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MINUTES

OF THE
32ND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
AND
YEARLY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

— 1951 —

When Convened With
F. W. B. TABERNACLE
BENTON, ILLINOIS

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.

Business

1. Church Organize according to National Associations
2. Members of Church who have been sprinkled only Come in if new Church Comes in.
3. Ministers' Cards.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 32nd Annual Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists of Southern Illinois when convened with the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle at West City, Benton, Illinois in June, 1951.

Song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

Scripture reading by Rev. Lee LeVault.

Prayer by Rev. Laverne Miley.

Song, "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Reading of minutes and approval of same.

The moderator, Bro. Wm. Buster took charge for election of moderator for this session. Rev. H. T. Little nominated.

Motion made by Bro. George Morgan and seconded by Bro. C. H. Curry that nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Vote was then taken and Bro. Little elected. Bro. Little then appointed Bro. Wallace Malone as assistant moderator.

Business committee then appointed: C. H. Curry, Bro. Huffman and Bro. Melvin Robertson.

Rev. Laverne Miley selected to bring 11:00 o'clock sermon and elected by acclamation.

Topic, "What do we owe the young minister and what do they owe the church?" opened by Bro. Charles R. Porter followed by Bro. Buster, Little, Lepton Harpole and others.

Topic, "What qualifications does the Lord require of a minister?" opened by Bro. Wm. Buster followed by Bro. Shockley, Little, Porter and others.

Motion made by Bro. C. H. Curry and seconded by Bro. Smith to bring the morning topics up in the afternoon if we have time. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Bro. C. H. Curry that we adjourn business for the 11:00 o'clock service.

Sermon by Bro. Laverne Miley based on Matthew 22: 42 "What think ye of Christ?" This was a very inspiring message. Adjourned.

1:30 P.M.

Singing by congregation, "Stepping In The Light," and "Send the Light."

Prayer by Rev. Vernell Clark.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

In the absence of the moderator the assistant moderator took over and appointed Wm. Buster to take his place.

Song, "For He is So Precious to Me."

Devotional reading, Hebrews 4th chapter by Rev. Vernell Clark.

Prayer by Bro. Willie Huffman.

Discussions made along the line of "What can be done to clean up our churches" by Bro. Malone, Porter, Lepton Harpole, Wm. Buster and others.

Roll call of ministers present: Elders Sherman Sullivan, Henry Shockley, Louie Hanna, Alene Hanna, Chas. R. Porter, Wallace Malone, Wm. Buster, C. H. Curry, Opal Hiltibidal, Lee LeVault, Lepton Harpole, George Morgan, Hosea V. Smith, H. T. Little, Willie Huffman, Vernell Clark, Pearl Perriman, Geraldine Lewis, Harold Whitsell and Lester Breeze.

No deacons present.

Nominations for some one to bring the Introductory sermon for 1952 Ministerial Conference. Bro. Lester Breeze nominated. Motion made by Bro. LeVault and seconded by Bro. H. V. Smith that we declare nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Bro. Breeze elected.

Topic, "The difference between the gift of the Holy Spirit and our receiving Him" opened by Bro. LeVault followed by Laverne Miley, C. H. Curry and others.

Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE YEARLY ASSOCIATION

The 32nd Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Association of Southern Illinois when convened with the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle at West City, Benton, Illinois June 6-10, 1951.

Songs, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," and "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer by Bro. C. A. Curry. *Does*

Song, "Stepping In the Light,"
"A Child of the King"

Wallace — elected

In the absence of the moderator we elected a moderator pro tem. Bro. Hosea Smith was nominated. Bro. C. H. Curry made a motion and seconded by Bro. Vernell Clark that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried and vote taken making Bro. Hosea Smith duly elected moderator pro tem.

Minutes of last session read by clerk, Motion by Bro. Wm. Buster and seconded by Bro. LeVault that minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Quarterly letters were then read. Motion made by Bro. Wm. Buster and seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone that quarterly letters be accepted and delegates seated, with the exception of Bro. Wallace Malone's name be changed to Bear Point Church instead of Oak Grove. Co. Motion carried.

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Nominations for moderator called for. Bro. Vernell Clark and W. R. Spurlock were nominated. Motion made by Bro. Jasper Armstrong and seconded by Bro. Henry Taylor that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. Motion carried. The vote was taken which resulted in a tie. The moderator untied the votes by voting for Bro. Vernell Clark making him duly elected. He was then voted in unanimously.

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The moderator then took charge and asked Bro. Wallace Malone to read our church covenant.

Song, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Prayer by Bro. W. R. Spurlock.

The moderator then duly appointed Bro. Wm. Buster as assistant moderator for this session.

Moderator proceeded to appoint committees. Pulpit committee: Sis. Light from Franklin County, Henry Taylor from Franklin County and Muriel Vaughn from Wayne County quarterlies.

Sis Brook
Bro. Brou
Bresley

Memorial Committee: Joe Cox, Freedom; Iva Brooker, Wayne; and Norman Curry from Franklin County quarterlies.

Closing Resolutions Committee: Lee LeVault, Franklin; Ed Gullledge, Freedom, and C. H. Curry of Franklin County quarterlies.

Bro. Bruce

Business Committee: W. R. Spurlock, Jasper Armstrong and H. V. Smith, all of Franklin County quarterly.

Geo. W.
Presman
Samuel

Partial report from Pulpit Committee selecting Rev. Jasper Armstrong for 11:00 o'clock.

No report from National Association given as our

Yearly had been changed from September to June making the report given last year.

Motion made by Bro. Hosea Smith and seconded by Bro. Jasper Armstrong that topics be carried over until afternoon. Motion carried.

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

Eleven O'Clock

Service opened, by singing and prayer. Bro. Armstrong preached from a portion of scripture found in II Corinthians and the second chapter. This was a very inspiring message.

Afternoon—1:30 O'Clock

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. W. R. Burton.

Scripture reading by Bro. Vernell Clark.

Prayer by Bro. Harry Hughes.

Discussion: "Is feet washing, if practiced, a benefit to the Spiritual growth of the church," opened by Bro. Wm. Buster, followed by Lee LeVault and others.

Report of Ladies' Auxiliary given by Sis. Geraldine Lewis. She reported nine Auxiliaries in our Yearly Meeting, with a membership of 109 members. They have 54 tithers. They spent \$780.28 to exalt Christ through the different channels of their work.

One of their members has been very efficient the past year. She had taught one Bible class for women each week. Taught in two Vacation Bible Schools. Made visits to the county jail, Blind Women's Home, hospitals, and in the homes. She had won eight for Christ through her efforts.

Sis. Geraldine Lewis also gave the District Treasurer's report. The report consisted of: Foreign Missions, \$418.32; Home Missions, \$119.78; Orphanage, \$324.86; Bible School, \$155.37; Superannuation, \$80.80; Special Offerings, \$82.00; Tabernacle, \$50.19; and dues, \$22.70, making a total of \$1,252.02 spent from April, 1950—1951.

Superannuation report then given by Bro. Wallace Malone. They now have a balance of \$285.96 in treasury.

Ministers cards were renewed and distributed.

Song by Bro. Paul Sulcer, "What Has He Done for You?"

Nominations in order for someone to preach the Introductory Sermon for the Yearly proper of 1952. Rev.

Wallace Malone duly elected. This Yearly will be held in Wayne County at the Blue Point Church.

Motion was made and carried that we proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Irene Sullivan was re-elected by acclamation.

Henry Britton was re-elected Yearly Treasurer by acclamation.

Motion made by Bro. Hosea Smith and seconded by Bro. Burton that the Clerk be paid \$35.00 this year and the ensuing year. Motion carried. *Treasurer paid*

This made the Yearly Clerk and Treasurer each responsible for their own postage.

Topic, "Why do we believe that Immersion is the correct method of baptism?" opened by Bro. Marsh Harpole and followed by Bro. W. R. Spurlock.

A Program Committee was then appointed by the chair for next year's Yearly program. Those appointed were: Irene Sullivan, chairman; Harry Hughes from Freedom quarterly, Albert Faverty from Wayne County quarterly, and Arthur Norris from Franklin county quarterly.

Adjourned by singing, handshake and prayer.

Evening Service—7:30 O'Clock

Evening service opened by congregational singing and prayer, also there was some special singing. Rev. George Waggoner brought a message on Matt. 28:18-20 using for his text the words, "Go ye." This was a very inspiring message.

He reported the quota for Illinois for this year was \$2,500.00 and that we had raised \$2,641.89 and had one month yet to go.

An offering was taken amounting to \$15.35 to be used for Foreign Mission work.

Saturday Morning—June 9

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Willie Huffman.

Scripture reading by Bro. John Hiltibidal.

Church covenant read by Bro. Oran Kersh.

The chairman then appointed the Auditing Committee consisting of Bro. John Wilhite, Hobart Connor and Louie Hanna.

Business Committee gave us a topic for discussion if time permitted. The topic was, "Did Christ set up His Kingdom at His first coming and is He now King?" Signed committee: W. R. Spurlock, Jasper Armstrong and Hosea V. Smith.

"We, the Committee on Closing Resolutions wish to thank the churches for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of the Yearly Meeting." Signed committee: C. H. Curry, W. E. Gullledge, and Lee LeVault.

"We, the members of the Memorial Committee of this Yearly Association find the following list of persons to be deceased within the last year.

"Freedom Quarterly: Emory Arnold, Oll Hartwell, Louis Blades, J. M. Griffin, Adelia Moses, Sam Foster, Delia Strunck and Minnie Garrett.

"Wayne County Quarterly: Dell Neff and Sis. Flanders.

"Franklin County Quarterly: Doshia Davis, Trecie Myers, Adeline Lappin, T. A. Miller, Minnie Robinson, Daniel Summers, Elmo Lingo, Beulah Pitchford, Francis Jones, Mrs. Louie Marsh, Maggie Taylor, James Lance, and Maggie Wilson." Signed committee: Joe Cox, Norman Curry, Iva Brooker.

Motion made by Bro. Buster and seconded by Bro. Shockley that reports be accepted as read and committees released. Motion carried.

Chair appointed Bro. Frank Mandrell and Willis Childers to fill vacancy in the absence of two of the committee to fill in the place left vacant for the Sunday services as those previously appointed could not attend.

The Pulpit Committee had submitted the following report: Harold Whittsell, Saturday morning; Alene Hanna, Saturday evening; Paul Sulcer, Sunday morning; and Bill Buster, Sunday evening.

As Bro. Sulcer and Bro. Buster could not be there, the committee appointed Bro. John Hiltibidal, Sunday morning and Bro. Willie Huffman, Sunday evening. Signed committee: Anna Mae Light, J. F. Mandrell and Willis B. Childers.

Discussion made by Bro. Hosea Smith, Bro. Porter and others concerning our putting the ministers names, addresses and church times in our minutes. It was decided this should be done.

Motion made by Bro. Porter, seconded by Bro. Jasper Armstrong that pastors notify Yearly Meeting and Quarterly meeting clerks as soon as they are elected. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. Willis Childers, seconded by Bro. Kersh that church clerks be instructed that they are to notify the Yearly meeting clerk after first meeting time in August of change of pastors. Motion carried.

Topic, "Remarks on the Bible College," Sis. Lorene Miley in the absence of Sis. Jane Kettelman. This was a very interesting talk followed by a talk from Bro. Laverne Miley.

Bro. Buster gave a short talk along the lines of Home Missions.

Dismissed by singing and prayer by Bro. Lepton Harpole. Adjourned until 11:00 o'clock.

Service opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Tracy Dees followed by singing and an altar of prayer.

Special singing by Bro. Lepton Harpole.

Bro. Harold Whittsell based his message on Ecclesiastes 3:17, using for his subject, "A settlement with God." This was a very spiritual message.

We had a handshake and were dismissed by Bro. H. T. Little.

Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Sherman Sullivan.

Song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Prayer by Bro. Wallace Malone.

Special song by Bro. Jesse Boswell, "It's Real," also Bro. John Collier sang, "I'm Moving up Home Some Day."

Memorial sermon by Bro. Chas. R. Porter. He based his message on Heb. 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest for the children of God." This was a spirit filled message.

The treasurer gave his report stating the balance of \$225.35 in treasury. Report accepted and a standing vote of thanks be given treasurer.

"We, the auditing committee find the books of Henry Britton, the Yearly Treasurer all O. K." Signed committee: Hobart Conner, John R. Wilhite and Louie Hanna. Report accepted as read.

Motion made by Sis. Geraldine Lewis and seconded by Bro. H. T. Little that the \$39.00 that has been given the church who entertains the Yearly, be given to the Tabernacle.

Final report of Business committee given. "We, the Business Committee of the Southern Illinois Yearly Association of Free Will Baptists, now in session beg to go on record on our books and give thanks, and a copy thereof, to the honorable School Board of Benton Consolidated system of public schools, for the use of their school dining hall during the days of our Association, and may the Lord bless your efforts." Signed committee: W. R. Spurlock, Jasper Armstrong and Hosea Smith.

Motion made by Bro. H. T. Little, seconded by Bro. H. V. Smith that as a Yearly Meeting we give \$100.00 to the building of a kitchen for the Youth Camp. Motion carried.

We proceeded to elect a delegate to the National Convention to be held at Nashville, Tennessee July 3-12, 1951. Sis. Geraldine Lewis duly elected and her expenses and the expense of one car be paid by the Yearly meeting treasurer.

Offering was taken for the S. S. Alliance program of building a dining hall. This amounted to \$254.45. Bro. and Sis. Chas. Osborn matched it with a personal check of \$254.45. Sis. Emily Malone also presented an offering of \$20.00 given by Hugh White, District President of United Mine Workers. This amounted to a total of \$528.90.

Motion made by Bro. Hosea Smith, seconded by Bro. H. T. Little that we adjourn until the first Wednesday night in June, 1952. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. C. H. Curry, seconded by Bro. Chas. Osborn that treasurer be notified to pay \$10.00 for Yearly Meeting dues to the National Association. Motion carried. Business adjourned.

Two readings were given by Sis. Pauline Osborn which God inspired her to write. They were very spiritual with shouts going up.

Dismissed by Bro. W. R. Burton.

Vernell Clark, Moderator
Wm. Buster, Assistant Moderator
Irene Sullivan, Clerk

DELEGATES TO YEARLY MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Delegate	Church	Alternate
Muriel Vaughn	Johnsonville	
Ray Conard	Blue Point	
Iva Brooker	Oak Valley	
Joe Cox	Freedom	
Charles Moss	McKinney's Chapel	
John Wilhite	Liberty	
Arthur Jones	Union	
James Edmonds	Pittsburg	
R. O. Albright	Grange Hall	
Leo Powell	Johnston City	
J. J. Robbins	Herrin	
Buelah Moore	Mt. Pleasant	
Tilden Parks	Arnold View	
Kenneth Wilhite	White Ash	
Wiley Ryan	Union Grove	
Earl Pierce	Busbee Chapel	
Harold Bears	Smart's Chapel	
Mae Williams	Harmony	
Anna Mae Light	Alexander	
Dorris Newton	Bakerville	Trecie Adcock
Norman Curry	Bear Point	
Mae Miller	Des Plaines	James Buick
Frank Mandrell	Eakin Grove	Josie Armstrong
Chesta Pinkham	Harmony	Adlie Rogers
Goldman Tucker	Hazel Dell	Halice LeVault
Amos Spurlock	Ina	Ray Settle
Jesse Skinner	Mt. Vernon	Felix Drennan
Earl Thornton	Mt. Zion	Ed Vaughn
Orval Merriman	Nason	Guy Peterson
Rayburn Tittle	New Hope	
Reba Edwards	Oak Grove	Margie Dame
Stanton Cockrum	Oakland	Guy Sulcer
Ida Sue Miller	Plaster Grove	Effie Mandrell
Ollie Street	Pleasant View	Leon McBride
Lloyd Burton	Rescue	Harold Sneed
John Lovell	Rock Springs	Dewitt Childers
Grant Bruce	Salem	Lester Breeze
Less Lappin	Waltonville	Ray Hall
Henry Taylor	Webbs Prairie	Henry Wright

MINISTERS CARDS ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

Ordained

Taylor Coursey	Opal Hiltibidal	Josie Page
Marsh Harpole	Emma Moore	Chas. R. Porter
George Morgan	Carl Williams	Floyd Hartley
Wallace Malone	Curt Rogers	Chas. Osborn
Johnnie Johnston	Ethel Hoffard	Oran Kersh
W. R. Burton	J. O. Travelstead	C. H. Curry
John Hiltibidal	Willie W. Huffman	Lee LeVault
Hazel Buick	Vernell Clark	Jasper Armstrong
Bertram N. Smith	Louis S. Schrum	Opal Wells
Hosea V. Smith	Wayne W. Warren	C. J. Kettelman
Paul E. Sulcer	Wm. Buster	Sherman Sullivan
Raymond Pitchford	Pauline Oshorn	Ernest Pearson
Geraldine Lewis	Geo. W. Waggoner	Gazelle Murphy
Tracy Dees	C. A. Curry	Claude Childers
Dewey Merritt	Cloy Myers	Lee Davis
Louie Hanna	James Fite	H. T. Little
J. Pat Lairsey	Dorcea Braden	Jake McAnally
L. E. Abel	Lepton Harpole	Ray Beasley
Harold Whittsell	Alene Hanna	Charles Bolen

Licensed

George E. Ritter	Vivian Dunning	Alva J. Robinson
Harry S. Hughes	Ella Mae Hiltibidal	Adlie Rogers
Dwight Dame	Everett R. Hodges	Lester W. Breez
Pearl Perriman	Richard McNeil	

CHURCHES, TIME, PASTORS, CLERKS, ADDRESS

Church	Service	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address
Alexander	1-2-3-4	Geraldine Lewis Mulkeytown	Pauline Johnson R 1, Thebes
Bakerville	1-2-3-4	Marsh Harpole R 4, Mt. Vernon	Fannie Keef Mt. Vernon
Bear Point	1-2-3-4	Floyd Hartley Waltonville	Marie Buntin Sesser
Eakin Grove	1-2-3-4	Dorcea Braden R 3, Benton	Josie Armstrong R 3, Box 39 Benton
Des Plaines	1-2-3-4	Chas. Osborn R 1, Box 174A Mt. Prospect	Pauline Osborn R 1, Box 174 Mt. Prospect

Church	Service	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address
Harmony	-2- -4	Dewey Merritt 2503 Casey Mt. Vernon	Evelyn Davis W. Webster Benton
Hazel Dell	-2- -4	Dwight Dame Sesser	Christina Connor Bx 383, Benton
Ina	1- -3-	Carl V. Williams 1215 Jones St. Mt. Vernon	Herschel Hale Bonnie
Mt. Vernon	1-2-3-4	Paul Sulcer Ashley	Louella Pressley Mt. Vernon
Mt. Zion	1- -3-	Evertt Beatty Ewing	Warden Kimmel Thompsonville
Nason	1-2-3-4	James Fite Sesser	Dorothy Parrish Nason
New Hope	1- -3-	Oran Kersh 507 S. 20th St. Mt. Vernon	Ina Payne Ina
Oak Grove	1- -3-	Wallace Malone Sesser	Marjorie Dame Scheller
Oakland	-2- -4	Jasper Armstrong 406 S. Hickman Benton	Mary Lance Waltonville
Plaster Gr.	1- -3-	John Hiltibidal Rt. Centralia	May Plaster Route 7 Thompsonville
Pleasant Vw	-2- -4	Wallace Malone Sesser	Barbara Street R 1, Walnut Hill
Rescue	1-2-3-4	Tracy Dees Waltonville	Hobart Connor Whittington
Rock Spring	1- -3-	Taylor Coursey 329 S. Main St St. Charles, Mo.	Ruby King Thebes
Salem	1- -3-	Louie Hanna Scheller	Mrs. Berval Shaw Keenes
Waltonville	-2- -4	Carl V. Williams 1215 Jones St. Mt. Vernon	Lois Dees Waltonville
Webbs Prairie	-2- -4	W. R. Burton Whittington	Byron Todd Benton
Johnsonville	1- - -	Adlie Rogers 1111 Webster Benton	Muriel Vaughn Johnsonville

Church	Service	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address
Blue Point.	1- -3-	Lepton Harpole R 1, Mt. Vernon	George Block Cisne
Oak Valley	- -3-	Dewey Merritt 2503 Casey St. Mt. Vernon	Iva Brooker R 1, Rinard
Freedom	1-2-3-4	George E. Ritter R 4, Marion	Henry Fisher R 4, Marion
Mt. Pleasant	-2- -4	Evt. Rendleman R 5, Marion	Floyd Mifflin Pittsburg
Pittsburg	1-2-3-4	C. J. Kettelman Ewing	Laura Schmitt Pittsburg
Liberty	-2- -4	Everett Albright 1408 N. Market Marion	Mrs. Donald Grant Route 1 Johnston City
White Ash	1- -3-	Bill Phemister R 4, Marion	John Collier Marion
Busbee Chap	1- -3-	Vernell Clark Pittsburg	Lora Dunn Goreville
Arnold View		No Pastor	Rosalee Parks Route 1 Creal Springs
Herrin	1-2-3-4	Wayne Warren Johnston City	W. B. Childers Herrin
Union	1-2-3-4	A. A. White Herrin	Mrs. A. R. Jones Route 4 Thompsonville
Union Grove	1- -3-	Jasper Armstrong 406 S. Hickman Benton	Blanche Horn Galatia
McKinneys C	-2- -4	Vernell Clark Pittsburg	Claude Barwick Marion
Harmony	-2- -4	Clyde Jones R 3, Carbondale	Mae Williams Route 1 West Frankfort
Smarts C	1- -3-	J. O. Travelstead Galatia	Mrs. J. O. T'stead Galatia
Tabernacle	1-2-3-4	Claude Childers Marion	Dora R. Jones 1303 Monroe St. Johnston City
Grange Hall	-2- -4	Raymond Jones Carbondale	Unknown

Mission report:

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1. W. L. Williams, 1703 N. Benton St. Johnston City
2. Mr. Luther Woodland, R. 1, Box 255, W. Frankfort
3. Mrs. Amanda Beasley, Route 2, Marion.

Other Ministers Names and Addresses Belonging to the Southern Illinois Yearly Association:

Jesse Hamilton, Whittington; George Wilson, Whittington; Emma Moore, 3200 Sheridan Rd., Springfield; Raymond Pitchford, Nason; C. A. Curry, Route 7, Thompsonville; J. P. Lairsey, 702 N. Main, Benton; Sherman Sullivan, Valier; M. L. Baker, Mt. Vernon; Leslie Gibson, R. F. D. 6, Mt. Vernon; Earnest Pearson, 1648 N. 16th St. Springfield, Oregon; Bertram Smith, Mt. Vernon; Henry Shockley, Benton; Cloy Myers, Route 1, Thebes; William Smothers, Thebes; George Waggoner, 605 S. 24th St., Mt. Vernon; B. H. Barnfield, Rinard; W. R. Spurlock, ~~Ind.~~ Opal Wells, Ina; Alene Hanna, Scheller; C. A. McBride, Sesser; Archie Robinson, Sesser; Chas R. Porter, Benton; William Buster, Thebes; C. H. Curry, Sesser; Ella Mea Hiltibidal, Centralia; Opal Hiltibidal, Walnut Hill; Harlan Street, Centralia; John T. Johnston, Route 3, Benton; Lee LeVault, Sesser; George Morgan, Route 1, Mt. Vernon; Hosea V. Smith, 1921 College Ave., Mt. Vernon; Pauline Osborn, Route 1, Box 174A, Mt. Prospect; R. E. Montgomery, Marion; Ira Harris, Route 1, Marion; H. T. Little, 642 Madison St., Eldorado; Willie Huffman, 901 Washington St., Johnston City; Lee Davis, Pittsburg; Louis S. Schrum, 407 W. 12th St., Johnston City; Lester Breeze, Salem; Everett R. Hodges, Route 1, Creal Springs; Charles Boles, Route 5, Marion; Harry S. Hughes, Route 3, Marion; Curt Rogers, Route 1, Johnston City; Jake McAnally, Route 5, Marion; Kenneth McNeely, Marion; Raymond Boyd, Creal Spgs.; Ethel Hoffard, Johnston City; Gazelle Murphy, Route 1, Marion; Hazel Buick, Des Plaines; Vivian Downen, Thebes; Pearl Perriman, Walnut Hill; Leslie Elliott, Walnut Hill; L. E. Able, Mt. Vernon; Ray Beasley, Route 2, Creal Springs; Harold Whittsell, 2415 60th St., Kenosha, Wisconsin; Wm. E. Russell; J. W. Thorgmorton, Goreville; Ernie Shehorn, Mt. Vernon; Wilford Gant, Benton; Milo Wadsworth, Lebanon; Evelyn Flowers, 2515 N. Talisman Ave., Chicago; Alva J. Robinson, Benton; I. C. Ladd; Edward P. Matthews; Richard McNeil, Sesser; Alvie Durham; Alfred Rainey, Mt. Vernon.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.