

The fifty-third annual session of The Illinois Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptist convened on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, 1972, at the tabernacle in Benton, Ill.

Friday evening registration began at 7:00 p.m. The service proper began at 7:30 p.m. with the singing of "He Lives" led by Pastor Jerry Norris of the Elgin Church. Prayer was offered by Pastor Jesse Meade of the Immanuel Church. The singing of "Power in the Blood" followed.

Welcome was given by Pastor Larry Clyatt, of the Ina Church, who was moderator of the South Central Quarterly Meeting, the host body. Also being the Yearly Conference clerk, Bro. Clyatt introduced the moderator, Pastor Larry Montgomery of the Butterfield Church. Bro. Montgomery gave words of welcome, and emphasized the conference theme "Any Man... My Disciple", Luke 14:26. He especially emphasized the theme in view of the Friday Youth Centered service. He closed his remarks by offering prayer.

The service continued with the singing of "He Keeps me Singing". Pastor George Kitter of the Arnold View Church, and the Conference Assistant Moderator introduced the evening speaker, Pastor Danny Gray of the Union Grove Church. His subject was "The Call of Discipleship." Using the text of John 1:43-51 he spoke of the following points: ① There is a call, ② The call is divine, ③ The call is personal,

④ The call is unique, ⑤ The call is to bring others to Christ, and ⑥ The call is universal. He closed by ^{the} emphasized fact that the call is no good unless it is answered. The congregation then sang "Jesus is calling" as an invitation.

Bro. Carl King, Youth director of the Johnston City church and chairman of the State C.T.S. Board, was introduced to be in charge of the C.T.S. competitive activities. He called on a youth sponsor to give testimony of the blessings and importance of such work.

A Crusader declamation, "Harvest Time" was given by Gail Johnson of the Elgin church. She was declared a winner because of no competition. Bible Bowl and Tic Tac Toe teams, both from the Robert's Road church, were also declared winners because of no competition. Sword Drill competition was held between representatives of the Johnston City and Robert's Road churches. Robert's Road won. Awards were presented to all winners.

after closing remarks by the moderator the session was dismissed until Saturday morning.

Saturday morning registration began at 9:00 a.m. The session opened at 9:30 a.m. with the singing of "Standing on the Promises" and "I am Thine oh Lord."

Devotions were given by Deacon Arvel Sweetin of the Inna church using Acts 6:1-8.

Moderator again took charge, and again emphasized conference theme taken from Luke 14:26.

He then called the business session to order. The assistant moderator was

called upon to read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Standing delegates, composed of ordained ministers and deacons, were recognized and charged with voting responsibilities.

Quarterly meeting letters were called for. Since statistical information had been compiled and printed for distribution to those present, only the elected delegates names were read from the letters. Motion made, second and carried that these delegates be seated.

Business committee members recognized. all were present.

Credentials committee members recognized. Pastor Jesse Meade appointed to fill the one vacancy for the day.

The following committees were appointed by the assistant moderator:
Nominating; Willy Ryan, Kenny Dunlap,
and Gene Novis.

Memorial; Bernice Goddard, Floyd Hartley,
and Jody Meade.

auditing; Tilden Parks, Jack Ketteman and
Dangry Gray.

Resolutions; Julie Endrizzi, Bob Stone and
Linda Bryant.

State promotional Secretary, Pastor Gene Novis, was asked to give his report at this time. He gave a brief report of his work through out the year and then conducted a discussion period.

State association moderator, Pastor William Miskler, spoke next. He spoke

of the need for all the state to work together. He also spoke of the program for the up-coming State Association meeting and its guest speaker Dr. L. C. Johnson president of our Bible College.

He left us with a thought for Psalms 71:1.

The minutes of the 1971 meeting were read and approved as read.

The moderator referred the conference to a tabled item of business concerning the abolishing of the Trustee board since it no longer has a function. Motion made, second and carried that item be brought from the table. It was then opened for discussion. The question was called for and the item was carried.

Since the order of business was running ahead of schedule, the body agreed to the election of delegates to the State Association.

The body being composed of 23 churches was entitled to the same number of delegates.

The following names were placed in nomination as delegates:

Linda Bryant

Lela Terry

Betty Dinlap

Jody Meade

Marcella Payne

Peggy Clyatt

Margaret Legender

Bertie Mishler

Brenda Norris

Mary Parks

Gail Johnson

Mae Sullivan

Carl Hinz

Alvera Sink

Mabel Ketteman

Margaret Roe

Julia Enduzzi

Francis Mercer

Edith Guthrie

Linda Ryan

Steven Parks

Sherry Talburt

Jesse Johnson

Motion made, second and carried that nominations ceased and these be elected.

Business adjourned until the afternoon session.

The 11:00 A.M. worship service opened with the singing of "at the Cross" and "When I see the Blood". Prayer was offered by Pastor Howard Bass of the New Hope church. A special was given by Larry and Peggy Clyatt singing "He Lifted me."

The message was given by Pastor Jerry Norris speaking on the subject, the "Course of Discipleship". He used as his text, Luke 9:23.

The service closed with the singing of "amazing Grace". Prayer and blessing on the food was offered by Pastor Bob. R. Stone.

The 1:15 P.M. worship service began with the singing of "He Abides" and "He Lives". Prayer was offered by Bro. C. J. Ketteman.

Moderator introduced Pastor Everett Beatty to bring the afternoon message. Using the scriptures Luke 9:23-27; Revelation 2:7, 11, 26; 3:5, 12, 21, He spoke on the "Compensations of Discipleship."

The business session was then declared open for business. Committee reports were called for and given.

Credentials Committee Report:

We, the Credentials committee of the Illinois F.W.B. Yearly Conference, after reviewing the ministers reports from the Quarterly Meetings which make up this conference, recommend the following receive cards of good standing from the Illinois State Association:

George Ritter
Jack Edwards
Larry Clyatt

Larry M. Montgomery
Danny E. Mercer
Gilbert King

C. J. Ketteman
 W. Stanley Mooneyham
 Betty A. Melvin
 Floyd Hartley
 Sherman Sullivan
 Irene Sullivan
 Pauline Osborn
 Jesse Meade
 Larkin C. Calhoun
 Thomas Marlowe
 Major W. Bailey
 Clarence A. Buick
 James A. Boggs
 Jerry Reich
 Bobby Thompson

Vivian Dunning
 Clinton Patter
 Guy E. Terry
 Carlos J. Suttle
 Jerry F. Norris
 Danny G. Gray
 Geraldine Lewis
 Gene Norris
 Everett Beatty
 Dwight Dame
 Bob. R. Stone
 Bernice Goddard
 William J. Mishler
 James D. Butcher
 Hazel Buick

Respectfully Submitted,
 William J. Mishler
 Jesse Meade
 Gilbert Ring

Motion made, second and carried that this report be received and the names forwarded to the State Association.

Business Committee Report:

Item #1 - We recommend that Item #2 of the 1971 Business Committee report be removed from the table and acted upon at this session.

Item #2 - We recommend that the chair appoint a Committee to investigate direct representation of Quarterly meetings to the Illinois State Association, and bring report to 1973 session.

Item #3 - We recommend that the 1973 conference meet with the Immanuel Church of Joliet, as they requested.

Signed,
 George E. Ritter
 Arthur Jones
 Guy E. Terry

Motion made, second and carried that this report be received and acted upon item by item.

Item #1 was passed in the morning business session while the committee was out.

Motion made & seconded that #2 be adopted. after much discussion the question was called. The item carried.

Motion made, second and carried that item #3 be adopted.

Memorial Committee Report:

We the memorial committee recommend that we stand and observe a moment of silent prayer in memory of the following. We ask that the moderator lead us in prayer.

Charley Marks
Perry Williams
Lizzie Henderson
William Stevens
Rasie Kern
Leonard Fox
Paul Anderson
William Gladys Wynn
Ema Farris

Sadie Spencer
Edgar Henderson
William Treese
Aaron Drennon
Mary Brown
Ellie Ward
Bob Lawper
Orel Diskins

Signed,
Joanna Meade
Floyd Hartley
Bernice Goddard

Motion made, second and carried that this report be received and its recommendations followed. after silent prayer, the moderator led in prayer.

Auditing Committee Report:

We, the Auditing Committee, having examined the treasurer's books, find

them to be in order.

Signed,
 Danny Gray
 Tilden Parks
 C. J. Ketteman

Motion made, second and carried that this report be received.

Resolutions Committee Report:

We would like to thank the ladies from the Harmony and Benton F. W. B. Churches for the delicious meal. It was real southern cooking.

Signed,
 Linda Bryant
 Julia Endrizzi
 Bob Stone

Motion made, second and carried that we receive this report.

Motion made and seconded that we petition the State Association to change article 4 of the state constitution to read as follows: "The State Association shall be composed of two or more district associations, which are composed of two or more local churches. District associations may be received into this body upon application by a majority vote of this body when in session for business." after much discussion the motion was carried.

Treasurer's reports for 1971 + 1972 were given as follows:

May 30, '71 - Bal. Brat. Forward - \$121.76

June 1, '71 - So. Central C. M. - 90.00

June 8, '71 - No. Ill. C. M. - 130.00

Receipts and Balance \$341.76

Expenses

June 3, '71 - Ill. St. Assoc. - 110.00

June 14, '71 - Irene Sullivan, Clerk -	25.00
June 14, '71 - Mabel Ketterman, Treas. -	25.00
June 17, '71 - No. Ill. Youth Camp -	50.00
July 7, '71 - C. T. S. -	35.80
July 10, '71 - Earl Sutton, Phone + Postage -	3.00
Total	248.80
Balance on Hand -	92.96
Aug. 27, '71 - Bal Brought Forward -	92.96
May 31, '72 - No. Ill. C. M. -	130.00
May 31, '72 - So. Central C. M. -	100.00
Receipts and Balance -	322.96

Expenses

June 9, '72 - Ill. State Assoc. -	115.00
June 9, '72 - Larry Clyatt, Clerk -	25.00
June 9, '72 - Reba Ritter, Treas. -	25.00
June 10, '72 - Franklin Press -	20.00
June 10, '72 - C. T. S. -	27.50
Total -	212.50

Balance on Hand 110.46

Nominating Committee Report:

We the Nominating Committee place the following in nominations for the following offices:

Moderator - Larry Montgomery
 Assistant Moderator - Jesse Meade
 Clerk - Larry D. Clyatt
 Treasurer - Reba Ritter

Business Committee - George E. Ritter to succeed himself
 Credentials Committee - Gilbert King to succeed himself.

Motion made, second and carried to receive this report. After the floor was opened for further nominations and none were given, motion was made, second and carried that nominations cease and these be duly elected.

as there was no further business
a time of announcement making was
held.

Motion was then made, second and
carried to adjourn until the second
Friday night of June, 1973.

Moderator - Larry Montgomery
Ass't Moderator - George Ritter
Clerk - Larry Clyatt
Treasurer - Reba Ritter

Business Committee
Arthur Jones - 1973
Guy Terry - 1974
George Ritter - 1975

Credentials Committee
Wm. J. Miskler - 1973
James O. Butcher - 1974
Gilbert King - 1975

Officers for 1973
Moderator - Larry Montgomery
Ass't Moderator - Jesse Meade
Clerk - Larry Clyatt
Treasurer - Reba Ritter

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