

THE BASICS OF CHRISTIANITY

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Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

2006 Yearbook

*Containing the 2005 State Minutes
and the 2006 Digest of Reports*



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State Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting June 8-10, 2005 at the First FWB Church of Duncanville, Texas.

Wednesday Evening, June 8, 2005

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Rev. Richard Rust (Faith, Wichita Falls)

Music Director: Allen King (First, Henderson)

Pianist: Marilu McDonald (Bright Light, College Station)

Organist: Sandy Anderson (First, Duncanville)

Opening prayer, led by Rev. Larry Cox (First, Bowie)

Welcome given by Rev. Frank Gregory (First, Duncanville)

Congregational songs: “Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty”, “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Meeting called to order and introduction of visitors by Rev. Keith Woody, Moderator (Lakehills, Cedar Park)

Presentation to Rev. Bobby Ferguson (First, Houston), in honor of 50 years of service; presentation made by Rev. Keith Woody.

Presentation to pastors and missionaries by the State Missions Board

Scripture reading (Matt. 6:25-34) and prayer led by Rev. Lynn Beck (Pleasant Mound, Bellevue).

Special music by Shalee Rater (Pleasant Mound, Bellevue): “The Healer”

Offering was received (\$172.12); offertory sung by convention choir: “Breath in Life”.

Congregational song: “Because He Lives”

Special music by the convention youth choir: “You Are Holy”; and by Matt Crosby and Matt Davila (North Point, Conroe): “You Are My Reason”.

Message by Rev. Matthew Pinson, President, Free Will Baptist Bible College

“Consider Christ’s Person” – Phil. 2:5-11

Announcements

Dismissed in prayer by Anthony Edgmon, Missionary to Spain.

Thursday Morning, June 9, 2005

Pastor’s Conference – 8:30 AM

Theme: “Consider Christ”

Presiding: Rev. Faron Thebeau (Evergreen, Iola)

Music Director: Marcus Brewer (Fellowship, Bryan)

Pianist: Allen Moore

Congregational Song: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Scripture reading (Heb. 3:1-3) and prayer led by Mark Stanczyk (Friendship, Haltom City).

Message by Rev. Jeff Cates (Primera, Weslaco)

“Consider Christ’s Drawing Power” – John 12:32-34

Congregational Song: “Lily of the Valley”

Message by Rev. Eugene Richards (Wildwood, Porter)
"Consider Christ's Desire" – John 17:24-26
Congregational Song: "There's Something About That Name"
Dismissed in prayer by Keith Woody.

Joint Session with TWAC – 11:00 AM
Theme: "Soul Pursuit – Sole Purpose"
Presiding: Karen Ferguson, TWAC President (Westfield, Katy)
Music Directors: Matt Crosby and Matt Davila (North Point, Conroe)
Prayer led by Keith Woody.

Report of Committee on Committees given by Rev. Ken Mayo (Eastside, Houston).
Resolutions Committee

Thomas Marberry, Chair (Primera, Weslaco)
Mark Stanczyk (Friendship, Haltom City)
· Jarvis Reed (North Point, Conroe)

Obituary Committee

Betty Ferguson, Chair (First, Houston)
Artelle Hearron (First, Duncanville)
Vivian Moore (Buncombe, Carthage)

TWAC missions update was given by Vivian Moore.

Congregational Song: "Your Hands and Feet"

Offering was received, led in prayer by Karen Ferguson.

Special music by Carra Bailey (North Oaks, San Antonio): "I Just Thought You'd Like to Know"

Congregational Songs: "Amazing Grace", "We Fall Down", and "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Update on missions efforts in Central Asia by Clint Morgan, FWB International Missions.

Message by Mick Donahue, Missionary to the Muslim community in Southern Spain and Northern Africa

"The Call of God" – Judges 6:36-40

Dismissed in prayer by Bobby Ferguson.

Thursday Afternoon, June 9, 2005

Business Session – 2:00 PM

Presiding: Keith Woody, Moderator

Music Director: Marcus Brewer

Pianist: Angie Stewart (Lighthouse, Victoria)

Congregational Song: "My Savior's Love"

Moderator's Message: Rev. Keith Woody (Lakehills, Cedar Park)

"To the Christians at Rome" – Romans 1:7-16

Credentials Committee report given by Marcus Brewer. MMS&C to receive the report, accept the letters, and seat the delegates.

Proposed constitutional amendment to modify the description of the duties of the Executive Board with respect to the Executive Secretary was read. MMS&C to table the proposed amendment (copy of text attached).

Reports from National Ministries:

Hillsdale FWB College report was given by Bob Thompson.

International Missions Board report was given by James Forlines, Director. Greetings and update were given by Beth Howell (Uruguay) and Anthony Edgmon (Spain).

Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by Dr. Matt Pinson, President.

Executive Office report was given by Keith Burden, Executive Secretary.

Home Missions Board report was given by Richard Adams, Director of Development.

Board of Retirement and FWB Foundation reports were given by Bill Evans.

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

Berea Ministries report was given by Jeff Cates.

MMS&C to adjourn until Friday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Don Bailey (North Oaks, San Antonio).

Thursday Evening, June 9, 2005

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Rev. David Ferguson (Westfield, Katy)

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Marilu McDonald

Scripture reading (Psa. 66:1) by David Ferguson. Service opened in prayer, led by Frank Gregory.

Congregational Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name";

Song by Convention Choir: "All Hail King Jesus".

Greetings and updates from Texas Home Missionaries: Rev. Jarvis Reed (North Point, Conroe), Rev. Don Bailey (North Oaks, San Antonio), Rev. Nick Stewart (Lighthouse, Victoria), Rev. Dino Urena (Iglesia Bautista Libre, Houston). Promotion of State Missions Board State Day of Prayer (August 14) by Rev. Robert Posner (Collin Creek, Plano).

Congregational Songs: "My Savior's Love", "I Love to Tell the Story"

Offering was received (\$559.56); offertory played by Marilu McDonald, "How Great Thou Art".

Congregational Songs: "Set My Soul Afire"

Special music by the convention choir: "Into the Harvest"

Rev. Matthew Pinson, President, FreeWill Baptist Bible College

"Consider Christ's Passion" – Phil. 2:1-11

Announcements

Dismissed in prayer by Dino Urena.

Friday Morning, June 10, 2005 – 8:30 AM

Presiding: Moderator Keith Woody

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Marilu McDonald

Call to Order: Moderator Keith Woody

Congregational Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

TWAC Report was given by Karen Ferguson, TWAC President, (written report on pp. 38-40 of the 2005 Yearbook), received as information.

Scripture reading (Mark 12:28-33) and prayer, led by Jezer Urena (First, Houston).

MMS&C to remove proposed constitutional amendment from the table.

MMS&C to adopt the amendment as presented.
Reports from State Ministries and Boards:

Registration report (copy attached) was given by Chuck Vaughan; there were 157 in total registration, received as information. Executive Board report and State Office report were given by Marcus Brewer (written reports on pp. 19-27 of the 2005 Yearbook).

MM&S to receive the reports and adopt the proposed 2006 budget and the distribution for state Cooperative giving.

General Board report was given by Frank Gregory. MMS&C to receive the report.

Nominating Committee report was given by Clarence Hearron. MMS&C to receive the report and elect positions at the appropriate time during the reports.

Missions Board report was given by Robert Posner (written report on pp. 28-32 of the 2005 Yearbook).

Presentations were made to the Wildwood and Magnolia churches on a matching funds program for specific church projects.

Formal announcement was made of preliminary approval of Associate Missionary Freddy Gillentine to start a FWB church in Abilene.

Revised TEAM Plan budget was presented (copy attached)

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

Mission Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Hillsdale Trustee report was given by Frank Gregory (written copy on p. 41 of the 2005 Yearbook).

MMS&C to receive as information.

Hillsdale Trustee was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Christian Education Board report was given by Allen King (written report, financial summary, and proposed 2006 budget on pp. 33-36 of the 2005 Yearbook).

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.

Master's Men report given by Ken Mayo.

MMS&C to receive the Master's Men report and adopt the budget.

Master's Men Senator was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Obituary Committee report was given by Betty Ferguson (copy attached), led in prayer by B.J. Davis.

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

Resolutions Committee report was given by Thomas Marberry (copy attached). MMS&C to receive report and adopt Resolutions 1 and 2.

Remaining Business:

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.

MMS&C to receive the invitation of the Primera IBL of Weslaco to host the 2006 State Meeting.

Letter from the State Association to the National Association was read; MMS&C to receive the letter and send to the National Association.

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Richard Adams.

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 duties of the Executive Board with respect to the Executive Secretary

Article IX, Section 6, Paragraph 6:

After the words, "the Executive Secretary" replace the period with a comma and add the following words, "or designate one or more persons to coordinate such functions as the Executive Board may indicate."

Paragraph 6 shall then read as follows: "A part-time executive secretary, working under the direction of the Executive Board, will be expected to perform as many of the above functions as time permits. In the absence of an Executive Secretary, the Executive Board shall assume the duties of the Executive Secretary, or designate one or more persons to coordinate such functions as the Executive Board may indicate."

**Registration Report
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TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Out-of-State FWB Visitors 12
Texas State Officers 6
Texas Ordained Ministers 27
Texas Ordained Deacons 6
Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon 33
Elected Delegates 2
Texas FWB (non-delegate) 70
Other Visitor 3
Pre-registered 91

Registered on-site 68

TOTAL REGISTRATION 159

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

Obituary Committee Report 2004

CHURCH MEMBERS

Central Texas District

Bright Light, College Station
Talmage Blount
Kai Richards Dean
Sheri Ivy
Emmett Martin

Eastside, Houston
Neil Huffman
A.V. Jennische

Fellowship, Bryan
Shirley Allison
Merle Cullison
Betty Horner
Maurice Lightsey

First, Houston
Maria Hernandez
Josefa L. Zuniga

Lakehills, Austin
Vicki Cordona

Magnolia, Magnolia
Letha Holguin

North Point, Conroe
Ava Hellard
Leo Hyman
Daniel Willis

Westfield, Katy
Amil Besselman

Wildwood, Porter
Wiley Gould

East Texas District

Buncombe, Carthage
Lester Joe Goodwin
Larry Lawhorn
Carl London

Nita Ritter
First, Henderson
Roger E. Fears
Billy Jimerson

Good Hope, Henderson
Barbara Green

Union Arbor, Beckville
Roger Dale Brightwell
James Hershel Weaver

West Fork District

Faith, Wichita Falls
Chief Perkins

First, Duncanville
Ruth Wilson

West Texas District

First, Kermit
John Armstrong
Katherine Tuel

Faith, Lubbock
Angus Wilkerson

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Ferguson, Chair
Artelle Hearn
Vivian Moore

Resolutions Committee Report

1. WHEREAS, the West Fork District Association and the First FWB Church of Duncanville, have done such an excellent job hosting the 91st Annual Session of the Texas State Association of FWB; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas State Association of FWB express its thanks to the West Fork District Association, the First FWB Church of Duncanville, and Rev. Frank Gregory with a standing vote of thanks.

2. WHEREAS, the Mountain Creek Community Church of Dallas, and its pastor Rev. Robert Summers, opened the doors of their beautiful sanctuary and provided facilities for the Pastor's Conference of the Texas State Association of FWB; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas State Association of FWB express its thanks to their pastor and congregation with a standing vote of thanks; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Texas State Association of FWB send a letter of thanks to Rev. Robert Summers and the congregation of the Mountain Creek Community Church.

Signed,
Thomas L. Marberry
Jarvis Reed
Mark Stanczyk

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers:

Moderator, replacing Keith Woody,
Assistant Moderator, replacing Clarence Hearnon,
Clerk, Marcus Brewer (2007)
Assistant Clerk, replacing Chuck Vaughan (2006),
Hillsdale Trustee replacing Frank Gregory (2008)

Keith Woody
Clarence Hearnon

Frank Gregory

Mission Board:

Chairman, Robert Posner (2007),
Treasurer, replacing Allen Moore (2008)
Member, replacing Harold Teague (2008)
Member, David Ferguson (2006)
Member, Secundino Urena (2007),

Allen Moore
Randy Puckett

Christian Education Board:

Chairman, replacing Ken Austin (2008)
Secretary, Marilu McDonald (2006)
Treasurer, Allen King (2007),
Competition Chair, Teresa Voltz (2007)
Member replacing Brian Hurst (2008)

Ken Austin

Faron Thebeau

Master's Men Senator:

Replacing Charles Denman (2007)

Charles Denman

National Association General Board Member:

Keith Woody (2006),

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Hearnon, Chairman
Eugene Richards
Secundino Urena

