

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Fourth Annual Session

of the

Texas Sunday School Convention

of

Free Will Baptists

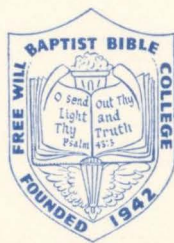
Held with the

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

of

Fort Worth, Texas

June 17, 18, 1948



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. John H. West

THE TEXAS STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

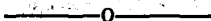
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OFFICERS

President: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218-A,
Weatherford, Texas.

Vice-President: Sister M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48,
Arlington, Texas.

Secretary-Treasurer: Sister E. R. Franks, 2807 Mc
Kinley Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.



DIRECTORS

Organization: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48,
Arlington, Texas.

Literature: Sister Margaret Richards, Bryan, Texas.

Records and Reports: Sister Ethel Brady, 2615 Prai-
rie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Education: Brother W. H. Richards, Bryan, Texas.

Publicity: Sister Nelda Fitzpatrick, Decatur, Texas.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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The Texas State Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists met in its fourth annual session on June 17, 1948, with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

The session was opened with a song service conducted by Brother Royce Rippetoe, choir director of the Trinity Church.

Rev. Allie Ferguson of Weatherford, Texas was unanimously elected to bring the introductory message. Preceding the message Brother Rippetoe sang a solo, "Pearly White City."

Rev. Ferguson chose as his text "Expecting Great Things from God." His Scripture reading was found in Daniel chapters 1 and 2.

The benediction was by Rev. Jewell Brandon.

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FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session opened with singing led by Rev. Allie Ferguson. Prayer was offered by Bro. Alvin Halbrook. Bro. Clyde Goen was selected to lead the Devotional. The Scripture reading was the 8th chapter of Romans.

The church letters were called for by the President, Rev. Allie Ferguson. Oral reports were given by delegates from New Salem, Decatur, and Weatherford. Written reports were from the Trinity Church, Pleasant Mound Church of Buffalo Springs, Bright Light of Bryan and the Bryan Church.

Motion to receive the letters as given and seat the delegates.

Motion made that the President appoint the necessary committees. The following were appointed:

PULPIT COMMITTEE; Mrs. Maude Wier, Mrs. A. W. Clifton, and Ola Fitzpatrick.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Rev. W. H. Richards, Mrs. A. W. Clifton, and Mr. Clyde Goen.

Motion that a committee on Constitution and By-laws be appointed. The appointments made by the President are as follows: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Chairman, and Bros. Covington, Brooks, Brandon and Harris were appointed to serve with him.

Minutes of the 1947 session were read and adopted.

OFFICERS ELECTED WERE:

President ----- Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Vice President ----- Mrs. M. L. Sutton

Secretary, Treasurer ----- Mrs. Moselle Franks

The Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Alvin Halbrook would bring the eleven o'clock message.

Mrs. M. L. Sutton displayed the pattern of the banner to be

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given the Sunday School with the highest standard of excellence.

Motion that we accept this pattern and a committee be appointed to attend to the making of the official banner. The committee appointed is as follows: Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Mrs George Bassham, and Mrs. C. B. Wier.

A quartet brought a special song.

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Rev. Alvin Halbrook preached the eleven o'clock message. His text was from the 6th. chapter of Deut. His subject was "Our Challenge."

Service was dismissed by prayer to meet after lunch to finish the business of the Convention.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon service convened with congregational singing led by Miss Helen Eagleton.

The Committee on Divine Services appointed Mr. J. W. Broom to bring the devotional. Scripture reading was Luke 10:38-47. Subject was "Sitting at Jesus Feet."

Report of the Directors is as follows:

Mrs. Marie Bassham, Director of Publicity, had no report.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Director of Organization, sent a written report with the following recommendations:

FIRST: That this body do not consider me any longer for the place of Director of Organization.

SECOND: That a Director of Organization be appointed who will have the cooperation of the people and that we urge our people to put forth every effort to get our Sunday Schools organized to more efficient basis.

THIRD: That we devote more time making our State Sunday School Convention a bigger and better organization.

Motion that we accept all the recommendations given in Rev. Sutton's letter.

Motion that Rev. Sutton be re-elected by acclamation as Director of Organization for the new year.

The President urged churches to cooperate more with Rev. Sutton in his work of organizing the Sunday School.

Directors of Literature, Records and Reports, and Education were absent.

Report of the Resolution Committee was given by Rev. W. H. Richards.

Motion that we receive the report of the Resolution Committee.

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A letter from Bro. Edgar Morris of Bryan, Texas concerning the Youth Camp to be organized next summer was read.

Motion that the body elect a committee of one to work with the District Committee members to form plans for a youth meeting next summer.

Mr. A. W. Clifton was elected to serve on this committee.

Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson brought a flannelgraph lesson as the topic of the hour. Her lesson was brought from 2 Kings 6:8-21. She also brought a good lesson from the 6th. chapter of Ephesians.

Motion that we have the minutes of this session printed.

Motion that we accept the invitation of the Pleasant Mound Church and convene there next year in our State Convention.

The President appointed the following Directors for the ensuing year:

Director of Organization-----Rev. M. L. Sutton, elected.

Director of Literature -----Mrs. Margaret Richards, Bryan

Director of Records and Reports----Mrs Ethel Brady, Ft. Worth

Director of Education ----- Rev. W. H. Richards, Bryan

Director of Publicity ----- Miss Nelda Fitzpatrick, Decatur.

Motion that we send Mrs. A. F. Halbrook as a delegate to represent the State of Texas in the National Sunday School Convention.

Motion that we send letter and the fee with the delegate to the National Sunday School Convention.

Motion to adjourn to meet in regular session on Thursday night and Friday after the 2nd Sunday in June.

Meeting dismissed by prayer.

CHURCH LETTERS

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Fort Worth, Texas, to the State Sunday School Convention when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Fort Worth, Texas, June 17 and 18, 1948:

We send as delegates, our beloved. Brother Al W. Clifton, Sister Mary Lowery, and Sister Emma Eagleton, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

The following statistics are given for your information:

Enrollment June 15, 1947, 181. Enrollment June 13, 1948, 204. New pupils for the year, 81. Pupils leaving the S. S., 61. Average attendance, 115. Average grade, 53. Number visits, 1863. Phone calls, 1,139. Letters and cards, 1,523. Total contacts, 4,525. Cash on hand June 15, 1947, None. Cash offering for the year, \$6,041.89. Transferred to general church fund, \$6,041.89.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 2nd day of June, 1948.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Moderator
Emma Eagleton, Clerk
Juanita Harrison, General S. S. Sec.

PLEASANT MOUND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Buffalo Springs, Texas, to the Texas State Sunday School Convention when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved:

Bro. J. W. Broom, Sis. Carrie Covington, and Sis. J. W. Broom, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations. State of Sunday School good. Members 75. Average attendance 50. Number of teachers 5 and 5 assistant teachers.

J. C. Reeder, Sunday School Supt.
Mrs. Mildred Liggett, Secretary
Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator

BRIGHT LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH, Bryan, Texas, to the Texas State Sunday School Convention when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, June 17, 18, 1948.

We send as delegates our beloved: Clyde Goen, Mary Louise Hyder whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Moderator

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Bryan, Texas, to the Texas State Sunday School Convention when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved: Billy Jo Seville and Mrs. W. H. Richards, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations this eighteenth day of June, 1948.

Rev. Bruce Barrow, Moderator.

REPORTS

State Sunday School Convention Treasurer's Report

Brought forward from 1947 session	\$13.55
Received from Central Texas District S. S. Convention	5.00
Received from Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received from Weatherford Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received from Bryan Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received from New Salem Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received from Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Received Delegate fee to National Sunday School Convention ..	6.01
Total	\$36.56

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that each Sunday School of the State sponsor each summer a Daily Vacation Bible School.
2. We recommend that the Publicity Director thoroughly advertise or publicize our State Sunday School Convention.
3. We further recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to this church and those concerned for the splendid dinner and the manner in which they entertained this Convention.

Rev. Herbert Richard
Bro. A. W. Clifton
Bro. Clyde Goen

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATION:

To the Texas State Sunday School Convention when in session at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, Greetings:

Brethren:

It is with deep regret and sorrow of heart that I report to you. I have not been able to get any of our Sunday Schools to accept my offer to help them perfect a more efficient organization. This has been quite a burden to me and I pray that our people may come to realize

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the importance of this move in our Sunday School. In view of the fact that the Sunday School is the greatest and most important auxiliary of the church I beg to make the following recommendations:

FIRST: That this body do not consider me any longer for the place of Director of Organization.

SECOND: That a Director of Organization be appointed who will have the cooperation of the people and that we urge our people to put forth every effort to get our Sunday Schools organized on a more efficient basis.

THIRD: That we devote more time making our State Sunday School Convention a bigger and better organization.

May our Heavenly Father bless this great Sunday School movement and help us to grow until the Free Will Baptists shall have a Sunday School in every community in our great state.

Your Servant for Christ's Sake,

M. L. Sutton.

