

MINUTES
of the
Northeast Missouri
Association
of
Free Will Baptists
Held With
Martinstown Church
Putnam County, Mo.
September 12-14, 1924

Next session will be held at the Hazel Creek Union
Church, beginning at 7:30 p. m., Thursday on
or before the first full moon in September, 1925.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

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MINUTES OF THE NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION, 1924

Minutes of The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with The Martinstown Free Will Baptist Church, Sept. 12 to 14, 1924.

Friday morning service opened by congregational singing.

In the absence of the Clerk, Jas. F. Miller read the second chapter of the second epistle of Peter, and offered prayer. A continuation of prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann. The delegation elected Rev. C. E. Mann for Moderator.

Bro. C. H. Evans sent his resignation as Clerk of the Association. The same was accepted. Jas. Miller was chosen to fill the place.

The Moderator called for the presentation of church letters. The letters were read and the delegates seated.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE: Bros. A. D. Elsea, Elijah Vestel, Finace Hodge.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: H. H. Filkins, Isabelle Fowler, Mrs. Hatfield.

COMMITTEE ON LOCATION: Bro. Crooks, Bro. Hughes, Bro. McFarland.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION: Jas. Miller, Cyrus Sevits, Victor Lane.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS: Bros. G. S. Latimer, Jas. Hardin, Chas. Hendrickson, Anderson Hughes, Bryan Novinger.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION: Mrs. Alberta Novinger, Mrs. Mattie Filkins, Mrs. Iva Elsea.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: H. H. Filkins, Sammy Lay, Bert Elsea.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION: Jas. Hardin, Jas. Miller, Jeff Fowler, Charley Phillips.

The Committee on Divine Service made partial report as follows:

Rev. G. S. Latimer to preach at 11 o'clock Friday. Report accepted and business suspended to meet at the call of the chair.

The eleven o'clock services were well attended and enjoyed by all. The theme of the sermon was "The Salvation of Souls."

Benediction by Bro. Chas. Hendrickson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by singing.

Scripture reading by the Chairman, Psalms 19th Chapter. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. D. McFarland.

In the absence of Bro. J. D. Fowler the Association voted to seat Sister Fowler as a delegate to represent the New Harmony Church in the Association.

The Chairman called for church letters that may have come in since the organization in the morning session. Same letters were read and received.

The Executive Board submitted a report of work done during the preceding year. The same was approved by the Association.

The Chairman called for the reports of ministers. There were eight ministers submitted reports. The same were read and passed into the hands of the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Business had nothing to present to the Association.

The order of the service was changed and an hour was spent in prayer and praise. Everybody was invited to take part. This service was very interesting. The power of God came down and all were spiritually benefited.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: The Friday evening services to be in charge of Revs. C. E. Mann and C. Phillips.

A motion was made to suspend business until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Motion carried. Benediction by Rev. G. S. Latimer.

Friday evening services opened by singing. Scripture reading by Rev. Mann, St. Mark 12:1-17. Prayer by Rev. Phillips. The theme of the sermon: "Render to the Lord the tribute that belongs to Him." This service was very interesting and helpful. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. G. S. Latimer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by congregational singing, scripture reading by the Chairman, Hebrews 2d Chapter. Prayer was offered by Bro. H. H. Filkins. The Minutes of the Friday sessions were read and approved by vote of the Association.

Rev. Charley Phillips, the Sunday School Evangelist, submitted his report of the findings of the Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Northeast Missouri Association. The report was approved by the Association. This report showed a small increase in attendance over that of last year. A motion was made to appoint some one as an evangelist

to visit the Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Association to encourage the Sunday School officers and teachers and the work in general. The motion carried. Rev. Charley Phillips was chosen for Sunday School Evangelist.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: For the Saturday morning services: Sermon by Rev. Prior L. Price, followed by Rev. Jas. Vestel. A motion was made to suspend business to meet at the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

11:00 o'clock services: Scripture read by Rev. Price, St. Mark, 16th Chapter, 1 to 8:verse. Text used, Mark 16:4. Sermon by Rev. Price, followed by Rev. Vestel.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Scripture reading and prayer by the Chairman. Scripture read, Psalms 116th Chapter.

The general business of the Association was suspended and a splendid program was put on by the Ladies' Aid and Home Missionary Societies of the various churches of the Association. The program was enjoyed by all present. At the close of the program the Association convened for business.

The Chairman was called away on business, and before leaving he called Jas. Miller to the Chair as Assistant Chairman, after which the following business was transacted:

A motion was made to accept the report of the Committee on Publication. Motion carried.

Report as follows: We recommend that the Northeast Missouri Association co-operate with the Northwest Missouri Association and the Nebraska yearly meeting in publishing the little Quarterly edited by Sister Wolf, and that we retain the sub-editor Jas. F. Miller to gather notes and send to Sister Wolf as she may direct and request. 2. We recommend that an effort be made to publish the Minutes of this Association including the constitution and By-Laws. An offering was taken to help pay for printing of Minutes. Amount of offering, \$8.00.

Report of Nominating Committee: We recommend that Rev. Charley Phillips be elected as a member of the Executive Board. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion carried. Rev. Phillips was elected by vote of the Association.

A motion was made to accept the report of the Resolution Committee. Motion carried. The report was as follows: Be it resolved that we give to the church and vicinity of Martinstown a standing vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of the Association.

A motion was made by Bro. Chas. Hendrickson that we reaffirm our pledge to the support of the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

A motion was made to accept the report of the Committee on Credentials. Motion carried. The report was as follows: We recommend that certificates of ministerial standing be granted to the following: C. E. Mann, Jas. Vestel, J. F. Duckworth, Jas. Miller, W. D. McFarland, Chas. Phillips.

The Committee also recommended that Bro. Lemuel Pearce place his letter that he has taken out of the Stahl church in some church in the Northeast Missouri Association and appear before the Executive Board for credentials.

A motion was made and carried to accept the final report of the Committee on Divine Service. The report was as follows: That Revs. G. L. Latimer and N. S. Southern fill the pulpit Saturday evening, and Jas. Miller Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A motion was made and carried to suspend business to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

Saturday evening session called to order by singing. Scripture reading by Jas. Miller, lesson 23d Psalm.

A motion was made to accept the report of The Committee on Examination. Motion carried. Report was as follows: We recommend that Bro. N. S. Southern be granted a certificate of License to preach the Gospel for one year.

A motion was made to suspend business to meet again at the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

The preaching was in charge of Rev. G. S. Latimer, followed by N. S. Southern. This service was very interesting and helpful.

Sunday morning services opened by singing. Devotional services were led by Rev. C. E. Mann. Sermon by Jas. F. Miller. Sunday afternoon service opened by singing. Scripture reading by the chairman, 100th Psalm. The Minutes of the Saturday's session were read and approved. All committees were discharged. A motion was made to accept the report of The Committee on Location. Motion carried. The report was as follows: We recommend that the Association meet in the next regular meeting with the Hazel Creek Union church on Thursday night at 7:30, on or before the 1st full moon in September, 1925.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

JAS. F. MILLER, Clerk.

BESSIE FOWLER, Ass't. Clerk.

C. E. MANN, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Membership	Pastor Last Year	Pastor Present Yr.	Salary	Value of Prop.
New Harmony.....	65	Jas. F. Miller	Jas. F. Miller	\$300.00	\$3000.00
New Hope	32	Jas. F. Miller	Jas. F. Miller	150.00	No Property
Union	53	Jas. F. Miller	Jas. F. Miller	150.00	
Jewel	Not Stated	None	None		2500.00
Welcome Home	99	None	None		2000.00
Freedom	65	Not Known	Lem Pearce	Not Stated	No Property
Stahl	56	C. E. Mann		120.00	2000.00
Martinstown	70	C. E. Mann .	W. D. McFarland	120.00	2500.00
Good Hope.....	No Report				
Bethel	Not Stated	W. D. McFarland	W. D. McFarland	Not Stated	Not Known
Connelsville	32	W. D. McFarland	None	Not Stated	\$1000.00

Name of Minister	Address	Number of Sermons	Number Baptised	Funerals	Mar'ges	Money Received
C. E. Mann	Greentop, Mo.	122	3 by Bro Miller	3	3	\$377.71
Charles Phillips	Stahl, Mo.	Not Stated	None	None	None	Not Stated
James Vestal	Centerville, Ia. . .	51				60.00
Lemuel Pearce	Stahl, Mo.	26	1	2	None	22.00
N. S. Southern	Cincinnati, Ia. . . .	20				
W. D. McFarland	Livonia, Mo.	Not Stated	None	7	8	Not Stated
J. F. Duckworth	Detroit, Mich. . . .	1				3.00
J. F. Miller	Greentop, Mo. . . .	160	36	9	3	714.80

Name and address of ministers receiving certificates of Ministerial standing:

W. D. McFarland, Livonia, Mo., Route 2.
 Charles Phillips, Stahl, Mo., Route 2.
 J. F. Duckworth, Detroit, Mich.
 Charles E. Mann, Greentop, Mo.
 Jas. Vestal, Centerville, Ia.
 Jas. F. Miller, Greentop, Mo.

BY-LAWS

I. This conference shall be known as The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of the churches that are, or may be, connected therewith.

II. The Association shall convene each year on Thursday night at 7:30, on or before the first full moon in September.

III. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for every 25 members or fractional part thereof.

IV. All ordained and licensed ministers, who are in good standing, and deacons and church clerks, shall be entitled to a seat in the Association by virtue of their office.

V. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, who shall hold office during the session of the association, a clerk, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, and an executive board of five members, who shall hold office for five years, one member being chosen each year.

VI. The clerk shall keep a record of each session of the association. In case of his, or her, absence, a clerk Pro Tem shall be elected who shall keep a record of each meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the clerk, who shall file them on his record.

VII. The clerk shall open the association by reading from the bible and prayer, or some one may be chosen by him, after which the clerk shall call the meeting to order and a moderator shall be elected.

VIII. Each session of the association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

IX. The association shall have power to license or ordain ministers, or to expell same on account of misconduct. To elect bodies to organize new churches, or to exclude churches on account of disorder, and to transact such business as may come before the association.

X. The executive board shall have power to transact business for the association during the time intervening between the sessions of the association except to ordain ministers.

XI. A certificate of standing shall be issued to all ministers in good standing in the association, and shall be good for one year unless revoked by an authorized council. All ministers shall make a written report to each annual session of the association. Failure to report for one year deprives a minister of his, or her, standing in the association, and failure to report for two years in succession shall be cause for his, or her name to be dropped from the roll.

XII. Delegates from three churches shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum to transact business.

XIII. No one shall be permitted to speak more than three minutes on any one subject unless he receives permission from the moderator.

XIV. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator.

XV. Every one who is a candidate for ordination to the ministry shall carry a license to preach the Gospel, from the association, for at least two years before ordination, and request for ordination must come from the church where they hold their membership, or from some church where they are pastor.

J. F. DUCKWORTH, Clerk.

