

M I N U T E S

Of The

Thirty Seventh Annual Session

Of The

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Which Convened With

Mt. Olive F. W. B. Church

Laneville, Texas

October 30, November 1, 1951

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of
the Texas State Association will
convene at the Pleasant Mound Free
Will Baptist Church, Buffalo Springs,
Texas, in the West Fork District
Association, beginning Tuesday night
before the first Sunday in Nov. 1952

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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists which convened with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Laneville, Texas, October 30-November 1, 1951.

Tuesday Evening

The service began with singing led by Rev. W. R. Sheets.

The Moderator, Rev. Noah Tuttle, called the State Association into session, recognized visitors, and appointed Committees as follows:

Committee on Committees

Credentials Committee

Rev. Tiff Covington

Rev. Huey Gower

Mr. C. F. Goen

Rev. T. W. Smith

Rev. C. J. Turrentine

Rev. B. F. Rogers

Prayer was led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, of Sulphur, Oklahoma.

A solo number was given by the host church in the person of Miss Jane Perry, singing, "The Pearly White City."

A solo number was also given by Rev. B. F. Rogers, singing, "After the Shadows."

Rev. and Mrs. Huey Gower, and daughter Carolyn of Henderson, Texas, were introduced and welcomed to the Texas State Association.

The Introductory Message was brought by Rev. Huey Gower, on the subject, "Passion For Souls." Scripture readings were: Jeremiah 20:9, Matt. 23:37, and Romans 9:1-5.

Prayer was led by the Moderator, after which an invitation hymn was sung. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Wednesday Morning

The session opened with singing led by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Prayer was led by Rev. L. J. Forman.

The devotional was by Mr. Eslick, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home, Ringling, Oklahoma. Scripture reading was II Tim. 2:1-16.

Motion that the prepared Program be adopted with any necessary changes.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business-Manager, Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, gave a report on the Bible College. He received cash contributions and pledges for the Bible College, totaling \$778.00.

The report of the Credentials Committee, read by Rev. Huey Gower, of Henderson, Texas, was adopted.

Motion that the delegates be seated.

The report of the Sunday School Board, read by Rev. J. A. Brooks, of Fort Worth, Texas, was adopted.

An addition to Item 4, Section 2 of the Constitution was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Committees, read by Rev. C. J. Turrentine, was adopted.

The report of the Foreign Missions Board, read by Rev. Gaston Clary, was adopted.

Prayer was led by the Moderator, after the body was recessed.

Business was suspended for a period of worship, at which time Rev. W. S. Mooneyham led the audience in singing.

The message was brought by Rev. R. B. Crawford, of Bryan, Texas, on the subject, "Reaching the Lost by Preaching From the Pulpit." Scripture readings were from I Cor. 1:18-21, and John 3:36.

Prayer was led by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

A hymn of invitation was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Session opened with singing led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Prayer was led by Rev. John Newberry.

The devotional was led by Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Springs, Texas, reading Ezekiel 22:30.

The State Director of Home Missions, Rev. R. E. Conner, gave an explanation of his work, representing the National Board of Home Missions in Texas. He stated \$320.00 as the quota assigned to the Texas State Association to contribute to the program of the National Home Missions Board.

The report of the Home Missions Board, read by Mr. N. C. Cole, was adopted.

The report of the Superannuation Board, read by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook for Rev. C. J. Hearron, was adopted.

The report of the Publicity Director, read by Rev. Gaston Clary, was adopted.

After this report singing was led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

The report of the Treasurer, read by Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook for Rev. W. F. McDuffie, was adopted.

Motion that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a Statistician, substituting for Rev. C. J. Hearron, who was absent. Appointed was: Rev. Gaston Clary.

The report of the National Association was given by Mr. C. F. Goen, supplemented by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

The report of the Obituary Committee, read by Rev. J. E. Maricle, was adopted. Upon the request of the Obituary Committee the audience stood, and were led in prayer for all bereaved ones. Rev. R. E. Conner led the prayer.

The report of the resolutions Committee, read by Rev. Gaston Clary, was adopted item by item.

Motion that the Clerk supply the ministers present with a copy of Item No. 3 of the Resolutions Report.

Motion to have the election of general officers. Elected were:

Moderator-----Rev. Noah Tuttle
Assistant Moderator--Rev. R. E. Conner
Clerk----- Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook
Treasurer----- Rev. Herbert Richards
Publicity Director-Rev. R. B. Crawford
Statistician----- Rev. Gaston Clary
Parliamentarian--- Rev. M. L. Sutton

Board Members

Christian Education----- Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1954

F. W. B. League----- Rev. R. B. Crawford, 1954

Woman's Auxiliary----- Mrs. Huey Gower, 1954

Motion to a djourn.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Wednesday Evening

The service began with singing led by Mr. C. F. Goen.

A solo number, "It Is No Secret," was sung by Mr. L. C. Pinson, accompanied by his guitar.

Further singing by the audience was led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Prayer was led by Rev. J. M. Goode.

A Quartet composed of Mrs. R. E. Conner, Mrs. L. R. Dixon, Rev. M. L. Sutton, and Rev. A. F. Ferguson sang, "If We Never Meet Again," and "There's A Mansion Now Empty."

A Quartet composed of Revs. R. B. Crawford, A. F. Ferguson, W. S. Mooneyham and M. L. Sutton sang "Wonderful Jesus."

Prayer was led by Rev. T. W. Smith.

A solo number, "The Old Ship Of Zion," was sung by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Following these numbers, the audience sang a hymn.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Treasurer-Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced. After announcements by him, the audience stood and sang another hymn.

The message was brought by Rev. Henry Melvin, on the subject, "Reaching the Lost Through the Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Bible College." Scripture readings were: Gal. 3:1-5, and I Cor. 1:18-21.

At the close of the message an invitation hymn was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. A. Brooks.

Thursday Morning

The session opened with singing led by Mr. C. F. Goen.

The devotional was led by Rev. M. L. Sutton, reading John 15:1-11.

Motion to appoint a Clerk pro tem.

Appointed was Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.

The election of Board members was completed as follows:

Sunday School----- Rev. B. F. Rogers, 1954.

Foreign Missions----- Rev. Herbert Richards, 1954.

Home Missions----- Rev. Tiff Covington, 1954.

Superannuation----- Rev. Jack Turrentine, 1954.

(Unexpired term)----- Mr. John Gary, 1952.

Orphanage----- Rev. Kenneth Emerson, 1952.

Motion to decide on place to convene in the 1952 session of the State Association.

Motion to convene at the Pleasant Mound F. W. B. Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas, in 1952.

Motion to lift the proposed addition to Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Constitution from the table.

Motion to adopt the addition to the Constitution.

Motion to grant the Statistician permission to omit giving an oral report, and compile a report for the Minutes.

The report of the Orphanage Board, read by Mrs. M. L. Sutton, was adopted.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary, read by Mrs. Ruby Withers, was adopted.

Following this report, the Association was recessed with prayer by the Moderator.

The recess ended with the audience entering into a period of worship, led in singing by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

The Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Gaston Clary, presented report which was adopted.

A male Quartet, composed of Revs. R. B. Crawford, A. F. Ferguson, W. S. Mooneyham, and M. L. Sutton sang, "Hand in Hand With Jesus."

A Foreign Mission offering of \$215.16 was received for Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery.

The message was brought by Rev. C. B. Thompson on the subject, "Winning the Lost Through Personal Contact." The Scripture text was, Prov. 11:30.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Herbert Richards.

Thursday Afternoon

The session began with singing led by Rev. B. F. Rogers.

The devotional was led by Rev. T. W. Smith, reading 1 John 2:3.

Motion to take enough funds from the State Association treasury to increase the Foreign Mission offering of \$215.16 to \$300.00.

The newly elected general officers were introduced, and while kneeling at the altar, a prayer of consecration was prayed for them by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

The report of the Temperance Committee, read by Rev. Herbert Richards, was adopted.

The report of the Christian Education Board, read by Mrs. H. Ray Berry, was adopted.

The report of the League Board, read by Mrs. H. Ray Berry, was adopted.

Motion to receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home of Ringling, Oklahoma. The amount received was \$23.51.

Motion the Moderator and Clerk of the State Association be empowered to appoint the delegates to the National Association, meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma, July, 1952.

The proceedings of the sessions of the State Association was read.

Motion to approve the Minutes and give the Clerk authority to have 1000 copies printed.

Motion to adjourn.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. A. Williams, host pastor.

Resolutions

1. Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to God and to the host Church for the wonderful blessings and hospitality received in this Associational meeting.

2. Be it resolved that every effort be made to have reports to Texas State Association complete in every detail.

3. Be it resolved that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist strongly oppose any appointment of an Ambassador or Envoy to the Vatican.

4. Be it resolved that a copy of above resolution be sent in the form of a telegram to President and to Honorable Senator Tom Connally, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington 25, D. C. by letter and that the telegram and letter be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

5. Be it resolved that this Association recommend the use and support of our denominational paper "The Small Voice" to the different District Associations.

6. We resolve that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as actively, prayerfully, and financially support Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery in their preparation to get on the mission field in Japan and to support them after they get to Japan.

Rev. Gaston Clary
A. Sullins
Mrs. Chas. Moehlman

Report of Credentials Committee

We the Credentials Committee find 23 Churches reporting with a fee of \$5.00 from each Church, one church with \$4.00, one church reported fee to follow, 5 Associations reported.

Central Texas District Association-----	\$15.00
West Fork District Association-----	\$15.00
North West Brazos District Association-----	\$10.00
South East Texas District Association-----	\$10.00
Texas District Association-----	\$16.00
Total-----	\$66.00

Center Point-----	\$5.00	Stewart-----	5.00	Cairo Springs-----	5.00
Denton-----	\$5.00	Fellowship-----	5.00	Bonami-----	5.00
Cross-----	\$5.00	Dott-----	5.00	Youngblood-----	5.00
Pine Prairie-----	\$5.00	Ft. Worth, First-----	5.00	Mt. Union-----	5.00
Huntsville-----	\$5.00	Vernon-----	5.00	Trinity-----	5.00
Bryan-----	\$5.00	Bowie-----	5.00	Harper Grove-----	5.00
Good Hope-----	\$5.00	New Salem-----	5.00	China Grove-----	5.00
Pleasant Mound-----	5.00	New Hope-----	5.00		
Blue Lake-----	5.00	Mt. Olive-----	5.00		\$150.00
Evergreen-----	5.00	First ch. Houston-----	5.00	Total-----	\$216.00
Bright Light-----	5.00	Midland-----	5.00		
Waco-----	5.00	Friendship-----	5.00		

STATISTICAL REPORT

Association	Member-ship	Rec.	Dis-missed	Died	Sun. School	F. W. B. League	Woman's Aux.	Paid Pastor	Evan-gelist
Central Tex.	848	56	42	5	505	130	83	8818.23	1307.01
Texas	559	78	31	3	280	180	48	8162.76	595.18
N. W. Brazos	186	-	-	-	-	-	-	1084.07	-
S. E. Texas	105	-	13	1	-	-	-	661.88	-
West Fork	1403	229	86	12	1075	66	76	16850.36	1790.85
TOTAL	3101	363	172	21	1860	376	207	35577.30	4069.63

Association	Repair	Charity	Value Prop.	Educ-ation	Incid-ental	Foreign Mission	Super-annuation	Home Mission
Central Tex.	3105.81	79.75	95,000	488.77	1732.36	1163.33	521.00	521.00
Texas	1861.62	43.86	29600.00	17.82	796.72	50.00	-	199.63
N. W. Brazos	422.80	-	6400.00	-	491.15	45.50	-	37.70
S. E. Texas	427.81	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
West Fork	602.07	-	137.215	11.30	3769.78	163.15	55.00	744.05
TOTAL	6420.11	123.61	278,215	517.89	6810.01	421.98	60.21	986.59

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Balance, 1950-----\$37.65
 Received, 1950 Session-----168.00
\$205.65

Disbursements:

Clerk Fee ----- \$10.00
 F.W. B. Press for printing \$89.91
 National Association Fee 35.00
\$134.91
 Balance, October 30, 1951 \$70.74

/s/ W. F. McDuffie

ADDITION TO CONSTITUTION

The following is an addition to article 4, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The election of officers and board members shall become the next item of business following the seating of delegates. The moderator shall have authority to appoint members to fill the unexpired term of any member, or members, vacating their positions between sessions of the association.

GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1951-----1952

Reverend Noah Tuttle---4406 Brady St. Houston, Texas -----Moderator
 Reverend R. E. Conner---Route 2, Bellvue, Texas-----Assistant Moderator
 Reverend Alvin F. Halbrook---Route 3, Box 208, Bryan, Texas ---Clerk
 Reverend Herbert Richards---1021 Cleveland St. Denton, Texas -Treasurer
 Reverend R. B. Crawford---109 South Baylor, Bryan, Texas--Publicity Director
 Reverend Gaston Clary --305A. Homestead St. Bryan, Texas----Statistician
 Reverend M. L. Sutton --Route 3, Box 75, Arlington, Texas -Parliamentarian

CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY OF BOARDS

Mr. N. C. Cole, Treasurer---Home Missions-----Route 3, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. Gaston Clary, Treasurer---Foreign Missions---305A. Homestead, Bryan, Texas
 Rev. R. E. Conner, Treasurer--Orphanage---Route 2, Bellevue, Texas
 Rev. R. B. Crawford---F. W. B. League---109 South Baylor, Bryan, Texas (Chairman)
 Rev. C. J. Hearron, Chm. and Tr.--Superannuation-710 N. 11th St. Waco, Texas
 Mrs. Huey Gower--Woman's Auxiliary--305 Truman Drive, Henderson, Texas

BOARDS

Christian Education---Rev. R. E. Conner, 1952; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1953; Rev. C. B. Thompson, 1954.
 F. W. B. League--Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1952; Rev. Troy Lee McDonald, 1953; Rev. R. B. Crawford, 1954.
 Woman's Auxiliary--Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, 1952; Mrs. R. E. Conner, 1953; Mrs. Huey Gower, 1954.
 Sunday School---Rev. J. L. Bounds, 1952; Mrs. Ray T. Trant, 1953; Rev. B. F. Rogers 1954.
 Foreign Missions---Rev. J. M. Goode, 1952; Rev. Gaston Clary, 1953; Rev. Herbert Richards, 1954.
 Home Missions---Rev. M. L. Sutton, 1952; Mr. N. C. Cole, 1952; Mr. C. F. Goen, 1953; Rev. N. G. Tuttle, 1953; Rev. Tiff Covington, 1954.
 Superannuation---Mr. C. F. Goen, 1952; Mr. John Gary, 1952; Rev. A. F. Halbrook, 1953; Rev. C. J. Hearron, 1953; Rev. Jack Turrentine, 1954.
 Orphanage---Rev. R. E. Conner, 1952; Mr. John Gary, 1952; Rev. A. A. Williams, 1953; Rev. Herbert Richards, 1953; Rev. Kenneth Emerson, 1954.

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CHURCH LETTER

Greetings from _____ Church to
the _____
(State Whether Quarterly or Yearly Meeting or Association)

When convened with _____ Church at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

_____	_____
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whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.
Pastor's name and address _____

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

_____	_____
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_____	_____
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Done by order of church assembled in conference this _____
day of _____ 19 _____

Moderator

Clerk
