

1944.

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free will Baptists met with the Hazel Creek Union Church on the night Aug. 31st for its opening session. There was a good congregation present. The services were opened by the pastor, Eld. Arville Dobbs, by singing by the congregation, prayer by Bro. Herman Miley and Bro. Jesse Peterson. Scripture lesson read by the pastor from 1 chapter of James. A very inspirational message was then delivered by Bro. Archie Cooper. on the subject "The Open Door." Text Rev. 3:8. We were dismissed by prayer by Bro. Ray Martin.

Fri. Morning session opened by singing, Bro. Chas. Phillips read 1st Psalm for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Bro. Arville Dobbs. A quorum being present we then proceeded with the organization which was as follows:

Clerk - Ethel Thompson
 Moderator - Eld. Archie Cooper
 Assistant Moderator - Eld. Chas. Phillips.
 Sis. Elsie Dare was chosen for assistant clerk.

Letters were read from Lowground, Sublette, Martinson, Shibley Point, Hazel Creek Union, Greengrove, + Connelville churches. Letters were received and delegates seated. A hand of fellowship was extended at this time to all delegates. A prayer for Gods guidance in all business transactions of the association was offered by Rev. Chas. Phillips. The pulpit Committee was appointed by the moderator. The committee chosen was Bro. Herman Miley, Sis. Cora Phipps, and Sis. Iva Elsea. The business committee was H. H. Filkins, Jim Hardin, Jesse Peterson, Shirley Byers and Chas. Phillips. Reports of the Northwest Association were given by Rev. Chas. Phillips and Rev. Arville Dobbs. The pulpit committee reported Rev. Chas. Phillips to bring the eleven o'clock message. Motion was moved and seconded we dismissed to the call of the chair for the worship service.

The eleven o'clock services began with singing by the congregation. Scripture reading Isaiah 33: 15-16. read by Rev. Phillips. He used Matt. 7: 6 for a text. Subject - Prayer. Prayer was offered by Bro. Boyd. A spiritual service was enjoyed by all present. At the close of the services the congregation stood and sang and an invitation was given for souls to seek the Lord. We were dismissed by Rev. Howard DeWeese.

Fri afternoon services began by singing. Scripture reading by the Moderators. Reading Romans 5: 1-13. Prayer by the Moderators. Church letter of New Harmony read and accepted. The following committees were appointed.

Nominating Committee.

Rev. Chas. Phillips
Bro. Ray Martin
" Boyd Filkins
" Will Thompson
" Timothy Ewing.

Memorial Committee

Dorothy Montgomery
Verta Cooper
Corra Casey
Elba Gregory

Ministerial Standing

Bro. Hershel Seerts
" Harry Archer
" L. D. Gregory
" Grant Zimmerman

Location Committee

Minnie Thompsons
Elfie Dare
Lola Brown
Esther Peterson

Pulpit Committee

Bro. Earl Sponsler
" Herman Milay

Temperance Committee

Bro. H. H. Gilkins

Rev. Orville Dobbs

Sis. Carl Bell Miller

Rev. Mary Wellbaum.

Resolution Committee

Rev. Mary Wellbaum

Sis. Lena Miley

" Lela Freeman.

Letters read from the Northwest Association. Letters received and accepted. A right hand of fellowship was given to our visiting brethren.

Reports of the work in Northwest Association was given by Rev. Howard Dewees and Rev. Mary Wellbaum. Corresponding messengers to the Northwest Association were elected by the body. properly moved and seconded that we retain the same group which were our corresponding messengers last year which were Rev. Archie Cooper, Rev. Orville Dobbs and Rev. Chas. Phillips. A report of our National Association was given by Sis. Carl Bell Miller. Motion moved and seconded we except the report. Carried. Sis. Carl Bell Miller and Bro. John Adkins were elected as our delegates to the National Association to convene in the State of North Carolina.

Ministerial reports of Rev. Chas. Phillips, Rev. Archie Cooper and Rev. Orville Dobbs were read and accepted. Statistical report read and accepted. Motion made and seconded we retain our Statistician for another year. Motion carried. Treasures report read and accepted. Item No. 1, of business Committee read and ~~adopted~~, Carried. The pulpit committee reported Rev. Howard Dewees to bring the eleven o'clock Message Saturday morning and Rev. Mary Wellbaum Saturday Night. The committee of Ministerial Standing. Reports were read. Properly moved and seconded

to accept the report, Carried. Rev. Archie Cooper led a praise service at this time. A goodly number taking part in the service praising God for his many blessings. Item No. 2 of business committee read. Gabled to the required time. Report of Memorial Committee read and accepted. Prayer was offered in honor of those who have already gained their heavenly reward. Report of Exetutivie board given by Rev. Chas. Phillips. Motion moved and seconded to receive the report. Carried. Minutes read up to the present time. Report of Location committee read and accepted. Carried. New Harmony church was chosen. Motion made and seconded to sustain business until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Harry Filkins.

Friday evening services opened by congregational singing led by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. Mary Wellbaum. A special song was given by the Peterson family. After Announcements Rev. Orville Dobbs took the stand to deliver our Comunion services. being delegated a year ago for this service. Scripture lesson was ~~taken~~ from Isaiah 53rd chapter. using 1 Cor. 6: 7-8 for a text. A wonderful message was brought us on the sacrifices of our Lord and Saviour. made in our behalf after which all present with the exception of three partook of the sacrament. Then according to the teaching of the scriptures we sang an hymn and went out.

Saturday morning session began with singing by the congregation led by the Moderator. Scripture reading 1st John 4: 7-22. prayer by Sis. Anna Phillips. Church letter from Bethel read and accepted. Ministerial report of Rev. Noll Turner read & accepted. Rev. Orville Dobbs was nominated to preach the introductory sermon for our association next

year to meet with New Harmony church. He was given the privilege to choose his alternate. Rev. Archie Cooper was nominated to bring the communion services on Friday night. Bro. Orville Dobbs gave a verbal report of the Sunday School work. Location and Memorial committees were dismissed. Motion properly moved and seconded the chair be given power to appoint delegates to the State association. Carried. Those appointed were as follows:

Sis. Clelland Thomas
 " Dorothy Montgomery
 " Alta Mikel
 " Cora Phipps
 " Ethel Triplett
 " Ellie Martin
 Bro. Will Thompson
 Sis. Ora Bates
 Bro. Harlen Lay
 " Jacob Nourger
 Sis. Celia Hatfield
 alternates.

Sis. Matthe Kimmel
 " Chas. Cooper
 " Minnie Thompson
 Bro. Press Sharp
 Sis. Edith Whitworth
 Bro. Jesse Peterson
 Sis. Lola Perkins
 " Cora Casey
 " Myrtle Hatfield
 " Lou Hardin
 " Lena Miley.

The report of our nominating committee was read and accepted. Motion properly moved and seconded we adjourn to the call of the chair for the worship service. We were dismissed by prayer by Rev. Chas. Phillips.

The eleven o'clock services began by singing by the congregation. Prayer by the moderator,

Bro. Howard Dewese then took the stand using as a ~~text~~ scripture lesson Luke 2:1-7. Text taken from the 7th verse. Subject "Christ crowded Out". He brought us a wonderful soul stirring message. We were dismissed by Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Saturday afternoon session began with singing. The services were turned over to the women's missions. Sister Elfie Dare taking charge. She read 100th Psalm for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Mary Wellbaum. A poem was read by the president entitled, "I'll live as I Pray." Minutes were read and accepted. Letters were read from Hazel Creek Union, New Harmony, and Greengrove. New business was taken up. Motion properly moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to prepare a form for mission blanks. Carried. Sis. Alta Mikel was appointed Chairman of the committee and she was given the privilege of choosing her helpers. Election of officers were elected as follows:

- Sis. Alta Mikel - president
- " Elfie Dare - Vice president
- " Verdie Cooper - secretary
- " Darlene Peterson - Assistant secretary.

We enjoyed a good program from the Mission Circles at this time. Delegates to our state association were appointed. They were as follows:

- Sis. Sylvia Selits
- " Dora Jurgate
- " Ina Elser
- " Cora Phipps
- " Clare Bates.

The meeting was turned over to the moderator of the association. Bro. Jim Hardin gave a verbal report of the Jewel Church. Properly moved and seconded we received the report, carried. Item No. 2 of business committee was read. Motion properly moved and seconded that we adopt the Item. Carried. Report of Temperance

Committee read. They were taken up item by item. Item No. 1. properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 2 properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Item No. 3 properly moved and seconded to adopt. Carried. Report of publication committee read, properly moved and seconded we accept the report. Carried. Item No. 3. of business committee read. properly moved and seconded to accept the report. Carried. a letter from Put. John A. Ewing one of our boys in our Country's service was read and prayer was offered for him and all others who are serving their country. The pulpit Committee reports Rev. Noel Turner to bring the message at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Alternate Rev. Chas. Phillips. for the afternoon services Rev. Archie Cooper to preach. An offering was taken for the clerk which amounted to \$10.60. pulpit, business, nominations publication, and temperance committees were dismissed. Report of resolution committee read and accepted. A standing vote of thanks was taken for the Hazel Creek Union Church for the way they entertained the association. A standing vote of thanks taken for our worthy moderator for his services. The report of Committee on Ministerial standing read and accepted.

Resolution committee and committee on ministerial standing dismissed, properly moved and seconded we adjourn until Thursday night before the first Sunday in Sept. 1943 at New Harmony Church. Dismissed by Sis. Alta Mikel.

Saturday evening services began with congregational singing. Bro. Orville Dobbs taking charge of the services in the absence of the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Van Mikel and Rev. Noel Turner. A special song was given by the Peterson family. ~~Rev.~~ Mary Wellbaum then took the stand. Reading for a scripture lesson Luke 11:1-28. Subject "Occupy till I come," A very

inspiritual message was enjoyed by all present. At the close of the service an altar call was made for sinners to accept Christ as their Saviour. We were dismissed by Bro. Coleman.

Sunday morning Sunday School began at 10 o'clock with Bro. Heusel Seits as Supertendant. After singing Rev. Orrille Dabbs led in prayer. The classes took their places. The lesson was found in 1 Samuel 15: 10-23. Golden Text. "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." 1 Samuel 15: 23. After lesson discussion Sunday School was dismissed. The regular Foreign Mission March offerings was taken by the church, which amounted to \$26.21. The Moderator of the association then took charge. A special song was given by the Peterson family. Rev. Noel Turner then took the stand to deliver the message. His text was found in Jer. 2: 13. Subject, "Living Waters". He bro't us a good message. At the close of the service an invitation was given. We were dismissed by Bro. Harry Jenkins.

Sun. Afternoon services began with singing by congregation. Prayer by Sis. Alta Mikel. A special song was given by Freeman girls. also a special song by the Peterson family. Rev. Archie Cooper took the stand using as a text Mark 12: 8. Subject, "The Oncoming Storm". He bro't us a wonderful message on the Second Coming of Christ. An invitation was given at the close of the services. After announcements we were dismissed by prayer by Bro. Herman Miley.

Elmer Thompson - Clerk,

Committee Reports,

Resolution Committee,

To the Northeast Missouri association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Hazel creek Union Church Aug 31 - Sept 3, 1944. We wish to submit the follow

resolution.

Resolved that we sincerely thank the people of Hazel Creek Union Church for their hospitality in entertaining this association.

Committee { Rev. Mary Wellbaum
Lena Miley
Lela Freeman.

Publication Committee.

We the publication committee beg to submit the following report.

That our Free Will Baptist people patronise our own denominational publishing houses in obtaining literature for use in our church and home, stressing the importance of our church paper (The Gem) in each Free Will Baptist home, that we may be more closely knit together in unity and faith.

Refrain from literature not sound in doctrine that we may avoid contention and dwell in unity and the bonds of peace.

Committee { Herman Miley
A. H. DeWeese.

Temperance Committee.

We your temperance committee recommend to our people to refrain as far as possible from entering any place that sells intoxicating liquors, also refrain from buying literature that advertises liquors.

We recommend that we as a Christian people fail not in as far as lies within us to speak to those whom we see drinking or smoking especially our girls and matrons.

We further recommend that our association send to the Editor of the Daily Express our appreciation in not advertising liquors.

Committee { H. H. Perkins
Orville Dobbs.
Mary Wellbaum

Ministerial Committee.

We your committee on Ministerial standing recommend that certificates of standing be issued to the following ministers:

Rev. Orville Dobbs.
 Rev. Archie Cooper
 Rev. Chas. Phillips
 Rev. Noel Turner.

Committee { Hershel Severts.
 H. D. Archer
 Grant Zimmerman.

Memorial Committee.

We the memorial committee have found the following have departed this life. Deacon R. R. Fulkins, Sis. Louise Natts and Bro. John Ewing of Hazel Creek Union, Bro. Osby Summers of Bethel, Bro. Hubert Mills of Lowground.

Realizing our loss is heaveus gain, we bow in humble submission to the will of God in joyous hope of a glad reunion

Committee { Dorthy Montgomery
 Verta Cooper
 Cora Casey
 Ella Gregory

Business Committee.

We the business committee recommend that steps be taken to arrange for victory services in our churches the first night following news of victory. We recommend Jewel Church for east of river and Greengrove for west of river

We your business committee recommend that the reading ^{Committee of} ~~in~~ ^{of} article ^{James Peterson} ~~one~~ of the by-laws where it reads the clerk shall open the association be changed ~~to~~ ^{as the} chairman of the executive board, he shall open the association with Bible reading and prayer, after which a moderator shall be elected. In the absence of the chairman the oldest minister present shall open the meeting.

We your business committee recommend that each church of the association elect one delegate and an alternate to the state association, the same to be named in the church letter. and if no delegate be named the moderator shall appoint same to fill the vacancy. The delegate at large shall be appointed by the association.

Committee { H. H. Falkins
Jim Hardin
Jesse Peterson
Shirley Byers
Chas. Phillips

Nomination Committee.

We your nominating committee recommend that Bro. Shirley Byers be elected to the executive board for a term of five years.

Committee { Chas. Phillips
Boyd Falkins
Will Thompson
Timothy Ewing.

Ministerial Reports.

Rev. Noel Turner.

Churches pastored	2
Services + sermons	25-
Additions to church	2
Funerals	1
Money received	\$ 143.75
Mile traveled in service	32 56 (approx)

Rev. Archie Cooper.

Sermons preached	122
Funerals conducted	6
Weddings	2
Renewals held	4
Professions of faith	2
Baptized	5-
Money received	\$ 456.50
Funerals	\$ 16.00
Weddings	8.00

Special gifts	\$ 85.00
Evangelistic services	169.75
Total	\$ 725.25

Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Sermons preached	124
Conversions	148 62
Money received	\$ 708.88
Baptized	19
Born in church	18
Funerals	7

Rev. Chas. Phillips

Preached small number of sermons
 received small amount of money
 miles traveled about 300.