

**THE
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1950

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened At
SUTTON CHURCH
Pocahontas, Arkansas**

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PROCEEDINGS

Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God, commonly known as Free Will Baptists met in the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session with the Sutton Church on September 14, 1950.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Session was called by Moderator.
Singing directed by A. J. Burrow.
Special singing by Sutton Quartet.
Congregational number led by A. J. Burrow.
Prayer by Bro. Wayne Tucker
Introductory sermon by the pastor, Bro. Billy Rogers. Text was Matthew 26:39. Theme "He Went a Little Farther".
Adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Friday.
Benediction by Bro. Melvin Shelton.

FRIDAY MORNING

Session called to order by moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten.
Song, directed by Carl High.
Prayer by Bro. I. H. Gray.
Moderator read the Church Covenant and Rules of Order and scripture, Mark 13: 32-37.
Church letters were read and received.
Delegates were seated.
The pulpit committee elected was Ben Martin, Mrs. Kate Sutton and J. O. Martin.
Bro. Carl High was elected moderator.
Song directed by Newton Gates.
Scripture lesson for 11 o'clock was Eph. 5-14. Theme was "A Sleeping Association or Church." The five remedies given were: wake up, stand up, pray up, sing up and cheer up then God will say come up.
Congregational song.
Adjourned until 1:30 p.m.
Dismissed by Bro. Harmon Howard.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song, Jimmy Ragsdall
Prayer, J. W. Stone.
Devotional: 2nd Peter 2:9.
Prayers by Newton Gates and Bro. Tucker called for tardy letters.
Called for tardy letters
Received petitionary letter from Arbor Grove. The church was received into the association and the delegates were seated.

Corresponding letter from Mo. Ark. Church was received and delegate seated C. D. Howard.

Welcome address by Bro. Billy Rogers.

Response by Bro. Carmon D. Howard.

Sister Rogers, Bro. Billy Rogers was seated as a corresponding delegate from the Cave Springs Association.

Melvin Shelton was elected assistant moderator.

Clerk—Raymond McNutt

Assistant Clerk—B. F. Palmer

Statistician—Bro. Eugene Davis

Association Evangelist—Bro. Pauley

Committees appointed:

Resolutions—Huey Garver, Leonard Bridges, Mrs. Lonnie Walker, Mrs. Price, W. C. Lakey.

Finance—Raymond McNutt, L. D. Johnson, Mrs. Lowell Graham.

Foreign Missions—B. F. Palmer, Melvin Shelton, Wayne Tucker.

Obituary—Mrs. Erwin Holder, Mrs. Melvin Graham, Mrs. Omer Edington.

Monument—B. F. Palmer, Melvin Shelton, Leonard Bridges.

League and Sunday School—Mrs. Duff, Edgar Molar, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. Thompson.

Elected Bro. Lonnie Walker to fill the vacancy on the executive board.

Home Mission Board — Huey Gower, Bro. Thurman Johnson, Wayne Tucker, Eugene Davis, Grady Linebaugh.

Report of the Evangelist was read and accepted.

Elected delegates to the State Association—Louetta Jean Staten, Arthur Price, Jimmy Ragsdall, Mrs. Jimmy Ragsdall, Joyce Walker. Alternates—Mrs. Carl High, Mrs. Graham.

Delegates to National Association—Raymond McNutt. Alternate—W. H. Hales.

Motion sustained to empower the presbty to examine and recommend all candidates for Deacons and Ministers papers.

Business adjourned until Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Songs were led by Carl High, Melvin Shelton, Hulen Light, Ralph Staten.

The following deacons and ministers were ordained: deacons—Hulen Light, Lloyd Graham, Ben Hawkins, Edd Sutton, Thomas Ingram, Almus Bingham, Ben Million. Ministers—Hubert Forrester. Ministers licensed—Grady Linebaugh, Dewey Thompson, Turner Cavener.

Sermon by Bro. Dusett. The subject was, "Jesus Same Yesterday Today and Forever".

Adjourned until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Henry Pauley.

SATURDAY MORNING

Songs led by Bro. Ralph Staten and Bro. Ramer.

Devotional by Carl High.

Prayers by Bro. Graham and Bro. Gowers.

Congregational song.

Prayer by Bro. Ralph Staten.

Call for tardy letters. Arbor Grove was read and received.

Motion made and carried that the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Order be omitted from minutes.

Report of obituary committee read and received.

Ministers reports read and accepted.

Report on Foreign Missions by Bro. Wayne Tucker.
State Foreign Mission director recessed.
Congregational singing.
Prayer by Bro. Forrester
Memorial message by Bro. Gray.
Song and hand shake
Adjourned

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Came together by singing
Prayer
Duet by Swan sisters
Quartet by Edington family
Collection for foreign missions
All resolutions carried
Report of committees accepted and committees released
Mrs. Grace Bennett and Mrs. I. C. Staten were elected as corresponding delegates to the Cave Springs Association on Thursday following the 3rd Sunday in August. The next annual session is to convene with Arbor Grove Church on Thursday night before 3rd Sunday in September 1951.
Dismissed by Bro. Wayne Tucker.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

I have preached one sermon and married one couple. Have not been able to attend services for some time.

W. F. VICKERY
Route 4
Broken Arrow, California

I have pastored Rickey Chapel and Pirtle Church half time each. Preached 49 sermons, witnessed 3 conversions. Had 6 additions to church. Traveled 394 miles, received \$166.33 at Rickey Chapel. Preached 54 sermons, had 11 conversions, 14 additions to church. Traveled 1350 miles, received \$166.07. Assisted in revival at O'Kean, Alice Brooks, Arbor Grove, New Covenant, Warm Springs, Little Brown, and Mt. Zion, total 123 sermons, witnessed 31 conversions, 20 additions, traveled 2192 miles, received \$419.05.

ELD. MELVIN SHELTON
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

I have pastored Arbor Grove and Warm Springs half time each church. Preached 38 sermons, witnessed 10 conversions, baptized 5, received 9 into church, traveled 1716 miles, received \$247.53 at Warm Springs. At Arbor Grove preached 52 sermons, had 18 conversions, baptized 22, received 27 in church, traveled 1984 miles, received \$362.02 including revival. Helped Bro. Johnson at Mt. Zion 7 sermons. Had 7 conversions. Traveled 455 miles, received \$37.29. Helped Bro. Melvin Shelton in two revivals at Rickey Chapel. Preached 9 sermons, had 3 conversions, received \$11.31. At other places preached 7 sermons, traveled 146 miles, conducted 3 funerals, traveled 225 miles, received \$15.00.

Total: 116 sermons, witnessed 38 conversions, baptized 27, traveled 4460 miles, received \$688.15.

ELDER LONNIE WALKER
Delaplaine, Ark., Route

I have pastored two churches half time, Grand View and New Covenant. Preached 36 sermons at Grand View, received \$215.25. 35 sermons at New Covenant, received \$173.07. 7 sermons at other places, received \$21.00. Total 78 sermons, received \$409.32. Attended and assisted in organizing the State Free Will Baptist League Association.

ELDER EUGENE DAVIS

I have pastored Mt. Zion Church full time. Received \$1182.46, had 10 conversions. Had one revival outside the church. Had 2 conversions, received \$108.00.

ELDER ELVIN JOHNSON

I have pastored Old Reyno Church half time. Baptized 11, received \$105.00.

ELDER THURMAN JOHNSON

I have preached at Willow Tree Church. Preached 25 sermons, had one revival, had 4 conversions, baptized 3, received \$30.00. Traveled 422 miles, conducted 3 funerals, received \$5.00. Married 4 couples, received \$7.30.

ELDER D. P. WATTS
Wilson, Ark.

I have pastored 2 churches half time. At Oak Hill, had 3 professions, received \$189.15. At Poplar Valley, had 21 professions, received \$175.63. At Walnut Corner, preached 8 sermons, received \$20.75. Little Brown, 13 sermons, received \$47.40. Received from other friends \$73.00. Officiated in 12 marriage ceremonies, received \$35.00. Conducted 11 funerals, received \$30.00. Total, \$570.93.

ELDER W. C. LAKEY

I have pastored one church fourth time. Stony Point, preached 16 sermons, including revival, received \$73.48. Pruitt Chapel, 15 sermons, received \$37.92. Sugar Tree Grove, 9 sermons, received \$52.00. Witnessed two conversions. Old Reyno, 3 sermons, received \$4.05. Warm Springs, 2 sermons. Pirtle, 1 sermon. New Covenant, 4 sermons. Held 1 funeral, married 2 couples. Total, 50 sermons, received \$171.45.

ELDER HENRY PAULEY

I have pastored 1 church fourth time. Carson Lake, preached 20 sermons, traveled 2000 miles, received \$97.50.

ELDER WAYNE TUCKER

I have pastored 1 church full time. Pocahontas, sermons 96, conversions, 34, held prayer meeting 23 times, received into church 20, conducted 6 funerals, baptised 18, married 4 couples, traveled 2000 miles, special services held 3. Homes visited, 119, received \$1902.61, conducted 1 revival. From other sources received \$65.00. Total received \$1967.61.

ELDER HUEY GOWER

I have preached at Cash Hall half time. 31 sermons, traveled 362 miles, received \$130.91, preached 7 sermons in revival at Pruitt. Traveled 415 miles, received \$19.22, witnessed 10 confessions, preached at O'Kean, Pirtle. Conducted 6 funerals, traveled 210 miles, received \$17.00, performed 5 marriage ceremonies, received \$8.00. Total 44 sermons, traveled 967 miles, received \$167.13.

ELDER R. S. SHELTON

I have pastored 3 churches half time. At O'Kean, Pruitt and Alice Brooks fourth time. O'Kean, 49 sermons including revival, traveled 1080 miles, 12 conversions, baptised 7, received \$346.50. Pruitt, 18 sermons including revival, traveled 1000 miles, 10 conversions, additions to church 8, received \$184.85. Alice Brooks, 26 sermons including revival, 11 conversions, received into church 26, traveled 820 miles, received \$162.68.

Helped in revivals at Little Brown, Arbor Grove, Carson Lake, Pirtle and Coffman. Preached 49 sermons in these revivals, received \$155.25. Witnessed 52 conversions. 6 sermons at other places, received \$30.47. Three marriage ceremonies, received \$9.00. Total, 149 sermons, 83 conversions, 75 additions to church, baptised 55, traveled 4,120 miles, received \$883.75.

ELDER CARL HIGH

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved the Social Band Association furnish the Evangelist with 100 copies of the Free Will Baptist to be given out in his work.
2. Be it resolved that this association give a rising vote of thanks to Brother Ralph Staten for his faithful services rendered in the association for the past 15 years.
3. Inasmuch as this church needs to expand into the towns and places we have not reached, be it resolved this association ask each of its churches to contribute to the home mission board a minimum of \$50.00 annually. The sum to be sent \$12.50 quarterly to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.
4. Be it resolved that the churches of the Social Band Association let their pastors know at least 60 days before the end of the church year, if they are to retain him or not. The pastor in like manner to let the church know.
5. Be it resolved that the Social Band Association set Sept. 1 as the date to complete its years work. That all reports and church books be closed as of that date.
6. Be it resolved that each church give the sum of \$6.00 to a national association expense fund to pay the delegates expense also association fees.
7. Be it resolved that this association give a rising vote of thanks to Brother Wayne Tucker for his faithful services as evangelist.
8. Be it resolved that your committee wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Sutton church and community for the kindness and hospitality shown us during the association.

Committee

HUEY GOWER MRS. LONNIE WALKER
W. C. LAKEY LEONARD BRIDGES
SISTER PRICE

LIST OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS IN THE ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS

T. C. Reece
D. P. Watts
Lonnie Walker
Melvin Shelton
R. S. Shelton
Carl High
Henry Pauley
Wayne Tucker
L. W. Hodges
Thurman
Johnson
Grady Linebaugh
G. W. Million
Eugene Davis
W. C. Hudson
Hubert Forrester
Turner Cavener
Carmon D.
Howard
W. D. Winfrey

MINISTERS

Ira Yates
W. C. Lakey
B. S. Forrester
Elvin Johnson
Dewey Thompson
Charles Staten
DEACONS
Lowell Graham
Eulen Light
George Gable
Harold Smith
L. A. Bridges
T. Richardson
Lum Wicker
Alvin Weir
Amos Jones
Bert Quarry
Ben Hawkins
A. C. Pendergrass
Dan F. Kirk

DEACONS

Sular Camp
J. A. Ponder
T. W. Bennett
D. W. McNutt
Earl Smith
Robert Counts
Paul Hatfield
Willie Tyler
Paul Hogan
Andrian Million
Luther Crays
Will S. White
J. O. Martin
Howard Martin
Paul Morris
Homer Atkins
Horace Holder
Claude Harmon
W. S. Knight
W. B. Davis

DEACONS

G. E. Hester
Marvin Riggs
J. C. Staten
Benton Holt
Almus Bingham
Avon Ingram
Harold Statler
Jess Murphy
W. H. Hale
G. W. Dale
Orville Cox
J. L. Norris
E. Swift
Willis Cribbs
Theid
Richardson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT								Monument	Orphanage
	L. M.	S. M.	Clerk	N. A.	H. M.	F. M.			
Pruitt Chapel	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00						
Sugar Tree Grove	2.50	1.00	.50	.50	1.00	1.00			1.00
Rickey Chapel	1.00	1.00	1.00		.50				
O'Kean	1.15	2.00	.50						
Poplar Valley	1.00	1.00	.50		1.00		.50		
Little Brown	1.00	1.00			2.00				
Stony Point	2.00	2.00	1.00						
Pocahontas	2.50	2.00	.50		5.00		10.00		
Carson Lake	1.00	.50	1.00		1.00				
New Covenant	2.00	2.00	2.00						
Grandview	2.00	2.00	.50						
Sutton	1.50	1.00	1.00						
Pirtle	1.50	2.50	1.00						
Alice Brooks	2.00	2.00	1.00						
Old Reyno	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	2.00			
Mt. Zion	1.00	4.00	1.00		2.00				
Warm Springs	1.00	1.50	.70		2.00				
Arbor Grove	2.00	2.00	1.00						
Total	\$30.15	\$30.50	\$15.20	.50	\$16.50	\$3.00	\$10.50	\$1.00	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	Received	Dismissed	Died	S. School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
Pruitt Chapel	Carl High	Lillie Dennis	13	0	2	Y	O	Y	\$2000	79
Sugar Tree Grove	Henry Pauley	Mattie Hopper	0	0	0	Y	O	O		17
Rickey Chapel	Melvin Shelton	Cina Like	0	0	0	Y	O	Y	2500	40
O'Kean	Carl High	Roselyand Ragsdale	7	1	0	Y	Y	Y	2000	107
Poplar Valley	W. C. Lakey	Charles L. Bobbitt	19	0	1	Y	O	Y	3000	145
Little Brown	Hubert Forrester	Harold Statler	14	0	0	Y	O	O		41
Stony Point	Henry Pauley	Susie Huley	0	0	0	Y	O	Y		115
Pocahontas	Huey Gower	Alta Lee Miller	24	6	2	Y	Y	Y	4000	205
Carson Lake	Wayne Tucker	L. A. Bridges	0	0	0	Y	O	Y	1500	85
New Covenant	R. S. Shelton	J. T. Holland	2	6	1	Y	O	O		116
Grand View	Eugene Davis	Pauline Duff	0	0	1	Y	O	Y	2500	80
Sutton	Billy Rogers	Ham Sutton	30	0	0	Y	Y	Y	3500	105
Pirtle	Melvin Shelton	Oran Smith	14	4	0	Y	O	Y	1500	56
Alice Brooks	C. D. Howard	Ruby Rexroad	21	0	0	Y	O	Y	2000	90
Old Reyno	Carl High	T. R. Graham	9	2	0	Y	O	O		150
Mt. Zion	Lonnie Walker	Raymond McNutt	4	0	0	Y	Y	Y	3000	28
Warm Springs	J. H. Gray	Martha Holt	8	0	0	Y	O	O		37
Arbor Grove	Lonnie Walker	Lucille Goodwin	28	0	0	Y	Y	Y	2000	45