

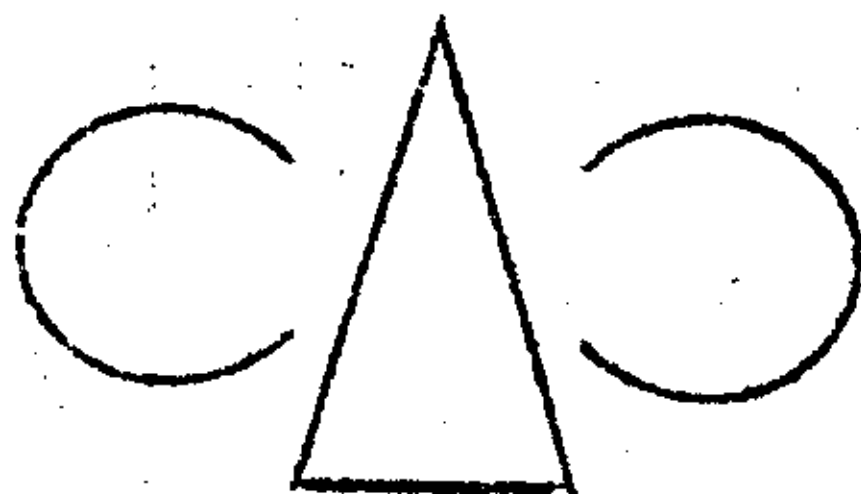
M I N U T E S
OF THE
W A B A S H V A L L E Y A S S O C I A T I O N
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
IN
INDIANA

Assembled With
First Free Will Baptist Church
Anderson, Indiana

JUNE 18, 1966

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1966 - 1967

Moderator.....Rev. Robert McCarty
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Don Trogdon
Promotional Secretary.....Rev. Edward Hargis
Clerk.....Rev. W. H. Patterson
Assistant Clerk.....Dorothy Jackson
Treasurer.....Mary Jane Mayo



MINUTES
of the
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WABASH VALLEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

The State Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson, Indiana, on June 18, 1966.

The meeting was called to order a little after 10:00 a.m. by the clerk, Rev. W. H. Patterson, at the request of the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Calude Smith. The Moderator, Rev. Charles Bailey, was not present.

Two congregational songs were led by Mr. Albert Harris, entitled, "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" and "Where The Soul Never Dies." Imogene Patterson was at the piano.

The congregation gathered around the altar for prayer, led by Rev. P. A. Dixon.

Rev. Claude Smith, Assistant Moderator, then took charge of the meeting and gave a personal testimony. He then declared the service open for business.

Rev. Smith asked for nominations for Moderator. A motion was made by Rev. W. F. Chapman and seconded by Rev. W. H. Patterson that Rev. Edward Hargis be elected Moderator. Motion carried.

Rev. Smith then asked Rev. Hargis to come to the platform and take charge of the meeting.

Rev. Hargis gave a few words of testimony and read from the Bible verses 16 through 20 of the 28th chapter of Matthew.

A motion was made by Rev. W. F. Chapman and seconded by Rev. William Hollars that the visiting minister present, Rev. P. A. Dixon, be asked to preach a message for the Morning Worship Service.

Morning Worship Service

Two congregational songs were sung, with Mr. Albert Harris leading. They were, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus" and "Take The Name of Jesus With You."

A duet entitled, "Cleanse Me", was sung by Rev. W. H. Patterson and Donavon Jackson.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert McCarty.

Rev. P. A. Dixon delivered a sermon entitled, "Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?", using as his Scripture reference Luke 7:19-23.

The song, "Just As I Am," was sung by the congregation.

A personal testimony was given by Kenneth Cade.

The morning service was dismissed with prayer offered by Rev. William Hollars.

Lunch was served by the host church on the front lawn. Grace before the meal was offered by Donavon Jackson.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Moderator Edward Hargis.

The congregation sang, "His Way With Thee," led by Mr. Bobby Whitaker, with Dorothy Jackson at the piano.

Rev. Robert McCarty delivered a devotional message, using the 13th chapter of I Corinthians as his Scripture reference.

The congregation sang one verse of "How Firm A Foundation" as they gathered around the altar for a season of prayer, led by Mr. Don Arms.

Minutes of last year's meeting were read by the Clerk, Rev. W. H. Patterson.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mary Jane Mayo. A motion was made by Donavon Jackson and seconded by Rev. W. F. Chapman that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried. Her report follows:

Balance on Hand at Beginning of Year \$101.00

Receipts During Year:

6-19-65	Kosciusko County Conference	\$145.00
6-19-65	Offering received for Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones ..	37.31
7-12-65	White River Conference	100.00
8-5-65	White River Conference	45.00
8-5-65	Kosciusko County Conference	45.00
11-4-65	Kosciusko County Conference	45.00
11-12-65	White River Conference	45.00
2-18-66	Kosciusko County Conference	45.00
2-18-66	White River Conference	45.00
4-20-66	Kosciusko County Conference	55.00
6-18-66	White River Conference	45.00
	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>\$652.31</u>

Disbursements During Year:

6-19-65	Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones (Missionaries)	\$ 37.31
6-19-65	Rev. W. F. Chapman (Promotional Sec. expenses)...	8.50
6-19-65	Rev. W. F. Chapman (Pro. Sec. Exp. to Nat'l. Assoc.)	40.00
6-19-65	Rev. Robert McCarty (Expenses to Nashville, Tenn.)	46.20
6-24-65	Delegate Expenses (3) to National Association ...	120.00
6-25-65	State Fees to National Association	25.00
2-5-66	Rev. W. H. Patterson (Clerk expenses)	3.50
4-21-66	Rev. W. H. Patterson (Promotional Sec. expenses) ..	15.00
	<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$295.51</u>

Balance in Treasury \$457.80

A motion was made by Rev. W. F. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Roy Bilbrey that last year's minutes (which were read by the Clerk before the Treasurer's report was given) be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Election of officers for the coming year was then conducted with results as follows:

Moderator - Rev. Robert McCarty
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Don Trogdon
Promotional Secretary - Rev. Edward Hargis
Treasurer - Mary Jane Mayo
Assistant Clerk - Dorothy Jackson

Delegates to the National Association - A motion was made by Donavon Jackson and seconded by Russell Risner that our three delegates to the National Association be Mrs. Eula Mae Hargis, Mrs. Delta Grey Looper and Mrs. Imogene Patterson. Motion carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that next year's meeting be held at the Wabash Church.

A motion was made by Rev. W. F. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Curnie Prater that there be no evening service at this session of the State Association. Motion carried.

Rev. W. F. Chapman gave a report on the work he had done as Promotional Secretary during the year. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

The Clerk, Rev. W. H. Patterson, read a letter from the Kosciusko County Conference. A motion was made by Kenneth Cade and seconded by Donavon Jackson that the letter be accepted as read. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Sunday School Committee - Bobby Whitaker, Chairman

Donavon Jackson, committee member, reported that the Chesterfield Church won second place this year in the National Association Sunday School Enlargement Contest.

Business Committee

Bill Ward, committee member, reported no activity. Motion made, seconded and carried report be accepted.

Ways and Means Committee - Rev. Edward Hargis, Chairman

Rev. Hargis reported no activity. Rev. Robert McCarty, committee member, suggested that two or three in the church where the State Association is to be held be chosen to plan a program for the meeting and publicize it.

Rev. Robert McCarty stated that Rev. Charles Bailey had asked him to request the assembly not to place him in any office or on any committee due to ill health.

A motion was made by Kenneth Cade and seconded by Bill Ward that the report of Rev. McCarty be accepted. Motion carried.

Missions Committee

Kenneth Cade, committee member, said he was not qualified to report. Rev. W. H. Patterson, in the absence of Rev. W. F. Chapman, reported our churches have given more last year than ever before--even though we still fell short of our budget, which was \$3500.00. We gave approximately \$3000.00 last year.

A motion was made by Donavon Jackson and seconded by Bill Ward that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Rev. Patterson, Mr. Russell Risner, Rev. Hargis and Rev. McCarty expressed themselves concerning the financial needs of the Free Will Baptist denomination and ways of meeting these needs.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

Sunday School Committee

Rev. Edward Hargis, Chairman - Bobby Whitaker and Donavon Jackson

Business Committee

A motion was made by Rev. W. H. Patterson that we eliminate the Business Committee and use the Executive Committee to perform the duties that have previously been performed by the Business Committee. Motion was seconded by Rev. Don Trogdon. The motion was carried by more than a two-thirds majority vote. (Mention of this was made due to the fact that this motion changed the by-laws.)

Ways and Means Committee

A motion was made by Dan Staggs and seconded by Russell Risner that Rev. William Gardner, Chairman, Kenneth Cade and Rev. W. F. Chapman be retained as members of this committee for the coming year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bobby Whitaker that the Executive Committee meet as soon as possible and define the duties of each committee and notify each committee of same. Seconded by Russell Risner. Motion carried. It was also suggested that the addresses and telephone numbers of the Executive Committee be given to all committee members.

A motion was made by Kenneth Cade and seconded by Raymond Prater that the church who extends the welcome for the next State Association provide a program committee to plan a program for the next State Association and that each church receive a copy of the program two weeks prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donavon Jackson that each delegate to the National Association and the State Promotional Secretary be given \$40.00 to help with expenses incurred in attending the National Association. Motion was seconded by Dan Staggs and carried by majority vote.

A motion was made by Dan Staggs that the Clerk and the Promotional Secretary be reimbursed for expenses involved in fulfilling the duties of their offices. Seconded by Don Arms and carried.

✓ A motion was made by Kenneth Cade and seconded by Dan Staggs that our State Association contribute \$100.00 to the Bible College Enlargement Campaign. Motion carried.

Rev. Robert McCarty made a motion that sometime between now and this time next year that the two conferences (Kosciusko County and White River) combine their efforts to raise \$1000.00 for the Bible College to send with our delegates to the National Association in 1967. Motion was seconded by Don Arms and carried by majority vote.

✓ The Woman's Auxiliary was recognized by the Moderator. Mrs. Lucille Ratliff reported in the absence of the past president and the new president. She

said that it was decided at their meeting today they will attempt to raise \$225.00 among the three churches during the coming year for the Bible College, if this meets with the approval of the rules recommended by WNAC.

The congregation stood in appreciation for the hospitality shown them by the Anderson Church.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer offered by Mary Jane Mayo.

Signed:

Dorothy Jackson

Dorothy Jackson, Assistant Clerk

Rev. W. H. Patterson, State Clerk

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Date Issued - July 6, 1966

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CONFERENCE LETTERS TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY CONFERENCE

Delegates - Ed Conley, Robin Prater, Lester Barnett, Curnie Prater, J. C. Minix,
Russell Risner, Claude Sluss, Willard Harris, Rex Hobbs

Period of time covered by report - June 1965 to June 1966

Clerk's Name and Address - Robert McCarty, 1305 Vernon Street, Wabash, Indiana

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers - Grant Lee Johnson, no address;
Dan Staggs, Wabash, Indiana; Newt Music, no address; B. J.
Adkins, no address; Clarence Toliver, McGuffy, Ohio;
Charles Nelson, Sheridan, Indiana; Claude Smith, Columbia
City, Indiana; Ray Turner, Auburn, Indiana; Ernest
McKinsie, Marion, Ohio; Naymond Shields, Marion, Indiana;
Charles Bailey, 25 East Main Street, Wabash, Indiana;
Chad Burkhardt, R.R. #2, Claypool, Indiana; Roy Burkhardt,
Hamlet, Indiana; Bill Smith, R.R. #1, Pierceton, Indiana;
Andrew Allen, McGuffy, Ohio; Vern Conley, Paintsville,
Kentucky; Robert McCarty, 1305 Vernon Street, Wabash,
Indiana; Elzie Spencer, Markle, Indiana; Richard Pelfrey,
Wabash, Indiana; William C. Ward, Wabash, Indiana;
Cassel Bailey, no address; Joe Wolf, no address; Henry
Rowe, no address; Rubin Whitaker, no address; Johnie
Conley, no address; Earl Napier, no address; Donald R.
Trogdon, no address; Arnold Minix, North Judson, Indiana

Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools - 8; Leagues - 4; Woman's Auxiliaries - 6;
Prayer Meetings - 8

One church owns a parsonage.

Church Membership	656
Members Dismissed	80
No. Dismissed by Letter	50
No. Members Excluded	27
No. Members Deceased	3
Sunday School Enrollment	493

Expenses:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 720.00
Evangelistic Work	300.00
Building and Repair	834.54
Literature	187.00
Materials and Furnishings	648.00
Foreign Missions	190.00
State and National Projects	90.00

Value of Church Properties - \$154,000.00

Value of Parsonage Property - \$10,000.00

Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc. - \$15.00 (Check mailed to
Sister Mayo)

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

Period of time covered by report - April 1, 1965, to April 30, 1966

Moderator's Name and Address - Rev. Burton H. Hall, 3701 South Shelvy Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Clerk's Name and Address - Rev. Jobey L. Ledbetter, 2204 Jefferson Street,
Anderson, Indiana

Number of Churches - 6

Number of Parsonages - 1

Number of Ordained Ministers - 8

Number of Licensed Ministers - 1

Number of Ordained Deacons - 10

Auxiliaries: Sunday Schools - 6; Leagues - 2; Woman's Auxiliaries - 3;
Master's Men Groups - 1; Prayer Meetings - 6

Church Membership-----	242
(Resident Members, 233; Non-Resident 9)	
Total Members Received-----	21
Members Received by Letter-----	8
Members Received by Statement of Faith--	15
Total Members Dismissed-----	32
Members Dismissed by Letter-----	9
Members Excluded-----	21
Members Deceased-----	2
Sunday School Enrollment-----	496
League Enrollment-----	25
Woman's Auxiliary Membership-----	41

Total giving in the churches - \$34,796.54 (General Offerings - \$20,047.96 -
Building Fund - \$1,537.33)

Expenses:

Pastors' Salaries-----	\$14,024.54
Evangelistic Work-----	1,112.08
Building and Repair-----	6,989.48
Literature-----	914.26
Cooperative Plan-----	515.35
Foreign Missions-----	2,560.68
Home Missions-----	501.31
Education-----	252.56
Orphanage-----	256.57
Associational Projects-----	135.36
Camp-----	560.45
Miscellaneous-----	3,237.85

Value of Church Properties - \$144,500.00

Value of Parsonage Property - \$5,000.00

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers - Allen Bunton, Elkhart, Indiana;
Jobey L. Ledbetter, 2204 Jefferson Street, Anderson,
Indiana; W. F. Chapman, 2612 Crystal Street, Anderson,
Indiana; Edward Hargis, 2337 Brown Street, Anderson, Indiana;

W. H. Patterson; R.R. #1, Box 42, Daleville, Indiana;
William Hollars, 3006 George Street; Anderson, Indiana;
William Gardner, 2306 Brown Road; New Castle, Indiana;
Burton H. Hall, 3701 South Shelby Street; Indianapolis,
Indiana; Kenneth Lacefield (licensed), Elkhart, Indiana

Churches - Anderson First Free Will Baptist Church, R.R. #3, Box 318-D,
Anderson, Indiana; First Free Will Baptist Church, 23 Lake
Street, Chesterfield, Indiana; Trinity Free Will Baptist
Church, 1401 East Norton Street, Indianapolis, Indiana;
First Free Will Baptist Church, 1900 North "J" Street,
Richmond, Indiana; First Free Will Baptist Church, 1036
Modrell Street, Elkhart, Indiana; Alexandria Mission,
211 West Washington Street, Alexandria, Indiana (closed)

A great loss to our conference was the death of Brother Russell Purvis,
deacon of the Richmond Free Will Baptist Church in October 1965.