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100th Annual Meeting
Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists
June 11-13, 2014 Bryan, Texas

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Minutes of the 99th Annual Session

of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting June 12-14, 2013
at the Collin Creek FWB Church of Plano, Texas

Wednesday Morning, June 12 2013

9AM - General Board meeting

1PM - The ETC Conference

Pastor Robert Posner posed an identical set of questions to three pastors who are extremely respected by the FWB community in Texas (Keith Woody, Bobby Ferguson and Clarence Hearron).

The pastors were asked to give a presentation of 10 minutes or less covering their ministry history. The questions were:

1. What two events in ministry do you look back on with the most joy?
2. What two events in ministry do you look back on with the most regrets?
3. What role do you feel your marriage has played in your ministry?
4. What three short words of advice would you give a pastor serving in the current generation?
5. How can we best pray for your ministry at this time?
6. What in the current younger generation of pastors most excites you and what most concerns you?
7. What theological trends most worry you today?

Wednesday Evening, June 12, 2013

Evening Worship Service - 7:00 PM

Collin Creeks Children's ensemble started the service with a couple of specials

Presiding: Robert Posner (Collin Creek, Plano)

Music Director: Allen King (First, Henderson)

Pianist: Mitzi Burks (First, Henderson)

Welcome by Robert Posner (Collin Creek, Plano).

Scripture reading (Acts 11:22-26) and prayer led by Randall Wright (Clearview, McKinney).

Congregational Songs led by Allen King: "Our God Is Mighty" - medley, "Stand Up For Jesus" and "I Love To Tell The Story"

Meeting called to order by Moderator Marcus Brewer (Fellowship, Bryan). Bro. Marcus recognized out-of-state visitors and named the appointed committees for the session:

Nominating Committee:

Kenneth Mayo, Chairman

Richard Terry

David Rudd

Credentials Committee:

Doug Dickey, Chair

Chuck Vaughn

John Davis

Resolutions Committee:

Richard Rust, Chairman

Clyde Gilentine

Randy Puckett

Congregational Songs: "Glorious Is Your Name" and "Something About That Name"

Offering was received (\$156.65)

Special Music by Greg Yacobian, Jr. (Light of Life, McAllen)

Message by Will Harmen, Cavanaugh FWB Church, Fort Smith, Ark -

"No Apologies" (Rom 1:14-16) - The three "I Am" s of Paul

- I. I am a debtor (v14) "I am obligated to tell the Gospel"
 - A. We have a divine duty
 - B. We have a duty to the world
- II. I am eager (15) - passionately ready / willing / of an eager mind

- A. In Bible study
 - B. In Christian service
 - C. In Giving to God
 - D. In Witnessing ("the Gospel is not something we come to church to hear, but something we leave church to do
- III. I am unashamed (v16) Why would anyone be ashamed of Jesus?
- A. Maybe because we are on hostile territory
 - B. If they are going to be saved someone has to tell them
- This is the power of the Gospel unto Salvation! There is no plan B!

Invitation Song: "Have Thine Own Way"

Meeting Announcements:

- Preaching Conference will meet in the fellowship hall Thursday morning at 8:30.
- TWAC meeting will meet in the Auditorium at 8:30.
- TWAC joint worship service and missions conference will meet in the Auditorium at 11 am
- Mark Headrick asked for assistance with historical information about Texas FWB for use in next year's State Meeting program.

Dismissed in prayer by Ken Mayo.

Thursday Morning, June 13, 2013 - 8:30 AM

Pastor's Conference - Theme: "No Apologies"

Presiding: John Collier (New Beginnings, Bryan)

Scripture reading (1 Thes 4:13-18) and prayer by Matt Calhoun (Bright Light, College Station).

Message by Randall Wright -

"Why Apologize for Perseverance" (Col 1:21-23)

- I. Perseverance does not imply a works salvation
- II. Perseverance calls for a life that is firmly committed to Christ
- III. Perseverance is established through our relationship with the Lord

Message by Howard Bass -

"Why Apologize for Eternity" (Mt 25:46) Why is there a Hell?

- I. The Bible declares it
- II. The Holiness of God demands it.
- III. Sinful men deserve it.
- IV. The Devil and his angels are destined for it

Dismissed in prayer by John Collier.

Thursday Afternoon, June 13, 2013

Business Session - 2:00 PM

Presiding: Marcus Brewer, Moderator

Opening song: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" led by Richard Rust.

Session opened with prayer, led by Clarence Hearron.

Moderator's Message: Marcus Brewer (Fellowship, Bryan)

"Where has God placed you to serve?" (Acts 6:1-7)

Introduction: God does not always use the most likely people to do His work, and he doesn't always use them in the ways we might expect. However, He does use those who are willing and who obey His leading. Here are some examples:

- I. Samuel (1 Samuel 3)
 - a. A path had been laid out for him (1:27-28, Prov. 22:6), but he still had to make his own decisions.
 - b. He was still quite young when God called him, and he didn't immediately know who it was or how to answer. (3:4-7)
 - c. He was immediately given a difficult message. (3:11-18)
 - d. Soon all Israel recognized his Godly leadership. (3:19-21)
- II. Gideon (Judges 6)
 - a. He had no self-confidence and doubted the word of the angel. (6:15)
 - b. Even after receiving confirmation from the angel, he initially acted under cover of darkness. (6:27)
 - c. He needed two signs from God before truly beginning his service in earnest. (6:36-40)

- d. He had no military training to speak of, but he led one of the most resounding victories in Israel's history, thanks to his obedience. (Judges 7)
- III. Paul (Acts 9)
 - a. He had all the training, but he didn't know how to apply it. (9:1-2)
 - b. Even though he zealously pursued the fulfillment of the law, he did not recognize Jesus when He spoke to him. (9:4-6)
 - c. Though blind, he obeyed, and the Lord opened his eyes physically and spiritually. (9:17-18)
 - d. He found ways to minister in the most unusual and inhospitable situations, and God used those whom he led to Him. (16:1-5, 25-32)
- IV. Others
 - a. Jonah
 - b. Hosea
 - c. Esther
 - d. Corrie ten Boom

Each of these people had a place to serve, where God had called them, and they did it. We may not see visions or hear God audibly give us instructions, but He still speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. Each of us has a place where we can contribute to the kingdom of God. Why has God put you where you are?

Marcus led us in prayer after the message.

Credentials Committee report was given by Clerk Doug Dickey. MMS&C to receive the report, accept the letters, and seat the delegates.

• Reports from National Ministries:

- Executive Office report was given by Keith Burden, ONE Magazine Editor. Bro Keith Burden gave us a report about the upcoming National Convention in Tampa Florida. He also spoke about the 'ONE' magazine, asked for prayer for denomination's leaders and consider supporting the national office.
- International Missions report was given by Steve Lytle, missionary to Panama. He gave thanks for what is happening in Texas! Spoke of the growth and expansion in International Missions.
- Home Missions report was given by Heath Ferguson, FWB Mission church to North Houston, TX. We have 5 missionaries serving in the state of Texas. Requested financial support and prayer support.
- Welch College report was given by David Williford. Opening an on-line BA program in December. Shared about the government imposed expenses from the pensions plans and impact on Welch.
- FWB Foundation report was given by Bro David Brown and promoted Cornerstone Estate Planning seminars.
- Randall House Report was given by Danny Conn. He promoted the 'Access' Bible study on-line program, 'Elements' children's worship materials, the 2013 D6 conference and other endeavors.
- Hillsdale FWB College report was given by Dr. Thomas Marberry. He reported on the progress of the College and its involvement in the disaster relief in the OKC area following the tornados. There has been tremendous exposure and publicity through this involvement. He introduced Bro Faron Thebeau and gave him the opportunity to share their involvement in the relief effort. Also, Dennis Teague gave a report about the relief effort.

Dismissed in prayer by Warner Collier.

Thursday Evening, June 14, 2012

Evening Worship Service - 7:00 PM

Prelude: Alex Dickey's PowerPoint for 2013 National Youth Competition

Presiding: Clarence Hearron (First, Duncanville)

Music Director: Allen King (First, Henderson)

Scripture and Prayer: Clarence Hearron (John 1:1-5)

Pianist: Mitzi Burks (First, Henderson)

Congregational Songs: "Oh Worship The King", "Redeemed", "In Christ Alone, Jesus Paid It All"

Offering was received (\$319.00). Offertory song: 'medley' by Gregory Yucobian

Randy Puckett recognized Jeff and Sondra Cates - their work in Canyon TX is going self-supporting. They were recognized with a plaque and applause by the congregation!

Message by Will Harmon - "No Apologies" (Acts 11:25-26)

Intro: Passion - God wants passion in your life. (Mark 12:29-31) Love God and love people 'passionately'. It's normal today for people to be passionate about anything but God.

What does it take to be a follower of God?

- I. Loving God with a REAL Love - all your heart
- II. Loving God with an intensity of Love
- III. Love God with sagacity of Love - the mind matters. Does God have your mind?
- IV. Love God with an activity of Love - all of your love. 'The Lordship of Jesus Christ'

Dismissed in prayer by Jack Bankhead.

Friday Morning, June 15, 2012 - 9:00 AM

Presiding: Marcus Brewer

Music Director: Allen King

Pianist: Mitzi Burks (First, Henderson)

Scripture reading (Isaiah 53), led by Keith Woody.

Congregational Song: "He Keeps Me Singing"

Reports from State Ministries and Boards:

- **TWAC Report** was given by Mitzi Burks, (written report on pp. 48-51 in the 2013 Yearbook), received as information
2013 Women's Retreat will be held October 11-12 at Glen Forest Camp. Celene Henderson will be the speaker
- **Registration report** (copy attached) was given by clerk Doug Dickey; there were 104 registered for the meeting, received as information.
- **Reports from the Executive Board** were given.
 - State Office report was given by Marcus Brewer (written reports and financial reports on pp. 24-33 of the Yearbook).
 - Treasurer's Report was given by John Davis. MMS&C to approve the report and commend the Treasurer for his efforts in maintaining current records.
 - Texas Challenge report was given by Sally Wilcox (written report on p. 42 of the Yearbook), received as information.
- **Nominating Committee report** was given by Kenneth Mayo (copy attached). MMS&C to receive the report.
- **Christian Education Board report** was given by Allen King (written report is located on page 44 of the Yearbook, with 2012 financial statement and 2012 budget on pp. 45-47).
 - There were 61 in attendance at this year's Youth Retreat in April; youth pastors from across the state served as evangelists.
 - The Texas Leaders for Christ (TLC) Conference was held in December; the Board is looking forward to expanding this conference in the future.
 - State competition held in May at Fellowship with 49 children involved in competition.
 - The Board has tentatively scheduled a Men's Retreat for December 6-7, at Camp of the Hills.
 - MMS&C to receive the Christian Education Board report and adopt the budget.
 - CE Board position was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- **Missions Board report** was given by Robert Posner (written report is on p. 36-37 of the Yearbook, with financial reports and budgets on pp. 38-41).
 - The Board was pleased to present the ETC conference on Wednesday afternoon of the State Meeting; they are making plans for next year's meeting - maybe on addressing the homosexual challenge the church faces.
 - The work in Canyon (Jeff Cates) is doing extremely well - just become self-supporting!
 - Heath Ferguson moved to Texas in January and started meeting at home in February. Their request for chair-needs was abundantly met. Will start having regular Sunday AM services this month.
 - Randall Wright shared about the McKinney work and how well things are going. They have several youth groups coming in this summer to do out-reach. He shared several prayer request.
 - The new Light of Life work in McAllen is doing well, under the leadership of Greg Yacobian.
 - The Lightseys are in transition with new location and a new addition to the family on the way.
 - MMS&C to receive the Missions Board report and adopt the budget.
 - Missions Board position was elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
- **Texas Challenge Report** was given by Sally Wilcox. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in said capacity. They have been to at least 24 of our churches. She spoke of the transition to the electronic edition this past year to save funds. The expectation is to continue to do so. She asked the pastors check with retired seniors in their churches that may be willing to visit our churches like they do. She updated us about the website and Facebook efforts - also the calendar of events.
- **The Hillsdale Report** was given by Clyde Gillentine. He did point out that both of the two board members from the state of Texas attended all of the board meetings. He proceeded to share some of what was involved in the said meetings and how involved these board members were while attending. He shared the Hillsdale has now been approved as the 23rd teacher education college in the state of OK by the OK Commission for Teacher Preparation (a division of the OK Dept. of education).
- **Remaining Business:**
 - Executive Board positions were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee.
 - MMS&C to give the Moderator the authority to appoint delegates to the National Convention.
 - Obituary report was given by Doug Dickey (copy attached). Led in memorial prayer by John Collier.
 - Resolutions Committee report was read by chairman Richard Rust (copy attached). MMS&C to receive report and act item-by-item. Item was approved and acted upon as presented.
 - MMS&C to adopt the distribution for state Cooperative giving as recommended by the Executive Board and General Board.
 - Marcus Brewer shared that the General Board recommended that the State association give \$1000 to the disaster relief in OK. MMS&C to make this donation.
 - Bro Terry urged the pastors to contact the Boy Scouts and voice great concerns about their direction.
 - Moderator Marcus Brewer shared that the 2014 State Meeting will be held at Fellowship FWB Church in Bryan for the 100 year session. Mark Headrick asked for artifacts, photos, and information that would be helpful in the

program.

- The church letter to Nationals was discussed - not yet completed by Bro Doug Dickey. It will be completed and sent to the national office to represent the State of Texas.
- Bro Bivens brought greetings and a report from Mexico. He shared about the FWB orphanage and Bible Institute that he is involved with in Mexico.
- MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer by John Davis.

Minutes taken and typed by Doug Dickey
Clerk, Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee has received letters and representation fees from the following district associations: Central Texas (16 churches), East Texas (10 churches), West Fork (11 churches), West Texas (6 churches), and Rio Grande Valley (2 churches). These districts are entitled to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. The West Texas District report includes five of their six churches; they received no report from CrossRoads FWB Church in Lubbock. The districts have specified no elected delegates to the State Association. We recommend that these districts and their respective delegates be seated.

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

Bible, Odessa
First, Kermit
Good Hope, Henderson
Bright Light, College Station
CrossLife, San Antonio
Eagle Heights, Sugar Land
Eastside, Houston
Fellowship, Bryan
First, Tomball
Iglesia Bautista Libre, Houston
Lakehills, Cedar Park
Liberation, Houston
Lighthouse, Victoria
Magnolia, Magnolia
New Beginnings, Bryan
North Oaks, San Antonio
Pine Prairie, Huntsville
Thomaston, Thomaston
Wildwood, Porter
Faith, Lubbock
Canyon Country, Canyon
Heritage Parks, Victoria

These churches have named local church delegates as follows:

" Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre: Abigail Thebeau
" First, Kermit: Charles Jones, Susan Jones, Ken and Betty Edwards
" Canyon Country, Canyon: Danny and Laura Hamby, John Crabtree and Larry Hunter
" Liberation, Houston: Leslie Parish and Socorro Prieto Jr.
" Cedar Park, Cedar Park: Keith Woody and Neva Woody

We recommend that these local church delegates be seated.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Dickey, Chair
Chuck Vaughan
John Davis

Registration Report

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Out-of-State FWB Visitors	12
Texas State Officers	5
Texas Ordained Ministers	27
Texas Ordained Deacons	1
Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon	9
Elected Delegates	4
Texas FWB (non-delegate)	54
Other Visitors	
Pre-registered	51
Registered on-site	53
TOTAL REGISTRATION	104

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Dickey
Clerk, Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers:

Moderator, replacing Marcus Brewer (2014)	Marcus Brewer
Assistant Moderator, replacing Clarence Hearron (2014)	Mark Headrick
Clerk, replacing Doug Dickey (2015)	Doug Dickey
Assistant Clerk, replacing Chuck Vaughan (2014)	Chuck Vaughan
Executive Board Member-at-Large, replacing Richard Terry (2014)	Richard Terry

Mission/Church Extension Board:

Chairman, Robert Posner (2016)	Robert Posner
Treasurer, David Rudd (2014)	
Member, Randy Puckett (2015)	
Member, replacing Secundino Urena (2016)	Secundino Urena
Member, Faron Thebeau (2014)	

Christian Education Board:

Chairman, Ken Austin (2014)	
Secretary, John Collier (2015)	
Treasurer, replacing Allen King (2016)	Allen King
Competition Chair, replacing Teressa Voltz (2016)	Teressa Voltz
Member, Baxter Horton (2014)	

Hillsdale Trustees:

Clyde Gillentine (2014)
Doug Dickey (2014)

National Association General Board Member:

Keith Woody (2014)

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mayo, Chairman
Richard Terry
David Rudd

Obituary Report for 2012

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists

CHURCH

Central Texas District

Bright Light

Eagle Heights

Pine Prairie

Eastside

Lakehills

Lighthouse

Wildwood

East Texas District Association

Good Hope

First Church Henderson

First Church Carthage

MEMBERS

Marcella Goen

Margie McAfee

Zelma Artherholt
Chris Cridland
Elaine Mathis

Al Smith

H.G. Wiley

Kenneth Crawford

Bud Rice
Sharon Rivera
Sandra Gould

Reta Brown,

Harold Teague - retired minister
Eunice Jordan

Myrtle Boren
Gladine Washington

Resolutions Committee Report

Resolved, that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists give the Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Plano a standing vote of thanks in appreciation for their wonderful hospitality during this year's state meeting.

Respectfully,
Richard Rust, Chairman
Clyde Gilentine
Randy Puckett

