

MINUTES
OF THE
12th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Alabama State Conference
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
CONVENED WITH
Beaverton Church
LAMAR COUNTY ALABAMA

November 7, 8, 9, 1924.

OFFICERS:

REV. M. L. HOLLIS, ModeratorVernon, Ala.
REV. B. M. ATKINS, Assistant Moderator Glen-Allen, Ala.
JESSIE W. PIKE, Secretary-TreasurerTownley, Ala.

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The next session of this Conference will convene
with Union Valley Church, Townley, Walker
County, Ala., on the Frisco R.R. beginning
on Friday night before the second Sun-
day in November, 1925.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twelfth Annual session of the State Conference of the Free Will Baptist of the state of Alabama, convened with Beaverton Church, Lamar County, Alabama on Friday night before the second Sunday in November, 1924. At 7:30 o'clock p.m. Devotional service conducted by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Introductory sermon by Rev. B. M. Atkins, Text Chronicles 29th. chapt. 3rd. verse. He opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. Closed by Rev. J. L. Conner. The body adjourned to reassemble Saturday morning at eight o'clock.

Saturday morning November 8, 1924 the body reassembled. Rev. J. L. Conner the Moderator, read Scripture lesson and offered prayer. The House was called to order.

1st. The roll was called by the Clerk Jesse V. Pike, quorum present.

2nd. Motion in order to permanently organize by electing Moderator and Clerk, and the following were elected: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator, Rev. B. M. Atkins, assistant Moderator, Jesse W. Pike, Clerk and Treasurer.

3rd. Delegates from the various Associations enrolled: Jasper Association, Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. B. M. Atkins, Bro. J. M. Weeks, Vernon. Rev. M. L. Hollis, J. M. Hill, G. A. Chaffin, J. M. Sizemore, Rev. S. F. Lee, J. A. Tate and Rev. T. I. Adair. Morning Star Association, Sisters Mary Pike, and Jesse W. Pike, Tupelo Association, Rev. J. M. Haas, State Line Association, Bro. C. C. Gibbs, Rev. I. K. Boyd. Cahaba River Association, Rev. E. C. Houston.

The Moderator was granted the power to appoint all the committees.

1st. Documents and Order of Business; Rev. J. L. Conner, J. E. Chaffin, J. M. Haas, M. L. Hollis, Jesse W. Pike, and Rev. E. C. Houston.

2nd. Finance; Rev. B. M. Atkins, Rev. S. F. Lee, and J. E. Chaffin.

3rd. Resolutions: Sister Mary Pike, Rev. J. A. Tate, Rev. J. M. Haas.

4th. Temperance: Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. Frank Lee, Jessie W. Pike.

5th. Executive Committee: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. E. C. Houston, Jessie W. Pike.

6th. Program Committee: Rev. J. K. Boytt, Rev. B. M.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We recommend the following: That M. L. Hollis preach Saturday at 11 o'clock a.m. E. C. Houston at 7:30 p.m. J. M. Haas at 9:30 Sunday a.m. I. K. Boytt at 11 a.m.

On motion the body adjourned ten minutes after which the body reassembled, pr. Yer was offered by Rev. J. L. Conner. Rev. M. L. Hollis filled the stand and preached a wonderful sermon to a large audience, using as a text 11th chapter and 10th verse of Hebrews. Adjourned for refreshments. At 1:30 o'clock p.m., the Moderator called the house to order.

1st. Committee on Documents and Order of Business reports as follows: We recommend that the next session of the Alabama State Conference of Free Will Baptist be held with Union Valley church, Townley, Ala., beginning on Friday night before the second Sunday in November, 1925.

2nd. We recommend a full time Evangelist.

3rd. We recommend the full support of the Free Will Baptist Visitor.

Rev. J. L. Conner, chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that each Association represented here pay \$5.00 to be used for the purpose of printing the minutes of this session.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. B. M. Atkins, Chairman

We, your committee on Resolutions beg to report as follows: We tender our thanks to God for this conference and for the manifestation of His Spirit with us. We also tender our thanks to the people of Beaverton church and community for their kindness shown us during our stay with them. May the Good Lord ever prosper them both spiritually and temperally, is our earnest prayer.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We heartily recommend the inforcement of the prohibition law and personal abstinence from intoxicating drinks.

2nd. We recommend the practice of self denial and personal sacrifice, for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. L. Conner, Chairman.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, your program committee beg leave to report as follows:

1st. That Rev. E. C. Houston preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this conference, on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

2nd. Saturday at 11 o'clock Rev. S. F. Lee preach on Articles of Faith. 3rd. Rev. J. L. Conner preach Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Subject: "The New Testament mode of Baptism." 4th. Rev. I. K. Boytt preach Sunday at 9 o'clock a.m. Subject: "Repentance." 5th.

Rev. M. L. Hollis. Sunday 11 a. m. Subject: "Communion and feet washing." 6th. Rev. J. M. Haas, Sunday at 3 o'clock p.m.

Subject: "Faith." 7th. Rev. T. L. Walker, Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. Subject: "Possibility of Apostacy." Respectfully submitted,

Rev. I. K. Boytt, Chairman.

REPORT FROM EVANGELIST

Dear Brethren: I submit the following report:

Sermon's preached 176. Public prayers 200. Restored 3 churches. Received 50 members into the churches. Contributions received \$316.50 Expences: Railroad fare \$31.63. Total time in the field, six months and 20 days, and in addition pastored two churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. L. Conner.

MINUTE FUNDS

Vernon Association,	\$5.00
Union Valley church,	\$0.50
Jasper Association,	\$5.00
Cahaba River Association,	\$5.00
Tupelo Association,	\$5.00
State Line Association,	\$5.00
Mount Moriah Association,	
Bear Creek Association,	

Motion to adjourn until Saturday night for preaching.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Prayer and praise service conducted by Rev. B. M. Atkins. At 7:30 o'clock Rev. E. C. Houston from the Cahaba River Association was present and preached a noble sermon. Text: Romans 10th chapter and 12th verse. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek."

SUNDAY SERVICES

Prayer services conducted by Rev. J. L. Conner, Rev. J. M. Haas, of the Tupelo Association filled the stand at 9:30 a.m., and preached a most powerful sermon to a good size congeration, using as his text; 1 Samuel 17th chapter and a part of the 32 verse "And David said to Saul, let no man's heart fail because of him" An intermission of 30 minutes was given before the closing service at 11 a.m. At the appointed hour Rev. C. A. Sherrell, of the M. E. church conducted the singin. Sister Ila Barns, organist. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Adair. Rev. I. K. Boytt, of the state Line Association preached the closing sermon to a large congeration, using as a text; Galatians 6;c 7-8.v at the close of the service a hymn was sang and the parting hand was taken amidst tears and joy, to meet again with Union Valley church, Townley, Ala, on Friday night before the second Sunday in November 1925.

REV. M. L. HOLLIS, Moderator

REV. B. M. ATKINS, Assistant Md.

JESSIE W. PIKE, Clerk. P.O. Townley,
Ala.

M. L. HOLLIS, State Evangelist, Post-
Office, Vernon, Alabama.

BY LAW

Article 1. Each session of the Alabama State Conference shall be called to order by the Moderator when present, or in his absence the assistant Moderator ar Clerk.

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

3. Ten members shall constitute a quorum, provided no less than three Associations are represented, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

4. After the opening of each session the Executive committee will examine the credentials of the ministers present, and after report of this committee and the enrollment of the delegates and

ministers present the conference shall proceed to the election of Moderator and Clerk.

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

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

7. Any one wishing to retire while the Conference is in session shall obtain leave of the presiding officer, who shall make same known to the Conference, and if no objection, leave shall be granted.

8. No person shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes at any one time, or more than twice on any one subject, without consent of the body.

9. It shall be the duty of the Conference to elect or appoint a committee of three or more to be designated as a "GENERAL HOME MISSION BOARD" whose duty it shall be to inaugurate and execute a general system of domestic missions. They shall appoint such sub committees and employ such agents and missionaries 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.

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."

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.

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.

4. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer.

5. The moderator shall be elected at each regular session in such manner as the body may choose, and he shall perform duties usually performed by presiding officers, serving until his successors is elected. A State clerk shall be elected from time to time and shall continue in office until his successor is elected.

6. In the letters from the different bodies shall be expressed the number of churches composing each association. Those in full fellowship, etc; those 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.

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.

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.

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

10. The Executive committee of this conference shall be members of the Free Will Baptist church in good standing, and shall have the power to contract with and sustain our Evangelist, which are elected by the body in regular session, they will make an oversight of the associations and ministers, who are members of this conference, and will be known as a committee on credentials.



M. L. Hollis, Moderator of the State Conference of Free Will Baptist of Alabama and State Evangelist for same.

These minutes have been reproduced in their original content by Dr. Mickey A. Kirkland of Lighthouse Church, Montgomery, Alabama. These minutes were given to him as a gift from his grandmother, Mrs. Nettie B. Kirkland of the New Hope Church of Echo, Alabama. We join the Chairman, Rev. J. M. Haas in this document in saying "May the Good Lord ever prosper . . . both spiritually and temperally, is our earnest prayer."