

The N. E. Mo. Assn. of Free Will Baptists met with the Martinsburg church July 25, 1968 at 8 o'clock for the ~~4th~~^{5th} session. Services were opened with the pastor Rev. Kermit Crooks in charge, Bro. Andy Lay led the song service, a welcome was extended by the pastor. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Cory. Services were turned to the moderator Rev. Andy Lay. He appointed the committee on committees as follows: Eddie Pierce, Bruce Riley, & Boyd Gilkins. Special number in song were given by Andy & Kathy Lay and Ann Vincent, "Without Him" & Love is why you & I are free. Bro. Andy Lay introduced the speaker of the assn. Rev. Jim Walker of Aurora, Ill. He took the stand and after a brief introduction he bro't a very challenging message from the book of Daniel, reminding us of the faithfulness of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego, challenging us to have the faith they had. An invitation to accept Christ was given at close of services. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Archie Cooper.

7:00 A.M. session opened with moderator in charge. Song "The Kingdom is Coming" Prayer by Bro. Harold Kelsey. Bro. Archie Cooper led the devotions reading Matt. 28: 16-20 for scripture, using the words "Get Going" for his devotional thought. Clerk called the house to order for business and the moderator took charge and proceeded to seat the standing delegates. Church letters were read from New Harmony, Hazel Creek, Kirksville, Martinsburg & Lawground churches and the delegates were seated. Ministerial reports were read from Rev. Kermit Crooks and Archie Cooper and they were accepted. Report of the Executive board was called for but as they had not met they had no report to give. Our State promotional Secretary gave a report of our state work. After a song we were dismissed by prayer for the

Eleven o'clock worship service by Sis. Stella Bates. Report of Committee on Committees read and accepted reads as follows: Business Committee - Kermit Crooks, Howard Felkins, Maizie Lewis.

Ministerial Standing - Wendell Lewis, Mona Christman & Donald Green.

Nominating - Harold Kelsey, Archie Cooper, A. E. Darr

Temperance - Kathy Lay, Beulah Byers, Edith Crooks

Memorial - Elsie Darr, Fern Kelsey, Lala Felkins

Publication - Joyce Thomas, Joan Felkins & Elizabeth Sponsler

Loration - Velma Wellman, Eddie Pierce, Gladys Cooper

Special numbers was given by Mona Christman & Arlene Clay singing "Take up Thy Cross and follow me." Bro Jim Walker took the stand & led in prayer then read Mark 8: 36, & 37 for a scripture lesson & brist a very spiritual message using as a text "The most Valuable thing in the World" challenging us to a greater concern for the living souls around us, we gathered around the altar in rededication at close of the services Dismissed by Don Green.

Fri afternoon session was opened by singing, The Woman's Auxiliary was in charge of this service with Kathy Lay as president.

Fri, night - July 26, Services began with congregational singing, Praise Him, Praise Him, He's a Wonderful Savior and Will Jesus Find us Watching led by Rev. Andy Lay. Prayer was offered by Bro. Earl Sponsler. Our special, a song, Only Jesus was by Sis. Velma Wellman. A love offering was taken for Rev. Jim Walker and amount received was \$41.30, The congregation sang "Oh Lord Send the Power and the Stand was then given to Bro. Walker. Scripture read - psalm 8 Theme - Somebody cares for you. The message was directed to all and the spirit should have touched and moved each person in attendance. Each found ourselves in the so often self pity state thinking, no one cares for me. We were then

made aware that - God created all things for you - He loves you - He thinks you are somebody - He wants you. Through mystery almighty God became man in flesh because you + I are somebody. Our attention was directed to Luke 15, the 3 parables, things lost, things being you and I. And how God deals personally with individuals - wanting your service, examples used blind man, Zacchaeus, thief on the cross - Listen to Him. Jesus came to live for you - Heb. 4:15. What do you think of Him? What are you doing for Him? Closing invitation - "I need Thee Every Hour" and "I'll Go where you want me to Go" Closing prayer was offered by Bro. Russell Wellman.

Saturday 10. A.M. Opening Hymn, "Is so Sweet To Trust In Jesus". Prayer by Bruce Riley. Devotions by Rev. Kenneth Crooks, Mark 13:34 There Is Work for All."

Business - Read Rev. Andy Lays Report, received voted + passed. Memorial committee report read. Motion made + 2nd, passed. Terry Seitz placed on committee of publication, motion made + received Business committee, motion made + 2nd, vote carried. Item Womens Auxiliary voted to have quarterly meeting instead of 5th Sun. Kenneth Crooks discussed pros of the change, Sunday too busy day - no day of rest. Discussed by - laws + constitution pertaining to change. Program committee for quarterly meeting, motion made + 2nd Moderator + assistant be responsible for Program + Program committee yet to be elected, vote carried. Report of Location committee read motion carried. Report of nominating committee motion made + 2nd. Vote program committee discussion - nominated Howard Gilkins, Fletcher Riley add to committee, Kathy Lay, Edith Crooks + Mazie Levits - Vote on 3. Elected Mazie - Levits, Fletcher Riley + Howard Gilkins

Executive Board - Miss James elected by acclamation
 Statediscian - Leona Thompson elected by acclamation
 Statediscian report read by Leona Thompson.
 Motion receive report 2nd. Motion carried.
 Treasurers report read, Motion made to receive
 report 2nd carried, Bro Beatty discussed how
 to make checks to missionaries, publication &
 Temperance reports to be received in P. M. business
 Congregational singing - Special - Jane Riley "Oh
 Say But I'm Glad!" Rev. Jim Walker took stand
 read Acts 6:1-5 - led prayer - character study
 of Philip: a man of God who could fade out
 gracefully in God's service, 3 phases of Philip's
 life that would challenge us, Dawn Life - man
 full of faith & serving, Noon Life - Giving of life
 proudly & splendidly for the Holy Spirit to use.
 Acts 8:1 Stayed in the center of persecution to be
 used. Evening or Twilight possible 20 years - Philip
 faded from fame but not from fruitfulness
 Prayer dismissal Rev. Andy Lay.

Fri. Afternoon session opened by singing.
 Sis Stella Bates led the devotions using 100 psalms
 for a scripture, Special song by Wendell & Maizer
 Serts "Living by Faith" publication committee
 report read and accepted as a whole, Temperance
 committee report read & accepted. Report of
 Ministerial Standing read & accepted with
 amendment to be added to the report to add
 Sis. Mary Wellbaums name to the list of
 ministers to receive certificates of good standing
 It was carried, Neva Thomas gave a report
 of the National association at Oklahoma City.
 Report was received as information, Bro Gary
 Beatty gave report of the National association
 and was received for information, Motion
 made and seconded that the moderator be given
 power to appoint delegates to the State association
 from those attending the State association
 carried. Offering for the club amounting

to \$22.⁵⁹ was taken. Motion made and seconded we use the expansion fund to help the new church being organized at Columbia by Bro. Mark Vandewort. Carried. Election of Officers for next year as follows: Gladys Cooper assistant Clerk. Ethel Thompson - Clerk. Archie Cooper - assistant moderator. Andy Lay - moderator. Carried. Minutes read and accepted. Motion made and seconded we adjourn. Carried. Motion made & seconded we pledge allegiance to our country flag and the Christian flag. Carried. Dismissed by Sis. Mona Christman.

Sat night services opened by singing, 'There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood'; Prayer by Bro. Harry Beatty, Bro. Andy Lay led us in a praise service, several telling of the rich blessings of the Lord. congregational song, 'What a Friend we have in Jesus'. Special numbers in song by Andy & Kathy Lay & Ann Vincent. * "I'm a child of the King", & "God is Love." Another offering was taken for the speaker Bro. Walker amounting to \$18.26 added to the Fri. night offering making a total of \$59.56. Bro. Walker took the stand and offered prayer. Theme of his message was "Use what you have for God"; He gave several examples from the Bible characters. (1) Ex. 4. Moses makes excuse. (2) Sam. 18. David meets Goliath. David could have made excuse but didn't. (3) 2 Kings 5. Little maid used her best for God in the healing of Naaman. (4) John 6. Feeding the multitude. (5) Luke 21. widow gave a mite. What do you have? Use what you have for God. (6) Acts 9. Dorcas gave her sewing kit. An invitation was given at close of the service & one soul came in recommitment. Dismissed by Lila & Hattie.

Nominating Committee Report.

We your nominating committee recommend the

following. Program Committee: Kathy Lay, Edith Crooke, Maizie Servis.

~~Local~~ Executive Board: Milo James for 3 yrs.
Statistician: Leona Thompson

your committee
Archie Cooper
Harold Halsey
A. E. Dore.

Location Committee Report.

we the location committee recommend that the next Assn go to The First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston in 1969.

Velma Willman
Eddie Price
Gladys Cooper.

Publication committee Report.

we the publication committee submit the following report:

1. we recommend that the 'contact' 'Our National' publication be subscribed to by every church family in the association, to keep up to date with denominational current events.
2. Since the Gem, our state publication is lacking in readability and challenging material, we suggest that delegates to our state association discuss with the state publication committee and the Gem editor, the importance of new material.
3. Since there are various free publications from our National Departments such as, Heartbeats, Mission Gleanings, The Bible College Bulletin & O. B. C. Bulletin, we recommend that those not presently receiving these send their name and address to the National Departments and ask for these publications.
4. we recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist edited material in all parts of their Teaching programs and provide at least one Teachers Training course in each church.

This year.

5. Since there are numerous films strips and visual aid materials available through our Sunday school and C. I. S. Departments, we suggest that these aids be put to use in our local training programs for more effective gospel presentation.
6. we suggest that each family carefully screen all secular and religious materials coming into the homes and voice opposition to any unfit material.

Joan Felkins
Joyce Thomas
Jerry Lewis

Temperance Committee Report:

we, the temperance committee recommend that we remind ourselves of the teachings of the word of God regarding the evils of alcoholic beverages and self-control in all things; reminding ourselves that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit as taught in 1 corinthians 3: 19-20. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price; Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Lathy Lay
Edith Crooks

Memorial Committee Report.

God in His divine wisdom has seen fit to call the following members from our midst.

Frank Huswold, Betty Smith, Allie Peterson, John Grob, Mrs. Bill Kelly, David Houghton, Ethna Hodge, Mather Kimmel. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. we ask that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in reverence to their ~~services~~ services to our demonstration and their memory, closed in prayer by Sister Fern Kelsey.

Elfie Dare
Fern Kelsey
Lola Felkins

Treasurer's Report.

Amt in treasury July 1, 1967	\$ 71.78
" " " for expansion fund July 1, 1967	38.43
" Cash on hands	3.00
Recd from New Harmony church for expansion July 21, -67	3.00
" for O.B.C. July 22, 1967	9.65
" " McElains July 22, 1967	75.67
" from Kukesville church for expansion Aug 3, 1967	42.80
" " New Harmony " " Dec. 19, 1967	3.00
" " " " " " Jan. 6, 1968	3.00
Total	\$ 336.53

Expenses:

Sent to O.B.C. July 22, 1967	\$ 96.05
" " McElains July 23, 1967	75.67
" from Kukesville church to McElains Sept. 15, 1967	34.00
Total	205.72
Amt. in treasury July 1, 1968	117.58
Cash on hands	6.08
Total	\$ 123.58

Ministerial Standing Committee Report.

the committee on ministerial standing recommend that the following ministers be given a certificate of good standing.

Rev. Archie Cooper
 Rev. Kermit Crooke
 Rev. Andy Lay
 Rev. J.E. Cory
 Rev. Mary Wellbaum

Russell Lewis
 Mona Christman
 Donald Green

Ministerial Reports:

Sermons preached	86
churches pastored	1
professions witnessed	7
Members Baptized	12
Additions to church	26
Funerals preached	11

miles traveled 18,000
 money rec'd \$5,080.
 attended 3 ass'n meetings
 preached Temperance sermon
 Read church covenant to members.

Andy Lay

Sermons preached 92
 churches pastored 2
 professions witnessed 2
 Number Baptized 2
 additions to church 2
 Funerals preached 3
 miles traveled 2000.
 money rec'd \$636.00

attended 3 ass'n meetings
 preached Temperance sermon
 Read church covenant to members

Hermit Crooks

Sermons preached 120
 churches pastored 2
 Revivals held 1
 Number Baptized 3
 additions to church 5
 Funerals preached 67
 money rec'd \$4460.00

attended 3 ass'n meetings
 Did not preach Temperance sermon
 Read church covenant to members

Archie Cooper

Ethel Thompson - Clerk