

Sept. 4, 1935.

The Southern Ills. Ministers Conference met with Busby Chapel Freeville Baptist Church Johnston Co. Ills. on Wednesday night with a real good crowd services began prompt as programmed 7-30

Bro. Burton being absent Bro. James File was chosen and gave a real good message.

Saturday morning session began prompt as programmed.

W. E. Gullidge the ex Clerk served pro tem. and proceeded to the organization resulting in the electing Rev. Lepton Harpole Mod. for this present session.

The ministers to begin with are the following. W. M. Jones, Pete Williams, Austin Berry, Bro. Clark, Rosa V. Smith, James File, William Bush, Elsie Curtis, Lepton Harpole, Marsh Harpole, J. C. Marks, J. J. Chidless, a song sung and a prayer by Bro. James Crisot. Scripture lesson read from St. John's Gospel prayer by Bro. James File.

Bro. Harpole taken charge and after a few preliminaries by him proceeded to the Bus. of the Ministers Conference so minute of the last Ministers Conference was read and approved at present reading. first in order was an investigating Com. so motion + see and full vote that they be chosen so they chosen as follows Rev. W. M. Jones, Rev. Rosa V. Smith and Rev. James File.

at this time a very warm discussion ensued (yet a very good spirit) in regard to the legality of our Freewill Baptist Ministers Transacting Business in other Denominations or Other Ministers from other Denominations doing the same in our Churches.

at this time Bro. Pat Lacey was chosen to preach at 11 o'clock in Rev. C. A. Curry's place as progranned.

Motion + see to adjourn Benediction led by Bro. William Buster.

Thursday Evening began prompt. Bro. Harpole mod. prekegt. Bro. William Buster led Devotional Service in the absence of Bro. Yadd, + Houston Curry.) by reading a scripture lesson from Hebrews. prayer by Bro. William Buster.

Mod. taken charge and called for Bus. so report of the investigating was in order so they reported that the following Ministers character be investigated as follows Jess Hamilton Henry Shockley and E. P. Jenkins so a great deal was said concerning same and a final decision was to refer it back to the Harpole Bros. Marsh & Lepton which had been previously appointed. at this time Rev. Hosea V. Smith taken charge and gave an excellent address on the subject.

"What my church owes me"
Roll call and those Ministers which has been named answered to the roll call.

The finishing up of the Minister Com.
was the report of Investigating Committee
that all of the rest of our Bro. Ministers
be given cards of standing provided
they comply with article fifteen of
our By Laws

signed

W. M. Jones

James Pitt
HoSEA N. Smith Com.

This closed a very good attendance
and a real good interest in
the work by those present.

Rev. Lepton Harpole

W.E. Gulledge
Mod
acting Clerk.

The Southern Ill. yearly Freewill Baptist Conference met with Busbee Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Johnston County Ill., on Thursday night Sept. 5th 1935 at 7-30

A very interesting message was given by our beloved Bro. J. J. Childers.

Friday morning session began promptly as I programmed with singing and reading 117 Psalm by Rev. William Bustle & Prayer by him also an excellent Elevation by him.

at this time the organization was the Bus. of the group, so nominations was in order so Rev. W. M. Jones was Duly elected Mod. for the present session. next in order was the electing of a yearly Clerk so W.E. Gullidge was nominated and Duly elected.

A few remarks was made by the Mod in regard to those that had been placed on the programme failing to be present and decided it would be business like to appoint a com. to supply vacancies so they were appointed as follows Bros. W. F. W. Overstreet, John Collier, Tom Hall. on a resolution Com. Bros. Hosea V. Smith J. J. Childers and Walter Clark, investigating Com. Bros James Tiki, J. C. Ladd, Houston Curry, Memorial Com. Bros. William Bustle, Henry Evans, and E. Marks; motion & see that the Memorial Service be changed from Sunday at 2 O'clock to Saturday 3 O'clock. vote taken & carried.

at this time the Church Covenant was read by the Clerk as abbreviation for the Free Will Baptist Discipline. The Franklin Co. Letter was read by their Clerk Bro. Lepton Harpole which was very favorable which was accepted by motion + sec and full vote. Also Freedom L. M. Letter read and accepted as read by motion + sec. and full vote. at this time a Com. was appointed to help audit the Clerks Book consisting of Bro's S. Smith, J. E. Marks and John Collier. Rev. Marsh Harpole was Proclaimed to fill Stand at 11 a. M. so Motion and Sec to adjourn Com. for the present.

Friday Evening session began prompt with Mod. in stand song + Prayer by Bro. John Collier, song Prayer by Bro C. E. Bates. Business called for and Com. reported that was appointed to audit Clerks Book reported that the only way was to clean off the account and start new demanding each church from now on Pay in One Dollar in the place of two. Motion and Sec to except Com's report vote taken and carried with no opposition at this time Rev. Hopkins gave an outline of his work with the Duguidin Orphanage But no definite action was taken for or against same Special Music was rendered at this time by Bros. Lepton Harpole and Bro Summers.

Time being up motion to see to adjourn Conference until time Programmed
 Rev. M. L. Baker preached Friday night at 7-30 as programmed

Sat. Morning Session began Prompt Mod in Stand Song and Lesson read from 4th Chap. of See. Timothy by Rev. James File which taken Bro. Scott Harris Programmed to lead Devotional Led in Prayer by Rev. Jesse Childers.

Bros. Called for and they following Bros appeared the reading of the Ministers Yearly reports as follows.

- Rev John Lacy.
- " M. L. Baker.
- " Eurnal Summers.
- " Wal Hopkins.
- " Lester Lee.
- " L. F. Harpool.
- " William Buster.
- " J. H. Curtis.
- " James File.
- " Hosea S. Smith.
- " G. H. Curry.
- " W. R. Burton.
- " Walter Clark.
- " Elsie M. Curtis
- " W. M. Jones.
- " J. S. Harris.
- " Marsh Harpool.
- " Opal Pauline Hildididal
- " J. E. Marks.

Motion and See to elect a man to Preach the next Memorial

sermon at the yearly Conference

vote taken and carried so Rev. W. R. Burton was nominated and duly elected. Motion and see to table Rev. Hopkins' request for the present vote taken and carried at this time.

Memorial Com. reported that Rev. Hosea V. Smith Preach this present Memorial Sermon at 2 P.M. report received and Com. Discharged Rev. W. R. Ismoleck gave a very inspiring address on the subject "a Model Church" which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

There being no motion & see to dismiss Conference for the present after a few minutes discussion House Came to order with singing and Prayer after which Rev. W. M. Jones filled stand at 11 o'clock as programmed and gave an excellent message followed by an old fashioned hand shake and dismissed till the afternoon.

Sat. Evening began promptly Came to order with singing and Prayer after which Rev. Hosea V. Smith taken charge and gave a very favorable Memorial sermon in memory of the following diseased Rev. W. M. Luster Marion Illa.

" B. F. McVey Goseville ..
Sister Ida Holmes Salem ..

" Pearsona Drennen ..

Bro Walter Webb ..

" Eli Vaughn ..

Bro Dave Downing.

" Thomas Gower.

" John West.

" Ned Sloope.

Sister Mary Hopkins.

Bro. Will Thomas.

" John Locks.

" W. H. Dunbar.

Sister Viola Taylor.

" Grila Ligon.

After sermon a very interesting Praise service was had and surely the power was very forcibly felt as a result so services came to a dissolution.

Sat. night session began prompt

Rev. Rosa V. Smith acting Mod.

Bos. also reading resolution of thanks by Bro. Smith & there being no other Bos. gave way to Sister Elsie Curtis to Preach as programmed which was enjoyed by all present

Rev. W. M. Jones
Mod

W. E. Gullidge

Year Meeting Clerk.