

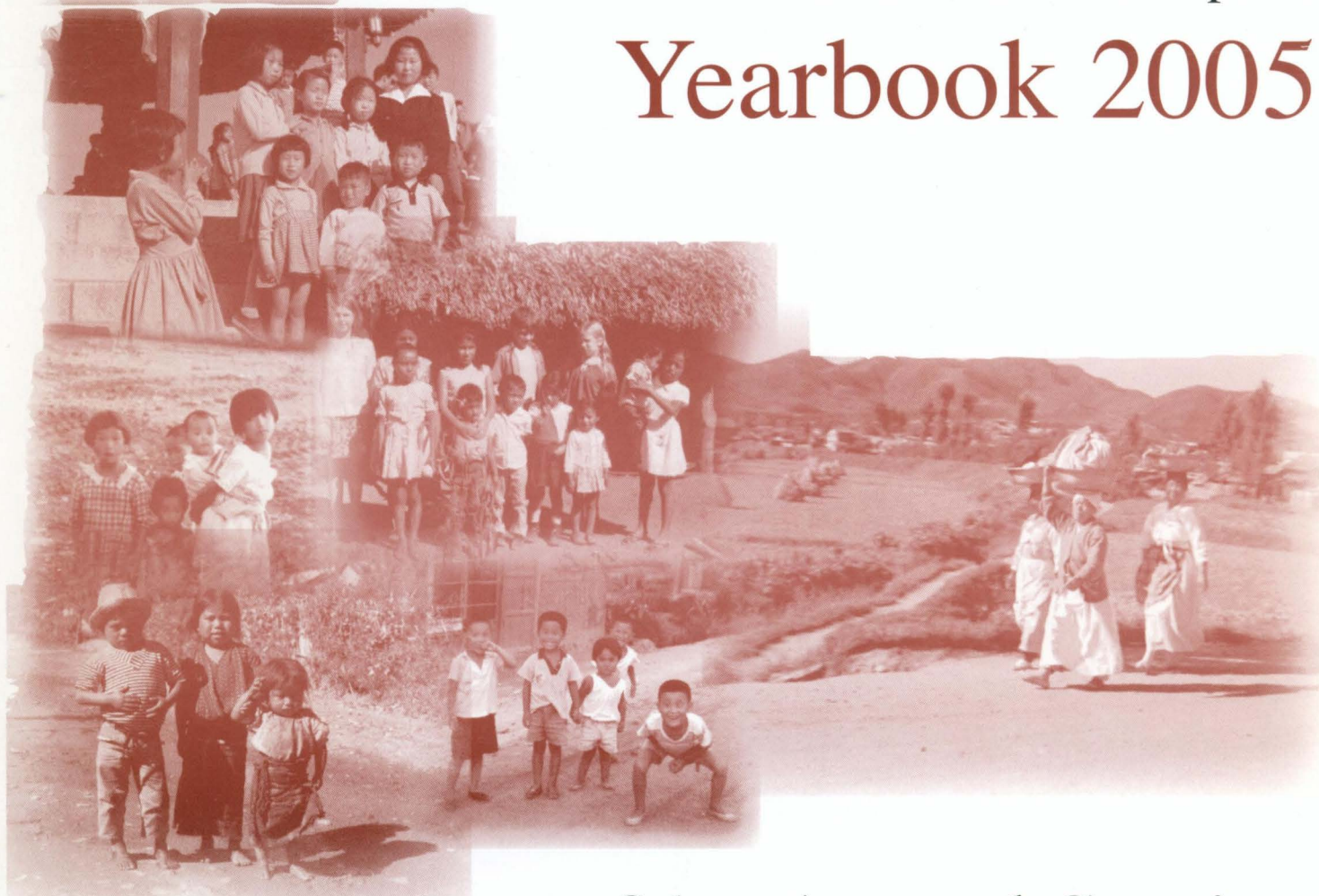


Consider Jesus

Hebrews 3:1-3

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Yearbook 2005



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First Free Will Baptist Church, Duncanville, Texas
Containing the 2004 State Minutes and the 2005 Digest of Reports

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2004 Minutes of the 90th Annual Session

State Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting June 9-11, 2004 at the First FWB Church of Henderson, Texas.

Wednesday Evening, June 9, 2004

Evening Worship Service - 7:00 PM

Presiding: Harold Teague, Pastor, First FWB Church of Henderson

Music Director: Allen King, First FWB Church of Henderson

Pianist: Mitzi Burks, First FWB Church of Henderson

Organist: Marilu McDonald, Bright Light FWB Church of College Station

Congregational song: "The Family of God"

Scripture reading (I Kings 3:3-10) and prayer led by Bro. Mike Fields, Pastor, First FWB Church of Carthage. David Rudd, Pastor, Good Hope FWB Church of Henderson, welcomed the State Association on behalf of the East Texas District Association. Mayor Foy Brown welcomed the State Association on behalf of the City of Henderson. Special music by Wally (trumpet) and Barbara Reed (piano): "Down From His Glory" followed by congregational singing: "He Keeps Me Singing." The meeting was called to order and visitors were recognized by Moderator Keith Woody, Pastor of Lakehills FWB Church of Austin.

Congregational song: "In the Name of the Lord"

Offering was received (\$286.00) as an offertory was sung by Shalee Rater of Pleasant Mound FWB Church of Buffalo Springs. The congregational sang: "Standing on the Promises"

Special music was offered by the convention choir who sang "Step Into the Water"

The message was given by Rev. Tim York, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

The sermon title was "Feeding the Flock" taken from I Pet. 5:1-2.

I. What are we to feed the flock with?

A. The milk of the word

- 1. Spiritual depth**
- 2. Spiritual desire**

B. The meat of the word

- 1. Food of salvation**
- 2. Food of the Son**
- 3. Food of the spiritual**
- 4. Food of separation**
- 5. Food of suffering**

II. How do we feed the flock?

- A. The Gospel in the printed word has never been more available.**
- B. The People need to spend more time in the Word and in prayer.**

After announcements we were dismissed in prayer by Danny Davis, Pastor, United FWB Church of Bryan.

Thursday Morning, June 10, 2004 - 8:30 AM

Pastor's Conference - Theme: *"Christian Unity"*

Presiding: Clarence Hearron, First FWB Church of Duncanville

Music Director: David Rudd, Pastor, Good Hope FWB Church of Henderson

Pianist: Allen King

The congregational sang: "Bind Us Together" The message was given by Bill Van Winkle, Pastor of Fellowship FWB Church of Bryan. His sermon title was "The Unity of Experience" - Matt. 19:23-25
Introduction: We all come from a background and experience of a sinful nature. Who then can be saved?

I. Characteristics of the Unbeliever:

- A. They have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)
- B. They are not righteous. (Rom. 3:10)
- C. They are spiritually dead. (Eph. 2:1, Col. 3:3)

II. There are those whom God cannot save:

- A. Those who have no desire to be saved.
- B. Those who refuse His will.
- C. Those who would rather hold on to their sins.
- D. Those who reject Christ's atonement.
- E. Those who try to hold on to good works.

III. There are those whom God can save:

- A. Those who are penitent.
- B. Those who believe.

Following the sermon the congregational sang: "The Longer I Serve Him"

The next Scripture reading (I Pet. 4:10, I John 1:8-10) and prayer led by Chuck Vaughan from the First FWB Church of Houston. Russell Johnson, Pastor of Pleasant Mound FWB Church of Buffalo Springs gave the next message entitled "The Unity of Expectation" - Josh. 5:13-15

I. Lift up your eyes. (Look to the Lord for direction.)

II. Be on God's side.

III. Be obedient to God.

We were dismissed in prayer by Luther Sanders of the United FWB Church of Bryan.

At 11:00 AM we enjoyed a Joint Session with TWAC.

The theme was "Know Him More in 2004" Karen Ferguson, TWAC President from Westfield FWB Church in Katy presided. Our Music Director was Rhonda Ferguson of Westfield FWB Church in Katy

The pianist was Mitzi Burks and the organist was Allen King. Prayer was led by Keith Woody. Our first congregational song was "I Want to Know More About my Lord" Following the offering, the congregational sang "Deeper, Deeper" and "His Name Is Wonderful." Special music was provided by Kelly Reed: "Oh, I Want to Know You More"

The message was brought by Mike Cousineau, FWB Missionary to Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa. It was entitled "Know Him More" and was taken from John 21:1-12.

I. The disciples knew who Jesus was.

II. They knew what His global purpose was.

III. They knew what His commandment was.

IV. They knew the results were in His hands.

We were dismissed in prayer by Karen Ferguson.

Business Session - 2:00 PM

Presiding: Keith Woody, Moderator
Music Director: Allen King
Pianist: Mitzi Burks

The congregational sang: "Take My Life and Let It Be" The Moderator's Message was brought by Keith Woody and it was entitled "The Church That God Uses" from I Tim 4:1-16

I. It will be known by what they know. (II Tim 4:1)

II. It will preach the whole Gospel of God.

- A. Preach the Gospel in any season
- B. Preach the Gospel without exception
- C. Preach the Gospel specifically
- D. Preach the Gospel expectantly

III. It will focus on evangelism.

IV. It will prepare people to finish well.

The Moderator appointed Clarence Hearron as parliamentarian for the session.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (MMS&C) to place two proposed constitutional amendments (copies attached) on the table to be discussed and acted upon during the Friday business session.

Reports from National Ministries:

Foreign Missions Board report was given by Steve Lytle. Copies of the Board report and the Nichols Family report were distributed.

Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by Bert Tippet (written letter on p. 36 of the Yearbook). Copies of the FWBBC report were distributed.

Master's Men report was given by Charles Denman, Eastside FWB Church of Houston.

Seminary of the Cross and Mexico FWB report was given by Dr. Thomas Marberry.

Berea Ministries report was given by Jeff Cates, Pastor, Primera IBL in Weslaco.

Hillsdale FWB College report was given by Craig Shaw.

FWB Family Ministries report was given by Ralph Dingus.

Executive Office report was given by Tim York (written letter on p. 35).

MMS&C to receive District and Church reports and seat the delegates.

MMS&C to adjourn until Friday morning.

We were dismissed in prayer by Don Bailey, Pastor of North Oaks FWB Church of San Antonio.

Evening Worship Service - 7:00 PM

Presiding: Thomas Marberry, President, Seminary of the Cross, Reynosa, Mexico. Our Music Director was Allen King, the Pianist was Mitzi Burks and the Organist was Marilu McDonald.

The congregational Sang "I Love You, Lord", and "God Is so Good." The Scripture reading was Psalm 119:33-40 and prayer was led by Jeff Cates.

The congregational Sang "The Church's One Foundation" and "Leave It There" The offering was received (\$214.00); the offertory was sung by Jennifer Berry from First FWB Church of Henderson, "God Will Never Leave You Alone." We were blessed with special music by the convention choir who sang "Castles in the Sand" and "A Child of the King."

We received the message from Rev. Tim York, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists It was entitled "Leading the Flock" from I Pet. 5:1-3.

I. The Ministry

- A. Lead by precept
 - 1. Truth of the Gospel
 - 2. Milk and meat of the Word
- B. Lead by the pattern of the Good Shepherd.
 - 1. Love the flock
 - 2. Live in righteousness

II. The Motive

- A. Not for filthy lucre
- B. To win souls to heaven
- C. To be an example of Christ to the world

III. The Method

- A. Uncompromising principles
- B. Globally active
- C. Responsible for the spiritual well-being and advancement of the flock

After announcements we were dismissed in prayer by Don Ellis of the First FWB Church of Carthage.

Friday Morning, June 11, 2004 - 8:30 AM

Presiding: Keith Woody

Music Director was Allen King, our pianist was Marilu McDonald

Moderator Keith Woody gave the Call to Order.

The congregation sang: "Blessed Assurance."

Appointment of Committees:

Resolutions Committee --	Frank Gregory Thomas Marberry Richard Rust
Obituary Committee --	Jarvis Reed Randy Puckett Don Bailey

The Scripture reading was from John 12:7 and prayer was led by Michael Parker, Pastor of Cornerstone FWB Church of Denison.

Reports from State Ministries and Boards:

TWAC Report was given by Karen Ferguson (written report on pp. 28-30 in the 2004 Yearbook), received as information.

Registration report (copy attached) was given by Marcus Brewer; there were 197 in total registration, received as information.

Executive Office report and State Office report were given by Marcus Brewer (written reports on pp. 12-19).

Motion was made and seconded to receive the reports and adopt the proposed 2005 budget and the distribution for state Cooperative giving.

MMS&C to amend the motion that the 2005 budget be adopted pending the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment concerning church representation fees.

Amended motion carried.

Missions Board report was given by Robert Posner (written report on pp. 20-25).

Updates on Magnolia and Wildwood mission works were given by David Holguin and Gene Richards, respectively.

MMS&C to receive the Missions Board report and adopt the budget.

Texas Challenge report was given by Sally Wilcox, received as information.

Nominating Committee report was distributed (copy attached). Mission Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Christian Education Board report was given by Ken Austin (financial summary and proposed 2005 budget on pp. 26-27).

MMS&C to receive the Christian Education Board report and adopt the budget.

Christian Education Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Harvest FWB Children's Home (VA) report given by Martha Stone.

National Home Missions report was given by Don Bailey (written letter on p. 34).

Obituary Committee report was given by Don Bailey (copy attached), led in prayer by B.J. Davis, Pastor of Thomaston Community FWB Church of Thomaston.

Hillsdale Trustee report was given by Frank Gregory (written copy on p. 31), accepted as information.

Resolutions Committee report was given by Frank Gregory (copy attached). Resolutions 1 and 2 were referred to the Executive Board for further consideration; motion was made, seconded and carried to receive report and adopt Resolution 3.

Remaining Business:

MMS&C to remove proposed constitutional amendments from the table and act on the amendments individually.

MMS&C to adopt the constitutional amendment on the structure and duties of Standing Boards and Committees (copy attached).

MMS&C to adopt the constitutional amendment on the amount of state association representation fees (copy attached).

MMS&C to receive the invitation of the First FWB Church of Duncanville to host the 2005 State Meeting. State Officers and National Association General Board Member were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

MMS&C to give the Moderator the authority to name delegates from the State Association to the National Association.

Letter from the State Association to the National Association was read and corrections noted.

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

We were dismissed in prayer by Gene Richards, Pastor of Wildwood FWB Church of Kingwood.

Minutes taken and typed by Marcus A. Brewer

Clerk, Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Constitutional Amendment

Recommended by the General Board on the Amount of State Association Representation Fees

Article V, Section 3:

After "shall be accompanied by" replace "a registration fee with the amount to be determined from year to year" with "the state and national registration fee." After "of that district." add "The amount of the state association registration fee for each church shall be equal to the amount of the national association registration fee for each church."

Section 3 shall then read as follows: "The letter of each district association shall be accompanied by the state and national registration fee for each church or mission which is a member of that district. The amount of the state association registration fee for each church shall be equal to the amount of the national association registration fee for each church."

Section 4:

· Replace "a registration fee" with "a delegate fee".

Replace "determined from year to year", with "established at such time the State Association determines a delegate fee is necessary."

Section 4 shall then read as follows: "The letter of each church or mission shall be accompanied by a delegate fee with the amount to be established at such time the State Association determines a delegate fee is necessary."

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on the Structure and Duties of Standing Boards and Committees

Article X, Section 5, Paragraph 1:

After "consist of" insert "the Executive Board".

· Before "the chairman" insert "and".

· Paragraph 1 shall then read as follows: "The General Board shall consist of the Executive Board, each duly elected moderator and one member from each associate district association, and the chairman of each standing board. The moderator shall moderate all meetings of the board. The state association will not be responsible for the district associations' members' expenses to the General Board meeting."

Section 5, Paragraph 2:

After "the duty of" replace "this board" with "the Executive Board".

After "All Boards Meeting" insert "to plan the sessions of the upcoming state convention. The district association members shall have the privilege of participating in the planning sessions without voting."

Omit "and preceding the state convention" through the last sentence.

Section 5, Paragraph 3:

Add Paragraph 3: "It shall be the duty of the General Board to meet prior to the state convention to hear reports of all the standing boards and to make recommendations to the state association. The Board shall also recommend a budget for adoption by the state association."

Article XI, Section 1:

After "Committee on Committees" insert "a Credentials Committee".

Registration Report - 90th Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Out-of-State FWB Visitors	12
Texas State Officers	5
Texas Ordained Ministers	31
Texas Ordained Deacons	8
Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon	39
Elected Delegates	4
Texas FWB (non-delegate)	92
Other Visitor	6
Pre-registered	71
Registered on-site	126
TOTAL REGISTRATION	197

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus A. Brewer, Clerk, Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Obituary Committee Report - 2003

Church

Eastside, Houston

Evergreen, Iola

Faith, Wichita Falls

Fellowship, Bryan

First, Houston

Primera, Weslaco

Thomaston Community, Thomaston

Members

J.B. Huggins
Lena Mae Kankey
Kathryn Matula

Ann Blount

Charles Perkins

Glenda Fling

V. Wayne Stone
Maria Hernandez

Betsy Pohler

Marvin Lear

Respectfully submitted,

Don Bailey
Jarvis Reed

Resolutions Committee Report

1. Be it resolved that the State Executive Board issue a detailed program of the State Association Meeting to the Editor of the Texas Challenge and Webmaster of texasfwb.org to be published/posted at minimum one month prior to the State Meeting.

2. Be it resolved that the Texas State Executive Board encourage all Boards within our state organization:

Executive Board

Mission Board

Christian Education Board

TWAC

Master's Men, etc.

set aside and provide expense reimbursements to those within their boards who expend monies on behalf of their respective area of ministry.

3. Whereas, the East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas have done an excellent job in hosting this meeting of the Texas State Association, now; therefore be it

Resolved that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists express its appreciation for this hospitality with a standing vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Gregory

Thomas Marberry

Richard Rust

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers:

Moderator, replacing Keith Woody,
Assistant Moderator, replacing Clarence Hearron,
Clerk, Marcus Brewer (2005)
Assistant Clerk, replacing Chuck Vaughan (2006),
Hillsdale Trustee, Frank Gregory (2005)

Keith Woody
Clarence Hearron

Chuck Vaughan

Mission/Church Extension Board:

Chairman, replacing Robert Posner (2007),
Treasurer, Allen Moore (2005)
Member, Harold Teague (2005)
Member, David Ferguson (2006)
Member, replacing Secundino Urena (2007),

Robert Posner

Secundino Urena

Christian Education Board:

Chairman, Ken Austin (2005)
Member, Brian Hurst (2005)
Secretary, Marilu McDonald (2006)
Treasurer, replacing Allen King (2007),
Competition Chair, replacing Teresa Voltz (2007),

Allen King
Teresa Voltz

Master's Men Senator:

Charles Denman (2005)

National Association General Board Member:

Replacing Keith Woody (2006),

Keith Woody

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus A. Brewer, Chairman
Brian Hurst
Harold Teague

