

**Quarterly Meeting of The Social Band
Association of Free Will Baptists
At The
Poplar Valley Free Will Baptist Church
April 1-2, 1977**

FRIDAY EVENING

**7:30 - Singing, Scripture and Prayer
7:45 - Devotional - Eddie Murray
Special Singing - By Host Church
8:00 - Message - John Turner
Alternate - Richard Bowers**

SATURDAY MORNING

**9:00 - Singing, Scripture and Prayer
9:15 - Devotional, Tony Hudson
Alternate - Brooks Crossno
9:25 - Welcome - Clinton Holder
Response - Grady Linebaugh
9:30 - Reading of Church Letters - Geneva Pope and Estalene Winfrey
Seating of Delegates and Appointment of Committees.
Recognition of Visitors, Business and Designation of Offering
10:45 - Intermission
11:00 - Message - Albert Tiner
Alternate - David Winfrey
12:00 - Lunch**

AFTERNOON

**1:15 - Singing, Prayer
1:20 - Woman's Auxiliary Program - Arbor Grove
1:45 - Reports of Boards and Committees
Ordination
Adjournment**

**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
Held At The
Pocahontas First Free Will Baptist Church**

January 7-8, 1977

FRIDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.

In the absence of the moderator and assistant moderator the Quarterly Meeting was called to order by Bro. George Ritter, pastor of the host church. Singing was directed by Bro. Cecil Hufstedler with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Bro. Ritter read Psalm 125. Prayer by Bro. Clinton Holder.

Devotional was given by Bro. John Turner using the scripture of Romans 12:17-21.

The evening message was brought by Bro. Lowell Graham using Isaiah 6:1-5 as his scripture reading. Subject of the message was, "Mighty Men Marching Master".

Had an invitational number and were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Richard Bowers.

SATURDAY MORNING 9 :00 A.M.

Called to order by assistant moderator, Bro. O. D. Winfrey in the absence of the moderator.

The singing was led by Bro. David Winfrey with Sister Carolyn Winfrey at the piano.

Bro. Jerry Fields read a scripture from Psalm 105.

Bro. Albert Tiner led in prayer.

We sang another number and Bro. John Lee Pope led in prayer.

The devotional was given by Bro. Billy Doyle using scriptures from St. John 13:34-35 and 15:7-17.

Welcome was given by Bro. George Ritter and response was by Bro. Mike Jarrett.

The church letters were read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates.

A report was given by Bro. Pauley of the findings of the Presbytery Board which examined the Corning Faith Church as in standing with the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. Recommendation was made to the association to receive the church into our fellowship.

Motion was made seconded and carried to receive the Faith F. W. B. Church of Corning into our fellowship.

Prayer by Bro. Alvie Richmond.

Standing Boards, Standing Committees or Appointed Committees

Executive Board - Bro. Henry Pauley, Bro. George Ritter, Bro. O. D. Winfrey, Bro. Joe Ball and Bro. Loron Ring.

Presbytery Board - Bro. Henry Pauley, Bro. George Ritter and Bro. O. D. Winfrey.

Mission Board - Bro. Ralph Jarrett, Bro. David Winfrey, Bro. Marvin Riggs, Bro. Alden Jones, and Bro. Oran Smith.

Woman's Auxiliary - Sisters Geneva Pope, Marsha High, Abbie Williams, Eileene Moore, and Edith Smith.

Scholarship Committee - Brothers James Williams, J. M. Edington, and Charles Nichols.

Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee - Brothers Eddie Murray, B. F. Owens and Albert Tiner

Obituary Committee - Sisters Wanda Bonds, Fern Richmond, and Leora High.

Resolutions Committee - Brothers Richard Bowers, Melvin Shelton and Jerry Fields.

Program Committee - Brothers Ralph Jarrett, Richard Robinson and Jim Surles

Finance Committee - Brothers Eldridge Neece, Charles Blair and Bro. Hewett.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to send our special offering to the Sugar Tree Grove Church to be used as they see fit in God's work.

An offering of \$129.79 was received and Bro. Coy Mitchell led in prayer.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Board examine the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission of Jonesboro as to their standing with the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. If found within the bounds of the doctrine the board will organize the mission into a church then recommend them to the Social Band Association.

Motion made, seconded and carried to have a missionary conference once during this year with our Mission Board being the program committee for the conference.

We were dismissed by prayer for a 15 minute intermission at this time.

MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Our service opened with Bro. Mike Fields leading the singing and Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Bro. Mike Jarrett led in prayer.

Special music was furnished by a quartet made up of members of our association singing, "How Great Thou Art," We also had special by Bro. and Sis. Alvie Richmond

Prayer by Bro. George Ritter.

The message was brought by Bro. Alvie Richmond using the scripture of 2 Chro. 7:12-22 titled "It's Time To Pray."

Invitational song was sung by the Richmonds and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dewey Thompson.

Blessing on the noon meal was led by Bro. Tony Hudson.

AFTERNOON - 1:15 P.M.

The afternoon service started by singing led by Bro. Cecil Hufstedler with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer was led by Bro. James Gosha.

Bro. Eddie Murray brought us a word concerning the "Masters Men In Service."

Bro. Grady Linebaugh led in prayer..

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the invitation of the Poplar Valley Church to host the next Quarterly Meeting of April 1-2, 1977.

All board and committee reports accepted.

A report was given by Bro. Terry Forest concerning the state mission work.

Bro. Richard Bowers gave a report on the statis of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

Motion made, seconded, and carried for each church to send \$10 to the yearly meeting to help cover the cost of food expenses.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

We, the Obituary Committee find that God has seen fit since our last quarterly meeting to call from our midst: Bro. A. R. Patterson - 1st Church, Pocahontas, Bro. Emit Ezell - Pruett Chapel, Sis. Lottie Pickett - Alice Brooks, and Bro. Walter Cox - Sutton. We pray God's richest blessings upon the bereaved.

Obituary Committee: Wanda Bonds, Fern Richmond, and Leora High.

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee find that of the 26 churches reporting, 8 have an auxiliary. We recommend that other churches consider organizing a work.

Committee : Edith Smith, Geneva Pope, Darlene Fields, Abby Williams and Marsha High.

We, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee recommend that if you do not have C.T.S. in your church that you start one. Out of the 25 churches reporting all have Sunday School but only 20 have C.T.S.

Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee: Eddie Murray, B. F. Owens, and Albert Tiner

The Resolutions Committee - Richard Bowers, Melvin Shelton and Jerry Fields.

Number 1. Be it resolved that a church having someone to be examined by the Presbytery Board, notify the chairman of the board at least one month before the quarterly meeting.

Number 2. Be it resolved that we give the Pocahontas church a rising vote of thanks for the invitation to meet with them and the fine meal.

We, the Home Mission Board, report that on October 2, 1976 we had in treasury \$748.46, since then we received from the Association \$193.80, from the O'Kean Church \$759.82, and from Edith Briton \$50.00, making a total in treasury of \$1752.08. We sent the Paragould Church \$903.15 of which \$303.15 was earmarked, leaving a balance of \$848.93 in bank at this meeting.

Home Mission Board: Oran Smith, Marvin Riggs, David Winfrey and Ralph Jarrett.

We, the Presbytery Board have examined Bro. Jerry Michael Fields and find him sound in doctrine of the Gospel of Christ and we do recommend him to be licensed to preach for one year.

Presbytery Board: George Ritter, O. D. Winfrey and Henry Pauley.

Finance Committee report may be found elsewhere in the minutes.

Program found on front page of minutes

Announcements were made by different churches at this time.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Clinton Holder.

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