

Minutes
of the
One Hundred First
Centennial Celebration
of the
Social Band Association
of
Free Will Baptists
at the
— Sutton Church —
July 25-26, 1975

The next session will convene at the
Mountain Home Church July 23-24, 1976

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Rev. Carl High
ASS'T MODERATOR	Rev. O. D. Winfrey
CLERK	Jerry Fields
ASS'T CLERK	Eldridge Neece

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. George Ritter	Term Expires 1978
Rev. O. D. Winfrey	Term Expires 1977
Rev. Henry Pauley	Term Expires 1976

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. George Ritter	Term Expires 1978
Rev. O. D. Winfrey	Term Expires 1977
Rev. Henry Pauley	Term Expires 1976
Bro. Oran Smith	Term Expires 1976
Bro. Loron Ring	Term Expires 1976

MISSION BOARD

Bro. David Winfrey	Term Expires 1980
Bro. Marvin Riggs	Term Expires 1979
Bro. Alden Jones	Term Expires 1978
Bro. Ralph Morrow	Term Expires 1977
Bro. Ralph Jarrett	Term Expires 1976

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Marsha High	Term Expires 1980
Abbie Williams	Term Expires 1979
Eileene Moore	Term Expires 1978
Edith Smith	Term Expires 1977
Naomi Denton	Term Expires 1976

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Bro. J. M. Edington	Term Expires 1978
Bro. Paul Sheets	Term Expires 1977
Bro. Bill Craft	Term Expires 1976

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 25, 1975

Our one hundred first annual session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Sutton church July 25-26, 1975. The session opened with singing, "We'll Understand It Better" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms.", led by Bro. John Edington, pianist, Sister Riggs. Prayer by Bro. Clinton Holder and Bro. Oran Smith.

Welcome to the Association was given by Bro. Early White. Response by Bro. Alvie Richmond.

The church letters were read and delegates seated with prayer by Bro. Marvin Riggs. The congregation sang "My God is Real", led by Bro. John Edington

The following committees and Board members were elected:
RESOLUTION: Dewey Thompson, Ernest Kennedy, Early White.
FINANCE: Estalene Winfrey, Elsie West, Mike Jarrett.
OBITUARY : Brooks Crossno, Carolyn Winfrey, Jewel Housdan.
SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS: Naomi Denton, Johnny Whitlow, Eldridge Neece
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Rev. George Ritter, Bro. Oran Smith, Bro. Loron Ring.
MISSION BOARD: Rev. David Winfrey
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Marsha High
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Bro. Bill Craft

The following were elected as delegates to the State Convention: Mary Jarrett, Abby Williams, Mable Croom, Betty Bowers and Orela Kennedy.

Report on National Association was given by Bro. Lonnie Skiles.

Rules or Order were read by the moderator.

WORSHIP SERVICE -- 11 A.M.

Service opened with singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On". Special singing was by the Whittaker family. Prayer by Bro. Ferd West.

The special speaker for this service was Rev. Raymond Riggs from Royal Oak, Michigan. Sister Riggs and two sons sang a beautiful song before the message. Bro. Riggs brought an inspiring message reading from Hebrews 12.

Blessing on noon meal was by Bro. Ralph Jarrett.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30

The afternoon service opened with singing, "Oh, I Want To See Him" and "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Bro. David Winfrey. Organist, Sister Riggs and pianist, Sister Marsha. High. Prayer by Bro. Lowell Graham.

Rev. David Joslin read Exodus 4:2 and gave a report on our state work.

Special singing was by Rev. Wayne Tuckers children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They sang "Though God Slay Me Yet I'll Trust Him" and "Farther Along."

Bro. and Sister Raymond Riggs sang, "This World Is Not My Home".

Associational officers were elected. (See officers on first page).

Speakers for next year meeting:

Friday - Rev. Lowell Graham, Alt, Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

Friday Night - Rev. Alvie Richmond, Alt. Rev. Early White.

Saturday Morning - Rev. Terry Forrest, Alt. Rev. David Joslin.

The Walnut Ridge Masters' Men was selected to have the Memorial Service for next year.

Announcements were made. Dismissed by Bro. David Joslin.

FRIDAY NIGHT - 7:30 P.M.

The service opened with congregational singing, "Stand Up For Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Glynn Campbell.

Special singing was by the Social Band Youth Choir, led by Bro. Ernest Kennedy. They sang "We've Got a Great Big Wonderful God", "I've Been With Jesus", "Surely Goodness and Mercy Will Follow Me", "He Will Pilot Me", "How Great Thou Art", "Heaven Came Down",. Organist, Ricky Neece, pianist, Gay Sullinger. Prayer by Bro. Loron Ring.

Rev. David Winfrey brought the message using as his subject, "God Has A Work For All To Do". Reading Ephesians 4:1-3 and passages from 1 Sam. 3 and Galations 3.

The choir then sang, "Win The Lost At Any Cost".

Nineteen ministers were present. The congregation gave them a handshake greeting, while singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and "Are You Washed in the Blood".

An offering was received in the amount of \$166.57 for ministers who brought the messages this year.

Dismissed by Bro. Everett Neece.

SATURDAY MORNING - 9:00 A.M.

The morning session opened with singing, led by Bro. David Winfrey, pianist, Carolyn Winfrey. Prayer led by Bro. James Gosha.

The morning devotional was given by Bro. Claude Harmon.

Voted to send letter of recommendation for Rev. Keith Johnson.

Report on Durant, Miss. Mission given by Bro. Ralph Jarrett.

The Melodiers sang "Living on Higher Ground", "Love Will Roll The Clouds Away", "What A Beautiful Day" and "Hallelujah Square". Prayer by Bro. Orville Cox.

Resolution Report given.

Finance Report given.

Obituary Report given.

Sunday School and C.T.S. Report given

Presbytery Board report given.

Woman's Auxiliary Report given.

Scholarship Report given. (See Committee Reports)

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

The Jonesboro Woman's Auxiliary presented the program for the Memorial Service. Special song was by The Melodiers, "Happy Reunion", after which the congregation assembled at the grave of Rev. L. J. Thornsberry, one of the first ordained ministers in the association, to place a wreath on his grave.

Intermission.

The congregation reassembled in the sanctuary and sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Prayer by Bro. John Pope. The Staten Family sang "Beautiful Life". Ruth Ann Staten sang "Let Me Touch Him".

The Memorial Message was by Rev. Ralph Staten of Knoxville, Tenn. The congregation sang, "God Be With You" and "I'll Meet You In The Morning".

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Grady Linebaugh.

ORDINATION

Bro. Dewey Thompson gave the charge. Bro. Gene Cullum was ordained to the ministry and Bro. Charley Brown was ordained as deacon. Prayer by Rev. Ken Dodson. Prayer of laying on of hands by Rev. O. D. Winfrey.

The congregation sang, "Take Thy Cross and Follow Me". The Ordaining Council gave a greeting to those ordained.

The Mountain Home Church was selected as the meeting place for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church, as well as all the other churches who helped with money or food, a rising vote of thanks for this wonderful hospitality.

Resolutions Committee - Ernest M. Kennedy, Ken Dodson and Lonnie Skiles
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.

We, the committee on Sunday School and C.T.S. find that out of 26 churches, 25 have Sunday School and 18 have C.T.S. We recommend that the rest of the churches organize these departments as they are a great help educationally and spiritually to any church.

Committee - Naomi Denton, Eldridge Neece and John W. Whitlow.

OBITUARY REPORT - Bro. Milford Murphy - Jonesboro, Sis. Celeste Eno - Walnut Ridge, Bro. J. F. Holland - New Covenant, Bro. Jimmy Spinks - Thorne Grove, Bro. C. P. Bandy - Popular Valley, Bro. John Sallis - Pirtle, Sis. Cina Like - Rickey Chapel, Bro. Ambrose Million, Sis. Alta Lea Miller, Bro. Elmo Starr, Bro. Glen Jarrett - Pocahontas Church, Bro. Almus Bingham, Deacon - Warm Springs, Junie Dean, Grace Bennett, Horace Holder, Grover Duncan O'Kean Church and Bro. Charles Hopkins - North Side Church.

Bro. Brooks Crossno, Sis. Jewel Housdan and Sis. Carolyn Winfrey, Committee.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY - We, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, find that of the 25 churches reporting a total of 8 churches have a Woman's Auxiliary. We commend them for their work and urge others to organize an auxiliary if possible. The Auxiliary Committee - Edith Smith, Abby Williams, Wileene Moore and Naomi Denton.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT - Balance in treasure - \$268.40

PRESBYTERY REPORT -

We, the Ordaining Committee, have examined Rev. Jim McKown and find him to be sound in faith and doctrine, and do hereby recommend we receive him in full fellowship pending his letter. Rev. E. M. Kennedy sat with the committee in the absence of Rev. Dewey Thompson.

We, the Ordaining Committee, have examined Bro. Everett Rainwater and recommend that he surrender his General Baptist credentials and we will issue Free Will Baptist.

We recommend that Charlie Brown be ordained as deacon of New Bethel Church.

We have examined Bro. John Turner and recommend he be licensed for one year as minister.

We recommend that Bro. Gene Cullum be ordained to the full ministry.

Committee - Rev. Dewey Thompson, Rev. O. D. Winfrey and Rev. Henry Pauley

DEACONS AND CHURCH CLERKS

GRANDVIEW

Ernest Jones

Clerk - Addie Jones

MOUNTAIN HOME

Robert Partee

Hayden Bramlett

Charles Blair

Clerk - Charles Blair

LITTLE BROWN

Jess Murphy

Harold Statler

Clerk - Gladys Smith

SUTTON

Glen Childress

Paul Sheets

Perry Joe Crisp

Loron Ring

Rector Williams

Clerk - Marsha Robinson

WARM SPRINGS

Benton Holt

Mont Moore

Clerk - Martha Holt

CORNING

Ambrose Cavenar

Everett Johnson

Clerk - Lula Allmandinger

POPLAR VALLEY

Herbert Whittingham

J. R. West

Clerk - Vivian Beaty

CLEAR LAKE

Clerk-Loyse Forehand

EASTVALE

Carman Rushing

Clerk - Sherry Mannon

OLD REYNO

John Edington

Ralph Morrow

Clerk - John Edington, Jr.

PRUETT CHAPEL

Bill Grimes

Clerk - Laura Ann Walker

O'KEAN

Taid Ford

Howard Martin

Clerk - Arah Ford

RICKEY CHAPEL

Vernon Midgett

Clerk - Alma Sisco

THORN GROVE

Dwaine Jarrett

Clerk - Janis Spinks

ARBOR GROVE

Clerk - Wanda Bonds

ALICE BROOKS

M. D. Riggs

Darrell Hollaway

Eli Murray

G .D. Graham

Clerk - Mrs. Glenn Bibb

NEW COVENANT

Lum Witcher

Wiley Dobbs

Bill Housdan

Clerk - Jewel Dean Housdan

PARAGOULD

Clerk - Gertie Cox

PIRTLE

Oran Smith

Paul Goings

John Boatner

Clerk - Frank Palmer

NEW BETHEL

Charley Brown

Vernon Richey

Clerk - Delma Richey

NORTHSIDE

Tommy Noblin

Albert Cox

Arley Melton

Clerk - Mae Hutsell

POCAHONTAS

Alden Jones

Johnny Sago

W.H. Cox

Leo Franks

Robert Counts

Veral Jones

Clerk - Viella Wymore

JONESBORO

Ed Holder

John Thomas

Everett Rainwater

Ray Branham

Paul Bean

Frank Jowers

John Lee Pope

Clerk - Wilma Prince

WALNUT RIDGE

Brooks Crossno

Clerk - Floyd Deen Jr.

OLDHAM CHAPEL

Clerk - Katherine Starnes

ELNORA

Ralph Jarrett

Rudy Wallis

Raymond Gibson

Clerk - Betty Ann Snow

MINISTERS

E. L. Bibb	Pocahontas, Ark.
Glynn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Orville Cox	Paragould, Ark.
Andrew Crockett	Paragould, Ark.
Gene Cullum	O'Kean, Ark.
Ken Dodson	Reyno, Ark.
Charles Doherty	Koshkonong, Mo.
Jerry Fields	Corning, Ark.
Terry Forrest	708, W. Hazel, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Ira Gates	Hernando, Miss.
Lowell Graham	Hoxie, Ark.
James Gosha	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Ernie Hale	Pocahontas, Ark.
Claude Harmon	Delaplaine, Ark.
Carl High	307 Joy, Corning, Ark.
Wayne House	Jonesboro, Ark.
Joe Henderson	Jonesboro, Ark.
Clinton Holder	Jonesboro, Ark.
L. D. Johnson	Jonesboro, Ark.
Thurman Johnson	Reyno, Ark.
Ernest Kennedy	Pocahontas, Ark.
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Glenn Lewis	Pocahontas, Ark.
Roscoe Miller	Beech Grove, Ark.
Jesse Pratt	Jonesboro, Ark.
James Pratt	Pocahontas, Ark.
George Ritter	Box 86, Pocahontas, Ark.
Lonnie Skiles	1009 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark.
Jim Surles	Benton, Ark.
Melvin Shelton	710 S. 2nd, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Ark.
John Turner	Pocahontas, Ark.
Alvie Richmond	Mt. Home, Ark.
O. D. Winfrey	Rt. 1, Hoxie, Ark.
David Winfrey	Hoxie, Ark.
W. T. Whiteaker	Box 52, Reyno, Ark.
Early White	Route 2, Pocahontas, Ark.
Quint Miller	1306 E. 9th St., Mt. Home, Ark.
Virgil Mustain	Pocahontas, Ark.
Henry Pauley	Rt. 1, Beech Grove, 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 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, church clerks 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 advice 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 at the option of the host church be administered at the 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.

RULES OF ORDER

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.

CHURCHES Pastors	Members Rec.	No. Deceased	Total Membrship	Sun. School Average	C.T.S. Average	Co-op Plan	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Bible College	Assoc. Work Host. Church	State Conv.	Youth Camp	Evang. Work	Pastors Salary	Scholarship	Orphanage
ALICE BROOKS Grady Linebaugh	5		66	58	38		207.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	260.00	2750.00		50.00
ARBOR GROVE Glynn Campbell	6		90	101	63		381.13	762.80		5.00	20.00	149.00	985.00	3065.55		605.60
CLEAR LAKE Claude Harmon			13	12						10.00				300.00		
CORNING Jerry Fields	2	1	112	72		771.53	151.02	433.67	47.58	10.00	20.00		60.00	4920.00		
EASTVALE Jim McKnown	12		61	41	25	746.89	178.15	120.00		15.00			215.00	2403.44		
ELNORA Melvin Shelton	9		122	74	36		15.00	60.00		15.00	20.00	20.00	250.00	1535.00		
GRANDVIEW Bill Whiteaker	1		32	38	20			25.00		15.00				880.00		
JONESBORO Lonnie Skiles	17	1	211	142	67	2734.53	7245.02	90.00	742.52	15.00	20.00		681.78	7950.00		
LITTLE BROWN Wayne House	1					10.00				12.50				1040.00		
MT. HOME Alvie Richmond	9		71	99		1610.98	1607.51	1057.97		15.00	20.00					
NEW COVENANT Lowell Graham	6	1	70	57	29		40.00		12.00	15.00	20.00		210.00	1970.00		
NEW BETHEL James Gosha			24	11						15.00	8.00		120.00	360.00		
NORTH SIDE Dewey Thompson	4	1	50	54		30.00		25.00		15.00	20.00		174.00	1115.00		
O'KEAN Ernest Kennedy	21	4	98	102	59		567.00	798.00		15.00	20.00		240.00	2340.00		
OLD REYNO Ken Dodson	18		240	160	55		203.46	480.56	159.70	10.00	20.00		300.00	6300.00		41.94
PARAGOULD Carl High	5		21	16	10					15.00	20.00			270.00		
PIRTLE David Winfrey	3	1	45	40	30		265.00	388.44	75.00	20.00	20.00	47.72	300.00	2060.00		44.00
POCAHONTAS George Ritter	4	5	199	134	48	1623.92	1163.52	282.71	740.00	15.00	20.00	150.00	308.28	8894.30		
POPLAR VALLEY Gene Cullum	2	1	124	68	37	15.00	90.00			15.00	15.00	36.00	200.00	1885.00		
PRUETT CHAPEL Andrew Crockett	20		51	48	34		30.00	101.00		10.00			255.00	1001.00		
RICKEY CHAPEL SUTTON	16	1	44	32	28			55.00		15.00	5.00		210.00	835.00		
THORN GROVE Early White	17		143	110			1150.93	759.62		15.00	20.00	40.00	815.00	7345.00		
WALNUT RIDGE Henry Pauley		1	30	23	15		67.00	3.00		15.00	8.00		185.00	1165.00		
WARM SPRINGS Terry Forrest	15	1	168	133	69	1814.61	2879.63	782.96	343.20	15.00	20.00		281.25	6535.00		
OLDHAM CHAPEL Foe McDonald		1	53	18						15.00	10.00			365.00		
TOTAL Leonard Milligan	193	19	2153	1651	663	9371.48	16,241.37	6245.73	2140.00	352.50	346.00	472.72	6050	67,284.29		741.54