

MINUTES

OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE CONVENTION —OF— FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
North Zulch, Texas, Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7, 1930.

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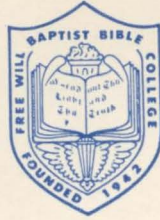
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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Texas State Convention of Free Will Baptist met with the Free Will Baptist Church, at North Zulch, Nov. 4-7, 1930.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION was called to order by President J. L. Edge. Prayer offered by J. L. Bounds. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Tatum.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION — Assembled with a goodly number present. Song service led by J. L. Edge; prayer offered by Rev. J. W. Doster. The welcome address was given by Rev. C. B. Thompson. Reply was by J. L. Edge, after which the Program Committee presented the program which was adopted with any necessary changes. Following this the Associational letters were read and a quorum reported present.

At this time Rev. J. J. Tatum presented a gavel to the Convention, the material of which was secured by Mrs. S. J. Ross from a tree on the site of the First Free Will Baptist Church organized in the state, Rev. A. M. Stewart being the organizer in 1876 and Mrs. S. J. Ross being the first member to be received into its fellowship. This church is known as Friendship Church in Panola Co., near Clayton, Texas. The gavel was manufactured by the manual training class of the Bryan High school. With this gavel President Edge called the Convention to order and proceeded with the regular routine of business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. By vote the president was authorized to appoint all session committees and same were appointed as follows: Committee of Committees—E. C. Morris, Jas. Lang and C. F. Goen. Request—C. B. Thompson, J. Clark, J. E. Jones. Nominating—J. H. Dowell, J. T. Lee and Mrs. Tom Taylor. Resolutions—E. C. Morris, T. O. Jones and P. J. Wood. Auditing—J. P. Gilpin, E. F. Trant and J. T. Payne. Recommendations—J. L. Bounds, J. Swanwick and A. L. Robertson.

At this time the Executive Committee made their report which was adopted. (See Committee Reports.)

The business session was adjourned for devotions and sermon until 1:30 p. m. After a short recess the congregation reassembled and heard a very able sermon delivered by Rev. J. T. Lee on the subject, "Preach the Word." After the sermon the Convention enjoyed a bountiful spread provided by the churches of Brazos Co.

At 1:30 p. m. the Convention reassembled for further

business. J. H. Dowell led in song service and devotions were conducted by Mrs. Tom Taylor of Lorena. Committee on Committees made their report which was adopted, as did the Committee on Sunday School and Foreign Missions, all of which were adopted. Following this Rev. J. L. Bounds discussed the subject of "Christian Unity" and Rev. C. B. Thompson discussed the subject, "Hinderances to Christian Unity." At this time the Social Service Committee made their report which was adopted then the Convention adjourned its business session until 9:00 a. m. Thursday. The remainder of the day was devoted to the Young Peoples' Program and business, led by Miss Minnie Jimmerson. A state organization for the young people having been perfected, they presented a very excellent program consisting of special devotional songs and short talks, after which a recess was taken.

At 6:30 p. m. the congregation assembled and entered heartily into a song and praise service led by Bob Parker, after which Miss Minnie Jimmerson led a program assisted by a group of young people from Union Arbor Church of Panola Co. and those of the local churches, Bryan young people furnishing the music. A dramatized scriptural play entitled, "We Would See Jesus or Nathaniel's Quest" was rendered in a very impressive and inspiring manner and was highly enjoyed by a packed house.

THURSDAY MORNING—The Convention came together at 9:00 a. m. The song service and devotions were conducted by Travis Jones and M. K. Withers. Following this some matters of business were attended to followed by the various committees' reports.

The report of Committee on Young People's Work, which was very interesting, was read, discussed and adopted. The report of Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted. Next to report was Committee on Request, which reported that there were four associations petitioning for the 1931 session of the Convention, namely, Woodlawn, Texas, Mt. Zion and Southeast Texas. The report was discussed at length but action was deferred until the afternoon session. The business session was adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. E. C. Morris delivered a splendid sermon from the following text, "What is that in thine hand." Exod. 4:2. After which a sumptuous feast was

served by Blue Lake, Evergreen, Springhill and Willowhole Churches.

1:30 p. m.—Meeting called to order by President and the devotions were led by J. T. Lee. Then the unfinished business from the morning session was resumed and by vote of the Convention the next session will convene with New Hope Church in Rusk Co., Nov. 3-6, 1931. At this time the rules governing the action of the Executive Committee were presented and adopted by vote of the Convention.

Committee on Education reported and after some discussion it was unanimously adopted. Following this the report on Evangelism was read and by vote of the Convention was tabled.

Rev. R. L. Cotnam and wife were appointed corresponding messengers to the Co-operative Association which meets at Tulsa, Okla., this year. At this time the following subject was discussed, "What We Mean When We Say the Bible Is Inspired," by J. J. Tatum and John Swanwick. After which the Nominating Committee's report was read, adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, C. B. Thompson; 1st Vice President, Miss Minnie Jimmerson; 2nd Vice President, Frank Smith; 3rd Vice President, W. K. O'Brien; Executive Committee, Covey Windsor and Emmett Holland; Field Secretary, J. J. Tatum; Treasurer, T. D. Ross. After the election of the foregoing officers, there was a rising vote of thanks extended to the retiring president, J. L. Edge, for his faithful service during tenure of office and a hearty welcome was extended to the incoming president, C. B. Thompson.

The Clerk was authorized to have four hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed and J. L. Edge and J. J. Tatum were appointed to assist the Clerk in arranging and distributing the minutes.

Notice was served that a constitutional revision will be offered at the next session of the Convention and a committee on revision was appointed as follows: J. J. Tatum, John Swanwick and E. C. Morris.

The Temperance Committee made report and after some discussion it was adopted, then the business session was adjourned until Friday at 9:00 a. m.

The Convention reassembled at 7:00 p. m. Song service was conducted by Luther Peters and devotions were led by John Swanwick, after which Miss Minnie Jimmerson

delivered a timely address on the subject, "Our Church." The further service of the evening was devoted to the subject, "The Appropriation of Increased Light" which appeared on the program for 10:30 a. m. by E. C. Morris. He delivered a great address which was enjoyed by the large audience assembled. After the Convention was dismissed a meeting of the Executive Committee was held, which report was made the following day.

FRIDAY, 9:00 a. m.—Devotional led by John Swanwick followed by the report of the Executive Committee which recommended \$1,200.00 as the budget for the Conventional year. (See report.)

Rev. E. C. Morris was selected to preach the Conventional sermon next year and Rev. C. B. Thompson his alternate. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of good cheer and appreciation to Bros. D. R. Jimmerson, J. C. Hodges and others.

The following committees reported: Women's Work, Denomination and Laymen's Work. These reports together with the recommendations were adopted.

In response to a recommendation offered by the Executive Committee regarding an encampment for young people, the Convention voted to cooperate and encourage the movement and that all churches are urged to insist upon their young people attending this Camp Training School, which is to be established in the bounds of the Texas Association, for which the following committees were appointed who will have charge and will give due notice of the time and place of such school: Camp Ground Committee—B. A. Wainwright, T. O. Jones and Barna Duke. Camp Training School Committee—E. S. Jameson of Tatum; Ira Harper, Marshall, R. F. D.; Frank Smith, Henderson, R. F. D.; J. E. Tompkins, Beckville, R. F. D., and Miss Minnie Jimmerson, Henderson.

The Committee on Resolutions made report and same was adopted. The closing service of the Convention was heartily entered into by song service being led by Elbert Dowell, J. J. Tatum delivering an appropriate sermon for the closing of a great Convention attended by more than one thousand people, prayer being offered at the close by Rev. W. J. Tipton, the oldest Free Will Baptist minister in the state. The minutes of the meeting were then read by the clerk, which were adopted after which the Convention adjourned, to meet Nov. 3-6, 1931, with the New

Hope Church in Rusk Co. Then a most excellent dinner was served by the Plainview and North Zulch churches which was enjoyed by the many delegates and visitors.

JOHN SWANWICK, Clerk Pro Tem.

C. B. THOMPSON, Moderator.

* FOREIGN MISSIONS:—We find that in Texas there are 10,000 Free Will Baptist, 200 churches, 11 associations with only 10 missionary societies; we regret very much that this part of our work has been sadly neglected; we pray and beg our people to rally to the support of our missionary work, and that each church organize, then send some contribution to the next convention. We look back into the seven years that Texas helped support our "Lone Star" Missionary, Mrs. Holder, in India; those were happy days: what fellowship, what unity, all of one accord, our people were more spiritual, souls were being saved and churches were growing by leaps and bounds, other branches of our work prospering. We feel that God is not pleased with a people who are not helping to carry his message of salvation to those that do not know Him, who said: "Come unto me all ye ends of the Earth and be ye saved." We pray that our people may awake out of their sleep and come boldly to the throne of God, that they find grace to help in time of need. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. C. Hodges, Mrs. Clara Sutton, Matilda Bennett.

SOCIAL SERVICE:—We recommend that the Social Service work be carried on by the Church School, and that each school appoint a Committee. We further recommend that Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter be the times when emphasis is given to social service, and that programs be arranged by local committees, or help from us will be given; the donors should always feel that they must give of themselves as well as their substance, and should plan unique ways of presenting the gift. We also recommend that for Christmas, we use the "White Gift Service." Our own church should receive help at this time, especially the shut-ins certainly appreciate a group coming to the home for a program of worship, even when a gift of substance is not needed, there is joy in such service. We further recommend that a State Young Peoples Organization be effected at this Convention, not for social service only, but for a Four Fold Program, then be notified so that they may feel that they have a part in the work of the convention.

Respectfully submitted, Minnie L. Jimmerson, Mrs. B. A. Wainwright, H. K. Ross.

DENOMINATION:—After investigating and getting reports of our work over the state, we feel that we are not progressing as a denomination, nor gaining in membership among our churches, nor organizing new churches. We recommend that our ministers give more time in explaining clearly our Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the world. We believe if more people understood our views of the teaching of our Savior there would be a greater ingathering among our churches. We pray that each member of our faith be loyal and true and take a personal interest in the welfare of our denomination. C. F. Goen, N. C. Cole, M. G. Buchanan, Committee.

EDUCATION:—In our investigation we find much for which to praise the Lord, as our people are realizing as never before the need of education. We advise that an educational program be planned that will meet this need. We need education in a general sense; but as a denomination can rise no higher than its leaders, the need is a better educated ministry, we recommend therefore that we demand on the part of ministers coming for ordination a good general knowledge of the Bible, and at least a high school education or its equivalent. Eula Lefevre, Luel Taylor, Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:—We recommend the employment of Rev. J. J. Tatum as State Secretary at the salary of \$50.00 per month, as suggested by the nominating committee. We recommend the adoption of a budget of \$1,200.00 for the state work, this to include the \$300.00 of last year's deficit, the salary of the State Secretary and \$300.00 for incidental expense of the Convention. We further recommend that the most practical method suitable to the individual church be used in raising the budget of \$1,200.00.

RESOLUTION:—We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following: We hereby extend the thanks of this body for the kind hospitality of the churches of the Central Texas Association; and we especially express our gratitude to Miss Minnie Jimmerson for her helpful presence

and the wonderful inspirational programs which she put over at this session. And, be it resolved: that a letter of greeting and good cheer be sent to Bro. D. R. Jimmerson, and others, for their long faithful service, and would ask for their sustaining prayers and the Lords' blessing on this organization. Thanking all visiting Brothers and Sisters for their presence and help. Respectfully submitted, J. L. Bounds, A. L. Robertson, P. J. Wood.

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR

FOREIGN MISSIONS—C. B. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Lefevre.

HOME MISSION—Emmett Holland, Pat Moore, Covey Windsor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—M. L. Sutton, Gee Moore, J. C. Hodges.

SOCIAL SERVICE—Mrs. Walter Holmes, Lamar Williams, Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

EDUCATION—Frankie Smith, Hubert R. Berry, Minnie Jimmerson.

EVANGELISM—J. L. Bounds, John Swanwick, Bert Phillips.

TEMPERANCE—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McSwain, C. F. Goen.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK—Minnie Jimmerson, Mrs. W. T. Kelley, T. O. Jones.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Nannie Tipps, Miss Bulah Smith, Miss Willie Young.

DENOMINATION—Floyd Lefevre, James Maricle, J. P. Gilpin.

LAYMANS WORK—J. J. Tatum, W. K. Withers, J. W. Lefevre.

PROGRAM—J. J. Tatum, E. C. Morris, J. L. Bounds.

CAMP GROUNDS—B. A. Wainwright, T. O. Jones, Barna Duke.

CAMP TRAINING SCHOOL—E. S. Jameson, Ira Harper, Frank Smith, J. E. Thompkins, Miss Minnie Jimmerson.

AUDITING

J. J. Tatum received ----- \$11.10
 J. J. Tatum received from C. B. Thompson ----- 40.00
 J. J. Tatum received from Treasurer ----- 29.00
 J. J. Tatum received from J. L. Edge ----- 3.00

\$83.10

Collected from J. L. Edge ----- \$ 32.95
 TOTAL ----- \$116.05
 Nov. 6, collected from audience ----- \$6.70
 Disbursements to J. J. Tatum ----- \$83.10
 Balance Nov. 6, 1930 ----- \$32.95

J. P. Gilpin, J. T. Payne, Committee.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

	Mem. Recd.	Died	Membership	S. S. Mem.	C. E. Mem.	W. M. S. Mem.	Amt. paid Pastors	Evangelistic	Inc.	F. M.	H. M.	Education	Repairs	Charity	Value Church Property
Mt. Zion	10	1	89	60	00	00	\$ 25.00	65	00	00	00	\$ 54.40	00	00	\$ 2,500.
S. E. Tex.	15	1	51	00	00	00	100.00	00	10	00	00	00.	00	00	1,000.
Cen. Tex.	31	14	1110	325	160	45	3730.00	131	302	00	109	208.20	430	85	27,600.
Tex. F.W.B. ..	69	0	1074	1200	100	00	00.	110	54	00	00	200.00	175	00	20,000.
Woodlawn	18	2	900	100	00	8	300.00	100	30	00	00	25.00	00	00	4,000.
TOTALS	143	18	3224	1635	260	53	\$4155.00	1006	396	00	109	\$487.60	605	85	\$55,100.

West Fork no report.

North West Brazos no report.

Delegates seated: James H. Maricle, F. F. Phillips, J. E. Jones, Mrs. Dessie Taylor, Mrs. Bowen, J. W. Doster, J. T. Lee, M. K. Withers, J. W. LeFevre, Covey Windsor, J. T. Payne, W. J. Lawless, N. C. Cole, Mrs. Charley Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Pitman, Travis Jones, Elbert Grimes, Miss Minnie Jimmerson, Philip J. Wood, W. J. Tipton.

A partial list of our ministers is as follows: J. H. Dowell, Normangee; J. L. Bounds, North Zulch; C. B. Thompson, North Zulch; J. L. Payne, Houston; John Orr, Hunt; John Swanwick, North Zulch; E. J. Vaughn, Bryan; G. W. Robertson, Dunn; J. J. Tatum, Bryan; S. T. Speers, Springtown; T. H. Newsom, Buffalo Spring; D. D. Badgett, Red Springs; J. A. Edmondson, Vernon; J. M. Pinkerton, Athens; R. B. Easley, Comanche; J. E. Rainey, Granbury; J. A. Lemon, Alvarado; J. W. Handy, Bryan; J. T. Lee, Kirbyville; R. A. Roberts, Alvarado; J. C. Hodges, 2908 Eighth Ave., Fort Worth; M. L. Sutton, Box 211, Sylvania Sta., Fort Worth; Rev. Pace, Fort Worth; Rev. Beckman, Roganville; Rev. Boss, Riesel; J. W. Cook, Iola; T. J. McBride, Bruceville; R. L. Cotnam, Vernon; D. R. Jimmerson, Henderson; M. P. Heard, Carthage; Ira Harper, R. 2, Marshall; B. A. Wainright, R. 2, Marshall; J. R. Glover, Bulard; D. J. Dollar, Henderson; E. S. Jameson, Tatum; J. W. Doster, Buna; L. W. Miller, R. 1, Weatherford; George Thompson, Coppell; J. E. Graham, Killeen; M. H. Graham, Killeen; J. W. Diserens, Killeen; E. G. Pirtle, Slado; Z. T. Fuller, Belton; J. E. Jones, Eddy; Mrs. Julia Harper, R. 2, Marshall; W. J. Tipton, Huntsville; J. W. West, Kirbyville; E. C. Morris, Bryan; Marion Gaines, Comanche; Ted Patton, Comanche; Rev. Haney, Bridgeport; Thomas Watson, Huntsville; W. J. Tipton, Carlisle.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee consisted of J. L. Edge, Rev. J. C. Hodge, Rev. E. S. Jameson, W. K. O'Brien, J. W. LeFevre and Clyde Goen.

A meeting was called at Kurten, Texas, only a short time after the State Convention at Fort Worth, with only three members present as follows: J. L. Edge, J. W. LeFevre and Clyde Goen.

The work of this committee was discussed from every angle and we decided to try to collect the back debt that was owing the Field Secretary. We also agreed to put someone in the field as Secretary on their own expenses

and if they raised over a certain amount, the balance was to be applied on the old debt. We did not feel like making any obligations for the churches as the Central Texas Association had voted not to put anyone on the field until the old debt was paid. We offered the place as Field Secretary to Rev. J. J. Tatum, but he would not accept it. We tried three times to get a quorum in Bryan, which failed, and we took it upon ourselves to offer it to Rev. J. J. Tatum again thinking that something could be done this Fall, but Rev. Tatum again refused to accept the offer.

The Committee then decided to try to collect the money for the old debt if possible and the territory was divided up as follows:

J. L. Edge took Brazos county and all of the Western Churches.

J. W. LeFevre and W. K. O'Brien took the territory between the Navasota and Trinity Rivers.

Clyde Goen, with the help of E. S. Jameson and T. D. Ross, all of the Eastern territory from the Trinity River. This territory was worked as far as possible.

The committee agreed to ask the pastors of the respective churches to lend more assistance in the future in raising money, for unless the pastors help in these matters the Executive Committee can do very little. Some hard work has been done along this line and very little has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Goen, Secretary of the
Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

We, your committee on Women's Work, beg leave to submit the following report: Definite goals toward which to work spur us on to greater effort. Throughout the state the women are active in church work but we do not have as many local organizations in our churches, nor do we have the interest in missions and other phases of church work that we had when we assumed definite responsibilities in the local church, the home field and the foreign field. The need today for concerted effort on our part is even greater than in the past and Christ has not released us from any of our responsibilities. We believe, too, that

the women are as ready for service as ever before and we therefore recommend:

That a state organization be effected while this convention is in session and that the officers elected by the women be ratified by the convention, thereby making it not an independent organization but a part of the convention, ready to cooperate in any enlarged program which may be planned by this convention.

We would urge the convention in planning its year's program to get a greater vision of the Kingdom work and plan for a four-fold program of Devotion, Stewardship, Service and Fellowship. The women of the state are ready to go forward in Kingdom building.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Harry Edge, Mrs. Walter Holmes, Mrs. P. K. Trant.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regarding the Sunday School as a most efficient instrumentality in the advancement of moral reform, law observance, loyalty to both church and nation; from which our youths may get sufficient instruction and inspiration to provide for them a sure foundation upon which to build a Christian life and character, and it is one of the most potent agencies the church possesses to save the souls and lives of the youths of our land, the committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the interests of our denomination, and the salvation of the world, demand that we labor with increasing earnestness to make the Sunday School efficient for the work it is divinely appointed to accomplish.

2. That we consider the Sunday School as a necessary adjunct of the church, and that the obligation of the membership to sustain it by personal attendance and hearty cooperation is not less than that which binds them to attend and sustain the regular meetings of the church and that the attendance should be larger than the church membership.

3. That we regard with great satisfaction the increased facilities now offered our Sunday School teachers for becoming better qualified for their work; and we recommend the holding of teachers meetings, and the forming of training schools, or classes, for the study of the Bible

and the better preparation for teaching.

4. That the end to be gained is not the entertainment of but the conversion of the pupil and the development of Christian character.

5. That the first qualification for teachers, necessary to secure this end, is the entire consecration of the heart to God, and that the success of Sunday School labor in a great degree depends on the selection of teachers possessing this essential qualification.

6. That, believing the Home Department and the Cradle Roll are valuable agencies in connecting the church and home and an effective source of ministry to numbers of people otherwise unprovided for, we recommend the formation of these agencies in our Sunday Schools and that care be taken to provide the best of literature and periodicals for our schools and pupils.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Mrs. J. T. Reeder, Clarence New-som.

RULES GOVERNING THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. When selected it shall be expected to meet as soon as possible and organize by selecting its officers: President, Vice President and Secretary.

II. Regular meetings shall be held during the session of the convention selecting the committee and at the beginning of the preceding convention.

III. It shall be the duty of this committee to carry out the expressed wish of the convention, care for the interest of the convention and attend to such other business referred to it between the meetings of the convention, and report to the convention with recommendations.

IV. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or by written request of two members, with time and place of meeting given.

V. Three members shall constitute a quorum for business, and a less number may adjourn to a definite time.

VI. All matters coming before the Executive Committee shall be decided by the members present, no proxies shall be considered.

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

Article VII. The 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 President, who shall be elected annually, and a 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. Three associations must be represented by delegates to constitute a quorum.

Article VI. These By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote at any regular session by those present.

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

