

The 52nd Annual session of the Illinois Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists Convened at the Butterfield Church, Aurora, Ill June 11-12, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. Registration began at 7:00 P.M.

The service was opened by congregational songs, "To God Be The Glory" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

Prayer by Bro. George Ritter.

Moderator then took Charge and turned the services over to Bro. Earl Sutton for Competition in C.T.S. activities.

Declamation of the Herald group was given by Mona Musgraves of Elgin. She won 1st place to the State by having no Competition.

Tic Tac Toe Competition played between Butterfield and Ina terms. With Butterfield winning 1st place.

Crusades Declamation by Dail Johnson. She won 1st place because of no Competition.

Bible Bowl of Roberts Road received 1st place because of no Competition.

Roxanna Hutchison of Butterfield will represent Sward Drill at State Association.

All Contestants were then given Awards.

Services were then dismissed until Saturday Morning. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Tom Slammone.

Saturday Morning June 12th

9:00 A.M. - Registration

9:45 A.M. - Service proper begins with Congregation singing, "He Lives".

Devotions were given by Bro. Guy Terry. Scripture use Romans 6 beginning at 11th Verse. This was a heart searching devotion which he closed with prayer.

Business session begins.

Minutes of previous meeting was read by the Clerk. No objections nor corrections so approved as read.

Standing delegates were then recognized. South Central letter was read by Clerk followed with reading of Northern Quarterly letter.

Motion was made that delegates from the several Churches be seated to do business. Motion seconded and Carried.

Committees were then appointed by the Moderator. Nominating Committee were: Rick Roberts, Lois Butcher and Wayne Milchalski.

Memorial Committee: Jo Ann Reid, Jeff Parks and James Bolen.

Closing Resolutions: Roger Sink, Don Ganning and Mary Ganning.

Credentials Committee (standing) had 2 absentees. Appointed for the day were Larry Montgomery and Gene Harris.

Business Committee (standing) had 1 absent. Bro James Butcher appointed for the day.

Report of State Promotional Secretary, Gene Harris was given.

Report of State Association Moderator, W^m Mischler was given.

Both reports were interesting and encouraging.

Business dismissed until afternoon. Benediction offered by Moderator, Larry Clyatt. Received until 11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Congregation sang "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story". Prayer - Bro Don Ganning. Congregation then sang "Joy Unspeakable".

The men's Quartet consisting of Larry Clyatt, Larry Montgomery, George Ritter and Earl Sutton sang "Redeemed".

Sermon by Bro. Larkin Calhoun using James 5:16 for scripture and subject "Prevailing and Victorious prayer". This was a spiritual, heart-searching sermon exhorting us to draw close enough to God that our prayers can be answered.

Dismissal prayer and offering of food offered by Host pastor - Bro. Larry Montgomery. 1:30 P.M.

Congregational song, "Victory In Jesus". Devotions - Bro. George Ritter using Romans 12, 1 and 2. This was a good devotion on the transforming

power of Christ. Bro. Rutter Closed devotion by a special prayer for Sunday School Supt. of Elgin Church who was hurt in an accident this morning.

Committee report:

Credentials - (1) We, the Credentials Committee of the Illinois Yearly Conference, recommend the following ministers to the Ill. State Association of Free Will Baptists for Cards of good standing:

Virvin Dunning

Hazel Buick

Major W. Bailey

James E. Boggs

Clarence A. Buck

James O. Butcher

Larkin C. Calhoun

Gilbert King

Thomas Marlows

Jesse E. Meade

Danny E. Mercer

Pauline Osborn

Dale E. Palmer

Clinton Patter

Jerry Reid

George E. Rutter

Carlos J. Suttle (licensed)

Bobby Thompson

Larry Montgomery

Billy A. Melvin

W. Stanley Marneyham

Bob R. Stone

Earl Sutton

Dwight Dame

C. J. Ketteman

Leon Mc Bride

Gene Harris

Larry D. Clyatt

Guy E. Terry

Sherman Sullivan

W^m J. Mishler

Irene Sullivan

Floyd Hartley

Jack Edwards.

(2) We further recommend that the Certificate of Ordination be received from Mrs. Janice Blades as per her request for Cancellation.

(3) We further recommend that a study Committee from the State Association be appointed to make recommendations for changes in the ministers Annual report.

Respectfully submitted

William J. Mishler, Gene Harris and Larry Montgomery

motion made this report be received, motion seconded and Carried.

Business Committee report: -

I - We recommend that By-laws and Constitution booklets be printed and distributed prior to the

1972 Conference

II - We recommend that, unless there is a definite function for trustees in this Conference to perform, that the trustee board be abolished.

III We recommend that a gift of \$50.00 be given to the Northern Youth Camp and by this body.

Respectfully submitted,
 Geo. E. Ritter, A. R. Jones and James O. Butcher.

Motion was made that this report be accepted and acted upon item by item, motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 1 - Motion made we adopt Item 1, Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 2 - Motion made we adopt Item 2, Motion seconded and Carried.

An amendment to the motion was made that item # 2 be tabled until next yearly Conference. Motion seconded and Carried.

Item # 3 Motion made we adopt item 3, 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 ~~Barke~~ ^{Barke} and Ern Beasley - Arnold View
 Ada Cole, Iowa

Jeff Jones, Ray Edwards, Bennie Vick, Rudolph Campbell and Arnold Garrett from Johnston City
 Laren Similey - Mt Olive

Byford Drennan and Elsie Neal - New Hope
 Edna Terhune, Ethel Hood and Ora Page - Webb's Prairie
 Rev. Charles Osborn and Ross Sexton - Des Moines
 Rev. Kermit Wright - Immanuel.

Motion made we accept report and follow recommendations, Motion seconded and Carried.
 It was also recommended that we include

Bro. Henry Melvin in our prayer.

We then stood for a moment of silent meditation followed in prayer by Moderator.

Closing Resolution report:

Closing Resolution Committee wishes to thank the ladies of the Butterfield Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful food and drink served during this 52nd Yearly Conference.

Signed:

Don Ganning, Mary Ganning and Roger Sink.

Motion made we accept report. Motion seconded and Carried. Standing Vote of thanks given.

Floor was then opened for any old or new business to come before Conference. No business.

Treasurer's report was then accepted as read.

Report read as follows:

		Receipts	Paid out.
1970 -	May 30 th	Balance on hand	116.33
	May 30 th	South Central Quarterly	90.00
	June 5 th	Northern Ill. Quarterly	120.00
	June 8 th	Illinois State Association	105.00
	June 13 th	Ina H. W. B. Church phone calls	7.42
	June 13 th	Leine Sullivan Clerk fee	25.00
	June 13 th	Mabel Ketteman Treas. fee	25.00
	July 7 th	C. T. S. of H. W. B. medals	42.15
			Paid 204.57
		Total receipts	326.33
			204.57
		Balance May 30 th , 1971	\$ 121.76

Signed - Mabel Ketteman-Treas.

Treasurer's books were not available to be audited.

Delegates to State Association from Illinois Yearly Conference were then selected. These were:

Frances Mercer

Joann Meade

Helen Parks

Mitzi Stammons

Richard Browning

Lelah Terry

Alvera Sink

Peggy Clyatt

Dixon Roberts

Jayce Calhoun

# Sammon Montgomery	Gaye Sutton
Bertie Mischler	James Thompson
Myrna Kee	Jess Kee
Loris Carter	Helen Suttle
Sharon Thompson	Sharon Anderson
Kathy Burwan	Dialet Slammone

Motion made nominations close and we accept by acclamation. Motion seconded and Carried.

Nominating Committee report:
 The the nominating Committee nominate for Moderator, Bro Larry Montgomery, assistant Moderator - Bro. George E. Ritter Clerk Sis Joyce Calhoun. Treasurer, Sis Reba Ritter. Business Committee 3 yr term, Bro Guy Terry and Credentials Committee 3 yr term, Bro. James O. Butcher.

Sis Lois Butcher

Dixon Roberts

Wayne Michalecki

Sis Lois Calhoun declined nomination, so nominations from the floor nominated Bro. Larry Clyatt for office of ~~Clerk~~ Clerk.

Motion made this slate of officers be elected. Motion seconded and Carried.

Registration report showed for Friday night services 36 Visitors, 3 deacons, 8 ministers and 8 delegates.

Saturday registration showed 18 visitors, 25 delegates, 13 ministers and 7 deacons from 18 Churches.

Motion made report be accepted as information. Motion seconded and Carried.

Motion made this Conference be adjourned. Motion seconded and Carried.

We then stood for dismissal prayer by Bro. Earl Sutton.

afternoon service

Congregation sang "Send a Great Revival."

In My Soul"

The men's Quartet then sang "There Is Power In The Blood".

Message of the hour by Bro. Jesse Meade.
Scriptures used were James 5:17 and I Kings 17:1

This was a spiritual message.
Bro Bill Buster, a visitor with us then prayed the dismissal prayer.

Moderator - Larry Clyatt
assistant moderator - Bobby Thompson
Clerk - Irene Sullivan
Treasurer - Mahel Ketterman

Business Committee
George Ritter 1972
Arthur Jones 1973
Guy Terry 1974

Credentials Committee
Gilbert King 1972
H^m J. Miskler 1973
James O. Butcher 1974

Moderator for 1972 - Larry Montgomery
assistant moderator 1972 - George E. Ritter
Clerk - Larry Clyatt
Treasurer - Reba Ritter