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1999 STATE MINUTES

The eighty-fifth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Park, Texas, June 9-11, 1999. The initial service began on Wednesday evening as Don Thompson, Music Director at the Lakehills Church, led a mass youth choir in singing "Awesome God." Allen Moore, Pastor of the Buncombe Free Will Baptist Church, near Carthage, Texas, presided over the service and welcomed a large congregation. Francis Lambert (organ) and Marsha Hood (piano) ministered as instrumentalists. Brother Moore introduced the musicians, led in prayer, referred to Acts 3:1-26 and made a few comments about teamwork.

Don Thompson led the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock," the song he had chosen as the theme song for the meeting. Dawn Sweeney, Field Representative for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Greenville, Tennessee, spoke briefly. Carl Cheshier, President of Hinsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma, gave a brief report on the college.

Don Thompson then led the congregation in "He Set Me Free." Clerk Thurmon Murphy called the 85th annual session to order to transact any and all business properly brought before the association.

Keith Woody, host pastor and Moderator, welcomed the congregation to Cedar Park/Austin and recognized the visitors. He then announced the following committees:

Committee on Committees

Bobby Ferguson, Chairman
Bobby Joe Davis
Allen Moore

Credentials Committee

Clarence J. Hearron, Chairman
Dwain Crosby
Jack Bankhead

Nominating Committee

Robert Posner, West Fork, Chairman
David Ferguson, Central
Louis Nettleton, West Fork
John High, East Texas
Danny David, Central

Moderator Keith Woody appointed Allen Moore to serve as assistant moderator during the 1999 session of the state association.

An offering was received. Ken Austin led the offertory prayer. The James Munsey Family at Weslaco brought the special music. Rachel Munsey sang "My Lord Is Only A Whisper Away." The family sang "Seek Ye Out the Old Paths" and "Kept and Protected." Becky Gregory, pastor's wife and the First Free Will Baptist Church in Duncanville, sang "My Life Is In Your Hands."

Allen Moore then introduced David Crowe, Director of Missionary Assistance with the National Home Missions Department, to speak. Brother Crowe spoke on the theme for the state meeting, "The Power of Teamwork." He read Exodus 17:8-13 and entitled his message "Hands Held High, A Lesson in Teamwork." He led in prayer and extended an invitation at the conclusion of his message. A large number of people came forward for prayer, filling the entire altar area.

Bobby Joe Davis gave the report of the Committee on Committees, announcing the following two committees:

Resolutions Committee

Don Bailey, Chairman
Clyde Gillentine
Ken Austin

Obituary Committee

Barrie Sue Davis, Chairman
Nell Stell
Vivian Moore

The Wednesday evening service was then dismissed in prayer, led by Bill Jones. After a few minutes, the Christian Education Board announced the winners of the Church Training Service (CTS) youth competitive activities held earlier in the day.

Thursday Morning, June 10, 1999, Pastor's Conference

James Munsey, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre in Weslaco, Texas, and Coordinator of the Free Will Baptist work in Mexico, presided over the first portion of the Pastor's Conference. He introduced John High, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas, who read Scripture (Hebrews 10:23,24) and led in prayer. Don Thompson led the congregation in "The Solid Rock" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

Richard Rust, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, sang "The Anchor Holds." Ernest Harrison, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, preached from Matthew 6:6-13 on the subject "The Outline of the Believer's Prayer Life." He closed with prayer.

Don Thompson opened the second session of the Pastor's Conference by leading "Love Divine, All Love Excelling." He then sang a solo, "Love Grew Where the Blood Fell." James Munsey introduced Randy Puckett, missionary to Sugarland, Texas, who preached from 1 Samuel 15:13-23 on the subject "Obedience In God's Eyes Is Success." He closed in prayer. James Munsey announced a five-minute recess.

The third session of the Pastor's Conference opened as Allen King, a layman from Henderson, played a piano solo: "Because He Lives". Brother Munsey introduced Levan Hubbard, pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, who spoke on "People," using Luke 19-1-10 as his text. He closed in prayer.

The Missionary/Worship Service began at 11:00 am as Kelly Reed, pastor's wife at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas, led the congregation in singing "I Love To Tell The Story." Raymond Getz, pastor the Valley Community Church in McAllen, Texas, led the opening prayer. Everyl Getz, president of the Texas Women Active for Christ (TWAC) presided over the service. Everyl asked all of the women to come to the front of the sanctuary and sing "Pass It On," the theme song for the 1999 state women's convention. Kelly Reed led the group. Robert Posner, pastor of the Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Plano, presided over

the offering. Jarvis Reed, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Weatherford, led the offertory prayer and Leslie Banks, missionary appointee to Panama, played a flute solo as the offering was received.

Kelly Reed sang "Rock of Ages" as an acappella solo. Justin Banks, missionary appointee to the Kuna Indians of Panama, spoke on "God's Master Pattern, Pass It On."

Thursday Evening, June 10, 1999

Rick Futch, pastor of the Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas, presided over the evening worship service. He introduced David Benninghoff, pastor of the Bible Free Will Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas, who read Scripture (Ephesians 4:1-16) and led in prayer.

Don Thompson led the congregation in "The Solid Rock." The Levan Hubbard Family from Bryan, sang "Just Believe It, Jesus Saves." Don Thompson then led "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Kelly Reed sang "Praise the King." Keith Woody presided over the offering. Jim Pollock, a deacon in the Artesia Free Will Baptist Church, Artesia, New Mexico, led the offertory prayer. Francis Lambert (organ) and Marsha Hood (piano) played the offertory music.

Moderator Keith Woody introduced Dr. John Chang, missionary to Korea, who spoke briefly about his ministry in Korea. Dr. Chang appealed for financial support from Texas for his ministry in South Korea, North Korea and all of Asia. Don Thompson and Marsha Hood sang "I Am Crucified With Christ."

David Crowe preached from John 6:1-9: "But What Are We Among So Many?" He closed in prayer and, once again, extended an invitation. Numerous people came forward for prayer.

The service was dismissed in prayer by Ken Eagleton, missionary to Brazil.

Friday Morning Business Session, June 11, 1999

Jack Bankhead, pastor of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Worth, read Scripture (1 Corinthians 3:6) and led in prayer. Don Thompson led the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock: and "There Is Power In The Blood." Rick Futch sang "The Midnight Cry."

The business session began with Brenda Doffing giving the report of the Registration Committee. The report was received as information. See reports.

Thurmon Murphy gave the report of the State Office. He moved that the report be received and the proposed budget adopted. The motion was seconded and carried. See reports.

Thurmon Murphy gave his report as Executive Secretary of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. He announced the reasons for his resignation. His report was received with a standing vote of thanks and appreciation. See reports.

Robert Posner gave the report of the Nominating Committee and moved that the nominations be acted upon at the appropriate times. The motion was seconded and carried. See reports.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

State Officers

Moderator, replacing Keith Woody, James Munsey (Keith Woody elected)
Assistant Moderator, replacing Jerry McArthur, Clarence J. Hearron, elected
Clerk, replacing Thurmon Murphy (2001), Ken Mayo, elected
Assistant Clerk, replacing Brenda Doffing, Rick Futch, (Chuck Vaughan elected)

Home Missions/Church Extension Board

Replacing David Ferguson (2000), John High, elected
Replacing Clarence J. Hearron (2002), David Ferguson, elected
Replacing Herbert Richards (2002), Herbert Richards, elected

Christian Education Board

Replacing Chris Smith (2000), Frank Gregory, elected
Replacing David Ferguson (2002), Teresa Voltz, elected
Adding (2002), Jarvis Reed, elected

Master's Men Senator, replacing A.V. Jennische, Charles Denman, elected

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Posner, Chairman
David Ferguson
Danny Davis
John High
Louis Nettleton

Louis Nettleton gave the report of the Christian Education Board. Ken Austin reported on the mission trip to Mexico and the Pastor's Retreat. He announced a men's retreat for the fall, October 14-16, 1999, at Three Mountains Retreat, west of Waco. There was a motion to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and carried. Frank Gregory (2000), Teresa Voltz (2002) and Jarvis Reed (2002) were elected to serve on the Christian Education Board. See reports.

Robert Posner gave the report of the State Home Missions/Church Extension Board. There was a motion to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and carried. John High (2000), David Ferguson (2002) and Herbert Richards (2000) were elected to serve on the Missions/Church Extension Board. See reports.

There was a motion to remove from the table the proposed constitutional change regarding the Missions/Church Extension Board. The motion was seconded and carried. There was a motion to adopt the proposed constitutional change. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dwain Crosby, missionary to The Woodlands and Texas' representative on the Board of Trustees of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, gave the report of the Hillsdale Trustees. There was a motion to receive the report as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

Nell Stell gave the report of the Obituary Committee and moved that the report be received and that there be a standing moment of prayer in memory of those who have gone on before us. Luther Sanders led in the memorial prayer.

Thurmon Murphy read the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved that the resolutions be acted upon item by item. The motion was seconded and carried. Resolution Number 1, concerning re-prioritizing The TEAM Plan was adopted. Resolution Number 2, concerning re-establishing a general board was adopted. Thurmon Murphy moved that the proposed constitutional amendment regarding a general board be removed from the table and acted upon. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to adopt the proposed amendment. There was a motion to amend the proposed amendment by adding, "The state association will not be responsible for the district associations' members' expenses to the general board." The motion to amend the amendment was seconded and carried. The amendment as amended was adopted.

Resolution Number 3, concerning having the State Office bonded, was adopted. Resolution Number 4, concerning the All Boards Meeting, failed. Resolution Number 5, concerning the host church, was adopted.

Judy Posner, newly elected president of the Texas Women Active for Christ, gave the report of the TWAC. She announced plans for a state women's retreat in April of 2000. She announced that the state project for the TWAC for 2000 was to raise a total of \$7,000.00: \$4,500.00 as gifts for children of the missionaries and \$2,500.00 for The TEAM Plan. The report was received as information.

Thurmon Murphy presented adjustments for The TEAM Plan for the year 2000, along with some revisions for the remainder of 1999, as recommended by the Executive Board and the Missions/Church Extension Board. He moved that the proposed adjustments be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried. See reports.

Ken Eagleton, missionary to Brazil, took a few minutes to report on the work in Brazil and to express gratitude for Texas' support of his ministry for over forty years.

Dino Urena, minister in the Hispanic ministry in Houston, spoke briefly on the need for missions and missionaries. He thanked Free Will Baptists for providing him the opportunity to serve in Texas.

The following general officers were elected:

Moderator:	Keith Woody	(Central)
Assistant Moderator:	Clarence J. Hearron	(West Fork)
Clerk:	Ken Mayo	(Central)
Assistant Clerk	Chuck Vaughan	(Central)

Charles Denman was elected Master's Men Senator.

Dr. John Chang spoke once again urging Texas Free Will Baptists to support his ministry in Korea. Several churches stated that they would do so.

There was a motion to authorize the state moderator to appoint delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists at the national convention. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am. Bobby Joe David, pastor of the Thomaston Community Church, led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurmon Murphy, Clerk
Brenda Doffing, Assistant Clerk

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution #1

Regarding The TEAM Plan (presented by the Central Texas District Association)

Whereas, there are imbalances in distribution of TEAM Plan income,

Be it resolved that we encourage the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists to re-prioritize The TEAM Plan to assure support of our adopted missionaries, especially our state project in The Woodlands.

Be it further resolved that we approach promoting The TEAM Plan by breaking down the per person responsibility and per church responsibility in mission giving. This should be communicated to the local churches. Adopted.

Resolution #2

Regarding a General Board (presented by the East Texas District Association)

Whereas there is a need of greater participation from all over the State of Texas Free Will Baptist (sic), we recommend that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist (sic) develop and implement a General Board, which will meet with the Executive Board just before the State Meeting and at the All Boards meeting.

We further request that this be tabled for the appropriate time to be voted on during this session of the Texas State Meeting.

Resolution #3

Regarding Bonding of the State Office (presented by the East Texas District Association)

Whereas there is a continual growth of the total financial giving through our Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist (sic), we recommend that the State Office shall be bonded. The amount to be set by the State Executive Board. Adopted.

Resolution #4

Regarding the All Boards Meeting location (presented by the Central Texas District Association)

In as much as funds are limited to The TEAM Plan, be it resolved that we request future All Boards Meetings be held at one of our churches, rather than a hotel to help minimize costs. Failed.

Resolution #5

Regarding the Host Church (presented by the Resolutions Committee)

Whereas, the Lakehills Free Will Baptist Church of Cedar Park has graciously and outstandingly hosted the 85th annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist (sic), and has met our every need through their warm hospitality, therefore be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for entertaining this meeting. Adopted, with a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Bailey, Chairman
Ken Austin
Clyde Gillentine

Recommendations for The TEAM Plan for the Remainder of 1999

1. We recommend that the distribution of the funds received by the Texas Mission Board be 50% for the General Fund and 50% for the Land Fund, instead of the 22% for the General Fund and 78% for the Land Fund. Adopted.
2. We recommend that the \$899.86 held in reserve since the departure of Len Blanchard from New Mexico be sent to associate missionary Tim Byers in Artesia, New Mexico. Adopted.
3. We recommend that the portion of The TEAM Plan funds previously allocated to New Mexico be sent to The Woodlands Land Fund for the remainder of 1999. Adopted.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters and find them in order as follows:

1. From the following district associations with the right to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof:

Central Texas District Association
East Texas District Association
Midessa District Association (promised to send in letter and fee but did not do so)
Northwest Brazos District Association
Rio Grande District Association
West Fork District Association

2. From the following local churches with the right to two delegates each:

Central Texas District Association

Bright Light, College Station
Eagle Heights, Sugarland
Eastside, Houston
Evergreen, Iola
Fellowship, Bryan
First, Houston
Lakehills, Cedar Park/Austin
New Hope, Huntsville
North Pointe, The Woodlands
Thomaston Community Church, Thomaston
North Zulch
Pine Prairie, Huntsville
United, Bryan
Westfield, Katy

East Texas District Association

Buncombe, Carthage
First, Carthage
First, Henderson
First, Nacogdoches
Good Hope, Henderson
Lifegate, Tyler
Mount Olive, Laneville
Stewart, Henderson

Midessa District Association

Bible, Odessa (promised to send letter and fee but didn't)
Forrest Park, San Angelo (promised to send fee but didn't)

Northwest Brazos District Association

Faith, Lubbock
First Oakdale, Amarillo

Rio Grande District Association

· Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre

West Fork District Association

Calvary, Fort Worth
Collin Creek, Plano
Connally, Waco
Cornerstone, Denison
Easley Chapel, Comanche
Faith, Wichita Falls
First, Duncanville
First, Weatherford
First, Wichita Falls
Friendship, Fort Worth
New Salem, Decatur
Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs

3. We recommend that the above listed district associations (6) and local churches (43) which have properly represented by letter, and have paid their representation fees, be seated. Adopted.

Clarence J. Hearron, Chairman
Jack T. Bankhead
Dwain Crosby

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that the following cooperative giving fund allocations, the undesignated portion of the Together Way Plan, be retained for 2000;

State Office	40%
National Cooperative Program	25%
Missions/Church Extension Board	23%
Christian Education Board	12%

2. We recommend that the 2000 state meeting of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas, June 7-9, 2000. Both adopted.

REGISTRATION REPORT

1. Number of district associations represented by letter and representation fees5
2. Number of local churches represented by letter and representation fees:43
3. Registration by district associations:

Central Texas	.97
East Texas	.12
Midessa	.5
Northwest Brazos	.3
Rio Grande	.7
West Fork	.24
Total	.148

4. Registration by delegate status:

Ordained Ministers	.32
Ministers' wives	.20
Ordained deacons	.5
Deacons' wives	.6
Visitors	.94
Missionaries	.10
National Department Representatives	.3
Hillsdale College Representatives	.2

Assistant Clerk,

Brenda Doffing

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Church

Cornerstone/United, Bryan

Eastside, Houston

Evergreen Iola

Fellowship, Bryan

First, Houston

North Zulch

Good Hope, Henderson

Lifegate, Tyler

Buncombe, Carthage

First, Henderson

Faith, Wichita Falls

Connally, Waco

Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs

Easley's Chapel, Comanche

Collin Creek, Plano

Calvary, Fort Worth

Friendship, Forth Worth

New Salem, Decatur

Deceased

Edgar Morris

Ed Nelson

Frank Walker
Luther Martindale
Debbie Crenshaw

Mabel Willey
W.O. Lightsey
Wallace Cowart

Rose Ellis

Homer Hahn

Tony Hunt

Chester McKinney

Evylene Lawhorn

Juanita Mosby
Kathleen Hays

Larry Dorsey

Joann Marecle

Opel Roberson
Ed Perkins

Lorraine Isham

Harvey Fudge
James Shelton

Ada Bracken
Idell Honeycutt

Hattie Huff

Roy Norie, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barrie Sue Davis, Chairman
Nell Stell
Vivian Moore

