

The Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptist in Indiana met in the first session on July 29, 1961, with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson, Indiana.

In a special session of the W.V.A. of Ind., Rev. Randall Goble was elected Moderator and Rev. Richard R. Cordell was elected Clerk. 10:00 A.M.

The Association was opened by singing "I'm Going That Way". Rev. Randall Goble, Moderator called the Association to the altar for fellowship and prayer being led by Rev. Billy Melvin of Nashville, Tenn. The devotional scripture was read by Rev. Robert McCarty of Wabash. The scripture lesson was found in Matt. 25:31-46.

The Moderator welcomed Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Sec. of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Sec., Treas. of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, both of Nashville, Tennessee.

Motion and second the Moderator appoint the Asst. Moderator, motion passed. Rev. Charlie Baily of Wabash was appointed.

Bro. David Schadek was elected to serve as Asst. Clerk.

Moderator asked permission to turn Association over to Rev. Billy Melvin to explain the Co-Op Plan of Support in our Denomination.

Bro. Melvin greeted the Association with reading Col. 3:23 and added his comments.

A question and answer session was observed with Bro. Melvin on the Cooperative Plan of Support. It was pointed out that the Cooperative Plan of Support is a plan that is designed to support all of the departments of our denominational interest.

After the special session with Brother Melvin a motion to recess the Morning Session to meet back again at 1:15 for the remainder of the Business Session;

1:15 P.M.

Rev. Charlie Baily, Asst. Moderator called the Association to order by singing, "This Is Like Heaven To Me", after which prayer was led by Bro. Harrison Pettit and the 46th Psalm was read by Bro. Baily.

Motion and second we elect a Treasurer of the Association. Motion Carried. Brother Bobby Whitaker was nominated for the office and was elected to a one year term. The Treasurers address will be sent to each church.

Motion and second the following committees be appointed :

Business Committee; Rev. Roy Burkhardt, Rev. Charlie Nelson, and Rev. David Rowd.

The Resolution Committee; Rev. Charlie Baily, Rev. Richard Cordell, Rev. Dalton Heath, Rev. Randall Goble, and Rev. Robert McCarty.

Finance Committee; Brother Bobby Whitaker, Brother Richard Pressnell, and Rev. Leslie Wireman.

The Ways and Means Committee; Brother John Helton, Rev. Melvin Staggs, and Brother John Dolson.

The Mission Board; Brother Albert Harris

The Sunday School Board; Brother Lonnie Phillips

The Trustees; Brother Elbirty Hays, Rev. Robert McCarty, and Rev. Arnold Minix. The former will serve in their order as Chairman, Treasurer, and Sec.

The first member on each committee will serve as Chairman, the Chairman of the Sunday School and Mission Boards will select their remaining members.

Motion and second the body approve the appointment of the various committees, Motion carried.

The Resolution Committee will serve as a Committee of the Whole to draw up and submit to the Association the Constitution and By-Laws of the Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptist in Indiana.

Motion and second that our Association adopt the Cooperative Plan of Support as outlined by the National Association and that all Cooperative funds be channeled through the treasury of the Wabash Valley Association where 25% will be retained for local associational expenses, with 75% being sent to the National Cooperative Plan. Each local church should inform the Associational Treasurer if their percentage is to be different than outlined above. Motion carried.

Motion and second that we recommend to all churches affiliated with the Wabash Valley Association that they adopt the Cooperative Plan of Support by sending 10% or more of their monthly offering or weekly offering to the associational treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion and second the Association except the report of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention given by Mrs. Eucice Edwards, Executive Secretary, Treasurer of the Convention. Motion carried.

Motion and second we except the report of the National Association of Free Will Baptist held at Norfolk, Va., given by Rev. Richard R. Cordell. Motion carried.

The Association expressed their appreciation to the host church and to the local Women's Auxiliary for their hospitality.

Visiting Ministers from other Associations were Rev. William Simmons, Rev. Billy Melvin, Rev. Edward Hargis, Rev. James Stevens, Rev. Carson Whittaker, and Rev. Norman Livingston.

The next session of the Association is to convene at the Free Will Baptist Church at Denham, Indiana.

Motion and second we adjourn this session until the Second Saturday in June, 1962. The Women's Auxiliary and Free Will Baptist League convening on Friday before the Second Saturday with all Ministers and Delegates asked to attend. Motion carried.

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After the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws have submitted their report a proper minute will be compiled and presented to the printer for printing.

At the time of this writing your clerk has still failed to get a correct mailing list. This is important!! You cannot hope to have an informed people if we are not able to contact them. Please send to your Associational Clerk the exact addresses of all of the Ministers, Deacons, and Church Clerks. Send street addresses or route numbers.

Thank you,
Your Clerk