

Minutes - -

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Southern Illinois

Free Will Baptists

Yearly Conference

1955

**When Convened With
OAK VALLEY CHURCH
Wayne County, Illinois**

36TH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The 36th Annual Ministerial Association of the Free Will Baptists when convened with the Oak Valley Church on June 2, 1955.

Song—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" followed by altar of prayer by all who wished.

Rev. Byford Campbell led the Devotional with Scripture from Psalm 100.

Rev. Berlin Scarbrough had charge in the absence of moderator to elect the new moderator. Rev. Jack Kettelman was nominated by Rev. Carl Williams. No other nominations were made so Rev. Kettelman was duly elected.

Freda McClaskey was nominated for clerk. There being no other nominations, she was duly elected.

Rev. Carl Williams was appointed by the pulpit committee to bring the morning message.

The moderator appointed the business committee namely, Rev. Lester Breeze, Rev. Willie Huffman, Rev. Berlin Scarbrough.

Motion was made to adjourn by Rev. Huffman and seconded by Rev. Scarbrough.

Programs didn't arrive so motion was made by Rev. Carl Williams to have a day of fellow-ship.

Morning Service

The morning worship hour was opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow" Prayer by Rev. Williams.

Rev. Williams used as his Scripture, Acts 8. "Keep Thy Heart Right" as his theme with Prov. 4:23 for the text.

Rev. Kettelman suggested altar of prayer. Rev. Arthur Kern dismissed with prayer.

Afternoon Service

The afternoon service was opened by singing "I'm Going That Way" Prayer by Rev. Lester Breeze.

The Business Committee reported no business. Rev. Scarbrough

made the motion that the Business Committee be dismissed and was seconded by Rev. Breeze. The Business Committee was dismissed.

Rev. Willie Huffman was asked to take charge of the Devotional using First Cor. 1:5 as his Scripture.

The pulpit committee asked for Rev. Leon McBride and Rev. Lester Breeze to bring the afternoon messages.

Rev. McBride took his Scripture from Second Kings 10. His text was First Samuel 15:22.

Rev. Breeze took his Scripture from Timothy, 3rd chapter and Second Cor. 6:16.

Preacher for next year referred to yearly conference.

The song "I'm Saved" was sung. Hand shake dismissed with an altar prayer.

Ministers Present

Lucille Scarbrough

Everett Beaty

C. J. Kettelman

George McClaskey

Berlin Scarbrough

Byford Campbell

Carl Williams

J. M. Smith

Arthur Kern

Leon McBride

Lester Breeze

Willie Huffman

Moderator: Rev. Jack Kettelman

Clerk: Freda McClaskey

36TH ANNUAL YEARLY CONFERENCE

The 36th Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Association of Southern, Illinois when convened with the Oak Valley Church June 3, 1955.

Services were opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You", "Are You Washed in the Blood". Prayer by Rev. C. A. Curry. Song "An Old Account Was Settled." Prayer by Rev. Byford Campbell and Rev. Wm. Buster.

Rev. George W. Waggoner was nominated for moderator by Rev. H. Pierce. Rev. C. A. Curry nominated Rev. Willie Huffman. Rev. Kettelman nominated Rev. Claude Childers. Motion was made by Rev.

Arthur Kern to close nominations. Seconded by Rev. Byford Campbell. Rev. Huffman was elected. Rev. George W. Waggoner was appointed as assistant moderator.

Letters from the various churches were read by clerk.

Motion was made by Rev. Byford Campbell and seconded by James Fite that letters be accepted and delegates seated. Motion Carried.

Rev. Willie Huffman read scripture from John 14 and had prayer.

Pulpit committee appointed by the moderator was Bro. Earl Jent, Mrs. Edith Smith, and Bro. Frank Farris.

Business committee appointed by the moderator was Bro. Loy Light, Deacon Harl Hilliard, Rev. Claude Childers.

Auditing committee appointed by the moderator was Bro. Gorden Neal, Mrs. Freda McClaskey, and Earl Jent.

Motion was made by Rev. William Buster and seconded by Rev. Claude Childers that Deacons be allowed to vote. Motion carried.

Sister Dora Jones gave a report of the National Association which was in Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954. Motion was made by Rev. Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev. James Fite that we accept the report.. Motion carried.

Pulpit committee gave report as follows: Rev. Claude Childers to bring message at 11:00 o'clock Friday. Rev. Wallace Malone, Saturday, and Rev. George W. Waggoner, Saturday evening message. Motion was made by Rev. James Fite and seconded by Rev. Herbert Pierce that report be accepted. Motion carried.

Rev. Herbert Pierce was nominated by Rev. Dewey Merritt to bring the introduction message for next year. Motion carried.

Morning Worship

Morning worship was opened by singing "Oh I Want To See Him", and, "At The Cross". Prayer by Bro. L. Breeze. Rev. Claude Childers delivered the morning message using as his Scripture Luke 12: 41-48. Song "Sweet By and By" and a hand shake. Rev. C. A. Curry prayed the dismissal prayer.

Afternoon Session

Afternoon services were opened at 1:30 by singing "I'll Fly Away", and "Wonderful Jesus". Devotions by Rev. Dewey Merritt reading John 3 and having prayer by Rev. Jack Kettelman. Song "Peace In The Valley" by Elva Barnfield.

The ministers' reports were read by clerk. Motion made by Rev. George W. Waggoner and seconded by Rev. Byford Campbell that reports be turned over to business committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Byford Campbell and seconded by Rev. Arthur Kern that we elect Freda McClaskey for clerk of the yearly conference. Motion was carried.

We the business committee of the annual conference recommend that since the yearly has the state charter, we feel that the yearly meeting shall make the By-Laws and Constitution to govern our ministers so that if a man or woman, wishing to be ordained may be ordained in any quarterly meeting when they have completed the course laid down by the yearly conference. A substitute motion was made by Rev. Herbert Pierce for the moderator to select a committee, one from each quarterly to oversee the study course to be used by the yearly. Motion carried. (See the report at the end of these minutes.)

The committee appointed were as follows: Rev. George W. Waggoner, Rev. Paul Barnfield and Rev. Claude Childers.

We the business committee recommend that we accept the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion. Motion was made by Rev. Jack Kettelman and seconded by Rev. Byford Campbell to adopt the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Byford Campbell and seconded by Rev. Dewey Merritt that we adjourn business until 9:30 Saturday morning. Motion carried.

Song "Bless Be The Tie." Prayer of dismissal by Rev. Arthur Kern.

The 36th Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Association of Southern, Illinois when convened with the Oak Valley Church June 4, 1955.

Services were opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable," "Love Lifted Me," prayer by Rev. Leon McBride and reading Psalm 135:5 and Psalm 133.

Rev. Wallace Malone read the Church Covenant.

The clerk read the minutes of the previous session. Stood corrected and approved.

Motion made by Rev. Jack Kettelman and seconded by Rev. Leon McBride to adopt the study course and release the business committee. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adopt revision of "Article 6" of Constitution by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. E. I. Able. Motion lost.

Motion was made by Rev. Dewey Merritt and seconded by Rev. Lester Breeze to have the clerk have 500 minutes printed and the treasurer be authorized to pay for them. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rev. Jack Kettelman and seconded by Rev. Dewey Merritt to accept the business Committee report on Ministers. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Hoesa Smith and seconded by Gorden Neal to allow \$15.00 each for 5 delegates to go to National. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Joyce Browning.

Motion was made by Rev. Hoesa Smith to adjourn business until 1:30 this afternoon. Motion carried. Rev. Dewey Merritt prayed the dismissal prayer.

Morning Service

Morning worship was opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing," "Kneel At the Cross," and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home". Prayer by Rev. W. R. Burton.

Song—"Mansion Over the Hilltop," by the Rev. Carl Williams.

Morning Message was delivered by Rev. Wallace Malone, using Joshua 14.

Song—"Power In The Blood." Dismissal prayer by Rev. Oran Kersh.

Afternoon Session

Afternoon services were opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Prayer by Rev. Everett Beaty. Jane Vaughn sang "All I Need Is Jesus." Rev. George W. Waggoner read the Scripture, Col. 16-18.

The pulpit committee reports: Rev. L. E. Abel afternoon service, Rev. Oran Kersh Sunday morning, and Rev. Byford Campbell evening service. Motion made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. W. R. Burton that we accept the report and release the committee. Motion carried.

We, The Business Committee, recommend that this yearly meeting appoint a board of three trustees. Motion was made by Rev. W. R. Burton and seconded by Rev. Jack Kettelman. Motion carried.

Rev. Everett Beaty, Rev. O. C. McClerren and Rev. Paul Barnfield were nominated to serve as trustees. Nomination closed each duly elected.

We, The Business Committee, recommend that this yearly meeting discipline any or all ministers even to the extent to call in their papers that allow or permit or support the pulling of our Churches out of our quarterly meeting or denomination. (s) Committee, Rev. W. R. Burton, Deacon Harl Hilliard, Rev. O. C. McClerren.

We, The Business Committee, recommend that this yearly meeting adopt these "Rules and regulations to govern our incoming Ministers":

- I. They must believe and teach our articles of faith.
- II. They must hold to the enterprises of Free Will Baptist.
- III. They must tithe as God prospers them.
- IV. Each minister must be either a pastor or assistant pastor for one (1) year before being ordained.

(s) Committee Rev. L. E. Abel, Rev. Paul Barnfield, Rev. Carl Williams.

Rev. Carl Williams made a report from the Sunday School Alliance.

We, The Auditing Committee, have duly examined the treasurer's books and found them correct with \$153.14 on hand.

(s) Committee, Gorden Neal, Freda McClaskey, Earl Jent, Motion was made by Rev. Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev. Wallace Malone that report be accepted and the committee be released. Motion carried.

Bro. Earl Adcock, Bro. Henry Bushkool, Bro. Robert Isaccs, Sister Trecie Adcock, Sister Aileen Waggoner, Ella Mae Hiltibidal, Nellie Williams and Virginia Bushkool were nominated as delegates to the National Association. A motion was made by Rev. Oran Kersh and seconded by Rev. Hosea Smith that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rev. W. R. Burton and seconded by Rev. L. E. Abel that a standing vote of thanks be given the ladies and people of the various Churches who helped serve the meals during the Yearly Conference. Motion carried and vote of thanks given.

The next yearly conference will meet in the Freedom County quarterly on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in June.

Rev. Leon McBride, Rev. Berlin Scarbrough, and Bro. Reful Jones were nominated to serve on the program committee along with the moderator and clerk to plan the program for the next yearly conference.

A motion was made by Rev. Carl Williams and seconded by Rev. O. C. McClerren that nominations close and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. W. R. Burton and seconded by Rev. Leon McBride that Bro. George W. Waggoner be elected as moderator and Rev. O. C. McClerren, Asst. Nominations closed and both duly elected.

A motion was made by Rev. Eugene Norris that Mrs. Freda McClaskey be re-elected as clerk. Nomination closed. Motion carried.

Rev. Wallace Malone nominated Shirley McClerren as treasurer. Motion carried.

Rev. Carl Williams gave a talk on "What is the Free Will Baptist Need of League."

Motion made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. Oran Kersh that we adjourn business. Motion carried.

Song "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Offering \$23.26.

Rev. L. E. Abel brought the memorial service Scripture, Matt. 26.

Song "Bless Be The Tie."

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Paul Sulcer.

Rev. Willie Huffman, Moderator

Rev. George W. Waggoner, Ass't. Moderator

Freda McClaskey, Clerk

The Following Study Course to be used by all quarterlies for all incoming ministers is recommended by the committee appointed to recommend such:

First: That the Bible be used as the basic text for the two year study period and that the candidate give evidence of a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures:

Second: That the course be divided into four periods of about six months each and that the candidate answer to the satisfaction of the examining committee any question either written or oral asked concerning the following:

1st Period: 1. Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists.
2. Roberts' Rules of Order

2nd Period: 1. Ministerial Ethics
2. Homilitics

3rd Period: 1. Bible History or How We got our Bible
2. Personal Soul Winning

4th Period: 1. Stewardship
2. Great Doctrines of the Bible

Signed: Committee

George W. Waggoner

Claude Childers

Paul Barnfield

MEMORIAL

Deaths During Year Ending May 31, 1955

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| 1. | J. E. Terhune | Webbs Prairie Church |
| 2. | D. E. Bain | Webbs Prairie Church |
| 3. | Fannie Keef | Bakerville Church |
| 4. | Albert E. Culli | Bakerville Church |
| 5. | Lee Stalcup | Eakin Grove |
| 6. | Jesse Fagan | Waltonville Church |
| 7. | John Hall | Waltonville Church |
| 8. | Charles Panzier | Waltonville Church |
| 9. | Eld. M. L. Baker | Mt. Vernon Church |
| 10. | Rodney Bushkool | Mt. Vernon Church |
| 11. | Mark Baker | Mt. Vernon Church |
| 12. | Jane Pitchford | Oakland Church |
| 13. | Irene Kelley | Oakland Church |
| 14. | Mary Reed | Alexander Church |
| 15. | Minnie Coursey | Alexander Church |
| 16. | Irene Bedwell | Alexander Church |
| 17. | Joe Bigham | Alexander Church |
| 18. | Annie Slammon | New Hope Church |
| 19. | Wm. Slammon | New Hope Church |
| 20. | Ed. Vaughn | Mt. Zion Church |
| 21. | Sylvester Stern | Nason Church |
| 22. | May Lemons | Oak Grove Church |
| 23. | Ella Odel | Ina Church |
| 24. | Charlie Thornton | Hazel Dell Church |
| 25. | Alf. Flanders | |
| 26. | Alonzo Stull | |
| 27. | George Stevens | |

Delegates To Yearly Conference Freedom Quarterly

Joe Cox

Lena Mae Fry

Cecil Edwards

Ina Stora

Earl Pierce
Leman Clarida
W. R. Stone
Fred Resd
Paul Anderson
Wilbert McConnell

John McAnelly
Mort Davis
Earl Jent
Mart Donaway
Fern Cox

Franklin Quarterly

Loy Light
Frank Farris
Pauline Lasly
Henry Fitzpatric
Nellie Williams
Bonnie Wilhite
Guy Peterson
Clarence Jones
May Plaster
Sue Myers
Hallis Dees

Gorden Neal
Clarence Buster
Evelyn Musgrave
Elsie Conners
Fleta Scrutchfield
Bertis Flota
A. E. Dremman
Stanton Cockrum
Leon McBride
Grant Bruce
Raymond Payne

Wayne Quarterly

Edith Smith
Freda McClaskey

Harl Hilliard

Ministers' Cards Issued

Ordained

James Fite
Leslie Elliott
Paul Sulcer
George W. Waggoner
Willie Huffman
O. C. McClerren
Bertrum Smith
Taylor Coursey
Dorca Braden
Lucille Scarbrough

Pauline Osborn
Irene Sullivan
Byford Campbell
John Hiltibidal
George Ritter
Everett Beaty
Wm. Buster
Raymond Beaty
Gazella Murphy
Jake McAnelly

Walter Warren
Carl Williams
Marsh Harpole
Sherman Sullivan
Louie Hanna
Alene Hanna
C. A. Curry
Richard McNeil
Lloyd Jones
Louis Shrum
Jasper Armstrong
Eugene Norris
L. E. Abel
Hosea Smith
Lester Breeze
J. F. Johnston
Howard Flota
Lee LeVault
B. H. Barnfield
Joyce Browning
Opel Wells
John Smith
Herbert Pierce
Berlin Scarbrough
Charles Osborn

Floyd Hartley
Dewey Merritt
Robert Norman
Claude Childers
Hazel Buick
Geraldine Lewis
Alvine White
Harry Hughes
Ethel Hoffard
Wallace Malone
L. L. Harpole
Ernest Pearson
Harold Whitlsell
Oran Kersh
Dwight Dame
Clay Myers
Thomas Marlow
W. R. Burton
Josie Page
Luther Hudson
Paul Barnfield
George McClaskey
Arthur Kern
C. J. Kettelman

Licensed

Leon McBride
Albert Bays
Fred Pierson
Lloyd Lasley

Gilbert King
Floyd Shelton
Ella Mae Hiltibidal

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 in 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 observances 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.