

MINUTES
OF THE
Fourteenth Annual Session
OF THE
**TEXAS FREE WILL
BAPTIST CONVENTION**

HELD WITH
WOODLAWN CHURCH
McCLELLAN COUNTY, TEXAS

August 28th to 31st, 1928

OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

J. L. Edge	President
John E. Graham	1st Vice-President
T. D. Ross	2nd Vice-President
B. A. Wainwright	3rd Vice-President
Executive Committee	E. S. Jameson, J. C. Hodges
Field Secretary	J. C. Tatum

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS CONVENTION WILL BE
HELD WITH THE FORT WORTH CHURCH ON
THE FIRST TUESDAY EVENING IN
NOVEMBER, 1929.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Texas Free Will Baptist Convention was held with Woodlawn Church, McClellan County, near Bruceville, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth of August to the thirty-first, inclusive, 1928.

Rev. M. L. Hollis preached the introductory sermon on Tuesday night from Exodus 14:15.

The first business session was called Wednesday at 9 a. m., by the President, J. L. Edge, who is a lay member of the church. Devotional service led by W. K. O'Brien.

Rev. J. E. Raney being absent, Rev. T. H. Newsom delivered the welcome address. Response by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee on committees.

J. J. Tatum, W. T. Hardy, J. E. Raney, J. S. Dillard, J. W. Diserenes, John Swanwick, composed this committee which was adopted by the body.

The committee on pulpit supply appointed Rev. E. S. Jameson to preach at eleven o'clock, and Rev. T. H. Newsom at night.

The meeting running ahead of schedule, the time was used making devotional talks by the ministry and laity.

Adjourned for preaching.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

The meeting convened at 1:30. Devotional by Rev. M. L. Sutton. Call for letters from the different associations.

It was adopted that the credentials committee be empowered by representatives from the different associations.

Report of Credentials Committee read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee recommend that the convention seat the ones that are present from the different associations.

J. L. EDGE, Chairman.

T. D. ROSS, Com.

A. D. TAYLOR.

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Call for Field Secretary's report which was responded to by J. J. Tatum, our secretary.

Preaching at night. Devotional at 7:15, led by Rev. J. C. Hodges, with an old time testimony meeting followed with an address by Rev. C. B. Thompson. Subject: "The Challenge of Evangelism."

Sermon by T. H. Newsom from the 85th division of the Psalms and the 14th Chapter and 7th verse of Chron.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional by T. D. Ross.

A bill of \$6.50 for printing pledges and programs was ordered paid. The paying of last season's minutes bill referred to the finance committee. The president appointed C. B. Thompson, E. S. Jameson and M. L. Hollis, Finance Committee.

The meeting date of the convention was changed from the last Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday in November.

The next session will convene with the Ft. Worth Church on above date, 1929.

Rev. C. B. Thompson was appointed to preach the conventional sermon at the next session. Adjourned for preaching service.

EVENING SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 1:30. Devotional by Bro. Elmer Jones. Rev. M. L. Sutton preached for us at eleven o'clock from Acts 35:8.

A paper on "The Importance of Women's Work," by Mrs. C. F. Goen, read and received as follows:

"THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN'S WORK IN THE STATE"

The importance of women's work in the State is very apparent.

We will first think of her in the home. The greatest gift that woman can make to her church, her community, and her God is the gift of a Christian home. The home is woman's golden

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opportunity, her rich privilege, her solemn responsibility, her peculiar stewardship. If the light of the gospel is to shine through the church to the uttermost parts then it must shine bright at home and in the home. Luther said: "The hearth is the center of religion and it is more often the mothers than the fathers that keep the fires burning there." No money value can be placed on the woman in the home as she teaches there the character building virtues. Out from the homes of Christian mothers have come a steady stream of ministers, missionaries, business men, teachers and leaders whose lives and works eternally pay tribute to the greatest gift that woman can make to the world—the Christian home.

We find woman's work in the Bible times and the early Christian Era very important in spreading the gospel. Paul's greeting to women showed how they were essential to the work of the church. In the time of Christ they did what they could to follow His example and teachings. At the present time He uses a goodly number who are giving of their time, strength, money and intellect to prosper the great work carried on throughout the ages.

Women, enlisted to put over the program of the church, have wrought wonders. Their work has made marvelous progress and has achieved results that can never be estimated in this world, for we realize that a growing church must be filled with missionary zeal and must be earnestly engaged in those activities that carry out the true spirit of missions. To their credit it must be said that the women of the church take loyally and seriously whatever task is assigned to them and devote their whole strength to its accomplishment.

One denomination has said that the two finest assets of the church are women and church papers. They are the great missionary agencies of promotion.

I know that comparisons are dangerous and easily misunderstood but the best results may be had through them. When we compare the Woman's Auxilliary and the work being done by the women of other States and even denominations with our own, we find that we are woefully deficient. They are accom-

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plishing great results for the Master, why can't we?

When we go to the botton of it all, we find that we are lacking in education, co-operation, organization, and working for definite set aims.

Other denominations have their woman's work in the states well organized, and the women are realizing more and more the value of parliamentary laws and are seeking opportunities to inform themselves. They may have their summer school of missions, local Bible study, training the youth for leadership, and their state paper in all homes which gives information as to what is being done.

There has never been a time when the gospel of Christ is more needed than in these days of political disorder, international disturbance, and social distress.

So let us as a denomination awaken to our duty, be up and doing. We will either go forward or backward.

We have women of talent, if it is only developed, also women of vision and ability.

So looking unto Jesus for strength, let us give of our time, talent, means and prayers that we may be a great power in His service for advancing the cause of His kingdom.

MRS. C. F. GOEN.

Also a vote of thanks extended her by the body for such a valuable paper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Executive Board met at Clayton, Texas, on September 1st, 1927, and laid plans for the incoming year, and all members of the board seemed very much interested in the work. The board adjourned subject to call of the president, and we had a call meeting for March 17, 1928. Those present were: J. L. Bounds, Rev. C. B. Thompson, Clyde Goen, Noah Cole, and J. L. Edge. This meeting was held at J. L. Edge's office in Bryan, Texas, and we discussed the work of the Free Baptist in the State from every angle.

We had a report of the field secretary up to this time, a motion was made to authorize the president of the convention to send

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letters to each pastor in the State urging them to collect from each of their churches, their proportion of the home mission department that was promised, so these letters were sent out to each of the pastors at once.

The committee decided on the pledge system for another year for the State work, and the field secretary was urged to push these pledges.

The president was authorized to appoint the program committee for the State conference. J. L. EDGE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees submit the following and recommend the appointment of those named:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Mrs. W. G. Reynoles, Mrs. Jack Bulard and Mrs. M. L. Hollis.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. C. B. Thompson, A. L. Robertson and James Lang.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. Ira Harper, T. D. Ross and Grace Grant.

SOCIAL SERVICE—W. K. O'Brien, Rev. Ollie Smith and Mrs. John Moody.

EDUCATION—Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Mangis and Mrs. Emma Gibson.

EVANGELISM—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. C. B. Thompson and Rev. J. L. Bounds.

TEMPERANCE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT—J. L. Edge, W. J. Lawless, Rev. E. S. Jameson and Jim Collins.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK—Rev. Ira Harper, Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. J. L. Bounds.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Jeff Easley, Rev. J. E. Raney and Mrs. Jim Collins.

DENOMINATION—Rev. T. H. Newsom, Rev. E. S. Jameson and Rev. J. A. Edmonson.

LAYMEN'S WORK—Rev. E. S. Jameson, Walter Watson and Willie Duke.

SESSION AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEES—Rev. B. A. Wainright, Rev. J. W. Handy and Rev. E. J. Vaughn.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE—A. D. Taylor, Miller Johnson,

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and Rev. J. C. Hodges.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. J. S. Dillard, F. F. Phillips and Rev. J. E. Graham.

REQUESTS—Miss Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Ira Harper and Mrs. J. L. Edge.

NOMINATIONS—J. L. Edge, Frank Newsom, Rev. J. A. Brooks and W. L. Crider.

COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES—J. J. Tatum, W. T. Hardy, J. E. Raney, J. W. Diserens and Jno. Swanwick.

The present officers were elected for another year.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Paul says: "He that striveth for the Mastery is temperate in all things."

We, as an organization of believers should be temperate if we are striving to raise the standard of morals and the standard of upright living. We believe that temperance is as good for a nation as it is for an individual. Looking at temperance from a political standpoint we think we can see the entering wedge to a return of conditions as they once were. If this be true it behooves us to stand shoulder to shoulder against repeal of the 18th amendment to the Constitution.

T. D. ROSS, MISS EVA HILL, MISS GRACE GRANT, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Your committee on Evangelism makes the following report:

We find conditions not what we would like but there is much that is of an encouraging nature. We find that our people are awake to the need of evangelistic work—that is, they are awake to some extent, and somewhat interested. We feel that with the proper encouragement of those who are interested we will be able to make great progress during another year. We recommend that our pastors organize those in our churches who are interested in evangelism, forming a group for the purpose of doing evangelistic work. We feel that by forming such a group and guiding them in their work that much more can be accomplished.

Committee: C. B. THOMPSON, EGBERT S. JAMESON.

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Motion to empower the executive board to employ a capable woman to assist in women's work adopted.

Rev. E. S. Jameson gave a brief verbal history of the Free Baptist Church in Texas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, present the following report: It is very difficult to get a report on our Home Missions work for so often when our people are doing home mission work they do not think of making a note of it, therefore an incomplete record is the best we can get. We would like to emphasize the importance of keeping a record of our home mission work for we are dependent upon information for our inspiration in this work just as we are in other and when no record is kept of the work done we just can't keep ourselves informed.

However, we do know from observation more than from actual statistics that there is the missionary spirit among our people which is indeed worthy and encouraging. We would recommend, however, that greater effort be put forth to impress upon the minds of our people the value, yes, the absolute necessity of home mission work as a guarantee to our perpetuity.

Committee—J. A. EDGE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION

Your committee on Foreign Missions wish to make the following report:

We have made some investigation concerning foreign missions and find that we are doing very little along this line. In view of the fact that Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," we feel that God is not pleased with the efforts which we have put forth.

We recommend, therefore, that steps be taken at this convention to help our people to undertake something more definite.

C. B. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

Realizing the importance of an educated ministry, we recommend and insist that our young people preparing for the great calling of preaching the gospel shall earnestly and persistently endeavor to secure a liberal education whereby their efficiency and usefulness may be greatly increased. We further recommend that we as a denomination render assistance to worthy young people in their efforts to secure an adequate preparation for the work of the ministry.

T. H. NEWSOM.

JNO. SWANWICK, (Absent)

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LOCATION

The Committee on Church Location submits the following:

We have given time and attention to the consideration of the several suggested Church locations to which our attention has been called, the needs, the opportunities, and possibilities of the establishing, together with their probable service to the communities in which they may be located and also the extension of God's kingdom here on earth. We are more than glad to report that since our last session a new church has been organized in Fort Worth, which has been much needed for many years. Those bearing the brunt of this undertaking deserve much credit for their faith and faithful efforts, and sacrifice. We would and do recommend that this convention render any and all aid possible to this struggling band of Christian workers. We further call attention to three points in the west where in our judgment, churches could and should be established, which we believe would soon be of great worth to our denomination and accomplish much for the glory of God. At Lubbock, Texas, Vernon, Texas and Rotan, Texas, and also Killeen, Texas. Should these points be developed it would develop many rural churches about each, giving a line of our work through this section adding much strength

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and rendering great service establishing our work in a most remarkable way in this rapidly developing country.

We further recommend that this Convention consider these points and if possible arrive at some way of assisting the establishing Churches at all of these points at an early date. May earnest, thoughtful, deliberate, prayerful attention be given to the above mentioned points.

J. J. TATUM, Chairman.

Verbal report of Christian Endeavor work by C. B. Thompson, C. E. Trustee. Adjourned.

Preaching at night by Rev. C. B. Thompson from John 10:10.
Subject: "The More Abundant Life."

FRIDAY MORNING

The convention was called to order by the president. Devotional by Rev. J. E. Graham.

The convention sustained a motion to pay the C. E. Trustee's expenses to the State C. E. convention each year. The president appointed the following: M. L. Hollis, J. J. Tatum, C. B. Thompson, J. C. Hodges, to arrange a program for the next meeting of the convention.

Upon the resignation of our director in laymen's work the executive committee was authorized to secure someone to take charge of that work. The committee was further authorized to employ a field secretary and fix salary of same.

The finance committee recommended that the association composing the convention raise fifteen hundred dollars to be used in forwarding the work of the church another year.

It was ordered by the convention that the clerk have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

We, the Committee on Women's Work report:

That it is with some hesitancy and feeling of inability, that we attempt to bring you a report, which we trust may have the effect to inspire to more activities and greater efforts upon the

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part of the women of our denomination, in the State of Texas.

Our denomination, was among the first to recognize women, as on an equal with men in religious activities, and for some years was greatly criticised for its position and practices in this line. But today practically all denominations have the various Auxiliaries in connection with their church activities.

This should at least be gratifying to us; that our church fathers were thinking so far ahead of their times. With the history of these years behind it, it seems to us we should take courage and press our efforts as we behold the record of remarkable achievements it has made. The Womans Auxiliary has wrought out one of the most perfect and efficient organizations.

The value of it has been so thoroughly proven in that it provides for all church causes. We, the Churches of Texas have enjoyed some of the benefits of this efficiency a few years ago, in the visits of Mrs. Griffin, Miss Moody and Mrs. Stout; all of whom brought to us help and inspiration, to such degrees that we assumed the support of Mrs. Holder, which has brought us rich blessings, and many happy days of service. And it is thought by some, added numerical strength.

It is one thing to have perfected a mechanism and quite another to develop and maintain the power to keep it functioning profitably. Just here it seems we have failed. In all of our activities it seems we have decreased in the last few years instead of increasing. Just why, we are not able to say, but it seems to us, that we lack in having an objective in our activities. We therefore recommend, that a definite goal or objective be prescribed and we again put ourselves into reviving old defunct societies and organize new ones to accomplish our task.

And the task recommended by enlisting every woman in the church in putting over its great program for the world. The aim is not only to have merely a mission study class but to increase the church's power and usefulness. The price is unfaltering faith and consecration in the hearts of those engaged. Shall we not undertake for Him? Convention direct. We believe our women are ready to act.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

MRS. J. L. EDGE.

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A move was sustained to empower the president to employ a capable woman, whose duty it shall be to meet our women, discuss the needs, organize them, and help them carry on a missionary program.

E. S. JAMESON, Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATE SECRETARY

The following recommendations by our State Secretary were unanimously adopted:

1.—That the president be asked, at the time of election, to make an address, outlining his plans for the future and making such recommendations as in his wisdom he deems proper.

2.—That our people give more attention, and attend more generally, the State Conventions, Associations and all other meetings of such nature of our denomination and that the ministers are urged to attend and co-operate in securing a larger attendance from the laity.

3.—That our Churches awaken to the need of caring for the young people of the churches by providing and equipping Sunday Schools, Young People's societies for them in which they may successfully accomplish.

4.—That a campaign be inaugurated at once informing our people of the losses we have suffered by our apathy regarding our duty to missions, both Home and Foreign, and that the pastors be asked to present these interests to their people more often. And that, the pastor be given ample support that he may apply himself so that he may minister to his people in an acceptable and intelligent manner.

5.—That the value of a few days mid-year meetings have been, beyond any doubt, of great value to churches holding them, and the churches have received needed help therefrom. We therefore recommend to the pastors and churches that they hold such meetings if possible.

J. J. TATUM, State Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We submit the following: We shall use the words of our denominational trustee in his last annual report to this convention,

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as a text for our report: "We are losing our young people and that because we are not really trying to care for them, and of course if we do not care for them we are due to lose them."

Now we take it that he was in a position to speak with authority. By the acceptance of his report without alteration or correction, has put this convention as having agreed with this statement; which in our opinion is correct. What have we done about it during the year? Has any provision been made to change conditions? We are reliably, we think, informed, that a very small per cent of the churches in the State even make any pretense to have a young people's society connected with their activities.

In other words, no effort is made to stop the waste of our young life, nor to conserve the energy and activities of the young life of the Church. This, with but very little comment from Satan, the enemy of the Church, might easily be construed by the young to mean we don't need your help unless you can bring yourself to the methods of our childhood.

Other denominations are making much of the young life, by providing for the meetings locally, attending and encouraging their development and arranging for the assemblies of the young for instruction. May we again refer to our Trustee's report: "But few attending the State Convention," there has been woeful neglect on the part of the Churches to provide and send our young to these places where they may receive inspiration and help. We are not fault-finding, but dealing frankly in behalf of our young people. We need help from the Churches of our choice and feel that it is due us, that in turn we may help them for what they have done for us.

Nothing but the best should be satisfactory for our young people, they are as good and by by nature, as able as any young people in the world, they are waiting the training in Christian service. The value of such training, as our young seek to help salvage life from neglected conditions, is often keenly felt by our young when associated with those having had such training.

We may be partly to blame in that, that we don't push on any way, but we are working for Christ and the Church and feel we must have some help from the Church.

So far as we have been able to learn there are less than a

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dozen societies among our churches in the State. What is wrong; are the Churches all to blame? We fear the pastors are, in some instances, not informed, and do not urge the care of our young people. If so, the expenditure of thirty-five cents and a few hours of prayerful study will fit them for valuable service in this great work.

The Christian Home and Church are the great training school, the parents and pastors are the teachers and guides. The home and church, therefore, have vastly more to do with the controlling destinies of nations than all of the diplomatic corps in the world. They literally hold the destinies of the future. Therefore, we should give the more earnest thought, how we are using the advantages that are given to us in our homes and churches to make these count for the most in our training for service for our King. Our Church, will you devise some plan to help us?

Young people, the teaching of Jesus on the stewardship of life is a challenge to everyone with a high vision in life. We often forget that the example he was that of a young man tempted, as young people are tempted today, yet without sin. It is a great picture, that of Jesus, the young man facing the problems of young manhood.

The world with the allurements it holds for modern young people, was before Him. But the nobility of His character asserted itself. He chose to give himself completely to his fellowmen. So, conquering the physical, defeating pride, slaying selfishness, He came forth, a living, mighty example of a young man victorious over sin.

You and I as young people should possess these same noble characteristics which He offers young manhood and womanhood today, for the taking. Then is it that we will be of greater value to the world and more useful to the Church we love.

Jesus called the young to follow Him that they might carry on His work. The challenge came to each to follow the Master, for each it meant the giving up of something, but think of the privileges, associated with the Master. Young people, if you and I accept the challenge, what blessed associations with Him and the old Church fathers, here and throughout eternity.

We are not our own but bought with a price, and if

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we want to save our lives, we must give them for our church and Him, which is our reasonable service.

Paul was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision, and if we set our zeal upon stewardship of life, our lives as young people, the heavenly vision will be opened before us definitely in the line of service that shall link our lives forever with the movement of God forever.

May our people put first things first. "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." With this comes responsibility, if the young have come into the Church; "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." No middle ground can be taken, we are in the Church and of the Church, and are in need of help. No man can serve two masters.

We in conclusion, make a plea that if possible that the Convention through the proper channel try to work out some plan whereby our young people may be of more use to our Churches and more active in service.

MRS. J. R. BULLARD, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAYMEN'S COUNCIL

Brethren, it is with deep regret I make such report as I am compelled to. The value of the Laymen's work is in evidence to all who will lift up their eyes and view the great work done by this branch of religious activities.

The need of just such work in our denomination is greatly needed and unless we have it, we will suffer great loss of many useful and efficient Laymen who would not and could not function in any other way.

It is my deepest desire that you may find someone who may be able to take up this much needed line, giving it attention, thus inspiring our people and spurring them on to further activities and achievements.

I have, when opportunity presented itself, talked and advocated this movement among our people, but situated as I am, have not been able to devote time to the field work. I have done some

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personal work endeavoring to get some of our people to put this movement in various neighborhoods.

In our hurch we have a Brotherhood organized which, in my judgment is of great benefit to promote good fellowship and hold our brotherhood in line for more efficient and useful service. It is also an inspiration and help to the Church in filling its mission.

In conclusion, please find another to take up this work for you, as it absolutely is out of the question for me to do it. Trusting you may find the one who can do this splendid work for you and that he may be blessed and be a blessing to our denomination.

I am yours in His service,

J. EARL TATUM.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Resolved that the ministers and delegates of this convention extend to the good people of the community, our grateful thanks for the generous manner in which they have entertained the convention. Not only our Free Baptist people but other denominations as well;

Be it further resolved that we thank our president for his impartial ruling and the courteous treatment given everyone, and further extend our thanks to Bro. Disernes for his valuable song service.

This closed another harmonious sessino of the convention, and we trust a most profitable one. The next session will be held with the Fort Worth Church on the first Tuesday evening in Nov. 1929.

J. L. EDGE, Moderator.

T. D. ROSS, Secretary-Treasurer.

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PARTIAL LIST AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

A partial list with the addresses of the Ministers. It is hard to get a complete list:

REV. J. H. DOWELL	Normangee, Texas.
REV. J. L. BOUNDS	North Zulch, Texas.
REV. C. B. THOMPSON	North Zulch, Texas.
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REV. JOHN ORR	Hunt, Texas.
REV. JNO. SWANWICK	North Zulch, Texas.
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REV. G. W. ROBERTSON	Dunn, Texas.
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REV. J. J. TATUM	Bryan, Texas.
REV. S. T. SPEERS	Springtown, Texas.
REV. J. A. BROOKS	Boyd, Texas.
REV. T. H. NEWSOM	Buffalo Springs, Texas.
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REV. GEORGE THOMPSON _____ Cappell, Texas.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Association shall be called The Texas Free Will Baptist Convention.

Article II. It shall be composed of Associations and other bodies of evangelical piety, that believe in a general atonement, the necessity of regeneration, baptism by immersion, and the communion of all Christians. Said bodies to be received by a majority of vote of members present.

Article III. The object of this convention is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom by consulting on the spirituality, efficiency and benevolent work, and other interests of the bodies composing it, by exercising helpful influence, by encouraging a sanctified education, promoting moral reform, church extension, the spread of the gospel abroad and the enlargement of Christian fellowship everywhere.

Article IV. The officers, committees and other persons intrusted with service shall perform the duties of their respective office according to the usages of well regulated deliberative bodies. The executive committee shall attend to all necessary work between sessions. It, to be the officers and two elected members, elected annually.

Article V. The stated sessions shall be held once each year, beginning the last Tuesday night in August and closing on the following Friday unless otherwise ordered by the convention or executive committee.

Article VI. The representation shall be three delegates from each body composing the convention and two additional delegates for every five hundred members and one for each fractional part

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thereof. And with the delegation a letter should always be sent, reporting the condition and statistics of the body.

Article VII. This convention shall have the management of its own officers, even to the discipline of its members but over the churches and other bodies it has only advisory power.

Article VIII. This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a majority vote of members present, providing notice has been given one year prior to the change proposed.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article II. The officers shall be: President, three vice-presidents, who shall be elected annually, and secretary-treasurer, who shall be a standing officer.

Article III. Anyone desiring to speak on any subject must rise and address the President before speaking.

Article IV. No discourteous action nor language shall be indulged in by anyone.

Article V. These by-laws may be changed by a majority vote at any regular session by those present.

Article VI. Three associations must be represented by delegates to constitute a quorum.

Resolved, that all ministers holding membership in Free Will Baptist churches in Texas shall be seated as delegates from their associations.

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