

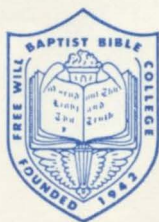
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We, the Freewill Baptist people of the Washita Association convened with the Fairview church in Washita County, Oklahoma, July 31st and Aug. 1st and 2nd for the purpose of reviving the Association which had not held a session for three years.

The house was called to order by singing, after which Rev. J. T. Reel preached from 1 Cor. 6: 11. Adjourned, after preaching, to meet next morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

House called to order by singing, then Bro. R. J. Alldredge read the 14th chapter of St. John, and the congregation bowed in prayer to ask God to guide them through the Association.

Bro. Alldredge acted as chairman, and we proceeded to elect officers. R. J. Alldredge was elected moderator, J. T. Reel assistant moderator and M. T. Holley clerk and treasurer.

The different churches were received as follows:

Fairview Church—delegates enrolled, E. P. Antle, J. B. Hodges and Sister F. M. Hodges.

New Hope Church—R. A. Rodgers, C. M. Balding and Sister G. A. Balding.

Kempton Church—B. L. Holley and M. T. Holley.

Parkersburg and Victory churches sent no

delegates. After enrolling the delegates song No. 58 was sung and the hand of fellowship was given.

We then proceeded with the business, and a collection was taken. \$6.50 was received and it was then agreed to have minutes of the Association printed. R. J. Alldredge was selected to attend to having same printed and he was given power to draw on treasury to pay for same. It was also agreed that Bro. Alldridge have as many minutes printed as he thinks are needed. \$10.00 was paid for printing same.

Preaching at 11 : 30 a. m. by Rev R. J. Alldredge, text Rev. 20 : 6. Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

House called to order by singing hymn No. 97. Prayer by Bro. M. T. Holley. Business was then taken up. The following resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That inasmuch as water baptism is not a door into our church, that we will receive members into our church without demanding baptism of them but teach them that immersion is the true mode of baptism, and teach them their duty in regard to baptism, as we do the other church ordinances.

Resolved, That we adopt a resolution on Temperance as follows, We believe that we should be temperate in all things, and as for intoxicating drinks, we consider it bad policy for church members to use them as a beverage. First, because it ruins their influence for good. Second, it throws them in bad company. Third, it takes away their better knowledge. Fourth, it impoverishes them financially and spiritually. Fifth, it degrades humanity and if continued will cause a miserable death and an awful eternity, therefore we earnestly recommend that all Christians abstain from the use of such drinks, and use every effort to suppress the great evil.

Resolved, That we adopt a resolution on Sunday Schools as follows: We as Freewill Baptists, do endorse Sunday Schools and insist that each church in our Association try to have a Sunday School. We believe Sunday Schools are beneficial to all who will attend regularly and take a part, and especially the children, Eph. 6: 4. "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Prov. 22: 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

MAMES, AGES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

J. T. Reel,	Sayre, Okla.	Age, 52.
A. D. Skelton,	Clinton, Okla., R. 1	" 52.
R. J. Alldredge,	Elk City, Okla. R. 7	" 35.
Rev. Christian.	(Failed to get age and address.)	

MEETING DAYS OF EACH CHURCH.

Fairview,	First Sunday.
Victory,	First Sunday.
New Hope,	Second Sunday.
Parkersburg,	Fourth Sunday.
Kempton,	Fourth Sunday.

Resolved, That we hold a Fifth Sunday Meeting to begin on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in November at Kempton Church in Beckam County, Oklahoma, three miles north and one mile east of Carter. Each church in the Association is to select a subject to be discussed in the meeting.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the good people around Fairview Church for the kind brotherly and sisterly spirit shown us while in their community.

The stand was filled as follows:

Friday Night—Rev. J. T. Reel, text, 1st Cor. 6: 11.

Saturday, 11: 30—Rev. R. J. Alldredge, text
Rev. 20: 6.

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erbs, 16: 25.

Sunday 11: 00 a. m.—Rev. J. T. Reel, text Acts 2: 39.

Sunday Night—Rev. R. J. Alldredge, text 1st Cor.
12: 13.

Adjourned to meet on Friday night before the 2nd
Sunday in Aug. 1915 with New Hope Church where
our next Association will be held. New Hope Church
is located one mile south and three miles east of
Rockey, Okla. This town is located on the Frisco
R. R. between Hobart and Cordell.

R. J. Alldredge, moderator.

M. T. Holley, clerk.

Rules Of Order.

1. At every sitting the business shall be op-
ened and closed with prayer by Moderator or
whomsoever he may request.

2. Those who speak shall arise and address
the Moderator, personal reflections shall be avoid-
ed in all debates.

3. No motion shall be discussed without
first being seconded.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate
contains two or more points it shall be divided
at the request of any member and the vote
taken separately.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be re-

corded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.

6. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of members present.

8. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the Moderator and if so his name shall be left off the minutes.

9. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.

10. In future sessions of this association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two or more sermons a day or other equivalent devotional exercises during the day.

11. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the body.

12. Alternation may be made in these rules at any regular session.

Constitution.

From long experience we the members of the Washita Association being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other. We do therefore adopt this constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1 MEMBERSHIP: This Association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons with delegates chosen by the different churches in our

union not exceeding three delegates from each church who upon presenting letters shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. Letters from each church to express their number in fellowship; the number of ordained and licensed preachers and their postoffice addresses; the number of members received upon confession of faith; by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, or died since last association.

Art. 3. NAME: Sec. 1. The members thus chosen and convened denominated the Washita Association of Freewill Baptists being composed of sundry churches in Oklahoma.

Sec. 2 The association having no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to have any ecclesiastical power over churches.

Sec. 3. Reserving the right of withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 4 OFFICERS: The association to have a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES: Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the association which are to petition by letter and delegates and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the association and given the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6, QUESTIONS: No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTION: Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the

person making it.

Art. 8. MINUTES: The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distinction being at the discretion of the association.

Art. 9. CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association on a book kept by the association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES: The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS: Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Articles of Faith.

Art. 1. GOD: We believe in the true and living God the Father, Son and, Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory.—John 1 : 1, 1st John 5 : 7.

Art. 2. THE BIBLE: The scriptures of the old and new testament were given by the inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.—2nd Tim. 3 : 16.

Art. 3. THE FALL: Sec. 1. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy. But man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of same whereby all adults became sinners not by constraint but by choice.—Gen. 3 : 1, 7

Sec. 2. Being partakers of the sinful nature

attained by the fall. Sec. 3-4. That man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus by the suffering of death crowned with glory that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man. Heb. 2:9 Rom. 5:16-18.

Art. 4. PARDON. Sec. 1. We believe that Christ by his death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon.

Sec. 2. And offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sec. 3. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore, He saith: "Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth for I am God and there is none else."—Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts. 20:21 and 17:30.

Art. 5. REGENERATION: We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they Inherit eternal life. Rom. 5:1-13; John 3:3.

Art. 6. INFANTS: We believe that infants, are saved because they are without sin.—Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:14.

Art. 7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life.—Gal. 5:4; Heb. 6:4-9; 10:26; 12:14; Rev. 22:14; Rev. 2:10.

Art. 8. BAPTISM MODE: We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode even the burial of believers in water and that Christ, who is our life showed this humble example to his children and bids us walk therein.—Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:36-39: Baptizo (Greek) to dip. Mergo (Latin) to plunge, to submerge.

Art. 9. MINISTRY CALL: We believe that God

in his goodness displays his power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying his servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of his blessed Word to go forth and proclaim life and Salvation:—Eph. 3:7; 1st Tim. 1:6-11; Rom. 11:29; 1st Cor. 1:26, 27.

Art. 10. **COMMANDMENTS:** We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and the washing of the saints' feet and keeping of the Lord's day holy and abstaining from worldly lust and the carnal cares and to assemble ourselves together are ornaments which prepare and beautify the soldiers of the cross to march onward in the army of the Lord.—Matt. 26:26-28; John 13:4-5.

Art. 11. **BAPTISMAL RIGHT:** We believe that none have the right to baptism: only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 8:36-38.

Sec. 2 None have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of a Presbytery of elders.

Sec. 3. and we shall receive none other. Titus 1:5.

Art. 12. **LORD'S SUPPER.** We believe it the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:20, 1st Cor. 27:31.

Art. 13. **WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE.** We believe that the Bible teaches women have a right to exercise any God given privilege that the Spirit may direct. Acts 10:34,35. Acts 2:16-18. Joel 2.

Art. 14. **FORNICATION.** We believe that nothing but death and fornication gives a lawful right to a second marriage, and a second marriage under divorce

for any other cause than fornication is a sin as long as continued in. Matt. 5: 31-32. 1st Cor. 7: 10-11.

Art. 15. RESURRECTION. Sec. 1. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both the just and unjust. Sec. 2. The resurrection of the just is glory and immortality in the presence of God, Sec. 3. and the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 23: 31-34. 1 Cor. 15 42-45. 2 Thes. 1:4-11. Rev. 20: 10. Job 19: 26

Form of Church Letter to Association.

..... County, Okla.
We the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at
..... church to the Washita Association composed
of Freewill Baptists assembled with of
..... we send as delegates from our church
Bros whom we pray you to receive
to aid in your deliberations. (Add full statistical re-
ports.) Done in church conference.
..... Moderator Clerk.

Letter of Dismissal

This is to certify that is a member in good
standing of the Freewill Baptist church of Christ at
..... and as such we recommend him, or her, to
the fellowship of God's people and is dismissed from
us when joined to another church. Done in church
conference 191....
..... Pastor. Clerk
..... P. O. County, Okla.



