



MINUTES

THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1976

The sixty-second annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the East Texas District at Pine Springs Youth Encampment, the encampment being chosen by the placement committee for the outstanding convenience and the comparatively low cost offered. Bro. Allen Moore presided over the session. The meeting was called into session by the moderator and the music director, Bro. Harold Teague, led the congregation in the opening hymn, "Redeemed, Redeemed".

In keeping with the State Constitution, scripture was read and prayer was given at this time by Rickey Futch of Henderson, after which the congregation was led in the pledges honoring the American flag and the Christian flag.

Prior to the moderator's message, the congregation joined Bro. Teague in singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". In his remarks, Bro. Moore looked upon the year past and the future for the state work of Texas. He also stated that he had resigned his pastorate in Texas and would be following the Lord's will into the state of Oklahoma. The moderator called for prayer requests for those who were sick and those who were experiencing problems. Bro. Herbert Richards led the prayer.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Committees consisting of Bro. Clyde Gillentine, Bro. Charles Reeves, and Bro. Tom Hunt. He also appointed the Nominating Committee consisting of Bro. Jim Williams, Bro. Verlon Peques, and one additional man.

A motion was made by Bro. Owen Barger to adopt the program. Motion was seconded and carried. Ushers from the East Texas District received the evening offering.

Special music was rendered by the Teague family who sang "Something Good is About to Happen" and by Rickey Futch who sang "Jesus, He is the Son of God".

Bro. Bobby Ferguson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, brought the evening message, entitled "Motivation for Evangelism". This was the first in a series of messages that he was to give throughout the conference.

Following the message a short business session was conducted by the moderator in order to lay on the table the proposed constitutional amendments. The clerk read the

ammendments and moved that these be laid on the table for future disposal at this conference.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1976, 8:30 A.M.

The morning service was called into session by the moderator, following which the music director led the congregation in the singing of a hymn. The scripture was read by Michael Teague, who in turn, called on Bro. Allen Moore to lead in prayer.

The congregation was led in pledges honoring the American flag and the Christian flag by Bro. Ricky Fielding.

"I'll See You in the Rapture" was sung by the Teagues. "Methods of Evangelism - By All Means" was the title of the early morning message delivered by Bro. Ferguson.

Following the message, Bro. Moore led in the benediction and called for a 10:00 a.m. return after recess.

The service was called back into session at 10:00 a.m. by the moderator. The music director led the congregation in singing the hymn "Faith is the Victory". Acting assistant clerk, Allen King, read the scripture and called on Judy Smith, missionary appointee to Japan, to lead the group in prayer.

The credentials report was called for by the moderator and was read by the clerk after which he moved its acceptance and the seating of the delegates. Motion carried. Bro. Tom Hunt then appointed Sister Betty Ferguson to be added to the list of delegates from the Central District.

The report of the executive secretary was given by Bro. Jim Williams who also moved its acceptance. Motion carried.

Bro. Earl Scroggins gave the report of the Board of Christian Education. In this report he gave activities of the past year and the plans for the coming year. Bro. Scroggins moved the acceptance of the report and motion carried.

Bro. Edmond Wade represented Hillsdale College and gave greetings and news from the school. At this time, Bro. Clyde Gillentine, the Texas representative on the Hillsdale College Board, gave his report and moved its acceptance. Motion carried.

The report of the Mission and Church Extension Board was given by Bro. Roy Norie.

This report revealed a bright future for Free Will Baptists in Texas and also a challenge for fulfilling our responsibility at this time. Bro. Norie moved acceptance and motion carried.

The Rio Grande Valley Project was discussed. Bro. Larry Powell is to be the missionary and various views were expressed about support for this new project.

Bro. Bobby Beavers represented the National Home Mission Board and discussed the joint projects presently operating in Texas.

The following committee reports were given: Resolution Committee (see report #1), Temperance Committee (see report #2), and Obituary Committee (see report #3).

The work of the Master's Men and the National Laymen's Board was represented by Bro. Loyd Olsen.

Bro. J. D. O'Donnell, moderator of the National Association, brought greetings from several national departments and offered a challenge for our state work.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by Bro. Ferguson.

Sister Lela Clary gave the State Woman's Auxiliary report.

Delegates to the National Association meeting were discussed and Bro. Barger made the motion to give the moderator and the executive secretary power to appoint delegates at the meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Motion carried.

Bro. Scroggins moved that we adjourn for lunch. Motion carried and Bro. Moore led in prayer.

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "America". Scripture and prayer was given by Bro. Teague. The congregation then sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Rescue the Perishing".

Bro. Moore introduced Bro. Ferguson for the message "Myths About Evangelism".

The first item in the afternoon session was the election of officers. Jim Williams made the motion to proceed with the election and motion carried. The report of the nominating committee was given (see report #4). Bro. Herbert Richards moved that we elect these by acclamation and motion carried.

Motion carried to remove the constitutional amendments from the table(see copy).

Motion was made and carried to adopt both of the constitutional ammendments. Bro. Earl Scroggins was chosen to be the Texas member on the National General Board.

An attache case was presented to Bro. Moore in appreciation of his service to the work in Texas.

Bro. Roy Norie announced that our executive secretary, Jim Williams, has been named "Layman of the Year" by the National Laymen's Board and that a presentation will be made at the Laymen's Breakfast in Tulsa.

It was announced that the Mission District will host the 1977 State Meeting.

Bro. Herbert Richards made the motion to adjourn. Bro. Moore requested that we pray for him as he goes to his new work and challenged Texas to greater heights.

The conference was adjourned in prayer.

REPORT # 1 - RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, Bro. Allen Moore has served faithfully and sacrificially as moderator of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists for five years, and

Whereas, because of his initiative, personal example, and dynamic leadership the Texas State Association has made significant advancements in some important areas and has moved from an air of discouragement and defeat into an attitude of optimism and expectancy, and

Whereas, Bro. Moore is ending his tenure as our moderator and is moving to Blackwell, Oklahoma to assume the pastorate,

Therefore be it resolved that this State Association express its deep appreciation for his five years service and extend to him and his family our warmest wishes for success in Oklahoma.

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Be it resolved that the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists be given a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality in hosting this meeting.

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REPORT # 2 - TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee, recommend that:

1. Each minister set the example of godly conduct and reverence in the church and in daily life.
2. Each minister reemphasize the biblical concept of the marriage and the home.
3. Each person actively oppose the legalization of narcotics and totally abstain from the use of alcohol.
4. Each person use biblical guidelines in choosing amusements.
5. Each pastor encourage reverent and courteous conduct at the national convention.

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REPORT # 3 - OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We recommend that we stand in a moment of silent prayer for families of all those who have passed from this life in the past year.

REPORT # 4 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator -	Earl Scroggins
Assistant Moderator -	Tom Hunt
Clerk -	Harold Teague
Assistant Clerk -	Verlon Peques
Parliamentarian -	Bob Harless
Mission Board	
Central -	Roy Norie
Mission -	Charles Reeves
Midessa -	Thurmon Murphy
West Fork -	Jim Shephard
Northwest Brazos -	M. L. Crosby
East -	Bob Scott
Christian Education Board	
1979 -	Dennis Haygood
1979 -	Louis Nettleton
1977 -	Larry Cox
1977 -	Tim Eaton

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

1. Whereas the National Association has a ruling that no board member can serve in two capacities on the national level, and whereas Bro. Jim Williams is a member of the National Home Mission Board and cannot serve on this board and also serve as Texas' member on the General Board, we recommend that Article IX, Section 6 be amended by removing the statement "and shall serve as Texas' representative on the General Board of the National Association". And we recommend that Article X, Section 4, Paragraph 1 be amended to read "It shall also make nominations for the position of Executive Secretary and National General Board member. Nominations for the positions of Executive Secretary and National General Board member may also be made from the floor".

2. Whereas there are conflicts pertaining to the attendance of the General Board members because of other scheduled activities, we recommend the amending of Article X, Section 5, Paragraph 2 by deleting the word "morning".