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The 37th Annual Ministerial Association
of the Free Will Baptist when convened with the
Free Will Baptist Tabernacle on June 7, 1956

Rev. Everett Hodges was in charge of services
Song - "Since Jesus came into my heart" and
"The way of the Cross Leads Home."

Rev Charles Ashorn read the Scripture from Psalms
23rd. chapter. Then we sang "When the
roll is called up yonder" and altar prayer.

Bro Jake McCreely led testimonies
"What are we doing" was discussed
Dismissal Prayer

The eleven o'clock services were opened by
singing "There's Power in the Blood."

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth McCreely Song
"Face to Face"

Rev. O. C. McClure brought the morning
message using Isaiah 54th

Song "Amazing Grace" Dismissal prayer
by Rev. Everett Beatty.

Afternoon services were opened by singing
"When I see the Blood" Prayer by Rev.
Willie Huffman. Rev. Everett Hodges
read the Scripture using Isaiah 55th.

Discussion on "Helps and Ideas"
Song "Higher Ground" Prayer by Sister
Maud Davis. The message was brought
by Rev. Alvin White.

Song "What a friend we have in Jesus"
Dismissed with united prayer.

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Song #4 lives

Dev. by Rev. Hosea Smith using
as his scripture Psalms 107 C. and
continuing in Prayer.

Rev. Carl Williams gave a report
of our annual Camp meeting which
was very inspiring.

Rev. Floyd Gately read our
'Constitution and By-laws'

~~Various~~ Letters from the various
churches were read by the clerk and
acted on. Motion was made by Bro
Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev
Everett Hodges that the Freedom co quarterly
letter be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rev Willie Huffman
and seconded by Rev. W. R. Burton to
accept the Wayne co. letter as read
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev Carl
Williams and seconded by Rev. Willie
Huffman that corrected letter from
Franklin co. quarterly be accepted and
all delegates seated. Motion carried.

Pulpit Committee appointed by
Moderator were, Mahel Kettner
Barbara Cook and Earl E. Gent.

Motion was made by Rev. Hosea
Smith and seconded by Rev. Leslie
Elliott that we accept the program
and leave them pliable. Motion
Carried.

Pulpit Committee gave report as follows; Rev. Carl Williams for the 11 o'clock hour. Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Dexter Breeze that report be accepted. Motion carried.

Prayer of dismissal by Rev. George Waggoner. Morning worship was opened by singing "Jesus Saves" Prayer by Rev. Ethel Haffard. Song "Since Jesus came into my heart". Rev. Carl Williams delivered a very touching morning message using as his scripture Second King 4-1-7. Song "The Solid Rock". Dismissal prayer and blessing aske by Rev. Leon Mc Bride.

Afternoon services were opened by singing "He keeps me singing".

Pulpit Committee gave report as follows; Rev. Ethel Haffard for Devotions and Rev. W. R. Burton the Saturday 11 o'clock message. B/ Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Bertram Smith, that report be accepted and Committee be released. Motion carried.

Devotion by Rev. Ethel Haffard using for her scripture Heb. 11 ch. Prayer Rev. Wallace Malone. Song Amazing Grace.

The woman's Auxiliaries program was ~~given~~ presented. They are doing some splendid work.

Song Oh Happy Day.

The Business Committee appointed by the Moderator, consisted of Rev. Wallace Malone Rev. Gerlie Elliott and Rev. Dr. Albert Avery.

auditing Committee appointed by the Moderator was Rev. Charles Chaborn Rev. George McClaskey and Rev. Willie Huffman. Ministers report Examiners were Claude Childers Rev. John Hiltibidal and Rev. Leon Mc Bride.

Mrs O. C. McCleuen was appointed to give treasurer's report.

Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by ~~Rev. Lester~~ Breeze to turn ministers' reports to the Examining Committee this evening. Motion carried.

Rev. Claude Childers presented an amendment that Article 6 of the Constitution be changed to read "The 3rd Wednesday in June of each year for our yearly meeting."

Motion made by Rev. Floyd Harty and seconded by Bro Floyd Steward to table this until tomorrow.

A report was given by Rev. Claude Childers on Home Missions.

Rev. Elliott gave a report on Foreign missions.

A report on Sunday School Alliance and Youth Come was given by Rev. Leon Mc Bride.

Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. Lester Breeze that we accept all the reports as given. Motion carried.

Dismissal Prayer was given by Bro. Melvin Cathont.

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The 37th Annual Meeting
Saturday June 9.

Services were opened by singing, "I will sing of my Redeemer." and "leaning on the Everlasting arms." Devotion were by Rev. Albert Bays using the Scripture 1st. Thess. 5th Ch. and had prayer. Song "He Lives" and "Amazing Grace" Prayer by Rev. C. A. Curry.

Report from Rev. Ella Mae Hiltibidal on the National Association. also good testimonies of the others who attended.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd gave a foresight of the next National Association.

Motion was made by Rev. Willie Huffman and seconded by Bro. Lloyd Steward to accept the National report, motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Hosea Smith that the treasure be authorized to pay the bills of programs, cards, etc. Motion carried.

Rev. George Waggoner gave a report of the land to be given the Free Will Baptist.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. George Waggoner.

The Eleven oclock worship services were opened by singing "~~Take your burden~~ Leave it There" Prayer by Rev. Robert Norman. Songs "The way of cross leads Home", Blessed assurance, "I need Thee Every Hour" prayer by Rev. Everett Beatty.

Morning memorial message was delivered by Rev. W. R. Burton.

Song in ken we all get to Heaven"

Prayer of Dismissal and Blessing by Rev. Willie Malone

June 9.

afternoon services were opened with song "at Calvary" and "my Redeemer."

Prayer by Rev. Dewey Merrill

Devotion by Rev. George Kitley using for his scripture 2nd Peter 5th Chapter

Prayer by Rev. Carl Williams

Motion was made by Rev. Carl Williams and seconded by Rev. Floyd Steward to bring the amendment of Article 6 from the table. motion carried.

Motion to amend this to read, "Wednesday night before the 14th Sunday, was by Rev. George Kitley and seconded by W. P. Burton. motion carried

The Report of the auditing committee was as follows:

We the auditing committee have examined the yearly treasurers books and have found them correct with a balance of \$0.49. /s/ committee
Rev. Charles Osborn, Rev. George McCluskey and Rev. Willie Huffman,

Motion was made by Rev. Dwight Dams and seconded by Rev. W. P. Burton to accept treasurers report as read and release committee, motion carried. ~~See~~

The Business committee report was then given as follows:

We the Business Committee, Recommend to this yearly conference the following. That this yearly conference representing 43 churches and approximately 3,000 members instruct the yearly conference clerk to write a letter to the Congressman from this state in regard to the immoral ways the manufacturers of the various kinds of alcoholic beverages are using to advertise liquors. We as a church group feel that this is an injustice placed upon the public highways of our country,

15/ Committee. A motion was made by Rev. Dwight Dame and seconded by Floyd Steward to instruct the clerk to write to congress. Motion carried.

We the Business Committee recommend that an offering be taken tonight for home missions and pay expenses of Rev. Damon Rodd. 15/ Committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. George Ritter and seconded by Rev. Carl Williams to take the offering. Motion carried.

We the Business Committee, recommend that this yearly conference buy a projector for the purpose of showing religious films in our churches, and that a person be appointed by the yearly conference as custodian of said property. 15/ Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Howard Flota and seconded by Rev. C. J. Ketterman to buy projector. Motion lost.

We the Business Committee recommend that the trustees of this yearly conference be given the power to continue to act in behalf of the interest of the yearly conference and that this yearly conference pay all expenses involved in work-time loss and transportation.

Motion was made by Rev. George Ritter and seconded by Rev. Carl Williams to pay expenses to claim property and keep trustees. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Willie Huffman and seconded by Rev. Floyd Steward to adopt the three resolutions that passed and release the committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dwight Dame and seconded by Rev. C. J. Ketterman to inform pastors of the problems of liquor and appoint a representative of this article. Motion carried. Rev. Wallace Malone was appointed.

Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Everett Beaty that this yearly conference suggest churches pay their pastors' expenses to the national association. Motion carried.

Mrs. Arthur Kern, Jess Boswell, Mrs. Howard Plota, Lorene Mc Gill and Mrs. Nellie William were nominated as delegates to the national association. Motion was made by Rev. Albert Bays and seconded by Rev. W. P. Burt that nominations cease and to proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rev. Dwight Dame and seconded by Rev. Wallace Malone to pick other delegates after they get there. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Carl William and seconded by Rev. Leslie Elliott to accept the examining committee's report and dismiss the committee at the end of this service. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. D. C. Mc Clueren. Motion was made by Rev. Arthur Kern and seconded by Rev. Jack Kitterman that report be accepted. Motion carried.

The next yearly conference will meet in Franklin County the Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in June.

Rev. D. C. Mc Clueren, Rev. Leon Mc Bride and Rev. George Mc Claghey along with the moderator and clerk were nominated to serve on program committee to plan the program for the next yearly conference.

A motion was made by Rev. C. J. Kitterman and seconded by Bro. Floyd Steward to cease nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Rev. D. C. Mc Clueren is to be chairman.

Mrs. Zola McClellan was nominated for treasurer. a motion was made by Rev. George Rittler and seconded by Rev. George McCluskey that nominations close and proceed to elect by acclamation, motion carried.

Mrs. Freda McCluskey was nominated for clerk, Rev. Hosea Smith made a motion to cease nominating and proceed to elect by acclamation, which was seconded by Rev. Claude Childers. Motion carried.

Rev. George Rittler was nominated for assistant moderator. Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Leslie Elliott to cease nomination and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Rev. George Waggoner was nominated for moderator. Motion was made by Rev. Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev. C. J. Kettner to cease nomination and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

The closing resolution was read as follows
"we wish to thank the ladies of various churches who helped serve the delicious meals during the yearly conference; motion was made by Rev. George Rittler and seconded by Rev. Hosea Smith that we adjourn. motion carried.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. U. C. McClellan
Rev. Damon Dodd brought a soul searching message at the 7.45 hour.

Rev. George Waggoner, Moderator
Rev. U. C. McClellan, assistant moderator
Mrs. Freda McCluskey, clerk

Feb. 16
1957

Special Session of the Southern Illinois Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference

A special session of the yearly was called by the moderators Saturday Feb. 16, 1957 at 2:00 P. M. meeting in the Ina Free Will Baptist Church at Ina, Ill.

Services were opened by song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm."

Devotion and prayer was led by Rev. Claude Childers.

Song, "Are you washed in the Blood?"

Special was called to order by clerk with business, 26 Ordained ministers and 26 Ordained Deacons present.

Frederick County had 17 delegates present
Wayne Co had 4 delegates present with
33 Delegates present from Franklin Co.

Motion was made by Rev. Horea Smith and seconded by Rev. John Hiltibidol that the delegates of the three Counties be seated motion carried.

Letter was read by Rev. George Waggoner from the Sawyer.

United Prayer lead by Rev. George Ritter

(1) motion was made by Rev. George Ritter and seconded by Rev. John Hiltibidol. To give trustee's right to borrow money to acquire the land left to "The Free Will Baptist Church as a Church Denomination by the late Rev. Elmer O. Warren. Also to be free to work with owners of the land to sell or keep as they see fit. In behalf of the Southern Ill. Conference. Motion carried.

(2) Motion was made by Rev. ~~George~~ Robert Norman and seconded by Rev. Claude Childers That if the property is sold the proceeds be used to pay all expenses and bills acquired in acquiring the land and the remainder be put in the yearly conference treasure. Motion Carried

(3) Motion made by Rev. C. J. Kettman and seconded by Rev. Claude Childers to assess each church \$2. now to meet the immediate obligations of the conference. ~~Motion Carried~~

Motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Rev. Carl Williams to amend the first motion. That a free will offering be sent from each church of \$2. or more to be sent to the treasurer within 2 weeks to meet this obligation. Motion Carried

(4) Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Eugene Kling That the yearly dues be raised from \$5.00 per year to \$7.50. To keep out of the red. Motion Carried

Motion was made by Rev. Carl Williams and seconded by Rev. Paul Selcer to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Benediction by Rev. Carl Williams

Rev. George Waggoner - Moderator
Mrs. Freda McClasky - Clerk