

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual Session of  
Falls Baptist Association**

October 6, 2019

Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, TX

Presiding over the meeting was Moderator, Buddy Sipe, retired pastor of Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Buddy Sipe, Music Director for Falls Association lead the congregation in singing Saved, Saved, Grace Greater Than Our Sin and Amazing Grace.

Buddy Sipe seated the messengers and asked that the program be adopted as the Order of business. The motion was made and seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Reports were given for BGCT by Tim Marrow, highlighting the River Ministry that has been ongoing for 51 years.

SBTC by Gordon Knight, Disaster Relief has been the highlight for this year from Franklin to El Paso and point in between.

Latham Springs by Mike Wilson. 2019 Latham Springs saw 10,750 kids at summer camps with 709 salvations.

DOM Patrick Knowlton. He and Sherri have spent this year familiarizing themselves with the area and the work.

Evaluating how to make FIRM a better tool for all the churches. Working toward developing a broader Mission Vision for the FIRM Area and for each Association. Planning and Preparing in the coming year for possible partnership with Colorado Rural Churches, Working across Associational lines to help our smaller churches and seeking to make Kingdom Connections.

Jody Hickman presented 2020 Calendar and officers. Motion accepted by Judson Strawbridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Cruz. Passed unanimously.

Jerry Hacker presented the financial report and proposed budget. Motion made to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven James. Motion passed unanimously.

Trinity Memorial Baptist Church has disbanded. The Church and Falls Association has recommended that Primera Iglesia Bautista, Marlin.

The Committee for Preacher, Place and Time of next year's Annual meeting was appointed. Rick Fendely, David Cruz and Carolyn Sipe. They will meet during the meal and announce their recommendation.

Cottonwood Choir Sang

Rick Fendley of Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Rosebud brought the message The Dry Bones from Ezekiel 37:1-14. He reminded us that revival is a Spiritual awakening, where God's people are revived, not just an evangelical outreach program. The text stated that Ezekiel was, "in a field full of dry bones." That can be our feeling in our churches, but God has not placed us there by accident. He has placed you there to speak forth truth. That can make us uncomfortable, but when we are uncomfortable, we rely on God, not our comfort. Sometimes God will lead you to preach a message your professors would not approve of...but you must obey and preach it. Live the example.

The meeting was closed with a special prayer time for Primera Iglesia with a laying on of hands and prayers lifted to our mighty God.

After dinner served by our gracious hosts at Cottonwood Baptist the Announcement was made that next year's meeting would be at First Baptist, Chilton on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and David Cruz, from Primera Iglesia, Marlin will bring our message.

Approximate number in attendance: 50