

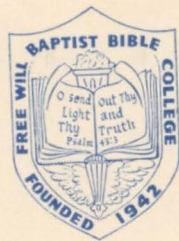
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and order of Business*

**The
Scioto Yearly
Conference
of
Free Will Baptist**

1945

**Proceedings of the
Annual Session**

**Convened at
Union Church**



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

MINUTES

OF THE
SCIOTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
AND THE
SCIOTO YEARLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Union Church, August, 30th, 1945

OFFICERS

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk

Rev. E. T. Carter
Rev. J. A. Kemper
Rev. Homer Nelson

The next annual session will be held jointly at the
Porter Church, September, 5-6-7, 1946

Free Will Baptist Gem. 211 Bond St. Monett, Missouri

Pages 7 and 8 you will find
Constitution and By Laws.

Please note.

Unfinished Business: from last session
A Committee was appointed at the
last session, to investigate the
Character of Rev. John Kimble, and
his card was held, until the Comm-
ittee reported to the Clerk, but the
Committee should report now.
as they have tried, and could not
find the accused at home.

PROCEEDINGS

Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B.

Officers—Rev. Homer Nelson, clerk; Rev. Earl Rankin, treasurer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Scioto Ministerial Conference met with Union Church, August 30, 1945 at 10:00 a.m.

The Conference was called to order by Rev. John Kemper he being the oldest minister present, in the death of our dearly beloved clerk and minister, Rev. W. J. Sheppard, who had been clerk for years.

The song, "The Last Mile of the Way" was sung, as all the preachers were called around the altar for prayer. The prayer was led by Rev. M. L. Ball, (scripture reading 46th. Psalms).

The selection of a clerk was made and the Conference elected Rev. Homer Nelson as clerk.

I Rev. E. T. Carter, pastor of Long Run Church was selected as moderator. Rev. Kemper was chosen as assistant moderator. Moved and sustained that we adjourn the business of the Conference until 1:30 p.m.

II Time was spent in the discussion of the subjects which were assigned at the last Conference.

3 1st. Subject: The First Resurrection (Rev. 20:16), Rev. J. J. Upton, absent.

2nd. Subject: A good Soldier of Jesus, (2 Tim. 2:3), Rev. Callie Adams, absent.

3rd. Subject: Who is the Anti-Christ? (1 John 3:4) Rev. Clarence Herles, this subject was discussed freely by all.

4 Adjournment until 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p.m. Conference convened as further adjourned, with the moderator in the chair.

Devotional services led by the assistant Moderator.

Scripture reading; I John 1 read by the Moderator.

Prayer led by Rev. Edward Percell.

5 The Clerk then read the Constitution and By-Laws.
Order of Business.

6 The appointment of Committees.

this report it was stated that we should spend one minute of prayer in respect of our Clerk and minister, Rev. W. J. Sheppard. Then we paused 1 minute for silent prayer. Report accepted.

Rev. Robert Hammond
Rev. M. L. Ball
Rev. Clarence Herles

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—Have no report as yet to make.

Program for next session. —

The committee reports that Rev. Jesse Sizemore preach to night, to replace Rev. W. J. Sheppard who was scheduled but has passed on to his reward. His text to be I Kings 10:19. "Six steps to the Throne."

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

First topic: John 3:5, (The Plan) led by Rev. Selven Percell.

Second topic: Heb. 9:28 (The Second Coming of Christ) Rev. Peter Barnhart

Third topic: John 6:51 (Can a man have life without taking Communion?) Rev. Joseph Beasley.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Rev. Melford Riddlebarger to preach the introductory sermon. His text to be John 7:18.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev. Jacob See, to preach on the text, John 7:46.

Rev. G. L. Yeley
Rev. Edward Percell
Rev. Marion Wilburn

Resolution Committee reports:

Be it resolved that this yearly Ministerial Conference have no authority from this day forward August 31, 1945 to grant cards, only to ordained authority that is represented from the Quarterly Conference of which they are affiliated with. This to be in article I of the Constitution. Report accepted.

Rev. Jesse Sizemore
Rev. Albert Lintz
Rev. Elmer Miller

Financial Report:

Balance brought forward	\$14.35
Dues paid	28.50
Total	\$42.85

Clerks Fee 20.00
Balance \$22.85

20 Moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 9:30 A. M. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional service led by Rev. Homer Nelson. Rev. Jesse Sizemore then took charge and preached a good message on his assigned text and subject.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 A. M. Conference met with Assistant Moderator in charge Rev. John Kemper.

Devotional services. Reading of 41st. Psalm. Led in prayer by Rev. Kemper.

Reading of the Minutes of Fridays session and these were approved.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn until Thursday before the first Saturday in September at 10 A. M. 1946.

Rev. J. A. Kemper, Ass't. Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

Minutes of the Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptist, September first, 1945

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

Rev. G. L. Yeley, Treasurer

BY-LAWS OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF F. W. B.

Art. 1. All members shall report in person or by letter at each annual session.

Art. 2. All members reporting by letter must give a cause for not being present in person.

Art. 3. Any member failing to comply with Article 1, Article 2 and fails to receive a card of good standing shall be deemed in not good standing with the denomination and can not pastor any church in the Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists and no minister be allowed to serve a church regularly by appointment that has no card from the Ministerial Conference.

Art. 4. No member shall be given a card of good standing until he has given proof of his efficiency and of doctrine and of character.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of every member of this

conference to live up to the doctrine and practice of the denomination as prescribed in the treatise of same and to require the same of their respective charges.

Art. 6. The meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the Scioto Yearly Conference and shall begin on Thursday before the first Saturday in September at 10:00 A. M.

Art. 7. Any Pastor permitting any heretical doctrine to be preached in the church which he has charge may be dealt with by a grievance committee of his peers.

Art. 8. There shall be an introductory sermon preached on Thursday at 8 P. M. The subject pertaining to the ministry and the appointment to be made by the committee for the next session.

Art. 9. There shall be a membership fee of 50 cents assessed to each member to accompany each minister's report.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF F. W. B.

Organized September 1, 1922 at Union Church.

Art. 1. This Conference shall be known as the Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists and shall consist of all Ordained Ministers belonging to this Compact.

Art. 2. The object of this Conference shall be for the mutual benefit of its members and for the advancement of the cause of Christ among their people.

Art. 3. The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator who is elected annually, a Clerk and a Treasurer who are standing officers.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1945. 10 A. M.

The Scioto Yearly Conference was called to order by Rev. James Skonkwiler, he being the oldest Minister present, in the death of our dearly beloved clerk and Minister, Rev. W. J. Sheppard, who had been clerk for years.

Led in prayer by Rev. Frank Delawder.

The selection of the clerk was next in order and Rev. Homer Nelson was elected.

The Clerk then called for the selection of a moderator and Rev. James Skonkwiler was chosen.

Devotional services, and then the reading of the 23rd. Psalm.

Selection of assistant officers:

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Clarence Herles
Assistant Clerk Rev. Edward Percell

Visiting Brethren were invited by the Moderator as seats as advisory members.

Appointment of Committees:

Business Committee:

Rev. Earl Rankins (Chairman)

Rev. Melford Riddlebarger

Rev. Jesse Sizemore

Resolution Committee:

Rev. Marion Wilburn, (Chairman)

Rev. Callie Adams

Rev. Selven Percell

Committee to supply the pulpit:

Rev. John Kemper

Rev. E. T. Carter

Deacon Kenneth Miller

Obituary Committee:

Rev. Robert Hammond, Chairman

Rev. M. H. Ball

Rev. Clarence Herles

This Committee as the same as the Ministers Conference.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 1:30 P. M.

Rev. Earl Rankins then took charge, as he was appointed at the last Conference to preach the introductory Sermon this morning.

Led in prayer by Rev. George Mosely.

Special Song by Violet Ruth Kinder.

Rev. Rankins brought an inspiring and uplifting message based on I Tim. 4:15-16.

Dismissed to meet at 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M. Conference met with Moderator in charge. Devotional services and scripture lesson Phil. 2 by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Herles.

Visiting brethren were asked to come forward and

receive the hand of fellowship, with us.
Led in prayer by Earl Noel.
Special song by the girls from Long Run Church.

BUSINESS

Reception and reading of letters.

Letter from the Pine Creek Quarterly Conference.
Letter accepted. Dues, \$18.00

Letter from the Porter Quarterly Conference. Letter
accepted. Dues, \$10.00

Letter from the Lawrence County Quarterly Confer-
ence. Letter accepted, Dues, \$6.00.

Hearing from Corresponding Messengers appointed
at the last session.

Ohio River Yearly Conference—No report.

Enterprise Association of Regular Baptists, Rev. Joeseeph
Beasley reported, report accepted.

Christian Baptist Association, the delegates was absent
and Rev. Homer Nelson gave a report, report accepted.

Hearing reports from other bodies:

Rev. Frank Delawder from the Ohio River yearly Con-
ference, gave a good report about their work and re-
port was accepted.

Reading of the letter from the Christian Baptist Associ-
ation, also a verbal report by Rev. Alonzo Furguson,
letter and report accepted.

Reading of the letter from the Enterprise Association
of Regular Baptists, also a verbal report by Rev. George
Mosely. Letter and report accepted.

The appointment of Messengers.

Ohio River Yearly Conference:

Rev. E. T. Carter

Rev. Callie Adams, Alternate

Enterprise Association of Regular Baptists:

Rev. Callie Adams

Rev. Marion Wilburn, Alternate

Christian Baptist Association:

Rev. J. A. Kemper

Rev. Edward Percell, Alternate

Appointing delegates to the State Association of F.
W. B. to be held at Scioto Dale Church:

Harvey Sheets

Nelson Bellar

Bro. Crabtree

Roy Dixon

Sadie Jones

Mollie Sheppard.
 Nona Yeley
 Sister Lynd
 Sister E. Wilson
 Sister W. Abrams

Reports of Committees:

Business Committee reports:

The Porter Church has extended to us the invitation for the next Ministerial Conference and Yearly Conference just as a visit.

Moved and sustained that we accept the report.

Obituary Committee:

That we accept the same recommendations as the Ministerial Conference brought forth. Report accepted.

Here the Conference paused for 1 minute of silent prayer in respect for Rev. W. J. Sheppard, who died after several years clerk of the Yearly Conference.

Rev. Robert Hammond
 Rev. M. L. Ball
 Rev. Clarence Herles

Resolution Committee, No report.

Committee to supply the pulpit.

Rev. Frank Delawder to preach tonight.

Sunday Morning, Rev. Edward Percell.

Rev. J. J. Upton to preach introductory Sermon Saturday Morning. His text to be John 13:35.

Moved and sustained that the Yearly Conference join with the Ministerial Conference in having the Minutes printed, and authorize the clerk to draw from the Treasurer the funds he needs.

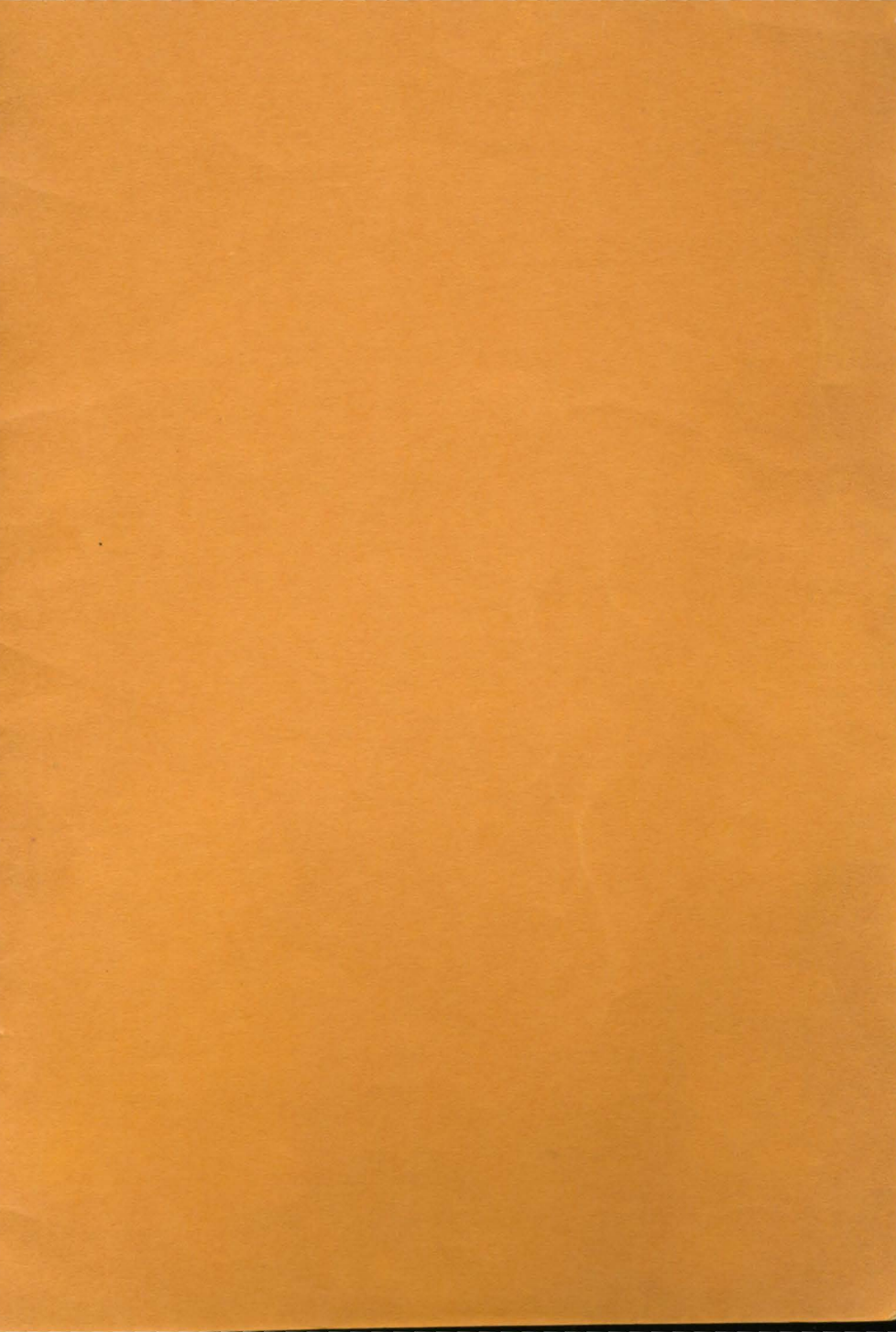
Financial Report:

Amount brought forward	\$29.80
Paid out to State Association	10.00
Balance	\$19.80
Money in letters	34.00
Balance	\$53.80
Messengers Fees	8.00
Balance	\$45.80
Clerks fee	10.00
Collection today	12.73
Total	\$48.53

Minutes of todays session were read and approved.
 Moved and sustained that we adjourn until the 1st. Sat-

urday in September, 1946 at Porter Church.

Rev. James Skonkwiler, Moderator
Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk



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