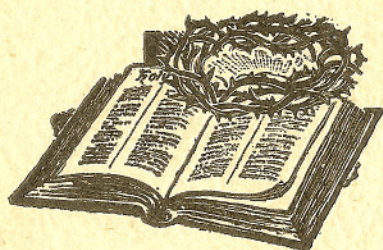

Minutes
4th Annual Session
The West Virginia
State Meeting



Of The
Free Will Baptist Church
In Session With The
Oceanna Free Will Baptist Church
1949

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF STATE MEETING

Devotional in charge of Rev. J. M. Henson.

Song: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Prayer led by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Song: "He Abides."

Scripture: Psalm 116.

Prayer led by Rev. Melvin Sanford.

Song: "Never Alone."

Welcome address by Rev. Rice Browning, host pastor.

Response by: Rev. D. W. French.

A motion carried to the effect that the registration of those present be taken at the present time, while the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace."

Special song: "Jacob's Ladder" by Rev. G. E. Pauley.

Introduction of those present by Rev. J. M. Henson.

Moderator elected Rev. Oliver Privett.

Assistant moderator elected Rev. J. M. Henson.

Clerk elected Mrs. J. M. Henson.

Assistant clerk elected Bertie Lucas.

Treasurer elected Rev. Kenneth Brown.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE ELECTED

Rev. J. M. Henson, chairman

Rev. Carl Vallance

Rev. Rice Browning

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. G. E. Pauley

Rev. Brooks Spurlock

Rev. Melvin Sanford

Motion and second that we adjourn until 2:00 P. M. for preaching.

Devotional by: Rev. Zack Browning.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Vallance.

Scripture: Romans 10.

Message by Rev. Jesse Blankenship. Subject: "Working Together With God."

2:00 P. M.

Song: "Meet Me There."

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Collins.

Scripture: Psalm 1.

A talk was given by Rev. Carl Vallance on missions.

Rev. Brooks Spurlock followed with a talk on Home Missions. Both talks were very timely.

Rev. Oliver Privett reports \$29.00 in Home Mission Treasury.

Rev. Kenneth Brown reports thus far this year that there has been \$959.93 paid for Foreign Missions.

Motion and second that we receive the report of the Business Committee and act on it item at a time.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1: Motion and carried that we pay Rev. W. C. Combs the sum of \$9.00 for the printing of programs and postage. Carried.

Item 2: Motion and second that we abolish the office of State Secretary. Rejected.

Item 3: Motion and second that a board be appointed to raise funds to finance the State Secretary. Also, moderator appointed Home Mission Board, Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Rev. Oliver Privett, and Rev. E. N. Withrow.

Item 4: Motion that the Southern Association be granted good standing cards, when an approved list of their ministers are received properly signed by the moderator and clerk. Carried.

Item 5: We recommend that each district association, quarterly meeting, or yearly meeting have a certified list of ministers from same to be eligible for state meeting cards. Carried.

Item 6: We recommend that the clerk's fee paid, and that same have minutes printed and draw an order on treasury for the amount. Carried.

Item 7: That a delegation be sent to the National Meeting, and sufficient funds for each district and quarterly meeting be sent as required by the National Association.

Item 8: We recommend that all district associations, yearly meetings, and quarterly meetings discontinue the licensing and ordaining of women to preach the gospel. Carried 25 to 1.

Rev. D. E. Bias notifies the State Meeting of the appeal of the above action to the National Association.

Rev. Rice Browning nominated as three year man on Superannuation Board. Elected.

Rev. Jesse Blankenship nominated as three year man on Home Mission Board. Elected.

Rev. Carl Vallance nominated as three year man on Foreign Mission Board as treasurer. Elected.

Rev. Jimmie Napier offered his resignation as member of Foreign Mission Board. Accepted.

Rev. Hoarce Carey was elected to fill the two year unexpired term of Bro. Napier.

Motion and second that we stand adjourned until 9:00 A. M., Saturday morning.

7:00 P. M.

Several numbers were given by the local quartet.

Scripture read and special song by Rev. Kenneth Brown, "Jesus's Passing This Way."

Prayer by Rev. Oliver Privett.

Offering taken for State Paper for the amount of \$10.35.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Harry Booth. Subject: "One Faith, One Lord, One Baptism."

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Song: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

Devotional by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Hampton.

Scripture: Psalm 73.

Letters received from the following:

Logan Quarterly Meeting McDowell District Association, Tug River Association, Southern District Association, and W. Va. Yearly Meeting. Approved as read.

Executive Board members elected as follows:

Rev. K. C. Griffin—Wyoming Q. M.

Rev. Albert Chaffin—Guyan Valley Q. M.

Rev. W. E. O'Conner—Kanawha Q. M.

Rev. J. A. Rakes—Logan Q. M.

Rev. D. W. French—Beckley Q. M.

Rev. J. M. Henson—Brotherhood Q. M.

Rev. Carl Vallance—Mingo No. 1 Q. M.

Rev. J. M. Henson gave a report of the State Paper, all bills paid and some cash on hand for next year. Accepted.

Motion and second that we accept the resignation of Rev. Melvin Sanford as member of the Publishing Committee. Accepted.

A wonderful talk was given by Sis. Catherine Pettry on Christian Education.

Rev. D. E. Bias made a report that \$81.00 had been paid this year for Christian Education.

Rev. Harold Dunlap gave a wonderful talk on his work at the Bible College and what Christ means to him.

Rev. Harold Dunlap was elected as three year man for the Board of Education.

Motion that we adjourn business until 2:00 P. M. Carried.

Rev. A. A. Collins gave a wonderful talk using as his subject "History of F. W. B. in W. Va."

Several numbers were given by the local quartet.

Rev. James Herrold brought a wonderful message. Subject: "What Free Will Baptists Believe."

2:00 P. M.

Open by song: "The Glory Land Way."

Devotional led by: Rev. Clarence Herles.

Prayer led by Rev. D. E. Bias.

Scripture: Colossians 3.

Sis. Alice Childers was sent from Ohio State Association to correspond with us. She gave way to Bro. Clarence Herles who gave us a report from the Ohio State Meeting. Accepted.

Report of State Secretary, Bro. Henson, to the effect that he had preached 198 sermons, conducted 12 revivals, witnessed 116 confessions, baptised 51, conducted 6 funerals, married 1 couple, helped organize 2 churches, and conducted 2 revivals which resulted in the organization of 2 churches. Received \$1,291.89, expenses \$410.86. Accepted.

Volunteers to go to the Ohio State Meeting at Old Kyger Church, the first Tuesday in June, 1950: Rev. J. M. Henson, Rev. Melvin Sanford, Rev. James Herrold, Rev. Carl Vallance.

Rev. J. M. Henson and Rev. Harold Dunlap nominated for State Secretary. Rev. Henson elected 9 to 7.

Delegates to the National Association which will convene at the F. W. B. Church at Columbus, Georgia, beginning Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in July, 1950. Delegates elected as follows:

Bro. Sheffie Pettry, Sis. Maggie Bias, Sis. Catherine Pettry.

Motion and second that we continue the publishing of the State Paper, and all of us cooperate with same.

Rev. Brooks Spurlock offered his resignation on Publication Board. Accepted.

Motion and second that we nominate all members on Publication Board and vote on same. Carried. Rev. T. C. Morgan, Bro. R. W. Henson, and Rev. J. O. Sizemore. Motion and second that we elect by acclamation. Carried.

Motion and second that we receive report of Home Mission Board. Carried.

Each district association, yearly meeting, or quarterly meeting is requested to raise \$1.00 per year, per member for Home Mission work. 25 per cent to be retained in the quarterly meeting, 25 per cent to the district association or yearly meeting, 50 per cent to be forwarded to the State Home Mission Treasury.

Motion and second that we stand one minute in silent prayer for the deceased of our number.

Motion and second that the chair appoint an Obituary Committee. Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Rev. Rice Browning, and Rev. J. M. Henson.

Next session of the W. Va. State Meeting to convene with the Green Shoals F. W. B. Church at Fry, W. Va., if they can't handle it Logan Quarterly Meeting Executive Board meet, decide, and notify the cltrk as to the change so it could be put in the minutes. The State Meeting will convene Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1950.

Motion we give a rising vote of thanks to the community for their hospitality while in their midst. Carried.

Moton we approve minutes as read. Carried.

Motion and second that we adjourn until the next session unless otherwise called by the board.

OFFICERS AND BOARDS



Moderator—Rev. Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, W. Va.

Clerk—Mrs. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.

Treasurer—Rev. Kenneth Brown, Route 1, N. Tazwell, Va.

State Secretary — Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia.

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Rev. W. E. O'Conner—Malden, W. Va.—Kanawha Q. M.

Rev. J. A. Rakes—McConnell, W. Va.—Logan Q. M.

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

Rev. J. M. Henson — Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va. — Brotherhood Q. M.

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

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Kenneth Brown—Route 1 N. Tazewell, W. Va.—One year man.

Rev. Hoarace Carey—Henlawson, W. Va.—Two year man.

Rev. Carl Vallance—Monaville, W. Va.—Three year man.

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

Rev. E. N. Withrow—Cyclone, W. Va.—Two year man.

Rev. Jesse Blankenship — Box 470, Holden, W. Va. — Three year man.

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Rev. D. E. Bias—Rock Creek, W. Va.—One year man.

Rev. Wayne Damron—Henlawson, W. Va.—Two year man.

Rev. Harold Dunlap — Route 7, South Charleston, W. Va. —
Three year man.

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Rev. E. F. Bias—Naomi, W. Va.—Two year man.

Rev. Rice Browning—Koperston, W. Va.—Three year man.

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