

QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE IDAHO STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

JEROME, IDAHO FEBRUARY 9-10, 1973

THEME: "LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK"

SCRIPTURE: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and
then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you,
Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest."

John 4:35

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION:

The services were opened with congregational singing
led by Mike Reed and Altha Keifer at the piano. We sang
"Kneel At The Cross", "Victory In Jesus" and "Sunlight."

The opening prayer was offered by Bro. Dewayne
Valentine. The attendance was announced by number and
church as follows: Boise 17; Twin Falls 18; Rupert 5;
Buhl 15; Jerome 24; Burley 2; and the total was 81.

The moderator commented on the theme and the scripture
for this session. The theme is "Lift Up Your Eyes and Look"
with the scripture of John 4:35 going along with it.

The devotion was given by Bro. Roy Shores using
Matthews 21:28-30, stating that we are to go today and
witness for Christ.

The special music was rendered by Bro. & Sis. John
Holcomb singing "He Will Never Forget Thee." Sis. Keifer
and Sis. Johnson sang "Win The Lost At Any Cost."

Tonight was laymen's night thus we had four laymen
giving talks. The first speaker was Bro. Fred Keifer who
spoke on Harvesting of Souls and using Luke 10:2 and Proverbs
3:5-6 as his scriptures.

The second speaker was Bro. Carl McElhinney using Examining Ourselves and his scriptures were Proverbs 12:12-17 Luke 18:10-14 and Isaiah 64:6.

The third speaker was Bro. Leslie Bennett speaking on Eyes and Their Diseases using Proverbs 29:18 as his scripture.

The last speaker was Bro. John Holcomb speaking on The Setting of Harvest of Souls using John 4:35, John 4:10 and John 6:29 as his scriptures.

The speakers were very good and their thoughts were different and well brought out.

A few closing comments were made by the moderator and we closed by singing "I Want To Be a Worker For The Lord."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The morning song director was Rev. Dan Parker and the pianist was Sis. Altha Keifer. We opened by singing "Jesus Saves" and "Rescue the Pershing."

Bro. Dewayne Valentine brought the welcome from the host church. Bro. Roy Shores brought the response and stated that everyone was glad to be in the services.

Prayer requests were ask for and after each request was stated we were led in prayer by Rev. Logan Yingst.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Ernest Hayhurst. He used Romans 8:1 as his scripture.

The moderator stressed the theme of the meeting and that we needed to lift up our eyes and look.

Business was called into order. The reading of the letters were as follows: Rupert, Buhl, Twin Falls, Jerome, and Boise. Motion to receive the letters and seat the delegates and to replace the missing delegates was passed. The delegates were seated with a handshake of fellowship as the congregation sang "Praise the Lord."

The minutes were then read and motion to accept the reading as read.

The Burley mission sent a letter to the association telling the condition of their services. Motion to accept this letter as information only, passed.

The treasurer's report was then read with a motion to accept the report as read stating that the total giving for the quarter was \$989.20.

The moderator announced that the National Foreign Missions department was going to have a Call-A-Thon on April 15th and he ask everyone to be saving now to give at this special time.

A motion was made to give the chair the power to appoint the committees. The committees were as follows:

Resolution

Alberta Brown, Buhl

Phyllis Dunn, Boise

Elah Holcomb, Twin Falls

Ola Jennings, Jerome

Finance

Dewayne Valentine, Jerome

Martha Bennett, Twin Falls

Leslie Bennett, Buhl

Nathan Shores, Boise

Gordon Bennett, Chairman, Twin Falls

Motion to adjourn the business session until the afternoon was carried.

The prayer before the short recess was offered by Rev. Bill Johnson.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

The congregational singing was lead by Rev. Dan Parker with Laura Andrews at the piano. We sang "Look and Live."

Rev. Everett Hopkins led us in prayer followed by the congregation singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The special music was rendered by Laura Andres and JoAnn Bennett singing "Let Me Touch Him". The Boise Youth Choir sang "Feed My Sheep."

The morning message was given by Rev. Jesse Dunn using the theme scripture as his text. He began with a short

report on the work at Boise. He stated in his message that the harvest that Jesus spoke of is past. He further stated that the woman at the well went and brought others to Him after she was saved. He brought out to us that we tend to put things off in the future, but now is the time for the harvest. The church will never excel beyond the preacher and that we must have a vision. The preacher must first have a vision. God has always moved men to bring the light of the gospel to the world. Today we have a greater opportunity to harvest the world than ever before. We should get our eyes on the lost and forget about ourselves and our differences with others.

How many of us really spend time in seeing that souls are harvested? He stressed that now is the harvest and that three months from now will be too late. We never can know what can be accomplished until we try. If the Devil can rob us from the time of reaping. He that converted a sinner from the error of his ways, has saved a soul from death and covered a multitude of sins.

If you have not won a soul to Christ then you are not the soul winner Jesus wants you to be. He closed with an altar call asking those who have failed to be the soul winner that they should come forward. Rev. Dan Parker asked the blessing on the food in the closing prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:

Phyllis Dunn was the pianist for the afternoon and Rev. Dan Parker led the singing with "Revive Us Again." Rev. Delmer Hopkins led us in prayer.

The Dunn Family was asked to sing "The Family of God."

The Resolution committee reported "Be it resolved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks." A motion was made that we accept this, carried.

The Finance committee reported "Be it resolved that we give \$10.00 to the Methodist Church for the use of their building along with a letter of thanks. A motion was carried that we accept this report.

The Mission Board reported that nothing had happened and they had not met during this period.

The Executive Board reported that they had nothing to report at this time.

The Youth Camp Board reported that the Director, Rev. Jesse Dunn, wanted each one to sign up for what they wanted to do to help out in Youth Camp this year.

A motion that we write as an association and as each church to C.B.S. in regards to the X-rated movies that they were to have approved for television.

A motion was made that the moderator issue a press release to Times, News, Boise Statesman, Northside News, and Contact on our stand taken by this body on X-rated movies.

A motion was carried that we write to our National headquarters on what we sent to CBS and the press releases.

There was a request that the Boise Youth Choir sing the song they sang in the morning service. They sang "Amazing Grace" and "Feed My Sheep."

Announcements were made and a motion was passed to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Johnson.