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OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
W A B A S H V A L L E E A S S O C I A T I O N
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
IN
INDIANA
WHEN CONVENED WITH
THE CHESTERFIELD FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHESTERFIELD, INDIANA
JUNE 19, 20, 1964

Rev. W. F. Chapman ----- Moderator
Rev. Roy Burkhardt ----- Assistant Moderator
Rev. W. H. Patterson ----- Clerk
Dorothy Jackson ----- Assistant Clerk
Mary Jane Mayo ----- Treasurer

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Minutes
of

The Fourth Annual Session of the Wabash Valley State Association of Indiana Free Will Baptists, met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chesterfield, Indiana, on June 19, 1964 at 10:00 A.M., with the Moderator Rev. W.F. Chapman presiding.

Song service was in charge of Brother Burt Hall of Nashville, Tennessee. Song entitled, "Send the Light" was sung.

Devotions were given by Rev. Edward Hargis, who used acts 11:19-26 for the basis of his remarks.

Welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. W.H. Patterson.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Bailey of Wabash, Indiana.

Body was called to order for business by the Moderator, Rev. W.F. Chapman, who recognized Jerry Ballard representative of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and editor of the Mission Paper Heartbeat.

Brother Ballard presented the missionary program and needs to the body. He also presented the work and needs of the other ministries of the National Association, including a fine display of literature concerning the work.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept his report.

Introduction and recognition of all persons present.

Reading of quarterly conference letters to the State Association.

* M.S.C. to accept letters. (Report given on page 4 & 5)

Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Sister Mary Jane Mayo, Chairman of State Woman's Auxiliary. (Report on page 5)

M.S.C. to receive report.

Brother Burt Hall gave some of his experiences as a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and told of the needs of the college.

An offering was taken to the amount of \$27.75.

A special vocal number was rendered by Rev. Bill Gardner of New Castle, Indiana. We are glad to welcome Brother Gardner to the Indiana family of Free Will Baptists.

M.S.C. to adjourn business until 1:00 P.M.

* - (motion made, seconded, and carried.)

The Ass't Moderator introduced Rev. Robert McCarty, Wabash, Indiana, as the morning speaker. Rev. McCarty brought an appreciated and moving message from the first chapter of the book of Mark, verse 16.

The morning session was concluded by singing song (When we All Get to Heaven), followed with prayer by Rev. Bill Gardner.

AFTERNOON

Session called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W.F. Chapman. Song "Standing on the Promises," was sung led by Brother Don Jackson.

Scripture lesson was read by the Moderator who chose the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Prayer was offered by Brother Don Jackson.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Mary Jane Mayo. Balance in treasury ---- \$210.38.

M.S.C. to receive the report as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Brother Lonnie Phillips, of the Sunday School Board, reported that he supplied Sunday school literature to two churches upon their request.

Other committees were inactive during the year.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

M.S.C. that Brother Lonnie Phillips be retained on Sunday school board. Brothers Don Jackson and Barnett were appointed to serve with him.

M.S.C. that Rev. Robert McCarty be retained as trustee. Rev. L.J. Ledbetter, and Rev. Allen Bubton were appointed to serve on the trustee board.

M.S.C. that Rev. Charles Bailey be retained on resolution committee. Rev. Roy Burkhardt was appointed to serve on resolution committee.

M.S.C. that Rev. Roy Burkhardt, and Rev. Charles Nelson be retained to serve on business committee. Brother Bill Ward was elected by acclamation as third member of committee.

Rev. Edward Hargis, Rev. Robert McCarty, and Rev. W.H. Patterson, was elected to serve on Ways and Means Committee.

Missions Board. --- M.S.C. that this board be called Home and Foreign Missions. Those elected were Rev. Bill Hollars, Rev. W.F. Chapman, Rev. Bill Gardner by acclamation.

With the consent of the body, the Moderator declared the Finance Committee dropped.

M.S.C. that the duties of all committees be compiled by the resolution committee, and be placed in the by-laws upon approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Promotional Secretary --- Rev. Chapman elected by acclamation.

Moderator----Rev. Robert McCarty was elected by acclamation.
Ass't. Moderator----Rev. Edward Hargis was elected by
acclamation.

Ass't. Clerk----Mrs. Dorothy Jackson was elected by acclama-
tion.

Treasurer--- -M.S.C. to retain Mrs. Mary Jane Mayo.

M.S.C. that a program be made for 1965. The executive
committee will be responsible for same.

M.S.C. that the program be read and adopted at beginning
of the association. Moderator may deviate from the letter of
the program if necessary.

M.S.C. that this association send three delegates, state
letter, and fees to the National Association Meeting in Kansas
City, Mo. July 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Donavon Jackson, and Mrs. Imogene Patterson
were elected as delegates by acclamation.

M.S.C. that the Association pay \$40.00 per delegate,
including the Promotional Secretary.

M.S.C. that the State Association meet for only one day
next year, and that the Woman's Auxiliary be given a place
in the program.

M.S.C. that the 1965 State Association be held at Wabash
Free Will Baptist Church, East Erie Street, Wabash, Indiana.

A short talk about the Bible College by Rev. Gardner.

M.S.C. to adjourn till 7:00 P.M.

Song Amazing Grace was sung.

Dismissal by Brother Robert Whittaker.

SATERDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Chapman.
Songs "What a Friend", and "Jesus is the Joy of Living"
were sung, followed by prayer by Brother Harry Jones.

Scripture was read by Rev Chapman. Psalms 1:1-3.

M.S.C. to adjourn until appointed time in 1965.

Evening message by Brother Burt Hall Nashville, Tennessee.

Minutes read and approved by Rev. Robert McCarty, Clerk of
Kosciusko County Conference, and White River Conference.

REPORTS

The following is the statistical report given to this Association by the Kosciusko County Conference:

Delegates: Bro. George Perkins, Bro. Junior Burgess, Bro. Conley, Bro. Barnett, Bro. Fletcher, Sis. Nelda Perkins.

Period of this report from June 63, to June 64.

Moderator: Rev. Roy Burkhardt.

Clerk: Rev. Robert McCarty.

Number of Auxiliaries:

Sunday Schools - (8), Leagues - (6), G.T.A. - (6), Prayer Meetings - (8).

Church Membership - 553. Resident (522), Non-Res. (31).

Members recieved - 165. Members Dismissed - 14. (Deceased (5).

Sunday School enrolment - 501.

No financial report except \$247.76 to foreign missions.

Value of church property - \$145,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter - \$100.00.

Names and addresses of ministers:

Revs. Charles Nelson, Sheridan, Ind.; Claude Smith, Columbia City, Ind.; Ray Turner, Auburn, Ind.; Dan Staggs, Wabash, Ind.; Ernest McKinsey, Marion, Ohio; Naymond Shields, Marion, Ind.; Melvin Staggs, Wabash, Ind.; Charles Bailey, 25 East Main St. Wabash, Ind.; Chad Burkhardt, Rt. 2 Claypool, Ind.; Roy Burkhardt, Hamlet, Ind.; Bill Smith, Rt. 1, Piercetown, Ind.; Vern Conley, Paintsville, Ky.; Robert McCarty, 1305 Vernon St. Wabash, Ind.; James Burket, Algen, Ohio; Andrew Allen, McGuffy, Ohio; Howard Centers, Algen, Ohio; Elzie Spenser, Markel, Ind.; Stanley Purvis, Marion, Ind.; William C. Ward, Wabash, Ind.; Clarence Toliver, McGuffy, Ohio; Richard Pelfrey, Wabash, Ind.; Dallas Caudill, North Manchester, Ind.

The following is the statistical report given to this Association by the White River Conference.

Delegates:

Billy Joe Brown, Walter Sides.

Period of time covered: April 27, 1963 - April 25, 1964.

Moderator: Rev. Edward Hargis.

Clerk: --Rev. L.J. Ledbetter.

No. of churches (3); No. of parsonages (2).

No. of ordained Ministers (8); Licensed Ministers (0).

No. of ordained Deacons (10).

Number of Auxiliaries:

Sunday Schools - (5); Leagues (2); Woman's Auxiliaries (3);

Master Men's (1); Prayer Meetings (5).

Church Membership - 259. Resident (250), Non-resident (9).

Members recieved - 118. By letter (25); By statement (93).

Members dismissed - (26). By letter (8),

Excluded (18), Deceased (1).

Sunday School enrollment - (575); League enrolment (87);

Woman's Auxiliary enrolment (51).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total giving in churches \$41,203.91

General offerings \$18,417.58.

Building Fund Off. \$ 4,649.97.

Spent for local causes:

Pastor's salarys - \$14,017.29.
Evangelistic - \$ 1,106.10.
Building and repair \$ 8,961.55.
Literature - \$ 1,483.27.
Miscellaneous \$ 3,285.15.
Other \$ 3,121.68.
Total local Ex. \$31,975.04.

Value of Church property

\$150,500.00

Value of parsonage

\$ 15,500.00

Amount of delegate fees

\$ 100.00

Spent for outside causes:

Cooperative Plan \$ 1,293.93.
Foreign Missions \$ 2,795.76
Home Missions \$ 791.14.
Education \$ 460.81.
Orphanage \$ 267.94.
Associational Projects \$232.14.
Total outside Ex. \$ 5,841.71.

Churches admitted (1)

Churches dismissed (1)

(by request)

Ministers admitted (1)

(by letter)

Ministers dismissed (1)

(by letter)

MINISTERS OF WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE:

Revs. Edward Hargis, 3524 Hawthorne Lane, Indianapolis, Ind.;

William F. Chapman, 119 West 5th St. Anderson, Ind.; L.J.

Ledbetter, 2908 Helms Road, Anderson, Ind.; Allen Bunton, 1628

Baldwin Court, Elkhart, Ind.; William Hollars, 2112 Fletcher St.

Anderson, Ind.; William Gardner, 2306 Brown Road, New Castle, Ind.;

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

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Wabash Valley F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chesterfield, Indiana.

Speakers were; Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Mary Jane Mayo, Rev. W.H. Patterson, Rev. Jerry Ballard, Mrs. Geneva Chapman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President -- Mrs. W.H. Patterson; Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Jane Mayo; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Short; Ass't. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson; Field Secretary, Mrs. Geneva Chapman; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Ratliff; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Pauline Imel; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Eula Mae Hargis; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Billie Sides.

Motion made and carried, that we send \$150.00 to Dr. Miley for District Project.

Motion made and carried, that we change out district name to the same as our State.

Motion made and carried, that we give the President power to elect delegates for the National Convention.

Motion made and carried, that we give Mrs. Imogene Patterson \$15.00 on expenses to National Convention.

A time was set for work session on Saturday, October 17, 1964 at the Chesterfield Church. By Mrs. Ruth Short.

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Signed
by

Rev. W.H. Patterson
Clerk