

Minutes of
First Annual Session
of
IDAHO ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists
Churches

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
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FREE WILL BAPTIST
JULY 1963

Delegates from the Buhl Free Will Baptist Church and from the Rupert Free Will Baptist Church met at the Rupert Church on July 9, 1963 for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist Association.

Rev. Harvey Butler, pastor of the Buhl Church, opened the services and called for a united altar prayer. Rev. Jack Richey, pastor of Purcell, Oklahoma church led in the prayer.

The services continued with Rev. Orville Carpenter of Norman, Oklahoma leading the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The congregation was then lead in prayer by Brother Matthews of Rupert, after which the congregation sang "There is A Fountain" and "I Feel Like Traveling On." Rev. Harvey Butler sang a solo, "Led by the Master's Hand."

The services were then turned to Rev. Wade Jernigan, chairman of the National Home Missions Board. Brother Jernigan read Psalms 133 and brought a message on the subject, "Fraternal Unity." He pointed out that unity brings strength, fellowship, peace, pleasantness, a blessing and eternal life. Brother Jernigan challenged the peo-

ple to dwell and work in unity and then closed his message by praying for leadership for the people and for leadership in the organizational meeting.

All members present were recognized as delegates.

The organizational council was then seated by Bro. Jernigan. Those serving on the council were Rev. Joe Blair, Moore, Oklahoma; Rev. Orville Carpenter, Norman, Oklahoma; Rev. Jack Richey, Purcell, Oklahoma; Rev. Cliff Bowman, Waynesville, Mo.; and Rev. Wade Jernigan of Norman, Oklahoma.

The body voted to organize and stated that the National Treatise of Free Will Baptist had been adopted by both churches and that said Treatise would be observed by the Association.

The proposed constitution and by-laws were read. Motion made and seconded to adopt the constitution and by-laws. The vote on same was 100%.

All members came forward for the right hand of fellowship after which an altar prayer of consecration was prayed. Bro. Joe Blair concluded this prayer of consecration.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows:

Moderator-Harvey Butler; Assistant Moderator-F. C. Zinn; Clerk - Martha Bennett; Assistant Clerk - Earnest Hayhurst; Executive Board - Logan Yingest, 3 years, Earnest Hayhurst, 2years, Gordon Bennett, 1 year.

Bro. Jernigan recommended that the Association join the National Association of Free Will Baptist. Motion was made and seconded that the Idaho

Association petition the National Association for membership.

The services were then turned to the duly elected moderator, Rev. Harvey Butler. Bro. Butler requested prayer of the body as he tried to perform his duties in the position of moderator.

Motion was made that each church pay one half of the entrance fee to the National Association. It was voted to have the meeting of the Idaho Association rotate between the churches.

The Association voted to recommend to the churches that each church receive an offering before the next meeting for the associational expenses.

Bro. Jernigan recommended that all monies sent for any work be channelled through the Associational treasure.

Motion was then made to ajourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Logan Yingest.

Next meeting to be held at the Buhl Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in November.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION
IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called the Idaho Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such consistant, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution. All churches affiliated with this association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association.

ARTICLE II. The acting members of this association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which the association is composed; every church being entitled to two lay delegates, every church containing fifty members to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members, and its ordained ministers.

ARTILCE III. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator and clerk-treasurer which shall be elected at the annual session. Each officer is to continue in office until his successor is chosen and qualifies and shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

ARTICLE IV. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist church maintaining gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrines and

practices, and in favor of benevolent enterprises --as Sunday Schools, missions, temperance, and education -- may be received into this association on application, by a majority vote of the association.

ARTICLE V. This association shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, and expel them in case of unsuccessful labor; to examine ministerial candidates by request of churches to which such persons belong; to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to it, and transact other business as may be necessary for the benefit of the Christian faith, consistant with the liberty and independence of the churches according to the practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination; and to make any by-laws necessary to its regulation not repugnant to this constitution.

ARTICLE VI. This association shall elect an Examining Board of three members whose duty it is to set up requirements for license and ordination, subject to the approval of the association; to examine candidates for the ministry; and to make recommendations concerning requests for license, or renewal of license, being held at the annual meeting and so arranged that one member is elected each year.

ARTICLE VII. Each church in this association shall have the right to select, ordain and issue

credentials to its deacons.

ARTICLE VIII. Each member shall report to this association at each session its statistics on a form provided by this association.

ARTICLE IX. The regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the first Sunday in May and November. The November meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X. This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing at the last session of the association.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of this association shall be called to order by the clerk, or in his absence by his representative, who shall announce the order of business.
2. The association shall determine when its daily sessions shall open and close. Each session shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.
3. A majority of all the churches in good standing, which are registered as members of this association must be represented for a quorum.
4. This association may hold correspondence by messengers, or other wise, with any other religious body as it may deem advisable.
5. Any person not a delegate to this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator, but such a person shall not be allowed to vote.
6. It shall be the duty of all delegates to the association to be present at the appointed time for each session and give strict attention to all business. No delegate shall absent himself from this association during its session without first obtaining leave of the moderator.
7. Every member wishing to speak shall first address the moderator; but no person shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject, with out permission of the body.
8. The moderator may appoint committees as needed.
9. This association shall be governed by the rules

of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's RULES OF ORDER except in those cases where some rules may be superceded by some rule of this association.

10. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a majority vote of delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

November 1, 1963 The Idaho Association of Free Will Baptist convined for its first annual meeting. The Association met in the Buhl Church with the Moderator, Bro. Harvey Butler in charge.

The opening service was Friday night at 8:00 P. M. Bro. Logan Yingst led in prayer. Congregation songs were-- "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", "Joy Unspeakable", "Leaning On The Everlastings Arms". Bro. Roscoe Butler led in prayer, and then the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus."

Bro. F. C. Zinn, pastor of Rupert Church brought the message on "A United Effort." The scripture read was found in the 6th chapter of Judges. The message was ended with prayer.

Saturday morning the Association reconveined at 11:00 A. M. The congregation sang "I Know My Name Is There", and prayer was led by Bro. Frank Matthew. The Moderator Bro. Harvey Butler read the scripture 2nd Chron. 7:12 - 15. Recognition and seating of Delegates followed. Delegates from Rupert were Bro. Frank Matthew, Sis. Ann Hayhurst and Bro. Wayne Matthew. Delegates from the Buhl Church were Bro. Gordon Bennett, Bro. Freeman Yingst, Bro. Booker Harvison. The Fellowship handshake was extended

to Delegates before they were seated. The Clerk read the church letters. A motion by Bro. Earnest Hayhurst that the church letters be accepted. Bro. Booker Harvison seconded the motion. Motion carried. Congregational Songs were "Its a Grand and Glorious Feeling" and "I want to know more about my Lord".

The Clerk read a letter from Bro. Roy Thomas, a former member of the Buhl Church, who is now pastoring a church in Denver Colorado. He is also a member of National Home Mission Board. His letter was a source of Inspiration and encouragement.

Bro. Earnest Hayhurst brought the morning message. The Scripture was taken from Isa. 28:16. The theme was church Doctrine or What Free Will Babtists Believe. The invitation song was Jesus Is Calling and benediction was led by Bro. Gordon Bennett.

A potluck dinner prepared by the women from the Buhl Church was enjoyed by all.

Saturday P. M. Session:

Songs sung were "Fill My Way With Love", and "I need Thee Every Hour." The Moderator read some from 2nd Chapter of 2nd Timothy. Bro. Owen Bennett gave A report on League work, what the League teaches and how it helps train young people for leaders in the Church. Prayer was led by Bro. Wayne Matthew.

Bro. Frank Matthew Sponsor of the Rupert League brought a Devotional from Col. 3. He also reported the Rupert League had carried out several projects to help in theh building of the Church. The congregation sang "What a Friend We Have

In Jesus".

The next speaker Bro. Logan Yingst expressed his appreciation and thankfulness that an Association has been organized in this area. He read scripture from 1st. Thes. 5th chapter. His subject was "Light."

Moderator called the body in session to finish the business of the Association. First item of business was electing officers. Since the Association was organized in July. Bro. Wayne Matthew made the motion that the present officers be retained for 1 yr. term Nov. 1 to next Nov. 1. Bro. Frank Matthews seconded the Motion. Motion carried. There was no old or unfinished business. New Business, Bro. Earnest Hayhurst reported that he was on the executive Committee and he had brought the proposal before the Rupert Church that this Association would not ordain any preacher who used tobacco in any form. Discussion followed. A motion that the Association would not ordain a preacher that used tobacco was made by Bro. Earnest Hayhurst. Motion was 2nd by Bro. Wayne Matthew. Motion carried. A motion was made by Gorden Bennett that the by-law be changed to read "Moderator to announce the order of business rather than Clerk, which was 2nd by Bro. Earnest Hayhurst.

The way that business will be announced will be by bulletin or outline. Motion carried. There was discussion on how to determine the first speaker for next Association. A motion was made that the moderator appoint 2 members to work with him forming a committee, he being the chairman. Motion 2nd by Bro. Booker Harvison. Motion

carried. Bro. Harvey Butler chairman. Those appointed are Bro. Wayne Matthew and Bro. Gordon Bennett. Executive Committee Chairman Bro. Logan Yingst didn't have any report as this work is new.

A motion was made by Bro. Gordon Bennett that the moderator appoint a committee to investigate the cost of printing the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Committee is Bro. Harvey Butler, Sis. Ann Hayhurst and Bro. Frank Matthew.

The Treasurer reported \$48.21 in the treasury.

A motion was made that any Free Will Baptist work in this area should be sponsored by one of the Churches that is in the Association. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to adjourn for a recess until 4:00 o'clock. Motion Carried.

Late afternoon Service:

Congregational songs sung were "Glory to His Name" and "I'll Be Satisfied". Sis. Ann Hayhurst Led in prayer.

Message brought by Bro. Roscoe Butler was taken from Acts. 16th chapter on qualifications of leaders. The message was closed with prayer. A motion and second was made to reconvene at 7:30 for the closing service. Motion carried. Closing prayer was by Sis. Roszella Harvison.

Night Session:

Congregational songs sung were "Where Milk and Honey Flow, and "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me". Sis. Owen Led in prayer.

Offering for expense & printing minutes \$13.40 total \$61.61. Closing message by Bro. Harvey Butler was taken from 22nd chapter of Ezekiel. His Subject was conditions that the church faces today. People are turning away from God, Drunkenness and use of narcotics are on the rampage. Results are more broken homes than ever before, and crime is on the increase. The remedy: A Spiritual Awakening. God said, "Call upon me in time of trouble and I will answer thee." It's time to arise and call upon God and be endued with power.

The need is great for a burdened 2 or 3 for the things of God. A separated people, unblameable in practices, who will stand in the gap for God.

Brother Butler prayed the closing prayer and the Association was closed.

Martha Bennett Clerk