

The 34th Annual Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists of Southern Illinois when convened with the Johnston City Free Will Baptist Church June 1953.
Song - I am Thine Oh Lord.

Prayer - Bro. C. A. Curry

Devotional by Bro. C. A. Curry reading the entire 13th Chapter of I Corinthians.

The Moderator (Bro. C. A. Curry) taken charge for election of Moderator for this session. Bro. Willie Huffman nominated. Motion made by Bro. George Waggoner and seconded by Bro. H. V. Smith that nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Vote taken and Bro. Huffman duly elected. Bro. Huffman then appointed Bro. C. J. Kettemlen as assistant moderator.

Minutes of previous session read. Bro. C. A. Curry made motion, seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone that minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Next business in order was for the election of someone for the 11:00' clock message. Bro. H. V. Smith was nominated. Motion made by Bro. Claude Childers and seconded by Bro. C. A. Curry that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried and Bro. H. V. Smith was duly elected.

Business Committee was appointed by the choir, namely: Bro. Lester Breeze, Franklin Co., Bro. Everett Hodge - Freedom and Bro. C. H. Curry from Franklin County.

Topic: "What Qualifications Does The Lord Require of a True Child of God?" opened by Bro. George Waggoner reading the Church Covenant as an answer to the topic. Bros. Claude Childers and Willie Huffman vouching the

same.

Topic: - I John 3:9 opened by Bro. C. A. Curry, Bro George Waggoner, Bro. Claude Childers, Bro. C. H. Curry and others.

Business was then adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

We came together for the message at 11:00'clock by singing "Revive Us Again" and "At The Cross", followed by prayer by Bro. Everett Beatty. We then sang "There is Power In The Blood."

Bro. H. V. Smith then brought the message based on Matthew 22:1-14 "The Marriage Supper". This was a very spiritual message. Adjournment

1:30 P.M.

opened by Congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Everett Hodge.

Devotional by Bro. C. J. Ketterman taken from I Peter 5th Chapter. Followed by a praise service.

No business was found by the business Committee.

Motion by Bro. C. J. Ketterman, 2nd by Bro. George Waggoner, that our business Committee bring something before the yearly meeting that will be binding on our ministers. Not Voted on, but a substitute motion was made by Bro. George Waggoner, seconded by Bro. Lester Breeze that the ministerial association recommend to the yearly Conference that every minister that receives a card must make a written report and that he be in good standing with his quarterly meeting. Motion Carried.

Roll Call of ministers present: Elders C. A. Curry, Sherman Sullivan, George Waggoner, Wallace Malone, C. H. Curry, C. J. Ketterman, Everett Beatty, Lester Breeze, Everett R. Hodge,

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Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Bro. George Waggoner that Ministerial Conference recommend to the Yearly Meeting that names of ministers who have turned in their license be stricken from the roll. Motion Carried. Those named were Bro. Adlie Rogers, Benton, Illinois and Bro. Edward P. Matthews, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Topic: "Will the Church be raptured before or after the Tribulation" opened by Bro. Claude Childers, Bro. Everett Hodges, Bro. George Waggoner and others.

Nominations in order for someone to bring Introductory message at the Ministers Institute in 1954.

Bro. Wallace Malone nominated Bro. Claude Hampliman. Bro. Claude Childers made motion nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Seconded by Bro. George Waggoner - Motion Carried. Adjournment.

Proceeding of Yearly Association
The 34th Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Association of Southern Illinois when Convened with the Johnston City Free Will Baptist Church June 3-4, 1953.

Opened by Congregational singing and prayer. The assistant Moderator (Bro. H. V. Smith) of the previous session then took charge and minutes of last session read by Clerk. Motion and second were approve minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Nominations for moderator then called for.

Bro. Claude Childers and C. J. Kettelman nominated Motion made by Sis. Geraldine Lewis and seconded by Bro. Everett Bealy that nominations cease and we proceed to elect. Motion Carried. Bro Childers received 10 votes and Bro. Kettelman 8 votes. A Unanimous vote was then taken for Bro. Childers.

Bro. Childers then appointed Bro. C. J. Kettelman assistant moderator.

Church Covenant was then read by moderator Constitution and By-laws of yearly meeting read by moderators.

Letters were then read by the Clerk.

Motion made by ^{Bro.} Mark Dunaway and seconded by Bro. Arthur Jones we accept report of Franklin County Quarterly meetings as read and seat delegates. Motion Carried

Motion made by Bro. H. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. Mark Dunaway that we accept Wayne County Quarterly meeting report as read and seat delegates - Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Sis. Geraldine Lewis that we accept Freedom Quarterly meeting report as read and seat delegates. Motion Carried.

Pulpit Committee was then appointed by the Chair. Those appointed were: ^{Bro.} Albert Faurety, Wayne Co. Quarterly; ^{Bro.} Jol Cox, Freedom Quarterly and Sis. Eunice Malone of Franklin Co. Quarterly.

Business Committee then appointed by the Chair, Namely: Coy Cockrum and Len Laffew from Franklin Co. Quarterly, ^{Bro.} Ariel Williams and Sis. Eva Marks from Freedom Quarterly and Bro. Berlin Scarborough from Wayne Co. Quarterly.

Report of the National Association held at Shawnee Okla. was then given by Bro. C. J. Kettelman. This was a good report which was enjoyed by all. Bro. C. J. Kettelman

also gave a statistical report showing that as Free Will Baptist we are a large group.

Pulpit Committee gave their report as follows: "We the pulpit Committee suggest Bro. Wallace Malone today at eleven and Bro. Claude Childers tomorrow at eleven.

Signed Committee - Jol Cox, Eunice Malone and A. A. Faurety

Motion made by Bro. W. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. Fred Williams that we receive report and release Committee. Carried.

Motion made by Bro. W. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. Everett Beatty that as Bro. C. J. Ketteman went by car to National Association to save expenses of the yearly meeting that we give him the extra \$5.00 he did not spend instead of reimbursing the yearly. Motion Carried.

Topic - "When Jesus says ye ought to do a thing, does it make it compulsory and binding?" opened by Bro. George Wagoner, Bro. Charles R. Porter and others.

Motion made by Bro. Charles R. Porter and seconded by Bro. W. V. Smith we dismiss business until 1:30 P. M.

Adjournment.

11:00' clock service

Song - Standing on the Promises

Prayer - Bro. W. R. Kinton

Song - my Savior First of All.

Bro. Wallace Malone brought a great Spirit Filled message on the 3rd Chapter of I Corinthians, giving the subject "For We are Laborers Together with God."

Song - Trust and Obey

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Vernell Clark

Adjournment.

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1:30 P. M.

opened by Congregational singing
 Prayer - Bro. Willie Huffman
 Devotional by Bro. A. H. White. Bro. White
 read I Corinthians 13th Chapter.
 Special song by Bro. Charles R. Porter, followed
 by a praise service.

Report of Committee on Investigation
 of Constitution and By laws read by Clerk.
 "We, the undersigned members of the
 Committee on Constitution and By laws
 make the following report: Bro Wallace
 Malone, acting in the absence of the
 Committee as a whole and because the
 Chairman did not call the Committee
 into business, went to Attorney William
 G. Cavaldi for an interpretation of articles
 15 + 16 of the By-laws of the Free Will
 Baptist Yearly Conference and received the
 attached brief:

Reverend Wallace Malone
 DeSaver, Illinois
 Dear Rev. Malone:

I have examined article 15 and
 article 16 of the By-laws of the Free Will
 Baptist Yearly Conference.

It is my opinion that article 16 means
 that the Investigating Committee may
 recommend to the Yearly Conference some
 penalty for any minister who fails to
 conform with article 15. And that if
 the Conference accepts the Committee's
 recommendation, the penalty shall be
 inflicted.

I note that Article 6 of the Constitution
 provides that the Yearly Conference
 has power to make any By-laws necessary
 to its regulation. Therefore, if there
 remained any doubt as to the authority

of inflicting a penalty, it is my suggestion the Yearly Conference adopt a By-Law to be numbered 16 A, to provide whatever penalty the Yearly Conference thinks should be invoked for a violation of Article 15

Very truly Yours,
William G. Covaldi

He recommends that the Constitution and By-laws be revised by a Committee of three. Signed Committee: Wallace Malone, George W. Waggoner, Willie W. Huffman and C. H. Curry.

Motion made by Bro. ~~Wallace~~ W. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. Charles R. Parter that we accept this recommendation. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Wallace Malone and seconded by Bro. W. R. Burton that this Yearly Conference shall select a person from each Quarterly Conference to represent us as the Yearly Association and in addition one from each Quarterly be selected at their next Quarterly to gather with a lawyer of their own choosing to present a revision of Constitution and By-laws at next Yearly Conference which will make a board of seven, including the lawyer. Motion Carried.

Business Committee appointed from the Yearly to serve on this were: Bro. Claude Childers, Freedom Quarterly; Bro. George Waggoner, Franklin Co Quarterly, who is Chairman of this Committee and Sis. Gladys Wilfong from Wayne Co. Quarterly.

Business Committee's report of the Ministers meeting was read by Clerk.

"The business Committee of the Ministers meeting recommend to the Yearly Conference that the Constitution and By-laws be revised.

so that the Yearly Conference has sufficient power to discipline its ministers and that the penalty for disobedience would be increased as necessary to bring about obedience of these disobedient ministers. Signed Committee: Everett Hedges, C. H. Curry and Richard McNeil.

Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Bro. W. P. Burton that we accept report and release Committee - Motion Carried.

Woman's Auxiliary report was then given by Sis. Geraldine Lewis. Her report was 2 district auxiliaries and now 1 state auxiliary organized. present enrollment 124, distributing of leaflets and tracts 135; Vacation Bible Schools 2, Mission Study Classes Conducted 3; Stewardship Classes 1, weeks of prayer 11, Given to Orphanage \$23.48. Trays and baskets given the needy 174.

Auxiliary treasurers report by Sis. Mae Williams. She stated they had the amount of \$31.11 on hand.

"The the business Committee recommended to extend the Women's Auxiliary 30 more minutes which would be 1 hour. Signed Committee: R. L. Lapping, A. G. Faurety, Uriel Williams, Coy J. Cockrum and Berlin Scarborough.

Motion made by Bro. Wallace Malone and seconded by Bro. C. J. Ketterman that recommendation from business Committee that Auxiliary have 1 hour next year instead of 30 minutes. Motion Carried.

Bro. George Waggoner made a motion being seconded by Bro. Everett Hedges that ladies Auxiliary report be accepted and standing Vote of thanks given. Motion Carried and vote of thanks taken.

"If the business Committee would like for the delegates and ministers have buttons of some kind to tell them from the rest of the crowd. We also make the request that the buttons be different and that yearly clerk be authorized to that care of the Buttons. Signed Committee: Uziel Williams; A. G. Fawcett, R. L. Lappin, Coy L. Cockrum and Berlin Scarborough.

Motion made by Bro. Arthur Jones and seconded by Bro. E. S. Bunker that we accept recommendation. Motion Carried.

Renewing of ministers Cards held over until Saturday because of a controversy over issuing of same.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. H. V. Smith
Adjournment.

Friday Night 7:00 P.M.

Opened by Congregational singing and prayer, followed by a Meringba solo.

Bro. George Waggoner gave a missionary report stating that to date our quota to Foreign Missions has not been met. He also stated we were behind on our Home Mission quota also. He also gave us some historical statements, stating that in 1835 our 1st Free Will Baptist Missionaries (Mr & Mrs Phillips) went to India. He also told dates of other missionaries going to Foreign lands. He gave us the report that in India there are over 300,000 idols made of wood and stone, that even small stones are idols.

Song - 4th "At The Cross" was sung by the Congregation as Christians came to the altar for a season of prayer for our foreign missionaries this prayer being led by Bro. Wallace Malone.

Bro. Waggoner brought the message from the 20th Chapter of St. John. This was a

spiritual message. Service Closed by singing and prayer by Bro. Willie Huffman.

Sat. Morn. June 6, 1953

At 9:00 o'clock the service was opened by singing "Take The Name of Jesus With You".

Prayer - Rev. John M. Smith

Devotional by Sis. Joyce Mc Terren taken from I Corinthians 12:1-21

Minutes of Friday's session was then read by Clerk.

Motion made by Mark Dunaway and seconded by Ariel Williams that Minutes be accepted as read. Motion Carried.

Business again came up concerning renewing of Ministers Cards.

Motion by Bro. George Waggoner, seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone that Ministers reports be read and passed upon. Motion Carried

Motion made by Bro. Lervey Merritt and seconded by Bro. Jasper Armstrong that we pass on Ministers reports in a Group. Motion Carried.

Bro. H. O. Smith then read the ministers reports for approval. He first read those from Wayne County, secondly Freedom Quarterly ~~reports~~ followed by those from Franklin Co. Quarterly.

Motion by Bro. Arthur Jones and seconded by Bro. Ariel Williams that we receive reports and requests as read.

A substitute motion was then made by Bro. George Waggoner, and seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone to turn these reports over to an investigating Committee who shall decide the status of any minister in question, that minister being asked to appear before the Committee. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. George Waggoner and seconded by Bro. L. E. Abel that a Committee of 5 be elected from the floor, The first named to act as Chairman of Committee. Committee elected were: ^{Franklin Co.} Bro. George Waggoner, Bro. H. V. Smith, Bro. Claude Childers, Bro. ~~H. H. Faurey~~ Arthur Jones from Freedom and Bro. H. H. Faurey from Wayne Co. Each were duly elected.

Motion by Bro. George Waggoner we depart from printed program. This was seconded by Bro. Claude Childers. The Change was as follows: 1:00 P. M. Memorial sermon by ^{Bro.} H. R. Burton; 2:00 P. M. Remarks on Bible College by Bro. Gene Harris; 2:30 P. M. Business; 3:15 Treasurer's report ^{then at} 3:30 S. S. Alliance report which put us back on regular program. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. Arthur Jones, seconded by Uriel Williams we adjourn business until 2:30 P. M. Motion carried.

We were then dismissed by Bro. L. E. Abel.

11:00'clock Saturday

Service opened by congregational singing and prayer.

Bro. Claude Childers then brought a wonderful message on "The Great Church of Jesus Christ."

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. George Waggoner.

Sat 1:30 P. M.

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. L. E. Abel. Another song and prayer by Bro. C. A. Curry.

Memorial sermon was then delivered by Bro. H. R. Burton. This was a wonderful spirit filled message preached by an old Veteran of the Cross and one of the trail blazers of the Southern Illinois Free will Baptist.

There were 36 listed on the memorial list from the 3 Quarterlies. Wayne County Quarterly had 1 (no name submitted) Freedom Quarterly had 16 (no names submitted) and 19 from the Franklin Co. Quarterly ~~Quarterly~~; with no names submitted.

Remarks on the Bible College by Bro. Gene Harris. He gave a good talk on our College and its program stating that we had somewhere near 170 in College in the year 1952-1953.

Business Committee Recommends that a State Home Mission Board of five members be appointed from this year's one of which will be secretary-treasurer and serve as State director in representing the National Home Mission Board. Signed Committee: - Coy L. Cockrum, Eva Marks, Ariel Williams and H. H. Faurety.

Motion made by Bro. George Waggoner and seconded by ^{Bro.} Mark ~~Alvord~~ that we receive the report concerning the State Home Mission Board having 5 members. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Wallace Malone and seconded by Bro. L. E. Abel that the Chair appoint the Committee. Motion Carried. The Committee appointed were: Bro. C. J. Ketterman & Bro. Wallace Malone from Franklin Co. Quarterly; Sis. Isaac Smith from

Wayne Co. Quarterly and Bro. Willie Huffman and Bro. George Ritter from Freedom Quarterly.

Motion made by Bro. Wallace Malone and seconded by Bro. George Wayzone that we recommend Bro. George Ritter to the National Board as our State Director - Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Dwight Dams and seconded by Bro. C. A. Curry that we reimburse Bro. George Wayzone his expenses of trip to the National Association at Shawnee Oklahoma. The sum of this being \$61.09. Motion Carried.

We then proceeded to elect a delegate for our National Association to be held at Mt. Vernon, Ill. July 13-16, 1953. Bro. Lester Lewis was nominated.

Motion made by Bro. Willie Huffman and seconded by Bro. Dewey Merritt that nominations cease and we elect by acclamation. Motion Carried. Bro. Lester Lewis being duly elected as delegate.

Nominations were then in order for someone to preach Introductory message at next Yearly Proper. Bro. Dwight Dams Nominated.

Motion made by Bro. C. A. Curry and seconded by Bro. John M. Smith that Nominations Close and we elect by acclamation. Motion Carried. Bro. Dwight Dams duly elected. This 1954 Yearly Session will be held at the Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle at Benton (West City) Ill. in Franklin County Quarterly.

Election of Yearly Clerk next in order. Sis Irene Sullivan ^{gave in} ~~submitted~~ her resignation at this time.

Motion made by Bro. Wallace Malone and seconded by Bro. Richard McNeil that we accept Sis. Irene Sullivan's resignation. Motion Carried.

Sis. Opal Hillebrand and Sis. Joyce Mc Lerren were nominated, but both refused to accept.

Sis. Patricia Harris was then nominated by Sis. Geraldine Lewis and seconded by Bro. Coy Cockrum that nomination cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Sis. Patricia Harris duly elected.

Election of treasurer next in order. Bro. Henry Britton ~~gave in~~ his resignation at this time.

Motion and seconded we accept his resignation. Motion carried.

Bro. C. J. Ketterman nominated Sis. Joyce Mc Lerren.

Motion made by Bro. W. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. John M. Smith that nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Sister Joyce Mc Lerren duly elected.

Motion made by Bro. George Haggner and seconded by Bro. John M. Smith that new clerk be instructed to have 500 minutes printed and treasurer pay for same. Motion carried.

appointment of Auditing Committee next in order. The Chair appointed Bro. H. V. Smith, Bro. Willie Huffman and Bro. Leta Breeze.

investigating Committee report: "The the investigation Committee, recommend that all ministers making yearly reports to this yearly meeting be given cards except those who have not qualified."

We also recommend that those ministers who do not make reports to this yearly session not be given a card.

We also recommend that if any minister reports before the close of this session that his report be read and

acted upon. Signed Committee: George W. Haggoner, Chairman. Claude Chittlers, Hosca W. Smith, A. G. Faurety and A. R. Jones.

Motion made by Bro. George Haggoner ~~that~~ and seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone that this recommendation be granted. Motion Carried.

Reports of ministers who had turned in their reports during this session were then read.

~~Report on Superannuation~~ Motion made by Bro. George Haggoner and seconded by Bro. Ariel Williams that we accept the report of Bro. Vernell Clark. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. Dwight Dams and seconded by Bro. C. J. Ketterman that we strike the names of Edward P. Matthews and Gellie Rogers from the delinquent list as they have given in papers.

Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Bro. L. E. Abel that Brothers John T. Johnston and Jesse Hamilton receive their Card. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. H. V. Smith and seconded by Bro. Cay Cockrum that Sis. Vivian Dunning get her Card. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. George Haggoner and seconded by Bro. John M. Smith that we strike from the record the motion made by Bro. Malone. Carried and motion struck from record.

A report on Superannuation was made by Bro. Wallace Malone. At this time he announced his resignation, but withdrew same in favor of next motion.

Motion made by Bro. C. J. Ketterman and seconded by Bro. W. R. Burton that we dissolve the whole board and money referred

to the giver as to the disposal of same.
Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report was then given by Bro. Henry Britton.

Motion made by Bro. C. A. Curry and seconded by Bro. John M. Smith that we accept report of treasurer - Motion Carried.

The Auditing Committee then gave their report. Johnston City Ill. June 6th 1953.
We the Auditing Committee have this day examined the books of Treasurer, Henry Britton and find that they are correct to the best of our knowledge. Signed Committee. Moses V. Smith, Lester Bress and Willie H. Huffman.

Motion made by Bro. H. R. Burton and seconded by Bro. Dwight Dams that we accept Committee's report and discharge same. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Bro. C. A. Curry and seconded by Bro. Willie Huffman that we go on record as sending to Governor Stratton of Illinois our approval as the Free Will Baptist of the State of Illinois of his action concerning the sale of intoxicating liquor at the State Fair. Motion Carried.

S. S. Alliance report by Bro. Wallace Malone with some of the children from the Youth Camp testifying.

Motion made by Bro. C. A. Curry and seconded by Bro. Wallace Malone that we stand adjourned until next regular business ^{meeting} 1954. Motion Carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Hiltibibel
adjournment.

Claude Childers - Moderator
C. J. Kettelman - asst. Moderator
Irene Sullivan - Clerk