

MINUTES
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Alabama State Conference
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CONVENED WITH
UNION CHAPEL CHURCH
MARION COUNTY ALABAMA
November 9, 10, 11, 1923.

OFFICERS:

Rev. J. L. Conner ----- Moderator
Rev. E. C. Huston ----- Assistant Moderator
Jessie W. Pike ----- Secretary-Treasure

The next session of this Conference will convene with
Beaverton, Church, Lamar county Ala., On the
Frisco Railroad, beginning on Friday night
before the second Sunday in Nov, 1924.

VERNON, ALA.
FREE WILL BAPTIST VISITOR.
1923.

EDINGS

Session of the State Conference of the BAPTIST of the state of Ala., in Chapel church, Marion county, Ala. Friday night before the second Sunday in November, 1923. at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Song and prayer service conducted by Rev. J. L. Conner, prayer by Bro. E. B. Springfield. Welcome address by Rev. J. L. Conner. Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Adair: Text. St. Luke 22: 3. Matt 27: 17. On motion the Conference adjourned till Saturday at 8. A. M. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Hnston.

SATURDAY MORNING

Conference met at 9:30 A. M. The house was called to order by the Moderator Rev. E. C. Houston, reading eight chapters of Psalms. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis. The clerk Jesse W. Pike call the roll of the different association and they responded as follows: 1st Bear Creek not represented, 2 Kahaba River Association, Rev E. C. Houston, Bro. A. F. Houston; Jasper Association, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. A. L. Warren, Bro. Guss Eads; Liberty Association not represented; Mount Moriah not represented; Vernon Association, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. T. J. Adair; South Easter Association not represented; State Line not represented; Morning Star, Bro. E. B. Springfield, Bro. Jesse W. Pike. The body proceeded to permanently organize by Ballot Rev. J. L. Conner was elected Moderator; Rev. E. C. Houston assistant M. D. Bro. Jesse W. Pike Clerk. The Moderator appointed Bro. A. F. Houston, E. B. Springfield, Guss Eads with the Deacons of Union Chappel Church the devotional committee. On motion the following committees were appointed 1st, Documets and Business; Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. E. C. Houston. 2nd, on Finance, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. T. J. Adair. 3rd, Executive Committee Bro. Jesse W. Pike, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Bro. A. F. Houston.

Devotional committee rep
L. Warren preach at 11. A
close. Rev. E. C. Houston 7:30
9:30. A. M. Sunday. Rev. J. L. C
day, on motion adjourn for 10 mi
tion reassembled. Singing conduc
Springfield. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis
Warren preached an able sermon to an atte
regation, using for a Text St. Luke 24: 38. The bod
dismissed for refreshments, a bountiful dinner was
spread by the good sisters.

At the appointed hour the body reassembled
prayer by Bro. J. A. Beasley, House called to order
Moderator. 1st. in order, report of Documents and
Business report read, and on motion report be read by
section and adopted (1) We recommend a full time
Evangelist in the State after several discussion report
was adopted (2) We recommend that the Freewill
Baptist Visitor printed at Vernon be made our ORGAIN
of the state. We recommend the next session of the
Alabama Conference be held with Beaverton Freewill
Baptist Church report adopted and committee dis-
charged. Rev. T. J. Adair, Chairman.

REPORT OF

Finance Committee We your Committee on
Finance beg leave to report as follows: We recom-
mend that each association represented here send in
\$5.00 for the purpose of printing our minutes of this
session Rev. A. L. Warren, Chairman. Report receive
and committee discharged. Nominations in order fo
Evangelist. Rev. J. L. Conner was elected by
acclimation as full time Evangelist.

The following subscription was taken to pay
Evangelist

J. L. Conner	- - - -	\$5 00
J. W. Pike	- - - -	5.00

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pr ser Adair	5.00
b 8 D. M. Eads	2.00
mb J. D. Davis	2.00
L. F. Goodwin	2.00
C. S. Long	1.00
A. E. Houston	10.00
Sarah Beachamp	6.00
Mrs M. F. West Brook	1.00
Vester Beachamp	4.00
E. B. Springfield	5.00
Total	\$73.00

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Prayer services conducted by Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. E. C. Houston filled the stand and preached a noble sermon to a large congregation Text Proverbs 29 28.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9: A. M. Rev. M. L. Hollis, Editor of the Free-will Baptist Visitor printed at Vernon, Alabama occupied the pulpit and delivered a soul stirring sermon to a waiting and anxious concourse of people, Text used St. Matt. 10: 28. Tears was flowing all over the congregation, the congregation was dismissed until 10:30 A. M. At 10:30 the c ngregation resembled Bro. Guess Eads conducted the singing, sister Oler Eads organist Prayer by Bro. John Long, Rev. J. L. Conner who was put out as State Evangelist preached the closing sermon to a lare and attentive congrega- tion the conference closed to meet with Beaverton church on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock P. M. before the second Sunday, in November, 1924.

Rev. J. L. Conner, Moderator
 Rev. E. C. Houston, assisted
 Jesse W. Pike, Clerk and Treasu
 Clerk P. O Townley, Ala. Box 56.

This the 11th annual session tender our sin-
 and heart felt thanks to Union Chappel Church and
 community and especially to the good sisters for there
 kindness shown us during our stav amony them.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jesse W Pike.

BY-LAWS.

Article 1. Each session of the Alabama State
 conference shall be called order by the moderator
 when present, or in his absence the Assistant moder-
 ator or clerk.

Article 2 As each sitting or adjourned meeting
 shall be opened and closed by prayer

Article 3. ten members shall constitute a quorum,
 provided not less than three Associations are repre-
 sented, but a smaller number may adjourn from time
 to time.

Article 4. After the opening of each session the
 Executive committee will examine the credentials of
 the ministers present, and after report of this commi-
 tee and the enrollment of the delegates and ministers
 present the conference shall proceed to the election
 of moderator and clerk.

Article 5. At each session such standing committees
 may be appointed as the conference may deem
 proper

Article 6 It shall be the duty of the clerk to
 furnish each session of the onferrnce with a book of
 records containing the proceedings of the previous
 session.

ning to retire while the
shall obtain leave of the
make same known to the
jection, leave shall be granted.
son shall be allowed to speak
at any one time, or more than
subject, without consent of the body.
it shall be the duty of the conference
or appoint a committee of three or more to be
ated as a "General Home Mission Board" whose
uty it shall be to inaugurate and execute a general
system of domestic missions. They shall appoint such
sub committee and employ such agents and mission-
aries as they may deem proper. They shall hold office
until their successors are duly elected or appointed, in
case of death vacancies may be filled by appointment
of the Moderator, and shall make a detailed report at
each regular session of this body of their doings for the
past year.

Article 10. All questions, queries and resolutions
to be debated upon shall be presented in writing, and
shall be read in open conference, and a motion and
second of a member of the body before debate.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE CONFERENCE.

Article 1. The name of this conference shall be
The Alabama state conference.

Article 2. The object of this conference is to bring
us as a denomination into a more intimate and fraternal
relationship, and to effect through co-operation of the
various bodies of the Liberal or Free will Baptist in
this state and elsewhere.

Article 3. This state conference shall be composed
of the representatives of Baptist bodies that harmonize
generally with the doctrine and usages of the
Association now constituting this body, who may be
admitted from time to time on their own application.

Article 4. The officers of this conference shall be
a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and a clerk and
Treasurer.

Article 5. The Moderator
regular session in such manner
choose, and he shall perform
by presiding officers, serving
elected. A state clerk shall be elected
and shall continue in office until
elected.

Article 6. In the letters from the different
shall be expressed the number of churches coming
each Association those in full fellowship, etc.
received and those dismissed since the last session of
this conference and the time and place of holding
their respective annual associations, together with
their statistical reports of their numerical strength.

Article 7. Each Association shall be entitled to
three delegates elected by their body while in their
annual session. all ordained ministers are entitled to
membership in this body without being elected with
certificate of good standing from the Association to
which they belong.

Article 8. Any article in this constitution may be
altered or amended by a majority of votes at any
regular meeting and approved by that body, and
published in the minutes with notice that it will be
voted at next meeting. Article 1 and 10 shall never
be changed.

Article 9. Each session of the conference shall
determine the time and place of holding the next
session.

Article 10. The Executive committee of this con-
ference shall be members of the Free will Baptist
church in good standing, and shall have the power to
contract with and sustain our Evangelists, who are
elected by the body in regular session, they will take
an oversight of the association and ministers, who are
members of this state conference, will be known as a
committee on credentials.