

June 14 &amp; 15 - 1968

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference Convened at the Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle, at Benton, Ill., at 7:30 P.M.

In the absence of the Moderator & assistant the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Irene Sullivan. Bro. Leon McBride our song leader led us in a Congregational number "Higher Ground." We then called for a nomination for a moderator for the evening. Bro. C. J. Ketteman and Bro. Jim Walker were nominated. Nominations were closed and we proceeded to elect. The vote was taken with Bro. C. J. Ketteman being elected. Bro. Ketteman then took charge.

There was a motion that we stay with our program throughout the Conference. Motion seconded and carried. We were then led in prayer by Bro. George Ritter.

The Moderator then appointed a reception Committee as follows: Bro. Leon McBride, Bro. Bob Law and Sis. Brenda Edwards.

The Congregation then sang "We Have An Anchor."

The Welcome was then given by Bro. C. J. Ketteman, who read Psalms 122.

We then proceeded with Sunday School. There were 2 Contestants. Carla Barlow being the Winner (Immanuel Church). Tic Tac Toe was won by the Ina Church. Bible Bowl was won by Ina. Herald's Declamation had 2 Contestants, with Debbie Melvin from the Aurora Church being the Winner.

We were then dismissed until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning, June 15, 1968. Prayer by Bro. Henry Fisher.

Sat. Morning 9:30 A.M.

Service opened by singing "How Marvelous" followed in prayer by Bro. George Ritter. Congregation stood and sang "Trust and Obey."

The Moderator, Bro. Emmett Beatty then took charge. Devotions were given by Bro. Larrisa

Shaw using Psalm 22: 22-28, which he closed with prayer.

Reading of Minutes of previous session, read by the Clerk. As there were no objections or corrections, they were approved as read.

Reading of letters by the Clerk - Motion was made the recess letters as read and sent the delegates. Motion seconded & Carried.

The moderator then appointed the Committees that were needed. Those appointed were as follows:

Business Committee - all members present.  
Credentials - In the absence of Sis. Geraldine Lewis, Bro Bob Stone was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Nominating Committee - Tom Lavery, Mae Sullivan and Blanche Gawn.

Memorial - Reba Ritter, Martha Hawkins and Brenda Edwards.

Auditing - Bob Law, Bill Blackburn & Margaret Legendre.

Closing Resolution - Jean Roberts, Helen Suttle and Hanne Taylor.

We then had a discussion concerning a new brief case for the Yearly Clerk. A motion was made to purchase one - motion seconded & carried. The power was delegated to the Clerk to buy this.

A motion was made that the yearly program printing be paid. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was then made that if the So. Ill. Yearly Winner of Contests could not attend the State that the ~~Illinois~~ Canaan District win by default. 8 Voted 4 and 5 against. Motion Carried.

Motion made to adjourn until business in afternoon. Motion seconded & Carried. We were then dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Law, Recessed until 11:00 o'clock hour.

11:00 o'clock service

11:00 o' Clock service opened by congregation standing and singing "The Solid Rock", followed in prayer by Sis. Hannie Taylor. The Congregation then sang "More About Jesus".

Special song by a man from Joliet Church "You Gotta Keep on Walking".

Special song by Margaret Legendre - "Take time to Be Holy", after which the Congregation sang, "Let Others See Jesus In You".

Bro. <sup>Seay</sup> Waggoner then brought the 11:00 o' Clock message using Matt 5:13 for his Scripture. This was an informative & challenging message on Christian Duty, after which he closed with prayer.

Benediction and blessing on food was then offered by Bro. Arthur Jones  
1:15 P.M.

Service opened by Congregation singing "He Lives", followed in prayer by Bro. Jim Walker.

Bro. James Caelson then brought the devotional using Ecclesiastes 5:7 for an inspiring devotional which he closed with prayer.

We then had reports of the Committees. The reports are as follows:

Memorial Committee: "We the Memorial Committee recommend we stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of the following:  
Sis. Alma Bevis, New Hope Church  
Sis. Elsie Tucker, Oak Hill Church  
Sis. Nellie Smith, Oak Hill Church  
Sis. Theresa Heflin, Union Grove Church.

We ask the Moderator, Bro. Beaty to lead in prayer." Signed Committee: Reba Ritter, Martha Hawkins and Brenda Edwards.

Motion was made we accept this report. Motion seconded and carried. We then stood for a moment of silence followed in prayer by Bro. Beaty.

Resolution Committee: "We the Resolution Committee want to thank the ladies of the Churches for the wonderful meal that was served. We also

thank the ladies that sewed." Signed Committee: Helen Suttle, Jean Roberts and Marnie Taylor.

Motion was made we accept report and release Committee. Motion seconded and Carried.

Auditing Committee report: "The the Auditing Committee have examined the treasurers books and have found everything in order. Signed Auditing Committee: Robert Law, Margaret Legendre and Bill Blackburn.

Motion made we receive report and release Committee. Motion seconded and Carried.

Registration Committee report: "Report of Registration Committee, June 15, 1968

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| Deacons - 4   | Ministers 15 |
| Visitors - 17 | Delegates 17 |
|               | Total 53     |

Signed: Mona McBride

Motion made we accept report and stand in appreciation of the Committee. Motion seconded and Carried. Congregation stand in appreciation of the Committee.

Credentials Committee report:

"The following ministers reports have been examined and we make the following recommendation for cards of good standing":

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jack Edwards     | 13 Irene Sullivan     |
| 2 Gary Clayton     | 14 James E. Summerson |
| 3 Dwight Blame     | 15 Bernice Goddard    |
| 4 Bob Stone        | 16 Stanley Mooneyham  |
| 5 Sherman Sullivan | 17 Hermit Wright      |
| 6 Larrie Shaw      | 18 Gilbert King       |
| 7 Janice Blades    | 19 Larkin C. Calhoun  |
| 8 Leon McBride     | 20 Hazel Buick        |
| 9 Leslie Elliott   | 21 James O. Butcher   |
| 10 James Carlson   | 22 Danny E. Mercer    |
| 11 Jack Kettelman  | 23 Clinton Patten     |
| 12 Everett Beaty   | 24 Vivian Dunning     |

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| 25 Clarence Buck       | 33 Geraldine Lewis     |
| 26 Thomas Marlow       | 34 Jesse E. Meade      |
| 27 Joseph R. Wallis    | 35 Pauline Oshorn      |
| 28 Billy Melvin        | 36 Major Bailey        |
| 29 James M. Walker Jr. | 37 Charles Oshorn      |
| 30 Renford Lee Hensley | 38 Bobby Lee Thompson. |
| 31 George E. Ritter    |                        |
| 32 James E. Boggs      |                        |

Signed Committee:

Rev. James Coulson C. J. Kettelman and Bob R. Stone.  
 Motion made we accept report. Motion  
 seconded and Carried.

Nominating Committee report: "We the  
 Nominating Committee recommend the following  
 persons for office for the coming year.

Moderator - Jim Walker

Assistant Moderator - George Ritter

Clerk - Irene Sullivan

Treasurer - Mahel Kettelman

Trustee for 3 yr term - Jim Walker

Business Committee member 3 yr term - Leon McBride

Credential Committee member 3 yr term - Everett Beatty.

Signed Committee:

Thomas Laury, Mae Sullivan and Blanche Horn.

Motion made we accept report of Committee  
 and proceed to elect. Motion seconded and Carried.  
 Votes were then taken. Jim Walker duly elected for  
 Moderator. George Ritter duly elected for assistant  
 Moderator. Irene Sullivan duly elected Clerk, Mahel  
 Kettelman duly elected treasurer, Jim Walker duly  
 elected trustee for 3 yr term (expires 1971). ~~Leon~~ Leon  
 McBride duly elected Business Committee member for 3 yr  
 term (expires 1971) and Everett Beatty duly elected  
 Credential Committee member for a 3 yr term. (expires 1971)

Business Committee report: (1) We recommend  
 that the 1969 Yearly Meeting be held at the First  
 Free Will Baptist Church of Elgin. (2) We recommend  
 that this Conference pay 1/2 the cost of extra questions  
 for Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl at district and

State levels. (3) We recommend that we pay \$10.00 to the Sunday School Alliance for use of these facilities (4) We recommend that this body urge each member Church to adopt the "Family Plan" in Contact and depth subscriptions. (5) We recommend that the body adopt the Qualifications for Ministers' Cards of good standing that are established by the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. We further recommend that this body, Quarterly Conferences and Local Churches have the right to adopt further requirements for its ministers. (6) We recommend that at future Competition in Yearly Conferences that the State C. F. S. Board Chairman (or Director) be in charge of sword drill, Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl and Declamation Contests, and this recommendation be submitted to the State Association."

Signed Committee:

Arthur Jones, Leon Mc Bride and George E. Ritter.

Motion made we receive report and act on it item by item. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 1 - Motion made we accept recommendation. Motion seconded & Carried. Next Yearly duly sent to Elgin, Ill.

Item # 2 - Motion made we accept this recommendation. Motion seconded. Motion then made we amend recommendation by striking out the word "state". This amended motion was seconded and Carried.

Item # 3 - Motion made we adopt this item. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 4 - Motion made we adopt this recommendation. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 5 - Motion made we adopt this item. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 6 - Motion made we adopt this

item. Motion seconded and Carried.

Motion was then made that the Yearly Conference purchase and hand out awards to Contest winners. Motion seconded and Carried.

Motion made that awards be given to the second place winners also. Motion seconded and Carried.

Program Committee for 1969 shall be made up of officers of yearly Conference.

Motion was made that we request the State Association to insert our by-laws and Constitution in the State Minutes - Motion seconded and Carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Mahel Ketteman. Report is as follows:

Southern Ill. Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptist

|                                   | Receipts      | Pd. out          |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| May 31 - Balance Brought forward  | \$ 69.61      |                  |
| May 31 - South Central Quarterly  | \$ 90.00      |                  |
| June 11 - Northern Ill. Quarterly | 110.00        |                  |
|                                   | <u>269.61</u> |                  |
| July 15 - Ill. State Association  |               | \$ 100.00        |
| July 15 - Irene Sullivan          |               | 25.00            |
| July 15 - Mahel Ketteman          |               | 25.00            |
|                                   |               | <u>\$ 150.00</u> |

Balance in treas. 119.61

Delegates to the State Association were then nominated. They are as follows:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 William Lewis Jones | 8 Darlene Melvin     |
| 2 Juanita Jones       | 9 Blanche Horn       |
| 3 Mae Sullivan        | 10 Myrtle Edwards    |
| 4 Roberta Bain        | 11 Margaret Legendre |
| 5 Rosemary Blackburn  | 12 Thelma Legendre   |
| 6 Leroy Blades        | 13 Virgil Lyfler     |
| 7 Joyce Walker        | 14 Monte Davis Sr.   |

- 15 Brenda Edwards 18 Margaret Lowery  
 16 Margie Beaty 19 Verita Swan  
 17 Margaret Hawkins 20 Carrie Mc Bride.

Motion made that nominations  
 cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation  
 these delegates to the State Association. Motion  
 seconded and Carried. Delegates duly elected.

Business was then adjourned.  
 The congregation then stood and sang, "The  
 Light of the World Is Jesus".

Sis. Mona Mc Bride then sang "I'm  
 Satisfied With Jesus". This was followed  
 by a special by Debbie McLain singing,  
 "No One Cares For Me Like Jesus".

Bro. Bob Stone, then brought the  
 message of the hour, using parts of Revelation  
 and other Scriptures concerning the ~~end of~~  
 Rapture of the Church. His Key Verse was  
 "Blessed is he that understandeth this prophecy"  
 found in Rev. 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter. This was an  
 inspiring and challenging message to the  
 Church concerning the rewards and  
 changes for us when He shall Rapture  
 the Church from the World to meet Him  
 in the Air.

We then stood for diemical prayer  
 by Bro. C. J. Kettelman.

Modulator - Everett Beaty  
 Clerk - Irene Sullivan