

ERNEST R. BOWEN
3606 WEST END AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37205

MINUTES - -

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

YEARLY CONFERENCE

1957

*When Convened At The
FREE WILL BAPTIST TABERNACLE
Benton, Illinois*

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

YEARLY CONFERENCE

1957

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY CONFERENCE

A special session of the yearly meeting was called by the Moderator Saturday, February 16, 1957, at 2:00 P. M. Meeting in the Ina Free Will Baptist Church at Ina, Illinois. Services were opened by singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm".

Devotion and Prayer were led by Rev. Claude Childers. Song "Are You Washed in The Blood".

Special Session was called to Order with Business:

26 Ordained Ministers and 26 Ordained Deacons were present.

Freedom County had 17 delegates present. Wayne County had 4 delegates with 33 delegates present from Franklin County.

Motion was made by Rev. Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev. John Hiltibidal that the delegates of the 3 counties be seated. Motion carried.

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

United Prayer led by Rev. George Ritter.

(1) Motion was made by Rev. George Ritter and Seconded by Rev. John Hiltibidal, to give trustees the right to borrow money to acquire the land left to "The Free Will Baptist Church as a Church Denomination", by the late Rev. Elmer P. Warren. Also to be free to work with owner of the land to sell or keep as they see fit. In behalf of the Southern Illinois Conference. Motion Carried.

(2) Motion was made by Rev. 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 treasury. Motion Carried.

(3) Motion made by Rev. Jack Kettelman and seconded by Rev. Claude Childers to assess each church \$2.00 now to meet the immediate obligations of the Conference. Motion was made by Mont Davis and seconded by Rev. Carl Williams to amend the first motion. That a free will offering be sent from each church of \$2.00 or more to be sent to the treasurer with two (2) weeks to meet this obligation. Motion Carried.

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

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

Benediction by Rev. Carl Williams.

NEWOR A 123456
SUNDA 1234 1234 1234
1234 1234 1234 1234
June 20, 1957

The Thirty-Eighth annual Session of the Southern Illinois Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference was opened by singing "One Day", and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Rev. Les Elliott led in Prayer.

Devotion by: Richard McNeil—5 ch. Matthew 1-16

Discussion: What Does The Church Need.

Dismissal: Rev. John Hiltibidal.

Recess:

Eleven O'clock services were opened by singing "There is Power in the Blood" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

Prayer: Rev. Turnbough.

Song: "Faith Is The Victory".

Rev. George McClaskey brought the morning message using St. Mark 14: 25-41 as his Scripture.

Song: "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story".

Dismissal Prayer by Rev. George Waggoner.

Afternoon:

One-thirty opened by singing "Trust and Obey" and "Blessed Assurance".

Prayer: Sister Roberta (Bain).

Song: "At The Cross".

Devotion: Rev. Donald Dunning—Roman 5-8.

Discussion on "Church Helps and Ideas".

Song: "He Lives".

Prayer: Rev. Floyd Shelton.

Message: Rev. C. J. Kettelman, in the absence of W. R. Burton, using First Corinthians 15: 1-20.

Dismissal: Sister Mable Kettelman.

June 21, 1957

Services were opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings".

Prayer: Rev. L. E. Able.

Song: "Have Thine Own Way Lord".

Devotion: Rev. Wallace Malone, Psalms 37.

Song: "Sunlight".

Report on camp meeting: Rev. George Waggoner.

Letters were read from the various quarterly's by the clerk and acted upon.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. L. E. Able to seat the delegates and accept letters as read. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. W. F. Turnbough to adopt the program and leave time schedule flexible at will of moderator. Motion Carried.

Pulpit committee appointed by moderator was: Mrs. Zola McClerren, Clyde Lutz, and Elver Bunell.

Business committee appointed were: Rev. W. F. Turnbough, Rev. O. C. McClerren, and Rev. Leon McBride.

Letters were read by Rev. Wallace Malone about a T. V. program. Then turned to the Business Committee to recommend.

Pulpit Committee gave report as follows:

Rev. Wallace Malone for the 11:00 Message and Rev. Leon McBride for Devotion at 1:30 P. M. (S) Committee. Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Rev. W. F. Turnbough to accept report. Motion Carried.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Floyd Shelton.

Morning Worship

Services were opened by singing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "Stepping In The Light".

Prayer By: Rev. Geraldine Lewis.

Song: "My Redeemer".

Rev. Wallace Malone brought the morning message, using for his Scripture, Luke 5:1-6 and John 2.

Song: "Amazing Grace" with Hand shake.

Dismissal Prayer: Rev. W. F. Turnbough.

Afternoon

Services were opened by singing "Take The Name of Jesus With You".

Prayer: Bro. Clarence Buster.

Devotion: Rev. John Hiltibidal, Ephesians 12-18.

Rev. James Miller of the National Association from Farmington, Missouri gave a talk on "Improvement Program of the Bible College."

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary by Sister Emma Malone.

Song: Sister Ella Mae Hiltibidal, "One Day".

Prayer: Sister Zola McClarren.

Playette: "Payday".

Song: "At Calvary".

We, the Business Committee, recommend that the Moderator be given the authority to appoint the Credential Committee, consisting of three (3) men. (S) Business Committee. Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride that we give him this authority. Motion Carried. Committee appointed were Rev. L. E. Able, Rev. C. J. Ketteman, and Rev. John Hiltibidal.

We, the Business Committee, recommend that all Free Will Baptist Churches when calling a pastor, call a minister or pastor who has a card of good standing from a Yearly Conference. (S) Committee. Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. L. E. Able to adopt this plan. Motion Carried.

Pulpit Committee gave a report as follows: We the pulpit committee have completed the pulpit report. We have chosen for Devotion, 9:45, Sister Geraldine Lewis; Sermon, 11:00, Rev. James Miller of the National Association; Devotion, 1:30, Sister Kathryn Waggoner. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. L. E. Able to accept this report and release the committee. Motion Carried.

Report given by Rev. Leslie Elliott on Foreign Missions. Offering of \$68.16 was taken for Foreign Missions.

Report on Sunday School Alliance and Youth Camp were given by Rev. Leon McBride.

Rev. George Waggoner introduced our evening speaker, Rev. Raymond Riggs, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Dismissal Prayer by Rev. James Miller.

Rev. Raymond Riggs brought an inspiring message at the 7:45 hour. Rev. Riggs is the Promotional Secretary of Nashville, Tennessee.

June 22, 1957

Services were opened by singing "There's Power In The Blood".

Prayer: Rev. Lester Breeze.

Song: "Revive Us Again" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm".

Devotion: Rev. Geraldine Lewis.

Report was given by Bro. Jesse Boswell on the National Association at West Virginia.

We, the Business Committee, recommend that an offering be taken for Foreign Missions on Saturday evening of this Yearly Conference. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. W. F. Turnbough and seconded by Rev. Cecil Walker, that we take this offering. Motion Carried.

Auditing Committee appointed were Bro. Leslie Lewis, Bro. Ed Robillard, and Sister Mary Smith.

Deacon Harl Hilliard, Rev. W. F. Turnbough and Rev. O. C. McClerren, along with the moderator and clerk, were nominated to serve on program committee to plan the program for the next Yearly Conference. Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and Bro. Leslie Lewis to cease nominations and elect by acclamations. Motion carried and each were duly elected.

Rev. George Waggoner gave a report about the tract of land to be inherited, also a report about the camp meeting. He gave the details on the contest for fund raising.

Song: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Dismissal Prayer by Rev. Eugene Norris.

Morning Worship

Morning Worship was opened by singing "He Lives", "Jesus Saves", and "At Calvary".

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Chorus: "Into My Heart".

Morning message was given by Rev. James Miller, chairman of Improvement program of the Nashville, Tenn., Bible College. For his Scripture he chose Matthew 12:38.

Afternoon

Services were opened by singing "Count Your Blessings" and "When We All Get To Heaven".

Devotion: by Sister Kathryn Waggoner, using as her Scripture, Galatians 5.

Prayer: Rev. Cloy Myers.

Auditing Committee report was as follows: "We the auditing committee have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct, with \$384.50 in treasury. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Bro. Willis Childers and seconded by Rev. Cloy Myers to accept the auditors' report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. O. C. McClerren. Motion was made by Rev. Wallace Malone and seconded by Rev. Cloy Myers that the report be accepted. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Jasper Armstrong and seconded by Rev. Cecil Walker that the treasurer be authorized to pay the various bills. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Bro. Willis Childers and seconded by Rev. Cloy Myers that a standing vote of thanks be given the ladies and people of various churches who helped serve the delicious meals during the yearly conference. Motion carried and vote of thanks given.

Silent prayer and prayer by Rev. George Waggoner were given in remembrance of the deceased Brethren.

(1) We the Business Committee recommend that the moderator of the yearly conference be allowed to appoint a "State or Local Home Mission Board", consisting of five (5) men, who in turn will make plans for our State or Local mission work. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Rev. Wallace Malone that we adopt this plan. Motion carried.

(2) We the Business Committee recommend that one member of the State or Local Mission Board be replaced each year by election. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Bro. Willis Childers and seconded by Rev. Wallace Malone that we accept this plan. Motion carried.

(3) We the Business Committee recommend that when appointment is made, the first man appointed will serve for five (5) years, second man four (4) years, third man three (3) years, fourth man two (2) years, and fifth man one (1) year. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Rev. Howard Flota that we accept this plan. Motion carried.

(4) We the Business Committee recommend that each church give an offering each month for this important and worthy cause. (S) Committee. Motion was made by Rev. Eugene Norris and seconded by Rev. Cloy Myers that we adopt this plan. Motion carried.

(5) We the Business Committee recommend that this yearly conference elect one trustee each year, for the yearly association, with the Wayne Co. Trustee being retired at this season. The Freedom Co. Trustee retiring in 1958 and the Franklin Co. Trustee retiring in 1959. Trustee being replaced to be replaced by a man from his county. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. W. F. Turnbough and seconded by Rev. John Hiltibidal that we adopt this plan. Motion carried.

(6) We the Business Committee recommend that the television or radio programs planning be referred to our State or Local Mission Board. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Wallace Malone and seconded by Rev. C. J. Kettelman that we adopt this plan. Motion carried.

(7) We the Business Committee recommend that the Quarterly Conference who entertains the Yearly Conference stand the expenses of such Conference. (S) Committee. Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Rev. C. J. Kettelman that we adopt this plan. Motion lost.

The Credential Committee gave their report.

The Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. Lester Breeze that we accept the report and grant the cards. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Rev. Howard Flota that we retain the Credential Committee for 30 days and consider all reports that come in. Motion carried.

The men appointed for the State or Local missions were Rev. W. F. Turnbough, Rev. Claude Childers, Rev. George McClaskey, Rev. Howard Flota and Rev. Cecil Walker.

Motion was made by Rev. Leslie Elliott and seconded by Rev. Cecil Walker that delegates to National be paid \$15 of the expense. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kathryn Waggoner, Lester Lewis, Willis Childers, Ed Robilard and Mrs. Freda McClaskey were nominated as delegates to the National Association. Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. Wallace Malone that nominations cease and to proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

The next yearly conference will meet with the Wayne Co. Quarterly the Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in June.

Motion was made by Rev. George McClaskey and seconded by Rev. Leon McBride that Harl Hillard be elected as trustee for Wayne Co. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. C. J. Kettelman and seconded by Lester Lewis to hold all the officers for the coming year. Rev. George Waggoner for Moderator, Rev. George Ritter, Assistant Moderator; Mrs. O. C. McClerren, Treasurer; and Mrs. Freda McClaskey, Clerk. Motion carried.

A vote of appreciation was given our visitor and speakers, Rev. James Miller and Rev. Raymond Riggs, both of Nashville, Tenn.

Motion was made by Bro. Willis Childers and seconded by Rev. Cecil Walker that we adjourn business. Motion Carried.

Benediction by Rev. Floyd Shelton.

• Rev. George Waggoner, Moderator
Rev. George Ritter, Ass't Moderator
Mrs. Freda McClaskey, Clerk

MEMORIAL

Deaths during year ending June 1, 1957

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jess Porter | 12. Oattie Lowery |
| 2. Ruth Auvil | 13. Jesse Brooks |
| 3. Riley Neal | 14. Juanita Ramsey |
| 4. Cora Cockrum | 15. Walter Kettelman |
| 5. Harvey Webster | 16. Anna Wilson |
| 6. Willie Elkins | 17. L. F. Harpole |
| 7. Carrol Clompet | 18. Trelle Campbell |
| 8. Barney Mercles | 19. Rosa Rock |
| 9. Minnie Burton | 20. Nellie Miller |
| 10. Frank Boswell | 21. Willis Warren |
| 11. Grover Johnston | |

Also 12 deceased from Freedom, not named.

DELEGATES

Wayne County

Elver Bunnell
Gladys Wilfong
Alva Grubb

Gaynell Auvil
Muriel Vaughn
Elva Barnfield

Freedom County

Leo Glider
Guy Terry
Clarence Smith
Lora Dunn
Max Hudgens
Roscoe Cox
Cecil Edwards
Wiley Ryan
Vard Roberts
Sidney Jenkins
Roy Tanner
Dick Roberts
Gene Blades
Wendell Kelly
Henry Dunning

Lettie Dunning
Mart Dunaway
Walter Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Robilard
Mr. & Mrs. Robins
Zola McClerren
Vaulta Cook
Mr. & Mrs. Travelstead
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore
Walter Overstreet
Lowell Overstreet
Laura Smith
Mary Cline
Garland Rogers
Raymond Dean

Franklin County

Lucille Coursey	Arwood Plaster
Trecie Adcock	Carrie McBride
Mary Smith	Paul Wilson
Carl Span	Marie Hall
Clyde Lutz	Lester Lewis
Clarence Buster	Willie Barter
Edward Boswell	Jesse Allen
Frank Mandrell	Melvin Adams
Perry Armstrong	Golden Odel
Dora Gilliam	Riley Gather
Clarence Gilliam	John Lovell
Edith Tailor	Grace Bruce
Fred Britton	Pola Bain
Lillie Williams	Edgar Sanders
Wastina Campbell	Ollie Williams
Guy Scrutchfield	Ollie Sulcer
Marshel Doty	Kerby Rogers
Juanita Baker	Ola Sanders
Coy Flota	Ray Clark
Bonnie Wilhite	Lois Deen
Leslie McClarren	Archie Kern
Plumber Payne	Denzel Conner
Marjorie Dame	

MINISTERS' CARDS ISSUED

Ordained

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. L. E. Able | 38. Lee Le Vault |
| 2. Albert Bays | 39. Loyd Lasley |
| 3. W. R. Burton | 40. Geraldine Lewis |
| 4. Gale Breeze | 41. J. L. Loller |
| 5. Jasper Armstrong | 42. Richard McNeil |
| 6. Hazel A. Buick | 43. Cloy Myers |
| 7. Dorca Braden | 44. Leon McBride |
| 8. Lester Breeze | 45. Wallace Malone |
| 9. Joyce Browning | 46. Thomas Marlow |
| 10. Everett Beaty | 47. George McClaskey |
| 11. Vernell Clark | 48. Gazella Murphy |
| 12. Wilbert Connell | 49. O. C. McClerren |
| 13. Taylor Coursey | 50. Dewey Merritt |
| 14. C. A. Curry | 51. Eugene Norris |
| 15. Byford Campbell | 52. Robert Norman |
| 16. Claude Childers | 53. Melvin Oathout |
| 17. Donald Dunning | 54. Fred Pierson |
| 18. Dwight Dame | 55. Raymond Pitchford |
| 19. Leslie Elliott | 56. Ernest Pearson |
| 20. Howard Flota | 57. Curt Rogers |
| 21. James Fite | 58. George Ritter |
| 22. Clyde Gulley | 59. Floyd Shelton |
| 23. Willie Huffman | 60. Sherman Sullivan |
| 24. Everett Hodges | 61. Hosea Smith |
| 25. Ethel Hoffard | 62. Irene Sullivan |
| 26. Harry Hughes | 63. Paul Sulcer |
| 27. Arlene Hanna | 64. Bertrum Smith |
| 28. Floyd Hartley | 65. Berlin Scarbrough |
| 29. Louis Hanna | 66. Lucille Scarbrough |
| 30. John Hiltibidal | 67. Thomas Skinner |
| 31. Marshall Hamilton | 68. M. L. Thompson |
| 32. Luther Hudson | 69. W. L. Turnbough |
| 33. Lloyd Jones | 70. Harold Whitsell |
| 34. Oran Kersh | 71. George Waggoner |
| 35. Arthur Kern | 72. Carl Williams |
| 36. C. J. Kettelman | 73. Cecil Walker |
| 37. Gilbert King | 74. Wayne Walker |

Licensed

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Vivian Dunning | 3. Fred Meece |
| 2. Ellamae Hiltibidal | 4. James Merrill |

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 to 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.

