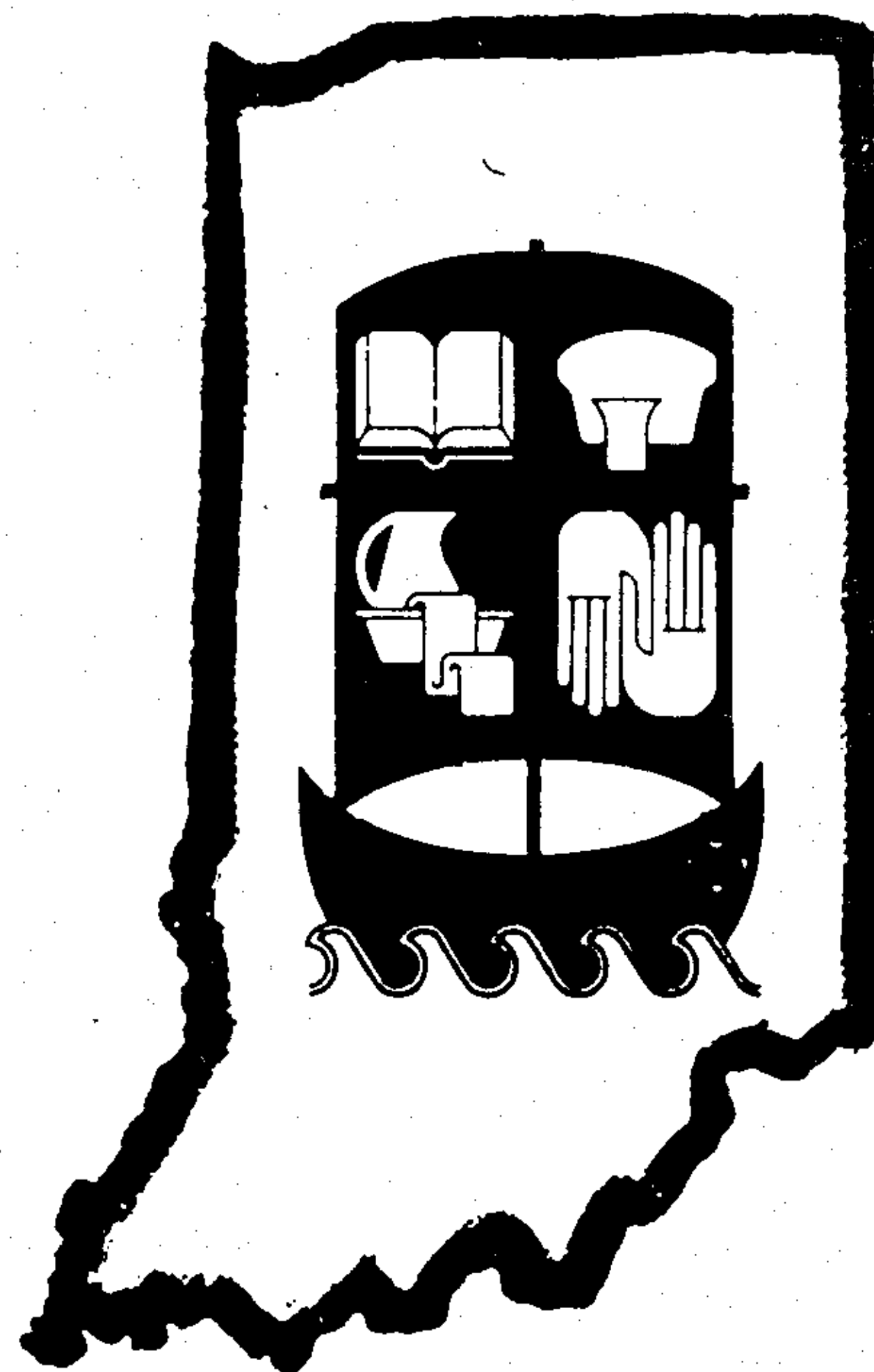


# **Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session of the Indiana State Association of Free Will Baptists**

June 18, 1977



Convened with the  
Valley Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
Anderson, Indiana

## **OFFICERS June 1976 - June 1977**

Moderator  
Assistant Moderator  
Clerk  
Assistant Clerk  
Treasurer  
Promotional Secretary

Rev. Ed Hargis  
Rev. Don Trogon  
Rev. Eddie L. Vincent  
Rev. Henry Patterson  
Rev. Don Trogon  
Rev. Dan O'Donnell

MINUTES OF THE 17th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST WHEN CONVENED WITH VALLEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ANDERSON, INDIANA, JUNE 18, 1977

The morning session was opened with the hymn "When We All Get to Heaven." Brother Archie Ratliff, pastor of Peace Free Will Baptist Church of Indianapolis, led us in prayer. Our moderator, Brother Ed Hargis, welcomed everyone to the meeting and our visitors were recognized and introduced.

The delegates to this 17th session were seated representing these three associations: Kosciusko, Wabash and White River.

Resolutions were then presented to be acted upon in the afternoon business session. Only one resolution was presented coming from the executive committee. The resolution reads as follows:

The moderator shall appoint the nominating committee, who presents the nominations for the Indiana State Association Officers, in the March executive committee meeting with the appointees being chosen from the Indiana State Association Executive Board.

This would change regulation number 6 in the "rules and regulations" of our constitution and by-laws.

The moderator then appointed the nominating committee. Those appointed were Rev. Donald Arms, Mr. Kenneth Cade, Rev. Greg Hanson, Mr. J.T. Stargill and Rev. Donald Trogon.

With the appointment of committees completed the time of worship began.

The congregation was led in singing "Dunlight". Brother Steve Ashby sang a solo using the great hymn "Saved, Saved". Brother Henry Patterson was the appointed messenger and preached from the text II Timothy 3:1, a message entitled "Time to Quit."

The congregation then blended their voices in song. Following the singing, the second speaker for the morning session was called on to preach. The speaker, Brother Robert Helms preached from the text Galatians 5:13-16.

These messages from God's men were used of God to speak to the hearts of those in the congregation.

Lunch was served by the host church and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was begun with another fine solo by Brother Steve Ashby. Rev. Donald Arms gave a devotional thought from the Word of God.

Reports were called for by the moderator and the following gave reports:

From our Free Will Baptist National Departments:

Brother Jim Lauthern, Sunday School Department. Brother Jim visited our association from our National Sunday School Department.

Rev. Robert Helms, Home Missions

Indiana State Reports:

Rev. Eddie L. Vincent, executive committee

Rev. Greg Hanson, camp program

Rev. Dan O'Donnell, promotional secretary

A discussion followed the reports concerning a visit to the camp ground property in Southern Indiana. The date September 10, 1977 was set for all pastors and others who were interested to visit the camp property.

The resolution introduced in the morning session was then called for and presented to the body for their consideration. The resolution was discussed and passed Rule number 6 in our constitution and by-laws under "rules and regulations" reads as changed:

"The moderator shall appoint the nominating committee, who presents the nominations for the Indiana State Association officers and committees, in the March executive committee meeting with the appointees being chosen from the Indiana State Association executive board. The body may place nominations from the floor for each office. All nominees must be voted on and approved by the body."

The budget for the fiscal year June 1977 to June 1978 was presented and accepted by the body.

The moderator was then given the responsibility of appointing the delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptist convened in July 1977. Those appointed were:

Kenneth Cade, Imogene Patterson, Steve Ashby  
Charles Eldridge and Carol Eldridge

The Indiana representative to the National Association of Free Will Baptist General Board was elected for a two year term. Rev. Henry Patterson was chosen.

The following officers were elected to serve the Indiana State Association for the year June 1977 to June 1978:

Moderator - Rev. Don Trogdon  
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Roy Burkhart  
Clerk - Rev. Eddie Vincent  
Assistant Clerk - Rev. Henry Patterson  
Treasurer - Brother Stanley Arms  
member at large - (term expires in 1980) Robert Castle  
camp committee member - (term expires in 1982) Brother Frank Antress  
state trustee - (term expires in 1982) Rev. Greg Hanson  
Promotional Secretary - Rev. Dan O'Donnell

The 18th session will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Ft Wayne, Indiana, June 17, 1978.

Meeting adjourned with singing and prayer.

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17th Annual Indiana State Program Personalities:

Rev. Henry Patterson.....Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church  
Chesterfield, Indiana  
  
Rev. Robert Helms.....National Home Missionary  
Evansville, Indiana  
  
Mr. Steve Ashby.....Director of Music & Youth, Peace  
Free Will Baptist Church,  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
  
Rev. Donald Arms.....Evangelist, Columbia City, Indiana

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Pastor Eddie Vincent, clerk



INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE  
WILL BAPTIST

Officers 1977-78

Executive Committee

Moderator	Rev. Don Trogdon	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Roy Burkhart	
Clerk	Rev. Eddie Vincent	
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Henry Patterson	
Treasurer	Bro. Stanley Arms	
		Term Expires
Members at Large	Robert Castle	1980
	Charles Surber	1979
	Donald Arms	1978
Promotional Secretary	Rev. Dan O'Donnell	

Trustee Board

Bro. Kenneth Cade	1978
Rev. Don Trogdon	1979
Rev. Henry Patterson	1980
Rev. Henry Ward	1981
Rev. Greg Hanson	1982

Camp Committee

Rev. Don Trogdon	1978
Bro. Don Neal	1979
Bro. Charles Surber	1980
Rev. Henry Patterson	1981
Bro. Frank Antress	1982

Treasurers Report General Fund

Balance May 31, 1976	\$ 431.03
Total Income	2,305.00
Total Expenditures	2,419.38
Balance June 18, 1977	316.65

Expenditures:

"Key"	1,046.33
National Association with delegate fees	320.00
Promotional Secretary, Dan O'Donnell	327.78
Rev. Pegram	220.00
Executive Board Expenses	260.62
Attorney Fee	150.00
Postmaster	68.00
Secretary of State	14.00
State Flag	12.65

Income:

Kosciusko Association	1,280.00
White River Association	910.00
Wabash River Association	75.00
Brother Don Neal	40.00

## TREASURERS REPORT YOUTH CAMP

Balance June 1976	\$ 1,718 57
Total Income	12,783.78
Total Expenditures	8,106.44
Balance June 1977	6,395.91

Expenditures:

Camp development	1,950.03
Rev. Greg Hanson, salary	1,896.35
Final Payment on campground	250.00
fold down camper	175.00
front end loader	2,700.00
purchased truck	525.00
Envelopes used by churches for donations	210.96
truck insurance	64.60
camp insurance	334.50

Income:

First Church of Anderson	994.50
Andrews Church	80.00
Bunker Hill Church	47.00
Chesterfield Church	2,600.50
Columbia City Church	176.00
Fort Wayne Church	846.06
Knox Church	684.00
Moore's Hill Church	121.35
New Castle Church	2,082.80
Peace Church	16.00
Valley Grove Church	1,578.07
Rent	140.00
Womans National Auxiliary	162.50
Sale of timber	3,255.00

STATE YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

- - July 1, 1976-June 16, 1977

Financial giving:

First Church of Chesterfield	\$2,394.36
First Church of Anderson	1,000.00
Valley Grove Church	85.00
Knox Church	240.00
Columbia City Church	500.00
New Castle Church	275.00
Peace Church	80.00
Fort Wayne Church	25.00
White River Conference	3,600.00

Expenditures:

Rent & Utilities	2,270.47
Salary	5,828.89

State Youth Co-ordinator,

Rev. Greg Hans n



PROPOSED BUDGET OF INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

State Clerk (correspondence expense)	\$100.00
Executive Board (travel expense)	200.00
State Paper (publication expense)	800.00
State Meeting Expense	200.00
Promotional Secretary (in state travel- 2400 miles@12¢ per mile)	288.00
Promotional Secretary (out of state travel - one trip)	200.00
Delegate fees to National Association	175.00
Indiana General Board Member to National Association	40.00
State Association fees to National Association	45.00
Delegate expense to National Association	200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
total	<u>\$2,748.00</u>