

Minutes of the 96th Annual Session of
Robertson Baptist Association

October 16, 2018

First Baptist Church, Calvert, Texas

Freddy Burden, presiding moderator and pastor of FBC New Baden, opened the meeting in prayer.

Charles Cole asked Dale Wells to lead in a prayer for those affected by flooding in Llano County and surrounding area. Dale led the prayer and then led the congregation in singing "Praise the Lord".

Chris Lange, pastor of FBC Calvert, read Psalm 150 and then led in prayer.

Freddy Burden seated the messengers.

Freddy Burden appointed James Hooper, David May, and Louis Walston to the sermon committee.

Charles Cole introduced the guests, Thomas Worth, Barbara Raines, Dennis Parrish,

Tim Marrow, and Mike Wilson.

Randy Aly brought 2 members of the Extreme Team and introduced them and they spoke about the revival that FBC New Baden, Elliott, and Bethany were holding.

Charles Cole introduced Phillip Smith of St Paul Speaks and he gave a presentation on Galatians.

Thomas Worth of Texas A&M BSM gave a report.

Dennis Parrish of SBTC gave a report.

Tim Marrow of Texas Baptists gave a report.

Mike Wilson of Latham Springs Encampment gave a report.

Freddy Burden presented the slate of officers for 2019. Nathan Giesenschlag made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Thomas Rex Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Freddy Burden presented the calendar for 2019. James Hooper made a motion to accept the calendar as presented. David May seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Cole presented the September treasurer's report. Kyle Gregory made a motion to accept the report as printed. Brian Meredith seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Charles Cole presented the 2019 budget. David May made a motion to accept the budget as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

DOM Report
DOM Report to Annual Meeting
Bro. Charles Cole

2018 has been a year of challenges. FIRM Area churches and staff have been under heavy attack by Satan and the strain on the churches shows. I urge all to be in constant prayer for their church and for the staff that serves them. We have had many unusual problems to assist our churches with during this past year. I thank our God that he is faithful to give us wisdom as we go through these changes. At the beginning of October, FIRM Area has only three churches that are without a pastor. Only one of those is currently searching for a pastor. The other two are either in an interim or about to begin an interim ministry.

As this year winds down, I reflect on the past 14 years as your Director of Missions and I thank my God for giving me the best job in the world. I have had the privilege, along with my wife working with me, to serve 86 of the very best churches in the world. We love every one of the FIRM Area churches and the people that make up those churches. Over those years we have had the privilege of leading to build 6 new homes for people that have lost their homes, we have built 5 new church buildings, and remodeled or helped remodel 5 others. We have assisted in many various endeavors of disaster relief, including helping over 130 families displaced and hurt by Hurricane Harvey, along with distributing disaster relief supplies totaling over 2 tons to victims of disasters. On October 20, we took funds to a family near Marble Falls that lost everything in the Llano River floods of that week. GOD has used FIRM Area Churches to bless so many.

In those 14 years we have helped start 13 new churches. These thirteen new churches have baptized over 1000 people. (incidentally, even though most have not completed their ACP's early indications are that baptisms across FIRM Area are up over 2017 levels.)

I have counseled 21 of those churches over various issues this past year and have filled a pulpit in supply on 31 occasions. It has been a very busy year. We took a group of 34 missionaries representing 9 of our area churches for a week-long mission trip to Mescalero, New Mexico, where we finished a construction project started by a church from George West, Texas, to add a classroom to the Mescalero building. We also conducted Vacation Bible School for 36 children and led evening special movie outreach events. God

brought 6 of those children so they could respond to the Gospel and receive Jesus. There is much more I could highlight, but simply want to again thank you for allowing Brenda and I to serve along side of you as your director of Missions. May God richly bless each of you and the churches you represent in the years ahead.

In Jesus Service

Bro. Charles Cole

Freddy Burden asked for a report from the sermon committee. James Hooper reported that Jimmy Sanders was selected to give the annual sermon for 2019 and that James Crawford was selected as the alternate.

Freddy Burden asked for Miscellaneous business and there was none.

Freddy Burden gave a report on the process that the DOM selection committee used. He then asked that the congregation affirm the committee's selection of Patrick Knowlton as the next Director of Missions. Vote to affirm Patrick as the choice was unanimous.

Dale Wells led the congregation to sing "At Calvary".

Nathan Giesenschlag, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church brought the annual sermon on the life of John Newton.

Scripture was I Timothy 1:3-19. John Newton was called by God out of a pit and into ministry. Amazing Grace is the most beloved song of all time. John Newton's life was a life of amazing grace, saved by grace, and sanctified by grace. He lost his mother at the age of 6 and went to sea at the age of 11. By the age of 20 he was involved with the slave trade and his life was a moral wreck. Luke 11:9 After his ship almost sank he accepted Jesus as his savior. II Timothy 1:12. Main point of John Newton's life is "I am a sinner. Christ is a great Savior."

Freddy Burden presented the officers for 2019

Moderator is David May

Vice-Moderator is James Hooper

Treasurer is FIRM Area

Clerk is Freddy Burden

Chris Lange gave the benediction. The host church served a barbeque meal.