

June 13-14, 1969

The 50th Annual Session of the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference Commenced at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elgin, Ill. June 13, 14, 1969, at 7:30 P.M.

Services opened by Congregation singing "Showers of Blessing".

Moderator called the Conference in order and asked that Bro. Gene Naves lead us in prayer.

Welcome given by Bro. James Walker, Jr.

Pastors, Churches and C.T.S. Directors were then given recognition.

The Congregation sang - "Standing On The Promises".

Bro. Walker then made a talk concerning young people. He gave illustrations of Professional Football Captains and Marines who devoted

themselves to "Youth for Christ" and also read Paul's instructions to Timothy which are the

pathway that young ten-agers need to follow.

Bro. Walker closed with prayer.

Special singing by Liberty Youth Choir singing, "Do you know my Jesus?"

Bro. Lion McBride then took charge of the Youth C.T.S. program as Bro. Joe Payne was absent, due to his being in an auto accident.

Sword drill - No Competition - Judy Zimmerman from Liberty.

Tic Tac Toe - No Competition - Roberts Road.

Bible Bowl - No Competition - Johnston City.

Judy Zimmerman, Roberts Road and Johnston City will be representing the Yearly at the State Association.

Awards were presented to the Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl and sword drill contestants.

Declamation (2 years) Debbie Hutchinson - Butterfield (Cruisers) Marilyn Pritchard - Johnston City.

These 2 will represent us at the State Association. Final tabulation by the judges was very close.

Services turned back to Moderator. Officers of yearly were then introduced to the Congregation.

Bro & Sis Clyatt from Ina Church and Bro Gene Harris were also introduced.

Dismissal prayer offered by Bro ^{Larry} Clyatt

9:30 A.M. Sat. June 14, 1969

Services opened by Congregation standing and singing "Dawn at The Cross" followed in prayer by Bro. Charles Osharne.

Devotions - Bro. Leon McBride issuing Ephesians 5:24 and Romans 12:1. a very good devotion using our theme "Now is the Day". Devotion closed with prayer by Bro. McBride.

Congregational song - "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms"

Business session then called to order by the Moderator.

Constitution and By-laws read by the Assistant Moderator - Bro. George Ritten

Reading of minutes of previous session read by Clerk. No objections nor corrections so approved as read.

Reading of letter from Northern Quarterly by the Clerk. Motion made we receive letter and seat delegates. Motion seconded & Carried.

Letter from South Central Quarterly was read by the Clerk. Motion made we accept letter and seat delegates. Motion seconded and Carried.

Committees appointed by Moderator

- 1 - Business (standing Committee) all members present
- 2 - Credentials (standing Committee) all members absent.

Those appointed for this session were: Dan Mercer, Major Bailey and Larry Clyatt.

- 3 - Nominating Committee - Jesse Meade, Guy Terry and Alberta Swartin.

- 4 - Memorial Committee - Pauline Ashburn, Lela Terry and Peggy Clyatt.

- 5 - Auditing Committee - Dixon Roberts, Gene Harris and Mrs. Danny Mercer.

- 6 - Closing Resolutions Committee - Mrs. Skinner

Mrs. Suttles and Judy Kent.

Treasurer report was not given in absence of Bro. Mahel Ketteman. Auditing Committee released as the books were not available to be audited.

Dismissed for short intermission before 11:00 o'clock service, dismissal prayer by Bro. Bob ~~Thompson~~ Thompson.

11:00 A.M.
Service opened by Congregation singing, "When The Redeemed are Gathering In" and "I'll Be Listening", followed in prayer by Bro. Jesse Meade. Congregation then sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Special song - Bro. Lang Olyatt & wife singing "I Discovered The Way of Gladness".

Bro. Gilbert King then brought the message of the hour. Scripture used, Matt. 7: 24-27 using the Theme "Time to Rebuild" from Verse 24.

This was an inspiring and challenging message on how we should build for Christ.

We then had a praise service. This was a spiritual session.

Host pastor, Bro. George Rutter then took charge. Dismissal prayer and blessing on food offered by Bro. Melvin.

1:15 P.M.

Service opened by Congregation singing "Joy Unpeakable". Prayer by Bro. Jerry Lee Jones. Congregational song "There'll Be Shouting".

Devotions - Bro. Major Bailey using Rev. 1: 18 for his devotions. A good devotion.

Sis. Allerta Sweetin then sang "An Empty Mansion".

Girls from Johnston City sang "At Calvary".

Afternoon message was by Bro. Robert Hill who also spoke to us concerning the Moody Monthly a publication of Moody Bible Institute. Scripture used E. 1: 15 - a wonderful message on

"Faith for Today"

Reports of Committees were then given.

1. Closing Resolutions - "The the Closing resolution Committee wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen of the Elgin First Freewill Baptist Church for the delicious meal and fellowship and hospitality."

We also wanted like to thank them for entertaining the Yearly Conference."

Signed Committee: Judy Kent, Karen Skinner and Helen Suttle.

Motion made we accept report. Motion seconded and carried.

2. Memorial Committee - "We the Memorial Committee recommend we stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of the following:

Bro. Elmer Richey - Arnold View

~~Bro.~~ Lou Petrusic - Johnston City

Sis. Bern Gulley - Mt. Olive

Bro. Wilford Gant - Mt. Olive

Bro. J. A. Fowler - New Hope

Bro. Byford Jones - Ina

Sis. Mattie Williams - Ina

Sis. Ethel Glass - Ina

Sis. Matilda Lambert - Ina

Sis. Dorothy Morris - Union Grove

Bro. David King - Roberts Road

We ask that the Moderator lead in prayer. Signed Committee: Mrs. Peggy Clyatt, Rev. Pauline Ashman and Mrs. Lela Terry.

Motion made we accept this report. Motion seconded and carried.

3. Nominating Committee report - "The the Nominating Committee recommends:

Moderator - Bro. Larry Clyatt

Assistant Moderator - Bro. Leon McBride

Clerk - Sis. Irene Sullivan

Treasurer - Sis. Mahel Ketterman

Trusted to fill Vacancy by Bro. Jim Walker going to Canaan district) Bro. Gilbert King. This is a 2 yr Vacancy. Expires in 1971.

Trustee 3 yr term - Bro. Gene Harris.

Term will expire in 1972.

Signed Committee: Alberta Sweetin, Jessie Meade and Guy E. Terry.

Motion made that report be accepted & voted on item by item. Motion seconded.

This motion ~~and~~ second was then Withdrawn and Motion made we accept Nominating Committee report. Motion seconded & Carried. all duly elected unanimously.

4. Business Committee report: "We recommend that a Constitutional Change be made as follows: Drop the word "Southern" from the title of this body and let it be known as the Illinois Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference, since it includes Quarters in both ends of the state" Signed Committee - Leon McBride, Arthur Jones and George E. Ritter.

Motion made to accept this report. Motion seconded and Carried.

Motion made that this be tabled until next Yearly Conference. Motion seconded and Carried.

5. Credentials Committee report: "We the Credentials Committee recommend the following:

Recommend the following ordained ministers for cards of good standing:

Mitchell Buttan Larry Clyatt Charles Oshorn

Major Bailey Jack Edwards Clinton Potter

James Boggs Gene Sullivan Jerry Reid

Clarence Buck Leon McBride George Ritter

Hazel Buick James Coulson David Turner

Gilbert King Janice Blades Gene Harris

Thomas Marlowe Jessie Meade C. J. Kettman

Wayne Meade Bernice Diddard Sherman Sullivan

James Walker Billy Melvin Bob Stone

Guy Terry Lillie Elliott Pauline Osborn
and Vivian Dunning.

Recommend the following licensed ministers
for cards of good standing:

Renford Hensley Jim Summers
Kermit Wright Larkin Calhoun

Bobby Thompson

Recommend the following ministers reports
be returned for completion: Dwight Dams
and Everett Beatty.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Danny Mercer, Rev. Larry Chyatt and
Major W. Bailey.

Motion made report be accepted as read.
Motion seconded and carried.

* Registration Committee reports as follows:

Friday June 13, '69

Saturday June 14, '69

Ministers 11

Ministers 19

Deacons 7

Deacons 10

Delegates 22

Delegates 29

Visitors 53

Visitors 36

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Next came nomination for delegates to State
Association. They were as follows:

1 Sis. Jo Ann Thompson

11 Sis. Peggy Chyatt

2 Bro. Dixon Roberts

12 Sis. Debbie Hutchinson

3 Sis. Reba Ritter

13 Sis. Carrie McBride

4 Sis. Helen Barlowe

14 Sis. Janet Garner

5 Sis. Lela Terry

15 Sis. Evelyn Laur

6 Sis. Helen Clark

16 Bro. James Barlowe

7 Sis. Linda Bryan

17 Sis. Geraldine Hamacher

8 Sis. Joyce Walker

18 Bro. Bob Endrezzi

9 Sis. Frances Mercer

19 Sis. Sue Waigis

10 Sis. Darlene Zimmerman

20 Sis. Jean Roberts

Motion made nominations cease and proceed
to elect. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made that Clerk write a letter of
thanks to Elgin Daily Courier News for their
daily coverage of the yearly association. Motion

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Approved -

seconded and carried

Business then dismissed until the ^{second} ~~third~~ Friday night of June 1970 at Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle at Benton, Illinois. Dismissal prayer offered by Bro. Wilbert King.

Moderator - Rev. James Walker Jr.

Assistant - Rev. Geo. E. Ritter

Clk - Mrs Irene Sullivan

Treasurer - Mrs Mahel Ketterman.

Trustees - C. J. Ketterman '70

Wilbert King '71

Irene Harris '72

Credentials Comm: - Geraldine Lewis '70

Chaerett Beaty '71

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Business: George E. Ritter '70

Leon Mc Bride '71

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