weeks.....Hoxie, Ark.

W. C. Forsythe.....Hoxie, Ark.

C. M. Keldow.....	Unknown.
Will Tyler.....	Imboden, Ark.
D. C. Jones.....	Biggers, Ark.
P. M. Witcher.....	Biggers, Ark.
W. C. Hudson.....	Delaplaine, Ark.
W. S. Smith.....	Knobel, Ark.
B. L. Patterson.....	Poynor, Mo.
W. F. Vickery.....	Poynor, Mo.
J. W. Tharp.....	Poynor, Mo.
S. T. Birch.....	Poynor, Mo.
J. R. Rosson.....	Poynor, Mo.
B. B. Garland.....	Portia, Ark.
L. M. Buckner.....	Unknown.
E. W. Tucker.....	Dellaplaine, Ark.
J. O. Hefner.....	Imboden, Ark.

Constitution

1. This association, when properly organized, shall consist of a moderator and a clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the modrator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the vote thereon; to have the liberty of-speech as other members, providing his seat be filled, to have no vote unless the association be equally divided in which case he shall have the deciding. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the association.

2. This association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons and licentiates, together with messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this association, said messengers being members of some church within this association, whom the members judge best qualified for that purpose, who, on produc-

ing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the sitting of the last association and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by the association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the association shall take up same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the association shall be entitled to a representation of messengers not exceeding three.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The association shall not have the power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless we agree that the churches composing the association shall stand in the same relation to each other in this association that individuals do to each other in this association; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed they shall be dropped from our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this association by letter and messenger. If upon proper examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly such admission shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This association shall have power to sit as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the

cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this association; to appoint any members, by and with his or her consent to transact any business they may deem necessary; to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat with the association; to adjourn the association at any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any members who shall not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the churches from which he or they were messengers.

11. This association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

12. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at each annual association.

13. Each annual association shall be held on the 3rd Sunday in September.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—II Tim, 3:16,-17. II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one living and true God, and in the Godhead of divine essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. St. John 1:1; I John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation, by any ability we possess by nature.—Romans 8:7, 20.

4. Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Heb. 9:24. Eph. 4:9. Rev. 7-18.

5. We believe that he who shall endure to the end the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13. Rev. 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed to the church and none but true believers are proper subjects, and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion—On Baptism, Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:38; Col. 2:12. The Supper, Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19; I Cor. 23:34; Washing of Feet, St. John 3:14:17; Tim. 5:10; I Peter 2:21.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week—or Lord's day—and it ought to be observed and spent in public or private worship of God, and on it we shall abstain from our worldly concerns, except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15-17; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—St. John 5:28-29, I Thes. 4:16; Dan. 12:2.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory to God.—Galatians 6:10; I John 2:9.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, and that none can partake of His divine benefits only by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (infants and idiots excepted, they being included in the covenant of God's grace.)—Acts 4:11, 10:43; Tim. 2:5-6; St. John 3:14-17; I Cor. 12:20-22; Rom. 5:13.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is door into the church, and that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—St. John 10:7.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table.—I Cor. 12:12; St. John 15:11-21-22; Matt. 16:26-28.

Rules of Decorum

1. The association, when convened shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one prson shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the moderator, until he gets through; not shall the moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast personal reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

7. Members shall address each other by the appellations of brother or brethren and sisters.

8. No member of this association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks necessary.

10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
Union	J. O. Hefner	W. J. Burrow	O'Kean, Ark.
Eureka	W. T. Shoffitt	Minnie Dean	O'Kean, Ark.
Oak Grove	E. W. Tucker	Liza Varvel	Not Given.
Evening Star	E. W. Tucker	Ben Wagner	Delaplaine, Ark.
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Evening Star			
Pirtle			
Pruitt's Chapel			

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	FINANCES			MEMBERSHIP						
	Local Minutes	State Minutes	O. & M.	Conversion	By Recommendation	By Restoration	Death	Excluded	Letter	Total
White Oak	1.25									15
Stony Point	1.65	1.00					2			106
Liberty	2.50	1.00	2.50							58
Clear Lake	2.00	1.50	1.50			4	1			40
Pleasant Valley	1.25									
Lone Oak	1.25	1.25								21
Friendship	1.00		1.00					7		26
Cedar Ridge	1.00		.50							24
Hopewell										31
Grand View	2.40	.80	.80				1			62
Pruet Chapel	2.00	1.00	1.50			3				18
Sugar Tree Grove	1.50	1.35								30
Pirtle	2.00	1.00	2.00						1	45
Evening Star										
Oak Grove										28
Eureka	2.00						1	12		46
Union	1.50							12		46
New Covenant	1.50									