

Southern Ill. Freewill Baptist Ministers Conference
When Convened with Liberty (6 Mile) Church Johnson City
Sept 6 1945.

Opened with song. Prayer by Rev. Schrum
Devotionals by Rev. Schrum. Rev. Wm Buster
elected Moderator, Rev. Malone asst. Mod.

Buss. Comm. Rev. Everett Albright, Rev.
Chas. Osborne & Rev. Houston Curry. Motion &
Sec. that this Comm. be used for examining
Comm. also.

at this time
According to the program ~~at this time~~ were
brief talks and discussions led by
Rev. Scott Harris followed by Rev. Chas.
Osborne, Rev J.M. Smith, Rev. Wm. Buster
& Rev. Jack Edens.

Topic presented by Rev. James Fite &
followed by Rev. Scott Harris & Rev. J.M.
Smith, and others. Dismissed for preaching
hour.

Afternoon Session began prompt
1:30 good singing. Rev. Chas. R. Porter led
Devotionals. Prayer by Rev. Emma Moore
and Rev. Schockley followed by testimonial
service which was enjoyed by all present
Business Hour.

A great deal was said at this time about
reports of Ministers at Ministers Conference
and Yearly Meeting also much about our
Churches hiring Pastors out of the Free-
Will Baptist Organization. Motion & Sec.
that this business Committee be retained to
take care of their power to do (don't know what
Bro Gullledge meant). Carried

Topic according to program opened by
Rev. Chas. Porter.

at this time Clerk W. E. Gullledge asked leave
of absence Motion & Sec to full vote. Mot. & Sec
to adjourn Ministers Conference. Rev. Wm Buster
Moderator W. E. Gullledge Clerk.

Ministers Present at Ministers Conference.

- 1 Rev Bill Buster x
- 2 Rev. Chas. Osborne x
- 3 Rev. Everett Albright x
- 4 Rev. James Fite x
- 5 Rev. Jack Eden x
- 6 Rev. Houston Curry x
- 7 Rev. J. M. Smith x
- 8 Rev. Wallace Malone
- 9 Rev. Scott Harris
- 10 Rev. L. L. Schrum x
- 11 Rev. W. W. Overstreet x
- 12 Rev. Opal M^c Cleven x
- 12 Rev. Jasper Armstrong x
- 14 Rev. W. H. Schockley x
- 15 Rev. Sherman Sullivan x
- 16 Rev. Emma Moore x
- 17 Rev. Chas. R. Porter x
- 18 Rev. W. R. Burton x

The 26th Annual Conference of the Freewill Baptist State Ass'n. (Yearly Meeting) Friday Morning Sept 7 1945 opened with Hymn "Id rather be an old time Christian" & "any where is Home" Prayer by Bro. John Collier.

Asst Clerk opened service and Rev. W. R. Burton duly elected ^{mod.} & proceeded to take office.

Minutes of previous session read by asst clerk. Motion & Sec. that minutes be accepted with this amendment "The names of our trustees be brought up to date on our present minutes, as follows:

Rev. C. A. M^r: Bride, Bro. A. R. Jones, Rev. C. A. Curry, Rev. J. C. Ladd, Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Rev. Chas. R. Porter and Rev. W. R. Burton.

Reading of by laws & Constitution were next before the body.

Moderator appointed Rev. Everett Albright as asst. Moderator. Bus. Committee appointed Rev. Austin Curry, Rev. Wallace Malone, Rev. Marsh Harpole, Rev. Scott Harris & Bro. Edgar Bain.

Motion & Sec. that we be allowed to defer from program, as needed to carry on business. Carried.

Topic "To Whom should our tithes be given?" by Rev. Chas. R. Porter very inspiring and was Spirit led.

Motion & Sec. to adjourn business until 1:30 P.M.

A wonderful Message at the 11:00 O'Clock hour by Rev. Marsh Harpole & one soul saved

Friday P.M. session called into business by Moderator.

Report of trustees from Johnsonville Church ^{J.W.B.} stating they wish to be left on their own.

Motion & sec. that W. R. Burton be paid his expense on the trip. Carried.

A Motion & seconded that the Wayne County Quarterly be severed from our Yearly Conference and be notified of the action. Carried

Rev. Houston Curry gave an inspirational report on the Nat'l. Ass'n. reporting a profitable session and that some needful changes were made in the New treatise as follows: "the phrase "Contained the Word of God" now reads "Are the Word of God" and feet washing was "a privilege and duty" now reads "is a duty".

Motion & sec. to accept report. Carried.

Motion & sec. the Yearly Conference pay Rev. W. R. Burton \$40.00 for his expense to the Nat'l. Ass'n. Carried.

Motion & second for a Vote of "Thanks" to both Rev W. R. Burton and Rev. Houston Curry for their faithfulness and our support to the Nat'l. Ass'n. Carried.

Motion and second that, Trustees of the Yearly be empowered to have the Freedom Quarterly recorded. Carried

Motion & second for reading of Quarterly Meeting letters. Carried

Motion & second to accept the reading. Carried

Motion to elect Minister to preach the introductory sermon to Ministers Conference.

Rev. W. H. Shockley was nominated & duly elected

Motion & second to adjourn Conference until 9:30 Sat. Morning. Carried

Sat Morning Sept 8, 1945 Conference called to order by Essie Moderator. Song "Gethsemane" prayer by Rev. Chas. Osborne. Song "I'll fly away" Individual letters from 2 Churches read.

Motion & second to place Rev. J. M. Smith on business Committee in absence of Bro. Edgar Bain. Carried.

Topic "Judgment of Righteous & Un Righteous when & where?" by Sister Emma Moore, Rev. Wallace Malone, Rev. J. M. Smith & Rev. James Fife

Motion & second the program committee be empowered to fill vacancy on program (absence of Rev. Lepton Harpole) for 11:00 o'clock service. Carried
Choosing Rev. Wm. Buster

Motion & second to adjourn until 1:30 P.M.
Rev. Olan Kersh read from 2nd Peter 2:1-10
Rev. Buster delivered a message from 2nd Peter 2:9 "The Lord knoweth how."

Session opened by singing "Ready" & "I'll fly away"

Ass't. Moderator called Conference into session
Prayer by Rev. Wallace Malone. Song "An Empty Mission"

Rev. C. H. Curry read a short scripture lesson from Hebrews 11:1-11.

Memorial sermon by Rev. W. R. Burton
Very inspiring and filled with the Spirit.

Motion & second to take freewill offering for foreign Mission. Carried. Collection \$55.00
which was given to correct channels to Nat'l. Treas.

Rev. Opal Mc Clarren gave Treasurers report.
Reporting \$62.22 on hand.

Motion & second to accept report. Carried

Business Committee, C. H. Curry, Chas. Osborne & Everett Albright having examined the Ministers reports & find them all worthy & recommend the renewal of their cards

Motion & second to have minutes of this yearly session published. Carried

Motion & second to elect someone to preach introductory Message to Yearly Meeting Carried
Rev. Elbert Hall & Rev. Everett Albright were nominated. Rev. Albright was duly elected.

Auditing Committee composed of James Fite Jake Mc Anally & C. A. Mc Bride make report on Treasurers book finding same correct.

Motion & second to accept report. Carried

Motion & second to elect officers for coming year.

Rev. Tracy W. Dees was nominated for Clerk

and elected by acclamation, Carried
 Sister Lucille Wickite duly elected Treasurer
 Business Committee recommend we appoint
 or elect a Committee for Super annuation board
 to investigate the insurance policies for aged
 Ministers. Committee appoints Rev. J.C. Ketterman
 Jake McAnally, Rev. Wallace Malone, C.H. Curry
 and Arthur Jones.

Report of resolution Committee given & accepted.
 Committee composed of C.H. Curry, Wallace Malone &
 Opal McClarren.

Motion & second to retain program Committee
 Carried. Namely Opal Wells, Emma Moore,
 Floyd Mifflin & Tracy W. Dees replacing W.E. Gullledge.

Motion & second a committee be appointed
 to fill the pulpit. Carried (Programs do not have the
 names of Preachers except introductory sermons)

Motion & second our newly elected clerk send
 W.E. Gullledge a letter of Thanks. Carried.

Motion & second we extend to Sis. Opal McClarren
 a standing vote of thanks. Carried

Motion & second for standing vote of thanks
 to our Moderator of ^{this} Yearly Conference. Carried.

Motion & second we extend to the good Women
 of this Church (Liberty) a standing vote of thanks. Carried.

Motion & second to adjourn Conference until
 8:00 o'clock P.M. Carried

Songs by Choir. Moderator called
 Conference into session.

Motion & second, as all business was well
 taken care of, to adjourn until next Yearly
 Meeting. Carried

W.R. Burton
 Moderator
 Tracy W. Dees
 Clerk

Ministers reported to Yearly Meeting.

- 1 Rev. Lepton Harpole
- 2 Rev. B. A. Merkel
- 3 Rev. Oran Kersh
- 4 Rev. Marsh Harpole
- 5 Rev. W. H. Shockley
- 6 Rev. C. A. Curry
- 7 Rev. W^m. Buster
- 8 Rev. Orley Robinson
- 9 Rev. Jack Ketteman
- 10 Rev. Paul J. Ketteman
- 11 Rev. C. H. Curry
- 12 Rev. Sherman Sullivan
- 13 Rev. Wallace Malone
- 14 Rev. Opal Hittibidal
- 15 Rev. W. R. Burton
- 16 Rev. Emma Moore
- 17 Rev. J. S. Harris
- 18 Rev. Opal E. M^c Clerren
- 19 Rev. Louis S. Schrum
- 20 Rev. Pauline Osborn
- 21 Rev. J. M. Smith
- 22 Rev. Jasper Armstrong
- 23 Rev. James Fite
- 24 Rev. Charles Osborn
- 25 Rev. Chas. R. Porter
- 26 Rev. Everett Albright
- 27 Rev. Albert Hall
- 28 Rev. Tracy W. Dees
- 29 Rev. A. J. Edens
- 30 Rev. Paul Guleer
- 31 Rev. Robert Maddox
- 32 Rev. Jake M^c Anualy
- 33 Rev. C. A. M^c Bide
- 34 Rev. George Wagoner
- 35 Rev. Dewey Merritt
- 36 Rev. Harold Whitell