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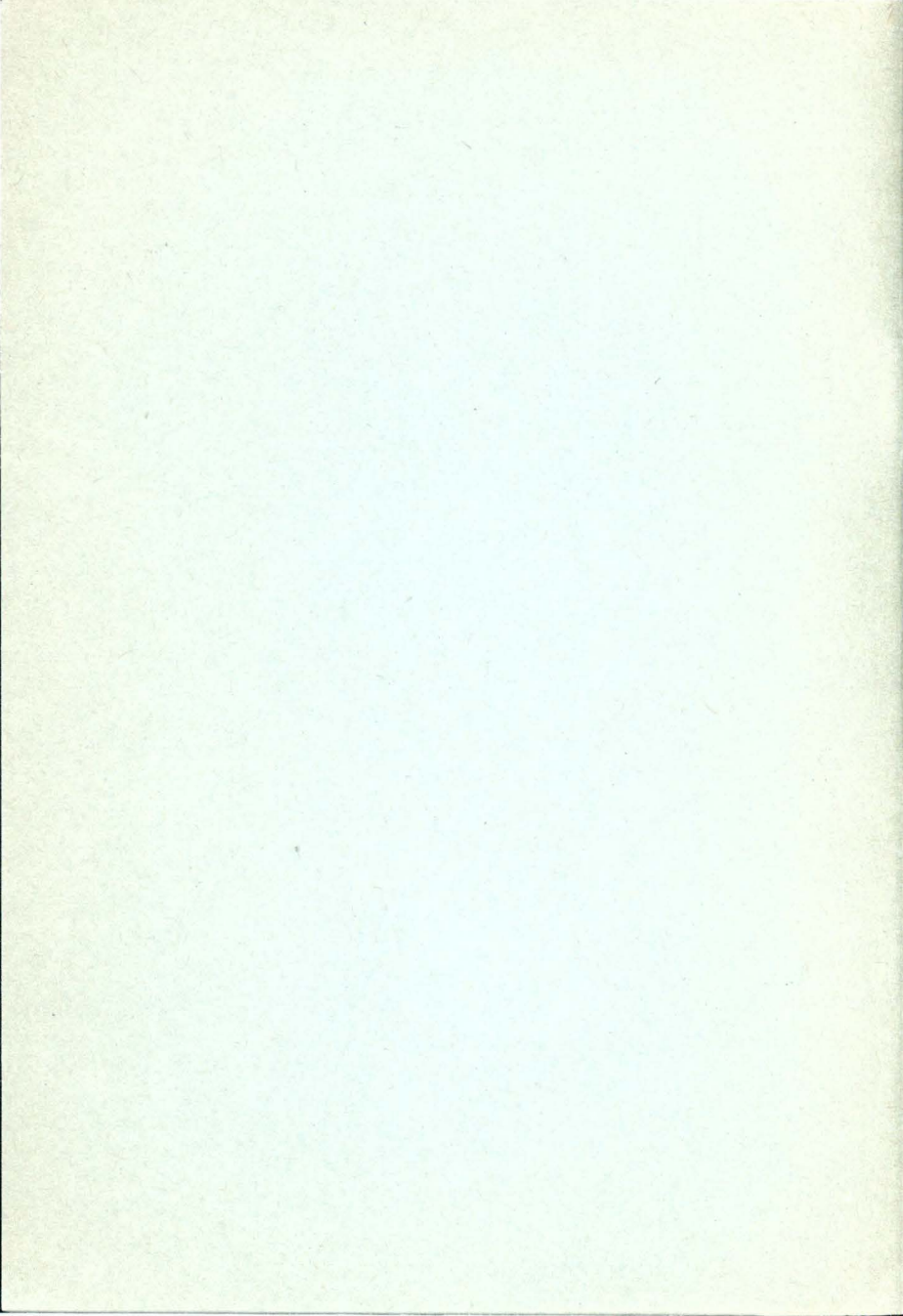
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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Willow Springs Church, four miles north of Mountain Grove, Missouri, on the 3rd day of September, 1941, at four o'clock P. M. being the forty-second annual session.

House called to order by Moderator Clarence Ussery.

Prayer by Elder O. L. Allen.

Moderator called for Introductory Sermon.

Elder Ernie Detherage being absent.

Message brought by Elder Austin Wright, Alternate.

Prayer by Elder L. T. Koch.

Scripture lesson 12th chapter of Romans.

Brother Wright brought wonderful message.

Subject: Striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

After Christian hand-shake, Moderator took charge.

Call for enrollment of Ministers.

Minister's wives, Deacons and Church Clerks—names will appear elsewhere.

Sister Emma Pryor appointed Assistant Clerk.

Committees Appointed Temporary

Pulpit Committee—Deacons Lewis Moody, Ed Fagan and Elder George W. Scott, Jr.

Credential Committee—Elders N. E. Snyder, Oliver Letterman, and Walter E. George. Anyone having letter from churches instructed to hand them to credential committee.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Elder Verl Tate.

Wednesday Night Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Brother Lewis Moody.

Scripture lesson first 26 verses of 15th chapter first Corinthians.

Prayer by Elder George W. Scott, Jr.

Elder John G. Koch brought very spiritual message.

Subject: Second coming of Christ.

Concluded by Elder W. N. Sutton, after Christian hand-shake adjourned until Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning Session

Praise by Congregation.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 13th chapter, first Corinthians.

Prayer by sister Nancy Scott.

Songs by congregation—"There Is a Land That Is Fairer Than Day" and "The Lilly of the Valley."

First call for report on Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Mt. Zion No. 1, New Harmony, Willow Springs, Breeden, Mountain Grove, and Wolf Creek.

Motion carried report be adopted.

Delegates seated—given right hand of fellowship.

Names will appear elsewhere.

Roll call.

Election of officers:

Elder Clarence Ussery of Norwood, Missouri, re-elected Moderator.

Elder Claud J. Smith of Macomb, Missouri, re-elected Assistant Moderator.

Call for letters of correspondence associations—letter read from Laclede County Association of Free Will Baptist.

Delegate present, Elder John G. Koch.

They report 11 churches, 24 ministers; received in the church, 55, dismissed five, state of religion good, all churches have Sunday schools. Their next association convenes with Lindloff Church, Morgan County, Missouri, Thursday at 3:00 P. M., before the third Sunday in August, 1942. Curtis Wilson, Clerk of the Association.

Letter read from Niangua Association of Free Will Baptist. Delegates present Elder and Mrs. W. N. Sutton.

They report number of ministers, seven, number of churches nine, number of Deacons 20, number of Sunday Schools eight. State of religion good.

Letter read from Missouri Association of General Baptist.

Delegates present: Elders, M. Q. Kent and George W. Scott, Sr.

They report received in church 161, dismissed 105, died 18, present membership 2,164, paid for preaching \$1975.00, home mission \$102.00, education and college \$500.00.

Motion carried that we receive the report of the above Associations and invite delegates to seat in the conference.

Delegates registered from Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist: Elder Billy Rogers and Deacon W. E. Crews, who were invited to seat in council.

Delegate registered from Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist: Elder Ralph Staten, who is also Moderator of Arkansas State Association, who was invited to seat in conference.

Letters read from Douglas County Quarterly Meeting with Elder and Mrs. Austin Wright, delegates.

Letters read from Wright County Quarterly Meeting with Sister Rosa Owens, delegate.

Motion carried that letter from both quarterly meetings be received and delegates seated.

Visiting Brothers and Sisters from Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist of Oklahoma: Elder Thomas H. Dixon, Brother and Sister Aaron Estes and Elder R. J. Howard, who is also Moderator of Grand River Association and were invited to seat in council. At this time Elder Thomas H. Dixon made very interesting talk on Free Will Baptist doctrine and again made a talk at the night service.

Adjourned for 11 o'clock divine service.

Closing prayer by Elder Arthur Rich.

Thursday Morning 11 o'Clock Divine Service

Came together by singing.

Prayer by John Rufus Crews and Sister Verba Smith.

Scripture lesson first 15 verses third chapter of St. John.

Elder Ralph Staten brought arousing scriptial and spiritual message.

Subject: "The New Birth."

Concluded by Elder Billy Rogers in same way who called for Christian hand-shake. Great season of rejoicing.

Adjourned for noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Came together by singing.

Scripture lesson read by Assistant Moderator C. J. Smith, first chapter Philemon.

Prayer by Elder H. T. Massey.

Moderator, together with Assistant Moderator, announced the following committees:

Business Committee—Elders, George W. Scott, Jr., J. E. Burney, Verl Tate, Lester Lawler and Arthur Rich.

Temperance Committee—Elders, John W. Oxley, Guy Hutsell, C. R. Harrison, Austin Wright and Fred Wynn.

Observance Committee of the Sabbath—Elders, L. T. Koch, John Ratterree, W. E. Crain, H. T. Edwards and H. T. Massey.

League Committee—Elders, Wm. Mishler, H. B. Smith, Herbert Vandivort. Owen Saladine, and Fred Justice.

State of Religion Committee—Elders, A. A. Hogue, O. C. Keller, Jason Johnston, L. J. Gearing, and Clyde Wilson.

Obituary Committee—Deacons, Walter Klingensmith, Henderson Wilson, John Gentry, Rolland Michem, and Lewis Scott.

Sunday School Committee—Sisters, Aloth Smith, Verba Smith, Minnie Ussery, Linnie George, Stella Edwards, Oma Scott, and Bertie Letterman.

The Temporary Committees on Credentials and Divine Service were made permanent.

Second call for report of Credential Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Mt. Pisgah, Providence, Oak Grove, Wright County, Mt. Olive No. 1, Big Creek, Faith and Hope, Union Chapel No. 1, Mtn. Valley, Mt. Zion No. 2, Union, Pleasant Grove, Merritt, Willow Springs. Motion carried that report be adopted and delegates seated.

Call for petitionary letters. Letter received from Willow Springs church No. 2, asking to be a member of Union Association. Motion carried request granted and delegates seated. Names as follows: Sisters, Florence Havens, and Rosa Emery.

Call for appeals from quarterly meetings. None reported.

Call for report of Corresponding delegates, report as follows: Elder George W. Scott, Jr., made written report on the following associations:

Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist: I went to this association with Elders, Claud Smith, Clarence Ussery,

O. L. Allen, and Oliver Letterman. We arrived there Thursday October 3rd, 1940, and was there the fourth and received a warm welcome and I can truthfully say we found some "old time" Free Will Baptist, and a people with a mind to work. We were given a seat in council with all the privileges of the floor except voting. They promised to send a delegation to our Association. We were all glad we went and I think we should send another delegation to their association this year.

Report of George W. Scott, Jr., on Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist at Tulsa: I went to this association with Elders, Oliver Letterman and Claud Smith. We were there one day and night. We were received by the body and given the right hand of fellow-ship and all the priveleges of the floor except voting. We were all glad we went and were invited to go back again this year. We find the people of Oklahoma divided on doctrine, such as divine healing, ordaining women to preach and the millennial reign.

Report of George W. Scott, Jr., on Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist August 22nd, 1941: I was there at the beginning of the association and stayed until Friday night, and was received with our letter and seated in council. As far as I could see they were moving along in harmony and I felt I was among God's people, and I recommend that we continue to correspond with this association by letter and delegates.

Report of George W. Scott, Jr., on Missouri Association of General Baptist: I was at this association with Elders, Claud Smith, Homer Smith, and Oliver Letterman. We were received and given seat in council and I recommend that we continue to correspond with them by letter and delegation.

Motion carried that Brother Scott's reports on the above Associations be received.

Elder N. E. Snyder made a verbal report on Little Vine Association of General Baptist. Stated they were fine group of people with old time salvation. Motion carried that his verbal report be received.

Call for report of Evangelist and Evangelist Clarence Ussery made the following report:

Preached 268 sermons, pastored three churches, held 12 revivals, witnessed 105 conversions, baptised 44, received 81 in the church, organized two churches, preached two funerals, and traveled 7,594 miles. Work as evangelist 123 days. Collections

\$23.67, paid by executive board of association \$222.33, total as evangelist \$246.00, collections other than evangelist \$248.64, grand total money received, \$594.64.

Motion carried that we elect delegates to Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist and pay expenses of same. Delegates elected as follows: Elders, Oliver Letterman, George W. Scott, Jr., H. M. Cope, Claud J. Smith, and Deacon Lewis Moody.

Called for ministers written report which will be found in ministers statistical report.

Dismissed for 3:00 P.M. Divine Service.

Closing prayer by Brother John Scott, of Oklahoma.

Thursday 3:00 P.M. Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Scripture lesson part of 9th and 10th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel.

Prayer by Elders, L. J. Gearing and Oliver Letterman.

Scripture text: part of 10th verse, 22nd chapter Revelation. Seal not the sayings of the Prophecy of this book.

Message brought by Elders, Verl Tate and Oliver Letterman. Both handled the subject well and after Christian handshake, adjourned for night services.

Thursday Night Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Elder J. G. Koch.

Free will offering taken for benefit of Elder H. T. Massey. Amount \$9.82.

Prayer by Sister Emma Pryor.

Scripture lesson read by Elder R. J. Howard. First eight verses of 8th chapter of Romans.

Scripture text, 4th chapter, 16th verse of 1st Timothy.

Services opened by Elder R. J. Howard, concluded by Elder Thomas H. Dixon, who used for proof text Acts 20th chapter and 28th verse. Both preached very able scriptural and spiritual messages on the Free Will Baptist doctrine. Called for Christian hand-shake. Brother Dixon called for testimony meeting—great season of rejoicing among all God's children present.

Adjourned until 8:30 A. M. Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session

Scripture lesson read by Assistant Moderator, Claud J. Smith, who read the 17th chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Elder Clifton Harrison.

Third call for report on Credential Committee. Reported favorable on the following churches: Number One and Pleasant Home No. 2. Motion carried report be adopted.

Call for report of Executive Board. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

We, the Executive Board of Union Association, met August 29, 1940, organized with Elder Clarence Ussery as chairman, Elder Oliver Letterman, vice-chairman, Elders H. M. Cope, and O. L. Allen as members. Elder C. J. Smith, secretary, report money on hand at beginning of year\$.85
Money received this year 305.87
Amount paid Evangelist 222.33

Balance on hand first of year\$ 84.39

	Oliver Letterman
	Clarence Ussery
Executive Board,	H. M. Cope
	O. L. Allen
	C. J. Smith.

Call for election member of Executive Board. Elder Clarence Ussery elected to a term of five years.

Call for report of Business Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: Resolution 1. Be it resolved that this associaton put out an evangelist. 2. Be it further resolved that we pay said evangelist \$2.00 per day or enough above his collections to make \$2.00 per day. 3. Be it further resolved that the work of said evangelist be in the hands of the Executive Board of this Association and if said Board so advises the evangelist may hold meetings in weak churches and be paid by the association. Be it further resolved that if said evangelist go in to new fields of labor alone and if he has help it will be at his own expense.

George W. Scott, Jr.
J. E. Burney
Verl Tate, Committee.

Call for election of evangelist. Elder Clarence Ussery elected evangelist for coming year.

Call for report of League Committee. Motion carried that report be adopted, as follows: We, your Committee on league, sincerely urge all pastors to recommend Free Will Baptist League in all our churches. That all Leagues be organized and governed by the Free Will Baptist Treatise. We also recommend that great stress and encouragement be placed upon the benefits of the League work, among both old and young. We further recommend that all Leagues become a member of the quarterly League rally and put forth every effort to represent at each rally.

Wm. Mishler
H. B. Smith
Herbert Vandivort
Owen Saladine, Committee

Call for report on Committee on Sunday Schools. Motion carried that report be adopted, as follows: We recommend the Bible (King James Version) and the Free Will Baptist Literature, and that all officers and teachers be Christians. We also urge parents to attend Sunday School with their children, and try to get others to attend and put forth a greater effort to have year around Sunday Schools. And heartily recommend that pastors of our churches preach and urge each church to have year around school, however small their attendance may be. And we most earnestly urge our members to be more interested in the study of the lesson that we might have a better understanding of the word of God.

Aloth Smith
Verba Smith
Stella Edwards
Berdie Letterman
Oma Scott
Minnie Ussery
Linnie George, Committee

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following report. Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people,"

said the wise man in Proverbs 14:34. The sin of intemperance is a shameful reproach to our nation. "We cannot continue to pour millions of dollars in alcoholic drink every year into the veins of our democracy and expect it to retain the vitality essential to its protection and progress."

Intoxicating liquor is a destructive thing in life. Not only does it poison the physical body, but it is destructive to the fine qualities of moral and spiritual life. Its evils are so many and evident that we do not attempt to enumerate them in this report.

The repeal of prohibition has multiplied the liquor problem a hundred fold. It has increased the places of dispensing liquor and contributed to the increase of drunkenness, using thousands of young girls for bartenders.

The liquor forces are challenging us by their programs of advertising designed to entice the youth. Their programs of advertising by radio, press and billboards are designed to make drinking attractive in its appeal to youth. These programs are so diabolical that they ought to arouse every Christian. We feel sure if Christian people ever become aroused and submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, that we may again tread the serpent of drink under our feet.

We recommend:

- (1) That we pledge ourselves to total abstinence.
- (2) That every means and opportunity be used to educate our people to the evils of drink.
- (3) That we give encouragement and co-operation to every movement designed to destroy or restrict the liquor traffic.
- (4) That we encourage the election of men and women to political offices who are opposed to the liquor business.
- (5) That we protest the advertising of liquor by radio, press, and billboards.
- (6) That we recommend the enforcement of the liquor laws that restrict the liquor business.
- (7) That we demand local option law.
- (8) To shun all other habits that might be harmful to the progress of christianity.

John W. Oxley
Austin Wright
Fred Wynn
C. R. Harrison
Guy Hutsell, Committee

Call for report of Committee on Observance of the Sabbath. Motion carried that report be adopted, as follows: We find that there is a general lack of observance of the Lord's Day and as the Lord commended we should not neglect assembling ourselves together for worship. We, your committee, recommend, we as God's people, ministers, deacons, and laymen, that we discourage our people from going to ball games or any other place of amusement, and urge them to attend Sunday School and church, and to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

L. D. Koch

John Ratterree

W. E. Crain

H. T. Edwards

H. T. Massey, Committee

Motion carried we adjourn for 11:00 o'clock Divine Service. Closing prayer by Sister Letha Franklin.

Friday Morning 11 o'Clock Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Sister Alice Burney.

Song dedicated to Elder J. E. Burney, "I Will Meet You in the Morning."

Scripture lesson, 2nd chapter Philippians.

Scripture text, Philippians 2-14-15.

Elder Lester Lawler brought soul stirring sermon on "Unity".

Concluded by Elder J. E. Burney, who made a very spiritual talk and called for Christian hand-shake. Great season of rejoicing followed and one precious soul was saved.

Friday Afternoon Session

Came together by singing.

Scripture lesson read by Moderator.

First chapter of James Gospel.

Prayer by Elder Jason Johnston.

Fourth and last call for Credential Committee report. Reported favorable on the following churches: Happy Ridge No. 1, Rock Springs, Pleasant Hill, Cold Springs, Fox Creek, Oak Grove, Texas County, Union Chapel No. 2, Pleasant Ridge, Tyrone, Friendship, Pleasant Home No. 2. Motion carried that report be adopted and delegates seated.

Call for report of Committee on State of Religion. Motion

carried that report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on State of Religion, report that there is a great need of improvement and that our ministers strive to bring our people in a greater unity and a closer observance of our treatise, especially of our covenant.

A. A. Hogue
O. C. Keller
L. J. Gering
Clyde Wilson
Jason Johnston, Committee

Call for report of Committees on Obituary. Motion carried report be adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report. Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to call from labor to reward since our last association, the following named members: Brother John Conrow, Deacon Tom Curry, Deacon Milton Saul Barr, Miles Long, Joe Hicks, Julius Koch, Eli McIntosh, Sisters, Emma Dale, Tida Coday, Isabelle Grimes, Minnie Ferguson, Clara Johnson, Pearl Calhoun, Ollie Rippee, Lola Bennett, Catherine Wiggens.

They are greatly missed in our churches, but they will illuminate our heavenly home. Whereas, in the departing of these brothers and sisters of our association we are grateful to our Lord when he said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also." Whereas, our hearts are made to sorrow because of our loss, and are touched with sympathy for the bereaved families; therefore, we suggest that while we bow to the inevitable, that we extend to the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy. We commend them to Him who alone can heal a broken heart and dry a tear-filled eye.

Walter Klingensmith
H. E. Wilson
John Gentry
J. R. Michem
Lewis Scott, Committee

Call for ordination of Ministers. None reported.

Call for pastorless Churches. None reported.

Call for election Corresponding Delegates. Elected as follows: To Missouri Association of General Baptist, Austin Wright, H. T. Massey, Clyde Wilson.

To Laclede County Association Free Will Baptist, N. E.

Snyder, Clarence Ussery, J. E. Burney, and Mrs. J. E. Burney.

To Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist, G. W. Scott, Jr., Clyde Wilson.

To Grand River Association of Free Will Baptist in Oklahoma, O. L. Allen, G. W. Scott, Jr., Walter E. George, W. E. Crain, N. E. Snyder.

To Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist, Walter E. George, A. A. Hogue, Lester Lawler, W. E. Crain, N. E. Snyder.

To Niangua Association of Free Will Baptist, Worth Broughton, Clyde Wilson.

Determination number of Minutes to be printed. Motion carried that we have 800 minutes printed.

Call for selection of place for next Association. Motion carried next Association goes to Oak Grove church, eight miles north of Norwood, Wright County, Missouri.

Elder Lester Lawler selected to preach the introductory sermon with Herbert Vandivort, Alternate.

Elder J. E. Burney selected to make farewell address.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Willow Springs Church and community for their kindness and hospitality.

Willow Springs Church gives vote of thanks to the Association for meeting with them.

Vote of thanks given Moderator and Assistant Moderator for fairness and kindness.

Call for minute money and other expenses for Association. Treasure received \$61.84.

Vote of thanks given to Clerk and Assistant Clerk for fairness and work done.

All Committees Discharged.

We are glad to again report the friendly spirit and Christian fellowship that existed throughout the entire session.

Motion carried that we stand adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church, Wright County, Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

Closing prayer by Sister Albert Brooks.

Elder Clarence Ussery, Moderator.

Elder Claud J. Smith, Assistant Moderator.

Brother John N. Pryor, Clerk, Mansfield, Missouri.

Sister Emma Pryor, Assistant Clerk.

Elder J. E. Burney gave brief farewell address, filled with God's spirit and called on two aged Sisters, Dorcas Coffman and Nancy Scott, who have been with the Union Association since its birth. Both told of their long Christian experience. After hand-shake and rejoicing, adjourned for night service.

Friday Night Divine Service

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Brother W. E. Crews from Cave Springs Association.

Scripture lesson 14th chapter of Jobe.

By request of Elder H. B. Smith, class sung "Amazing Grace."

Scripture text 14th chapter, 1st verse Jobe, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble."

Elder H. B. Smith preached very interesting sermon on humanity.

Concluded by Elder O. L. Allen who called for Christian hand-shake and so ended 1941 session of Union Association.

Statistical Report

We again ask the clerks of churches to be more careful about giving full statistical report.

Also ask the Ministers to be more careful about written report, as I now have Ministers' written report with no name signed to them, and reports can not be shown.

Minister's Names	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Held	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Professions Witnessed	Baptised	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Assisted in Organizing Churches
Oliver Letterman	2	2	85	2	4	2	1250	\$152.15	
Lester Lawler	2	4	3	103	57	25	22725	155.38	
H. B. Smith	3	2	2	72	6	4	72320	163.65	
Verl Tate	2	4	2	135	41	11	62571	183.87	
J. E. Burney	6	2	2	97	30	25	283980	284.30	
W. L. Cornelison	3	2	125	23	11	14	1500	47.50	
L. J. Gearing			24	3			1153	18.53	
J. H. Johnston	1	1	2	48	26	8	1142	18.96	2
H. T. Edwards			1			1	1010	4.25	
Austin Wright		2		32	5		385	21.25	1
Claud J. Smith	3	3	3	137	10	7	33993	272.38	
Herbert Vandivort		2		27	7		685	32.95	
O. L. Allen	7	1	*	75	2	20	999	266.14	
Mose Johnson		1	2	71	3	1	1633	101.15	
N. E. Snyder	2			170	43	13	82170	129.23	
A. A. Hogue		3		20	6	6		20.55	
H. T. Massey	1		1	22			488		
Walter E. George		1		51	9	5	1013	42.55	1
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.	12		3	177	26		4151	538.96	
Arthur Rich		1			39		376	9.89	
Fred Wynn	3	5	2	67	14	9	102052	108.38	
Clyde Rutledge		3	1	74	19	3	82116	31.26	
Wm. Mishler		2	2	106	20	5	103000	202.33	
H. T. Barr				12	1		260	1.36	
C. R. Harrison		1	1	40	3		265	12.50	
Reuel Parker		2		140	8		4989	48.49	
Ona Richardson	3			27	4		63	1.69	

*Full Time

Statistical Report

Name of Church.....	Church Sunday.....	Amount for Minutes.....	Total Membership.....	Members Received.....	Members Dismissed by Letter.....	Members Died.....	Members Excluded.....	Amount Paid Pastor.....	Amount for Evangelist.....
New Harmony	2	\$2.50	27	4	1			\$114.25	\$27.15
Rock Springs	1-3	2.00	42	5		8		104.58	8.00
Wolf Creek	3	4.00	24	1		5	1	93.75	15.00
Pleasant Ridge	2-4	6.85	83			2		114.40	21.90
Number One	4	.90	31	9	2				
Happy Ridge	2-4	1.00	20	9		1			
Friendship	1	1.10	74	5	4	3		38.00	8.50
Mtn. Valley	2	1.50	95	21	1	1		81.75	55.05
Tyrone	1-3	1.50	42	10	9	2		86.36	6.00
Pleasant Home	4	1.00	13	3	1			21.79	
Mt. Olive No. 1....	3	2.00	52	1				55.81	
New Home	2	1.19	39		2				
Union Chapel 2	3		43						
Oak Grove (TC)....	1	2.00	44	1	1			88.98	64.38
Fox Creek	4	2.00	27					12.31	
Cold Springs	4	1.00	30	1				50.00	2.00
Pleasant Hill	1	1.00	159	3	1	1			
Big Creek	4	2.00	106	9	2	2		89.00	40.05
Union	3	1.00	57	3	1	2	1	71.00	18.38
Pleasant Home 2 ..	4	1.50	31	4		1		35.37	4.00
Breedon	3	1.00	40			12		67.00	7.00
Mt. Pisgah	2	1.50	60	3	2	2		60.30	
Providence	2-4	2.00	85			1		84.75	25.25
Oak Grove (WC) ..	1-3	6.00	220	3	6			159.00	
Mtn. Zion No. 2....	2-4	1.00	47			1		93.75	
Willow Springs ..	1-3	2.00		14		1		121.62	39.41
Mtn. Grove	*	2.30	83	20				266.14	
Union Chapel	2	2.00	108	3	5			133.64	
Faith and Hope ..	3	1.00	39		2	15		31.95	12.00
Merritt	1	1.00	29	1		3		36.00	1.50
Pleasant Grove....	3	1.00	60			1			
Mt. Zion	4	1.10	38	1	1	1			
Willow Springs 2 ..	4	1.50	27	3		1		22.00	21.00

*Full Time.

CHURCH CLERKS

Name	Name of Church	Address
Thursa Bogart	Pleasant Ridge	Macomb, Mo.
Helen Rainey	Happy Ridge No. 1	Norwood, Mo.
Mina Sherman	Friendship	Ava, Mo.
Delie Aldridge	Tyrone	Houston, Mo.
Minnie Love	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Mrs. L. L. Barr	Pleasant Home No. 1	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Merl Hunter	Mt. Olive No. 1	Hartville, Mo.
Addie Long	New Home	Hartville, Mo.
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Emma Pryor	Wolf Creek	Mansfield, Mo.
Hattie Hull	Fox Creek	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Maud Smith	Cold Springs	Norwood, Mo.
Verba Claxton	Pleasant Hill	Hartville, Mo.
W. I. Robertson	Rock Springs	Ben Davis, Mo.
Myrtle Jones	Big Creek	Yukon, Mo.
Charles Neal	Union	Success, Mo.
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Nettie Cansler	New Harmony	Long Lane, Mo.
Bertie Letterman	Breeden	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Lloyd Walls	Mt. Pisgah	Cabool, Mo.
Eller Owens	Mt. Zion No. 1	Norwood, Mo.
Hazel Altis	Providence	Cabool, Mo.
Ralph Fletcher	Oak Grove, Wright Co.	Norwood, Mo.
Nettie Middleton	Willow Springs	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Martha Coffman	Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Gillie Reeves	Faith and Hope	Willow Springs, Mo.
Neil Reiger	Merritt	Dora, Mo.
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Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together

for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining

the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became His elect.

10. Freedom of Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, and ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Constitution

From long experience we, the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Quarterly Meetings and churches, to perpetuate our union and communion among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union; therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. This Association shall be called the Union Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches, while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a permanent Clerk and Treasurer, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duty it shall be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years; and at the expiration years and who shall hold their office until their successors are

of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with this denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath Schools, missions, temperance, and education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received; and ministers and deacons desiring to become members, must be recommended by the church to which they belong, appear in person, and then by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the Quarterly Meetings or churches may refer to them; to make any rules or By-Laws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its Constitution; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such churches that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such request for the same session, it shall be decided by a vote, and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The sessions of the Association shall convene annually at four o'clock p.m. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeals if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual stand-

ing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to them through their committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usages of the denomination as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Quarterly Meetings and churches within the limits of this Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out evangelists and other ministers in places where the Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this body.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments shall have been given at previous meetings.

By-Laws

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator or, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither are present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this Association.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and closed by prayer.

5. All Christians shall be entitled to a seat in council, and may take part in all discussions, but members only shall be allowed to vote.

6. Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of all members voting.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire, shall first obtain the leave of the Moderator.

9. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees; but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to this body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

10. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of the Committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and ad-

dress the Moderator by appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflection upon the denomination or of one or more of its members.

15. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16. Anyone violating these By-Laws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator.

17. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, and overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18. Each minister shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association, provided there is no charge against him.

19. No ministr of this Association shall pastor any church that has ben excluded from this or any other association until they set their house in order.

20. The ordaining or licensing council shall be composed of only all ordained ministers of the Association in good standing, present at each session.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular sesion of this Association.

Order of Business

This conference will open each day at 8:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Preaching each day at 11:00 and at night; Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

1. Convene on Wednesday at four o'clock p.m.
2. Praise by congregation.
3. Clerk calls the Association into conference.
4. Clerk calls the Moderator to the chair.
5. Moderator calls for the introductory sermon.
6. Enrollment of ministers, ministers' wives, deacons and church clerks.
7. Appointment of committees on credentials and Divine services-temporary.
8. Call for letters from churches.
9. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.
10. Call for petitionary letters.
11. Call for report of Committee on Credentials
12. Seat delegates and give right hand of fellowship.
13. Roll call.
14. Elect a Moderator and assistant.
15. Invite all Christians to seats in council.
16. Call for corresponding letters and delegates.
17. Seat delegates.
18. Read the By-Laws.
19. Appointment of committees.
20. Call for appeals from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of Evangelist.
24. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
25. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more, if vacancy exists.
26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Moderator inquires: Are all churches represented?
28. Call for ordination of ministers.
29. Call for pastorless churches.
30. Call for ministers' written report.
31. Call for election of Evangelist.
32. Elect corresponding delegates.

33. Report of all committees.
34. Determination of numbers of minutes to be printed.
35. Call for money for minutes.
36. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
37. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
38. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
39. Select place of next annual session.
40. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
41. Final report of committees.
42. Discharge all committees.
43. Adjourn with prayer.

