

MINUTES
OF THE
53rd Annual Session
OF THE
**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
October 14, 15 and 16

1933

OFFICERS

REV. S. F. LEE, Moderator.

J. E. CHAFFIN, Clerk.

The next session of this Association will meet with Fairview church two (2) miles north of Beaverton on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1934.

Proceedings

The 53rd annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met with Mt. Pleasant church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1933.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Graves. One hour was taken for refreshments. At one o'clock the Ministers and Delegates assembled in the house, the congregation sang a song. The former moderator being present, the former clerk not being present there was a move made and carried that J. E. Chaffin serve as clerk protem:

(1) The moderator appointed Bros. J. M. Graham and A. J. Sanders as reading clerks.

(2) Letters were called for and handed in from the different churches and read and contents noted as per statistical table.

(3) On motion it was agreed to permanently organize the body which was done by electing Rev. S. F. Lee, moderator and J. E. Chaffin, clerk.

After appropriate remarks by moderator for the honor conferred on him, he promised to discharge his duties to the best of his ability.

(4) - Called for corresponding messengers came forward Rev. Joe S. Fredrick, Rev. L. M. Hollis and Bro. Grady Houston from the Jasper Association Rev. J. E. Tilley from Mt. Mariah Association. The moderator and clerk extended the right hand of welcome to them.

On motion the moderator appointed the various committees on devotional services. G. W. Chaffin, J. M. Graham, Robert Barnes with the deacons of Mt. Pleasant church.

On Documents and order of business Rev. J. W. Prater, Rev. J. M. Haas, J. T. Green, A. J. Sanders, D. D. Hollis with the mod. and clerk.

On Deceased members J. M. Graham, E. L. Wheeler and J. E. Smith

On Finance D. D. Hollis, R. N. Yerby and C. G. Finch.

On Sabbath Schools J. R. McClung, Esker Rogers Sister Ida Barnes, sister Partain.

On Literature Hill Guin, J. A. Robertson, A. J. Wilson, D. A. Markham and A. E. Roberts.

On Credentials, Arlander Shelnut, Joe Rogers, A. A. Prater, W. N. Crossley, W. J. Hill.

On Temperance, H. H. Roberts, C. C. McKee, sister Johnson, sister Ovice Graves, G. W. Sizemore.

On Querries and Resolutions, Ernest Roberts, J. L. Stembridge, Cecil Stevenson, S. F. Hester, Edd Cartright.

Report on Devotional services, on motion the committee made their report on Devotional services. Rev. Joe S. Fredrick preach at 9 o'clock Sunday, Rev. D. G. W. Hollis at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. E. Tilley at 2 o'clock p. m. and Rev. Ellis at 7 p. m. night.

G. W. Chaffin, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. The congregation sang a song. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe S. Fredrick.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday at 9 o'clock Rev. Joe S. Fredrick preached to a large congregation. Text Psalms 133 chapter 1st, 2nd verses, at 11 o'clock Rev. D. G. W. Hollis preached to a large and attentive congregation. Text Malachi 3rd chapter and 2nd verse, at 2 o'clock Rev. J. E. Tilley preached to a large and attentive congregation. Text Thess. 5th chapter and 4th verse.

Sunday night Rev. Ellis preached to a large congregation, Text Gen. 19th chapter and 3rd verse.

MONDAY SESSION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the congregation sang a song, scripture reading by the moderator and Rev. Houston offered prayer.

The body was called to order by the moderator. The clerk called the roll of delegates and the moderator announced a quorum present and the association was ready for business.

On motion omitted the reading of the minutes of Saturday's session.

The moderator called for the reports of the various committees.

Report on Documents and order of business.

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business beg leave to submit the following report.

1st. We recommend the former order of business.

2nd. We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Fairview church and same to begin on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1934.

3rd. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have (500) copies printed and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

We recommend that Rev. J. W. Prater preach the Introductory sermon at the next session of this association.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. Prater, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged. Report re-read by sections each section adopted as read.

Report on Deceased Members

We your committee on deceased beg leave to submit the following report. We find that since our last session that God has called from us the following Bros. and Sisters to-wit: From Mt. Harmony church Sister Marthy Jane Sims and Bro. J. W. Crowder; from Mt. Pleasant Bro. J. W. Partain; from Mt. Willing Rev. J. A. Tate; from Union Chapel Sister Emely Wiggins.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. Graham.

Report received and adopted as read and the committee discharged

On Literature

We your committee on Literature beg leave to submit the following report. The Free Will Baptist first of all stands for the study of the Bible as a way bill from earth to Heaven. Since our people are going to read literature other than the Bible we recommend that the members of the Free Will Baptist church write our publishing house at Ayden, N. C., and get a list of religious books and magazines placed before the children every day as much as possible. We recommend that every church in this association get the Free Will Baptist paper in every home, we also recommend the use of our Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools with the prayerful study of the Bible.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. H. Guin, Chairman.

Report received and the committee discharged. Report adopted as read.

Report on Sabbath Schools

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report. We find some of our churches who do not have Sunday Schools, we urge our Ministers to lecture on the need of Sabbath Schools and insist upon each church supporting a Sabbath School. We recommend the use of our own denominational literature with the Bible.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. McClung, Chairman.

Report on Ministerial Credentials

We your committee on Ministerial Credentials beg leave to submit the following report. We find all of our ministers in good standing with their churches, we find that Rev. E. W. Graves and Rev. R. V. Guyton have joined another association.

Report received and the committee discharged.

Dismissed by the moderator one hour for recreation and refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sung a song, prayer was offered by Rev. Ellis. The clerk called the roll and the delegates answered to their names. The moderator announced a quorum present and proceeded to business as follows:

Rev. E. W. Graves made a request that his name be dropped from the list of ordained ministers as he had joined another association, by motion his name was dropped.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit our report. We find there is not much progress being made in the fight for Temperance, we recommend that determined fight be made to stamp out the rum forces it behooves us as Christian workers to renew our efforts in this great cause we admonish every pastor, delegate and church worker to be united in the cause of Temperance.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. H. Roberts, Chairman.

Report received and the committee discharged. Report adopted as read.

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee beg leave to submit the following report, after calling for the minute money we find we have collected \$18.20.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. D. Hollis, Chairman.

Report received and the committee discharged. Report adopted as read.

On motion the money was turned over to the clerk.

Called for new business.

By motion the Board of Trustees was authorized to trade the printing press.

On motion the following were ordained as deacons, J. T. Baxter, A. J. Sanders and A. J. Wilson.

QUERRIES AND RESOLUTIONS

(1) We find no Querries to be discussed at this session.

(2) That this session extend its thanks to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this session.

Ernest Roberts, Chairman.

Report received and adopted as read and the committee discharged.

By motion the name of Rev. R. V. Guyton be dropped from the list of ordained ministers as he has joined another association.

By motion the name of Rev. J. L. Lavender be added to the list of ministers.

On motion the moerator appointed corresponding messengers to Sister Associations and the following were appointed to Mt. Mariah J. L. Lavender, J. M. Graham and W. N. Crossley to Jasper Rev. J. W. Prater, Rev. S. F. Lee and G. W. Chaffin, to Water Valley Association, Rev. J. M. Haas, J. L. Stembridge and W. J. Hill.

The business of the association being completed there was a motion made and carried to meet with Fairview church on Sunday before the third Sunday in October, 1934. A song was sung and the parting hand was taken. Dismissed by the moderator.

Rev. S. F. Lee, Moderator.

J. E. Chaffin, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Rev. C. A. Chaffin, Stonewall, Oklahoma.

Rev. J. W. Prater, Winfield, Alabama.

Rev. S. F. Lee, Guin, Alabama.

Rev. T. M. Lollar, Covin, Alabama.

Rev. E. A. Palmer, Hamilton, Alabama.

Rev. M. R. Allen, Smithville, Mississippi.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Rev. S. M. Perkins, Vernon, Alabama.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Steens, Mississippi.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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