

**Quarterly Meeting**

**of the**

**Social Band Association  
of Free Will Baptists**

**at the**

**Jonesboro**

**Free Will Baptist Church**

**April 4-5, 1975**

**Theme: State Home Missions**

# Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

## Held at Old Reyno Free Will Baptist Church

### January 3-4, 1975

The Friday evening service was opened with singing directed by Bro. Edington with Rev. John W. Edington at the Piano. After Scripture reading and pray by Rev. Ken Dodson, the moderator, Rev. Lonnie Skiles introduced Rev. Paul Ketterman from the Bible College at Nashville stating that he would bring the message of the next day. Then he introduced Rev. Terry Forrest from Walnut Ridge.

Brother Forrest showed a set of slides of the Bible College with appropriate narration.

Then Brother Forrest gave a most interesting and inspiring sermon on "God's Man".

There was a larger congregation than customary.

The Edington family gave two beautiful numbers just before the sermon.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Lonnie Skiles, who read II Timothy, 4: 1-7. The song service was led by Bro. Paul Skeets, Rev. John Edington at the piano.

The devotional was led by Brother Hunt.

In the absence of Sister Alta Lee Miller due to serious illness, Abby Williams acted as clerk.

The moderator called for the adoption of the program. Rev. Dewey Thompson making the motion.

Visitors outside the association, Rev. Paul Ketterman from Nashville and Rev. David Joslen from Conway were recognized. There were several visitors from the Association who were not delegates. The standing delegates — ministers and their wives, deacons and their wives and church clerks, numbering in all 62 were recognized.

Then the elected delegates from each church were called for.

Singing led by the Edingtons — Number 160.

The moderator made some remarks upon mission giving needing to be increased.

Prayer was requested for the following — Coley High, Becky Wilson, daughter of J. Keeford Wilson, Bro. E. B. McDonald, Sister Miller, and Sister Edington.

Singing — Number 30 led by Paul Sheets, Rev. J. M. Edington at the piano.

The obituary committee consisting of Brooks Crosno, Mrs. Fields and Ila Sappel. The S.S. of C. 7. S. Committee was — Loren Ring, Mabel Croon and Donna. The resolution committee, Ken Dodson, Ernest Kennedy, Jerry Fields, Finance John Edington, Abby Williams, and Bobby Doyle were appointed by the moderator.

Bro. David Joslin made a talk on John 16:16, followed with a report — giving a barometer of church spirit. He gave figures from 1973 and 1974 covering all designated receipts showing a gain of \$31,128. Social Band Association was named as one of the leading contributors. 195 churches subscribed to "Vision". 218 churches ordered S. S. literature. Bro Louis Campbell manages the book store. Bulletin service is now available, also Vacation Bible School literature.

After intermission, the obituary committee reported two deaths — Brother Ambrose Million from First Church, Pocahontas and John Wesley Sollis from Pirtle. Report received.

S. S. and C. T. S. committee gave their report (cf. report), Prayer Meeting recommended. Report Received.

Report of Scholarship committee stated only 4 churches gave creeds. This was not in accord with the Minutes.

Letter from Sister Alta Lee Miller.

Home Mission report by Ralph Morrow — \$592.77 at present in treasury.

Reports received.

Song Number 51 — Sheets and Edington.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. Paul Kitterman from the Bible College, Director of Public Relations. He used as his text, Genesis 26:18.

Collection taken amounting to \$75.90 which was divided as follows — \$40.00 to Bible College and \$35.90 to S. B. Scholarship Fund.

Noon intermission, 12:15 — 1:15.

Number 131 by the Edingtons.

Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. Terry Forrest.

The Old Reyno Auxiliary gave an entertaining program "The Missionary Arm has Many Hands."

The Resolutions Committee gave their report (CF—Report) which was discussed and voted upon item by item. All items carried.

The Presbytery Committee recommended that Bro. Glenn Louis be given a letter of recommendation, being moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Committee reported holding examinations on December 23 and January 4. It recommended that Clinton Holder of Jonesboro surrender General Baptist credentials and be issued credential from F. W.

Bro. Darrel Holloway, a deacon and Bro. Quint Miller as minister both were ordained, Rev. O. D. Winfrey given the charge, Bro. Melvin Melton beginning the prayer and Brother Carl High concluding with laying on of hands.

The Program Committee selected Rev. George Ritter to speak Friday night and Bro. Johnny Hale Saturday at the Quarterly meeting in April to be held at Jonesboro.

The Theme selected was State Home Mission Work.

## Friday Evening

7:30 — Singing, Scripture and Prayer  
8:00 — Slides on Missions  
8:30 — Sermon — Rev. George Ritter

## Saturday Afternoon

1:00 — Special Singing  
1:30 — Women's Auxiliary — Jonesboro  
2:00 — Reports  
3:00 Adjournment

## Saturday Morning

9:00 — Singing, Scripture and Prayer  
9:15 — Devotional — Bro. Paul Burke  
9:20 — Reading of Church Letters (Sisters Ritter and Forrest)  
9:40 — Appointment of Committees  
10:15 — Welcome — Rev. Lonnie Skiles  
10:20 — Response — Rev. Early White  
10:30 — Intermission  
11:00 — Sermon — Rev. Johnny Hales  
12:00 — Noon

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Sunday School and C.T.S. — We, your committee find out of 19 churches represented all have Sunday School, 12 have C.T.S., 2 have Bible Study. We recommend all churches to have C.T.S. or Bible Study. Rev. James Gosha, Sisters Betty Bowers and Lenora Doyle.

Obituary — We, the committee find that God has seen fit to call from us this quarter, Bro. Goldman Woolridge, deacon from Pocahontas Church, Mrs. Eula Davis from Poplar Valley Church, Bro. Richard Schimming from Pirtle Church, Brothers D. N. Million and Russell Snow from Alice Brooks Church, Mrs. Will S. White, Francis Owens and Bro. Frank Palmer, Committee.

Presbytery Board — We, the Ordaining Council have examined Bro. Rudy Wallis and recommend he be ordained as deacon of the Elnora Church. The ordination to be at the church the fourth Sunday in October.

We also examined Bro. Alvie Richmond from Mt. Home Church and find him sound in doctrine and recommend he be licensed to preach for one year before ordination. Rev. Dewey Thompson, Rev. Henry Pauley and Rev. O. D. Winfrey.

Resolution Committee —

Resolution No. 1 — Be it resolved that we return to the old form of quarterly meeting as to date and form of reporting (motion lost)

Resolution No. 2 — Be it resolved that the churches in Social Band help the work of West Helena both by prayer and support (carried).

Resolution No. 3 — Be it resolved this body give the Alice Brooks Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and the abundant meal. Committee — Ken Dodson, Charles Blair and Ernest M. Kennedy.

Announcements were made and the conference adjourned until January. Rev. Terry Forrest dismissed the meeting.

### PROGRAM FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SOCIAL BAND

to be held at Sutton Church, July 25-26, 1975

The Centennial Committee of the Social Band Association met at the home of Rev. Dewey Thompson the afternoon of November 24 with all members present. Following is the program they evolved.

Friday morning . . . . Rev. Raymond Riggs, speaker.  
(Rev. O. D. Winfrey, Alt.)

Friday afternoon devotional "How I Became a FreeWill Baptist"  
Ralph Morrow, leader

Friday night — Youth Night — Rev. J. Reford Wilson . . . . speaker  
(Rev. David Winfrey, alt.)

Saturday morning . . . Rev. Ralph Staten . . . . Speaker  
(Rev. Carl High, alt.)

Special Music . . .

Friday morning . . . Whittaker Family.

Friday — Elder Wayne Tucker Grand and Great-grandchildren.

Friday night — Social Bank Youth Choir under direction  
of Rev. Ernest Kennedy.

Saturday morning — the Melodiers.

The memorial service, including placing a wreath on the grave of Rev. L. J. Thornbury, in charge of Jonesboro Auxiliary.



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