

MINUTES

Of The

SIXTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of The

of *Free Will Baptist State Association*
of The Social Band Association
Free Will Baptist ~~State Association~~
Which Convened With

Pirtle Church, Friday Evening, August 17, 1934

The next annual session of this association will be held with the Warm Springs Church, beginning on Thursday evening before the third Sunday, in August, 1935.

Eld. C.E. Riggs is to preach the next annual introductory sermon

OFFICERS:

Eld. D.C. Jones.....Moderator.....Biggers, Arkansas
Eld. E.W. Tucker.....Evangelist.....Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Eld. Ralph Staten...ClerkPocahontas, Arkansas

BOARD ON CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY

E.W. Tucker
~~Eld. G.W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark;~~ C.P. Rowland, Pocahontas, Ark.; I.C. Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.

STANDING ASSOCIATIONAL PRESBYTERY

Eld. W.T. Shoffit, Delaplaine, Ark.; Eld. G.W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.;
Eld. R.S. Shelton, O'kean, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS:

OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION OF
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Ministers, Deacons, and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God commonly known as Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist met in annual conference with Pirtle Church, on August 17, 18, 19, 1934.

The inception marked one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held within this Association.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Prof. N. P. Gates directed the song service. Eld. D. C. Jones offered the evening prayer. Eld. E. W. Tucker of the ~~/Cave/Church~~ pastor of the local Church made the Welcome Address. The introductory sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. Ralph Staten. Text, Acts 2:1.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator Million being absent, Eld. E. W. Tucker, the pastor, call the association to order at 8:00 o'clock. Services opened with singing by the congregation. Eld. D. C. Jones was elected Moderator Pro Tem.

Moderator Jones read as a scripture lesson Ps. 1. Bro. N. P. Gates led in prayer. After the Moderator made remarks upon the procedure of an ideal Assembly, the Association proceeded to regular business.

Letters from the different churches were called for and the following were presented and their delegates seated in conference:--Grandview, Hopewell, Pruett Chapel, Union, Warm Springs, White Oak, and Pirtle.

The organization was perfected by the usual greeting. The Moderator declared the nominations in order to elect the officers for the ensuing Associational year. Eld. D. C. Jones was elected Moderator. Eld. Ralph Staten ~~was~~ the incumbent, was elected Clerk.

Eld. E. E. Winfree was received as a corresponding and advisory messenger from Cave Springs Association.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Divine service -- Arvil Pride, T. F. Hobbs, Pink Wooldridge.

Finance -- G. W. Dale, Lee Stone, Lee Litherland,

Obituary -- E. W. Tucker, I. C. Staten, Ambrose Cavenar.

Committee on Arrangement of Business -- C. E. Riggs, W. C. Forsyth, A. B. Ford, Aldan Hedge, E. A. Swift.

Eld. E. E. Winfree made a brief verbal report of Cave Springs Association. Bro. Winfree stated that the Free Will Baptist were growing and making great progress. The only weight that kept them from greater achievements was the prevalence of financial indifference. He extended an invitation to us to come to their Association.

Petitionary letters were called for, Vernon was received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship in token of their reception.

A motion was sustained to place resolution number one before the Business Committee.

Eld. D. C. Jones tendered his resignation as the Associational Evangelist. The request met the approbation of the Assembly.

A devotional service was conducted by Bro. J. A. Ford.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service was directed by N. P. Gates. Eld. D. C. Jones led in prayer. Eld. R. S. Shelton delivered the morning's sermon. Text, Heb. 12:1.

The noon hour was marked by a bounteously prepared dinner on the church ground.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Business was reassumed at the appointed time. Prof. Raymond Riggs directed the song service. Bro. Pitman led the prayer.

Tardy letters were called for. Letters were received from Clear Lake, and Wyatt Chapel. Liberty's letter and delegates were received.

Warm Springs was selected as the next place for the next annual Association.

Elder C.E. Riggs was selected to preach the next annual introductory sermon.

A partial report of the committee on Resolutions was received by the adoption of the resolutions 1, 3, 4. See resolutions.

Motion prevailed that we send a corresponding delegation to Cave Springs Association. The following were elected as delegates: Edd Sutton, N.P. Gates, Kate Sutton, and Sadie Litherland.

Delegates elected to attend the State Association were: N.P. Gates, Ervin Holder, J.T. Holland, Sadie Litherland, Kate Sutton.

Eld. J.T. Powell was elected as corresponding delegate to the Polk Bayou Association.

Motion was sustained that we tender our resolution of thanks to the Pirtle Church and surrounding communities for their kind hospitality showed during our stay with them.

Resolution number 2 was adopted. See resolutions.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting was instituted and the first meeting is to be held with Liberty Church, at Sharum, Sept. 28-30, 1934. Eld. Ralph Staten was elected to preach the Fifth Sunday Meeting introductory sermon.

Roll call of ministers was made and reports approved.

In calling the roll there was one who could not answer in person or by letter. That was Bro. D.M. Holder. Here we want to pay a brief tribute to Bro. Holder for the noble service that he has rendered to our Association, our country, and our God. He has been a living monument, and shall continue to be, to our association. He had the very highest honor and integrity. He was staunch. His was a grand life. But alas! this grand, silent life has passed out of mortal sight. Its lessons are priceless. The secret of that life is: Be all right at any cost. He so lived, so loved, so triumphed through faith in our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit, that in him the apostle's words were made good: 'To live is Christ; to die is gain'.

Tardy letters called for. New Harmony and New Bethel were received.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be empowered to direct the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Resolution number 5 was adopted. See resolutions.

Eld. E.W. Tucker was elected as our Associational Evangelist for the ensuing Association year.

Report of committee on Finance read and adopted. See committee reports.

Elders C.E. Riggs, D.C. Jones, and G.W. Million were elected as a committee to investigate the Articles of Faith and see if there be any typographical ~~errors~~ and inadvertent errors. The said committee are to report at the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Report of Obituary committee adopted and committee discharged. See reports of committees.

Moved to delay the publication of the minutes after the Fifth Sunday meeting and that a brief report of the Fifth Sunday meeting be made in said minutes.

Motion sustained that the Churches prepare to contribute some sum of money for the erection of a monument to Bro. D.M. Holder's grave. The said money is to be collected at the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The consummation moments of the session was marked with interest as

Bro. W.T. Sharp appeared on the scene. On account of physical conditions Bro. Sharp has had to retire from ministerial work. Let us continue and more especially while in his feeble years pay a higher respect to this noble Christian and be more faithful and true in our prayers for him.

This session of the Association proved to be one of the most harmonious exuberant, and businesslike ~~sessions~~ assembly that has ever been held.

Supper was served ~~at the~~ church house.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened by singing. A few special numbers were rendered by the Sharum Male Quartet. Bro. C.P. Rowland led the prayer for the evening service. Eld. C.E. Riggs occupied the pulpit at this service. Text, Dan. 5:27. Eld. E.E. Winfree followed.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened at 10:00 o'clock with singing. Eld. E.E. Winfree conducted a devotional service. The Sharum Girl's Quartet favored us with some special numbers.

The Presbytery assembled for the ordination of the following Deacons: G.W. Barnett, Emil Shaver, J.R. Barnett of Vernon; E.A. Swift of Union Church; Ervin Holder, and Ed Hutsell of New Covenant. The ordination prayer was led by Eld. D.C. Jones. The ordaining council was composed of Elders R.S. Shelton, D.C. Jones, W.C. Forsyth, and Deacons Irvin Clark, Edd Sutton.

Preaching was done in the person of Eld. D.C. Jones. Text, Mark 12:30. Eld. E.E. Winfree followed.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened with singing. As it is the custom of the Association, the Communion and Feet Washing ordinances were observed at the closing hour of the Association. Eld. E.W. Tucker conducted these services. There was a large number ~~OF~~ GOD'S PEOPLE partook of the Lord's Supper and Washed the Saint's feet.

The Association was dismissed by a motion of adjournment to meet with Warm Springs Church on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in August, 1935.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

W.C. Forsyth - Have pastored one church, Union; witnessed 16 conversions; baptised nineteen converts; officiated 3 matrimonial ceremonies; conducted 4 funerals; witnessed 35 taken into fellowship; assisted in four revivals; have received \$28.98 for entire services.

R.S. Shelton - Have pastored 4 churches, Warm Springs, Pruett Chapel, Vernon, Moran; witnessed 22 conversions; baptised 10 converts; officiated 5 matrimonial ceremonies; conducted 1 funeral; witnessed 11 received into full fellowship; organized 1 church; assisted in 6 revivals; have received \$96.24 for entire services.

C.E. Riggs - Preached at Sharum, Dehman; preached 20 sermons; witnessed 8 conversions; baptised 8 converts; conducted 6 funerals; assisted in 2 revivals; received for entire services \$6.

Ralph Staten - Have pastored 4 churches, New Covenant, New Bethel, New Hope, Stony Point; have preached at Old Reyno, O'kean, Sharum, Johnson Chapel, Pocahontas, Dean; have preached 96 sermons; witnessed 12 conversions; baptised 1 convert; conducted 2 funerals; witnessed 7 received into full fellowship; organized two Free Will Baptist Leagues; assisted in 4 revivals; received \$94.24 for entire services.

E.W. Tucker - Have preached 69 sermons; pastored 1 church, Pirtle; witnessed 2 conversions; baptised two converts; received for work \$7.50; preached at Sugar Tree Grove; witnessed 4 conversions; baptised 4 converts; received for work \$8.00; preached at Warm Springs and Vernon; received \$20 for work; conducted a revival at Old Reyno; witnessed 64 conversions; witnessed 48 received into full fellowship; baptised 32 converts; received \$25.26 for work; married 1 couple; conducted 4 funerals; received \$60.81 for services.

D.C. Jones - Have preached 80 sermons; conducted 4 funerals/revivals; witnessed 18 conversions; officiated 1 matrimonial ceremony; conducted 4 funerals; Received for services at Clear Lake \$18.13; Shiloh 12.03, Reece Ridge 2.29, Brown.60, Nettleton 1.15, Vernon 1.00, Lone Oak 1.45, Grandview 15.00, New Home 4.10, other places 2.00; received for total services \$47.75.

J.T. Merchant - Have preached 62 sermons; assisted in the baptism of 16 converts; witnessed 3 received into full fellowship; conducted 5 funerals; officiated 2 matrimonial ceremonies; received 29.53 for services.

W.A. Sneed - Have preached 76 sermons; conducted 2 funerals; received \$39.92 for services.

MESSENGERS ENROLLMENT

Grandview - Arvil Fride, H.R. Fowler, Verl Jones.
 Hopewell - Aldon Hedge, Ambrose Cavenar, Myrtle Mason.
 Liberty - Lee Litherland, A.B. Ford, Ludell Wheelless.
 New Covenant - Edd Hutsell, Ervin Holder, Anna Fender.
 New Harmony - Sam Smotherland, Drew Beogle, Luther Clay.
 Pirtle - Therman Hobbs, Bertha Gray, Francis Hefner.
 Pruett Chapel - Henry Constant, G.W. Dale, Viola Stringer.
 Stony Point - Mary Melton, Mazie Hulvey..
 Sugar Tree Grove - Mattie Hopper, Beulah Hopper, Bertha Barks.
 Union- Elston Swift, Leo Stone, Neoma Denton.
 Vernon - ~~Solar Man~~

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE - We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report the following as received from the following churches:

Church	Burial Fund	Local Minutes	State Minutes	Clerk Hire	Total
Grandview		\$1.00		.50	\$1.60
Warm Springs	\$1.05	1.00	1.00	.50	3.55
Hopewell		2.25	1.00	.50	3.75
Liberty		2.00	1.00	.50	3.50
Pruett Chapel		2.00		.50	2.50
Wyatt Chapel				.50	.50
New Covenant		2.00	1.00	.50	3.50
Stony Point		2.00		.50	2.50
Union		.25		.50	.75
Vernon		1.25		.50	1.75
Pirtle		.88	.	.50	1.38
White Oak				.50	.50
New Harmony		2.00	1.00	.50	3.50
New Bethel		1.00	.50	.50	2.00
Lone Oak	.45				.45
					31.73
Totals	1.50	17.73	5.50	7.00	31.73

Remember this does not include the Evangelistical Fund which is to be reported by the Evangelist, E.W. Tucker.

Committee - Lee Litherland, G.W. Dale, Leo Stone.

Committee on Monument Fund for
this time 1935

Obituary - We, your committee on Obituary, submit the following report:

We find that our kind and gracious Heavenly Father has seen fit in his divine wisdom to remove from our midst by death from the following churches: Sister Bessie Forbes, Pirtle; Sister Nancy L. Reeves, Grandview; Bro. John McNeal, Sister Eliza Wyatt, Stony Point; Bro. Leonard Morgan, Liberty; Sister Selma Ward, Pruett Chapel; Bro. J.A. Fender, New Covenant.

We are glad that our loss is their eternal gain. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Committee - E.W. Tucker, W.A. Cavenar, I.C. Staten.

RESOLUTIONS

1. For as much as the practice of this Association for the past three years has been to dispose of all the business on Saturday and adjourn on Sunday afternoon; we find that such practice does not give the body time to give due consideration to the questions that come before the Assembly and Therefore, Be it resolved, That ~~this~~ this Association convene on Thursday night, instead on Friday night before the third Sunday in August as heretofore, and continue through Sunday.
2. Resolved, That we recommend that the Deacons of each church make a canvass of each member of their church and take pledges of what each one can pay to the Cause and that the church set aside out of said fund when collected ten cents per member for the burial of disabled ministers.
3. Resolved, That this body recommend and ask that every church in this Association elect only preachers for pastor that are licensed and ordained by the Free Will Baptist people.
4. Resolved, That each church in this Association in holding conference let only members of the church be considered as legal voters.
5. Resolved, That this Association create an Evangelistical Fund for the purpose of financing our Associational Evangelist. The said fund to be started by each church of the Association donating (\$2.00) two dollars to that fund.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Paid Pastor	Conversion	Restoration	Recommendation	Deaths	Excluded	Letter of request	Total
Pirtle	R.S.Shelton,O'Kean	Margrett Gates,Peach Orchard	12.70	10	5		1	1		35
Clear Lake	J.J.Colbert,Noland	Malinda Sullivan,Portia	14.88							20
New Covenant	Ralph Staten,Pocahontas	J.T.Holland,Walnut Ridge	20.31	7	1	1				50
White Oak	Billie Rogers,Myrtle,Mo.	Annie Smith,Walnut Ridge	78.35							84
Hopewell	E.W.Tucker,Peach Orchard	Aldan Hedge,Biggers	32.00	38	10	1				90
Grandview	G.W.Million,Pocahontas	Esta Fowler,Supply	67.00				1			50
Liberty	C.E.Riggs,Pocahontas	Ralph Staten,Pocahontas	50.00	10			1		1	87
Union	W.C.Forsyth,Hoxie	Leo Stone,O'kean	25.75	28	1	4				71
Pruett Chapel	R.S.Shelton,O'Kean	Lillie Dennis,Light	22.11		1		1	2		37
New Bethel	Ralph Staten,Pocahontas	Myrtle Seamons,Pocahontas	29.71						12	15
New Hope	G.W.Million,Pocahontas	S.R.Hill,Pocahontas	21.75	20		4	1			117
New Harmony	G.W.Million,Pocahontas	Zemru Osterkamp,Noland	18.00			3			8	38
Sugar Tree Grove	S.T.Birch,Poynor,Mo.	Mattie Hopper,Poynor,Mo.		6		3	3			23
Vernon	E.W.Tucker,Peach Orchard	Dehlia Barnett,Ingram	22.07			1				16
Stony Point	Ralph Staten,Pocahontas	Susie Hulvey,Elevenpoint	22.47				1	2	1	84
Wyatt Chapel	W.C.Forsyth,Hoxie	Retta Wiggs,Ravenden	26.75	1						16
Warm Springs	T.J.Powell,Nettleton	J.C.King,Warm Springs	36.75						3	37
Powells Chapel	W.A.Sneed,Nettleton	Maude Merchant,Bay								17
Pleasant Grove										24
Moran										21
Eureka										10
Lone Oak										14
Richmond Chapel										
			480.60	120	18	17	9	5	25	956
										956

* UNITED FREWILL BAPTIST OF AMERICA *

(FIRST) Be it resolved that we the Freewill Baptist of the Grandriver Association form an organization of unity and offer it to all Freewill Baptist of America.

(SECOND) We take the Bible as our manner of council endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, that we may become a united brotherhood throughout the world, all speaking the same thing and being of the same mind as is recorded in (First Cor. 1:10).

(THIRD) Churches quarterly meetings, and Associations who are found to be orthodox Freewill Baptist may join the organization by person or by letter; and we consider no state lines nor border lines; but give all churches in all parts of the country a chance to join the union, by this we hope to find our people and unite them in the bonds of peace.

(FORTH) The ministers and deacons of this organization shall constitute standing delegates; and they may represent churches quarterly meetings and associations in person or by letter.

(FIFTH) We neither Pre- nor Post- but believe in the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; Not the third forth or fifth, but the second coming only; and at that time mens probation on earth ends.

(SIX) In ordaining for the ministry, we shall ordain men only and their qualification must measure to the Bible standard. This shall be done by order of the church of which the ministers are members. All ministers must pass the examining council and come under the hands of the presbytery.

(SEVENTH) Churches Quarterly meetings Associations have their own form of government, and transact their own business so long as they are in harmony with the constitution of this government.

(EIGHTH) When individuals, churches, quarterly meetings, Associations is found guilty of unscriptural conduct, or teaching unsound doctrine they shall be delt with according to Bible rules.

(NINTH) This organization shall have articles of faith that all can understand what we believe by what we say; and all who join must indorse the articles as well as the constitution.

(TENTH) In receiving and dismissing members we use Bible rules, and strive to be scriptural in all of our business affairs, that we may prove ourselves to be God's people separated from the world.