

2008 Yearbook
Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

*Manifestations
of Greatness*

94th Annual Session
Collin Creek FWB Church - Plano, Texas

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2007 Minutes of the 93rd Annual Session State Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting June 6-8, 2007 at the Fellowship FWB Church of Bryan, Texas.

Wednesday Evening, June 6, 2007

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Rev. Don Bailey (North Oaks, San Antonio)

Music Director: Allen King (First, Henderson)

Pianist: Hope Van Winkle (Fellowship, Bryan)

Special music by the Convention Choir: I'm Just a Sinner Saved by Grace

Congregational Song: "Doxology"

Scripture reading (I Cor. 9:22) and prayer led by Rev. Kyle Howell (United, Bryan).

Welcome by Rev. Bill Van Winkle (Fellowship, Bryan).

Meeting called to order and visitors recognized by Moderator Keith Woody (Lakehills, Cedar Park). Prayer requests mentioned as follows: Raymond Riggs (stroke and blood clot on the brain); Carolyn Adams (inoperable cancer). Standing prayer led by Thomas Marberry.

Moderator Keith Woody named the appointed committees for the session:

Committee on Committees:

Bill Van Winkle, chair

Eugene Richards

Clarence Hearron

Nominating Committee:

Kenneth Mayo, chair

Harold Teague

Faron Thebeau

Credentials Committee:

Marcus Brewer, chair

Chuck Vaughan

Charlene Denman

Congregational Song: "To God Be the Glory"

Prayer by Allen King.

Congregational Song: "At the Foot of the Cross"

Offering was received (\$173.87), led in prayer by Rev. Lynn Beck, (Pleasant Mound, Bellevue).

Special music by Kelly Reed (North Point, Conroe): "I Bless Your Name"

Congregational Songs: "Jesus Is Lord of All", "I Could Never Outlove the Lord"

Special music by Faith Barus (Lakehills, Cedar Park): "What a Friend We Have in Jesus/The Old Rugged Cross/How Great Thou Art"

Message by Rev. Tim Campbell, Executive Director, Arkansas State Association of FWB, Conway, AR –
"The Foundation of Faith" – Romans 10:10-15

I. The Gift of Salvation

- A. The Divine Origin
- B. The Perfect Sacrifice
- C. The Universal Atonement

II. The Conditions of Salvation

- A. Acknowledgement and Repentance of Sins
- B. Recognition of Lordship
- C. Obedience to the Savior

III. The Applications of Salvation

- A. Salvation must not be approached solely from the personal perspective.
 - 1. The foundation of our faith must not be simply the act of salvation, but the God of salvation.
 - 2. Discipline yourself to intimately pursue the knowledge of God.
- B. Do not forget to emphasize the whole Gospel.
 - 1. Christ's Lordship is necessary to true obedience.
 - 2. Cultivate a deepened sense of sin, for which repentance must be made.
- C. Repentance is not a one-time event, but is an ongoing process.
 - 1. Repentance is critical to the Christian's maturation.
 - 2. Christ is not only the author of our salvation; He is the finisher of our salvation.

Invitation Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way"

Announcements:

- Preaching Conference will meet in Fellowship's Family Life Center Thursday morning at 8:30.
- TWAC meeting will meet in Fellowship's auditorium 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.
- Master's Men and youth service project at Twin City Mission (31st & Sims) at 8:00 AM.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bobby Ferguson (First, Houston).

Thursday Morning, June 7, 2007 – 8:30 AM

Preaching Conference – Theme: “The Basics of Christianity”

Presiding: Lynn Beck (Pleasant Mound, Bellevue)

Music Director: Allen King

Opened in prayer by Rev. Keith Burden.

Congregational Song: “Victory in Jesus”

Scripture reading (Eph. 3:14-21) and prayer by Rev. Thurmon Murphy (Faith, Wichita Falls).

Message by Rev. Richard Terry (First, Duncanville)

“The Fruitfulness of the Church” – John 15:1-17

Introduction: These words in John were spoken mere hours before Jesus was arrested, tried, and crucified. Jesus was emphasizing that even though He was going away, His presence would continue through the Holy Spirit. He knew that He could have a more intimate relationship in His physical absence than in His presence.

The husbandman/vinedresser does two things:

- I. He prunes branches that are unfruitful.
 - A. The main focus of this passage is not bearing fruit, but it is unity with (abiding in) Christ. However, bearing fruit is a great way to glorify Him.
 - B. Those who do not bear fruit are in danger of being cut off.
 - C. Those who do not abide in Christ cannot bear fruit.
- II. He encourages branches that are fruitful to bear more fruit.
 - A. “Fruit” is not just soulwinning, but it also represents the Fruit of the Spirit and other Christ-like qualities that we should exhibit to show Christ to others.
 - B. There is no “senseless suffering” in the world. God allows suffering to help us to grow. Even if we don’t understand it, God can use it for our benefit

Break

Congregational Song: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Message by Rev. Kenneth Mayo (Eastside, Houston)

“The Fellowship of the Church” – (1 John 1:3-7)

- I. The Essentials of Fellowship
- II. The Inclusiveness of Fellowship
- III. The Effectiveness of Fellowship

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Danny Conn.

Thursday Afternoon, June 7, 2007

Business Session – 2:00 PM

Presiding: Keith Woody, Moderator

Music Director: Marcus Brewer (Fellowship, Bryan)

Pianist: Hope Van Winkle

Congregational Song: “At Calvary”

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

"Enlarge the Place of our Tent" – Isa. 54:1-4

- I. There is much more work to do, both in general and in Texas specifically.
- II. In order to realize the results of that work, God's people must have a vision and a burden.
- III. There are those among us in Texas that only Free Will Baptists can reach, and we must be willing to work and to try new things to go reach them.
- IV. We must guard against personal ambitions that can override the will of God.
- V. We must be willing and motivated to reach those who are not the traditional white, working-class image of Free Will Baptists. There are multitudes among us of different nationalities and native tongues who also need Christ.

Credentials Committee report given by Marcus Brewer. MMS&C to receive the report, accept the letters, and seat the delegates. MMS&C to refer the matter concerning the standing of the Northwest Brazos District Association and the Oakdale First FWB Church to the Executive Committee for possible resolution. The Executive Committee will report back to the State Association at next year's meeting with their findings and recommendation for possible action.

Reports from National Ministries:

- FWB Foundation report was given by Bill Evans, Director.
- Executive Office report was given by Keith Burden, Executive Secretary.
- Berea Ministries report was given by Bill Atkisson.
- International Missions Board report was given by Barry Simpson, Director of Stateside Development.
- Free Will Baptist Bible College report was given by Milton Fields, Registrar.
- Home Missions Board report was given by Richard Atwood, Director of Missionary Assistance.
- Sunday School and Church Training Board report was given by Danny Conn, Student & Children's Ministries Director.
- Seminary of the Cross and Mexico FWB report was given by Dr. Thomas Marberry.
- Harvest FWB Child Care Ministries report was given by George Hyatt.
- Board of Retirement report was given by John Brummitt, Assistant Director.
- Hillsdale FWB College report was given by Craig Shaw, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
- FWB Children's Home report was given by Allan Austin.

Proposed constitutional amendments on name, membership, representation, and date of the annual convention were read. MMS&C to table the proposed amendment (copy of text attached).

MMS&C to adjourn until Friday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Eugene Richards (Wildwood, Porter).

Thursday Evening, June 7, 2007

Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Clyde Gillentine (Collin Creek, Plano)

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Hope Van Winkle

Special music by the Convention Choir: "Who Am I?"

Congregational Songs: "Holy Is the Lord", "Something Beautiful", "Bless His Holy Name"

Scripture reading (Col. 1:9-18) and prayer led by Richard Rust (Faith, Wichita Falls).

Offering was received (\$128.00), led in prayer by Clyde Gillentine.

Congregational Songs: "My Savior's Love", "I Could Never Outlove the Lord"

Special music by Morgan Pierce (Bright Light, College Station): "The King Is Coming"

Message by Rev. Tim Campbell, Executive Director, Arkansas State Association of FWB, Conway, AR –
"The Focus of Faith" – Acts 20:27,28

I. The Local Church

A. Worship

1. Corporate worship
2. Personal worship
3. "Lifestyle" worship

B. Support

1. The tithe
2. Everything else

II. The Church Doctrines

A. General atonement

1. This doctrine is key to the fundamental distinctiveness of Free Will Baptists.
2. It is inconsistent to think that Christ died only for some; He did not pay the debt for the sinful nature of the entire human race without also paying the debt of the individual sins of each member of the human race.

B. Freedom of the will

1. If we do not have free will, we have no reason to feel guilty for sins, because the decision has already been made for us.
2. If we do not have free will, as sinners we do not have hope of repentance and eternal life.
3. Regarding apostasy, it is inconsistent to believe that we have a choice prior to salvation, but we lose our ability to choose following salvation.

C. Ordinances

III. Evangelism

A. Evangelism must always be through the proclamation of God's Word.

1. A degree of understanding must precede acceptance of God's Word.
2. We must convince the unsaved that there is absolute truth.
3. We must establish that we believe that God exists, and that it is an absolute truth.

B. Evangelism must take people from where they are in their unsaved life to the point that they can understand the truth of God.

Report of Committee on Committees:

Resolutions Committee:

Thurmon Murphy, chair

Jarvis Reed

David Rudd

Obituary Committee:

Marjorie Morris, chair

Vivian Moore

Kareen Rust

Announcements

Dismissed in prayer by Milton Fields.

Friday Morning, June 8, 2007 – 9:00 AM

Presiding: Keith Woody

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Hope Van Winkle

Congregational Song: "Redeemed"

Scripture reading (I Sam. 17:34-37) and prayer, led by Rev. Carl Spruill (Fellowship, Bryan).

MMS&C to remove the proposed constitutional amendments from the table. Clerk Marcus Brewer read the proposed amendments. MMS&C to adopt the amendments.

Reports from State Ministries and Boards:

- TWAC Report was given by Kelly Reed, TWAC Vice-President (written report on pp. 34-36 in the 2007 Yearbook), received as information.
- Christian Education Board report was given by Ken Austin (balance sheet and proposed 2008 budget on pp. 32-33). MMS&C to receive the Christian Education Board report and adopt the budget.
- Nominating Committee report was read (copy attached). Christian Education Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- Missions Board report was given by Robert Posner (written report and proposed board and TEAM budgets on pp. 28-31).
 - The printed 2008 TEAM budget has been revised to remove Rich Morrison from the International Missions distribution, to reflect his new position with ELIC. His 15% share will be evenly distributed among the Edgmons, Nichols, and Deans.
 - This year's attendance at Abilene has doubled from last year.
 - The Cates are now full-time at Canyon. Pray for their efforts to make new contacts and reach those whom they have contacted.
 - The plat for the Baileys' work in San Antonio has been approved. Pray that their permits and other regulatory documents will be cleared soon.
 - The Sugar Land mission has closed on a piece of property and are waiting on the other parties to complete the closing. Eagle Heights mission has also been able to fully support the Puckett's salary along with outside giving, which they expect to continue into the future.
 - The Conroe work is very close to self-supporting. They are currently in negotiations with TxDOT on taking portions of their property to widen the highway in front of the church. Pray that God will continue to bless and that He will guide as the church moves forward.

- The new Cross Life mission in west San Antonio under the Lightseys is just underway. They have planned preview services on October 14, November 11, December 9, and January 13, with a launch date on February 10.
- MMS&C to receive the Missions Board report and adopt the budget.
- Missions Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- Executive Board report and State Office report were given by Marcus Brewer (written reports on pp. 23-25, financial reports on pp. 26-27).
- MMS&C to receive the reports and adopt the proposed 2008 budget and the distribution for state Cooperative giving.
- MMS&C to approve the Cooperative giving distribution as described in the Executive Board Report.
- Executive Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- Registration report (copy attached) was given by Marcus Brewer; there were 203 in total registration, received as information.
- Master's Men Senator was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- Resolutions Committee report was given by Marcus Brewer (copy attached). MMS&C to receive report and adopt item by item. All items carried.
- Obituary Committee report was given by Marjorie Morris (copy attached), led in prayer by Eugene Richards.

Remaining Business:

- Announcement and reminder of last year's invitation of the Collin Creek FWB Church of Plano to host the 2008 State Meeting on June 11-13.
- 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 accept the report.
- MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Introduction of new pastors at the Bible FWB Church at Odessa (John Hancock) and the Lifegate FWB Church in Tyler (Nate Jackson), and the new licensed minister in Central Texas District (Michael Scott).

Dismissed in prayer by George Hyatt.

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

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on Name

- Article I: Name shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on Membership

- Article III: Membership shall be amended as follows:

Section 3: All regularly ordained ministers and deacons and their wives and members of the General Board who are members in good standing of a local church belonging to this association are members of the association.

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on Representation

- Article IV: Representation shall be amended as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 of Article V shall be inserted after Section 2 of Article IV, to be renumbered as Sections 3 and 4 of Article IV. The current Sections 3 and 4 of Article IV shall be renumbered as Sections 5 and 6.

- Article V: Finances and Statistics shall be amended as follows:

Sections 3 and 4 of Article V shall be renumbered as Sections 1 and 2.

Constitutional Amendment Recommended by the General Board on Date of the Annual Convention

- Article VII: Date and Location of the Annual Convention shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: This association shall convene with a worship service on Wednesday night before the third ~~second~~ Sunday in June. The Executive Board ~~Committee~~ has the right to change the time or place of this meeting if the need or an emergency arises.

Credentials Committee Report 2007

The Credentials Committee has received letters and representation fees from the following district associations: Central Texas (19 churches), East Texas (11 churches), West Fork (12 churches), and Rio Grande Valley (1 church). These districts are entitled to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. The Central Texas District and the West Fork District have specified no delegates to the State Association. Delegates from the East Texas and Rio Grande Valley Districts are to be appointed by their respective moderators. We recommend that these districts and their respective delegates be seated.

The Credentials Committee has also received a letter from the West Texas District (5 churches), but it was accompanied by representation fees for only four churches; there was apparently some confusion concerning the status of the Heritage Park Mission in Abilene and they did not pay any dues. Two delegates from the West Texas District are specified, but they are pastors and are already standing delegates according to the Constitution. We recommend that the West Texas District be seated.

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

Buncombe, Carthage

First, Henderson

Lifegate, Tyler

Bible, Odessa

Faith, Lubbock

Heritage Park, Abilene

Bright Light, College Station

Eagle Heights, Sugar Land

Evergreen, Iola

First, Houston

Lakehills, Cedar Park

North Oaks, San Antonio

North Zulch, North Zulch

Thomaston, Thomaston

Wildwood, Porter

First, Carthage

Good Hope, Henderson

Union Arbor, Beckville

Canyon Country, Canyon

First, Kermit

Primera, Weslaco

Cross, Iola

Eastside, Houston

Fellowship, Bryan

Iglesia Bautista Libre, Houston

Magnolia, Magnolia

North Point, Conroe

Pine Prairie, Huntsville

United, Bryan

New Salem, Ft. Worth

The following have been appointed as Local Church delegates:

First, Henderson: Allen King, Mitzi Burks

Good Hope, Henderson: to be appointed by pastor

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

Northwest Brazos District Association

Oakdale First FWB Church, Amarillo

The clerk of the State Association has notified the clerk of the Northwest Brazos District Association that this is the third consecutive year that they have not reported or paid representation fees, with a warning that this is grounds for dismissal from the State Association. The district clerk confirmed that they had not reported or paid dues for three years and stated that they likely would continue failing to report in the future, given the age and low number of their current membership. When advised that the Northwest Brazos District Association and the Oakdale First FWB Church could be dismissed from the State Association, the district clerk stated they were willing to accept and abide by that decision if the State Association chooses to do so. The Credentials Committee recommends that the State Association, if other attempts to bring them into good standing fail, consider dismissing the Northwest Brazos District Association and the Oakdale First FWB Church from the State Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus A. Brewer, Chair
Chuck Vaughan
Charlene Denman

Registration Committee Report 2007

Out-of-State FWB Visitors 23
Texas State Officers 5
Texas Ordained Ministers 31
Texas Ordained Deacons 7
Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon 33
Elected Delegates 4
Texas FWB (non-delegate) 90
Other Visitor 10

Pre-registered 107
Registered on-site 96

TOTAL REGISTRATION 203

Respectfully submitted,

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

Obituary Committee Report 2007

CHURCH MEMBERS

Central Texas District

Evergreen, Iola
Pat Martindale
Rosalice Trant

Fellowship, Bryan
Virginia Capps
Ida Frances Halbrook

First, Houston
Jim Hamilton
Delbert Lunsford
David Stewart

Magnolia, Magnolia
Danny Graeter

North Point, Conroe
Sherman Williamson, Sr.

Pine Prairie, Huntsville
Peggy Bryant
Monica Koehl
Hubert Lawrence
Frances Mitchell
Reba Sutton

Wildwood, Porter
Ralph Overturff

East Texas District

Buncombe, Carthage
Bea Hayes

First, Carthage
Alice Hudson
Geneva Brinkley

First, Henderson
Veasey Lantrip Rousseau
Norma J. Welch Simmons
Homer Green

Mt. Olive, Henderson
Forrest Welch

Mt. Union, Garrison
Teams Westbrook

West Fork District

First, Duncanville
Elbert Gibson

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Morris, chair
Vivian Moore
Kareen Rust

Resolutions Committee Report

1. **RESOLVED**, a standing vote of thanks to the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church for their kind hospitality in hosting the 93rd Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. **RESOLVED**, that we express profound appreciation for the Board of Christian Education and the volunteers that worked with and provided activities and events for the young people of our State Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Thurmon Murphy, Chairman
David Rudd
Jarvis Reed

Nominating Committee Report 2007

State Officers:

Moderator, replacing Keith Woody (2008),
Assistant Moderator, replacing Clarence Hearron (2008),
Clerk, replacing Marcus Brewer (2009),
Assistant Clerk, Chuck Vaughan (2008)
Hillsdale Trustee, Clyde Gillentine (2008)

Keith Woody
Clarence Hearron
Marcus Brewer

Mission/Church Extension Board:

Chairman, replacing Robert Posner (2010),
Treasurer, Allen Moore (2008)
Member, David Ferguson (2009)
Member, replacing Secundino Urena (2010),
Member, replacing Randy Puckett (2008),

Robert Posner

Secundino Urena
David Rudd

Christian Education Board:

Chairman, Ken Austin (2008)
Secretary, Marilu McDonald (2009)
Treasurer, replacing Allen King (2010),
Competition Chair, replacing Teressa Voltz (2010),
Member, Faron Thebeau (2008)

Allen King
Teressa Voltz

Master's Men Senator:

Replacing Charles Denman (2009),

John Davis

National Association General Board Member:

Keith Woody (2008)

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth D. Mayo, Chairman
Harold Teague
Faron Thebeau

