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MINUTES
of the
PRE-ORGANIZATION
AND
withdrawal from
ZION HOPE# 2 ASSOCIATION
at

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
DECEMBER 29, 1962

MINUTES
of the
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
UNITY ASSOCIATION
FIRST F.W.B. at BOONEVILLE, ARK.
APRIL 26, 1963

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On December 29, 1962, in a Quarterly Meeting of the Zion Hope # 2 Association in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Four Churches, The First Church of Fort Smith, Walnut Street Church of Ft. Smith and Bethlehem Church of Van Buren, and the First Church of Booneville, all withdrew to organize a new association.

On Thursday night, January 3, 1963, (18) Eighteen men from the four churches, (including (2) two from the First Church of Charleston, Arkansas.), met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Booneville, Arkansas to begin the groundwork of organizing a new Free Will Baptist Association.

Representation as follows: Armour Avenue 5; Bethlehem 3; Walnut Street 2; Charleston 2, Booneville 6, Rev. Gilbert Pixley took charge as chairman. Prayer was led by Haskel (Dock) Casalman. Ministers present 5. Deacons 6. Lay-Members 5. (One Deacon and one lay-member from Charleston.)

A motion was made to elect an Executive Committee of five (5) to lay the groundwork for organization of a New Association. Seconded, Carried.

Motion made that Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Leonard Crowder, and Rev. Julian Hawkins serve as the Executive Committee. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to have our Pre-Organizational meeting at the Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Smith. Seconded, Carried.

Motion made to let the committee set the time according to the progress of plans. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carried. Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Link Roberts.

Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. January 5, 1963. The Executive Committee met at the First FWBC of Ft. Smith. All five (5) members present. Led in Prayer by Rev. Leonard Crowder. Motion made that Rev. Gilbert Pixley be elected Chairman. Seconded. Carried. Rev. Henry Brown was elected Secretary. The Constitution was considered. The next meeting to be held at Booneville on Tuesday, January 15, 1963. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

The Executive Committee met January 15, 1963, at the first FWBC of Booneville, Ark. to further consider the drawing up of the Constitution and By-laws for a new association.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. Henry Brown. Led in Prayer by Rev. Julian Hawkins. Members Present: Henry Brown, Julian Hawkins, Leonard Crowder, Rupert Pixley.

Motion made to print 150 copies of the Proposed Constitution to be distributed and considered by each church. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to meet, Friday, night the 8th of February for the Organizational Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to ask the State Executive Board of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist to be ~~present~~ to Examine the Churches, and the State Moderator to be present to Moderate the proceedings. Seconded. Carried.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Henry Brown.

February 8, 1963. 7:45 P.m. Rev. Gilbert J.

Pixley, Chairman of the Executive Committee, opened the service with congregational Singing, at the First Free Will Baptist Church on Armour Avenue in Ft. Smith, Ark.

Rev. Willard C. Day, led the congregation in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize a new association.

The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist Executive Board was present to conduct the organization.

All the members were present except Bro. M.B. Williams.

The State Executive Secretary, Rev. Willard C. Day, was appointed his proxy.

Rev. William J. Mishler, Moderator, of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist was introduced to moderate the proceedings. ~~He read Acts 11:19.~~

Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Leonard Crowder and Bro. Loyd Wayne Bowen, sang "What a Day that will Be." as a special number in song.

The Ordained present were called to a United Altar of Prayer. Rev. Julian Hawkins began the prayer and Bro. Leland King concluded.

Rev. Gilbert Pixley read from the Holy Bible; Acts 11:19-30.

1. The hand of the Lord was upon them.

2. With Purpose of Heart.

3. Every man according to his ability.

purposed in his heart to send relief to the brethren.

Three points discussed by Bro. Pixley.

The Following Ordained were present by Church:

First Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Smith	8
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First FWBC Booneville, Arkansas	6	6
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Bethlehem FWBC Of Van Buren.	4
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Walnut Street FWBC of Ft. Smith	3
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Cavanaugh.	3
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Total Ordained present.	24
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Rev. Billy Joe Gentry was present from Mineral Springs, FWBC Muldrow, Oklahoma. Rev. J.K. Woods from Cottonwood FWBC, of Muldrow, Oklahoma.

The proposed constitution was considered item by item.

The floor was turned over to Rev. William J. Mishler to moderate the Organization.

A motion was made that the Executive board of the State of Arkansas of Free Will Baptist accept the Proposed Constitution. Seconded. Carried.

Motion was made that we adopt the Proposed Constitution. Seconded. Motion made that Article 9 be ammended. Seconded, Carried. Former Motion vote called for, Carried.

The chair opened the floor for nomination to elect the officers.

Moderator: Rev. Gilbert Pixley, ~~Elected~~.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Leonard C. Crowder, ~~Elected~~.

(C) Clerk: Henry Brown, Elected

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Julian Hawkins, Elected

Treasurer: Bro. Leo King, Elected.

(C) Asst. Treasurer: Bro. Jim Keller. (James) Elected.

Nominations for Executive Board.

Bro. Charles Flynn

Rev. Rupert Pixley

Bro. Marion Wilkins

Rev. Sunny Essman

Rev. H.D. Shipley

Motion made that nominations close and we elect by acclimation the nominated to serve in the order in which they were nominated, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. Motion made that we elect a nominating committee. Second. Carried.

Bro. Cecil Greenwood - Booneville.

(C) Bro. Calud Evans - Bethlehem.

Bro. Loyd Allen - Walnut Street.

Bro. Melvin King - Cavanaugh.

(C) Bro. Lelan King - 1st. Ft. Smith. Motion made that the nominated be elected by acclimation. Seconded. carried.

(C) The State Executive Secretary gave a report on the State Radio Work.

Rev. Marion Pettus, Pastor of the 1st. FWBC of

Glenwood; chairman of the Ark. State Assn. of Free Will Baptist Executive Board gave a report on the New Work at Lodi.

Hymn, "We'll Work", led by Bro. Charles Flynn. Fellowship handshake with the State Executive Board.

Hymn "Amazing Grace". Prayer of Consecration led by Rev. Marion Pettus. Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carried. Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. J.K. Woods.

1st 7wba Broomfield, W.P.

The First Session of the Unity Association was called to order at 7:30 by the Clerk, Rev. Henry Brown. The Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Pixley was introduced to take charge of the service. April 26, 1963.

Rev. L.C. Crowder led the Hymns, "Glory to His Name" and "Living in Canaan Land."

Rev. H.D. Shipley, pastor of the Cavanaugh FWBC of Fort Smith led in prayer.

Hymn, "His Love and Glory are Mine." led by Bro. L.C. Crowder, Sis. Carolyn Bowen at the Piano.

The Moderator read from the Holy Bible, Psalms 100. The Ordained of the Congregation was called to an United Alter Prayer, Rev. Bob King led in the Prayer.

The Moderator gave the congregation present the opportunity to elect the speaker of the evening.

Motion made that Rev. L.C. Crowder be elected by acclimation to bring the First Message in the Unity Association. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Cleeta Jones of Bethlehem was introduced to give a flannel art story.

The Quartet, Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Bob King, Bro. Loyd Wayne Bowen, sang; "Hide Me Rock of Ages". Carolyn Bowen at the Piano. "Land of perfect day" was sang also.

The Evening Message by Rev. Leonard C. Crowder.

Scripture: Exodus 14:13-18. Text Exodus 14:15.

Theme: "Moving Forward with God." A wonderful, most appropriate message was given, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hymn. "Onward Christian Soldiers" led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Church Attendance Representation.

Walnut Street 7: Cavanaugh 6, Armour Avenue 12, Bethlehem 7, Booneville 61.

Announcements called for;.

Dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Claude Evans.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Called to order at 9:30 by the Moderator.

Hymn "Stand up for Jesus", led by Bro. Leo King., Sis, Cleta Jones at the Piano.

Led in prayer by Bro. James Keller.

Hymn "Since Jesus came into my heart", directed by Bro. Leo King.

Devotion given by Rev. Julian Hawkins. Scripture Psalms 133. Prayer by Bro. Hawkins. Proverbs 25:9-14.

Letters of representation called for. Read by clerk.

Motion made to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Second, carried.

Hymn "When the Roll is called up yonder." Led by Bro. Leo King, while the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

Standing delegates.

Ministers 7. Deacons 6, Church Clerks 3.

Rev. Leonard Threadgill, Moark Association of General Baptist was introduced as a visitor.

Rev. Bob King recognized as a visiting minister.

A pulpit committee was appointed; by the Moderator.
BESSIE LEWIS - ARTIE RUST - Ola WILKINS.

Letters of redommendation from Zion Hope # 2 read by the clerk accepted for the files.

Report of the District Woman's Auxiliary read by the clerk. Motion and second to accept the report. Carried.

Motion was made to meet in the July meeting with the Walnut Street Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Smith. Seconded, Carried.

The Introductory speaker was nominated for the July 26th meeting. Rev. Henry Brown was elected.

A report of the pulpit committee was given by the chairman, Sis. Ola Wilkins. Rev. Rupert Pixley to bring the 11:00 O'clock message.

Bro. J.R. McCormack, Rev. Billy Joe Gentry from Mineral Springs was introduced as visitors.

A Credential Committee was appointed by the moderator. Rev. Julian Hawkins, Ch. Bro. James Keller, Bro. Larence Denton.

Dismissed for the Eleven O'clock worship hour. Prayer by Bro. Elmer Gray.

11:00:

Called to Worship by singing led by Bro. Leo King. "Praise Him, Praise Him." Sis. Willie Wright at Piano.

Led in prayer by Rev. Billy Joe Gentry.

Special: "He will Pilot Me." "We will never be Lonesome." Rev. L.C. Crowder, Rupert Pixley, Gilbert Pixley.

Twenty-One personal Testimonies were given.

Hymn, "Child of the King" Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Leonard Crowder, Bro. Leo King.

MORNING MESSAGE. Rev. Rupert Pixley.

Scripture: Jude 17:

Text: I Peter 2:9-11.

Theme: "BUILDING * WHO FOR? WHAT FOR?"

A stirring message was given.

Hymn "I'm bound for that city, Trio. Leonard, Gilbert, Rupert.

TREASURY REPORT FOR UNITY ASSOCIATION
SECOND QUARTER, 1963
INCOME FROM CHURCHES

First Free Will Baptist, Ft. Smith, Ark.	\$ 184.70
First Free Will Baptist, Booneville, Ark.	229.34
Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist	72.76
Bethlehem Free Will Baptist, Van Buren.	12.60

\$ 499.40

State Association Account	\$ 43.50
Balance Brought Forward	349.58
Paid into account	257.08
Paid to State Association	136.00
Balance in Account.	

Home Missions Account	
Balance brought forward	\$ 36.45
Paid into account	49.94
Balance in Account	86.39

Operating Expenses Account	
Balance brought forward	\$ 33.40
Paid into account	59.93
Postal Supplies	3.00
Printed Checks	4.12
State Assn. to help send reps. to national	5.00
Balance in account	81.21

Youth Camp Account	
Balance Brought forward	\$ 29.15
Paid into Account	39.93
Paid to Dist. Master's Men to pay on Cecil	69.10
Balance in Account	-0-

Foreign Missions Account	
Paid into Account	\$ 13.86
Paid to Ark. State Ass'N.	13.86
Balance in Account	-0-

*Respectfully submitted
Leo King - Treasurer
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Total Taken in Second Quarter	\$ 499.40
Balance brought forward from 1st. Quarter	142.50
Total Income and Balance brought forward	\$ 641.90
Total Disbursements (Bal. \$303.60) Treas.	338.30

Benediction and God's Blessings for the Noon meal given in prayer by Rev. Bob King.

1:15—Opened with singing, "How firma foundation." led by Bro. Leo King, Sis. Cleeta Jones at the Piano.

Scripture reading by the moderator. Ephesians 2:196. Led in prayer by Bro. Leland King.

Report of the Nominating Committee. Received.

Motion made to adopt the report and elect by acclimation.—Seconded.—Carried.

Report of the Treasurer given by Bro. Leo King.

Motion to receive report. Seconded. Carried.

Report of the Unity District Master's Men Treasure by Rev. L.C. Crowder. Motion to receive report. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made that the words local Youth Camp be struck out of By-Law § 16. and it changed to read. Cecil Camp, of the District Master's Men. Seconded, Carried.

Motion made to delete # 19. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adopt the 23 listed by-laws. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to print a booklet containing the Organization, Constitution and By-Laws. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to prepare a Memorial to Bro. Ben Fixley and print in the Booklet. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by: Bro. Larence Denton.

The Second Unity association was called to order July 26, 1963 at 7:30 on Friday night by the Clerk. The service opened with Rev. L.C. Crowder, the Asst. Moderator leading Hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

Led in Prayer by Rev. Charles Flynn. Hymns, "Some Day, and Revive us again", led by Rev. Crowder. A united altar of prayer.

Rev. Henry Brown was introduced to bring the Introductory Message, by the Asst. Moderator.

Scripture: Romans 1:17.

Theme: "THE JUST".

Invitation Hymn, led by Rev. Charles Flynn.

Representation as follows.

Cavanaugh 12, 1st. Church of Ft. Smith 21, 1 Church of Booneville 19, Bethlehem 22, Walnut St. 22, Arkoma Mission 1, 1st Church of Charleston 2, Oliver Springs Church 8, and One visitor from the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. James Keller.

Saturday Morning, July 27, 1963 9:30 A.M.

Service opened with singing led by Rev. L.C. Crowder. "Praise Him! Praise Him! and "Be a Light for Jesus." Led in prayer by Rev. Charlie Stapleton. Hymn, "Some Day", led by Rev. Crowder.

The Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, declared the Association called to order to transact business.

Rev. Bob King was introduced to bring the devotional. Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21. Ephesians 4:1-3.

Prayer by Bro. King.

Standing delegates recognized. Ministers 10, Deacons 6, Church Clerks 3. Letters called for and read by the Clerk. Motion made to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Seconded and carried.

Elected Delegates, Walnut Street 5, Booneville 5, Bethlehem 5, Armour Avenue 7, Cavanaugh 1.

The Unity District Woman's Auxiliary

The Unity District Woman's Auxiliary met July 11, 1963 at the Bethlehem Church for our regular meeting. There was a total of 20 Women present and offering of \$6.40 taken. All reports by officers were given and approved. Old Business None.

New Business:

Motion was made and past that the treasurer take money from the Treasury to reach "Wheels for Deeds" quota in case local churches does not reach their quota in time for our State Meeting.

My general consent elections of officers was postponed until our next meeting.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Sis. Opal Rogers, who gave a wonderful talk on Child Evangelism. Meeting is to be held for the next session the First Thursday in October at the First Church of Fort Smith.

Dismissed with prayer.

Wanda Kiersey.

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Visitors welcomed. Seven visitors present. Rev. Bob King of Paris. Rev. Ben Pixley of Ft. Smith. were introduced as visiting ministers.

Pulpit committee appointed. Bro. Leo King, Ch. Bro. Frost and Sis. Ragon.

Credential Committee appointed: Rev. Rupert Pixley, Ch. Bro. Claude Evans, Sis Bessie Lewis.

A Report of the Presbtery Board was given concerning the examination of Bro. John Ragen at our last Association. Motion to receive the report and License Bro. Ragen for the Ministry. Seconded. Carried.

Report from the District Woman's Auxiliary read by the Clerk. Motion and second to receive. Carried.*

A report of the Presbytery Board was given by the clerk. Rev. Julian Hawkins. The rpeopr concerning the examination of Bro. Donald Brewer. Motion made to accept the report. Seconded. Carried. *

Motion was made that we petition the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist for membership. Seconded and Carried.

Nomination of Delegates.

Sis. Glenda Hopkins.

Sis. Lennis Zinnamon

Sis. Leonard Crowder

Sis. Dean Brown.

Bro. A.C. Frost.

Motion made to elect these nominees as delegates by acclimation. Seconded. Carried.

Report of the pulpit committee. Rev. John Ragon to bring the 11:00 O'clock Message.

The vote was taken as to where to have the October Association. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith was chosen.

Recess declared by the Moderator. Dismissed in Prayer by Sis. Hopkins.

The 11:00 O'clock Worship service opened with singing led by Rev. L.C. Crowder. Tommy Adams at the Piano.

Hymn's "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes", led by Bro. Crowder. Led in prayer by Bro. Larence Denton. Special, "Help Me Lord to Stand," Quartet, Rev. L.C. Crowder, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Pixley, and Rev. Bob King. Tommy Adams at the Piano. For the second number they sang, "I am bound for that City."

The Moderator introduced Rev. John Ragen to bring the message.

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20.

Theme: "Doubt" An inspiring message.

Twenty-Seven Personal Testimonies were given. Shouting as of old was heard among the saints of God.

The Quartet sang, "Land Where No Cabins Fall".

Rev. Ben Pixley gave his testimony of 45 years of service for God.

The dismissal prayer and thanks for the noon meal was given by Rev. Harold Shuler.

1:15: Congregational Singing led by Rev. F.S. Essman, Charles Adam at the Piano, Tommy Adams at the Organ. "God Holds the Future in His hands". & "When Our Lord Shall Come Again." Led in prayer by Bro. Lelan King.

The Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. Ben Pixley to bring the Evening devotional.

Scripture: Romans 13:1-2. A wonderful Spiritual message was delivered.

A Trio, Rev. L.C. Crowder, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Bixley sang "His Fellowship of Peace", a song written by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Motion made that we select Bro. & Sis. Claud Evans and Sis. Cletas Jones to prepare the Honoraum voted in last association for Rev. Ben Pixley. Seconded Carried.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: The Credential Committee

of the Unity Association was called to meet at the Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church to examine Bro. Donald Brewer a licensed minister of the Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. Board members present, Rev. L.C. Crowder, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Charlie Stapelton, Rev. Julian Hawkins and Rev. Henry Brown.

Led in prayer by Bro. Charlie Stapleton.

Motion made that we recommend to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas that ~~they~~ we have examined Bro. Donald Brewer and have found him Orthodox in doctrine and therefore is eligible to be Ordained. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made that Rev. L.C. Crowder be elected Chairman of the Board and Rev. Julian Hawkins, Clerk. Seconded. Carried. Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Donald Brewer. Henry Brown, Clerk, Pro Tem.

RESOLUTION # 1. We the District Master's Men wish to submit the following recommendation to the Unity Association:

Be it resolved that we request the Unity Association with its Auxiliaries; the District Woman's Auxiliary, the District Youth Fellowship, merge with the District Master's Men in promoting the Unity Youth Camp at Cecil, Arkansas.

President. Henry Brown

Secretary. L.C. Crowder

RESOLUTION # 2. WE THE Resolution Committee would like to recommend that all our preacher's attend the State Association, especially our Pastor's also our churches encourage our pastors to attend the National Conventions and the Church make an allowance to pay the expences.

Resolution Committee.

The selection of an introductory speaker.

Nominations, Rev. Julian Hawkins, Rev. Ben Pixley.

Rev. Ben Pixley was elected. Motion that Rev. Julian Hawkins be his alternate. Seconded. Carried.

A report from the District Convention of Master's Men given by the clerk, Rev. L.C. Crowder.

Motion made to accept the report. Seconded. Carried.

The Credential Committee's report was given ~~the~~ by the clerk.

ReSOLUTION # 1. Motion to adopt. Seconded. Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2. Motion to adopt. Seconded. Carried.

Unity Association Treasurer's report given by Bro. Leo King. Motion made to accept the report. Seconded. Carried. *

Motion made that we authorize our treasurer to pay our representation fee to the Arkansas State Association. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made that we change Article VII of the Constitution to read "This election being at the last conference preceding the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist. Seconded.

Motion to talbe the above motion until

the Association in October. Seconded. Carried.

A Motion was made to ask the Missions Board to take Ozark as a missions project. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn until our next association in October. Seconded. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob King.

The First Annual session of Unity Association was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Henry Brown, at 7:30 p.m. October 25, 1963 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Pixley was introduced to take charge of the service. Rev. L.C. Crowder led the congregation insinging, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Sis. Carolyn Bowen at the Piano. Rev. Harold Shuler, pastor of the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Muldrow, Oklahoma led in prayer.

Hymns, "Leaning on the Everlasing Arm", and "The Life Boat" was led by Bro. Crowder with Sis. Bowen at the piano.

Welcome message by the Moderator, his theme was "Keep on Keeping On".

Special numbers in song, "Echoe's in the Valley," and "Standing by the River", by the Quartet, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. L.C. Crowder and Bro. Loyd Wayne Bowen, Sis. Bowen at the Piano.

The moderator introduced his Dad, Rev. Ben Pixley, to bring the introductory message.

Scripture: Galatians 1:6-8.

Theme: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Representation called for by the moderator.

First Church of Fort Smith 24; Walnut Street 10, Cavanaugh 7, Bethlehem 7, Booneville 13, Arkoma 5; East End, Muldrow 1, visitors 7. Total present 74.

Announcements. Benediction by Bro. Lawrence Denton.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 1963. 9:30 A.M.

Opened with Singing led by Rev. L.C. Crowder. "Victory in Jesus". Led in prayer by Rev. Charles Flynn.

Hymn, "I want to be a worker", led by Bro. Crowder, Sis. Shirley Waldo at the Piano.

Rev. Charles Flynn was introduced to bring the morning devotional. Scripture Hebrews 11:5.

The Moderator recognized the standing delegates. Ministers 6; Deacons 8; Clerks 5.

Rev. Ben Pixley, and Rev. Floyd Hale were introduced as visiting ministers.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk. Arkoma, Cavanaugh, Walnut Street, Armour Avenue, Booneville, Bethlehem, and Paris. Motion made to accept the letters and seat the delegates of all the churches except the petitionary letters from Arkoma and Paris. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to sanctain the action of the Executive Board concerning the petitionary letter of the Paris Church. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to accept the Petitionary letter of the Arkoma church. Seconded. Carried.

Rev. Ben Pixley, Rev. Floyd Hale seated as visiting council man. Bro. Gene Coleman seated as a visitor.

The Moderator and Asst. Moderator appointed the Divine Service Committee. Sis. Wanda Kiersey, Sis. Jerry Shipley, and Sis. Velma Flynn.

The Moderator declared a recess untill 10:30.

Rev. Rupert Pixley gave his 30 minutes time on KFDF Radio in Van Buren for the "Bible Message" to the Unity Association. The broadcast to be live and direct from Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith.

The Divine Service Committee choose Rev. Bob King to bring the message.

A Quartet composed of Rev. Mack Franklin, Rev. Charles Flynn, Bro. Leo King, and Rev. L.C. Crowder sang, "Standing by the River." Sis. Shirley Waldo at the Organ, And Bro. Charles Adams at the Piano.

Rev. Bob King's message was a real inspiration, anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-6.

Text: I Cor. 9:24-26.

Theme: SERVING EFFECTIVELY.

At the close of the broadcast many personal testimonies were given.

Three

A quartet composed of Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. ~~Robert~~ L.C. Crowder, Rev. Charles Flynn, Rev. Mack Franklin, sang, "He Will Pilot Me.", "Well Done My Child," and "I'll Meet You By the River."

The choir sang, "The Dearest Friend I ever Had". led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Bro. Charles Adams at the piano, and Sis. Waldo at the Organ.

The Moderator asked the clerk to re-read the Constitution for approval for publication.

Motion made to adjourn for the noon-meal. Seconded Carried.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal was given by Bro. Claude Evans.

1:15 Called to order by the Asst.-Moderator, Rev. L.C. Crowder by singing, "How firm a foundation."

Led in prayer by Bro. James Keller.

Devotional given by Rev. L.C. Crowder. Scripture Romans 8:1-18.

Motion made that the Constitution and By-Laws as read today be put in print in Booklet Form. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made to take from the table the item from the July Association. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to adopt the Resolution and make the Constitutional change. Seconded. Carried.

The Moderator and Asst. Moderator appointed a Nominating Committee. Jim Keller, Ch; Bea Crowder, Glenda Hopkins, A.C. Frost, and Charles Flynn.

Partial report of the Credential Committee.

Motion to receive the report for discussion. Seconded. Carried.

Be it resolved that we have a registration committee at each setting of the association and that badges be printed for the identification of each delegate, preacher, and Clerk.

Motion to adopt Resoulution # 1 with this a ddition, That the Host church be responsible for the registra- tion committee and a badge for visitors be included.

Report of the Unity District Woman's Auxiliary ^{Almond} given by the clerk. Motion to Receive the report for the minutes. Seconded. Carried.

October 10, 1963. Meeting was held at the Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. All four local Auxiliarys had a good representation. With a total of 36 present and an offering of \$13.55 was taken. Our president, Sis. Bee Crowder, called the meeting to order. All reports were given and approved.

N New Business: It was approved that all money received for cooking at the State Association go toward repairs at the Cecil Camp and to be applied on the kitchen.

It was approved that we have an all day work shop and Study Course per Quarter for District.

It was approved that we buy 50 Sq. Ft. of land in Hawaii. With money from the general Treasu ry. N

New officers for the coming year were elected.

PRESIDENT: Dean Brown.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bee Crowder

YOUTH-AUXILIARY-CHAIRMAN: S Cletis Jones

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN: Shirley Waldo

PROGRAM-PRAYER CHAIRMAN: Carolyn Bowen

PERSONAL-SERVICE CHAIRMAN: Gala Finn

RECORDING SECRETARY: Wanda Kiersey. ASST. Willie

Wright.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Glenda Hopkins.

TR TREASURER: Sis. Lenis Zinnamon

FIELD SECRETARY'S: Sara Holingsworth, Della Almond, Virginia Jones, and Willie Wright.

Meeting was then turned to the First Churchh for the program for the evening. We were dismissed with prayer. Our next meeting is to be held at Booneville, the First Thursday night in January.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Glenda Hopkins.

TR TREASURER: Sis. Lenis Zinnamon

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Motion to adopt Resoulution # 1 with this a ddition, That the Host church be responsible for the registra- tion committee and a badge for visitors be enclosed.

Report of the Unity District Woman's Auxiliary *Lenis Zinnamon* given by the clerk. Motion to Receive the report for the minutes. Seconded. Carried.

October 10, 1963. Meeting was held at the Armour Avenue Free Will Baptist Church. All four local Auxiliarys had a good representation. With a total of 36 present and an offering of \$13.55 was taken. Our president, Sis. Bee Crowder, called the meeting to order. A ll reports were given and approved.

N New Business: It was approved that all money received for cooking at the State Association go toward repairs at the Cecil Camp and to be applied on the kitchen.

It was approved that we have an all day work shop and Study Course per Quarter for District.

It was approved that we buy 50 Sq. Ft. of land in Hawaii. With money from the general Treasu ry. N

New officers for the coming year were elected.

PRESIDENT: Dean Brown.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bee Crowder

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Mrs Dean Brown, Pres - Wanda Kiersey, secretary

Unity Association Treasury report given by Bro. *
Leo King. Motion to approve as read. Seconded. Carried.

District Master's Men Report given by Rev. L.C.
Crowder, Treasurer. Motion to adopt as read for the
minutes. Seconded. Carried. *

Cavanaugh church was selected as the meeting place
for the January 1964 Association Meeting.

Rev. Charles Flynn was elected by motion and second
to bring the introductory message. Motion and Second
~~to bring the introductory message~~ that Rev. Julian Hawkins serve as the
alternate speaker.

Motion made to change Article X in the Constitution
to read, "This association shall meet Quarterly on
Friday night and Saturday before the last Sunday
in January, April, July and October of each year."
Seconded. Carried.

Motion to table the above motion until the January
meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Report of the Executive Board given by the Chairman
Rev. Charles Flynn. Motion made to accept. Seconded.
Carried. *

The Executive board met May 12, 1963 to organize
the First Free Will Baptist Church of Paris. The church
was organized with 10 charter members who called Rev.
Bob King as their pastor. Board Members Present.

Marion Wilkins, Rupert Pixley, Gilbert Pixley, Henry
Brown, James Keller as Proxies.

On August 13, 1963 the Executive board met to
organize the Arkoma Mission into a Church. The church
was organized with 25 charter members. They called
Rev. Harold Shuler as Pastor. Board Members present.
Charles Flynn, Marion Wilkins, Sunny Essman, and H.D.
Shipley. Rev. Gilbert Pixley and James Keller as
Proxies.

On August 18th, 1963 they met in the Wilson
FWBC of Danville, Arkansas to organize the Harmony
Association. The New Association was organized with
three charter churches.

Board Members Present. Marion Wilkins, Sunny Essman, and Henry Brown, Julian Hawkins, and Gilbert Pixley as proxies.

Report of the Presbytery Board given by the Secretary, Rev. Julian Hawkins. Motion to receive. Seconded. Carried.*

Motion made to print 1000 copies of a Booklet containing the pre-ordination plans of the Unity association and the Constitution and By-Laws and the Honarium of Rev. Ben Pixley. Seconded. Carried.

Motion made that our books be closed for our minute reports as of our July Meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee given by the clerk. Motion to adopt and elect item by item. Seconded. Carried. *

Nominating Committee report.

Missions Board - Claud Evans 5 yr. term

Presbytery Board - H.D. Shipley 5 yr. term

Executive Board - Bob King 5 yr. term.

League Board - Lelan King 5 yr. term

Sunday School Board - Gerald Lovett 5 yr term

We recommend that all the general officers of the association retain their present positions.

Motion made to elect by acclimation Bro. Claud Evans to a 5 yr term on the Missions Board. 2nd. Carried.

Motion made to elect by acclimation Rev. H.D. Shipley to a 5 yr term on the Presbytery Board. 2nd. Carried.

Motion made to elect by acclimation Rev. Bob King to a 5-yr term on the Executive Board. 2nd. Carried.

Motion made to elect by acclimation Bro. Lelan King to a 5 yr term on the League Board. second. Carried.

Motion made to elect by acclimation Bro. Gerald Lovett to a 5 yr term on the Sunday School Board. 2nd. C.

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee to elect by acclimation all the present general officers to a second term in office. Seconded. Carried.

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Assistant Moderator: Rev. L.C. Crowder.

Clerk: Rev. Henry Brown

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Jilian Hawkins.

Treasurer: Bro. Leo King

Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Jim Keller.

Announcements:

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded. Carried.

Benediction: Sis. Bee Crowder.