

M I N U T E S

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WABASH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

IN

INDIANA

When Convened With
The First Free Will Baptist Church
Anderson, Indiana

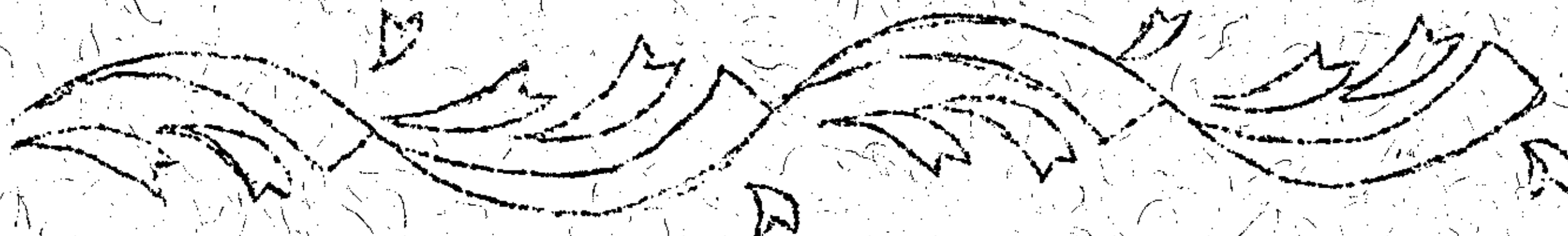
JUNE 15, 1963

Charlie Bailey-----Moderator

Roy Burkhardt-----Assistant Moderator

Richard R. Cordell-----Clerk

David Schadek-----Assistant Clerk



MINUTES

The Third Annual Session of the Wabash Valley Association convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Anderson, Indiana on June 15, 1963. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Charles Bailey.

The service was opened with songs by the congregation. Devotions were given by Rev. James Stevens consisting of scriptures from Isaiah 1:18, and Romans 15:1-7, followed by prayer by Brother Stevens.

The welcome was extended to the Association by the host pastor, Rev. W.F. Chapman. The response was given by the Rev. Richard Cordell.

The minutes of the last session was read by the clerk.

The Moderator called for the invitation of new Conferences wishing to unite with the Wabash Valley Association.

The White River Conference responded. The Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Edward Hargis requested that his Conference be accepted.

The Clerk read the letter of statistics from the White River Conference.

A motion was made and seconded that the Association approve the letter and accept the Conference. M.C.

The Moderator requested the members be recieved by the right hand of fellowship.

The Moderator called for the corresponding messengers. The following responded:

Rev. Paul Kettelman, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Mark Vandivort, Nashville, Tenn.
Mr. Ray Turnage, Greenville, Tenn.
Mr. James Laurthern, Nahville, Tenn.
Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Nashville, Tenn.

The Moderator called for the report of the Wabash Valley Womans Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Ex. Secretary-Treasure of the National W.A.C. responded in behalf of the local Auxiliary.

Motion made and seconded that we recieve this report. M.C.

The Moderator spoke in regards to the wonderful work of the Wabash Valley Womans Auxiliary.

Rev. Paul Kettelman, Director of Public Relations of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nahville, Tenn., was introduced by the Promotional Sec. Rev. Richard Cordell as speaker for the morning session.

Rev. Kettelman spoke briefly in relation to the ministry of the Bible College. He then delivered a message from Acts 9:1-9, using verse 5 as the text.

The Moderator called for adjournment until after lunch.

1:00 P.M. The Association convened for the afternoon session with congregational singing.

Rev. Robert McCarty led in devotions by reading Psalm 133, after which Rev. Roy Burkhart led in prayer.

The Moderator called for business, and turned the leadership of the session over to the Ass't Moderator, Rev. Roy Burkhart.

Reading of the letters from the various Conferences.

Motion made and seconded that the Association accept the letters as read, M.C.

The Moderator called for the reports of the various National representatives. The reports are as follows:

Free Will Baptist Bible College ----- Rev. Paul Kettlemen

National Sunday School Board ----- Mr. James Laurthern

National Home Missions Dept. ----- Rev. Mark Vandivort

Free Will Baptist Home for Children -- Mr. Ray Turnage

The Clerk read letters from the Foreign Missions, and the Executive Secretary of the National Association.

Motion was made and seconded that the Association accept the reports and letters as given. M.C.

Motion made and seconded that we prepare and send a letter to the National Association convening at Detroit, Michigan in July 1963. M.C.

Motion was made and seconded that we send the following as Delegates to the National Association in July 1963:

Mrs. Delta Looper

Mrs. George Mayo

Mrs. W.F. Chapman

Rev. Richard Cordell (National Board Member)

Motion was made and seconded we pay the expenses of the delegates to the amount of \$150.00. M.C.

Motion was made and seconded that we send \$25.00 as representation fees. M.C.

The Moderator called for the election of officers which are as follows:

Clerk----- Rev. W.H. Patterson

Promotional Sec. --Rev. W.F. Chapman

Moderator ----- Rev. W.F. Chapman

Ass't. Moderator --Rev. Roy Burkhart

Ass't Clerk ----Rev. Edward Hargis

Motion made and seconded that all above be elected. M.C.

Motion made and seconded that all former members of committees and boards serve for the next year. M.C.

The Association recieved and accepted the resignation of Rev. Richard Cordell as National Board member from Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded that we elect a member to serve on the General Board of the National Association. M.C.

Rev. W.H. Patterson was elected to serve on the National Board.

The Treasurer's report was given by the clerk.

A motion was made that we except the report as read. M.C.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that Mrs. George Mayo serve as Treasurer of the Association.

A question was raised and discussed regarding a program for next years Association meeting.

Motion was made and seconded that the Promotional Secretary draw up the program for next year.

A motion to amend the main motion to read: the Executive Board draw up the program, was voted upon and carried. The vote on the main motion was made and carried.

Motion was made and carried. that we meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chesterfield, Indiana on the Third Saturday in June 1964 at 10:00 A.M. The League and Auxiliary shall meet on Friday.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, that cards of good standing be issued by the local Conference in which the minister is a member.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that we recommend that each Conference send \$100.00 each to the State Association.

The Moderator called for adjournment until the evening session when the minutes will be read, and the Association closed until 1964.

The evening session was under the direction of the Rev. W. F. Chapman, who ordered the reading of the minutes, and declared the 1963 session of the Wabash Valley State Association closed until the set date in 1964.

Signed

Rev. Charles Bailey, Mod.

Rev. Richard Cordell, Clerk

REPORTS

INDIANA FINANCIAL REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Churches

Anderson First	\$318.67	New Mt. Pleasant	\$28.00
East Side	32.21	Trinity	31.78
East 38th St.	15.50	Personal Donations	
Mt. Carmel	11.73	Billy Simmons	30.00
Mt. Hope	102.83	Elmer McCowan	29.00
Mt. Pleasant	30.00	Ronald P. Geiger	58.00
Mt. Zion	15.00	Willis Wilson	17.86
Muncie	72.85	TOTAL	\$793.43

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST,

The Wabash Valley Association of Free Will Baptist.

Dear Brethren:

I am writing to commend you for your systematic and faithful support to all phases of National Association work through the Cooperative Plan of Support. At this time the Wabash Valley Association is sending 90% of funds received from cooperating churches and keeping 10% for Associational expense. Your desire to share to this extent in ministries which reach around the world has not gone unnoticed.

According to our records, you have given a total of \$264.44 through the Cooperative Plan from January 1 through May 31, 1963. We trust that you will continue in this good work and that more churches will share with us through this plan.

Please remember that when you share through the Cooperative Plan you are helping support all departments of the National Association. Each department is worthy of your support and prayers. I know that you will stand with us in the months ahead.

May God bless you in the work of the Association and make this one blessed with His presence. I am sorry to be unable to be present personally this year.

Sincerely yours, Billy A. Melvin, Ex. Sec't.

Letter from the White River Conference to the Wabash Valley State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Anderson, Indiana, 1963.

List of Delegates:

Mary Jane Mayo; Imogene Patterson; Freeman Henson.

Period of time covered ----- January 1, 1963 to April 27, 1963.

Moderator----- Rev. Allen Bunton, 1608 Baldwin Court, Elkhart, Ind.

Clerk ----- Rev. Jobey L. Ledbetter, 2908 Helms Road, Anderson, Indiana.

No. of Churches 5; No. Parsonages 2; No. Ordained Ministers 8; No. Licensed Ministers 2; No. Ordained Deacons 9; No. Sunday Schools 5; Leagues 3; Womens Auxiliaries 5; Master's Men 1; Prayer Meetings 5.

Church Membership	<u>201</u>
Resident	<u>195</u>
Non-Resident	<u>6</u>
Members received	<u>27</u>
Profession	<u>18</u>
Letter	<u>7</u>
Statement	<u>2</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total giving in Churches	\$7277.52
General offerings	<u>5570.04</u>
Building Fund	<u>1892.73</u>
Spent for local causes	
Pastor's salary	<u>2476.44</u>
Evangelistic work	<u>35.00</u>
Building & repair	<u>858.53</u>
Literature	<u>422.82</u>
Misc.	<u>1504.86</u>
Other	<u>498.06</u>
Local expense total	\$5942.53

Spent for outside causes:

Cocperative or Unified Plan	<u>\$377.22</u>
Foreign Missions	<u>736.92</u>
Home Missions	<u>282.84</u>
Education	<u>215.65</u>
Orphanage	<u>66.35</u>
Association Projects	<u>10.00</u>
Total outside expense	\$1689.98
Value of Church Property	\$145,500.00
Value of Parsonages	\$15,500.00

Ministers as follows:

Rev Edward Hargis, 3904, Hartman Road, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rev.W.F.Chapman, West 5th Street, Anderson, Indiana,

Rev. A.J.Looper, 3000 Wellington Ave. Nahville Tennessee.

Rev. W.H.Patterson, R.R.#1 Box 177b, Daleville, Indiana.

Rev. James Stevens, 824 N 23rd Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Rev. Richard Cordell, 2204 Foster Ave. Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Jobey Ledbetter, 2908 Helms Road, Anderson, Indiana.

Rev. Allen Bunton, 1628 Baldwin Court, Elkhart, Indiana.

Rev. William Hollars, 2112 Flether Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Letter from the Koscuisko County Conference to the Wabash Valley Association when convened with the Anderson First Free Will Baptist Church.

We send as Delegates our beloved brethren, Johnny Miller, Lester Barnett, Andy Rose, Ben Carpender, Tensley Rowe, Walker Fletcher, Joyce Petitt, Phyllis Stevens, Bobby Stevens, George Perkins, whom we pray to sit with you in your deliberations. The statistics of the Koscuisko County Conference are as follows:

No. of Churches	<u>9</u>	Condition of Prayer Meetings	Good
No. Members received	<u>181</u>	Conditions of Sunday Schools	Good
No. Dismissed	<u>107</u>	Average no. of pupils	<u>673</u>
No. Deaths	<u>2</u>	No. of Officers	<u>10</u>
Total membership	<u>735</u>	No. of Teachers	<u>35</u>
Building & repairs	\$2973.27	Amount paid Pastors	\$3802.30
Education	<u>355.05</u>	Amount paid Evangelist	<u>924.01</u>
Publications	<u>299.32</u>	Given to Home Missions	<u>506.44</u>
Amount for minutes	<u>20.00</u>	Given to Foreign Missions	<u>551.15</u>
Value of Church Property			\$100,000.00

Ministers of this Conference are as follows:

Rev. Charles Nelson, Sheridan, Indiana; Rev. Ray Turner, Auburn
Indiana; Rev. Claude Smith, Columbia City, Indiana; Dan Staggs,
Wabash, Indiana; Ernest McKinsie, Marion, Ohio; Naymond Shields,
Marion, Indiana; Melvin Staggs, Somerset, Indiana; William O. Smith,
Bradenton, Florida; Charlie Bailey, Wabash, Indiana; Chad Burkkardt,
Packerton, Indiana; Roy Burkhardt, North Judson, Indiana; Dallas
Caudill, North Manchester, Indiana; Bill Smith, Columbia City, Indiana
Vern Conley, Paintsville, Kentucky; Robert McCarty, Wabash, Indiana;
Ruben Rose, Sidney, Indiana; Arnold Minix, North Judson, Indiana;
Buford L. Sisson, Elkhart, Indiana; James Burkett, Alger, Ohio;
Elzie Spenser, Andrews, Indiana; Howard Canters, Alger, Ohio;
Richard Pelphrey, Wabash, Indiana; Edward Willis, Knox, Indiana;
Stanley Purvis, Marion, Indiana; William C. Ward, Wabash, Indiana.

Done by the order of the Kosciusko County Conference at Wabash,
Indiana, the 13th day of April, 1963.

Signed by Rev. Robert McCarty (Moderator)

Rev. Ray Turner, (Clerk)

Letter from Board of Foreign Missions to Indiana Free Will Baptist.
Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings from the Foreign Missions Department of the National
Association of Free Will Baptists. I commend you for the missionary
theme which you have chosen for your state convention. The last words
of our Lord Jesus Christ give to us the motive of our Christian service,
"Ye are my witnesses."

You the Free Will Baptists of Indiana have shared with us in our
missionary ministry with your prayers and gifts. Our Foreign Mission-
ary program is comparatively young having begun in 1935. Now we have
41 adult missionaries with 40 children serving on ten mission fields.
There are ten new missionaries being added to our staff this year.
There is definitely a missionary awakening taking place among Free
Will Baptists and our potential is great. We must have the prayers and
support of our Free Will Baptists if we are to continue this advance.
Our missionaries are depending on you to supply the means by which
they can reach the multitudes with the message of salvation.

Your State almost reached its foreign mission quota of \$2000.00
by giving \$1,628.40 last year to foreign missions. This year your
suggested quota is \$2,500.00 and for the first five months of 1963
you have given \$613.29.

Our department is grateful for the open hearts of your pastors
and the open doors of your churches for missionary conferences and
itineraries. We want to share with you a world-wide program of evan-
gelism.

May this be the greatest state association you have ever exper-
ienced.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Redford Wilson (General Director)

James 5:7-20.

R. Cordell (Clerk)
(W.H.P.)