

1961

The forty second annual session of the Southern Illinois Freewill Baptists yearly Conference
Convened at the Tabernacle in West City, Ill June
~~16-17~~¹⁶⁻¹⁷, 1961. (See inserted page)

Sat. morn. Services were opened by singing the theme song:
"Stand up, stand up for Jesus" as our Conference
theme was "Stand Fast In the Lord" Phil. 1:27 b.
This was followed by prayer by sis. Geraldine Lewis.
We then sang "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us".

Devotional by Bro. Everett Beatty using 2 Cor.
7-9 which he followed by prayer.

Election of Clerk Pro-tem was next in order.
Mrs Pauls was absent so one had to be elected.
sis Irene Sullivan was elected by acclamation.

Credentials Committee then made a report.
"We have examined the Quarterly reports of
the Northern Quarterly and the South Central
Quarterly to the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference
and find them in order and recommend that
they be received. Freedom Quarterly and Franklin
Quarterly has not reported". Signed Credentials
Committee - Mont Davis, Jr & Guy E. Terry.

Motion & 2nd we accept report of Credentials
Committee - Carried.

Reading of By-laws & Constitution by Moderator.
Motion made we accept program as
outlined and follow as closely as possible. 2nd
& Motion Carried.

Reading of Minutes of last yearly by Clerk
Pro-Tem, also reading the minutes of the special
session of Aug. 20, 1960. Motion and 2nd we
accept the report. Motion Carried.

The Clerk is to strike out from the minutes
the word Rev. appearing before Bro. Elmer Bunnell's
name. This was done.

Reading of Church's letters from South
Central Quarterly read. Motion we accept the
letter & delegates & seat same. Motion 2nd & Carried.

Reading of church letter from Northern

Quarterly. Motion we accept the letter & delegates and seat same. Motion 2nd & Carried.

Nominating Committee was next in order. Motion & 2nd was that the Chair be given right to appoint Nominating Committee. Carried. The Committee appointed were: Bro. Cecil Walker, Bro. Arnold Garrett & Bro. William Lewis Jones.

Recalculation Committee then appointed by Chair. Those appointed are: ^{officers} Sis. Elliott, Sis. Juanita Jones & Sis. Geraldine Lewis.

We then dismissed business until 1:30 P.M. to give way for 11 O'Clock message.

11 O'Clock - opened by Congregation singing "Precious Name", followed in prayer by Bro. Lawrence Thompson. Congregation then sang "Jesus included me". We then had some special singing by Bro. Robert Brennan of New Hope Church. He sang "Hand in Hand with Jesus", "Where Could I Go?", and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".

Sermon by Rev. Leslie Elliott using for his message the scripture found in St. John 15:16

after the message the Chair appointed an auditing Committee. Those appointed are: Ardell Davis; O.C. McDerren and Sherman Sullivan.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Cecil Walker.

Noon -

Saturday afternoon. June 17th

Theme song "Stand up, I stand up for Jesus" sang by Congregation followed in prayer by Bro. Geo. Waggoner.

Song - When We all Get to Heaven

Devotions by Maribeth Moore of Freedom Church using Matt 26:36-46.

Special singing by a duet from Ina Church singing 2 wonderful numbers.

Treasurer's report by Sis. Betty Hampleman.

June 25, 1960 - Amount of Cash in Bank	\$121.41
.. 25, 1960 - dues Franklin 2.M.	\$187.50
.. 25, 1960 - dues Wayne 2.M.	\$22.50
.. 25, 1960 - dues Freedom 2.M.	\$112.50
.. 25, 1960 - dues Northern 2.M.	\$7.50
Balance	\$451.41

June 25-60 Jess Brouell Clerk	\$35.00
.. 25-60 Mrs O.C. McDerren Treas.	\$25.00
.. 25-60 Jess Brouell Clerk expenses	\$6.40
.. 25-60 Mrs O.C. McDerren Treas. expenses	\$10.00
.. 25-60 National delegate Jim Harris	\$40.00
.. 25-60 Tom Malone	\$40.00
.. 25-60 Beacie Chubb	\$40.00
Total	\$196.40

July 7, 1960 Bal in Bank that I deposited	\$255.01
7-12-60 Slankard Printers (yearly meeting programs)	\$16.50
7-12-60 .. (aux. part on yearly min for 1959 had not been paid)	\$35.00
7-12-60 Hawkins office supply (folders, binders & sheets)	\$9.90
7-30-60 Franklin County 2.M. (expenses for yearly)	\$45.00
6-28-60 National dues	\$5.00
3-1-61 Slankard Printers (500 minute books)	\$100.00

~~June 17, 1961 Bal in Bank~~

June 17, 1961 Bal in Bank \$43.61

Motion made & 2nd we accept report. Carried.

Auditing Committee report: 6-17-61

"We the Auditing Committee have examined the books and have found them to be correct."

Signed - Ardell Adams, Sherman Sullivan and O. C. McDerren.

Motion & 2nd we accept report & discharge Committee - Motion Carried.

Business Committee report:

We make the following recommendations:

- 1 - Request that the Secretary of State nullify the Yearly Meeting Charter in order that we, as the Canaan District Meeting, function under the Charter of our Ill - State Assoc. which is the

highest Free will Baptist body in the state.

Motion we adopt Item #1 - 2nd & Carried.
~~The Chair then appointed Bro. Cecil Walker, Bro. Everett Beatty and Bro. Geo. Ritter to take care of this item.~~

Motion was then ^{wanted that} ~~made~~ we give the Business Committee recommendations from the body to care for Item #1.

Motion was made & 2nd we give Business Committee the power to do this. Motion Carried.

Item #2 - Request the Ill. S. S. Alliance to issue lease for administration bldg to Ill. State association instead of Southern Illinois Yearly meeting, due to Bro. Warren's will reading. To the Free Will Baptists, as a denomination in Illinois.

Motion & 2nd we adopt same. Carried.

Item no 3 We recommend that under the provision of Article # 5, the bond of fellowship be withdrawn from the Franklin County & Freedom Quarterly Conferences due to their failure to represent themselves at this Conference.

Motion & 2nd we ^{adopt} ~~accept~~ this report - Carried.
 Item #4 Recommend that a Committee be appointed to revise the By-laws & Constitution to bring them up to date with current needs & presented for adoption in 1962.

Motion & 2nd we adopt same - Motion Carried. The Chair then appointed the Committee it consisting of Bro. Cecil Walker, Bro. Everett Beatty and Bro. George Ritter.

Item #5 We recommend to the Ill. State Assoc. that the Illinois State Home Missions Board act with the Executive Committee to investigate new Church possibilities and organization to the extent of placing a man on the field to labor in this Cause. Signed Comm. Everett Beatty,

Claude Hamplman and George E. Ritter.

Motion & 2nd we adopt same - Motion Carried.
Resolution Committee report - "In our appreciation of the fellowship of this day and its blessing, we wish to recommend that this yearly meeting give a standing vote of thanks to our Moderator, Rev. Childers & our Clerk Pro-tem, Sis Sullivan for their faithful services, also Rev. Elliott for a wonderful message, to Robert Drennon for the fine special numbers, the duct from the Ina Church; the pianist, song leader and all others that have helped make this day a success for the glory of God.

We also want to thank the Churches for the fine meal served at the noon hour.

We also recommend we offer a moment of silent meditation in memory of those deceased. Signed Resolutions Committee - Geraldine Lewis, Juanita Jones and Bessie Elliott.

a standing vote of appreciation was then given. a moment of silent meditation followed by prayer by Bro. Geo. Ritter was then given.

Motion & 2nd we accept report & discharge Committee. Motion Carried.

~~Nominations Committee report:~~

~~The Committee: C. C. Walker, Amos Garrett & H. L. Jones recommends~~

Motion & 2nd then made that we retain the present board of trustees until business is completed & then they are automatically discharged. ^{+ Carried}

Delegates elected to State Association by the Yearly Conference are:

St Charles - Sis Bessie Elliott

Deo Plains - Sis Vivian Otterson

Liberty - Sis Neva Butler

New Hope - Bro. A. E. Drennon

Ina - Sis Ethel Glasse

Johnston City - Sis Medred Sanders

Harmony - Sis Janice Coulson
 Plaster Grove - Sis Margorie Neal
 Graced View - Wardena Furlow
 Union - Sis A. C. McClerren
 Union Grove - Welter Furlong
 High Prairie - Sis. Betty Hamplman
 Liberty - Darlene Zimmerman - No one
 from Mt. Olive as they had no representation
 at this time.

Motion we accept the 13 above names
 to represent us to the State association.
 Motion 2nd & Carried.

Motion, 2nd & Carried that we
 empower our delegates in case they cannot
 attend to send another in their place
 by giving them a letter for the moderator
 authorizing them to act in your absence.

Nominating Committee report - We the
 Committee - C. C. Walker; Arnold Garrett and
 W. L. Jones recommend:

Mod. - Rev. A. C. McClerren
 Asst Mod. - Rev. George Ritter
 Clerk - Sis. Irene Sullivan
 Treasurer - Sis. Betty Hamplman.

Motion made, 2nd & Carried that Mod.
 for next yearly be Rev. A. C. McClerren.

Motion 2nd & Carried that asst Mod.
 be Rev. George Ritter

Motion 2nd & Carried that Clerk be
 Sis. Irene Sullivan

Motion, 2nd & Carried that treasurer
 be Sis. Betty Hamplman.

Motion made to discharge the Nominating
 Committee. 2nd & Carried.

Program Committee is to consist of
 the moderator and assistant being automatically
 an committee with 2 nominated from the
 floor.

Motion made that their wives, Sis

Ritter and Sis. Mc Clemen be on this Committee.
 Motion 2nd & Carried.

Motion made & 2nd we pay our Clerk
 and treasurer \$25⁰⁰ each per year. Carried.

Motion & 2nd we pay Bro. Jess Boswell
 \$25⁰⁰ for services rendered the last year. Carried.

Motion & 2nd we adjourn this session.
 Motion Carried.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Dene Blades.

(O.K'd)

Mod - Claude Chiles

Asst Mod - Claude Hempleman

Clerk - Irena Sullivan