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Yearly Meeting
of
Free Will Baptists

1947

Proceedings of the
Annual Session

Convened at the
Fredericktown Church
Fredericktown, Mo.

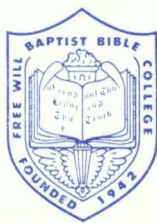
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Minutes

OF THE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church; Aug. 19-22.,
Fredericktown, Missouri.

OFFICERS

1948 Moderator Rev. Woodrow Matthews
1948 Assistant Moderator Rev. Harvey E. Hill
Clerk-Treasurer Deacon O. B. Womack

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. F. C. Zinn Flat River, Missouri
Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine La Motte, Mo.
Rev. Woodrow Matthews Mine La Motte, Mo.

The next Annual Session of this Association will convene with Flat River Free Will Baptist Church.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference met in its Seventh Annual Session, at the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church, at 7:45 p. m. on Tuesday evening, Aug. 19, 1947.

Services opened by the President, Rev. Mark Lewis, with an opening prayer by Rev. Albert Tucker.

Opening remarks made by the President.

Welcome address Bro. Clifford McGraw

• Response Rev. Albert Halbrook

Prayer Bro. Alex Wampler

The song service was conducted by Rev. William Cravin, with the singing of songs No. 87, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," and No. 47, "The Way of the Cross." Prayer by Rev. William Reeves, followed by song No. 221, "Ready."

The Introductory Message was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, with the subject, "The Responsibility of the Ministry to the Word." Scripture reading, II Tim. 4:1-5. Text, I Tim. 4:2, "Preach the Word." A wonderful message was delivered, concluded by prayer by Rev. Matthews.

Benediction rendered by all of congregation in silent prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened by the singing of No. 133, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and No. 172, "Kneel at the Cross," led by Rev. William Reeves.

Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Scripture reading by Rev. Mark Lewis from Romans 5:1-5, followed by song No. 307, "Amazing Grace."

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference were read.

After this reading, Rev. Milton Menge was accepted as a new member.

The roll call was made, with six ministers present, namely: Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. William Reeves, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. Milton Menge.

The President declared time for election of officers and, after prayer by Rev. Milton Menge, the following officers were elected:

President Rev. Harvey Hill
Vice President Rev. William Reeves
Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Albert Halbrook

The President appointed the following as a Business Committee: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Milton Menge and Rev. Mark Lewis.

A ten minute recess was declared, with benediction by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Devotional service led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews with singing of No. 8, "I Am Thine O Lord," and No. 178, "Wonderful Jesus". Prayer by Rev. J. L. Yancy, followed by singing of No. 7, "You Never Mentioned Him To Me."

Sermon, Rev Mark Lewis. Subject, "The Responsibility of the Ministry to the Church."

Scripture reading, John 10:1-15. After leading in prayer Rev. Lewis announced as his text 2 Tim. 4:5-6, "Make Full Proof Of Thy Ministry." A wonderful message was delivered
Benediction— Rev. Wm. Reeves.

AFTERNOON SESSION

An hour of devotion conducted by Rev. Albert Halbrook, began by singing of No. 261, "At The Cross," and No. 33, "An Empty Mansion". The scripture and comments were offered by Rev. Milton Menge from 1 Thess. 4: 13—18.

Prayer by Rev. S. A. Hand, followed by song No. 248, "I'll Be Satisfied".

After reading 1 John 1, Rev. Gus Wenzel conducted a testimonial service, closed by prayer at the Altar, offered by Rev. Wenzel and Rev. Noel Greenway.

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Wm. Reeves. Subject, "The Responsibility of the Ministry to the World."

Scripture reading, John 4:31-36. Text, 2 Tim. 4:1. A wonderful message was delivered.

A five minute recess was declared, with benediction by Rev. Milton Menge.

Services resumed with Rev. Harvey Hill in charge, by singing No. 172, "Kneel At The Cross."

After the reading of the Constitution and By-laws by the President, Rev. Noel Greenway was accepted as a new member.

The report of the Business Committee was read and accepted to be adopted item by item.

Item No. 1—We recommend that the following names be discontinued as members of the conference, namely: Claude Lincoln, Kermit Esther, Geo. Miller, Melvin Bingham and O. T. Allred. —Adopted.

Item No. 2—We recommend that the Vice President of the conference send to each member and minister of the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting a special invitation to attend the next session of the conference, with special urging for interest to be renewed in the organization, and the letter to be sent approximately thirty days before the next session.

Item No. 3—We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Fredricktown Church for their kind hospitality in entertaining this session of the conference, and that this item be written and sent to the clerk of the Fredricktown Church.

Upon request a letter of dismission and commendation was granted to Rev. Mark Lewis.

Motion made and sustained, that the officers of the Minister's Conference prepare a form letter to be used for Dismission and Commendation.

Minutes of the present session read and accepted.

While singing No. 257, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," the hand of fellowship and appreciation was given to Brother Mark Lewis in recognition of his fruitful work among us.

Benediction.

Rev. Harvey Hill, President
Rev. Albert Halbrook, Clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis. Service opened with special prayer for the success of the entire session, with all kneeling, Rev. John Rogers led the prayer.

With Rev. William Cravens leading, all joined in singing, "I'll Live in Glory," and "I'll Be Somewhere Listening."

Welcome address Deacon Hubert Hale

Response Rev. William Reeves.

At this time the Moderator appointed as temporary Divine Service Committee: Sister A. Jones, Sister Emma Bebout, Sister H. Dettmar. They report Rev. Harvey Hill for eleven o'clock service tomorrow.

A ten minute praise service was enjoyed by all.

Prayer by Brother Clifford McGraw.

Song, "It is Joy Unspeakable."

After this devotional service the Moderator presented the messenger for the evening, Rev. Noel Greenway. The subject of the message was, "Moving Out of the Will of God," based on the entire book of Ruth. A grand message was enjoyed by all. c

Closing song, "Jesus is Calling." An invitation was given for re-dedication and for lost souls to come.

Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Fredericktown, Missouri, August 21, 1947

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists met in regular business session on the above date and place, according to pre-arranged program.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional service led by Moderator Brother Mark Lewis, with singing led by Brother Woodrow Matthews.

Prayer led by Brother Elmer Steagall of Desloge, Mo.

Moderator read for Scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Amos, Bro. Lewis commenting on the reading, closing with a hand shake and prayer at the altar.

Brother Lewis called for all ordained ministers and deacons, then followed with the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Quarterly Meeting letters read and absentees noted, and the places of absentees were supplied from congregation. There were two visitors.

The delegates were seated by Moderator by vote.

Report of Yearly Meeting Board, composed of Brother Woodrow Matthews, Bro. F. C. Zinn and Bro. Albert Halbrook. An oral report was made.

Election of Officers

Moderator Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Assistant Moderator Rev. Harvey Hill

Clerk-Treasurer Deacon O. B. Womack

Moderator asked that prayer be had before election of officers.

Motion carried to extend to Bro. Lewis a vote of thanks for his services as Moderator.

Committee on Committees appointed.

Committee on Committees: Bro. William Reeves

Bro. Albert Halbrook

Bro. Harold Baldwin.

Adjourned business by benediction.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Devotional led by Brother Moyer.

Singing by delegated body.

Prayer by Brother Mark Lewis.

Sermon by Brother Harvey Hill.

Closing with singing two verses of "Jesus is Calling."

Motion carried to adopt the report of Committee on Committees.

Adjourned for dinner hour.

Benediction by Brother John Long.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator.

Song, "Amazing Grace," No. 184 in Hymn Book.

Bro. Lewis read 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians for a Scripture lesson, followed with prayer by Sister Long.

An old fashioned praise service was had.

Statistical report read by Clerk, and motion carried to accept the report. Also included was the financial report for the year 1946-1947.

Bro. Womack was re-elected to succeed himself as Statistician for the coming year.

Report made of St. Francois County Sunday School Convention, and motion carried to accept the report.

At this time an oral report was made of Women's Work.

Bro. Reeves gave an account of our Youth Encampment, and Bro. Lewis gave an oral report of Gem work.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee to be adopted item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. (See reports).

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. (See report).

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3. (See report).

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4. (See report).

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5. (See report).

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6. (See report).

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Obituary committee. (See report).

Received, from the Secretary of the Minister's Conference, \$7.00 for printing Minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened by Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Singing by congregation, "It Is Joy Unspeakable," and "Love Lifted Me."

Devotional led by Rev. Harvey Hill. Scripture lesson read from 1 John, third chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Rev. Mark Lewis was elected to serve as Clerk in the absence of Brother Womack.

Moderator declared time to begin business, and seated some delegates that had arrived.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

At this time nominations were called for for members of Executive Board. Bro. Albert Halbrook was nominated and elected by acclamation, to the unexpired term of Bro. O. T. Allred. Bro. F. C. Zinn was re-elected.

Report from Madison County Sunday School Convention read and adopted by motion.

Minister's reports were read and accepted by motion, and given to Credentials Committee for further investigation.

Reports of committees were called for, none were ready to report.

Moderator asked for invitations for entertainment of next session of the Yearly Meeting. An invitation was received from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, and was accepted by the body.

Rev. John Rogers was elected to preach the Introductory Message, with Rev. Chas. Moyer as alternate.

Report of Nominating Committee read and adopted.

Business was suspended for the eleven o'clock service. Business to be resumed at 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by Moderator.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service was called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. H. E. Hill, Brother Harold McDonald of the Harmony Boys Quartet of St. Louis leading the singing. Song No. 128, "There'll Be Shouting," and No. 20, "Where We Never Grow Old."

Prayer by Evangelist, Rev. Charles Green.

At this time Brother Hill turned the service over to McDonald Brothers Trio, and the following numbers were rendered: "Beyond the Sunset," "Down On My Knees," and "Naturalized For Heaven."

Prayer by Rev. Gus Wenzel.

The Assistant Moderator presented Rev. John Long for the morning message. Scripture lesson Isa. 40:28-31; Amos 8:11-13. Subject, "Take Time to Be Holy." A good message from the Word was given by Bro. Long, and was greatly appreciated by all. The presence of the Lord was outwardly visible, and the shouts of the saints were heard.

Dismissed for the noon meal with prayer by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order by the Assistant Moderator, with Rev. S. A. Hand leading devotional. Song No. 121, "Where He Leads, I'll Follow."

Prayer by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, followed with song No. 141, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand."

Scripture lesson by Rev. Charles Moyer, read from Proverbs 16:1-11.

A fifteen minute praise service was enjoyed by all. Song No. 307, "Amazing Grace."

Moderator took charge and business was resumed.

Report of Credentials Committee read and adopted.

Motion sustained to receive report of Business Committee, to be discussed and disposed of item by item.

Item No. 1—Adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 2—Adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 3—Adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 4—Adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 5—Adopted by motion and vote.

Item No. 6—Adopted by motion and vote. (See report)

Motion sustained to receive a freewill offering for the printing of the minutes of this session. Offering amounted to \$13.83.

Motion sustained that the names of the officers of the Yearly Meeting, and the Executive Board be placed on the front page of the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Flat River in our next session.

Benediction by Rev. S. A. Hand.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional conducted by Rev. Albert Halbrook, with singing of No. 62, "Throw Out The Life Line", No. 20, "I'll Meet You In The Morning" and No. 119, "Give Me Your Hand".

Prayer by Rev. Kemp. Song No. 141, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand".

Two special numbers were rendered by the Fredricktown Quartette:

Prayer by Rev Mark Lewis.

Special number by Rev. and Mrs. William Cravens, followed by a testimonial service.

Message by Rev. Charles Moyer. Subject, "Let's Go Fishing," and text, Matthew 1:19. A good message.

Closed with benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Committee on Committees

Business Committee: Albert Halbrook, Chairman,
William Reeves,
Alex Wampler,
Esther Hovis,
Ola May Fracis.

Credentials Committee: C. C. Beobout,
Hazel Scott,
Edith Head.

Divine Service Committee: C. C. Beobout, Chairman,
Edith Underwood,
Edna Archambo.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, offer the following items:

Item No. 1— That this Body re-affirm its objection against the manufacture and the distribution, sale and use of any and all forms of alcoholic beverages.

Item No. 2—That this Body go on record as favoring National Prohibition.

Item No. 3—That we, as Free Will Baptists, abstain from frequenting places where alcoholic beverages are sold.

Item No. 4—Due to the widespread and enormous increase in the use of tobacco in our Nation; that the members of this Body become awakened to this evil, and through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, do all within our power to discourage its use.

Item No. 5—That this Body go on record as disapproving indecent dress among the women of our denomination.

Item No. 6—That our ministers preach uncompromisingly against these evils, as well as all other forms of sin.

Committee: Alta Matthews, Chairman.
Rev. John Rogers,
Mrs. Chester Moyer.

Nominating—We, your Nominating Committee, recommend the following as delegates to the Missouri State Association, when convened with the Macedonia Church, near Monett, Missouri: Esther Hovis, Mildred Hobkins, Mary Regh, James Lane, Bob Hill, Don Hill, Brother and Sister McFarland, Edith Head, Mrs. Nettie Larmore, Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Melvin Schafer, Mrs. Melvin Schafer, Hazel Scott, Gussie Hamblen, Alberta Davis, Bertha Souden, Martha Clayton, and Sister Emma Beabout.

Committee: Harvey Hill, Chairman,
Effie Matthews,
Christina Halbrook.

Credentials—We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Ministerial reports, recommend that Ministerial Cards of Standing for one year be granted to the following: Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. John Long,

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. J. L. Yancey, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Effie Matthews, Rev. William Reeves, Rev. Charles Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Rev. P. H. Kemp, Rev. S. A. Hand, Rev. Noel Greenway, Rev. Eunice Edwards, Rev. Albert Tucker, Rev. James Barker, Rev. John Rogers, and Rev. John Johnston. Report accepted by the body.

Committee: C. C. Beabout, Chairman,
Hazel Scott,
Edith Head.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst our brothers and sisters in Christ: Be it Resolved, That we bow our heads in silent prayer in humble submission to His will.

The deceased are: Mrs. M. A. Henson, Brother Jesse Close, Brother Deacon A. J. Bollinger, Sister Mabel Louise Francis, Brother Pres Wilson, Sister Ferguson, Julia Lane, Sarah LaBrot, John Kennedy, Ellen Airsmith and Zella Freeland.

Committee: Leona Smith, Chairman,
Gussie Hamblen,
Mary Regh.

Business—We, your Business Committee, wish to make the following suggestions and recommendations:

Item No. 1—We recommend that we give our whole-hearted support to our Gem paper, both in subscriptions, reports and items.

Item No. 2—We recommend that the pledges made last year for the Gem office be sent to Bro. B. F. Brown.

Item No. 3—We recommend that we, the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, give our whole-hearted support to our Youth Encampment Program.

Item No. 4—We recommend that our Clerk send a letter to ministers delinquent for two or more years, to remind them of their obligation to report to the Yearly Meeting.

Item No. 5—We recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to our officers for their efficient and untiring service to this Yearly Meeting.

Item 6—We recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to this Church and community for their splendid hospitality in entertaining this Yearly Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Received from the churches	\$29.00
Brought forward from Sept., 1946.....	55.47
Offering taken at Yearly Meeting.....	13.83
Received from Minister's Conference.....	7.00
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Total and Balance.....	\$105.30

Disbursements

Printing Y. M. & Min. Con. minutes, 1946, \$35.00	
Printing of Programs	9.50
Postage and mailing	4.61
Clerical supplies from Gem office.....	.29
Clerk's salary	5.00
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Total disbursements	\$54.40

Balance, August 31, 1947, \$50.90

Deacon O. B. Womack, Clerk-Treasurer.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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