

Southern Illinois Freewill Baptist Ministerial Conference, when convened with Union Freewill Baptist Church Sept 11, 1947.

Opened with song and prayer by Bro. Chas. Porter, Scripture read by Bro. Claud Childers, Rev. J. M. Smith acting as Moderator pro tem. Rev. Chas. R. Porter nominated for Moderator and was duly elected by acclamation. Rev. C. H. Curry appointed as assistant Moderator. Business Committee appointed, Bro. Wm. Buster, Bro. James Fite and Bro. Claud Childers. Topic Acts 10:14, opened by Rev. C. H. Curry making very interesting talk followed by others. Rev. C. W. Clark nominated and elected to bring the Eleven O'Clock Message.

Moderator called for song and five minute recess before the message. Bro. Clark preached a wonderful message stirring every heart. After a handshake adjournment until 1:30 P.M.

Evening Session opened by singing "Throw out the life line" Prayer by Bro. C. J. Kettelman. Devotional service conducted by Bro. Louis Schrum. Business ^{committee} wish to make recommendation to the Freewill Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois adopt the resolution "Since we believe Compulsory Military training in peace time, contrary to the principles of true Democracy and destructive both Morally and Spiritually.

In that it removes our Youth from the shelter of both home and Church. It also exposes them to unusual temptations in the adolescent period of ~~their~~ their lives. Therefore be it resolved that we go on record as opposed to Compulsory Military training in peace time" Signed Committee Rev. Claud Childers Rev. James Fite and Rev. William Buster. The Resolution being read in Conference. Motion and

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second to accept and adapt the resolution
Vote and carried.

The Topic of the evening Isaiah 43:6
opened with some interesting talks on the
subject. Rev James Fite duly elected to
preach the next Introductory Message.

Rev. Harold Whitsett elected to bring the
~~afternoon~~ (3:00 PM) Message. Bro. Whitsett
preached a wonderful Message. after a
handshake ~~to~~ the conference stands adjourned
until next regular Ministerial Conference.

Those attending Ministerial Conference
Elder Sister Ethel Haffard.

" C. J. Kellerman

" Paul Sulzer.

" W. R. Jones.

" Louis Schrum.

" Willis Huffman.

" C. V. Clark.

" William Buster.

" W. E. Russell.

" Harold Whitsett.

" Charles R. Porter.

" James Fite.

" E. H. Cusick.

" Barney Seales.

" Claude Childers.

" Sherman Sullivan.

" J. M. Smith.

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 The 28th Annual Meeting of "The Freewill Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois", when convened with the Union Freewill Baptist Church of The Freedom Quarterly Sept. 12 1947.

Opened by singing "Standing on the promises" and "Take the Name of Jesus with You". Prayer by Bro. Throgmorton. Song "Saviour Lead Me".

Organization. Motion by Bro. C.H. Curry and seconded by Bro. W^m Buster to elect Bro. W.R. Burton for Moderator. Bro. Burton duly elected by acclamation.

Minutes of Previous meeting read and approved. Moderator appointed Bro. J.W. Throgmorton as Asst. Moderator. Reading of Quarterly Meeting letters and received as rep^d delegates from the various churches present and delegates arriving late to be seated as they arrive. Motion made seconded and carried that the Moderator be empowered to substitute delegates if necessary.

A resolution from the Ministerial Conference was read by clerk: "We, The Business Committee of the Ministers Association of Freewill Baptist Churches of Southern Illinois wish to recommend that the 'The Freewill Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois' adopt the following resolution to be presented to the President of the United States: ~~Resolved~~: "Resolved: Since we believe Compulsory Military training in peace time, contrary to the principles of true Democracy and destructive, both Morally and Spiritually, in that it removes our youth from the shelter of both home and Church. It also exposes them to unusual temptations in the adolescent period of their lives. Therefore be it resolved that we go on record as opposed to Compulsory Military training in peace time." signed Committee Rev. Clard Childers, Rev James Fite Rev William Buster. Motion by Rev Chas P. Porter this a copy of this resolution be sent to both the President of the United States and the State

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Senator duly seconded vote and Carried.

Moderator at this time appoint a business Committee Bro's. Chas R. Porter Chairman, John Willhite, Harry Smith, and Floyd Hartley, also Pulpit Committee Sister Ada Hilliard, Bro. Jim Perkins and Bro. Louis Schram.

Topic "The need of Unity in our Churches today" opened by Bro. Porter very good. Partial report of Pulpit Committee Sister Ethel Haffard to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Delegates from other Churches arrive and are duly seated.

Stating Next Natl.

Assn to be held

at Pocahontas Ark.

Report from the last National Association was given at this time by Sister Opal Hiltbisch making a very good report. Report duly accepted.

Bro. William Buxter made mention the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting is planning a Week school to study the Treatise on Mon Night after 3rd Sunday in Sept. Motion by Bro Buxter the Clerk have the Minutes of this Yearly Conference printed and distributed to the Churches seconded by Bro. J. M. Smith. Carried.

Motion by Bro Buxter to stand adjourned until 1:30 P.M. seconded by Bro Oran Hersh. Carried.

Eleven o'clock service opened with song prayer by Bro. Abel. song "praise Him"

Message by Sister Ethel Haffard was very stirring and surely inspired of the Lord. Sister Haffard based her remarks on ~~her~~ her text "Strive that ye may enter in at the strait Gate" song and handshake. Benediction by Bro Porter.

Afternoon Session opened by singing "He is my Friend" and "Joybells ringing in Your Heart" Prayer by Bro. Carl Rogers Song "I shall know Him" Scripture read from 1st Peter 3:10-17 by Sister Alice Hanna. A special song "The way is growing better every day" was rendered by Sis. Naomi Hogdon good.

Business Opened by reading a recommendation from Business Committee 1st "We recommend an appointment of Five (5) men together with the Moderator to be the Official Board of the Yearly Meeting to be empowered to act on any Church Business in absence of regular session, and in session" Opened by Bro Porter who also made a Motion the Conference adopt the ~~resolution~~ recommendation seconded by Bro Buster (talk by Bro John Willhite (a member of Committee) stating this board would not interfere with the Trustees of the Conference.) Motion Carried. The Moderator duly appointed Bro's. Porter Bunnell, Gullidge, Eden and C. H. Curry.

2nd "What is the individual members responsibility in our every individual Church and in the Yearly Meeting. This is meant as a spiritual responsibility signed Committee Chas. Porter, John Willhite Harry Smith Floyd Hartley. Talks on this recommendation very good. Closing resolution appointed by Moderator. Bro's H. Hale W. Russell & O. Kersh. Auditing Committee appointed also Bro's. C. Curry, C. Rogers and Chas. Shaw. Pulpit Committee made their final report as follows:

Tue Evening Bro. Wm. Buster. Sat. 11:00 Clock Bro. C. H. Curry. Sat. 1:30 Memorial Sermon ^{Bro. W. R. Boston} Sat. Night. Bro Chas. Porter Sun. Morn Bro. C. J. Ketteman and Sun. Night Bro. Lepton Harpole. signed Committee Ada Hilliard, James Perkins, Lewis Shrum.

Motion & Carried the Clerk have 250 copies of the Constitution and by laws of the Yearly Meeting printed. Bro Chas. Porter asked the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting have their Churches recorded in the County Seat as belonging to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois.

Clerk requested each Minister make their annual report or they would not receive their card.

There was given away at this time to the Ladies Auxiliary Program which was very enjoyable. Offering in amount of \$36.40 taken for Auxiliary work.

Next Yearly Conference to be held in the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday after the Second (2nd) Sunday in Sept. 1948.

Bro. Curt Rogers duly nominated and elected to preach the ~~Next~~ Introductory Message to Yearly.

The Present Clerk, Bro. Tracy Waters, and Treasurer Sister Lucille Willhite duly elected.

* Moderator appointed the Program Committee at this time to wit William Buster, Juanita Smith and the Clerk Tracy Waters the Clerk to act as Chairman. Wayne County Quarterly Meeting requested all to attend ~~next~~ their next meeting at Johnsonville Church. Motion carried to adjourn. Sat Night service very enjoyable to all present. Message by Bro. W. R. Buster.

Saturday Morning Sept 13 Session opened with song "Let Him have His Way with Thee". Prayer by Bro. Oran Kersh. Scripture Lesson read from St. John, 15th Chap. Prayer by Bro. C. J. Ketterman. Topic "Does the Church need a Spiritual Tonic?" Opened by Bro. C. J. Ketterman followed by Bro. Willie Huffman, Bro. J. M. Smith also Bro. W. R. Spurlock made a very stirring talk on the topic stating "If man would yield to the Holy Spirit and let Him enter our lives we would not worry about needing a tonic."

Topic Rev. 5:1-5 opened by Bro. C. H. Curry. Motion was made and seconded the Yearly Treasurer be authorized to send to Bro. Crawford at Nashville Tennessee the dues for the National Association. Vote and carried. Motion to adjourn ~~seconded and passed~~ until 1:30 P.M. second & passed.

Eleven o'clock service opened with songs and prayer. ~~Stating~~ Message by Rev. C. H. Curry. Bro. Curry based his theme on the life of Joseph we all got a lesson from the message. After the message we enjoyed an old time handshake.

Afternoon session. Congregational singing. special song by Sister Agnes Rogers "Looking for a City" which everyone enjoyed. Followed by a number by Bro. Paul Sulcer touching our hearts deeply by singing "God is Still on the Throne" by request. number. Prayer by Bro. Marsh Stapale. Scripture read by Bro. C.A. Curry from the 5th Chapter of Matthew. Special song by Bro. Vaughn and daughter "Nath the Old Olive Tree".

Memorial Sermon by a very able speaker the Rev W.R. Burton. Rev. Burton went back to the organization of the Yearly Conference reading the names of the deceased the past year.

Ministers filed their reports with Clerk after which the examining board made their examination of the reports returning them to Clerk for issuing of Ministers cards.

Yearly Treasurer made her annual report Auditing committee examined treasurers books finding them in good shape. Motion and second to receive Treasurers report along with the Auditing Committee's report Voted and Carried. Business Committee made their final report 1st. "We the business Committee recommend that each Minister make their annual report to their quarterly conference or meeting, by letter at the last quarterly conference before the yearly conference, and each quarterly meeting Clerk send same to the yearly Meeting Clerk".

Talk by Bro. John Willhite on recommendation. Motion by Bro Willhite to adapt same seconded vote and carried. 2nd. "We the Business Committee request the Conference allow Rev. Wallace Malone 15 minutes in Sat. afternoon session for his Superannuation report and talk on Missions". signed the comm. request granted. Bro Malone made a good report. His talk on Foreign Missions work should stir every heart that profess to be a Christian.

Bro. C.A. Curry made a Motion that

October be set aside as Mission Month
seconded by Bro. C.J. Ketterman Carried.

Sister Celine Hanna made her report as
Natl. Treasurer.

Bro John Willhite read a letter from the
Natl. Assn. about Illinois ~~attainment~~ to pay into
the National Headquarters at Nashville Tennessee
the amount of \$500.00 Motion & passed to pass the
request for time being. Closing resolution
Committee made their report expressing their
thanks in behalf of the Yearly Conference to the Union
Free Will Baptist Church for their warm hospitality.

also to the Moderator and other officers of the
Conference for their efforts to make the Yearly a success.
Motion by Bro. Wallace Malone the Yearly Clerks
Salary be raised to \$20.00 and the Yearly Treasurers
be raised to \$10.00 second by Bro Oran Kersh Carried.

and Old time handshake with the congregation
singing "Shut in with God" led by Bro & Sis Seeler.

The Conference stands adjourned until next
Yearly Conference in 1948. Done by Order of the
The Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern
Illinois when convened with Union Free Will Baptist
Church Sept 12 & 13 1947

W.R. Burton Moderator
Tracy W. Lees Clerk.

Ministers' Cards issued To: -

Elder H.T. Little	Elder Tracy W. Lees	Elder Sherman Sullivan
" Opal Hiltibidal	" C.N. Curry	" Ethel Hoffard
" Jake McAnelly	" Clay Myers	" Jesse Brooks
" Geo. Waggoner	" Harold Whitell	" John Hiltibidal
" M.R. Jones	" James Fite	" Ella M. Hiltibidal
" Geo. Morgan	" C.J. Ketterman	" Carlos Kersh
" Vernell Clark	" Oran Kersh	" W.R. Spurlock
" Marsh Harpole	" W.E. Russell	" Wallace Malone
" J.M. Smith	" Raymond Boyd	" Jasper Armstrong
" Willie Huffman	" Celine Hanna	" Barney Seales
" L.E. Abel	" Aline Hanna	" Louis Shrum
" Chas. Porter	" Floyd Hartley	" C.A. Curry
" Opal Jeffreys	" Everett Leavis	" Clevey Merritt

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Ministers Cards issued to:
Elder Raymond Pitchford
.. Paul E. Suleer
.. B.A. Merkle
.. C.A. McPride
.. J.S. Harris
.. J.W. Throgmorton
.. William Buster
.. W.R. Burton

The 29th Annual Ministerial Assn. of Free Will Baptist of Sou. Ill. when convened with Hazel Dell Church. Song in Devotions. Prayer by Sister Opal Hiltibidal. Bro. Jack Ketterman selected as Moderator. J.W. Throgmorton appointed as it. Moderator. Business Comm. Willis Huffman C.N. Curry and Edgar Russell. Topic: "What is the Church?" Bro Porter Opened same. Sister Opal Hiltibidal, Bro C.J. Ketterman Bro C.N. Curry and Bro J.W. Throgmorton followed. Topic "Repentance" Opened by Bro Chas. Porter. Bro W. Huffman Sis Emma Moore & Bro C.N. Curry followed. Sis Emma Moore was selected to bring the 11⁰⁰ O'clock Message. Sister Moore delivered very good Message. Adjournment. 1:30 Eve. Session Singing Prayer by Bro. Gibson Solo by Bro. Chas Porter Elevational Reading Romans 6th Chap. by Bro John Hiltibidal followed by Testimony Service Discussion of Deacons Responsibility in the Church Roll Call of Ministers; C.N. Curry, W.R. Burton, J. Eden, W.E. Russell, Curt Rogers, W. Huffman, Pat Fairney, Ethel Hoffer, John Hiltibidal, Ella Mae Hiltibidal, Opal Hiltibidal, L.W. Gibson, J.W. Throgmorton, J. Ketterman L.H. Murphy, Emma Moore, Deacons W.S. Webb and W.E. Gullidge. Thanks extended to Bro Tracy Neer for service as Clerk of Yearly Assn. Closing resolution thanking Church for hospitality. Bro W. Huffman to bring ~~Introductory~~ Introductory Sermon to Ministerial Meeting 1949 adjournment.