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Sixty First Annual Session

of the
WEST FORK ASSOCIATION

of
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Held with the
First Free Will Baptist Church

of
Wa co, Texas

August 28 - 30, 1951

The next annual session will be held with the
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas,
beginning Tuesday night before the first Sunday in
September, 1952.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1,
Box 229, Weatherford, Texas.

Clerk: Rev. C. J. Hearron, 710 N. 11th, Waco, Texas.

TREASURER: Bro. George Bassham, 2937 St. Louis St.,
Forth Worth, Texas

BOARDS

HOME MISSION:

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 75, Arlington, Texas.
Rev. C. J. Hearron, 710 N. 11th. St., Waco, Texas.
Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1412 Beaumont, Dallas, Texas.
Bro. Wesley Broom, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.
Bro. W. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Decatur, Texas.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 229, Weatherford, Texas.
Rev. Tiff Covington, 1412 Small St. Bowie, Texas.
Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2003 Prairie, Forth Worth, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 75, Arlington, Texas.
Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 229, Weatherford, Texas.
Mrs. Marie Bassham, 2937 St. Louis, Ft. Worth, Texas.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE:

Rev. Norman Ferguson, Box 4847, B. J. U., Greenville, S. C.
Miss Jane Reeder, 2920 N. W. 26th. St. Ft. Worth, Texas.
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Sis. Della Parham, 3110 Seevers, Dallas, Texas.
Sis. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 75, Arlington, Texas.
Sis. Ola Fitzpatrick, Rt. 1, Decatur, Texas.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE:

Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1412 Beaumont, Dallas, Texas.
Rev. Tiff Covington, 412 Small St., Bowie, Texas.
Rev. A. L. Hudson, Decatur, Texas.

CHILDRENS HOME:

Sis. R. E. Conner, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.
Sis. Carrie Covington, 412 Small St. , Bowie, Texas.
Sis. Herbert Richards,

CREDENTIAL:

Rev. Tiff Covington, 412 Small St. , Bowie, Texas.
Bro. George Wetzel, 2519 Market, Fort Worth, Texas.
Sis. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 229, Weatherford, Texas.

PROGRAM:

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Arlington, Texas.
Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2003 Prairie, Fort Worth Texas.
Sister Marcia Allen, 2509 Rosen Ave, Fort Worth, Texas.

P R O C E E D I N G S

The sixty second annual session of the West Fork association of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, August 28-30, 1951.

Tuesday Night

The opening session began with Rev. H. R. Sheets Leading in singing. The moderator, Rev. Tiff Covington called the session in order. He read the 93rd Psalm and offered prayer. Rev. J. S. Marcle, the host pastor gave the Welcome address. Response by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson.

Rev. Wesley Calvary was elected to bring the introductory message since Rev. M. L. Sutton, who was to bring the message was absent.

The moderator appointed a credential committee. Those appointed were: Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. J. A. Brooks, Bro. W. G. Rancher.

Rev. Wesley Calvary was introduced as the speaker of the hour. His Scripture reading was, Luke 16:1, 2, 12. Subject: Give an account of thy Stewardship. At the close of the message Rev. M. L. Sutton offered prayer. The Host pastor assigned the Ministers, Delegates and visitors to the homes. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Tiff Covington.

Wednesday Morning

The morning session began with Rev. M. L. Sutton leading the song service. The moderator quoted a verse of scripture from one of the Psalms, Quote, The Lord hath done great things for us where of we are glad. He then offered prayer.

Rev. Kenneth Emerson led the devotional. Scripture reading, Matt. 27:17-22.

The moderator read the rules of order, After which he asked every one who could to kneel while Sister McAdams led in prayer.

A partial report of the credential committee was received, the delegates seated by extending to them the hand of fellowship.

Rev. Cox and Rev. Ferguson discussed the Encampment. The Midland church was found to be in order. Motion to receive the Midland church back into the association. The treasurer's Report was Read and received. The report of the director of Young people was read and received, and the recommendations adopted (see report). The chairman of the revision committee read the revised constitution. Motion to receive the revision for adoption. The session was dismissed for a short recess.

Eleven o'clock Service

Singing led by Rev. M. L. Sutton. Prayer by H. M. McAdams. Rev. R. B. Crawford brought the message. Scripture reading Acts 4:23-33, Acts 5:29-40. Text Act 5:39. Rev. R. E. Conner offered the prayer of dismissal and asked the Lords blessings on the noon meal.

Wednesday afternoon

Singing led by Rev. C. J. Hearron. Prayer by Bro. W. D. Phillips. The Body voted to convene with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas in 1952. Rev. H. Z. Cox was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. R. E. Conner as His alternate. The remainder of the evening was given to the women's auxiliary.

Wednesday evening

Singing led by bro. W. D. Phillips. Prayer by sister Jane Reeder. The ministers Quartett, consisting of Reverends M. L. Sutton, A. F. Ferguson, Tiff Covington, C. J. Hearron, Rev. H. R. Sheets Brought the devotional. Scripture reading 1st Psalm: Rev. and Mrs. Calvary Sang a Duet. Another Quartett number By Rev. and Mrs. Calvary, Jane Reeder, and Rev. C. J. Hearron. Rev. C. J. Hearron sang a solo. Rev. A. F. Ferguson brought the message. Scripture reading Rev. 2:1-7. Text Rev. 2:4. Subject Lovless Church.

Thursday Morning

Singing led by bro. W.D. Phillips. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Tiff Covington. Scripture reading Icor. 13. The report of the director of Sunday School was read and recieved and the recommendations were adopted.

The Report of the director of Childrens home was read and received.

The treasurer of the Home Mission Board gave a report, The report was received.

The Credential committee reported that the Carrolton church had petitioned this association for membership and recommended that the church be received.

Motion to recieve the Carrolton church into the Association. The moderator extended unto them the right hand of fellowship.

Motion to receive the report of director of Foreign Missions. Dismissed. for a short recess by prayer by Rev. Tiff Covington.

II O'clock Service

Singing led by Rev. C.J. Hearron. Prayer by Rev. R.H. Rogers. A special message in song was given by the ministers quartett. Rev. E.E. Zellers delivered the message. Scripture reading Ecc. 11. Subject: Cast thy bread up on the waters. Rev. M.L. Sutton offered the prayer of dismissal and ask the Lords blessings on the noon meal.

Thursday afternoon

Se rvices began with singing led by Bro. W.D. Phillips. Prayer by sister Maude Wier. The moderator redd Rev. 22:14-21. Rev. Allen Gibson gave a report about the new church at Carrolton.

Motion to receive the report as given. Rev. H.E. Ritenour talked about the work he had done.

Motion to adopt the revised constitution.

Motion to elect the officers for the following year. Rev. C.J. Hearron was elected as Clerk. Bro. George Bassham was elected as Treasurer. Rev. R.E. Conner was elected Moderator. Rev. A.F. Ferguson was elected as Assistant Moderator. Rev. M.L. Sutton was elected as parlemintarin.

Motion to Receive the report of the committee on resolutions.

Motion to receive the report of temperance committee.

After a silent prayer Rev. Tiff Covington Offered prayer in behalf of those who had lost their loved ones since the last conference.

Motion to receive the report of the director of womens auxiliary.

Sister R.E. Conner was recommended to the state association as the delegate to the national association.

Motion ~~that~~ this association Pay the clerk \$15.00. each year for labor.

Motion To give this church a vote of thanks for the splendid way in which the they entertained the association.

Motion that the association affirm the appointments that Bro. Conner sees fit to make . since he did not have time to appoint the bords before adjournment.

Motion to give Mrs. A.F. Ferguson avote of thanks for the work she has done as clerk and drawing up the letter form. A prayer was offered for the healing of her body.

The report of committee on committees was read and adopted.

The Delegatesto the State association were elected. They are Brothers, C.B. Wier, Dale Smith, H.R. Sheets, A.E. Benson, James Trout, Claude Jackson, Orn Martin and sisters Ola Fitzpatrick, Giola Onley, C.B. Kirby, Sylvia Burks, Bell Fasley, Lucile Cozart, Della Parham, Sue Turrentine.

Rev. R.E. Conner made some Recordings on his recording machine. He also present ed a recorded program of the service of the womens auxiliary of Plesant Mound church.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Allen Gibson.

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Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator
Mrs A.F. Ferguson, Clerk.

CHURCH LETTER SUMMARY

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NEW SALEM: Delegates- Bro. & Sis. W. D. Phillips, Sis. Ola Fitzpatrick & Sis. Holcomb. Ministers- Rev. A. L. Hudson, (Pastor), Decatur, Texas. Deacons- W. D. Phillips, Fred Anderson, J. W. Taylor. Clerk- W. D. Phillips. Sunday School Superintendent- Romie Fitzpatrick. Deceased Members- Mrs. J. H. Brown

TRINITY, FT. WORTH: Delegates- Bro. Jack Dysart, S. Winnie Dysart, Sis. Maude Wier. Ministers- Rev. M. L. Sutton, (Pastor), Box 75, Rt. 3, Arlington, Texas. Clerk- Mrs. Marcia Allen. Treasure- Chas. B. Wier. S. S. Superintendent- Mr. George Wetzel. Womens Auxiliary- Mrs. M. L. Sutton. League- Mrs. Elsie Wetzel. Deacons- George Wetzel, Frank Smith, George Bassham, Wilford Harrison. Deceased Members- Bro. Lee Sprinkles. We invite the Association to meet with our church in 1952.

WACO: Delegates- Mrs. J. R. White, Mrs. J. E. Marecle, Bro. Ellis Calvery. Ministers- Rev. J. E. Marecle, (Pastor), Rt. 9, Box 981, Waco, Texas. Rev. James Gilley, (Liscened), 1410 N. 13th St., Waco, Texas. Rev. L. M. Parton, Rosebud, Texas. Clerk- Mrs. J. E. Marecle. Treasure- Ernest L. Marecle, 4335 Memorial Drive, Waco, Texas. S. S. Superintendent- Ernest L. Marecle. Deacons- O. M. Martin, B. L. Conaway, A. Sullins, F. F. Phillips, Ellis Calvery, I. M. Maricle, Milton Graham, Walter Rancher.

BONNIE VIEW, DALLAS: Delegates- Sis. Barbara Zoellers, Sis. Fred King, Sis. George Lauther. Ministers- Rev. E. E. Zoellers, (Pastor), 3025 Spring View, Dallas, Texas. Rev. A. J. Fielding, 2206 Wilbig Road, Dallas, Texas. Rev. W. V. Kennedy, 4932 Columbia Ave., Dallas, Texas. Clerk- Mrs. Ollie Davis. Treasurer- Dale Smith. S. S. Superintendent- H. F. Stephens. Womens Auxiliary- Mrs. A. J. Fielding. Deacons- Dale Smith, H. F. Stephens, C. M. Maxwell, George Lauther.

SOUTH SIDE, COMANCHE: Ministers- Rev. R. H. Rogers, (Pastor), Box 740. Comanche, Texas. Rev. W. H. Richards, 5700 Columbia, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. R. H. Rogers. Clerk- A. E. Benson. Treasurer- R. H. Rogers. S. S. Sup.- Mrs. R. H. Rogers. Deacons- A. E. Benson, Bert Byrd.

FIRST, FT. WORTH: Delegates- Sis. Sue Turrentino, Sis. Edith Brooks. Ministers- Rev. J. A. Brooks, (Pastor), 2905 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas. Rev. Jack Turrentino, Rev. H. C. St. John. Clerk- Mrs. Emma Eagleton. Treasurer- Mrs. Daisie Dearing. S. S. Superintendent- Jack Lucas. League Director- Jane Reader. Womens Auxiliary- Mrs. Emma Eagleton. Deacons- Jim Eudy, Doc. Baber, Frank Holding, Cliff Nichols, E. E. Eagleton, Sr. Jack Lucas, Pete Gordner, E. E. Eagleton, Jr. W. H. Killough, Bill Reader, E. A. Morris, Floyd Eudy, George Dearing, Gee Moore. Deceased Members- J. W. Kirk, H. H. Killough, C. C. Parrish, Mrs. Lena Tidwell.

BOWIE: Delegates- Sisters Carrie Covington, Betty Berry and Gail Covington. Ministers- Rev. Tiff Covington (Pastor) 1412 Small St. Waco, Texas. Clerk- Mrs. R. L. Avery. Treasurer- Troy Lovelady. S. S. Superintendent- James Trout. Womens Auxiliary- Mrs. Carrie Covington. Deacons- Troy Wolf, Dick Avery, Floyd Hendrix, Elton Wenton and Troy Lovelady.

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WEATHERFORD: Delegates- Sisters Louise Jackson, Glenna Ferguson, Joyce Jackson. Ministers- Rev. A. F. Ferguson (Pastor) Rt. 1, Box 229, Weatherford, Texas, Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. N. F. Ferguson (liscened) Rev. J. L. Brandon, Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, 416 Eureka, Weatherford, Texas. Clerk- Mrs. Mattie Jackson. Treasurer- Mrs. J. B. Estes. S. S. Superintendent- J. E. Francis. League- Mrs. Myrtle Jackson. Deacons- H. L. Harley. Members Deceased- H. L. Harley, Ralph Dawson. Rev. Henry Measures has been dismissed from our church.