

The eighth Annual Conference
of the Southern Illinois Free
Will Baptists, held at
McC. Kenzie Chapel Church,
Williamson County, Illinois,
Sept 7-11, 1927.

Ministers Institute Sept 7, 1927
4:30 P.M. Service opened by Song
by Congregation and Prayer
by Bro. J. E. Gullege. After
which Rev. C. H. Curry was
unanimously elected to
preach in the absence
of Rev. M. Charida. Rev.
Curry then taken Charge
and brought the Message
to a very attentive Congregation.
He was then led in
prayer by Rev. A. E. Buntin.
Was then dismissed by
Rev. B. J. McNeely.

Thursday Morning Sept 8, 1927
8:30 A.M. The opened the
Service by singing and
Rev. J. C. Ladd led a
Devotional Service. The
Clerk then taken Charge
and a Quorum being
present we proceeded
with business.
Nominations being opened
for Moderator Rev. A. E. Buntin
and Rev. J. M. Allen was
nominated. Rev. Buntin
was finally elected.

The Moderator then taken charge. Rev. W. M. Jones not being present. Rev. B. J. McNeely was appointed to deliver the welcome address. Rev. W. J. McNeely then delivered the address of welcome. The Clerk then read the minute of the last session. The Moderator then appointed Rev. J. N. Allen, J. E. Marks and Rev. I. C. Hadd as Committee on business.

The business Committee made the following report:
 What can we do to bring about a more closer union between our ministers and churches and stimulate them to a greater activity and interest, with sacrifice for the cause.

~~J. N. Allen
 J. E. Marks
 I. C. Hadd~~

Resolved that the Ministers of the Yearly Meeting organize themselves into a mutual benefit association for the benefit of the ministers. We recommend that the ministers discuss this resolution thoroughly, and take

Action on Same.

J. N. Allen
J. E. Marke
D. C. Ladd

Motion was then made that the report be accepted and the Committee released. Motion Carried.

11:00 A.M. The Congregation was brought together by singing that good old hymn, "Pass me not oh gentle Saviour" and Prayer by Bro. Hamilton. Rev. A. E. Buntin then read the first Chapter of James for a scripture lesson. He was then favored with a special song by Bro. Coffey and Sister Cushman from White Ash. Bro. Buntin then brought a very forcible sermon, using for the text James 1-12. He was then dismissed by Rev. C. E. Bates.

2:00 P.M. The people came together ~~for~~ by singing. Rev. J. N. Allen then read Acts II and conducted a devotional service.

2:15 P.M. The first topic

was read and discussed by Rev. J. E. Marks, C. P. Curry, A. E. Buntin and others. The second topic or resolution read and discussed. Motion made and Carried that Rev. W. M. White's name be stricken from our lists of ministers, because he has gone to another denomination. Rev. C. E. Cates then taken charge and after singing he delivered an address on the following subject:

What plan or method can be used in the bringing about salvation of souls? Upon this subject Bro. Cates sure did justice. Then after an old fashioned hand shake we were dismissed by Rev. B. F. M. Medley 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator appointed Committee on Ministers Standing. The Committee appointed was J. N. Allen, C. E. Cates, J. J. Childers. The Committee made the following report:

That your Committee recommended that the following ministers be granted a Card of Ministers Standing.

J. M. Allen	.	.	x	
G. D. Clinton	.	v		
W. R. Spurlock	.			
W. M. Jones	.			
W. R. Smart	.			
Pete Williams	.			
C. E. Goering	.			
C. G. Curry	.	x		
J. E. Marks	.			
W. A. Burton	.	x		
John Lawson	.	x		
J. R. Adams	.			
W. H. Shackley	.			
B. J. McNeely	.	x		
J. C. Ladd	.			
Nosea Smith	.	x		
C. E. Lowery	.			
R. J. Hamilton	.			
J. Austin	.			
William Fuster	.			
Jesse Childers	.			
Scott Harris	.			
B. D. Esmond	.			
C. G. Mc Bride	.	x		
C. E. Cates	.	x	x	
Chas. R. Porter	.	x	x	
D. L. Cross	.			
B. J. Merkle	.			
A. E. Buntin	.	x	x	

Committee { J. M. Allen
 { J. E. Cates
 { J. J. Childers
 (over)

Motion made and Carried that the report be accepted as read and the Committee released. The moderator then appointed a Committee to set the time and place where we shall meet to organize the Ministers Mutual Benefit Association. The Committee appointed was Rev J. N. Allen, C. A. Curry and C. E. Cates. A motion was then made and Carried that we stand Adjourned until our next yearly institute.

Yearly Meeting

Thursday evening Sept 8, 7:30 P.M.
 We were Called together with Song by Congregation and prayer by Rev. J. J. Childers. Rev. A. E. Buntin then sang a special song. After which Rev. H. H. Schakley read a scripture lesson and Rev. C. A. Curry offered prayer. Then Rev. Schakley preached to a large Congregation. We were then dismissed by Rev. J. N. Allen.

Friday Morning Session
Sept 9, 1924 8:30 A.M.

We were called together by
singing that good old song
"Amazing Grace" and after
prayer by Rev. H. M. Jones
and Rev. H. E. Cates, the
Clerk then taken Charge
~~and proceeded with business~~
and proceeded to organize.
Nominations was then
open for Moderator. Rev.
J. M. Allen, Rev. H. M. Jones
and Rev. A. E. Bunting was
nominated. Rev. H. M. Jones
was duly elected. The
Moderator then taken Charge.
The Clerk then read
the Minutes of the last
Yearly Meeting. The roll
of ministers was then
called. The following
Ministers being Present:

J. M. Allen
H. M. Jones
J. A. Curry
J. E. Marks
H. H. Schokley
B. H. M. Welley
L. C. Ladd
William Luster
J. J. Childers
H. E. Cates
Charles R. Porter
A. E. Bunting

The Moderator then appointed

The following Committee:

1. Committee on resolution.
Rev. J. M. Allen, Rev. B. F. M^r. Nealey
and Rev. J. E. Marks
2. Committee on supplying pulpit.
Bro. Sanders, Bro. Arnold,
Bro. James Lantaman.

3. Committee on Business
Rev. Chas. R. Parter, Rev. H. E.
Buntin, Rev. J. J. Childers
He then had the reading
of the letter from the
Franklin County A. M. and
letter from Freedom A. M.
Motion made that the
letters be accepted as
read and the delegates
seated. Motion Carried
Committee on "By-laws and
Constitution", made report
report was accepted
and Committee retained.
Partial report from
Business Committee received
and accepted. Following
is the topics from
Business Committee.

1st That the Yearly Meeting
Consider Sending delegates
to the Missouri State
Association, to discuss
plans for Consolidation
2nd That our Yearly Clerk
place on the records of

Chicago Ministerial Clergy
 Bureau, all the names of
 our ordained ministers
 First topic was read
 and discussed by Rev.
 Chas. R. Porter, A. E. Bunting
 J. J. Childers and others
 Pulpit Committee makes
 partial report, and
 recommend that Rev.
 N. R. Spurlock and Rev. A. D.
 Clinton preach at 11:00 o'clock
 We then adjourn business
 until 2 P.M.

11:00 A.M. We were called
 together by singing, followed
 with prayer by Rev. A. E. Bunting
 Then we were favored
 by a special selection
 by the White Ash Quartet
 After which N. R. Spurlock
 brought a great message
 from 2nd Timothy 2-24 and
 then Rev. A. D. Clinton
 sang one of his old fashioned
 soul stirring songs. Then
 having a good friendly
 hand shake we were
 then dismissed by
 Rev. A. E. Bunting
 Friday 2 P.M. Rev. J. J.
 Childers led in a wonderful
 praise service after
 which Moderator to be in
 charge Rev. J. C. Ladd was
 then elected as yearly

the Second Chapter of St. Just John

P. 15 Business

Committee Appointed on ministerial Standing D. A. M. E. Bridge L. E. M. E. Kenzie, James Fantum Motion made and Carried that delegation be elected to go to the Missouri State Association. Those selected was:

Bro. Burton, Buntin and N. M. Jones, and A. E. Marks Clerk then made his reports

Balance on hand last y. m. \$8.60 Collected from Churches \$70.00 Making a total of \$78.60 Paid to Treasurer \$8.60 For Minutes 10.34

3.00 For printing Programs

3.30 Stationery and Stamps

\$25.24 Total Paid out \$53.33 Leaving Balance on hand

Motion made and Carried that report be accepted as read.

Motion made that the Clerk draw order on the treasure for his Money \$20. Motion Carried.

11 A.M. We were called together by singing by Congregation and Prayer by Bro. M. E. Carmick. Then we was favored by Special

Song by White Ash Choir
 Then Rev. J. V. Smith brought
 the Message from the
 2nd Chapter of John. He then
 had an old fashioned hand
 shake and stood adjourned
 until 2 P.M.

2. P.M. We were called together
 with Special Song by
 the White Ash Choir
 Rev. C. A. M^c. Bridges then
 read the 23rd Psalm
 and Bro. Bob Taylor led in
 prayer. Rev. W. R. Burton
 then delivered an address
 on the following subject
 "What is the individual
 and collective need of
 our Church" for the
 bringing about the salvation
 of souls. He then had
 the reading of the pastors
 report. Committee on
 ministers standing gave
 the following report:
 That Cords of standing
 he granted the following
 ministers

J. M. Allen
 A. D. Clinton
 H. R. Spurlock
 W. M. Jones
 H. G. Smart
 Pete Williams
 J. C. Deering
 C. A. Curry

J. E. Marks
 J. R. Burton
 John Lawson
 R. R. Adams
 W. H. Shockley
 B. H. M^{rs}. Neely
 J. C. Ladd
 Hosea Smith
 C. E. Lowery
 R. T. Hamilton
 J. Austin
 William Hunter
 Jesse Childers
 Scott Harris
 B. D. Eason
 C. A. M^{rs}. Brice
 C. E. Cates
 C. R. Porter
 J. L. Cross
 B. L. Merrell
 A. E. Buntin

motion made report
 he accepted and committee
 released motion carried
 motion made and carried
 that the clerk draw an
 order on the treasure for
 to pay the expense of
 the delegates to the Missouri
 Conference motion
 made that we frame
 resolutions of thanks
 to the officers W. Williamson
 and Franklin C. that we
 as Free Will Baptist people
 are with them and for them

in the enforcement of the law.

4 P.M. Congregation was called together by singing and Prayer by Rev. C. A. Curry after which Rev. J. P. Burton delivered a wonderful Message and after a good Altar Service and one soul being saved. We had the closing resolutions which are as follows:

The Committee on closing resolutions wish to thank the people of this Community and hospitality shown the Ministers and delegates during this Conference of the Southern Old Free Will Baptist. We also extend our thanks to the White Ashes Choir for their singing and the little girl for her beautiful reading. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon the members of

M^{rs} Jennie Chapel Church,
 Committee { J. P. Burton
 C. A. Curry
 C. A. McRidley

Our Conference was then adjourned until our next regular Session, Sunday

Sunday
Morning Service

9:30 A.M. Praise Service
10:45 A.M. Sermon by Rev. M. Clarity
followed by the Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper.

M. M. Jones Moderator
C. A. Currier
M. M. Clerk
