

*The West Virginia
State Meeting
Of The
Free Will Baptist Church*



MINUTES
of
3rd Annual Session
Held With

The Sophia Free Will Baptist Church

— **SOPHIA, W. VA.** —

June, 4-5, 1948

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF STATE MEETING

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional in charge of Rev. D. W. French, host pastor.

Song: "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

Prayer by Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

Song: "I'll Fly Away."

Scripture: 4th Chapter of Hebrew, by pastor.

Testimony by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Song: "When I Reach that City."

Welcome by Bro. French as host.

Moderator elected Rev. John M. Henson.

Assistant moderator elected Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

Clerk elected Rev. W. C. Combs..

Treasurer elected Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

A motion carried to postpone the election of State Secretary until after he makes his report tomorrow at 2:15 p. m.

A motion carried that we adopt the program as prepared, and abide by it, and where any changes are necessary the Executive Board shall make them.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTED

Rev.. Carl Vallance, chairman.

Rev. D. W. French.

Rev.. G. E. Pauley.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Ernest Withrow, chairman.

Rev. Melvin Sanford.

Rev.. John Matney.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. James Napier, chairman.

Sis. Nancy Booth.

Rev. Kenneth Brown.

A motion carried to defer the election of the Executive Board until this afternoon.

A motion carried that Sister John Henson be Assistant Clerk. Her duty to be the enrollment and seating of delegates and members of th's body.

Song: "The Glory Land Way."

Song: "I'm a Child of the King," by Rev. R. B. Crawford, accompanied by Rev. Henry Melvin on piano.

Address of welcome by Rev. D. W. French.

Response by Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

Devotional in charge of Bro. French.

Song: "Farther Along."

Testimony by Rev. Kenneth Brown.

Testimony by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Scripture, Psalms 57, 1-7.

Prayer by Rev. John Matney.

Song: "Amazing Grace," while a handshake was in progress.

Rev. Melvin Sanford, who was presented by Bro. French, brought a message from I Tim. 6:18.

A conclusion of the same theme by Rev. R. B. Crawford, emphasizing the "Riches of the World Through Christ."

Adjourned for lunch at 12 noon.

2:00 P. M.

Song: "Hand in Hand with Jesus."

Scripture: Eph. 2, by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Markham.

Song: "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

"Our Hopes for the Future as a State Organization," by Rev. Oliver Privett.

Home Mission Board report by Bro. Privett to the effect that there have been no receipts this year. Accepted.

Rev. E. N. Withrow elected to succeed Rev. D. W. French on Home Mission Board.

Foreign Mission Board report by Rev. Kenneth Brown. Receipts this year to date, \$1,339.36. Accepted.

Rev. James Napier was elected to succeed Rev. Sam Clay, on F. M. B.

Superannuation Board report by Rev. Melvin Sanford: That \$22.50 is in the treasury. Accepted with an authorization for the treasurer to turn the 25 per cent due the National Association, over to them.

Rev. E. F. Bias was elected to succeed Rev. R. H. Doan on S. B. Reports of the various bodies read and accepted.

Logan Q. M. reported requesting membership. Report accepted and delegates received.

Song: "Just over in the Glory Land," while the right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Oliver Privett and Rev. Wayne Dameron, delegates, of the Logan Q. M.

Executive Board elected as follows: Rev. Oliver Privett, Logan, Q. M.; Rev. A. A. Markham, Guyan Valley, Q. M.; Rev. D. W. French, Beckley Q. M.; Rev. E. F. Bias, Brotherhood Q. M.; Rev. Carl Valance, Mingo No. 1 Q. M.; Rev. Melvin Sanford, Mingo No. 2 Q. M.; Rev. Kenneth Brown, McDowell Q. M.; Rev. E. N. Withrow, Wyoming Q. M.; Rev. John Matney, Upper Valley, Q. M.

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Brown.

Minutes read and approved as read.

A motion carried to adjourn.

Song: "Amazing Grace" while a handshake was in progress.

7:30 P. M.

Fine singing by the Sophia Choir and the Mullens Quartet was followed by a fine instructive talk concerning the work of the F. W. B. Bible College, and other work of the National Ass'n, by Rev. Henry Melvin of Nashville, Tenn.

Following Bro. Melvin's talk, Rev. R. B. Crawford brought a good message from the text, Rev. 1:4-9. The theme of his message was "Loved, Loosed, Lifted."

SATURDAY 9:00 A. M.

Song: "Won't it be Wonderful There."

Rev. G. E. Pauley in charge of devotional.

Prayer by Rev. P. A. Manning.

"Song: "When we all get to Heaven."

Scripture: Romans 13:1-8.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The report which was read and accepted by motion is as follows:

1. We, your Business Committee, recommend that, since it is necessary to give good-standing cards to the ministers of the Logan Q. M., we also give good-standing cards to all other bodies requesting them for their ministers. This is not to interfere with the present custom of issuing cards by district bodies. Accepted by motion.

2. Recommended that bills be paid in the amount of \$49.40 for postage, letter forms, by-laws, programs, etc. Accepted.

3. Recommended that a bill of \$5.75 for printing minister's cards be paid. Accepted.

4. Recommended that we purchase a seal for the W. Va. State Meeting. Clerk to be authorized to do this. Accepted.

5. Recommended that the various bodies comprising this State Meeting be requested to take the necessary action essential for collecting the information subsequent to properly filling out the report blanks to the State Meeting. Accepted.

6. Recommended that we request the Yearly Meeting and District Associations to change their meeting dates to come prior to the State Meeting date in order that the various reports may come on up step by step. Accepted and a motion carried to table this item of business.

An Executive Board report by the clerk accepted.

A motion carried that the W. Va. State Meeting protest the eligibility of the action of the Revising Committee of the National Association, until such time as the various committee members are properly notified.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Read and accepted:

We resolve that each church belonging to a Q. M. or District Association which is a member of the State Meeting, pay \$1.00 and

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each minister pay 50c per quarter to the Home Mission Board.
Rejected.

2. Resolve that the Home Mission Board pay the State Secretary \$100 per mo. Accepted and tabled until later in this session.

3. Resolved that all ministers and delegates be registered and a registration fee of \$1.00 be received each session. Accepted with an explanation that the above amount would go to the host church to help bear the expense of the session.

4. Resolve that we take a standing vote of thanks to the Sophia Church for its hospitality. Accepted and concurred in.

Rev. Carl Vallance gave an excellent talk on the need for progress in Foreign Missions.

Report of Board of Education by Rev. John M. Henson, chairman. Received during the past year \$15.50. Amount we are accredited with \$71.27. Accepted.

Rev. Wayne Damron was elected to succeed Rev. P. J. Moore on the Board of Christian Education.

Song: "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Melvin Sanford.

A talk by Bro. Crawford concerning the work of the various branches of the National Association.

Song: "Have you really been a Friend to Him," by Rev. Oliver Privett.

A fine message was delivered by Rev. G. D. Stamper from Heb. 2, using the theme "neglect."

Song: "Lily of the Valley," while a handshake was in progress.

2:00 P. M.

Song: "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Oliver Privett.

Song: "Precious Memories."

Scripture Psalm 19.

Report of State Secretary Bro. Henson to the effect that he has preached 173 sermons, held 9 revivals, witnessed 68 confessions, Baptized 20, held 3 funerals, helped organize one church, received \$977.54, and expenses \$105.74. Accepted.

Rev. John M. Henson was reelected to the office of State Secretary.

Report of Treasurer Rev. Jessie Blankenship to the effect that we have with this session receipts:

Balance in treasury with this session receipts	\$142.25
Disbursements this session	100.15

Balance	\$ 42.10
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Report received by motion.

The Executive Board reported through the clerk that the next session of the State Meeting will convene on Friday before the second Sunday in June 1949 at the Oceana F. W. B. Church, Oceana, W. Va.

Present Balance \$5.70

Also that the Executive Board along with all the other Standing Boards will meet on Saturday before the second Sunday in December 1948 at the Hetzel F. W. B. Church, Hetzel, W. Va., for the purpose of preparing a program, considering the progress of the work, etc.

Delegates to National Association which will convene with the F. W. B. Church Pocahontas, Ark., beginning Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in July, 1948, were elected as follows:

Sister Inez Henson.

Sister Maggie Bias with Sister E. B. Legg as alternate.

Sister Eleanor Bias.

Sister Nancy Booth with Sister Thelma Fox as alternate.

Sister Florida Privett with Rev. Oliver Privett as alternate.

Sister Mary Henson with Rev. Paul Boster as alternate.

Sister Bertha Manning.

Sister Ada Cooper.

Sister Grace Carter with Sister Elizabeth Akers as alternate.

Bro. Roy Henson with Sister Eula Nicholas as alternate.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Read and accepted as follows:

1. We recommend that the State Meeting provide a committee to work out some means for providing a better State Paper, take care of the expense, etc. Accepted and committee elected as follows:

Rev. John M. Henson, chairman.

Rev. Brooks Spurlock.

Rev. Melvin Sanford.

2. Recommend that the State Meeting assess each Q. M. \$10 per quarter to defray the expenses of the State Secretary and that each Q. M. forward this amount to the State Secretary. A motion carried to refer this item to the Executive Board for further study.

3. Recommend that the Home Mission Board work out a plan of finance to meet the expense of the State Secretary, following this year and he work with them on this item. Accepted.

4. Recommend that all good-standing cards read Elder rather than Rev. Accepted.

A motion carried to take off the table the item tabled this morning. A motion carried to place it in the hands of the Executive Board for disposal.

REPORT OF OBITRUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report the following deaths:

Sister Mrs. French Elkins, Mt. Herman F. W. B. Church, Com-
fort, W. Va. Boone Q. M. Sister Mrs. Lawson, Kilsyth F. W. B.
Church, Kilsyth, W. Va., Beckley Q. M. Brother Joe Browning,
Chauncey F. W. B. Church, Chauncey, W. Va. Mingo No, 1 Q. M.

We recommend that this body stand for one minute in silent prayer as a tribute of respect to their memory. Adopted and accepted by motion. Following this the body concurred in the last item of this report.

Song: "Amazing Grace."

The Executive Board recommended that the Home Mission Board work out some method of finance to help pay Bro. Henson's expenses between this and the meeting of Boards at Hetzel, W. Va. in December. Accepted.

Report of Bro. Henson as delegate to Ohio State Association given and accepted.

A motion carried to the effect that when the clerk shall receive a certified list of the ministers of the various associations he shall issue to them good-standing cards.

A motion to give Bro. Henson \$24 from the Home Mission Board was rejected at his own request.

Minutes read and a motion carried to the effect that they be accepted as read.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Pauley, followed by adjournment.

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator—Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.

Clerk—Rev. W. C. Combs, Crab Orchard, W. Va.

Treasurer—Rev. Jessie Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, W. Va.

State Secretary—Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, W. Va., Logan Q. M.

Rev. A. A. Markham, Box 147, Mt. Gay, W. Va., Guyan Valley Q. M.

Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, W. Va., Beckley Q. M.

Rev. E. F. Bias, Naoma, W. Va., Brotherhood Q. M.

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va., Mingo No. 1 Q. M.

Rev. Melvin Sanford, Box 218, East Rainelle, W. Va., Mingo No. 2 Q. M.

Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebrake, W. Va., McDowell Q. M.

Rev. E. N. Withrow, Cyclone, W. Va., Wyoming Q. M.

Rev. John Matney, Oceana, W. Va., Upper Valley Q. M.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va., one year man.

Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebrake, W. Va., two year man.

Rev. James Napier, Williamson, W. Va., Route 1, three year man.

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Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Box 15, Crites, W. Va., one year man.

Rev. Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, W. Va., two year man.

Rev. E. N. Withrow, Cyclone, W. Va., three year man.

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