

Personal **Discipleship**

Yearbook 2007

**Texas State Association
of Free Will Baptists**

93rd Annual Session

**Fellowship FWB Church
Bryan, Texas**



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2006 Minutes of the 92nd Annual Session

State Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting June 7-9, 2006 at the Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre and the Best Western Palm Aire Hotel and Suites of Weslaco, Texas.

Wednesday Evening, June 7, 2006 –
Best Western Palm Aire (Bluebonnet/Topaz/Pecan Rooms)

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Rev. B.J. Davis (*Thomaston, Thomaston*)

Music Director: Allen King (*First, Henderson*)

Pianist: Mitzi Burks (*First, Henderson*)

Welcome by Rev. B.J. Davis.

Scripture reading (Phil. 2:1-5) and prayer led by Marcus Brewer (*Fellowship, Bryan*).

Meeting called to order and visitors recognized by Moderator Keith Woody (*Lakehills, Cedar Park*).

Moderator Keith Woody named the appointed committees for the session:

Committee on Committees:

Bill Van Winkle, chair

Eugene Richards

Dino Urena

Nominating Committee:

Allen Moore, chair

Bobby Ferguson

Jeff Cates

Credentials Committee:

Marcus Brewer, chair

Chuck Vaughan

Kenneth Mayo

Announcements for Texas Day of Prayer and Mission Board display booth by Rev. Robert Posner (*Collin Creek, Plano*).

Congregational song: "Jesus Saves"

Prayer by Allen King.

Congregational songs: "Something Beautiful", "Majesty"

Offering was received (\$209.00), led in prayer by Rev. Lynn Beck, (*Pleasant Mound, Bellevue*).

Congregational song: "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus"

Special music by Rev. Luis Felipe Tijerina (*Primera, Weslaco*): "Cuán Grande Es El" ("How Great Thou Art")

Message by Rev. Larry Powell, General Director, FWB Home Missions, Nashville, TN
"Conditions of Salvation: A Dress Rehearsal for Calvary" – Genesis 22:119

The Way of the Cross: Mt. Moriah was symbolic of Calvary.

It was the place God had chosen.

It was a place of prominence.

The Woe of the Cross: The journey up Mt. Moriah was symbolic of Gethsemane.

Isaac questioned whether the plan for the sacrifice was appropriately carried out.

Abraham felt the burden of a father who would sacrifice his son.

The Willingness of the Cross: Isaac was symbolic of Jesus as a willing sacrifice.

Isaac laid down his life willingly, surrendering to the instructions of his father.

Abraham followed the instructions of the holy God, who demanded a sacrifice for sins.

The Word of the Cross: The ram was symbolic of Jesus as a substitute sacrifice.

God provided the ram to take Isaac's place.

The ram was compelled to be a substitute.

Announcements

Pastor's Conference will meet at Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre Thursday morning at 8:30.

TWAC meeting will be at the hotel at 8:30.

Texas Youth Conference will provide a hamburger lunch at the church Thursday at noon, for their service project. A love offering is requested.

Closing Chorus: "Something Beautiful"

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. David Ferguson (*Westfield, Katy*).

Thursday Morning, June 8, 2006 – 8:30 AM – Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre

Pastor's Conference – Theme: "The Basics of Christianity"

Presiding: Chuck Vaughan (*First, Houston*)

Music Director: Marcus Brewer

Pianist: Allen King

Congregational Song: "Love Lifted Me"

Prayer by Chuck Vaughan.

Scripture Reading (Phil. 4:4-9) and Prayer: Rev. Freddy Gillentine (*First, Abilene*).

Message by Luis Felipe Tijerina

"Our Holy Endeavor" – I Pet. 1:13

Holiness in Service (Rom. 6:19)

Holiness in Strategy (Lev. 11:45)

Holiness in Surrender (Phil. 4:13)

Break

Congregational Song: "Heavenly Love"

Message by Faron Thebeau (*Evergreen, Iola*)

"A Heavenly Entrance"

Persons of the Heavenly Entrance
Perception of the Heavenly Entrance
Participation in the Heavenly Entrance
Perpetuity of the Heavenly Entrance

Dismissed in prayer by Herbert Richards.

Thursday Afternoon, June 8, 2006

Business Session – 2:00 PM –
Best Western Palm Aire (Bluebonnet/Topaz/Pecan Rooms)

Presiding: Keith Woody, Moderator
Music Director: Marcus Brewer
Pianist: Mitzi Burks

Congregational Song: "My Savior's Love"

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

"Salt and Light" – Matt. 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth.

Two errors Christians must avoid:

1. We are not to isolate ourselves from the world.
2. We are not to become part of this world.

The purpose of salt:

1. Salt preserves.
2. Salt provides flavor.
3. Salt has a melting effect.
4. Salt causes thirst.
5. Salt can be diluted.

You are the light of the world.

1. Light must be different.
2. Shining is not optional.
3. Light has many purposes.
4. Light exposes.
5. Light shows our purpose in life.
6. Light reveals.

Why should we live as salt and light? The answer is found in verse 16.

Credentials Committee report given by Marcus Brewer.

MMS&C to receive the report, accept the letters, and seat the delegates.

Proposed constitutional amendment on articles of faith and conditions of employment was read.

MMS&C to table the proposed amendment (copy of text attached).

Reports from National Ministries:

International Missions Board Report was given by Rev. Bill Van Winkle, International Missions Board member (Fellowship, Bryan).

Free Will Baptist Bible College Report was given by Bert Tippet, Assistant Director of Public Relations.

Executive Office Report was given by Roy Harris, Convention Manager.

Home Missions Board Report was given by Larry Powell, General Director.

Sunday School and Church Training Board Report was given by Ron Hunter, General Director.

Board of Retirement Report was given by Ray Lewis, Director.

FWB Foundation Report was given by Bill Evans, Director.

Master's Men Report was given by Charles Denman (*Eastside, Houston*).

MMS&C to adjourn until Friday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Nick Stewart (*Lighthouse, Victoria*).

Thursday Evening, June 8, 2006

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM –

Best Western Palm Aire (Bluebonnet/Topaz/Pecan Rooms)

Presiding: Robert Posner (*Collin Creek, Plano*)

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Mitzi Burks

Prayer by Robert Posner

Scripture Reading (Matt. 6:24-25) and Prayer led by Randy Puckett (*Eagle Heights, Sugar Land*)

Congregational Songs: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations", "Without Him"

Offering was received (\$140.86), led in prayer by Freddy Gillentine.

Special music by Esiquio Hernandez (Primera, Weslaco): "Debo Correr"

Congregational Songs: "Id Rather Have Jesus"

Special music by the Jeff Cates family (Primera, Weslaco): "He Set Me Free"

Message by Rev. Larry Powell, General Director, FWB Home Missions, Nashville, TN

"Conduct of the Saved" – Col. 1:10-12

We are to be longsuffering..

Being longsuffering is not a natural human quality; it comes from God.

God's longsuffering is not just putting up with us; it is evidence of His patience. His patience is a result of His love for us. He chooses to love us and work with us.

We are to reflect this Godly quality in our behavior toward others.

We should not just contain God's attributes; we should share with those around us. Through God, longsuffering can become a second nature to us.

The results of longsuffering lead to our desire to see the highest good in ourselves and those around us.

When the highest good is manifested, we will be able to rejoice in the Lord for what He has done.

Announcements

Appointment of Committees:

Resolutions Committee --

Clyde Gillentine
Nick Stewart
Jeff Cates

Obituary Committee --

Debbie Beck
Ruth Richards
Vivian Moore

Dismissed in prayer by Bert Tippet.

Friday Morning, June 9, 2006 – 8:30 AM

Presiding: Keith Woody

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Mitzi Burks

Congregational Song: "Give Me a Vision"

Prayer by Freddy Gillentine.

Scripture Reading (Lam. 3:21-27) and Prayer: Keith Woody.

TWAC Report was given by Karen Ferguson, TWAC President (written report on pp. 36-41 in the 2006 Yearbook), received as information.

MMS&C to remove the proposed constitutional amendment from the table. Clerk Marcus Brewer read the proposed amendment, and discussion was held. MMS&C to adopt the amendment.

Reports from National Ministries:

Harvest FWB Child Care Ministries report was given by George Hyatt.

Report on mission work in Altamira, Tamps., Mexico was given by Bud Bivens.

Berea Ministries report was given by Bill Atkisson.

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

Prayer for Ruth Bivens, Herbert Richards, Rich Morrison, Dale Lunsford, David Stewart, Matt Crosby, Texas students in E-TEAM, and Texas youth camps; led by Allen Moore.

Reports from State Ministries and Boards:

Executive Office report and State Office report were given by Marcus Brewer (written reports on pp.19-25).

MMS&C to receive the reports and adopt the proposed 2007 budget and the distribution for State Cooperative giving.

Missions Board report was given by Robert Posner (written report and proposed board and TEAM budgets on pp. 26-31).

Updates on Texas mission works given by Robert Posner.

Update on Abilene work given by Freddy Gillentine.

Formal announcement on establishment of the new work in Canyon, given by Jeff Cates.

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

Nominating Committee report was read (copy attached). Mission Board position was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Texas Challenge report was given by Editor Sally Wilcox (North Point, Conroe), received as information.

Hillsdale report was given by Matt Gillentine (Collin Creek, Plano); MMS&C to accept the report.

Christian Education Board report was given by Allen King (financial summary and proposed 2007 budget on pp. 32-34).

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 was given by Charles Denman; MMS&C to receive the report.

Obituary Committee report was given by Debbie Beck (copy attached), led in prayer by Eugene Richards.

Resolutions Committee report was given by Clyde Gillentine (copy attached). MMS&C to receive report and adopt item by item. All items carried.

Registration report (copy attached) was given by Marcus Brewer; there were 140 in total registration, received as information.

Remaining Business:

State Officers and National Association General Board Member were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

MMS&C to receive the invitation of the Fellowship FWB Church of Bryan to host the 2007 State Meeting and Collin Creek in 2008.

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

MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Ron Hunter.

Minutes taken and typed by Marcus A. Brewer
Clerk, Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on Articles of Faith and Conditions of Employment

Article III: Membership shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: This association shall be composed of the district associations and the churches of Texas which are known to be orderly, duly organized, and conforming to the faith and usages practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination as set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists Inc.

Section 2: This association shall have as its articles of faith and practices the statements set forth in the corresponding sections of Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. In addition to the articles of faith and practices recorded in the Treatise, this association shall declare the following as further statements of our faith and practices:

A. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23). The joining of one man and one woman shall be the only form of marriage recognized by this association.

B. We believe that the Bible forbids any intimate sexual activity outside of a marriage between a man and a woman and that all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Individuals who are employees, officers, board members, and members of this association shall not participate in any of these activities. Engaging in any of these activities and/or becoming pregnant as a result of consensual intercourse outside of the marriage relationship shall result in termination of employment by the association or holding office or board membership in the association, and shall be grounds for termination of membership in the association (Gen. 2:24; Gen.19:5,13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev.18:1-30; Rom.1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; I Cor. 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

The current Section 2 shall be renumbered as Section 3. The current Section 3 shall be renumbered as Section 4.

A new Article XII: Conditions of Employment shall be inserted as follows:

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We believe that the Bible forbids any intimate sexual activity outside of a marriage between a man and a woman and that all forms of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. Any employee of this association engaging in any of these activities and/or becoming pregnant as a result of consensual intercourse outside of the marriage relationship shall be terminated from employment. No one known to be engaged in such activity shall be considered for employment by this association (Gen. 2:24; Gen.19:5,13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev.18:1-30; Rom.1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; I Cor. 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb.13:4).

The current Article XII: Alterations and Amendments shall be renumbered as Article XIII.

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee has received letters and representation fees from the following district associations: Central Texas and Rio Grande Valley. These districts are entitled to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. Delegates from these districts are to be appointed by their respective moderators. We recommend that these districts and their delegates be seated.

The Credentials Committee has also received letters and representation fees from the following districts that had one church that neither reported nor paid dues: East Texas, West Fork, and West Texas. These districts have submitted their letters and dues for the remainder of their member churches, and the delinquent churches are listed below. We recommend that these Districts and their delegates be seated. Delegates from the East Texas District are to be appointed by their moderator. Delegates from the West Fork District have been named in their letter. Delegates from the West Texas District are not specified.

The Credentials Committee has received local church letters from the following churches:

Buncombe, Carthage	First, Henderson
First, Nacogdoches	Good Hope, Henderson
Lifegate, Tyler	Mt. Olive, Henderson
Mt. Union, Garrison	Union Arbor, Beckville
Faith, Lubbock	First, Kermit
Primera, Weslaco	Bright Light, College Station
Cross, North Zulch	Eagle Heights, Sugar Land
Eastside, Houston	Evergreen, Iola
Fellowship, Bryan	First, Houston
Iglesia Bautista Libre, Houston	Lakehills, Cedar Park
Lighthouse, Victoria	Magnolia, Magnolia
North Oaks, San Antonio	North Point, Conroe
North Zulch, North Zulch	Pine Prairie, Huntsville
Thomaston, Thomaston	United, Bryan
Westfield, Katy	Wildwood, Porter

The following have been appointed as Local Church delegates:

Good Hope, Henderson: to be appointed
North Point, Conroe: Lee Wilcox, Sally Wilcox

The Credentials Committee has received no letters or dues from the following:

Northwest Brazos District Association	Oakdale First FWB Church, Amarillo
Bible FWB Church, Odessa	Stewart FWB Church, Henderson
Liberty FWB Church, Comanche	

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus A. Brewer, Chair
Chuck Vaughan
Kenneth Mayo

Registration Report

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Out-of-State FWB Visitors 14
Texas State Officers 4
Texas Ordained Ministers 25
Texas Ordained Deacons 1
Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon 26
Elected Delegates 7
Texas FWB (non-delegate) 62
Other Visitor 1
Pre-registered 83
Registered on-site 57

Total Registration 140

Respectfully submitted,

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

Obituary Committee Report 2005

CHURCH MEMBERS

Central Texas District

Evergreen

Iola Rosey
Lee Burns
Patricia Martindale
Rosealice Trant

Fellowship, Bryan

Henry Bollinger
Viola Reed

Lakehills, Cedar Park

Malcolm Jennings
Vicki Montemayor
Dean Taylor

Magnolia, Magnolia

Clara Briggs
Brenda Dopslauf

Pine Prairie, Huntsville

J.B. Mize
Alpha Sheffield

Thomaston, Thomaston

James Steven Davis

United, Bryan

Ruth Becker
Jack Burkhalter
Louise McDonald

East Texas District

First, Carthage

Steven Fretwell

First, Henderson

Donald L. Futch

Good Hope, Henderson

Wallace Jimerson

Lifegate, Tyler

Curtis McKinney

Mt. Olive, Henderson

Connie Fears
Eva White

Mt. Union, Garrison

Anna Franklin
Sonny Hartt
R.V. Bell

Union Arbor, Beckville

Inez Porter Weaver

West Fork District

Collin Creek, Plano

Jack Woodson

Hope Chapel, Wichita Falls

Samuel Dunn

Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Springs

Nell Stell

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Beck, Chair

Ruth Richards

Vivian Moore

Resolutions Committee Report

1. WHEREAS, the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists has adopted a constitutional amendment regarding further statements of our faith and practices as an addendum to the articles of faith and practices set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists also adopted a constitutional amendment concerning conditions of employment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the districts and churches that comprise the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists consider adopting similar statements of faith and practices and conditions for employment

2. WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley Association and the Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre have done an excellent job hosting the 92nd Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists express its thanks to the Rio Grande Valley Association, La Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre, and Rev. Jeff Cates with a rising vote of thanks.

3. WHEREAS, the Seminario Biblico La Cruz and the Mexican churches in Reynosa opened the doors of their facilities and exhibited wonderful hospitality for the TWAC and Texas State Youth groups; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists express its thanks to Dr. Thomas Marberry and the Mexican pastors and congregations with a standing vote of thanks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists send a letter of thanks to same.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Gillentine, Chairman
Nick Stewart
Jeff Cates

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers:

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers:

Moderator, replacing Keith Woody (2007),
Assistant Moderator, replacing Clarence Hearron (2007),
Clerk, Marcus Brewer (2007)
Assistant Clerk, replacing C. Vaughan (2008),
Hillsdale Trustee, replacing Frank Gregory (2008),

Keith Woody
Clarence Hearron

Chuck Vaughan
Clyde Gillentine

Mission/Church Extension Board:

Chairman, Robert Posner (2007)
Treasurer, Allen Moore (2008)
Member, replacing David Ferguson (2009),
Member, Secundino Urena (2007)
Member, Randy Puckett (2008)

David Ferguson

Christian Education Board:

Chairman, Ken Austin (2008)
Secretary, replacing Marilu McDonald (2009),
Treasurer, Allen King (2007)
Competition Chair, Teressa Voltz (2007)
Member, Faron Thebeau (2008)

Marilu McDonald

Master's Men Senator:

Charles Denman (2007)

National Association General Board Member:

Replacing Keith Woody (2008),

Keith Woody

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Moore, Chairman
Bobby Ferguson
Jeff Cates

