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The Thirty-Ninth annual session of Southern Illinois Free Will Baptist yearly conference was opened by singing "Trust and Obey" and "Anywhere With Jesus". Mrs. Barbara Cook led in prayer.

Song: "I Must Tell Jesus".

Prayer: Rev. Homer Willis of Nashville, Tenn.

Song: "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Message: Rev. Thomas Skinner brought the evening message using for his scripture Romans 6-18.

Song: "Have Thine Own Way Lord".

Rev. Homer Willis of the Home Mission Board made a short talk.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. George McClaskey.

June 19, 1958

Services were opened by singing "Stepping In The Light" and "What a Friend".

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Turnbough.

Devotions and Testimonies by Rev. Jack Kettelman using for his scripture the 23rd Psalms.

Song: "Jesus Is All The World To Me".

Motion was made by Mrs. Mary Hillard and seconded by Rev. George McClaskey that Rev. Dewey Merritt act as moderator until the moderator arrived. Motion carried.

Discussion: "What can we do to increase church attendance".

Dismissal prayer by Rev. W. T. Turnbough.

Eleven o'clock services were opened by singing "Send The Light" and "Trust And Obey".

Prayer by Rev. Vernell Clark.

Song: "Anywhere With Jesus".

Special song: "Under His Wings" by Sister Elva Barnfield.

Rev. Dewey Merritt brought the morning message using 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter for his scripture.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Everett Lewis.

Afternoon

Services were opened by singing "He keeps Me Singing".

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Turnbough.

Special song: "Blessed Redeemer" by Freda McClaskey.

Devotion by Rev. Ellamae Hiltibidal using 15 Corinthians.

Exchange of church helps and needs.

Motion was made by Rev. Dewey Merritt and seconded by Rev. George McClaskey that the moderator appoint someone to bring the memorial message in the absence of Rev. W. R. Burton. Motion carried.

Rev. C J. Ketteman was appointed to bring the message.

Song: "Draw Me Nearer".

Prayer: Rev. Paul Barnfield.

Song: "Take Time To Be Holy".

Prayer. Rev. George Waggoner in honor of those that have served the Lord faithfully throughout the years.

The memorial message was given by Rev. C. J. Ketteman using for his scripture John 13.

Song and handshake "Showers of Blessings".

Dismissal by Rev. John Hiltibidal.

Evening Services

Services were opened by singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching".

Prayer by Rev. Floyd Hartley.

Song: "Just When I Need Him Most" and "Blessed Assurance".

Prayer in behalf of those who are working in foreign lands to save lost souls. Led by Rev. W. T. Turnbough.

Song: "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross".

Message by Rev. Homer Willis of the Home Mission Board of Nashville, Tenn., using for his scripture Acts 8-29-30. Then he showed slides of his mission work in Alaska.

Offering was taken for this work.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Howard Flota.

Friday June 20

Services were opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "The Light of the World is Jesus".

Prayer by Bro. Howard Clampet.

Song: "Showers of Blessings".

Song: "At Calvary".

Devotion by Rev. Hosea Smith using for his scripture the 27th Psalms.

Report on Camp Meeting by Rev. George Waggoner.

Letters were read from the various quarterlies by the clerk and were acted upon.

Motion was made by Rev. Hosea Smith and seconded by Rev. W. T. Turnbough to accept the letter from Freedom and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Hosea Smith to seat the delegates and accept letter of Franklin. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. W. T. Turnbough and seconded by Rev. Richard McNeil to accept letter of Wayne and seat delegates. Motion carried.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Rev. Leon McBride.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary was given.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Richard McNeil.

The eleven o'clock services were opened by singing "Revive Us Again" and "Just When I Need Him Most".

Prayer by Bro. Howard Clampet.

Song: "Send The Light" and "Jesus Saves".

Prayer by Rev. C. J. Ketteman.

Rev. Claude Childers brought the morning message. He used Acts 4-5 to 12 for his scripture.

Song: "Near the Cross".

Dismissal prayer by Rev. George Waggoner.

Afternoon

Services were opened by singing "Glory To His Name" and "Anywhere With Jesus".

Devotion by Rev. Richard McNeil who used for his scripture 1st John 3rd chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Dewey Merritt.

Introduction of our evening speaker Rev. Leroy Forlines.

The credential committee appointed by the moderator was Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Rev. C. J. Ketteman and Deacon Harl Hillard.

Business committee appointed was Rev. Leon McBride, Rev. Paul Barnfield and Bro. Howard Clampet.

Motion was made by Rev. Claude Childers and seconded by Rev. Leon McBride to accept the program and leave flexible at will of moderator. Motion carried.

Report on State Home Mission Board was given by Rev. W. T. Turnbough showing a total of \$747.71 in the treasury.

Report of Home Mission Board Director, Rev. Claude Childers.

Report of Sunday School Alliance Youth Camp by Rev. Leon McBride.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. Dewey Merritt that a report be given the clerk on each report given to be printed in the minutes. Motion carried.

Report of Nashville Bible College about the new dining hall was given. Gifts from Illinois totaled \$1,895.51. Of this amount \$392.91 was for the improvement programs. Total number of students registered was 197.

Song: "Stepping In The Light".

Dismissal by Sister Roberta Bain.

Evening Service

Evening services were opened by singing "Jesus Saves" and "Send The Light".

Prayer by Rev. Geraldine Lewis.

Song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings".

Special: "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy" by Marvin Gregory and girls, Bonnie, Connie and Vicki.

Special: "The Love of God" by Rev. Leon McBride.

Special: "Victory In Jesus" by Lester McBride.

Prayer: Rev. Paul Sulcer.

Song: "What a Friend".

The evening message was delivered by our guest speaker, Rev Leroy Forlines. He used for his scripture 2nd Timothy 3-13 to 17. His topic was "Giving More Place to the World of God" which was a very inspiring message.

Song and hand shake: "In The Sweet By and By".

Dismissal: Rev. Jesse Allen.

Saturday, June 21

Services were opened by singing "Standing On The Promises".

Prayer: Bro. Earl Adcock.

Song: "I Must Tell Jesus".

Rev. Melvin Oathout led devotions and used for his scripture Psalms 116.

Song: "Showers of Blessings".

Altar prayer led by Rev. Wallace Malone.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting read, corrected and approved.

Pulpit committee appointed by the moderator was Bro. Earl Adcock, Bro. Lester Lewis and Bro. James Willard.

Report of pulpit committee was as follows: Rev. Leroy Forlines for the eleven o'clock message; Rev. Wallace Malone for devotions at 1:30 p. m. (S) Committee. Report accepted.

Business and credentials committee excused.

Motion was made by Rev. Curt Rogers and seconded by Deacon Ray Stern that Rev. O. C. McClerren be retained for the Freedom Co. Trustee. Motion carried.

The auditing committee appointed by the moderator was Bro. Jesse Boswell, Rev. Curt Rogers, Rev. Floyd Hartley.

Motion was made by Rev. Curt Rogers and seconded by Deacon James Willard that Rev. Cecil Walker be retained on the State Home Mission Board. Motion carried.

Song: "At Calvary".

Dismissed by Rev. Carl Williams.

The eleven o'clock services were opened by singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

Prayer: Rev. O. C. McClerren.

Song: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

Prayer: Rev. Melvin Oathout.

Song: "Draw Me Nearer".

Message by Rev. Leroy Forlines using for his scripture Romans 5, 1 to 11.

Dismissal by Rev. C. J. Kettelman.

Saturday Afternoon, June 21

Services were opened by singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Jesus Saves".

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Warren.

Devotion by Rev. Wallace Malone who used for his scripture Isaiah 6.

Song: "Amazing Grace". Offering of \$43.66 for Rev. Leroy Forlines. The auditing committee reported \$100.89 in the treasury.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by James Willard that we accept the report as given. Motion carried.

We, the credential committee, recommend that Luther Hudson's card be held as he has gone to another denomination and is no longer a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, but all ministers giving reports be given a card. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Wallace Malone and seconded by Rev. Floyd Hartley that the treasurer be authorized to pay bills on hand. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. W. T. Turnbough and seconded by Jesse Boswell that the business committee's reports be received and acted upon one at a time. Motion carried.

1. We, the business committee recommend that every church in our yearly conference, especially those who have Young People's Leagues, send at least one (1) or more delegates to our national league conference.

Motion was made by James Willard and seconded by Rev. C. J. Ketteman that we do this. Motion carried.

2. We, the business committee, recommend that churches, when calling a pastor, call only ministers with cards of good standing. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Ray Chester and seconded by James Willard, that we do this. Motion carried.

3. We, the business committee, recommend that all the churches pay the expenses of their pastor to the National Association and \$12 on the expenses of the 5 delegates sent to the National. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Jesse Boswell and seconded by Rev. Leon McBride that we adopt this plan. Motion carried.

4. We, the business committee, recommend that all pastors who permits or condones the speaking in tongues or other radical doctrines forfeit their card of good standing. (S) Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Jesse Boswell that this be done. Motion carried.

Program committee duly elected was Rev. Everett Beaty as chairman, Rev. George Ritter and Deacon Harl Hillard along with the moderator and clerk.

A vote of appreciation was given the churches for the delicious meals.

Elva Barnfield, Elbert Avery, Ray Chester, Myrtle Pulley and Virginia Buskool were nominated as delegates to the National. Motion was made by Rev. W. T. Turnbough and seconded by Rev. Wal-

lace Malone to cease nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Also that if delegates were unable to go they were to give the \$12.00 to someone else to act as delegate.

Treasurer's report was given with a total of \$100.89 in the treasury.

Motion was made by Rev. John Hiltibidal and seconded by Howard Clampet that we accept the report. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rev. Leon McBride and seconded by Rev. C. J. Ketteyman that we keep Mrs. O. C. McClerren as treasurer. Motion carried.

Jesse Boswell was nominated for clerk and duly elected.

Rev. O. C. McClerren was nominated for assistant moderator.

Motion was made by Rev. Dewey Merritt and seconded by Ray Chester that we cease nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Rev. W. T. Turnbough and Rev. George Waggoner were nominated as moderator. Motion was made by Bro. Jesse Boswell and seconded by Bro. Howard Clampet that we cease nominations and proceed to elect. Rev. W. T. Turnbough elected.

Business was declared adjourned.

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

Dismissal by Jesse Boswell.

Rev. George Waggoner, Moderator
Rev. George Ritter, Assistant Moderator
Freda McClasky, Clerk

MEMORIAL

Deaths during the year ending June 1, 1958

Logan Thompson
Minnie Wells
John Clark
Cora Cockrum
James Russell
Otto Henry
Wilson Warren
Edgar Murry
Grover Brayfield
Elzina Harrison
James Asbury

Cora Esmon
Rose Payne
Richard Barnfield
Mary Boswell
Mabel Dillon
Frank Mandrel
Hearl Knowles
Alvin Hartley
Obed Rhine
Richard Buster

Also 15 deceased from Freedom not named.

DELEGATES

Wayne County

Elver Bunnell
Artie Wilfong
Mary Hillard

Iva Brooker
Lillie Stull
Fannie Pennington

Freedom County

James Woolard
Wendell Kelley
Walter Overstreet
Nora Overtstreet
Ray Sterns
Lora Dunn
Ed Robilard
Mrs. Ed Robilard
Mabel Clark
Estelle Hall
Oral Walker
Mrs. Oral Walker
Myrtle Ryan
Wiley Ryan
Joe Cox

Leo Geidor
Beulah Moore
Mart Dunaway
Dorothy Albright
Donna Eagle
Cecil Taylor
Jake Frye
Coy Anderson
Donald Grant
Esco Bunden
Mont Davis
Velma Davis
Vaulta Cook
Arnold Garrett
Eall Jent

Franklin County

Fannie McBride
Arthur Joy
Trecie Adcock
Howard. Clampet
Clyde Lutz
Lester McBride
Harry Chester
Paul Isaacs
John Braden
Julias Groves
Grace Bailey
Everett Lewis
Hazel Lewis
Denzil Connor
Willie Porter
Gene Webb
Nannie Taylor
Arthur Sanders
Berthald Hiltibidal
Lois Dees
Archie Kern
Grace Bruce

Sharum Allen
Dean McBride
Ed Shadowens
Marshall Doty
Walter Shelton
Henry Buskool
Loyd Vaughn
Leslie McClerren
Lester Lewis
Raymond Conner
Melvin Adams
Ella Pettypool
Neal Sulcer
Marion Wells
Carlyle Cook
Mary Gaither
Riley Gaither
Edith DeJournet
Dorothy Hamilton
John Lovell
Ray Clark
Pola Bain

MINISTERS' CARDS ISSUED

Ordained

L. E. Able
Jasper Armstrong
Hazel Buick
W. R. Burton
Everett Beaty
Dorcea Braden
Albert Bays
Joyce Browning
Vernell Clark
Claude Childers
Byford Campbell
C. A. Curry
Vivian Dunning

Loyd Lasley
Geraldine Lewis
J. L. Loller
Wallace Malone
George McClaskey
O. C. McClerren
James Merrill
Gazella Murphy
Fred Meece
Leon McBride
Cloy Meyers
Richard McNeil
Jake McAnelly

Dwight Dame
Leslie Elliott
Howard Flota
James Fite
Ethel Hoffard
Everett Hodges
Willie Huffman
Harry Hughes
Arlene Hanna
Louis Hanna
John Hiltibidal
Floyd Hartley
Marshall Hamilton
Gilbert King
Arthur Kern
C. J. Ketteman
Oran Kersh
Lee LeVault

Dewey Merritt
Eugene Norris
Robert Norman
Fred Pierson
Curt Rogers
George Ritter
Floyd Shelton
Bertrum Smith
Irene Sullivan
Sherman Sullivan
Paul Sulcer
Thomas Skinner
Hosea Smith
W. T. Turnbough
Cecil Walker
Carl V. Williams
Walter Wayne Warren
Harold Whitself

Licensed

Jesse Allen
Ellamae Hiltibidal
Clifford Hicks

Melvin Oathout
David Shores
Floyd Steward