

June 12-13, 1970

The 51st Annual session of the Illinois Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists Convened at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle, Benton, Ill. June 12, 13, 1970 at 7:30 P.M.

Service opened by Congregation standing and singing "Count Your Blessings" followed in prayer by Bro. C. J. Kettman.

The Congregation then sang "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Just When I Need Him Most."

The Moderator then called the 51st session of Illinois Yearly to order. He then introduced the officers of the Yearly. Bro. Gene Harris then led us in prayer.

Brother Byford Campbell then took charge of the C. T. S. Competitive Activities.

Beth Smithy of Butterfield Church gave her declamation. There was no competition, so Beth was 1st place winner.

She also won 1st place in Sward Drill because of no competition.

Tic Tac Toe was played between Butterfield and Ina with Butterfield taking first place.

Bible Bawl was then played between Butterfield and Ina with Ina taking 1st place.

Beth Smithy, Butterfield and Ina will be representing the Yearly at the State Association.

Awards were given to all contestants.

Moderator then made announcement of Saturday meeting. Missional prayer by Bro. Wm. Mishler.

Saturday Morning June 13, 1970

Registration began at 9:00 A.M.

Service proper opened at 9:30 A.M. by Congregation singing "Showers of Blessing" followed in prayer by Bro. Bob Law. The Congregation then sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Devotions were given by Bro. C. J. Kettman in lieu of Bro. Dennis Laury. The scripture used was Philippians 3:18. This was a challenging

devotion, telling us that we should know Christ in the power of the resurrection in these last days. He Closed with prayer.

Moderator's Moments - by Bro. Larry Clyatt. He then called the Business session to order.

As there was no Constitution and By-Laws Available, there was none read.

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

Reading of Northern Quarterly letter by the Clerk. South Central Quarterly letter was then read by Clerk.

Standing delegates were then recognized. Motion made that delegates be seated. Motion seconded and Carried. Delegates seated.

Committee appointment came next. Business Comm. This is a standing Committee. As none were present except Bro. Leon McBride, the moderator appointed Bro. Arthur Jones and Bro. Gene Harris to serve for the day.

Credentials Comm. This is a standing Committee, all absent. Moderator appointed Bobby Thompson, C. J. Ketterman and Floyd Hartley for the day.

Nominating Committee appointed were; W^m Mesler, James Coulson and Guy Terry.

Memorial Committee: Dick Roberts, James Harris and Blanche Harn.

Auditing Committee: Wayne Milchalaki, Leroy Blades and Leonard Fox.

Resolutions Committee: Lela Terry, Mahel Ketterman and Nelson Clark.

Bro. Bill Blackburn was given a few minutes to speak about tables for dining hall.

Recess of 10 minutes given before 11:00 o'clock service. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Larry Clyatt, Moderator.

11:00 o'Clock service.

Service opened by Congregation singing "at Calvary". We then stood for prayer offered by Bro. Milchaski. Congregation then sang, "Name Of The Lord".

Special then by Sis. Jane Harris, singing "Must I Go And Empty Handed?". Moderator then introduced the speaker for the hour, Bro. Earl Sutton. Proverbs 4:26 was used for the message. This was an inspiring spiritual message on "establishing our ways".

Benediction and blessing on food offered by Bro. Arthur Harris. Dismissed until 1:30 P.M. for Noon hour.

1:30 P.M. session

Opened with the Congregation standing and singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" followed in prayer by Bro. Guy Terry. Congregation then sang "He Keeps Me Singing" and, "Just When I Need Him Most".

Devotional was by Bro. Bobby Thompson. This was a good devotional and was followed in prayer by Bro. Larry Clyatt.

Reports were then read by the Clerk. Credentials Report: "We the Credentials Committee have passed on the following Reports of the Yearly Conference and recommend a Card of Good standing."

Carlos J. Suttle
 Billy A. Melvin
 Thomas Marlowe
 H. Stanley Mooneyham
 Robert C. Hill
 Gilbert King
 George E. Ritter
 Danny E. Mercer
 Vivian Dunning
 Jerry Reid
 Clinton Potter

Hazel Buick
 Pauline Ashorn
 James O. Butcher
 James E. Boggs
 Bobby Joe Thompson
 Charles Ashorn
 Mitchell K. Sutton
 Jessie E. Meade
 Clarence A. Buck
 Kermit Wright
 Larkin C. Calhoun

Major W. Bailey
 Janice Blades
 Everett Beatty
 James J. Coulson
 C. J. Ketteman
 Wm J. Michler
 Bob R. Stone
 Jack Edwards
 Guy E. Terry

Irene Sullivan
 Floyd Hartley
 Sherman Sullivan
 Dennis Lowry
 Larry D. Chyatt
 Leslie C. Elliott
 Dwight Dame
 Leon Mc Bride
 Gene Harris

Signed Committee:

Rev. Babby Thompson
 C. J. Ketteman
 Floyd Hartley

A motion was made we receive report
 as read. Motion seconded and Carried.

Memorial Committee report: "We the
 memorial Committee recommend we
 stand and observe a moment of silent
 prayer in memory of the following:

We ask that the Moderator lead us
 in prayer.

Evelyn Jones - Faith F. W. Bapt. Church
 Rome Sanders - Oak Hill " "
 L. C. Drake - Webb's Prairie " "
 Pearl Britton - Webb's Prairie "
 Etta Duty - " " "
 Myrtle Wick - " " "
 Sarah Pickett - Ina
 Loran Williams - Ina
 Phillip Garofalo - Ina
 Bertie Settle - Ina
 Herbert Tharndike - Mt. Olive
 Jesse Waggoner - Harmony (H. H.)
 William Bean - Harmony (W. F.)
 Linda Davis - Arnold View
 Eddilee Edwards - Arnold View
 Evelyn Richey - Arnold View

Signed Committee:

Hixon Roberts, James (Tiny) Harris and Blanche Harris.

P.S. We the Memorial Committee do ask this Yearly Conference Congregation to remember especially our dear beloved Pastor member of this Conference, Brother Charles Osborn who did do much to have this very grounds which we are using today. He has gone to be with the Lord after the books were closed for the fiscal year 1969-70.

Motion was made we Commemorate those that have gone on by silent prayer. Motion seconded and Carried. We stood for silent prayer, followed in prayer by the Moderator.

Auditing Committee Report: We the Auditing Committee have audited the books and found them to be in Order. Signed Committee: Wayne Mitchalecki, Leroy Blades and Leonard Fox.

Motion was made that report be received and adopted. Motion seconded and Carried.

Closing Resolutions Committee report: "We the Closing Resolutions Committee wish to thank the South Central Quarterly Meeting for the delicious food and Webb's Prairie and Oak Hill Churches for their service in the kitchen and the hot Coffee and Cold drinks. Signed Committee: Lela Therry, Mahel Ketteman and Helen Clark.

Motion was made that report be adopted. Motion seconded and Carried.

Treasurer's report by Sis Mahel Ketteman.

1969			Receipts	
				Pd. Out
May 30	Balance brought forward		66.33	
June 3	South Central Quarterly		90.00	
June 3	Northern Illinois Quarterly		110.00	
	Total		\$ 266.33	
June 16	Ill. State Association			\$ 100.00
June 16	Irene Sullivan Clerk			\$ 25.00
June 16	Mahel Ketteman Treas.			\$ 25.00
	Total			\$ 150.00
	\$ 266.33 - \$ 150.00 = Balance of \$ 116.33			

1970

may 30 - Balance Brought forward	Receipts	Pd out
may 30 - South Central Quarterly	116.33	257
june 5 - Northern Ill. Quarterly	90.00	
	120.00	
Total	326.33	

june 8 Ill State Association	105.00
june 13 Ina T.W.B. Church phone calls	7.42
june 13 Irene Sullivan Clerk	25.00
june 13 Mahel Ketteman Treas	25.00
Total	162.42

\$ 326.33 - 162.42 = Bal. to date June 22, 1970 \$ 163.91

Nominating Committee report: The place the following in nomination:

Moderator - Larry Clyatt
 assistant moderator - Bobby Thompson
 Clerk - Irene Sullivan
 assistant Clerk - Blanche Hain
 Treasurer - Mahel Ketteman
 Trustee - Jack Ketteman to succeed himself for 3 yr. term ('73)
 Business Committee: George Ritter - 2 yr ('72)
 Arthur Jones - 3 yr ('73)
 Credentials Committee: Gilbert King - 2 yr ('72)
 Wm J. Michler - 3 yr ('73)

Respectfully Submitted,
 William J. Michler, Gray Terry and James Coulson.
 Motion made that report be ^{accepted} ~~received~~ and ~~adopted~~ act on items one by one.
 Motion seconded and Carried.

After there were no other nominations placed from the floor a motion was made that we elect state officers by acclamation. Motion seconded & Vote taken. All officers duly elected.

Business Committee report -

Item #1 Recommend that the Constitutional Change recommended by the Business Committee in 1969 be taken from the table.

Item #2 We recommend to the State Association that an offering be received as a memorial to Bro. Charles Oshorn for the purpose of establishing a Youth Camp in Northern Illinois and the delegates be requested to present this to their local Churches and opportunity be given for additional giving to the memorial

Item #3 Whereas, since our National officers have come under considerable fire from some sections of our Free Will Baptist denomination in regard to neo-evangelical trends and accused of compromise in Christian standards and

Whereas we have elected and chosen these officers to head our denomination we, the Business Committee, recommend that the Business Committee of the Illinois State Association consider a resolution reaffirming our Confidence and loyalty to them which we feel is scripturally right (Romans 13:1)

Item #4 We the Business Committee of the Illinois Yearly Conference recommend to the Business Committee of the Illinois State Association that the political representatives of our state be advised that the Free Will Baptists of Illinois are strongly opposed to aid to parochial schools. Signed Committee: Leon McBride, Arthur Jones and Gene Harris.

Motion made we accept report and act item by item. Motion seconded and carried.

Item #1 Motion was made we remove this item from the table and accept it. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item #2 Motion made we adopt this item. Motion seconded and Carried.

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

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

Next came the delegates for the State Association. Those selected were:

Eva Davis
James (Tiny) Harris
Lela Terry
Virginia Milchalaki
Leroy Blades

Mabel Littleman
Blanche Horn
Kathleen Jeschke
Gertie Lawrence
Ethel Harris

Bertie Michler

Peggy Clyatt

Reba Ritter

Carrie Mc Bide

Darlene Zimmerman

Bill Jones

Sue Gargis

Gay Sutton

Seraldine Thompson

Wayne Milchalski

Jane Harris.

Motion was made we accept this list of delegates. Motion seconded and Carried.

Motion was made that we receive request of Butterfield Church of Aurora, Ill for next year Conference which will convene June 11-12, 1971. Motion seconded and Carried.

Registration report showed the following present:

Ministers 12

Delegates 21

Deacons 7

Visitors 22

which made a total of 62.

Motion made we adjourn business until Conference next year. Motion seconded and Carried.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Arthur Jones. The were dismissed for a recess before the afternoon message.

The afternoon service opened by the Congregation singing, "It is so Sweet To Trust In Jesus" followed in prayer by Bro. Leonard Gox.

Special Song by Bro + Sis Clyatt. They sang "Jesus and Me"

Moderator then introduced the afternoon speaker (Bro. Gene Harris) Scriptures used were: Proverbs 4:26; Titus 1:4-5; Titus 2:2-8. This was a spiritual, heart searching message on how we should line up for Jesus and work where we are. Our ways ~~shall~~ should be established.

Announcements were then made.

Benediction by Bro. W^m Michler.

Moderator - Larry Clyatt
 assistant mod - Leon McBride
 Clerk - Irene Sullivan
Treasurer - Mabel Ketterman

Trustees - Gilbert King '71
 Gene Harris '72
 C. J. Ketterman '73 - 3 yr term

Business Comm - Leon McBride '71
 George Ritter '72 - 2 yr term
 Arthur Jones '73 - 3 yr term

Credentials Comm - Everett Beatty '71
 Gilbert King '72 - 2 yr term
 Wm J. Miesler '73 - 3 yr term

Moderator for 1971 - Larry Clyatt
 Assistant Moderator 1971 - Bobby Thompson