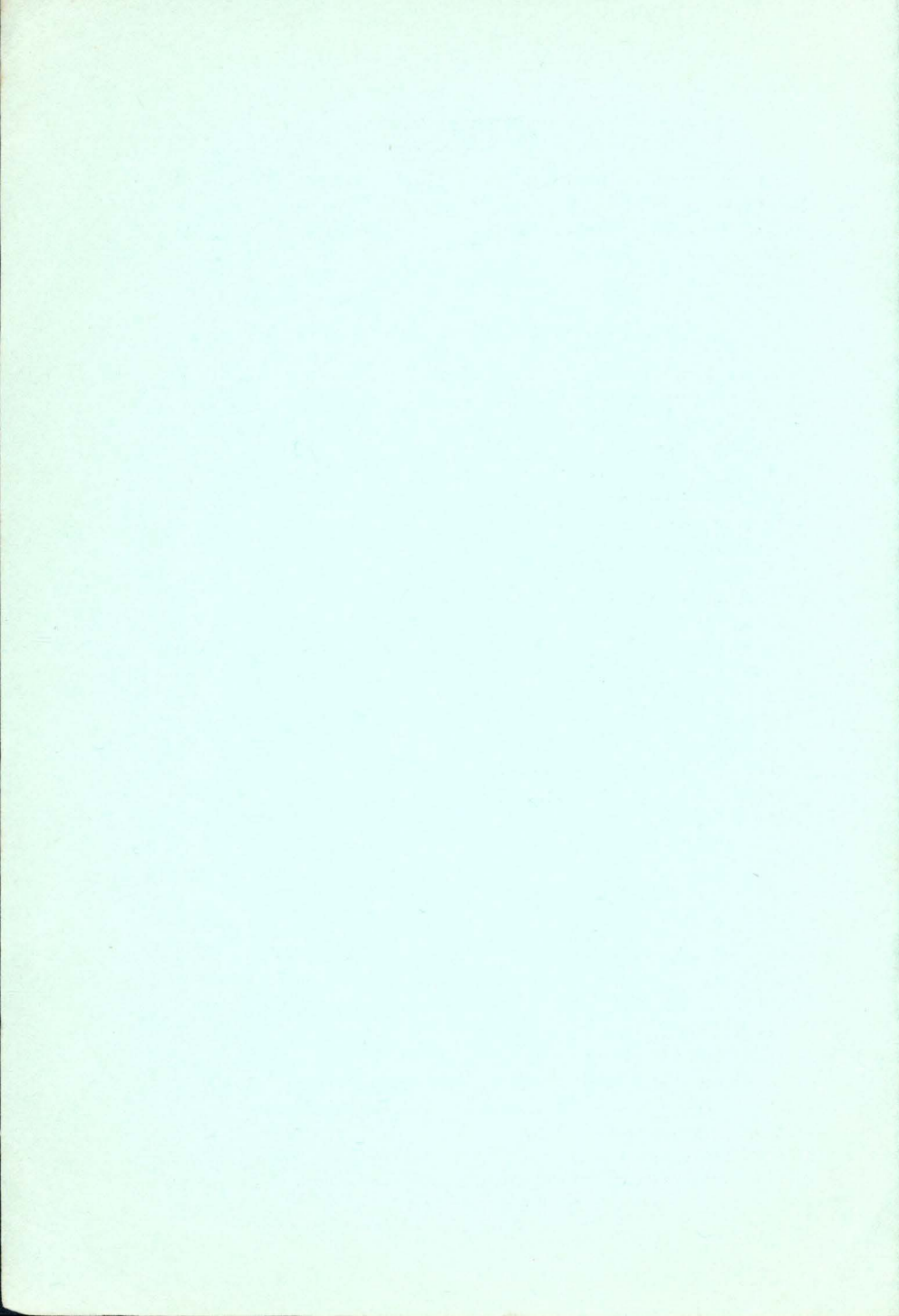


**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**ST. FRANCIS COUNTY**  
**QUATERLY MEETING**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**JULY 9, 10, 1948**

**THEME: The White Harvest Fields**

**When Convened With**  
**AULSBURY CHAPEL CHURCH**



## PROCEEDINGS

The St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Aulsbury Chapel Church in its 269th session Friday evening and Saturday, July 9, 10, 1948.

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### FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 9, 1948

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Bob Wilfong with the congregation singing hymns, "Bringing In The Sheaves"; "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings".

Prayer—Bro. Harrison Phillips.

Welcome Address—by host pastor, Rev. Jas. Barker.

Hymn—"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus".

Prayer—Bro. Clell Pruitt.

Special Song—The Dodson Girls.

Hymn—"I Want to Be a Worker".

Special Song—Aulsbury Chapel Trio.

Sermon—Rev. D. C. Dodd.

Subject, "Lift Up Your Eyes and Look on the Fields, a challenge to Free Will Baptists". Text, Luke 10:1,2; John 4:35,36.

Report from Fellowship Auxiliary.

Announcements.

Hymn—"When We All Get to Heaven".

Benediction at the altar. Led in prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Noel Greenway.

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### SATURDAY MORNING 9:15

Called to order by singing of hymns, "When All of God's Singers Get Home", and "Hold the Fort" led by Rev. Chas. Moyer.

Prayer—Rev. Jas. Barker and Bro. Bill Hughes.

Scriptures—Heb. 3:1-4.

Moderator took chair.

Reading Clerk, D. C. Dodd, read Constitution and By-Laws of St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.

Standing delegates seated.

Letters from Berkeley City, Leadington, Richwoods, Fellowship, Third, South Side, and Parkview Churches read and received by vote.

Elected delegates seated.

Delegates from First Church seated by motion until their letter is brought.

Delegates from Aulsbury Church seated by motion until their letter is brought.

Prayer—D. C. Dodd.

Election of officers: (all by acclamation)

Moderator ..... Harvey E. Hill

Assistant Moderator ..... Damon C. Dodd

Clerk ..... Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Appointment of Committee on Committees:

D. C. Dodd, Ch., Paul Wood, Chas. Miller, Clifton Gibson, and C. B. Dees.

Oral report from Triumphant Sunday School Convention by Mrs. Mildred Dobkins.

Oral report from St. Francois County Sunday School Convention by President, Olin Lincoln.

The above reports were received by vote.

Oral report from Southeast Mo. League Convention given by President, Bob Hill.

Letter from Aulsbury Chapel Church read and received by vote.

Reports of Licensed Ministers.

Motion carried to meet with the Berkeley City Church for the next session.

Executive Board and Treasurer's report read by Secretary of the Board, O. B. Womack, and on motion was received.

Rev. C. B. Dees elected by acclamation to Executive Board for a term of five (5) years. Term expires 1953.

Rev. Jas. F. Miller appointed to preach at eleven o'clock.

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### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregation sang, "I Am Resolved".

Devotional—Rev. Noel Greenway.

Prayer—Bob Hill.

Hymn—"Where He Leads, I'll Follow", and "To The Work".

Special Song—"I Found It in Mother's Bible"—by Moyer children.

Special song—"When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way"—by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill.



Sermon—Rev. Jas. F. Miller.  
Subject—"The Reapers' Wages", Text, Luke 10:2.  
Hymn—"Prepare to Meet Thy God".  
Report from Committee on Committees.  
Adopted by vote. (See Reports)  
Benediction—Paul Wood.

### 1:30 P. M.

Devotional—Rev. Harold Dunlap.  
Hymn—"Standing on the Promises".  
Scripture—II Tim. 4:1-8.  
Prayer—Rev. Chas. Moyer.  
Hymn—"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing".  
Moderator took chair.  
Committee appointed to select delegates to Yearly Meeting.

Report from Temperance Committee by secretary of committee, Opal Hughes.

Received by vote for discussion item by item.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote. (See Reports).

Report read from Business Committee by secretary of committee, Rev. Harold Dunlap.

Report received for discussion.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote. (See Reports).

Rev. Jas. Miller brought facts to mind that the expenditures of the Quarterly Meeting have exceeded our income. Open discussion on this topic followed.

Report from Denominational Enterprises Committee read by secretary of committee, C. B. Dees. Report was received for discussion.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote.

Item No. 4 adopted by vote.

Item No. 5 adopted by vote. (See Reports).

The following were elected in accordance to Item No. 1 of the Denominational Enterprises Committee report:

Home Mission Board—Rev. Jas. F. Miller, Ch., Rev. C. B. Dees, and Rev. Bob Hill. Members are to serve one year.

Report from Committee on delegates to Yearly Meeting.

Report adopted by vote. (See Reports).

Testimony Meeting led by Rev. Chas. Miller.

Hymn—"I Love to Tell the Story".

Report from Ordaining Council. Report received by vote.

The ordination of Bro. George Matthews as deacon followed with Rev. C. B. Dees giving the charge as found in I Timothy 1:1-13.

Hymn—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"—was sung while the ordained authority gathered in the altar for the ordaining prayer which was led by Rev. D. C. Dodd and Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

Item No. 4 of Business Committee adopted by standing vote.

Reading of Minutes.

Minutes approved by standing vote.

Benediction—Rev. Elmer Stegall.

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## REPORTS

### Temperance

We, the Temperance Committee, wish to submit the following:

I Cor. 9:25-27.—"And every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore, so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body and bring it under subjection: lest that by any means when, I should preach to others, I should be a castaway".

II Timothy 2:15.—"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth".

Proverbs 23:12.—"Apply thine heart unto instruction and thine ears to the words of knowledge".

I Thess. 5:17.—"Pray without ceasing".

James 5:16.—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".

1. We feel that being temperate takes in a wider scope than alcohol and tobacco and we recommend the acceptance of the above scriptures as our guide for temperate lives.

2. That we be temperate with our time and money, so we can reap the whited harvest. Let us "lift up our eyes and look on the fields"; then do something about it.

(Signed)

Bob Wilfong  
Opal Hughes  
Mildred Dobkins  
Effie Matthews  
Olin Lincoln

(Adopted).

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### Committee on Committees

Business: Jas. F. Miller, Noel Greenway, Paul Wood, Harold Dunlap, and Jas. Barker.

Denominational Enterprises: Damon C. Dodd, **Bob Hill**, C. B. Dees, Elmer Stegall, and Paul Stone.

Temperance: Bob Wilfong, Olin Lincoln, Effie Matthews, Opal Hughes, and Mildred Dobkins.

(Adopted)

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### Denominational Enterprises

1. Since the theme of our Quarterly Meeting is, "The White Harvest and the Reapers", this causes us to realize our great need of Home Mission work; therefore, we make the following recommendation: that this Quarterly Meeting while in session today elect a Home Mission Board of three members, whose duty it shall be to contact each and every church, at least once each quarter, for the purpose of presenting the Home Missionary cause, and when deemed advisable to take an offering fore Home Missions.

2. We are not overlooking the great need of the Foreign Mission program, therefore, we recommend the continued support of Foreign Missions.

3. In view of the fact that our Bible College is still in need of money for the expansion program, we recommend that a special offering be taken September 26th. This offering to be sent through the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, O. B. Womack.

4. Since the Youth Camp begins July 26th, we recommend that as many as can attend; also that each one continue his financial support.

5. July has been designated as the month to take an offering for the State Association Entertainment Fund. We recommend this offering be taken July 25th.

Signed

D. C. Dodd  
C. B. Dees  
Bob Hill  
Elmer Stegall  
Paul Stone

(Adopted)

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### Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Margarete Darnell  
Lucy Schaffer  
Edith Head  
Ada Nichols  
Clifton Gibson  
Nellie Stegall  
Verdas Kellerman  
Homer Harter  
Mildred Dobkins

Luella Phillips  
Edna Archambo  
Minnie Jackson  
Bessie Emily  
Opal Hughes  
Donald Hill  
Alene Moyer  
Ethel Lackey  
Olin Lincoln

(Adopted)

Signed Committee

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### Executive Board

Upon recommendation of Flat River Church by letter to this Quarterly Meeting, the Executive Board met for the examination of Bro. George Matthews to become an ordained deacon of this church. After an investigation and examination, we find him well qualified to fill this office. Motion carried to recommend him for ordination.

Signed

O. B. Womack, Secy. Board

(Adopted)

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### Business

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. We recommend Bro. George Matthews to the Ordaining Council for ordination as deacon in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River.



2. We recommend the renewal of licenses to preach the gospel to: Randall Thomason, Bob Hill, Thursie Wood, Paul Wood.

3. We recommend that when Sis. Junetia Moore and Bro. Ley Smith make their reports to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk, she be instructed to issue new certificates of license for one year.

4. Resolution: Be it resolved that we give the Aulsbury Chapel Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality to the delegate body during this Quarterly Meeting.

Motion that the suggested plan of financing the Quarterly Meeting as offered by the Business Committee be adopted as the permanent plan of finance and that the motion be incorporated in the regular Business Committee's report. Motion carried.

(The plan was: a given amount allocated to each church in the Quarterly Meeting.)

Allocations as follows. Money to be sent with Church letter each Quarter.

First Church Flat River	5.00
Third Church, St. Louis	5.00
South Side St. Louis	5.00
Leadington	2.50
Parkview, Desloge	2.50
Aulsbury Chapel	2.50
Berkeley City	2.00
Richwoods	2.00
Fellowship, Flat River	3.00

Signed

Jas. F. Miller  
Noel Greenway  
Paul Wood  
Harold Dunlap  
Jas. Barker

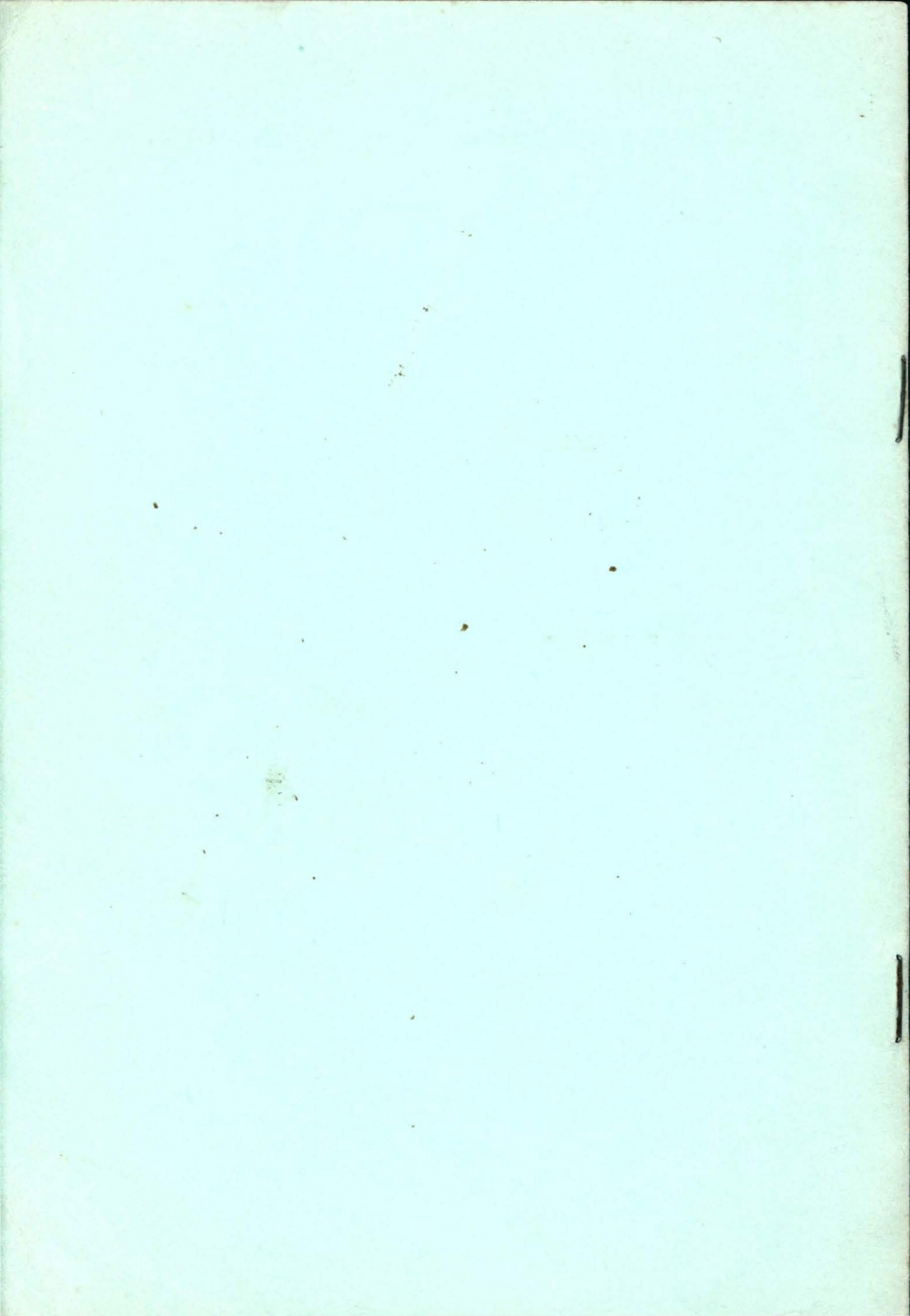
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July 9, 10,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards  
Clerk









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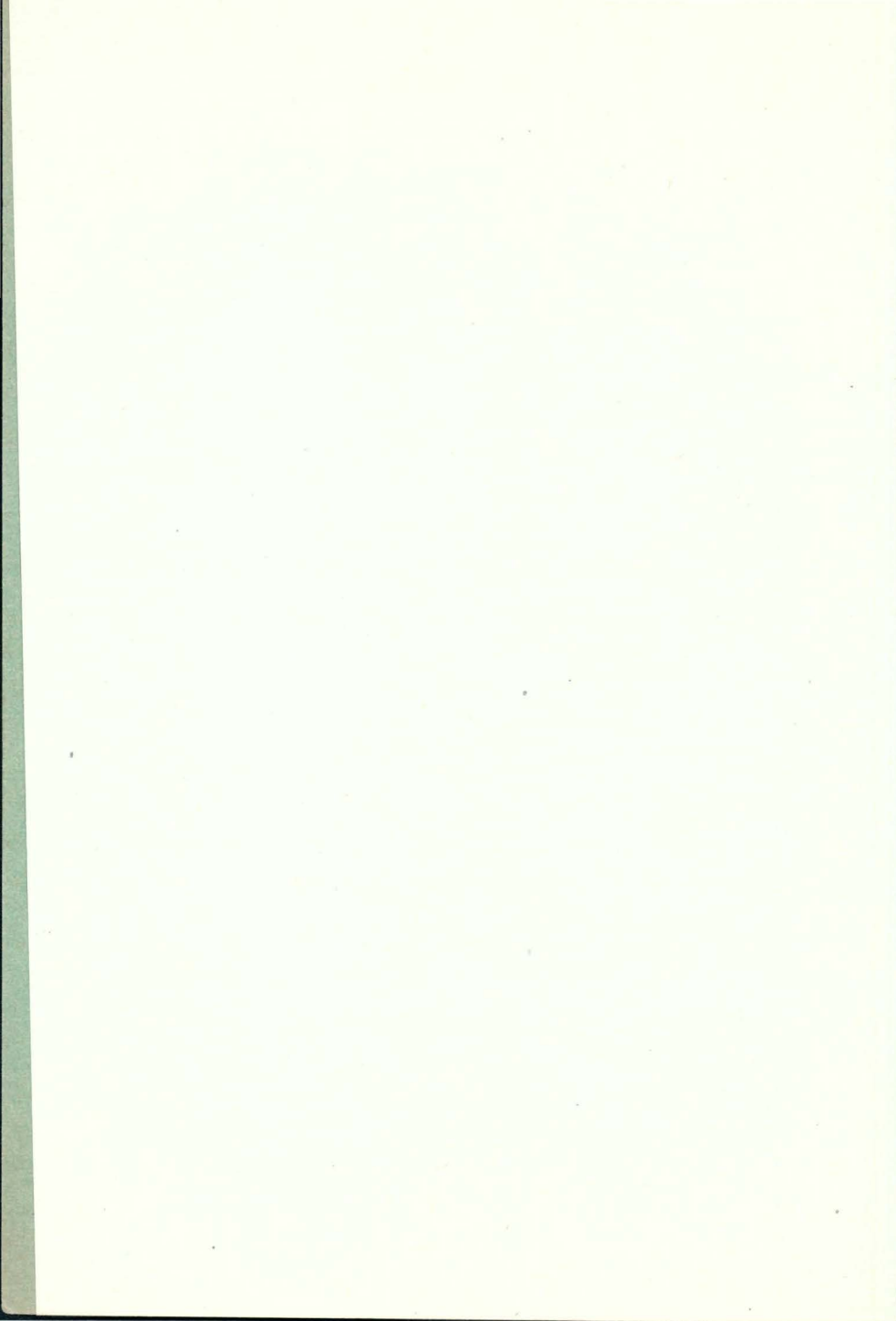
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**When Convened With**  
**BERKELY CITY CHURCH**  
**Berkeley City, Mo.**  
**October 8, 9, 1948**









## PROCEEDINGS

The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Berkeley City Church in its 270th session Friday evening 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8, 1948.

### Friday Evening Service

The meeting was called to order by congregational singing, When I See the Blood.

Prayer by Bro. Tom Purdom.

Congregational number, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Special music by Berkeley Band. Sweet Hour of Prayer, I Would Not Be Denied, and Are You Washed in the Blood.

Duet by Mrs. Barks and Mrs. Evans, Give Me Your Hand.

Trio by Dotty, Glenda, and Geneva, Hand in Hand with Jesus.

Congregational number, Since Jesus Came into My Heart, led by Bro. Howard Dobkins.

Welcome Address by Rev. Charles Miller.

Response by Bro. Bill Hill.

Scripture lesson by Bro. Homer Harder, 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Evening message by Rev. Harvey Hill; subject "What Assurance Has God Given of the Judgment."

Scriptures: Romans 14:10; Acts 17:31; Revelation 20:12-15; Revelation 6:11; John 5:28-29; Hebrews 9:27.

Closing song, Victory in Jesus.

Benediction by Bro. Bill Hill and Bro. Hershel Lester.

### Saturday Morning Session

Opening songs led by Rev. Zinn, I Am Thine, O Lord and Trust and Obey.

Scripture lesson, Rev. Harold Dunlap, 90th Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. Damon Dodd.

Congregational number led by Rev. Zinn, I Want to be a Worker.

Elected Rev. Harold Dunlap Clerk pro tem.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Damon Dodd.

Standing delegates were seated.

Reading of church letters: Parkview, Berkeley City,

South Side, Fellowship, First, Third, Aulsbury Chapel, Richwoods, and Leadington Churches.

Letters were received by motion.

Elected delegates were seated.

Appointment of Committee on Committees as follows:

Rev. F. C. Zinn

Rev. Charles Miller

Br. W. P. Wheeler

Sis. Minnie Jackson.

Rev. Noel Greenway

Report of South East Missouri League Convention given by President, Bob Hill.

Report received as information by a vote.

Report of St. Francois County S. S. Convention given by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Report of Triumphant S. S. Convention by President, Harold Dunlap.

The two above reports were received by vote as information.

Report read from Secretary-Treasurer of Quarterly Meeting and was received by vote.

Reports read from Desloge Mission, Southside Ladies Aid.

Oral reports from First Church Aux. and Third Church Aux. received.

Report of Mission Board work from the board members: J. F. Miller, Ch., C. B. Dees, Sec., Bob Hill, Treas.

Motion to incorporate the reports into one report and to receive the same with a standing vote of thanks for their work.

Motion carried to convene with the Parkview Church for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Benediction by Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

### **Eleven O'clock Service**

Devotional led by Rev. Bob Hill opened by congregational singing, When I See the Blood and Wonderful Story of Love.

Special music by Berkeley City Band: What a Friend and Glory to His Name.

Prayer led by Rev. J. Johnson.

Special singing by Mrs. Bartch and Mrs. Evans, The Old Country Church.

Special song, Have You Ever Been Lonely, by the Hill Brothers.

Special song, If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again,  
by Rev. Chas. Miller.

Rev. Chas. Miller presented the speaker of the hour,  
his brother, Jas. F. Miller, who used as a text, Revelation  
14:6 and as a subject, "The Everlasting Gospel."

Report from Committee on Committees. (See Reports).  
Benediction, Bro. Wm. Hughes.

### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

Devotional led by Rev. Noel Greenway opened by sing-  
ing Stand Up for Jesus.

Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Special song, He's My Rock, by the Hill Boys.

Report of Business Committee read by Chairman of  
committee and received by vote for consideration.

Item No. 1 adopted by vote. (See Reports).

Item No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item No. 3 adopted by vote.

Item No. 4 adopted by vote.

Congregational song, I'll Be Satisfied, while offering  
was taken to cover Item No. 4 of Business Committee.

Amount of offering, \$25.00 (The entire amount to be  
sent for the Bible College).

Report of Temperance Committee read by Secretary of  
committee.

Report adopted by standing vote. (See Reports).

Report of Denominational Committee accepted by vote  
to be discussed item by item. (See Reports).

Item. No. 1 adopted by vote.

Item. No. 2 adopted by vote.

Item. No. 3 adopted by vote.

Item. No. 4 adopted by vote.

Congregational song, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm,  
led by Bro. Greenway.

Prayer by Bro. Bob Hill.

Praise service.

Special song, There's a Bridge Over the River, by Rev.  
Greenway and Rev. Zinn.

The board returned with their decision to ordain Bro.  
Edgar Mercer to the gospel ministry and Bro. W. B.  
Wheeler and Bro. Claude Conway as deacons.

Congregation sung Amazing Grace.

Rev. Jas. F. Miller read I Timothy 3:1 and II Timothy  
4:1-5 and gave the charge to the candidates as they stood

before the congregation.

The ordaining authority came forward and knelt around the candidates at the altar while Rev. C. B. Dees prayed the ordaining prayer.

Item No. 5 of Business Committee adopted by standing vote.

Motion carried to adopt minutes as read.

Final benediction by Rev. Edgar Mercer.

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## REPORTS

### Temperance Committee:

We, the committee on temperance, submit the following:

1. That we abstain from all places that promote the sale and use of intoxicating beverages as much as possible.

James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

2. That we be temperate in our speech and in our everyday life that we might fulfill the word when He said in John 9:4,5: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work."

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Signed by Committee:

Hazel E. Sott, Ch.

Lois Hughes

Georgia M. Hill

Wanda Evans

Bob L. Hill

Adopted.

### Denominational Committee:

We, the Denominational Committee, recommend the following:

1. We adopt the plan of the State Association of combining foreign and home missions into one known as Missions; and that all funds be divided on a 70-30 basis, 70% for foreign missions, and 30% for home missions.

2. Each church in the Quarterly Meeting take a special offering for the college on the \$100.00 pledge made by the State Association and this offering be taken some-



time during the month of October.

3. Each church start planning now for revivals during the National Revival Month of March.

4. Each church continue with the interest and the support of the Youth Encampment Program.

Signed,

C. B. Dees

Homer Harder

Damon C. Dodd

M. B. Matthews

Harold Dunlap

Adopted.

#### **Business Committee:**

Item 1. We recommend Bro. Edgar Mercer to the council for examination for ordination to the gospel ministry.

Item 2. We recommend that the request of the 3rd F. W. B. Church of St. Louis be granted and the deacons be ordained as per their request.

Item 3. We recommend that this Quarterly Meeting send \$10.00 to Bro. Womack for yearly meeting expense.

Item 4. We recommend that the Quarterly Meeting raise and send \$10.00 to Bro. Womack as a part of the \$100.00 check to the expansion of our Bible College.

Item 5. Resolution:

Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given this church for their hospitality to the delegated body during this Quarterly Meeting.

Signed,

Effie Matthews

Edgar Mercer

Jas. F. Miller

Wm. Hughes

Lee Evans.

Adopted.

#### **CHURCH CLERKS**

Parkview Desloge—Mrs. Clifton Gibson, Desloge.

Fellowship—Leeman Ragsdale, 300 High St., Flat River, Mo.

Richwoods—Mrs. Sophie Ackerson, Richwoods, Mo.

Leadington—Mrs. Ada Nichols, Esther, Mo.

Third—W. P. Wheeler, 1520 N. Euclid, St. Louis, Mo.

Berkeley City, Mrs. Virginia Stone, 5328 Glencoe, St. Louis Mo.

South Side—Mrs. Julia Hill, 918 B. Dammert, Lemay 23, Mo.

First—Mrs. Junetia Moore, 414 W. Main, Flat River, Mo.

Aulsbury Chapel—Irvin W. Eaton, Rt. 1, Bonne Terre, Mo.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Q. M. Clerk



