

1943.

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Martinstown church on Thu. night Sept. 2nd for its opening session. There was a good congregation present. The services opened with singing by the congregation, prayer by the pastor Rev. Orville Dobbs. Scripture lesson read by the clerk 2nd Thes. Chapter 2. A very inspirational message was then delivered by the clerk Rev. Archie Cooper on the subject "Standing for God." Text Judges 7:21. After which an old time fellowship handshake was enjoyed by all present. After announcements were made we were dismissed by prayer by Bro. Clelland Thomas.

Fri. morning session opened by singing Scripture read by the clerk. Rom. 8:1-18. Prayer by Rev. Chas. Phillips. Association was called into business session by the clerk. Election of officers were:

Ethel Thompson Clerk.

Bro. Archie Cooper Moderator

Bro. Chas. Phillips Asst. Moderator

Sister Verda Cooper was appointed assistant clerk. Letters from Greengrove, Sublette, Bethel, Hazel Creek Union, Shibley Point, Connelserville and New Harmony were read. Letters were recieved and the delegates seated. The Pulpit Committee was chosen. Bro. Jesse Peterson, Mrs. Ina Elsea and Boyd Filkins. Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Orville Dobbs to preach at 11 o'clock. Congregation stood and sang and the hand of fellowship extended to all delegates.

Fri. at 11 o'clock services began with singing by congregation. Prayer by Bro. Harry Filkins. Bro. Orville Dobbs took the stand and brought a very inspiring message on the subject of "Temperance." Text Prov. 23:29-35. At the close of the services the congregation stood and were

dismissed by Sister Belva Byers.

Fri. at one O'clock services began with singing by congregation. 1st psalms was read for a scripture lesson by the moderator. Prayer by Sister Verda Cooper.

The business session began with the reading of church letters from Martinstown and Lowground churches. Letters accepted and the delegates seated. The following committees were appointed: Pulpit committee, Business committee, nominating committee, Ministerial committee, Memorial committee, publication committee, Temperance committee, and Resolution committee. Report of Statistician was read and accepted. Sister Darlene Peterson received the nomination for Statistician for the ensuing year. The nomination was properly moved and seconded. The committees were dismissed to bring business for the association. A praise service was led by the moderator at this time.

Ministerial reports of Rev. Orville Dobbs, Rev. Noel Turner and Rev. Archie Cooper were read and accepted. At this time reports of the Northwest association were given by Rev. Orville Dobbs, Rev. Archie Cooper and Rev. Chas. Phillips.

Item no. 1 of business committee was read and adopted. Item no. 2. of business committee read and adopted. Bro. Chas. Phillips gave a report of the Executive board verified by Shirley Byers and H. H. Filkins. It was properly moved and seconded to receive the report.

Item no. 1 of the nomination committee was read and adopted. Carried.

Rev. Archie Cooper was nominated to preach the introductory sermon for our association next year, with Bro. Orville Dobbs

as Alternate. Report of location Committee read. Motion properly moved and seconded to accept the report. Carried. Hazel Creek Union was chosen. Item no. 2 of nominating committee was read and accepted. This named Bro. and Sister Jesse Peterson, Bro. and Sister Press Sharp, Bro. and Sister John Filkins, Sister Anna Phillips and Sister Ola Sanders as delegates to the State Association.

Corresponding messengers were appointed to the Northwest Association. They were: Rev. Orville Dobbs, Rev. Chas. Phillips and Rev. Archie Cooper.

Report of Memorial committee was read and accepted. Prayer was offered in memory of those departed.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn business until 10 o'clock Sat. morning, dismissed by prayer by the moderator.

Fri. night service began with congregational singing. We were led in prayer by Bro. Dobbs. Bro. Chas. Phillips then took the Stand. Read 1st Corth. 11 chapters 20-34, verses also Jeremiah 31: 31-40. Bro. Phillips led in prayer before he delivered his sermon. He then delivered a wonderful sermon on the Lord's Supper after which all present who desired partook of the sacraments, a season of spiritual refreshing was enjoyed by all.

Sat. morning session began with singing by the congregation. Scripture reading by the moderator. Prayer by Sister Elsie Dare. The pulpit committee reported Bro. Archie Cooper to preach at the 11 o'clock services. Minutes up to the present time were read and accepted.

The Ministerial report of Bro. Chas. Phillips was read and accepted. It was properly moved and seconded that Bro. Orville Dobbs preach the

Comunion services at our next Association on Fri. night. Carried.

Our Sunday School Evangelist gave a report of his work for the year. Report accepted. Properly moved and seconded to retain Bro. Orville Dabbs as Sunday School Evangelist. Carried. Motion was made to suspend business to the call of the Chair. Properly moved and seconded.

Sat. at 11 o'clock services began with singing by congregation. Prayer by Bro. Harry Filkins. Scripture Reading by Bro. Chas. Phillips 1 John 1-15. Bro. Archie Cooper then took the stand taking as a text John 3:16. A wonderful message on the "Love of God" was enjoyed by all. Dismissed by Bro. Chas. Phillips.

Sat. afternoon session began with singing. Matt. 5: 1-16 was read by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Shirley Byers. The services were turned to the Woman's Mission and Sister Elfie Dare took charge. The scripture lessons was read and prayer by Sister Cora Phipps. The letters from Greengrove, Shibley's point, New Harmony, and Hazel Creek Union were read and approved. Special numbers were given. The moderator then took charge. The pulpit committee reports. Bro. Orville Dobbs to preach Sat. night, Bro. Chas. Phillips at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and Bro. Archie Cooper Sunday afternoon. The Treasures report was read and accepted. Report of ministerial standings were read. Motion properly moved and seconded to accept report. Carried. Report of Temperance committee was read and accepted. Report of publication committee read and accepted. Item No. 1 of publication committee properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried.

Item No. 2 of publication committee moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 3. of publication committee properly moved and seconded. adopted. Carried. Bro. Clelland Thomas was nominated a committee of one to take care of subscriptions to our church paper the "Gem". Motion was moved and seconded that the clerk write a letter from this associational body to Mr. Swain publishers of the Kirkville Daily Express commending him on his stand against liquor advertising. Item No. 3. of nominating committee read and accepted. Offering was then taken for the clerk which amounted to \$3.09. Item No. 1 of Resolution committee properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 2 of Resolution committee properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 3 of Resolution committee properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 4 of Resolution committee properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Minutes were read and accepted. Motion moved and seconded to suspend business until Thu. night before the 1st Sun. in Sept. 1943. at Hazel Creek Union church. Dismissed by Bro. Alfred Dare.

The Sat. night service began with congregational singing. Bro. Chas. Phillips led in prayer. He also led the devotional service reading Matt. 27: 1-26.

Bro. Dobbs then took the stand. His scripture ~~text~~ ~~was~~ ~~taken~~ from Matt. 27: 22 ~~was~~ from which he brought us a wonderful message. At the close of the service an altar call was made also the church doors of the Martinstown church were opened for membership. We were dismissed by Bro. Archie Coopers.

Sunday morning Sunday School began at 10 o'clock with Bro. Archie Coopers acting as

Supertendant. After singing Bro. Ora Gates led in prayer. The different classes took their separate places. The lesson was found Lev. 19: 1-14. 11-18. 32-34. Golden text. "Be ye Holy, for I am Holy." 1 Peter. 1:16. After lesson discussion, Sunday School was dismissed. After a good choir service Bro. Chas. Phillips led in prayer. After singing a hymn Bro. Phillips took the stand. His text was "Set in order the things that are undone." Bro. Phillips delivered us a wonderful and inspiring message. An altar call was given after which we were dismissed by Bro. Archie Cooper.

Sunday afternoon service began with congregational singing. Rev. Chas. Phillips read as his scripture lesson psalms 113 after which a testimonial meeting was held several taking part. It was a very inspiring and a spiritual up lift to our hearts.

Alta Mikel led in prayer. Then Bro. Archie Cooper took the stand. Reading Daniel 2: 34. We then sang and gave invitation was given to place their membership with the Martinstown church. Then an old time fellowship handshake was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Cooper dismissed us in prayer.
Ethel Thompson Clerk.

Committee Reports.

Resolution Committee.

To the Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, Convened with the Martinstown church Sept. 2-4, 1943. We wish to submit the following resolutions.

1. Resolved that we sincerely thank the people of the Martinstown Church for their hospitality in entertaining this association. We also desire to thank all the churches and those who have

helped to make it a success, and Mr. Husted and Mr. Comstock for supplying the tents for our comfort at meal time.

2. Resolved, that we pledge ourselves anew to faithfully follow the precepts of our Church covenant. That we might be in the world but not of the world.
3. Be it further resolved that we might ever be mindful of the ones who have gone before and established our places of worship and feel it our sacred duty to keep them "An a Light set on a Hill."
4. We further resolve that we give our moderator Bro. Archie Cooper a vote of thanks for his services during this association.

Committee { Mrs. Minnie Thompson
Mrs. Elfie Dare
Mrs. Lela Freeman.

Publication Committee.

1. We your committee on publications beg to submit the following report.
1. That we request people to refrain from having questionable literature in their homes and to speak a word against such when possible.
2. We continue to recommend Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature when possible.
3. We recommend that the Free Will Baptist Gem which is our church paper be in as many homes as possible a time be granted at this time to receive subscriptions to same. And a standing committee of one be appointed at Martinsburg to take care of subscriptions to the paper.

Committee { Rev. Archie Cooper
Mrs. Belva Byers
Mrs. Stella West.

Temperance Committee

We your Committee on Temperance recommend that we the Free Will Baptists people remain total abstinence and stand solid on the word of God condemning liquor and other Narcotics and harmful beverages in any and every form as an agent of the Devil.

Committee. { Eld. Chas. Phillips
Bro. Clelland Thomas.

Ministerial Committee

We the ministerial committee having examined the ministers reports. Rev. Orville Dobbs, Rev. Noll Turner, Rev. Archie Cooper, and Rev. Chas. Phillips and find them to be in good standing, recommend them for certificates.

Committee. { Mrs. Cora Phipps.
Mr. C. A. Gates
Mr. Wm Newcomer.

Memorial Committee

We your memorial Committee have found the following have departed this life.

Bro. Edd Fugate
Bro. Dnd Houghton
Mrs. Mary Lewis
Mr. Cecil Bass
Rev. C. E. Mann.

Committee. { Verdie Cooper
Leona Thompson
Lizzie Archer.

Business Committee

1. We your business Committee recommend that this association request our state body while in session at Monett, Mo. that they locate the next state meeting in and with the Northeast Missouri Association.
2. If there is no request for the association we would in consideration of the location

recommend Green Grove provided they would receive same.

Committee. { Rev. Chas. Phillips
Bro. H. H. Filkins
Bro. Shirley Byers
Bro. Silas Crooks
Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Nomination Committee

Item No. 1. We the Nominating Committee recommend the reelection of Bro. Bert Elsea to succeed himself as board member for a term of five more years.

Item No. 2. We recommend the following as delegates to the state association. Bro. and Sister Jesse Peterson, Bro. and Sister Press Sharp, Bro. and Sister John Filkins, Sister Anna Phillips and Sister Ola Sanders.

Item No. 3. We your committee on nomination recommend Bro. John Adkins as our associational delegate to the National Association when held at or near Nashville, Tenn.

Committee { Rev. Chas. Phillips
Rev. Orville Dobbs
Bro. Harry Archer.

Ministerial Reports.

Churches pastored	4
Sermons preached	73
Funerals	19
Weddings	6
revivals held	1
Money received	\$497.47

Rev. Archie Cooper.

churches pastored	2
sermons preached	38
miles traveled	1141
money received	\$148.40

Rev. Noll Turner

Sermons preached	123
converts	1
Baptized	1
Revivals	2
Churches pastored	4
Money received for pastoral work	\$560.00
Money received for revivals	\$50.00

Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Assisted Rev. Cooper in funerals	2
funerals preached	1
sermons preached	3
Money received	\$15.00

Did Sunday School work.

Rev. C. A. Phillips.

Clerk - Ethel Thompson