

MINUTES

of the

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

at the

JONESBORO CHURCH

July 25-26, 1969

OFFICERS

MODERATOR ----- Rev. Ernest Kennedy, Pocahontas, Ark.
ASS'T MODERATOR ----- Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Reyno, Ark.
CLERK ----- Genelle Scott, 1009 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark.
ASS'T CLERK ----- Estelene Winfrey, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Dewey Thompson ----- Term Expires 1972
Rev. Grady Linebaugh ----- Term Expires 1971
Rev. ~~Zane Kirkland~~ *Don Cox* ----- Term Expires 1970
Bro. Oran Smith ----- Term Expires 1970
Bro. John Edington ----- Term Expires 1970

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Dewey Thompson ----- Term Expires 1972
Rev. Grady Linebaugh ----- Term Expires 1971
Rev. ~~Zane Kirkland~~ ----- Term Expires 1970
Donald Cox

MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Jimmy Bundy ----- Term Expires 1974
Bro. Marvin Riggs ----- Term Expires 1973
Bro. Alden Jones ----- Term Expires 1972
Bro. Ralph Morrow ----- Term Expires 1971
Bro. John Pope ----- Term Expires 1970

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Abby Williams ----- Term Expires 1974
Genelle Scott ----- Term Expires 1973
Edith Smith ----- Term Expires 1972
Naomi Denton ----- Term Expires 1971
Geneva Pope ----- Term Expires 1970

MINISTERS

Rev. Lowell Graham ----- Hoxie, Ark.
 Rev. Grady Linebaugh ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Carl High ----- Rt. 1, Peach Orchard, Ark.
 Rev. Wayne Tucker ----- Rt. 1, Knobel, Ark. *deceased*
 Rev. Henry Pauley ----- Rt. 1, Beech Grove, Ark.
 Rev. Zane Kirkland ----- Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. Glynn Campbell ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. E. L. Bibb ----- Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. James Pratt ----- Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. D. W. Pinkston ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Dewey Thompson ----- Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. Charles Doherty ----- Koshkonong, Mo.
 Rev. Ben Scott ----- 1009 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark.
 Rev. O. D. Winfrey ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Melvin Shelton ----- 710 S.E. 2, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Millard Ehrhardt ----- Corning, Ark.
 Rev. J. W. Russell ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Jim Surles ----- Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. Johnnie Hale ----- Gassville, Ark.
 Rev. Ernie Hale ----- Mountain Home, Ark.
 Rev. Thurman Johnston ----- Corning, Ark.
 Rev. Claude Harmon ----- Delaplaine, Ark.
 Rev. Joe Henderson ----- Jonesboro, Ark.
 Rev. Roscoe Miller ----- Beech Grove, Ark.
 Rev. Orville Cox ----- Jonesboro, Ark.
 Rev. James Gosha ----- Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Rev. Leonard Milligan ----- Portia, Ark.
 Rev. Ernest Kennedy ----- Rt. 1, Pocahontas, Ark. *moved 2/2*
 Rev. Virgil Mustain ----- Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. Ira Gates ----- Hernando, Miss.

DEACONS AND CHURCH CLERKS

ELNORA--

Ralph Jarrett
Raymond Gipson
Clerk - Betty Ann Snow

GRANDVIEW--

Ernest Jones
Clerk - Addie Jones

MOUNTAIN HOME --

Robert Partee
Clerk - Charles Blair

OLDHAM CHAPEL --

Doc Robertson
Clerk - Katherine Starnes

PRUETT CHAPEL --

Bill Grimes
Clerk - Bobbie Grimes

RICKEY CHAPEL --

Elmer Swift
Vernon Midgett
Ralph Rothe
Clerk - Harry Midgett

ARBOR GROVE --

Leonard Doughett
Clerk - Wanda Bonds

POCAHONTAS --

W. H. Cox
Robert Counts
Veral Jones
Golman Woolridge
Alden Jones
Don Reed
Clerk - Viella Wymore

WALNUT RIDGE --

Grover Duncan
Joe Floyd
J. A. Ring
Tom Bennett
Oliven Holder
Raymond McNutt
Chester Pulliam
Weldon Holder
Clerk - Robert Poindexter

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Ed Holder
Frank Jowers
Ray Branham
John Thomas
Everett Rainwater
John Pope
Paul Bean
Calvin Lard
Clerk - Melba Bushong

O'KEAN

Dalloun Stone
Howard Martin
Clerk - Rosealynd Ragsdell

WARM SPRINGS

Benton Holt
Almus Bingham
Mont Moore
Clerk - Martha Holt

LITTLE BROWN

Clerk - Mrs. Harold Statler
Sevdyo Smith

CLEAR LAKE -

Clerk - Mrs. Relton Forehand

POPLAR VALLEY -

C. H. Whittingham
C. P. Bandy
Clerk - Juanita Doyle

NORTH SIDE -

Marion Hunter
Tommy Noblin
James Grissom
Arley Melton
Clerk - Mae Hutsell

NEW BETHEL --

Vernon Richey
Clerk - Delma Richey

OLD REYNO

John Edington Jr.
C. F. Jones
Ralph Morrow
Clerk - John Edington Jr.

NEW COVENANT

Lirla Smith
Lum Witcher
Bill Hutson
Clerk - Mellie Holland

ALICE BROOKS

I. C. Staten
M. D. Riggs
G. D. Graham
Clerk - Thelma Graham

PIRTLE

Oran Smith
Paul Goings
John Boatner
Clerk - Iva Barksdale

SUTTON

Glenn Childress
Paul Sheets
Vass Sutton
Perry Joe Crisp
Loron Ring
Rector Williams
Clerk - Marsha Robinson

THORN GROVE

Dwain Jarrett
Clerk - Janis Spinks

P R O C E E D I N G S

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1969

The 95th Annual Session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Jonesboro church, July 25, at 9:00 A.M. The session opened by singing "At The Cross" and "Bringing In The Sheaves" led by Rev. Carl High. The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Johnnie Hale, called the session to order. Rev. Ben Scott led in prayer. The morning devotion was given by Rev. Jimmy Bundy using Romans 1:16. Rev. Jimmy Bundy was appointed Assistant Moderator for the day.

The church letters were read and the delegates seated with a prayer led by Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

The rules of order read by the moderator.

A visiting minister, Rev. Keith Johnson, was recognized. Rev. Ben Scott, the host pastor, welcomed the Association to the church. Rev. Zane Kirkland voiced the response of the Association.

The following Boards and Committees were elected:

RESOLUTION - Oran Smith, Suzanne Kincade, Orela Kennedy.

FINANCE - Carl High, Eddie Jones, Zane Kirkland

OBITUARY - Rita Denton, Edith Smith, Mrs. Gates

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS - Ernest Kennedy, Abby Williams, Billy Wells.

EXECUTIVE BOARD - Dewey Thompson, for 3 years, Oran Smith, John Edington, for 1 year

MISSIONS BOARD - Jimmy Bundy

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - Abby Williams

The following were elected as delegates to the state meeting: Eileen Moore, Abby Williams, Orela Kennedy, Edith Smith, David Winfrey.

Election of speakers for the next session was as follows: Friday morning, Rev. Dewey Thompson, Alternate, Rev. Jimmy Bundy; Friday night, Rev. Melvin Shelton, Alternate, Rev. Zane Kirkland; Memorial Service, Rev. Carl High, Alternate, Rev. J. W. Russell.

The report of Presbytery Board was given by Zane Kirkland. Report accepted.

Motion made and carried that the Music Committee be retained as a standing committee. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Dewey Thompson.

WORSHIP SERVICE- 11:00 A.M.

Opened by singing, "Stand Up For Jesus" directed by Rev. Ernest Kennedy, Eddie Jones, pianist. Prayer led by Rev. Carl High, followed by the reading of Psalm 126. Special numbers by a men's quartet - "Build Me A Cabin" and "What A Day That Will Be". The moderator introduced Rev. Zane Kirkland, pastor of Sutton church, who brought the morning message, using as his subject "Reasonable Life For Christ". Scripture Romans 12:1-2.

Benediction - Rev. Ben Scott.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:15 P.M.

Session called to order by Moderator. Congregation singing "What A Friend" and "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Carl High, pianist, Rev. Ernest Kennedy. Prayer by Eddie Jones. The afternoon devotion was a testimony service closed with the singing of "Looking For The Stone" by Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy. Prayer - Rev. Jimmy Bundy.

The Associational Officers were elected.

Quarterly Meeting report read and accepted.

Report of National Convention given by Rev. Johnnie Hale.

Report concerning the Youth Choir given by Rev. Ernest Kennedy

An Offering of \$46.82 was taken for the Choir.

The CTS and S.S. Committee report read and accepted.

Financial report of Music Committee read and accepted.

Partial report of Resolution Committee read and accepted.

Benediction on afternoon session by Rev. Carl High.

FRIDAY NIGHT - 7:30 P.M.

Service opened with singing directed by Rev. Ernest Kennedy, pianist, Glenda Branchenburg. Prayer by Rev. Dewey Thompson. The Youth Choir sang several numbers, and presented gifts to the leaders who had gone with them to the National Convention. The Knight family from Jonesboro sang "Sorry I Never Knew You". The evening message was delivered by Rev. Ben Scott using for his subject, "The Case That Christ Lost".

SATURDAY MORNING - 9:00 A.M.

The morning session was opened by singing "How Firm A Foundation" led by Cecil Huffstedler, Estelene Winfrey, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Ben Scott. Devotional given by David Winfrey using I Kings 19: 9-15.

The report of the Obituary Committee read and received.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary given.

Motion made and carried to send churches information concerning the proper amount of money needed to entertain the state convention.

Words of greeting were given by Rev. Fred Warner, Executive Secretary of Arkansas.

Information on the new insurance and trust fund program from the national superannuation board was given by Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

Report of Mission Board read and received.

Finance report given and received.

Final report of resolution committee given, with a rising vote of thanks to the host church.

WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Service opened with the congregation singing "At The Cross" led by Rev. Zane Kirkland. The Pocahontas Auxiliary rendered a memorial service using the Poem "Beautiful Beckening Hands" and the lighting of candles in memory of each deceased member of the association.

Before the message Rev. and Mrs. Winfrey sang "Dreaming Of A Little Log Cabin". Rev. O. D. Winfrey brought the Memorial Message using as a subject "Reunion Day in Heaven".

Closing Hymn, "God Be With You".

Final Benediction of the Association by Rev. Fred Warner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESBYTERY - We report the following: In reply to the request of his home church, Don Reed was ordained as deacon on Sunday night February 23, 1969. 2. Tom Noblin was examined at the North Side Church on June 2, 1969 and we recommend him to be ordained as a deacon of the North Side Church. 3. We recommend the ordination of Rev. James Pratt for the Ministry. (Signed) Dewey Thompson, Zane Kirkland, Grady Linebaugh.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS - We, your committee report 20 Sunday Schools and 16 CTS in the association. We urge all Sunday Schools to participate in the enlargement plan of our National Association. (Signed) Ernest Kennedy, Billy Wells, Abby Williams.

RESOLUTION - 1. Be it resolved that a committee be set up to study and plan a history of the Social Band Association for the purpose of our one hundred year celebration. Committee appointed was Ernest Kennedy, Zane Kirkland, Dewey Thompson, Birdie Boatner and Genelle Scott. 2. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for the good meals and generous hospitality. (Signed) Oran Smith, Suzanne Kincade, Orela Kennedy.

OBITUARY - We, your committee find that God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst this year the following: Lucy Shepherd from Corning; Pearl Gipson from Northside; Ethel McMullen, Ella Ramer, Floyd Overstreet, Onie King, Bob Israel from Walnut Ridge; Rev. G. W. Million, Flora McNabb, Virgie Webb, Versie Weaver, Luther Crays (Deacon), Paul Hogan, Jess Burrow from Pocahontas; Evelyn Moore, Benton Whittenburg from Warm Springs; Charley Thorp from New Bethel; Dora Cato from Grandview; Mary Persful, Mae O'Neal, Jim Fee, Norman Bramlett, Ed Reed from Sutton; Erskin Hawkins from Stoneypoint; Carrie Connelly from O'Kean; Mable Davis from Jonesboro; Lizzie Jarrett from Elnora; Loyd Perkins from Poplar Valley; Martha Davis from Old Reyno. (Signed) Edith Smith, Rita Denton.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The first quarterly meeting convened with the Corning Church, October 4-5 with 22 churches represented. Monies received: \$88.00 for Associational work \$768.81 for Home Missions; \$2,402.49 for Foreign Mission; \$90.24 for Youth Camp; \$80.00 for Bible College; \$850.23 for Cooperative Fund; \$293.18 for Earnie Deed fund; \$90.00 for Norman Richard fund.

The second quarterly meeting convened with the Poplar Valley Church January 3-4 with 22 churches reporting. Monies received: \$102.50 for Associational work; \$507.83 for Home Missions; \$337.95 for Foreign Missions; \$80.00 for Youth Camp; \$168.59 for Bible College; \$1,081.25 for Cooperative Plan; \$220.00 for Earnie Deed Fund; \$90.00 for Norman Richards fund.

The third quarterly meeting convened with the Walnut Ridge Church April 4-5 with 22 churches represented. Monies received: \$98.00 for Associational work; \$329.67 for Foreign Missions; \$379.05 for Home Missions; \$42.34 for Youth Camp; \$150.64 for Bible College; \$1,007.75 for Cooperative Plan; \$160.00 for Earnie Deed Fund; \$90.00 for Norman Richards Fund; \$13.00 from Sutton church for State Convention; \$50.00 from Mountain Home for Youth Choir. An offering of \$86.28 was taken for Rev. Glynn Campbell, motion made and carried to take enough from treasury to make \$100.00.

Three deacons were ordained: Paul Goings from Pirtle church, Don Reed from Pocahontas, Thomas Noblin from North Side. James Pratt from New Covenant was ordained to the ministry. A balance of \$80.00 in treasury on July 18, 1969. (Signed) Alta Lee Miller-Clerk-Treasurer.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 moderator 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, provided his seat is filled; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the association.

2. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons, their wives who are members, and licentates together with the messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, who the members judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing 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 last sitting of the 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 same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to a representative of messengers, not exceeding five.

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

7. The Association shall not have power to lord over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless we agree that churches composing the Association shall stand in the same relationship to each other in this Association that individuals do to each other in the church; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church 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 business by a majority of all members present.
9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If upon 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 advise in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint 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 member who does not conform to the rules of decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the church 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 and feet washing shall be administered at each annual session of the Association.
13. Each Annual Association shall be held on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July.
14. This Constitution may be changed at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds majority provided the intended change be announced in writing one day before the vote.

R U L E S O F O R D E R

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.
2. Those who speak shall rise, address the moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.
3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at anytime by a majority of the members of the Association.
4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
5. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.
6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.
7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the moderator.
9. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto in addition to the business session each day, and the moderator announces at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.
10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

STATISTICS FROM CHURCH LETTERS

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	NUMBER DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	CTS. ATTENDANCE	COOPERATIVE PLAN	MISSIONS	BIBLE COLLEGE	ASSOCIATIONAL WORK AND HOST CHURCH	STATE CONVENTION	YOUTH CAMP	EVANGELISTIC WORK
WALNUT RIDGE Rev. Lewis Barker	14	5	265	136	65	\$839.39	\$308.18		\$10.00	\$13.00		\$130.00
CLEAR LAKE Rev. D.W. Pinkston			27	24					8.00			50.00
OLDHAM CHAPEL Rev. Claude Harmon									2.00			
ALICE BROOKS Rev. Jim Surles	6		81	49	24		152.00	\$20.00	10.00		\$28.95	275.00
RICKEY CHAPEL Rev. Leonard Milligan			33	20					7.50			
PRUETT CHAPEL Rev. Joe Henderson	6		50	30	12				12.00			55.00
O'KEAN Rev. Glynn Campbell	3	1	47	72	28		356.82		10.00			
NEW COVENANT Rev. James Pratt				40	20		12.50		10.00			
GRANDVIEW Rev. J. W. Russell	2	1	63	32	20		22.12		10.00			
POPLAR VALLEY Rev. O.D. Winfrey	20	1	166	94	56	20.00	218.47		10.00			102.00
NORTH SIDE Rev. Millard Erhardt			42	37					10.00			65.00
POCAHONTAS Rev. Ernest Kennedy	13	7	272	182	82	1,051.30	1,894.97	600.00	10.00	16.00	60.00	488.51
NEW BETHEL Rev. Roscoe Miller	5	1	32	30	15				12.00	13.00		70.00
OLD REYNO Rev. Jimmy Bundy	1	1	192	95	60		100.00		10.00	13.00		100.00
MTN. HOME Rev. Johnnie Hale	2		15	50	25	732.00	1,014.00	180.00	10.00	13.00		225.00
WARM SPRINGS Rev. Dewey Thompson	1	1	48	25		20.00			10.00	13.00		60.00
PIRTLE Rev. Wayne House			131	50	25		234.92		13.00	16.00	37.91	150.00
SUTTON Rev. Zane Kirkland	6	5	103	85			154.00	44.47	10.00	13.00	40.00	300.00
THORN GROVE Rev. Henry Pauley			31				6.00		10.00	13.00	54.54	112.50
JONESBORO Rev. Ben Scott	7	1	193	110	77	1,454.45	332.00	200.00	5.00	13.00		150.00
LITTLE BROWN Rev. Carl High									10.00	13.00		255.00
ARBOR GROVE Rev. Grady Linebaugh	4		73	61	36		217.20		12.00	13.00	36.00	265.00
ELNORA Rev. Melvin Shelton	4	1	85	51	23		60.00		12.00	13.00	20.00	125.00
TOTALS	94	25	1884	1257	567	\$4,117.14	\$5,151.18	\$1,044.47	\$226.50	\$175.00	\$277.43	\$2,878.00