

A meeting of the Official Board was held on July 18, 1948, at the Church, immediately following the morning service, at the call of the Pastor and Board of Elders.

There were present: District Superintendent. Brother Chase, Brothers Bragg, Krause, Albert Clarke, Frank Simokat C. Alexander, Isaac Day, Elmer Day, Homer Bell, Robert Lafferty, W. Hollahan, C. McPherson, T. Griffith; Sisters Carrie Clarke, Griffin and C.M. Payne.

Brother Bragg stated that the Board of Elders and the Pastor felt that the Board should be called together because of the seriousness of the Greenwood situation; that he had asked Brother Chase to be with us last Sunday in the evening service, but up to the time of the altar service he was unaware of the purpose for which he was called, and that he had asked him to be with us in the Board meeting, and that he was turning the meeting over to him.

Brother Chase spoke to the Board regarding the necessity of there being unity among the members of the Board, while one might not just agree with the views of someone else, it was only right that as a Board member we agree to go along with the majority in any action that might be taken, that no question might arise as to who was for or against the question or action -- that there be no division in the Board.

Brother Chase spoke of having spoken to the members of the Greenwood family at the church, and also he, together with Brother Armstrong, Pastor of the church at Waynesboro, visited the Greenwood home on Wednesday night last and talked with them from 8:50 until 11:30. He explained clearly that he did not feel it was a matter of demon possession as some had rumored, but that it was purely a fanatical situation, but that it should be dealt with. Both Brother Chase and Brother Armstrong felt they were unteachable and had an unruly spirit.

Brother Bragg read Proverbs 6:16 and Rom 16:17.

There were questions asked and answered, some discussion, in order that the Board might get a clear understanding of the matter.

On motion made by F. J. Simokat, and seconded by E. Day, the Official Board approved and substantiated the action of the Board of Elders with regard to the members of the Greenwood family, as follows:

"It was moved by Brother Krause, and seconded by Brother Alexander, that the Board of Elders communicate with the Greenwood family and notify them that they were free to attend the services at Highway Mission Tabernacle, provided they conduct themselves according to the spiritual standards of the church, and to refrain from their present unscriptural demonstrations, which the Board of Elders felt were a serious detriment to the spiritual welfare of the church.

"However, should the members of the Greenwood family continue with their present unscriptural demonstrations, the Board of Elders would reluctantly find it necessary to eject them from the church service."

Unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned, with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Clara M. Payne
Church Clerk