

MINUTES
OF THE
29TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
&
YEARLY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

1948

When Convened With
HAZEL DELL CHURCH

PROCEEDINGS

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The 29th Annual Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists of Southern Illinois convened with the Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church September, 1949.

Songs in devotion.

Prayer led by Sis. Opal Hiltibidal.

Bro. C. J. Kettelman selected as Moderator.

Bro. J. W. Throgmorton as Assistant Moderator.

Business Committee appointed: Willie Huffman, C. H. Curry, and W. E. Russell.

Topic, "What is the Church?" Bro. Chas. Porter opened same followed by Sis. Opal Hiltibidal, Bro. C. J. Kettelman, Bro. C. H. Curry, and Bro. J. W. Throgmorton.

Topic, "Repentance", opened by Bro. Chas. Porter followed by Bro. Willie Huffman, Sis. Emma Moore, and Bro. C. H. Curry.

Sis. Emma Moore selected to bring the eleven o'clock message.

Sis. Emma delivered a very good message.

Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

Singing by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. L. Gibson.

Solo by Bro. Chas. Porter.

Devotional reading from Romans 6th chapter by Bro. John Hiltibidal followed by testimony service.

Discussion of deacon's responsibility in the church.

Roll call of ministers present: Elders C. H. Curry, W. R. Burton, A. J. Edens, W. E. Russell, Curt Rogers, Willie Huffman, Pat Lairsey, Ethel Hoffard; John Hiltibidal, Ella Mae Hiltibidal, Opal Hiltibidal, L. D. Gibson, J. W. Throgmorton, C. J. Kettelman, S. L. Murphy, Emma Moore.

Deacons present: W. S. Webb and W. E. Gullledge.

Thanks extended to Bro. Tracy Dees for services as Yearly Clerk of Yearly Ass'n.

Bro. Willie Huffman elected to bring Introductory Sermon to Ministerial Meeting in 1949.

Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

YEARLY ASSOCIATION

The 29th Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Yearly Association of Southern Illinois when convened with the Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church Sept. 9-12, 1948.

Called into session by Yearly Clerk calling for election of Moderator.

Eld. W. R. Burton duly elected by acclamation.

The Moderator took over and appointed Eld. C. H. Curry as Assistant Moderator for this session.

Minutes of the previous Yearly Meeting read by the Clerk and approved.

Letters from Franklin County Quarterly Meeting, Freedom Quarterly Meeting, and the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting were read; also a letter from an individual church.

Delegates were seated from the churches that were represented.

Minutes of Ministerial Conference were read.

Moderator proceeded to appoint committees.

Pulpit Committee: Melvin Robertson of Pittsburgh, Edgar Bain of Webbs Prairie, and Arthur Jones of Union.

Memorial Committee: Hershel Hale of Ina, Ed. Robelard of White Ash, and Tom Hall of Oak Grove.

Closing Resolution Committee: Frank Burton of Rescue, Gilbert Galloway of Hazel Dell, Marie Bunton of Bear Point, Joe Cox of Freedom, and Charles Coursey of Rock Spring Valley.

No Business Committee was appointed as standing Business Committee was appointed at last Yearly Meeting.

Topic, "Why support the National Association Program?"

Opened by Rev. Chas Porter whose remarks were good.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws of Conference.

Prayer by Bro. W. E. Russell.

Partial report of the Pulpit Committee selecting Rev. A. J. Eden to deliver eleven o'clock message Friday, Sept. 10.

Topic, "What is Consecration?"

Opened by Rev. Chas R. Porter followed by Willie

Huffman reading Romans 12:1, Bro. J. W. Throgmorton, and Bro. C. E. Kettelman all talks were good.

Motion by Bro. C. J. Kettelman seconded by Bro. C. H. Curry that the Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois Free Will Baptists admit Rev. A. J. Eden into the Conference with the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Eden comes from the Okla. Yearly Conference.

Motion carried.

Adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Eleven O'clock Service

Service opened with songs and prayer.

Rev. A. J. Eden based his stirring message on the Life of St. Paul and the Power of God. His message moved the entire congregation. One high point in his message was when he said "One old patriarch of the Southern Illinois Free Will Baptists is the Elder Chas. R. Porter. Leaving his home in England to come to the land of opportunities, he thanked his dear mother for showing to him his blessed Saviour. His life now is as the Apostle Paul just before his death. He, too, is pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Noon adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session opened with singing.

Prayer by Sis. Emma Moore.

Devotional by Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal stirring our souls by her remarks on "The Examples of Zaccheus" relating his determination to see Jesus.

Clerk read names of ministers reporting to the Freedom Quarterly Meeting as they were not included in the letter to the Association.

Talks on ministers' renewing their annual cards stating, "Ministers should be very careful to file their Yearly report to be approved by the Examining Board in order to receive their Annual Minister's Card."

Motion by D. E. Bain; seconded by Sis. Emma Moore that the Business Committee be retained another year. (They are: Bro's. Porter, Bunnell, Gullledge, Eden, and C. H. Cury).

Motion carried.

Auditing Committee appointed by the Moderator: Sis. Emma Moore, Bro's. C. J. Kettelman, and George Gulley.

Clerk read invitation from Wayne County Quarterly Meeting to entertain the next Yearly Conference

Conference voted to go to the Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church of the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting in September, 1949.

Bro. C. J. Kettelman made motion the Clerk's salary be raised to \$25.00 and the Treasurer's salary be raised to \$15.00 per year. Second by J. W. Throgmorton. Carried.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave their report to the Conference by Sis. Chesta Clampet of Bear Point Church. She reported she attended the Nat'l. Ass'n. and out of 19 states having Ladies Auxiliaries 11 states reported having Ladies Auxiliaries with a total membership of 2192 members and the state of Illinois is in Group "A". Sis. Clampet also made an individual report for Bear Point and Oak Grove Churches. She also state that the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting has 8 Ladies' Auxiliaries and Freedom County Quarterly Meeting has 1 making a total of 9 churches with auxiliaries.

Sis. Emma Moore reported for the Mt. Vernon Church and also made treasurer's report.

Sis. Eudene Dees reported for the Waltonville Church.

Sis. Emma Moore stated that she had in her possession two books. One written by herself and the other by Rev. Eunice Edwards of Missouri selling for 30c and 40c each respectively.

Bro. Edgar Bain made a motion seconded by Rev. Chas. R. Porter that the minutes of this Yearly Conference be printed and that treasurer be empowered to pay the bill for same. Motion carried.

Conference called upon Bro. Melvin Robertson of Pittsburgh to render a special song at this time which he proceeded to do singing "The Haven of Rest".

Moderator appointed Bro. C. H. Curry of Bear Point, Bro. C. J. Kettelman of Webbs Prairie, and Bro. A. J. Eden of Rescue as Examining and Ordaing Council to wait upon Bro. Floyd Shelton of the Hazel Dell Church for deaconship. The aforementioned council stated that the Ordination Service would be held at Saturday evening Service.

Another partial report of the Pulpit Committee: 11:00 o'clock Saturday, Rev. Marsh Harpole; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Rev. H. T. Little.

Conference adjourned until 7:30.

7:30 P. M.

Evening service opened by congregational singing and prayer.

Rev. Wallace Malone of the Mission Board made a report on missions and brought a good message on missions.

Saturday Morning

Session opened with singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Prayer by Bro. Hiltibidal.

Song, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Scripture reading by Bro. J. W. Throgmorton reading from 1st Psalm.

Led in prayer by Bro. Throgmorton.

Special song by Bro. Melvin Robertson, After, enjoyed by all.

Minutes of previous day's business read and approved.

Report of Ordaining and Examining Council: "We examined Bro. Floyd Shelton for deacon of Hazel Dell Church and find him worthy and recommend that he be ordained at this Yearly Meeting" signed committee: Jack Eden, C. J. Kettelman, and C. H. Curry.

Motion by Bro. Chas. R. Porter business be suspended for time being and we have talk by Sis. Opal Hiltibidal on "Missionary Thoughts" seconded by Bro. W. E. Russell. Motion carried.

Sis. Opal's talk was very good.

The Clerk, Rev. Tracy W. Dees, tendered his resignation. Motion by Rev. Chas. R. Porter seconded by Rev. W. R. Spurlock. Motion carried.

Business Committee made report at this time.

"We, the Business Committee wish to recommend that the said Business Committee be given the power of final authority on such action as are deemed necessary in the scope of their field of authority. This makes whatever action they may deem necessary legal. It is further recommended that this committee be a permanent body. Each member would thus go out of office on resignation, death, or by request of the Yearly Meeting. That they be empowered to act at any time during the year thus speeding the work of the committee in a way pleasing to God." Signed committee: Chas. R. Porter, W. E. Gullledge, C. H. Curry, A. J. Edens.

Various talks on recommendations. Objections raised by Rev. Lepton Harpole and Rev. W. R. Spurlock.

Motion by Rev. Chas. R. Porter to adopt the recommendation. Vote taken. For the motion 16; against 14.

Nomination for someone to bring the Introductory Message at next Yearly Meeting. Rev. A. J. Eden duly elected.

Bro. C. H. Crrry made a report on action at the Conference of Treatise Revision. He also stated his opinion of the action taken by the Business Committee.

Bro. A. J. Eden made report on the Sunday School Alliance.

Bro. Eden stated he had made many trips to acquire steel for structure saying the steel cost \$2060.00 delivered to Benton, Ill.

Bro. Eden along with Bro. Curry stated his stand on actions of the Business Committee saying "I will not serve on a Committee that cannot have more majority than 16 for and 14 against."

Bro. Chas. R. Porter made a talk on the Business Committee. "And as chairman of the Business Committee, I stand for God and for what He stands, and I will so long as I live, and further, I stand here as never signing anything but recommendations that I think are right."

Others made talks on Business Committee actions.

Adjourned.

Eleven O'clock Service

Service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Lip-ton Harpole.

Rev. Marsh Harpole based his message on the 7 vials, 7 trumpets and the 7 seals spoken of in Revelations. He also used scriptures from Daniel, Nahum, and Nehemiah.

Closed with an altar call and handshake.

Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session opened by congregational singing, Draw Me Nearer, and Whosoever Meaneth Me.

"We, the Pulpit Committee select Rev. Paul Sulcer for Sunday evening 7:30 and Rev. George Waggoner for 11:00 o'clock." Signed committee: Melvin Robertson, A. R. Jones, and D. E. Bain. Final report.

Motion by C. J. Kettelman to accept report and release committee, seconded by Bro. H. T. Little, carried.

Memorial Committee made their report. "Eleven deaths in Freedom Quarterly and following names handed in: Sis. Maud Girth, Bro. Will Cushman, and Sis. Syrilda Wynn of White Ash; Bro. Walter Midget of Pittsburgh; Bro. Harlton Bobbitt, Sis. Lizzie Frizzel, and Bro. James Scott of Bakerville; Bro. George Ganes, Sis. Sarah Johnston, and Sis. Bertha Cockrum of Hazel Dell." Signed committee: Tom Hall, Ed Robelard, Hershel Hale.

Motion by Rev. Marsh Harpole seconded by Bro. H. T. Little to accept report and release the committee. Carried.

A report from the Freedom Quarterly Meeting on action taken on Rev. Everett Albright as follows: "We, the undersigned Business Committee of Southern Ill. Free Will Baptist Yearly Ass'n., after hearing the case of Rev. Everett Albright concerning how, after he realized he had violated his covenant and the law of the church, he turned his ministerial papers in to the regular meeting convening at Herrin, Ill. The regular meeting convening at this time, Nov. 28-30, 1947, did by a majority accept said ministerial papers. We, the Business Committee, after due examination, sustain the Quarterly Meeting action, believing said papers to be legally surrendered and becoming null and void. We further agree any action above Quarterly Meeting is illegal. We so agree." W. E. Gullledge, C. H. Curry, A. J. Eden, Chas. R. Porter, W. R. Burton.

Discussion by conference.

Motion by committee to accept. Carried.

Auditing Committee made report and treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report:

From Sept. 1, 1947 to Sept. 1, 1948.

Received—

Sept. 4-47 Ina C.	\$ 4.00
Sept. 12-47 Wayne Co. 3	12.00
Sept. 12-47 Franklin Co. 10	40.00
Sept. 13-47 Franklin Co. 8	34.00
Oct. 1-47 Alexandria C.	4.00
Aug. 14-48 Freedom Q. 13	52.00
Total received	\$146.00

Paid out—

Sept. 13-47 Clerk's salary	\$ 20.00
Sept. 13-47 Treasurer's salary	10.00
Sept. 15-47 Nat'l. dues	10.00

Sept. 15-47 300 Programs	16.75
Sept. 15-47 Money order & stamps	.30
Nov. 23-47 Gem- 500 Minutes & 250 Constitution & By-Laws	20.00
Nov. 23-47 Money order & stamps	.18
July 8-48 Dues to Nat'l. Conference	10.00
July 8-48 Stamps, Money order	.15
Total paid out	\$ 87.38
Amt. in Treas. Sept. 1-47	\$101.33
Amt. received (Sept. 1-47 to Sept. 1-48)	\$146.00
Total	\$247.33
Paid out	\$ 87.38
Amt. in Treas. Sept 1-48	\$159.95

Lucille Willhite, Treas.

Auditing Committee approves books Committee: C. J. Kettelman, Emma Moore.

Motion carried to accept report. and to accept the Treasurer's report.

Election of Yearly Clerk now in order and Sis. Irene Sullivan of Valter, Ill. duly elected.

Election of Yearly Treasurer. Bro. Henry Britton of Whittington, Ill. duly elected.

Moderator appointed the Program Committee and on recommendation proceeded to retain old committee with the exception of Clerk, Rev. Tracy W. Dees, which is now Irene Sullivan, as chairman. Committee: Irene Sullivan, Bro. Wm. Buster, and Juanita Smith.

Conference gave the Clerk, T. W. Dees a free will offering in amount of \$16.00.

Memorial Sermon by Rev. Chas. R. Porter. Very stirring and inspirational.

Ministers' cards received and distributed.

Closing Resolution Committee made their report: "We, the Closing Resolution Committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation for their kindness and warm friendship shown throughout this meeting; also we wish to thank the Moderator and all concerned in making this meeting a success. May the Lord richly bless this church." Signed committee: Frank Burton, Gilbert Galloway, Marie Bunton, Joe Cox, Charles Coursey.

Motion by Bro. Paul Sulcer, seconded by Rev. J. W. Throgmorton, to accept report and release the committee. Carried.

After handshake and song we stand adjourned.

Ministers' Cards Issued As Follows:

Elder's:

W. R. Burton
Chas. R. Porter
C. A. Curry
James Tite
B. A. Merkel
Arlie Robinson
Opal Hiltibidal
Marsh Harpole
C. J. Kettelman
L. E. Abel
Wallace Malone
Raymond Pitchford
Harlan Street
Barney Searles
Earnest Pearson
Dewey Merritt
Jasper Armstrong
Wm. Smothers
Charles Osborne
Henery Schockley
Emma Moore
Alene Hanna
Floyd Hartley
J. S. Harris
Ethel Haffard
J. T. Johnston
Claude Childers
Vernell Clark
H. T. Little
J. O. Travelstead
Ira Harris
Gazell Murphy
Ellamae HiltiBidal

W. R. Spurlock
A. J. Eden
C. H. Curry
Wm. Buster
C. A. McBride
Hosea Smith
James Smith
Lepton Harpole
T. R. Jones
Cloy Myers
Oran Kersh
Paul Sulcer
Dorsey Braden
George Morgan
John Hiltibidal
Sherman Sullivan
Opal Wells
M. L. Baker
Pauline Osborne
George Waggoner
Carlos Kersh
Louie Hanna
Donald Edwards
W. E. Russell
Opal Jeffreys
Lee Davis
Louis Shrum
Willie Huffman
J. W. Throgmorton
Raymond Boyd
Curt Rogers
L. D. Gibson

