

The Seventh Annual Conference

OF THE
Southern Illinois
Free Will Baptists

Held at
NEW HOPE CHURCH
Ina, Illinois
September 8-12, 1926.

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that Rev. A. D. Clinton give the "Welcome Address." The clerk then read the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was made and carried that the minutes be accepted as read. Subject discussed, "How Can We Better Our Ministers' Institute?" It was discussed by Rev. W. M. Jones, Rev. B. F. McNeeley and others.

The motion was made and carried that the clerk instruct the several churches of our yearly meeting that when they go to elect their pastor that they inquire of him if he thinks he will be able to attend a ministerial institute and require him to attend the same.

Rev. B. F. McNeeley was appointed to fill the pulpit at 11:00 o'clock a. m. At 11:00 a. m. Rev. B. F. McNeeley preached a very interesting and forcible sermon. At 2 o'clock p. m. there was a song by congregation and prayer by Bro. C. A. Cox. At 2:30 p. m. the devotional service was held, conducted by Rev. J. N. Allen. The moderator then took charge and proceeded with business. The clerk then called the roll of ministers. The following min-

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The ministerial institute convened on Wednesday evening, September 8, in regular session. Service was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Charles R. Porter. Song by the choir and Rev. W. M. Jones preached the introductory sermon. Text—Hebrews 6-1. We then adjourned until 8:30 Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning Session

On September 9, at 8:30 we opened by singing and prayer by Rev. C. A. Curry. The clerk then taking charge and a quorum being present we proceeded with business. The motion was made and carried that Rev. A. D. Clinton be elected as moderator. Motion made and carried

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isters were present:

J. N. Allen.
A. D. Clinton.
W. R. Spurlock.
W. M. Jones.
C. A. Curry.
W. R. Burton.
J. L. Lawson.
B. F. McNeeley.
I. C. Ladd.
Hosea Smith.
C. A. McBride.
Charles R. Porter.
J. L. Cross.

The motion was then made to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Ed Gullledge.

Thursday Morning

On September 9 at 7:30 we had a song by choir. Prayer by Sister Cassia Page after which we had a wonderful sermon on the "Second Coming of Christ," by Rev. B. F. McNeeley. This was followed by an old fashioned hand-shake. We were then dismissed by Rev. J. N. Allen.

Friday morning Session

On September 10 at 8:30 services were opened with song by congre-

gation. We were led in prayer by Rev. A. D. Clinton. The devotional service was led by Rev. J. N. Allen. The clerk then took charge and proceeded to elect a moderator. Rev. W. M. Jones and Rev. J. N. Allen was nominated. Rev. J. N. Allen was duly elected. The moderator taking charge appointed Rev. W. M. Jones as assistant moderator. The moderator then appointed the following committees:

1. Business Committee. Those appointed were James Terhoon, W. S. Webb and Aud Lewis.

2. Resolution Committee. Those appointed were Floyd Cockrum, A. D. Clinton and B. F. McNeeley.

The clerk then read the minutes of the preceding session. The motion was made and carried that the minutes be accepted as read. The moderator then appointed W. M. Jones, C. A. Curry and Charles R. Porter as the program committee to plan and print a program for next yearly meeting. The motion was made and carried that Charles R. Porter, J. L. Cross and C. A. McBride should be retained on committee to adopt res-

ed by Rev. J. L. Cross. The moderator then took charge and called for nominations for secretary for the coming year. C. A. Curry and I. C. Ladd were nominated. C. A. Curry was duly elected. Nominations were then called for for treasurer. E. B. Kelley and Charles R. Porter were nominated. Bro. Kelley was duly elected. The motion was made and carried that Rev. C. A. Curry be re-elected as yearly meeting trustee for a term of five years. Bro. E. B. Kelley made treasurer's report of twenty-one dollars and forty-seven cents (\$21.47) on hand. C. A. Curry made clerk's report, having collected \$18 and paid out \$9.40, leaving a balance of \$8.60 on hand. We then adjourned business until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Friday Evening Session

At 7:30 p. m. we had a song by congregation. This was followed by prayer by Bro. Bob Taylor. Sister Nina Hale favored us with one of her soul stirring solos. Following this was a sermon by Rev. I. C. Ladd. The praise service was led by Rev. W. R. Burton. Then after an old-fashion-

olutions of respect and sympathy to the families of Rev. Lowery (deceased) and Rev. Webb (deceased).

Business committee then made partial report. The first topic was "What Can Be Done to Cause the People of the Free Will Baptists to Take More Interest in the Business of Our Church." This was discussed by Aud Lewis, C. A. Cox, A. D. Clinton and W. R. Spurlock and others. We then adjourned until 2:00 p. m. Dismissed by Rev. I. C. Ladd.

At 11:00 o'clock we opened by song by congregation. This was followed by prayer by Rev. W. M. Jones after which W. P. Burton preached one of his old fashioned soul stirring sermons. This was followed by a handshake. We were then dismissed by Rev. I. C. Ladd. We then adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

Friday Afternoon Session

On September 10, at 2:00 p. m. service was opened by singing that good old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." This was followed by prayer by Bro. John Huffman. The praise service following was conduct-

ed hand-shake we were dismissed by Rev. J. L. Cross.

Saturday Morning Session

On September 11 at 8:30 we opened with song by congregation. Rev. Myers followed this by reading the twenty-second chapter of Revelation. This was followed by prayer by Rev. W. M. Jones. The moderator then took charge. The clerk read the letters from the Quarterly meeting. This was followed by business committee making final report. The motion was made to accept the report and release the committee. Motion carried.

The second motion was made that the moderator appoint a committee to examine minister's standing. This motion also carried. The committee appointed was John Huffman, Floyd Cockrum and John Cook. The report from program committee was received committee discharged.

The motion was made that the supplying of the pulpit be left to a pulpit committee. This motion carried. Nominations were open for some one to preach introductory sermon at

next yearly meeting. Those nominated were Rev. C. A. Curry, Rev. Charles R. Porter and Rev. W. M. Jones. Rev. Charles R. Porter was duly elected. The motion was made that the moderator appoint a committee to prepare the by-laws and regulations of the constitution and present same to our next yearly meeting. The committee appointed was Rev. C. A. Curry, Rev. Charles R. Porter, Rev. J. N. Allen, Rev. B. F. McNeeley and Rev. Hoseal Smith.

The motion was made and carried that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer for his fees of ten dollars (\$10.00). Business was adjourned until 2:00 p. m. The benediction was by Bro. John Huffman.

At 11:00 a. m. the meeting was called together by song by congregation and prayer by Rev. Charles Gettings. This was followed by sermon by Rev. W. M. Jones. This was followed by praise service and handshake. We were then dismissed by Rev. B. F. McNeeley.

Saturday Afternoon

At 2:00 p. m. we were called together by singing and prayer by Bro.

Harpoolle after which the moderator took charge and proceeded with business.

At 3:00 p. m. Rev. J. N. Allen delivered an address on the subject of "The Pastor's Responsibility to the Church." To this subject Rev. Allen certainly did justice.

At 3:30 p. m. Rev. Charles R. Porter delivered an address on the following subject, "The Church's Responsibility to the Pastor and Community."

This subject was also given justice.

Motion made and carried that the clerk have the Yearly Meeting Minutes printed and an order drawn on the treasurer for the money to pay for same.

We then had a special song from two small girls from Cub Prairie church. We then received the following report from committee on ministers' standing.

We your committee recommend that cards be granted to the following ministers:

J. N. Allen.
A. D. Clinton.

W. R. Spurlock.
W. M. Jones.
J. C. Doering.
C. A. Curry.
J. E. Marks.
W. R. Burton.
J. W. Lawson.
J. R. Adams.
B. F. McNeeley.
I. C. Ladd.
Hosea Smith.
R. T. Hamilton.
Joe Austin.
C. E. Lovrey.
William Luster.
Scott Harris.
B. B. Esmond.
C. A. McBride.
C. E. Kates
Chas. R. Porter.
Newt Roberts.
J. L. Cross.
B. L. Merkle.
A. E. Buntin.
Moody Clarida.

This report was received and committee discharged. The closing resolutions were then read. We then adjourned until 7:00 p. m.

Saturday Evening Session

At 7:00 p. m. the service was opened with singing of song by congregation and prayer by Bros. B. F. McNeeley and Rev. Charles R. Porter. We were then favored by a special song by two little girls and a solo by Mrs. Nina Hale. Rev. C. A. Curry preached to a large crowd using for his subject, "The Will of God." The Christians were then called around the altar and we had a wonderful prayer service.

We then had a friendly handshake and were dismissed by Bro. Charles Getting.

Sunday Morning Session

At 10 o'clock the people were called together by singing and prayer by Sister Sarah Cook. Then Rev. C. A. Curry led a praise service of the old-fashioned type, after which we listened to a wonderful sermon by Rev. Moody Clarida. Then Rev. J. N. Allen took charge, taking the lead in administering the Lord's Supper to a very large crowd. We were then dismissed by Rev. J. R. Adams.

Sunday Afternoon Session

At 3:00 o'clock p. m. the congregation was called together by singing and prayer by Rev. Charles R. Porter. We were then favored by a special song by Sister Amos Spurlock. Then Rev. A. E. Buntin preached a memorial sermon.

Then after shaking hands, we were dismissed by Rev. A. D. Clinton.

Sunday Evening Session

At 7:30 o'clock we had a sermon by Rev. Charles R. Porter, which was enjoyed by all. We were then dismissed and went away feeling it was one of the best yearly meetings we ever had.

Yearly A. CURRY,
~~Quarterly~~ Meeting Clerk.
Thompsonville, Illinois.