

# MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Meeting June 11-13, 2014  
at Fellowship FWB Church of Bryan, Texas

*Wednesday Morning, June 11 2014*

*9AM - General Board meeting*

*1pm - The ETC Conference*

*David Gibbs Spoke to the pastors about the legal challenges the church faces today. He presented guidelines for safety guidelines to protect ministry from legal nightmares.*

*Wednesday Evening, June 11, 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: "Victory in Jesus" & "Jesus Saves" lead by Marcus Brewer

Scripture Reading and Prayer: John Collier

Welcome: Doug Dickey

Proclamation from the city of Bryan: Ann Horton, Mayor Pro Tem

Call to Order and announcement of appointed committees: Marcus Brewer

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David Rudd,  
Richard Terry

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Richard Rust

Presentation by David Gibbs, National Center for Life and Liberty

Special Music: Rejoice from Welch College

Special Music: Sharon Dickey (signing) – "Each One Reach One"

Introduction of speaker: Mark Headrick

Message: David Crowe – "Sending"

Invitation Given

Meeting Announcements:

- TWAC business and worship service in Fellowship auditorium – 8:30 AM
- Preaching Conference at Bright Light FWB Church
- Business session in Fellowship auditorium – 2 PM
- Exhibits / displays in overflow area
- Be sure to fill out registration if not preregistered

Dismissed in prayer

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***Thursday Afternoon, June 12, 2014***

**Business Session – 2:00 PM**

Presiding: Marcus Brewer, Moderator

**State Meeting – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

### **Business Meeting Session**

TWAC Business Meeting 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Denominational Seminar: "Heritage from the past; horizons form the future"

Presiding: Jarrod Oaks (First, Duncanville)

Scripture and Prayer: Clyde Goen (Bright Light, College Station)

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Hester (Welch College)

TWAC Missions Conference: "Find us Faithful" (Hebrews 12:1-3) 11 AM – Noon

### **Business Session - 2PM**

Moderator's Message: Marcus Brewer (notes attached)

Receipt of letters and seating of delegates

Reports from National Ministries and Boards

**Credential Report** given by Doug Dickey

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report

Ryan Lewis brought a report from the *Executive Office* in Nashville, TN. Encouraged all to sign up for the ONE magazine. He also promoted the National Association Meeting in Fort Worth, TX in July 27th-30th. He also promoted the prayer calendar and encouraged all to participate.

Clint Morgan gave a report from *International Mission*. He spoke about the WMO. We are at \$581,000 so far this year. Clint spoke about several missionaries presently serving and what the Lord is doing in missions. He told us of the development of the work in Panama and that we no longer have any missionaries there. There are over 19,000 FWB in India. He commended the Teagues and the work they are doing in France. "God isn't finished with Free Will Baptist!"

Matt Pinson gave a report from *Welch College*. He spoke words of gratitude to Texas for what we are doing for the Lord and sending students and finances to Welch. Matt indicated that the future is bright for Free Will Baptist because of our young people coming into ministry. He spoke about the challenges the college has faced and how The Lord has come to the rescue. Welch received several transfers from Gateway College in Virginia Beach. He stated that there is a great sense of unity at the college. He requested prayer for the college and its relocation efforts.

Ray Lewis brought a report from the *Board of Retirement*. Bro Ray shared about the litigation going on about the housing allowance that presently is permitted for ministers. He spoke about the need to go to IRS.gov and fill out 8822-b form for the Federal numbers that had been assigned.

Ken Akers gave the *Masters Men report*. Ken shared with us the projects that the Masters Men have been involved in. He spoke about involvement with the Nationals, Impact and Operation Saturation. He encouraged folks to go to [fwb.mastersmen.org](http://fwb.mastersmen.org) and sign up to be involved with Impact in Fort Worth.

Brandon Roysden gave a report from *Randal House*. He shared “Why they do what they do. How that plays out.” They are constantly working to help churches fulfill Dt 6. He spoke about D6 conference, National Youth Conference, YET, D6 material and Nationals seminars. The theme for D6 this year is ‘Connect’.

Dr. Tim Eaton gave a report from Hillsdale College. He shared that Hillsdale has been serving Free Will Baptist for over 55 years. Hillsdale now offers 20 graduate programs and a variety of online courses. He shared that Hillsdale received their 10 year affirmation of accreditation. He also gave us an update on Dr. Thomas Marberry. He is scheduled to have heart surgery soon – will be going to Houston on June 24 and will have surgery while there. There is significant risk with his surgery.

This session was concluded by prayer by Bro Doug Dickey

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### *Thursday Evening, June 12, 2014*

#### Evening Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Presiding: Faron Thebeau (Primera, Weslaco)

Music Director: Marcus Brewer (Fellowship, Bryan)

Scripture and Prayer: Chuck Vaughn (First, Tomball)

Message by Dr. David Crowe – “Tending the People of God”

Dismissed in prayer

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### *Friday Morning, June 13, 2014 – 9:00 AM*

Call to order: Marcus Brewer (Moderator)

Scripture and Prayer: Jeremy Lightsey (CrossLife, San Antonio)

#### **Reports from State Ministries and Boards:**

- **TWAC Report** was given by Mitzy Burks
- **Nominating Committee report** was given by Kenneth Mayo
- **Christian Education Board report** was given, Ken Austin, Chair
- **State Missions Board report** was given by Robert Posner
- **Registration report** (copy attached) was given by clerk Doug Dickey
- **Executive Board report** was given by clerk Doug Dickey
- **State Office Report** was given by Marcus Brewer (State office coordinator)
- **Texas Challenge Report** was given by Mark Headrick, editor
- **The Hillsdale Report** was given by Clyde Gillentine, Trustee
- **Obituary Report** was given by Doug Dickey, Clerk

- **Resolution Committee Report** was given by Mark Headrick

**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.
- Reading of State Association Letter to the National Association by Clerk Doug Dickey
- Announcement Was made of the next State Meeting
- MMS&C to adopt the distribution for state Cooperative giving as recommended by the Executive Board and General Board.
- MMS&C to adjourn the business session.

Dismissed in prayer

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

## **Credentials Committee Report 2014**

The Credentials Committee has received letters and representation fees from 43 of the 45 reporting churches from the following district associations: Central Texas (16 churches), East Texas (9 churches), West Fork (12 churches), West Texas (6 churches), and Rio Grande Valley (2 church). These districts are entitled to one delegate for each hundred members or fractional part thereof. They were 6 appointed delegates from these districts aside from their pastors, pastor's wives, deacons and deacon's wives. We recommend that these districts and their respective delegates be seated.

First FWB of Henderson listed Judy Smith and Mitzi Burts as delegates. Canyon Country FWB listed John Crabtree, Dale Dunn as delegates.

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

List the churches

We recommend that these local church delegates be seated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Dickey, Chair  
Chuck Vaughan  
John Davis

**REGISTRATION REPORT – 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

|                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Out-of-State FWB Visitors .....                | 26             |
| Texas State Officers .....                     | 3              |
| Texas Ordained Ministers .....                 | 26             |
| Texas Ordained Deacons .....                   | 6              |
| Wife of Texas Ordained Minister or Deacon..... | 21             |
| Elected Delegates .....                        | 7              |
| Texas FWB (non-delegate) .....                 | 72             |
| Other Visitors.....                            | 3              |
| <br>Pre-registered .....                       | <br>62         |
| Registered on-site.....                        | 102            |
| <br><b>TOTAL REGISTRATION .....</b>            | <br><b>164</b> |

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

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **State Officers:**

Moderator, Marcus Brewer (2015)  
Assistant Moderator, Mark Headrick (2015)  
Clerk, Doug Dickey (2015)  
Assistant Clerk, Chuck Vaughan (2015)  
Treasurer, John Davis  
Executive Board Member-at-Large, Richard Terry (2015)

### **Mission/Church Extension Board:**

Chairman, Robert Posner (2016)  
Treasurer, David Rudd (2017)  
Member, Randy Puckett (2015)  
Member, Secundino Urena (2016)  
Member, Faron Thebeau (2017)

### **Christian Education Board:**

Chairman, Ken Austin (2017)  
Secretary, John Collier (2015)  
Treasurer, Allen King (2016)  
Competition Chair, Teresa Voltz (2016)  
Member, Baxter Horton (2017)

### **Hillsdale Trustees:**

Clyde Gillentine (2016)  
Doug Dickey (2016)

### **National Association General Board Member:**

Ken Mayo (2016)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Mayo, Chairman  
Richard Terry  
David Rudd



**OBITUARY REPORT**  
**TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**2014**

CHURCH

MEMBERS

**Central Texas District**

Fellowship

Leila Gregg

Bright Light

Hendrix Harper (deacon)

Lynda Lynch

Virginia Martin

Iglesia Libre

Victor Squire

Eastside

Jackie Wava

First Tomball / Houston Church

Marie Cap de Vielle

Linda George

Lighthouse

Ken Crawford

Wildwood

Ann Hinton

Margaret Richards

**East Texas District Association**

Buncombe FWB

Dean Tucker

First Church Henderson

Charles Scogin

Gwendolyn Louise Davis Scogin

Lucille Green

Mildred Fears

Lifegate FFWB

Lois Crain

Rev. Billy Decker

**West Fork District**

Wichita Falls

Ken Pearson (deacon)

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Be it Resolved, that the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists give the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan a standing vote of thanks in appreciation for their gracious hospitality during the 100th state meeting.

Respectfully,  
Mark Headrick, Chairman  
Faron Thebeau  
Richard Rust

<sup>9</sup>Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. <sup>10</sup>And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: <sup>11</sup>And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. <sup>12</sup>And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Intro: This year the Texas State Association of FWB celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> annual session, not to be confused with its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be fulfilled next year, given that the first annual session was in October of 1915, meeting at what the records call "the Bradley Church". (Thanks to Bro. Clarence Hearn for providing that tidbit.) Occasions like this motivate us to reflect on the passage of time and what may or may not have been accomplished by individuals and organizations during that period. It's good that we do this periodically, to remind us of the gifts God has given us that relate to time.

I. Time is valuable.

- a. Ask people how they're doing these days and frequently the answer is "busy". I've given that answer myself, especially in the last couple of weeks. There is an entire industry devoted to "time management". I have a book about time management that was given to me a few years ago; I haven't taken the time to read it yet.
- b. Why is time so important to us? It represents a measurable quantity of who we are, and to another extent, what we do with our time also helps to define who we are. Children learn this trait early; ask them how old they are and it's not just "four", it's "four and a half". We like to mark time, and, as the saying goes, "it beats the alternative", from a human standpoint, at least.
- c. A quick search of the word "time" in the King James Version produced 562 occurrences. Why is time so important to God? He's eternal after all, and time is irrelevant to His nature. However, he created the concept of time for us, to provide a means of bringing order into our lives and understanding the seasons and cycles He established in nature. He established celebrations, and seasons, and feasts for the Israelites throughout the Old Testament (e.g., the Year of Jubilee, the Feast of the Passover) to help them not only mark time but to remember what God had done for them. Even from the very beginning, "the evening and the morning were the first day."
- d. However, there is also a spiritual aspect to time, in that God wants us as Christians to use it wisely for Him. (Eph. 5:14-17) "<sup>14</sup>Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give

thee light. <sup>15</sup>See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup>**Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.** <sup>17</sup>Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

II. Our message is timeless.

- a. Here at Fellowship we have a prayer room named in honor of Mom and Pop Willey, who served here before going to the mission field. The same message they took to Panama and Cuba in the 1930's is still the same today.
  - i. Hebrews 13:8 – "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
  - ii. I Corinthians 2:2 – "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."
  - iii. Matt. 28:19-20 – "<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
- b. God has not asked us to find something new to tell people; in fact, He tells us not to change His message. It doesn't need improving; His message is perfect just the way it is.
  - i. John 12:44-50 – "<sup>44</sup>Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. <sup>45</sup>And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. <sup>46</sup>I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. <sup>47</sup>And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."
  - ii. John 14:1-6 – "<sup>1</sup>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. <sup>4</sup>And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. <sup>5</sup>Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? <sup>6</sup>Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**"

III. Our methods and our mission field may change with time.

- a. Even though God and His message do not change, the ways in which we share it with others do. From the very beginning, the early church traveled

by foot and shared the Gospel through word of mouth. As time passed and technology improved, the written word became more practical, so that people could have their own personal copies of the Bible, and books and pamphlets could also be written on spiritual topics. Fast-forward some more and you get to newspapers, magazines, radio, television. In the last couple of decades, we now have e-mail, websites, blogs, Facebook, Twitter, and apps for your handheld electronic devices. While all of these methods can be used for a variety of purposes, both productive and not, we have the ability to reach out to more people in more ways than ever before, with the same message that Jesus Christ died for our sins.

- b. While we have new ways to reach out to people far away, we also have more opportunity to minister for Him right where we live, because people are coming to us. Over the past 40 years, Texas' population has more than doubled – up by 125 percent. It's estimated that more than 1,000 people **per day** move to Texas, roughly 400,000 people per year. And those people aren't coming from just nearby states, they're coming from every state, and numerous other countries. That also means that many of these new arrivals not only are not Christians, they do not even have a background that has allowed them to be familiar with Christianity. We have a diverse mission field right here in our own state; a recent study investigated the three most commonly used languages in each state, the first two being English and Spanish. Care to guess what the third is in Texas? Vietnamese! Would you have guessed that? On a regular basis I interact with graduate students from Korea, China/Taiwan, and Iran. I have colleagues from South Africa, Canada, India, Hungary, and several other countries. You probably have friends, co-workers, and neighbors from other countries as well.
- c. When Jesus called us to go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, He gave some of us an opportunity to have the world come to us as well.

## Closing

Let me borrow from a recent discussion made by my agency director at Texas A&M Transportation Institute: "In 2013, our situation is similar to where the Wright Brothers were in 1903. Just think of where we will be when the Apple iPhone® 'version 64' hits the market (although it will probably be a virtual phone). The futurists tell us we will travel when we need to get together, but not our for basic work day. We clearly won't travel as much we do today, at least not in the same manner.

"As we speculate about the future and what might change, let me again step back in time. In 1898, delegates from across the globe gathered in New York City for the world's first international urban planning conference. Only one topic dominated the conversation. It was not housing, crime, technology, or even traveler-centric. The delegates were driven to desperation by horse manure.

“By the late 1800s, the problem of horse pollution had reached unprecedented heights. In 1894, the *Times of London* estimated that by 1950, every street in the city would be buried nine feet deep in horse manure. One New York prognosticator of the 1890s concluded that by 1930, the horse droppings would rise to Manhattan’s third story windows. A public health and sanitation crisis of almost unimaginable dimensions loomed. But horses were essential for the 19th century city—without them, the cities would quite literally starve. Stumped by this crisis, the urban planning conference declared its work fruitless and adjourned in three days instead of the scheduled 10 days. Thankfully, another world-changing technology—the internal combustion engine—solved that particular problem.

“Automobiles, airplanes, iPhones, whatever—we have not been very good at thinking about what is next. We continue to plan for the future assuming it will be just like the past and it never is. We need to re-think the way we are doing things.”

As we prepare to do business and make plans for the future of Texas Free Will Baptists, we can definitely look back fondly over the last 100 years at the things that have been accomplished, but we cannot remain there. Who and what will God send our way in the next 100 years (or 50 years, or 10 years, or two years), and how will we be ready to make the most of it at that time? Will we be able to be, as it says in II Tim. 4:2, “instant in season, and out of season”? Or will we be just marking time, as were the foolish virgins in Matthew 25 who were unprepared for the arrival of the bridegroom? Let’s be prepared and ready to take the timeless message to an ever-changing world that needs Him.