

Minutes  
OF THE  
Fifteenth Annual Session  
OF THE  
Stone Association  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**of Central Indiana**

MET WITH THE  
MT. HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ANDERSON

Anderson, Indiana

October 25, 26, 1974



Rev. Elwood Sluss, Moderator	Gas City, Ind.
Rev. John Miller, Asst. Moderator	Wilkinson, Ind.
Rev. William R. Simmons, Clerk	Anderson, Ind.
Rev. Roger Phillips, Asst. Clerk	Anderson, Ind.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT:**

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Appointment of all Committees
5. Presby appointed

### **SATURDAY MORNING:**

1. Calling roll of Delegates
2. Calling for letters from Churches
3. Invitation for new Churches
4. Invitation for Office of Elder
5. Reading of Rules

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON:**

1. Committee Report
2. Report on Temperance
3. Report on Sunday School
4. Report on Prayer Meeting
5. Report on Resolution
6. Finance Report Minutes Ordered
7. Report on Obituaries
8. Appointment for next meeting place
9. Expressing Thanks to Host Church
10. Adjournment



## MINUTES

October 25, 1974

The Fifteenth Annual Session of The Stone Association of Free Will Baptist of Central Indiana met with the Mount Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson, On October 25 and 26, 1974.

We were called to order on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. by the former moderator Rev. Willie Ledbetter.

Meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Scripture reading was from II Cor. 3 chapter.

Floor was opened for nomination. Motion carried that Rev. Elwood Sluss serve as Moderator. Rev. John Miller serve as Asst. Moderator. Motion carried that Rev. William Simmons serve as the Clerk. Motion carried that Bro. Roger Phillips serve as the Asst. Clerk.

Enrollment of Delegates, Bro. Dixon and Bro. Benton Hargis. Bro. Dixon preached the opening message.

### ROLL OF DELEGATES

East 38th Street Church of Anderson—Bro. Bruce De Bruhl, Joe Calvert, Sis. Dorothy Calvert, Bro. Chester Pyland, Sis. Lucille Pyland.

First Church of Muncie—Sis. Hazel Beaty.

Mt. Carmel of Indianapolis—Bro. Porter, Bro. Sonny Oaks.

Mt. Hope of Anderson—No Delegates.

Mt. Olive of Muncie—Sis. Opal Bailey, Sis. Lois Beaty.

First Church of Dunkirk—Sis. Becky Allen, Sis. Dorothy Walker.

Bradford Pike Church of Marion—No Delegates.

Florida Station Church of Anderson—Willie Ledbetter.

Burlington Drive Church of Muncie—Sis. Jean McCowan, Sis. Joann Estepp.

Warrington Mission—Rev. Johnnie Miller.

Arcadia Mission—Rev. Harold Collins.

### APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Devotional Chairman Rev. G. E. Wallace, Bro. Roger Phillips.

Temperance: Bro. Ronald Patter, Bro. Sonny Oaks, Sis. Joann Estepp, Bro. Rammons Dalts, chairman.

Sunday School: Chr. Rev. Marion Donathan, Bro. Nathan Mullinix, Sis. Jean McCowan, Sis. Lucille Pyland.

Prayer Meeting: Chr. Rev. P. A. Dixon, Bro. Joe Calvert, Bro. Bruce DeBruhl, Sis. Dorothy Calvert

Resolution: Chr. Rev. Bill Hollars, Bro. John Estepp, Sis. Hazel Beaty, Sis. Becky Allen.

Finance: Chr. Rev. Wayne Allen, Sis. Dorothy Walker, Bro. Tommy Walker, Bro. Harold Collins.

Obituaries: Chr. Rev. James O. McCowan, Rev. Benton Hargis, Rev. Thurman Key, Bro. Wallace Bailey.

### PRESBYTERY APPOINTED

Rev. James O. McCowan (chairman), Rev. Johnnie Miller, Rev. Bill Hollars, Rev. Elwood Sluss, Rev. Benton Hargis.

Ending our business, motion carried we adjourn till Saturday morning 9:30, Worship Service.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship Service—Rev. P. A. Dixon preached from the Book, Heb. Chapter 11, verses 8 through 10. Abrahams 3 Gifts: No. 1 self, No. 2 off his substance, No. 3 His Son. Wonderful message enjoyed by all.

### SATURDAY MORNING

We were called to order by the moderator at 9:30 by Rev. Elwood Sluss. With singing and prayer. Devotional reading was from 1st Peter 5, chapter 1-11. We then proceeded to call roll of delegates.

Devotional committee report, Saturday morning 11:00 a.m. Rev. Thurman Key.

Saturday night 7:00 p.m., Rev. Willie Ledbetter and Rev. Johnnie Miller.

### READING OF CHURCH LETTERS

East 38th Street Church of Anderson	read and passed
First Church of Muncie	read and passed
Mt. Carmel Church of Indianapolis	read and passed
Mt. Hope Church of Anderson	read and passed
Mt. Olive Church of Muncie	read and passed
First Church of Dunkirk	read and passed
Bradford Pike Church of Marion	read and passed
Florida Station Church of Anderson	no letter
Burlington Drive Church of Muncie	read and passed
Warrington Mission of Warrington	read and passed
Arcadia Mission	no letter
Albany, Ky. Mission	read and passed

Also oral report by Bro. Jim Lee

Invitation for new churches was given: none came.

Office of Elders, two gave their names, Bro. Bruce DeBruhl and Bro. Joseph Calvert.

Deacon from the East 38th Street Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson.

Reading of rules of Association and Conference.

Report and request of Bro. Sidney Green, by letter. Voted on and passed

Motion made we adjourn for 11:00 o'clock preaching service. Singing, fellowship and prayer. Bro. Thurman came. Scripture reading, Phillipians chapter 3, verse 11-14. Text "Press Forward the Mark for the Prize of the Right calling of God in Christ Jesus." Wonderful message, enjoyed by all. Dismissed for lunch.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Met back Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Song and prayer by the Moderator Rev. Elwood Sluss read from Psalms 13-3. Roll Call of delegates.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Saturday Morning 11:00 a.m., Rev. Thurman Key.

Saturday night 7:00 p.m., Rev. Johnnie Miller.

Rev. G. E. Wallace (chairman)

Bro. Roger Phillips

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We have many examples in the Bible of temperance: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portions of

the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank." As Paul in Romans states that we should not do anything "whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." James tells us "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." We your committee on temperance encourage the use of Bible examples and the practice of moderation in all phases of living.

Bro. Ronald Patton (chairman)

Bro. Sonny Oaks

Sis. Joann Estepp

Bro. Ramond Dalts

### **REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In the close of Jesus' Ministry, he commanded us to go teaching the kingdom of God, Matthew 28:18-20. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

We, your committee for Sunday School, challenge all of our churches that we pray for a dedicated teaching staff in our churches this coming year. That we may teach the kingdom of God, to our men and women, boys and girls, that we may win them to the Lord through the teaching of God's word in our Sunday Schools. May we in our teaching, earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints. Jude 3. May we in teaching our Sunday Schools, pray that God will give us the ability to teach every boy and girl, so that they may grow to be men and women who will serve the Lord. For we know that the teaching of our forefathers is the foundation of our churches today.

Rev. Marion Donathan (chairman)

Bro. Nathan Mullinix

Sis. Jean McCowan

Sis. Lucille Pyland

### **REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING**

We urge and insist that Prayer Meetings be attended and supported by all the church. In Prayer Service we as Christians, can meet together and offer our petitions to God and pray one for another. It is needful to have Prayer Meeting at least once a week in all our churches. We believe that we could see our churches grow through better support of Prayer Meeting.

Rev. P. A. Dixon (chairman)

Bro. Bruce DeBruhl

Bro. Joseph Calvert

Sis. Dorothy Calvert

### **REPORT ON RESOLUTION**

We sound a warning against the so call ecumenical movement of our day which promote such programs as Key 73. We cannot walk hand in hand with men that seek to destroy the deity of Christ and reject the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. We recommend that all churches institute Bible study for both the young and old. We also believe that every child of God should give his best to the service of God, upholding the word of God, the Bible, which is the Doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Bill Hollars (chairman)

Bro. John Estepp

Sis. Hazel Beaty

Sis. Becky Allen



## **FINANCE REPORT**

We your committee on finance, report that offerings total \$155.00 and recommend that the Clerk have 375 minutes printed.

Rev. Wayne Allen (chairman)  
Sis. Dorothy Walker  
Bro. Tommie Walker  
Bro. Harold Collins

## **REPORT ON OBITUARIES**

We your committee report the following, Sis Genua Daughtery of Mt. Olive, Bro. Carson Seals of East 38th St., Bro. Robert Eutt of Mt. Hope, Bro. Charles Raison and Bro. John Hins of First Church of Muncie, Bro. Kenneth Millnex of Burlington Drive of Muncie, Bro. Ray McKenn of Mt. Carmel of Indianapolis. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Rev. James O. McCowan (chairman)  
Rev. Benton Hargis  
Rev. Thurman Key  
Bro. Wallace Bailey

## **PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR YEAR 1973-1974**

**January 18, 1974**

Presbytery met at Bradford Pike Church Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, Ind. Bro. Larry Baker credentials was turned in. Bro. Andy Elkins came before the presbytery with letter of recommendation from Bradford Pike Church that we ratified his credentials, examined and put on probation for one year.

Bro. Bobby Green came before Presby with letter from Western Division of Stone Association of Tennessee and letter from Mt. Carmel of Indianapolis after examined his credentials were ratified.

**January 19, 1974**

Bro. Johnnie Miller came before the Presby with letter from the East 38th Street Free Will Baptist Church. Well recommended after examined for minister, he was passed and ordained.

**April 19, 1974**

Presby was called to order by Bro. Wayne Allen. Discussion on giving Bro. John Miller a card of standing. Voiced ok. Bro. Cravens ordination papers turned in. Bro. P. A. Dixon asked questions of Bro. John Key, keeping his Deacon paper ok. Voiced ok for sit aside Deacons to come to preachers and deacons meeting voice ok.

**April 19, 1974**

Letter from Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson, Ind. Requesting Bro. Cecil Carpenter credentials be ratified for Deacon at Mt. Hope Church. We recommended the church to set Bro. Carpenter aside for six months trial after examined.

**April 19, 1974**

Letter from First Church of Dunkirk, sent letter for Bro. James Lee. Recommended to be ordained to preach the Gospel after examined, was passed.

**April 19, 1974**

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church of Muncie, Indiana sent letter of recommended of Bro. Wallace Bailey be question and examination. Ordain him for Deacon after examination was passed.

**July 19, 1974**

Presby met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Muncie, Indiana. Bro. Harold Conley from the Bradford Pike Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, Indiana come before the presby to be lincened to preach the Gospel. After examination was license to preach for one year.

**October 24, 1974**

Presby met at the Mt. Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson, Indiana. Bro. Roy Martin from the Florida Station Free Will Baptist Church, with letter of recommendation. Request he come back in six months with letter.

**April 19, 1974**

Bro. Joseph Calvert came before the presby recommended by church letter from the East 38th Street Free Will Baptist Church to be examined for the office of Deacon at East 38th Street Free Will Baptist Church, after question was passed. Be ordained.

**October 24, 1974**

Bro. Maurice Jones and Bro. John D. Maness credentials were turned in.

### **EVANGELIST REPORT**

I have enjoyed visiting and preaching in the churches that give me the invitation. For the last year I preached 128 sermons, witnessed 66 prof. conducted 6 revivals, married 4 couples and conducted 3 funerals.

Pray for me as I enter back into pastoral work this year at the Burlington Drive Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. James O. McCowan

Oral report, also written report. Motion carried.

### **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

Presbytery. Motion carried. Electing Traveling Evangelist. Motion carried Rev. Bill Hollars be our Evangelist.

### **LICENSED MINISTER REPORT**

Licensed Minister Report. Bro. Harold Conley, written report. Motion carried as read.

Old business, none

New business, Trustees Rev. Wm Simmons, 3 years, Rev. P. A. Dixon. Motion Rev. Delmer McCowan, carried.

Voted and passed the association take care of expenses.

Voted and passed, we take a free will offering in Preacher and Deacon meetings to take care of expenses. Youth for Christ remaining funds and other supplies turned over to the association

Appointing next meeting place. Next association will be at Bradford Pike Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, Bro. Wayne Allen to preach the opening message.

### **EXPRESSING THANKS**

Expressing thanks to the host pastor and church and ladies for the good meal and fellowship together. Motion we adjourn our business.

Offering for children's home \$32.45.

Then turned service to chairman of Presbytery, Bro. Wayne Allen. Bro. Joseph Calvert and Bro. Bruce De Bruhl was ordained as Deacons of the 38th Street Free Will Baptist Church. Wonderful service was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed till 7:00 p.m. evening service.

## **SATURDAY EVENING**

Rev. Elwood Sluss our moderator offered the service. Then turned the service to host pastor, Bro. G. E. Wallace. Congregational singing and prayer. Special singing Bro. Wallace turned service to Bro. Willie Ledbetter who read from the Scripture St. Luke chapter 24 verse 36 through 53.

Ye are witnesses of these things. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all. The Bro. Elwood Sluss received an offering for the association. \$10.65.

Dismissed in prayer until next conference in Indianapolis in January.

## **DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

Section 1. That all power of the church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, that they may have a right through their representatives, to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

Section 2. That a Christian church is a society of believers in Christ, and is a divine institution. Jesus Christ being the head of the Church and the Bible the only rule of our faith and practice.

Section 3. That no rule of faith and doctrine shall ever be established in the Free Will Baptist Church contrary to the Bible.

Section 4. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys the Gospel should ever be deprived of church membership.

Section 5. Every member has inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the law of God, or the law of their country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Section 6. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of un-Christian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the word of God, or the rules of the Church.

Section 7. The Church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

Section 8. There may be three grades of association established in the Free Will Baptist Church. First the Monthly Association, second, the Annual Association, third the General Association.

Section 9. That the church has the right to select their leaders and delegates to the annual association.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of each church to select two deacons and one clerk.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the different church clerks to keep a correct minute of all their church meetings in a book provided for that purpose.

Section 12. Each church represented in the annual association shall be entitled to two delegate voters, whose membership does not exceed 50 and one additional for every 25 over 50.

Section 13. That for the purpose of ordaining elders, there shall convene a Presby. Said Presby shall consist of five ordained ministers. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants that may come before them for license and ordination, and if found competent, shall ordain them or set apart for the work by prayer and laying on of



hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try ministers and deacons, composing the association, for immorality, propagation of un-Christian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the word of God or the rules of the church, on proper testimony: their word to be final. Any member of the Presby being absent at a meeting the chairman has the right to select another ordained elder to take his place in that session of business. Also that the Clerk of the Presby have the right to appoint a chairman for the session of Business. In absence of regular Presby member the chairman may not appoint more than two to serve in that session of business.

Section 14. No minister shall be ordained to the office of elder unless they meet the requirements as stated in I Tim. 3:1-7, and pass a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification, the door of the church, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet, and transaction of church business in general.

Section 15. Any one who desires the office of elder shall take the following steps before presenting himself for ordination. He must come to the Presbytery recommended by church letter for license; He must be a member of the church that recommends him, and if found competent they shall issue license; after he has had his license one year, he shall go before the Presbytery with church letter recommending him for ordination, and if found worthy on second examination, they shall ordain him.

Section 16. That for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended by their Conference or Association we receive them and ratify their license or credentials.

Section 17. It shall be the duty of the Conference or Association to give a letter of dismissal and recommendation to any ordained minister, if in good standing, wishing to leave our association. The letter must state, good only for a period of ninety (90) days.

Section 18. It shall be the duty of any minister coming before the Presbytery for license or ordination, or to have their credentials ratified, that they must belong to a Free Will Baptist Church in Stone Association, and bring a letter of recommendation from same.

Section 19. That any minister being called from another Association to pastor a church in Stone Association of Central Indiana, must come before presbytery for examination.

Section 20. Forbidding any one hereafter having more than one wife, to be ordained for either a minister or a deacon. Also that if and when any of the present ministers or deacons become the husband of more than one wife or marry a woman with a living husband, his ordination would automatically be annulled.

Section 21. No woman will be licensed or ordained to the office of elder.

Section 22. Be it resolved that all members be in subjection unto their elders and unto those who would have rule over them in the Lord.

Section 23. Be it resolved that no minister be allowed to aid or abet either directly or indirectly in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks or to indulge in the sale of them. Be it further resolved that no minister or member of the Free Will Baptist Church be allowed to drink. Be it further resolved, that no member of this church shall tolerate the sale or manufacture or use of intoxicating drinks, such as liquors, wines or beers in their homes or on their premises.

Section 24. It shall be the duty of any member wishing to leave the Free Will Baptist Church to call for a letter before leaving.

Section 25. Licensed or ordained ministers coming from another Free Will Baptist Conference or Association must bring a letter of recommendation from the same.

Section 26. Only an ordained minister of this body may serve as a member of the Presbytery.

### **RULES OF DECORUM**

Section 1. No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved party complies with the directions given by our Lord in St. Matthew 18: 13, 17.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the deacons of the church to go to any transgressing member, talk to them and they shall have until the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the church to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes. It shall also be the duty of the deacons to look after the widows in their daily ministrations. Rom. 16: 17; II Cor. 12: 21; II Cor. 13: 1.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain the church and preachers. I Cor. 16: 1, 2; II Cor. 9: 7; Luke 10: 7; I Cor. 9: 4.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the minister on receiving members in the church, to ask the applicant the following questions: First—"Do you feel that you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?" Second—"Are you a believer with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the son of God?" Third—"Are you willing to walk in all His precepts?" We take members into the Free Will Baptist Church by Conversion, Letter or Recommendation. Matt. 22: 37; Acts 8: 37; John 13: 1, 17; I Cor. 11: 20, 22; Luke 22: 18, 20; Matt. 26: 26, 29.

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

Article 1. We believe in one eternal God, the Creator and Upholder of all things and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one. St. John 1: 1; I Cor. 8: 6; St. John 10: 30.

Article 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice: II Pet. 1: 19-20; II Tim. 3: 14-17; Dan. 10: 21; Acts. 1: 16-17; Matt. 21: 42.

Article 3. We believe that man is unable to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in, by reason of sin, only by the grace of God through the exercise of faith. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:5-7; Eph. 2:3.

Article 4. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matt. 3:14-16; Matt. 3:5-6; I Pet. 3:21; John 3:21; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:18-20; I Cor. 11: 20-29; John 13:1-7; Matt. 26:26-29.

Article 5. We believe that no minister has the right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly ordained. I Tim. 4:14; Acts 8:17-19; II Tim. 1; Heb. 6:2.

Article 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58; John 11:25; II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rom. 2:4-5; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 25:41; Acts 17:13; Isa. 33:14.

Article 7. We believe according to the Scriptures; Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6:1-7; that after man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost if he shall fall from Grace, it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him unto the favor of God. Heb. 6:1-7; I John 5:16.

Article 8. We believe that a man can make shipwreck of his faith and be lost. Rom. 8:38-39; I Cor. 10:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27-28; Phil. 1:6; II Chron. 15: II Pet. 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:16; I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4-5; Acts 1:25; Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:19; Phil. 3:11-14.

Article 9. We believe that sanctification is the work of God's Grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in the Spiritual Birth, constantly growing in the Grace and the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and becomes final at the end. Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; I Thess. 5:19-23; John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.

Article 10. We believe that all Christians have a right to the sacramental table upon the principles of their acceptance with Him, for St. Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." I Corinthians 11:28.

Article 11. We believe that no person is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church except those that have the witness within themselves.

## **OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

**Pastor.** It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the word, to have the general superintendence of the church. To be himself an example of the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

**Deacon.** The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the Presby. Ordination consisting of charges, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table. To distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

**Clerk.** It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the church covenant, and the names of the members, all the proceedings of the church, and the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. They also sign all the letters and other communications made by authority of the church.

**Treasurer.** The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be their duty to keep a regular account of all the money received and make a report of the same annually to the church or as often as the church requires. Funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church.

## **RULES OF CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION**

1. The Association and Conference when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at any time and he shall rise and address the moderator.

3. No person shall be interrupted by anyone except the moderator until he is through speaking, nor shall the moderator, unless he breaks the order.



4. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any personal reflection on him who has spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than two times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall address each other except by the appellation of brother or sister.

7. No member shall laugh or whisper in the time of public speech.

8. No members shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may think it necessary.

10. No person shall speak more than five minutes at any time without leave of the association or conference.

11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of the association or conference rules shall be reprovved by the moderator.

12. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it by standing vote. When they fail to do this they shall be reprimanded by the moderator.

13. When two or more members rise at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to speak.

14. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, he shall also appoint three (3) members of the Presby, the first appointed being the Chairman. The Chairman will then appoint the other two members.

15. The devotional committee shall consist of the pastor and deacons of the church where the association or conference is convened.

16. Visiting ministers have the right to speak only with leave of the conference or association.

17. The member first named on a committee shall be the chairman.

18. The moderator in case of a tie may cast the deciding vote.

19. No minister shall have a right to vote in the conference or association unless he is in good standing with his church and association.

20. No one has the right to vote except ordained authority and delegates of this association.

21. For the purpose of doing conference and association business the ordained authority and delegates will be placed in separate sections of the building during business session.

22. To rotate conference and association from church to church and not to visit any church twice until all have been visited.

23. All ministers are required to fill out a ministers report form, if they fail to do so their name will be placed in the Minutes as ministers who made no report.

24. If any minister fails to appear for two consecutive sessions of our quarterly meetings that the Presby go see them.

25. All delegates must register at the beginning of the conference and association, if they fail to do this they lose the right to vote in this conference or association.

26. Anyone coming to the Presby must present themselves to the Presby on Thursday night in the association and on Friday night in the conference.

27. All delegates must be present throughout each conference and association in order to have privilege to vote in the business session.

28. All ministers and deacons who fail to attend the ministers and deacons meeting each quarter shall be admonished by his pastor, and should he be absent two out of three meetings he shall be admonished by Presby.

Name of Church and Address	Inclined	Declined	Membership	Publication and Education	Home For Children	Home And Foreign Missions	Other Ministers	Paid Evangelist	Paid Pastor	All Building Expenses
East 38th Street Church 1125 E. 38th St., Anderson, Ind.	21	3	138	\$1,734.99	\$125.77	\$811.10		\$595.00	\$4,635.00	\$22,556.32
First Church of Muncie R.R. 2, Yorktown, Muncie, Ind.	2	1	49	426.09	314.24	112.75		496.75	1,255.17	2,379.00
Mt. Carmel Church 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Ind.	16	17	69	625.17	134.00		\$125.00	595.00	8,520.00	1,683.57
Mt. Hope of Anderson 2026 Hendricks St., Anderson, Ind.	0	0	29	271.35	112.54	208.87	370.01	100.00	1,350.00	1,438.01
Mt. Olive Church Wheeling Pike, Muncie, Ind.	5	5	57	1,144.37		220.70	103.96	259.03	955.00	6,240.98
First Church of Dunkirk Dunkirk, Ind.	9	55	53	831.62	284.34	100.00	287.40		3,654.36	2,867.13
Bradford Pike Church 400 E. 100 N., Marion, Ind.	8	4	35	828.44	320.00		25.00	210.00	500.00	4,308.98
Florida Station Church Anderson, Indiana										
Burlington Drive Church 1211 Burlington Dr., Muncie, Ind.	8	1	49			351.00		405.42	1,275.00	

Warrington Mission: Paid pastor \$1,675.00, paid Evangelest \$205.00, Home and Foreign Mission \$300.00 publication and Education \$150.00, church expense \$1,003.00.

## MINISTERS' REPORT

	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Revivals Conducted	Contributions
Rev. Benton Hargis	1	115	21	5	8	4	2	0	\$1,010.00
Rev. William Hollars	0	100	2	0	0	1	0	0	2.00
Rev. James Lee	1	93	14	0	9	0	0	0	25.00
Rev. W. M. Simmons	1	140	17	2	3	1	2	1	1,775.39
Rev. Willie Ledbetter	1	92	13	0	3	3	1	1	0
Rev. James E. Sluss	1	60	18	18	12	2	0	3	715.00
Rev. Wayne Allen	1	109	28	9	5	3	1	1	3,754.00
Rev. John R. Miller	1	112	13	0	9	3	0	0	1,600.00
Rev. P. A. Dixon	1	140	136	21	28	8	10	6	4,635.00
Rev. G. E. Wallace	1	175	8	0	0	4	2	0	1,350.00
Rev. Andy Elkins	0	45	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rev. Delmar McCowan	1	56	40	0	10	2	3	1	0
Rev. James O. McCowan	0	128	66	0	0	4	3	6	0
Rev. Marion Donathan	1	95	11	8	4	2	3	0	1,275.00
Rev. Sidney Greene	1	150	75	16	20	4	2	7	8,520.00
Rev. Harold Conley	0	34	7	0	0	0	0	1	132.60

Ministers who made no report: Rev. Thurman Key, Rev. Harold Collins;  
Rev. Jobey L. Ledbetter, Rev. Thurman L. Page.



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## CHURCHES, PASTORS, DEACONS AND CLERKS

Church—East 38th Street, 1125 E. 38th St., Anderson, Indiana  
 Pastor—Rev. P. A. Dixon, R.R. 1, Box 117, Anderson, Indiana  
 Deacons—Bro. Gene Sells, Bro. J. T. Taylor, Bro. Braden Looper, Bro. Bruce De Bruhl, Bro. Joe Calvert.  
 Clerk—Sis. Mary Sells, R.R. 2, Box 286, Anderson, Indiana

Church—First Church, R.R. 2, Yorktown, Indiana  
 Pastor—Rev. William Simmons, 2505 Halford St., Anderson, Indiana  
 Deacons—Bro. Arel Beaty, Bro. Randle Price, Bro. William McDowell.  
 Clerk—Sis. Loretta Price, R.R. 1, Box 342, Daleville, Indiana.

Church—Mt. Carmel, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Pastor—Rev. Sidney Greene, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Deacons—Bro. Raymond Doss, Bro. Kenneth McKim, Bro. Ralph Narmore  
 Clerk—Sis. Letha Narmore, Rt. 1, Box 446, E. Fountaintown, Indiana 46130.

Church—Mt. Hope, 2026 Hendricks St., Anderson, Indiana  
 Pastor—Rev. G. E. Wallace, 2721 Crystal St., Anderson, Indiana  
 Deacons—Bro. Roger Phillips.  
 Clerk—Sis. Donna J. Hartman, 4517 State Road 9 N.

Church—Mt. Olive, R.R. 7, Box 477A, Wheeling Pike, Muncie, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. Benton Hargis, 1720 E. 18th St., Muncie, Indiana  
Deacons—Bro. Robert Clark, Bro. Wallice Bailey.  
Clerk—Sis. Etna Conatser, 3205 North Belaire, Muncie, Indiana.

CHURCH—First Church of Dunkirk, Dunkirk, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. Wayne Allen, R.R. 1, Albany, Indiana  
Deacons—Bro. Fred Sampley, Bro. Tommy Walker.  
Clerk—Sis. Marilyn Anderson, R.R. 1, Redkey, Indiana

Church—Bradford Pike, 400 E. 100N, Marion, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. James E. Sluss, 413 E. N. A. St., Gas City, Indiana  
Deacons—Bro. Scott Buckler  
Clerk—Sis. Nina Martin, 1603 W. 10th St., Marion, Indiana

Church—Florida Station Church, Anderson, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. Willie Ledbetter, 3017 Helms Rd.  
Deacon—  
Clerk—

Church—Burlington Drive, 1211 Burlington Dr., Muncie, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. James O. McCowan, 1627 Luick Ave., Muncie, Indiana  
Deacons—Bro. Nathan Mullinix, Bro. John H. Estepp  
Clerk—Joann Estepp, 2703 Sycamore Ave., Muncie, Indiana.

## MISSIONS

Mission—Warrington Free Will Baptist, Warrington, Indiana  
Pastor—John Miller, R.R. 1, Box 179, Wilkinson, Indiana  
Clerk—Carole Miller, R.R. 1, Box 179, Wilkinson, Indiana

Mission—D Avenue Mission, New Castle, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. Thurman Key, E. 38th St. Rd., Anderson, Indiana

Mission—Arcadia Mission, Arcadia, Indiana  
Pastor—Rev. Harold Collins, Arcadia, Indiana

Mission—Albany, Ky.  
Pastor—Rev. James Lee, Albany, Ky.

## **CONFERENCE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **SATURDAY MORNING:**

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Electing Moderator and Assist. Moderator
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Devotional Committee Appointed
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Reading of Rules
7. Recognized visiting Ministers
8. Calling for letters from Churches

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON:**

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Licensed Ministers Reports
3. Traveling Evangelist Report
4. Any Old or New Business
5. Invitation for Office of Elder
6. Invitation for new Churches
7. Presby Report
8. Appointment of Next Meeting place
9. Election for opening Message
10. Expressing Thanks to Host Church
11. Offering for Children's Home
12. Adjournment.