MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST



Buhl Free Will Baptist Church
BUHL, IDAHO

May 6-7, 1966

PROCEEDINGS

The Idaho Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Free Will Baptist Church in Buhl, Idaho, May 6, 1966.

The Friday evening service was opened at 8:00 p.m. by congregational singing under the direction of Carolyn Butler, accompanied by Shirl Butler. The opening selection was "When We All Get to Heaven."

Prayer was led by Brother Lewis Hayhurst, followed by more congregational singing. Selections included "I'll Be Satisfied" and "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Shirl and Carolyn Butler sang "Wait For Me, I'll Be There." A quartet composed of Rev. Wade Jernigan, Rev. Orville Carpenter, and Brother and Sister John Holcomb sang "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love."

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace", after which Rev. Orville Carpenter, pastor of the Airport Road Church, Twin Falls, brought the message using as his scripture Galatians 2:8. His theme was "Pillars in the Church."

At the close of the message, the moderator Rev. Wade Jernigan declared the Association in conference. There was one item of business to consider, a speaker to be elected for the 11:00 a.m. service on Saturday. Rev. Harvey Butler who had been elected was unable to preach due to illness. Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected to be the speaker on Saturday. The moderator declared the Association out of conference.

Brother Mike Reed led the closing prayer.

Saturday Morning Session

The Saturday morning session was opened with the congregation singing "I'll Live On," led by Rev. Wade Jernigan, accompanied by Sister Altha Keifer.

Brother Leslie Bennett read Philippians 2:1-10, after which prayer was led by Brother Marvin Mills.

Letters were called for. The clerk read letters from all the churches in the Association. A motion carried to accept the letters. The letter from the Buhl Church was incomplete. A motion carried that the Buhl Church submit a complete report. Buhl delegates were not eligible to be seated until the complete report was submitted.

Delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship as the congregation sang "Glory to His Name." The following delegates were seated: Sister Severe Bandy and Sister Margaret Mills, Rupert; Brother John Holcomb, Twin Falls; and Brother Mike Reed, Sister Lydia Strunk, and Brother Tom Lambert, Jerome.

The moderator read the By-Laws.

Petitionary letters were called for; there were none.

Nominations were made for an assistant moderator to serve in this session. Brother Fred Keifer was elected.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolution

Brother Orville Carpenter Brother Gordon Bennett Brother Ernest Hayhurst Sister Laura Andrews Brother John Holcomb

Obituary |

Sister Severe Bandy Sister Lydia Strunk

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Minutes of the previous conference were read, after which a motion carried to adjourn the business session until 1:15 p.m.

Worship Hour

The worship hour opened with the assistant moderator in charge. The congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On," led by Sister Altha Keifer, accompanied by Sister Laura Andrews.

Prayer was led by Brother Logan Yingst, after which the congregation sang 'Where the Soul Never Dies."

The speaker, Rev. Wade Jernigan, brought the message "Go ye! Pray ye! and Give ye!" from Matthew 28:18-19, Luke 10, and II Corinthians 1:8.

Prayer was led by Brother Gordon Bennett.

The ladies of the Buhl Church served a bountiful lunch to those present.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Brother Fred Keifer read scripture from John 15. Prayer was led by Brother Ernest Hayhurst.

The treasurer's report was given and a motion carried to accept it. (See Reports)

In the semi-annual meeting of the Association there were amendments made to Articles II, V, VII, and IX of the Constitution. The following actions were taken on these amendments:

Article II. The acting members of this Association, who shall be all ordained ministers who are in good standing, church clerks, and all deacons who are in good standing, are entitled to vote. Every church will be entitled to two lay delegates. Every church containing fifty (50) members is to have three (3) delegates and one (1) for every additional twenty-five (25) members.

A motion carried to adopt Article II.

Article V. This Association shall have power to discipline its churches for un-Christian conduct, a want of conformity to Gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact; and expel them in case of unsuccessful labors; to examine ministerial candidates by request of church to which such persons belong; to license and ordain ministers such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, who do not use tobacco; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the church may refer to it; and to transact other business as may be necessary for the benefit of the Christian faith, consistent 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.

A motion carried to adopt Article V.

Article VII. Each church in the Association shall have the right to select, ordain, and issue

credentials to its deacons, who do not use tobacco.
A motion carried to adopt Article VII.

There was discussion from the floor about changing the annual meeting of the Association to May instead of November. A motion carried that the May meeting be declared the annual meeting and the November meeting be the semi-annual and that each church bring a complete report to the annual meeting.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given and motions carried to accept the resolutions. (See Reports)

Nominations for the study committee adopted in Resolution No. 4 were elected as follows: Brother Fred Keifer, Brother Owen Bennett, and Brother Orville Carpenter.

Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected as promotional secretary. Sister Altha Keifer was elected as assistant promotional secretary.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given. (See Reports)

The moderator asked the congregation to stand while prayer was offered by Sister Roszelle Harvison.

The semi-annual meeting of the Association will meet with the Jerome Church November 11-12, 1966. Rev. Lewis Perry was elected speaker for the Friday evening service. Rev. Harvey Butler was elected speaker for the Saturday morning service.

The Youth Camp committee reported that they had met twice officially and part of the committee had met at other times. They reported they have a reservation made for a campsite in the South Hills. Discussion followed concerning youth camp. Each church is requested to find out how many will go to youth camp and then write Brother Jernigan to let him know immediately.

Finance for a General Board member to travel to the National Association was discussed. The Twin Falls Church offered to give \$30.00. The Jerome Church pledged \$50.00. The Buhl Church offered to help with the expenses. The Rupert Church did not commit itself.

The Bible College Quartet from Nashville, Tennessee, will be in this area in June. The dates and places were announced as follows: June 9, Rupert; June 10, Buhl; June 12, broadcasting over KART Radio at 8:15 a.m. Sunday morning worship will be with the Jerome Church. Sunday evening worship will be spent with the Twin Falls Church.

Report of the Executive Committee was given and a motion carried to accept the items presented. (See Reports)

Brother John Holcomb was elected to serve the three year term on the Executive Board. Holdover members are Brother Harvey Butler, two years, and Brother Fred Keifer, one year.

The following were elected as officers of the Association: Brother Orville Carpenter, moderator; Brother Fred Keifer, assistant moderator; and Sister Laura Andrews, clerk. Hereafter, by consent of the body, the next highest of those nominated for moderator will be the assistant moderator.

An offering of \$34.01 was taken for promotional work and missions.

Announcements were made:

Rev. Lewis Perry, new pastor of the Jerome Church, will be arriving in Jerome next week. A bond meeting is set for June 22-24 at the Airport Road Church in Twin Falls. A baptismal service to be conducted by the Jerome Church and to be held at the Buhl Church May 15 at 3:00 p.m. was announced.

The newly elected moderator took charge of closing the conference.

A motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer was led by Sister Altha Keifer.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT - November 1965 - April 1966

118.39 CASH ON HAND RECEIPTS Buhl Church 160.92 Home Missions 54.45 Foreign Missions 78.94 Co-op Tithes Minutes 12.50 12.50 Lumen Ad Jerome Church 162.10 Home Missions 168.42 Foreign Missions Co-op Tithes 193.52 Bible College 25.00 Minutes 10.00 12.50 Lumen Ad Rupert Church 9.59 Home Missions 9.59 Foreign Missions 10.00 Minutes Wendell Church Home Missions 25.00 Co-op Tithes 22.43 Minutes 15.00 Twin Falls Church 19.66 Home Missions 84.66 Foreign Missions 92.69 Co-op Tithes Minutes 10.00 Ministers & Deacons Home Missions 52.00 18.00 Bible College Promotion 1,259.47 \$1,377.86 Total DISBURSEMENTS 429.27 Home Missions 317.12 Foreign Missions Co-op Tithes 270.83 125.00 Bible College

Checks	7.01	
Printing	6.00	
Lumen Ad	50.00	
Bible College Promotion	18.00	1,223.23
CASH ON HAND		\$ 154.63

TOTALS RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR

Home Missions	\$	623.99
Foreign Missions	•	456.08
Co-op Tithes		661.14
Bible College		50.00
Minutes		99.22
General Board		249.93
Miscellaneous		60.00

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 1. Be it resolved that the Idaho Association of Free Will Baptists elect a promotional secretary whose duties shall be as follows:
 - a) Visit all of the churches as regularly as possible.
 - b) Assist any Free Will Baptist church within the bounds of the Association when called upon by the pastor and the church.
 - c) Aid any church in seeking a pastor if aid is asked for by the church.
 - d) Encourage co-operative support through the Association.
 - e) Encourage the support of the Bible College, foreign missions, home missions, and any other worthwhile organizations sponsored by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
 - f) Assist any minister in a mission or church organization which has been recognized by the Idaho Association of Free Will Baptists.

- g) Direct mission expansions within the State of Idaho.
- h) Assist all National departments in setting up itinerant schedules within the State of Idaho.
- i) Handle all monies for the Association and keep an accurate account of said monies and make a report to both the annual and the semi-annual meetings of the Idaho Association.
- 2. Be it resolved that the promotional secretary receive \$10.00 per month as a starting salary. The salary shall be taken out of the co-operative money.
- 3. Be it further resolved that an assistant to the promotional secretary be elected whose duties shall be to help in the keeping of the books and records and to sign checks when the promotional secretary is not available. He shall also obtain and keep a record of the history of the Idaho Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 4. Be it resolved that a study committee of three be elected to prepare the Articles of Faith to be presented and adopted at the November 1966 session of the Association.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

On December 3, 1965, Brother Jason Bennett from the Buhl Church was called to be with the Lord. On January 25, 1966, God called Junior Carl Yearns, a member of the Rupert Church, to be at home with Him.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. We agree to renew Brother Marvin Mills' license for one year.
 - 2. Be it resolved that an offering be taken

and that the offering be used in the State of Idaho for promotional work and missions.

3. Be it resolved that the Association give the Buhl Church a standing vote of thanks for its hospitality.

The Fifth Semi-Annual Meeting of The Idaho Association met Friday night, Nov. 11, 1966, at the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church for it's opening service.

Worship service was opened with congregation singing, "He Hideth My Soul", lead by Rev. Wade Jernigan with Sis. Altha Keifer at the piano. Bro. Frank Matthews lead our minds in prayer. "I Am Thine, O Lord", and "Revive Us Again", were then sung by the congregation.

We were favored with three specials by the Glen WilliamS' family from Boise, Idaho, formerly Free Will Baptist members in Bakersfield, Calif. They sang, "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now", "Get Ready to Live on That Great Day", and "When I Looked Up and He Looked Down".

Wade Jernigan lead congregation in singing, "Shelter in the Time of Storm". Pastor, Rev. Louis Perry, from Jerome Church introduced evangelist, Joe Grizzle, Noble, Okla. speaker for the meeting. Scripture text was Acts 1: 13-14, and Acts 2:1 (Day of Penecost). A wonderful spirit-filled message was presented with an admonition to Christians to live holy lives, above worldly standards, in one accord, waiting upon the Lord, loving one-another, united in prayer, and pulling together for the cause of Christ and furtherance of the kingdom of God---then the Holy Spirit will work with great power in our midst. There was a united prayer at the altar at close of invitation.

Moderator of Ass'n, Rev. Orville Carpenter, welcomed all who were present. Declared Ass'n in conference ready to transact business if there be any. No business. Moderator declared Ass'n out of conference.

Service closed with prayer lead by Sis. Altha Keifer.

Saturday

Nov. 12, 1966, the second session of the Fifth Semi-annual Meeting of the Idaho Assan of Free Will Baptists convened in the Jerome Church, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Louis Perry served as song director leading, "The Lily of the Valley", and "At the Cross" with Altha Keifer accompanying on the piano. Rev. Wade Jernigan read scripture from I Tim.: 4 followed by prayer. A welcome was extended to all participants by our Moderator, Rev. Orville Carpenter.

A letter was then summarized. A former acquaintance of the moderator now stationed in Viet Nam wrote him saying much ammunition and other supplies now being used by the Viet Cong, had Berkely, Calif. written thereon. Moderator, we pray for our boys in service. requested

The letters from the Churches in Ass'n were read with the exception of Rupert who furnished one later. Motion made to receive delegates. Seconded. Motion made to ammend the Twin Falls letter, deleting the portion which read, "We send John Holcomb to be examined by Board of Executives as candidate for deacon", as this Ass'n doesn't examine candidates—this is each church's responsibility. Seconded. Carried. This portion was then deleted. Delegates were received and given right hand of fellowship while we sang, "When We All Get To Heaven".

Rev. Wade Jernigan was appointed Assistant Moderator, pro-tem, by Moderator in absence of Bro. Fred Keifer. Jack Johnson was appointed to serve on Executive Board to fill vacancy.

By-laws were read by moderator. Bro. Louis Perry, Minister, Jerome Free Will BaptistChurch, stated his desire to become a member of this Ass'n although he did not have credentials with him. The Executive Board was called to a breif meeting. Report: Bro. Louis would be accepted on his word of honor.

A motion and second was made that a deacon from Rupert Church be allowed to write a letter stating their delegates. Carried. All visitors were recognized and welcomed by moderator. Resolution Committee was appointed as follows: John Holcomb--Twin

Frank Matthews--Rupert
Tom Lambert--Jerome
Jack Johnson--Buhl
Gordoon Roppett-Twin

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Bro. Wade Jernigan took charge. The letter from Rupert was read.

Motion made to receive and seatRüpert's delegates. Seconded.

Carried. Article IL from our Articles of Faith stating who was elegible to vote in this Ass'n was read. No unfinished business. It was noted that all churches had not contributed to the costs of this Ass'n. All were encouraged to do so. A letter from F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was read by clerk inviting us to place an ad in the Lumen--the College Annual. Motion and second made we buy a full-page ad. Carried. \$12.50 was pledged from each church as a means of financing the ad. It was recommended that our ad have a picture of each Idaho Church along with a picture of students attending this College from our state. Send pictures to Altha Keifer Soon. Carried by show of hands.

Study committee report was read. The following motions were passed by committee: (I) That the Articles of Faith be carried as Misted in the Minutes of the Assin.

- (2) That the Articles of Faith be carried as listed in the National Treatise which has already been adopted by this body and that the scriptures be listed with each Article.
- (3) That a statement on the State of the Backslider be carried in our minutes as Article 17.

The recommended statement on the Definition and Condition of a Backslider was read. Motion made and seconded to adopt report. Carried.

The Statement on the State of a Backslider will be carried in minutes as Article 17.

Article 17

A backslider is a regenerated person that has degenerated to a state of living in unconfegged and unforgiven sin. Such a person is rebellious to the principles of the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and cannot enter into a sinless heaven in such a condition. Yet I planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art bhou turned into the degenerated plant of a strange vine unto me? (Jeremiah 2:21). Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number. (Jer. 2:32). But he that lacketh those things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. (IIPeter I:9). Let not a man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempted he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethern. (James 1: 13-16). Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. (James 5: 19-20). Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that should obey it in the lust thereof. (Romans 6:12). No man shall serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and dispise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew 6:24). Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (Hebrews 10: 38-39). Take heed brethren, lest there be any of you an evil heart of unbeleif in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are partakers of Christif we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. (Hebrews 3: 12-14) But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin he hath sinned, adn in them he shall die. (Ezekeil 18;24) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-ness. (I John: 1:9). And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth neither whatsoever worketh an abomination, or maketh a lie: but they that are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelations 21: 27).

Moderator called for new business--None. Treasurer's report was given by Altha Keifer as follows:

MAY THRU OCTOBER	-		•	
Church Missions Foreign Missions	Co-op Tithe	Minutes	Gen. BD, Mem.	F.W.B. B. Coll.
Buhl49.34Jerome38.00178.80Rupert32.00127.73Twin Falls54.4286.91	32.59 200.48 123.78	12.50 10.00 25.00 10.00	72.00 50.00 30.00	30.00
Minister's & 12.50 Deacons				
Total Rec'd 186.26 393.44	356.85	57.50	152.00	30.00
Total Pd. Out 186.26 393.44	237.97		152.00	30.00
Misc. Pd. Out:				
Insurance for Twin Falls (Old Bldg.) Bond Purchased Letter to National Ass'n. Promotional Secretary Camp Ground	28.00 50.00 25.00 50.00 40.00			
Total	193.00			
Misc. Receipts Refund on Camp Ground Offering taken for expansion Program in Idaho	40.00 34.02			
Bal. Brought forward Total Received	154.63 1250.07			
Total Paid Out	1404.70 1192.67			
Balance on hand Amount in Idaho Mission Fund	212.03 169.75			
Balance in Treasury	42.28			

Motion and second to receive report. Motion and second that offering taken go to General Fund of Nat'l Ass'n. Carried. A ten-minute recess was called by the Moderator. Earnest Hayhurst closed this portion with prayer.

WORSHIP HOUR

The Glen Williams family rendered specials, "I'm Feeling Fine", and "I've Been to Calvary"; offering received by Frank Matthews; offeratory prayer by Rev. Carpenter. We received \$36.00 Two more

numbers were sung by Williams Family, "Take a Moment and Live", and "The Answer Came". Bro. Louis Perry delivered the message using Matt. 16;13 as text--"And I say unto Thee, Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church". Bro. Louis stated, "We as a church have a purpose but we have deviated". Our mission as a church is to glorify God by bearing fruit, to edify Body of Christ, to educate and to evangelize. Bro. Louis closed message with prayer. Dinner was served at noon in the Rebakka Hall by ladies of Jerome Church.

1:15 P.M.

Bro. Williams family opened this portion with two numbers in song, "The Old Country Church", and "I'll He Ready to Go with Him". Congregation stood for prayer with Fred Keifer leading. The page this Ass'n bought in Lumen last year was shown with explanation that ad money goes toward production of Lumen.

Motion made that stamps, stationary, envelopes or anything pertaining to correspondance in regard to our assin work be purchased from general fund and in case of no money in treasury, we reinburse treasurer when we meetagain. Seconded. Carried. It was suggested that the Idaho History of F.W.B. be written every 5 years.

Report from Promotional Secretary

A breif outline of duties was given.

I Visit all of the churches in Ass'n--Our promotional Secretary spoke at Buhl, Jerome Rupert, and Twin Falls Churches at least once, some twice. Expressed hope to be present more as time goes on and would be here in Dec. or Jan. once agina.

II Assist churches when called upon--This had not been necssary but he expressed willingness to do so if need be.

III Encourage co-operative support -- Expression of commendation was given for Assn's response to all progressive programs proposed and enacted upon encluding support of foreign and home missions, and Bible College.

IV Assist in mission expansion --- reported that a California F.W,B, Church had expressed willingness to assist through financial means, a new work in Idaho. Also stated he would soon contact Bro. Williams' home church in Bakersfield, Calif. to invite them to purchase property for a new Church site in Boise, Idaho where the family now resides.

A word of appreciation was given for response to mission giving. This state eas one of very few in U.S. to exceed it's quote in

foreign mission giving. Also we have supported home missionssome being used locally as well as nationally.

It was recommended that each church consider the co-operative plan and give some-preferably a tenth. We were also encouraged to give more support to the Bible College. November is National Home Missions so each church was encouraged to receive a special offering for Home Missions. Evvelopes were passed out for our convenience. Attention was drawn to printed pamphlets on display to be taken home regarding F.W.B. faith and doctrine. Fifteen copies of Article on Feet Washing were available to any responsible adult wishing one. Motion and second to accept report. Carried.

We will meet with the Rupert Church for next annual meeting.

Motion and second that we feature a speaker from Nat'l Ass'n and that the meeting commence on Thurs. night, continue Fri. night, and conclude on Sat. Carried. Motion and second that clerk contact Rufus Coffey for speak r, in event he can't, contact Reford Wilson. Carried.

Resolution Committee Report

Bro. Gordon Bennett Expressed appreciation for wonderful dinner-offered a suggest. When an evangelist is scheduled for a revival
Meeting in a Church, perhaps it cojld be worked out to have him
stay over for two churches or more. Threeeresolutions were offered.

Motion and second to adopt Resolution No. I

Be it resolved that each church of this ass'n send an offering to the semi-annual meeting and \$15.00 minute money to the Annual Ass'n. Said minute money to be spent for the minutes.

Resolution No. II

Be it resolved that the Idaho Ass'n pay the Promotional Secretary \$25.00 a Mo. from that portion of the co-op tithes which remains in the state.

Much discussion regarding feasibility of this resolution because it would further aggrevate an already shortage of funds. Motion and second Resolution II be tabled until annual meeting.

Resolution No. III

Be it resolved that the co-operatve receipts to Idaho Ass'n be dispersed 25% Idaho Ass'n, 70% National Ass'n 5% Calif. Bible Institute

Motion and second to ammend resolution thus: Go-operatve receipts to Idaho Ass'n be dispersed 33 L/3% for Idaho, 612/3% Nat'l Ass'n, 5% Calif. Bible Institute. Carried.

Motion made and second that the names and addresses of all ordained. ministers and churches in Ass'n be listed in minutes. Carried. Motion and second we adjourn. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Glen Williams.