

Proceedings
OF THE
Fifteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Beaver Creek Free Will
Baptist Association
AND
Ministers Conference

HELD WITH
Fairview No. 2, At Nebo, N. C.
Rev. L. H. Clayton, Pastor

August 13, 14 and 15, 1938

The next session will convene at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Kannapolis, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1939.

Rev. A. F. Lawter of Spartanburg, S. C., will preach the introductory sermon at the Kannapolis session at 11 o'clock A. M.

ASSOCIATION

Rev. E. L. Beachboard Moderator
Rev. J. J. Brooks Clerk

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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FAIRVIEW NO. 2 FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT NEBO, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Thursday, August 11, 1938

Services opened at 10 o'clock a. m. by song and prayer by Rev. Paul Jenkins of Kannapolis, N. C. On motion the house was opened for the transaction of business. Rev. E. L. Beachboard was elected moderator, Rev. J. J. Brooks Clerk. The business session adjourned for the 11 o'clock preaching service.

In the absence of the Rev. Sawyers of Whitney, S. C., who was appointed to preach the introductional sermon at this session. The Rev. E. P. Blevins, moderator of the Jacks Creek association, delivered a wonderful discourse on the subject of Sanctification. The address was enjoyed by every one present. The Rev. Blevins pointed out sanctification as it is laid down in the Bible, and not as a second definite work of grace. We felt it a real treat to have Bro. Blevins with us.

Thursday Evening At 2 o'Clock

The house was called to order by song and prayer, by Rev. Paul Sheahan of Caroleen, N. C.

The moderator at this time gave a lecture of caution on church doctrine.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

Finance

Bro. George Reynolds, Bro. Garrett Fender and L. V. Fender, Chr.

Resolutions

Bro. J. W. Crow, Bro. H. L. McDaniels and E. A. Pearson, Chr.

Periodicals

Bro. W. T. Keeter, Bro. P. H. Gurley and Bro. L. M. Hooper.

Obituaries

Sister Bessie Reynolds, Sister Thelma Fender, and Sister Lillie May Sheahan, Chr.

Deeper Devotion

Rev. J. C. Franks, Bro. H. L. Buckner and Rev. T. I. Benton, Chr.

Mission

Rev. L. M. Pierce, Rev. Paul Jenkins and Rev. Paul Sheahan, Chr.

Evangelistic

First delegates with Bro. J. E. Black, Chr.

Marriage and Divorce

Bro. J. R. Laws, Rev. E. C. Pack and Rev. W. G. Pack, Chr.

Ministerial Support

W. C. Gentle, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Paul Sheahan, Bro. Wade Calvert and Bro. J. H. Kite, Chr.

Young Peoples Work

Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Rev. J. G. Sawyer and Bro George Reynolds, Chr.

Ladies Aid Society

Mrs. C. L. Smith, Sister Bessie Reynolds, Lillie May Sheahan, Sister Brisco Hill and Sister W. L. Keeter, Chr.

Sunday School

Rev. Gradey Fender, Rev. W. P. Smith and Rev. L. D. Gray, Chr.

Temperance

Rev. H. E. Tucker, Rev. C. L. Scarborough and Bro. Vance Steele, Chr.

Education

Bro. E. G. Gardner, Bro. Garret Fender and Bro. R. F. Allen, Chr.

WHITNEY PRESENTS BILL

At this time a bill from Whitney church was presented, and reads as follows:

We the members of the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, seeing that our association has been imposed upon by doctrines contrary to our faith, and that we are in danger of being separated or at least hindered by said doctrines. We recommend that our association which convenes Aug. 11, 1938 at Nebo, N. C., appoint a delegate or committee whose duty would be to examine or investigate all churches or preachers applying for membership in our association or conference. That this association and conference receive only churches and ministers recommended by said committee.

This committee is to be composed of seven members and at least four of which must be ordained ministers and that all members of this committee must have been members of the said organization as long as five years. Each member of this committee, must have a record that they have never given any trouble as to the doctrine.

Done by order of church conference. Rev. J. A. Martin, moderator, Fred R. Sawyer, clerk.

The association accepted the Whitney Bill, and in accordance to their request, has appointed the following committee:

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. W. P. Smith, Rev. Paul Sheahan, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. John Crow, Bro. T. A. Lewis and Rev. J. C. Franks, Chr.

Church Letters Received

See church report table on page 5 for any information desired:

Adjourned For Preaching Services

Thursday 7 P. M.

Rev. C. L. Scarborough preached a wonderful sermon Text I John 1-3. Subject, Daily fellowship with Christ.

The Rev. E. L. Beachboard followed with in interesting discourse, on the weakening of sin, using for lesson material the life of Sampson.

Friday Morning

Association opened by song and prayer by Rev. John Sawyer. The body presented some interesting discourses on the advancement of Christianity among the brethren and churches.

The Rev. Sawyer of Whitney presents his report of the settlement for the tent in question from the year of 1937. His report was very satisfactory and the debt is now settled and the body has receipts to that effect.

Report of those who have contributed to the settlement of this debt.

Fairview No. 2	\$5.00
Robison Creek	2.50
Landrum	2.20
Mt. Zion	10.00
Whitney	5.40
Elwood Lane	3.30
Saxon Ave.	6.90
Rocky Path	1.70
Total	\$37.00

Estimated as follows: \$27.00 to Rev. A. B. Lowery, \$10.00 to F. H. Odell, Union, S. C., R. F. D., No. 5, in payment of an order given him by Rev. Lowery which pays off the debt of the tent.

Signed, H. J. Sawyer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS—We your committee on resolutions wish to submit the following. be it resolved that we prohibit all teachers and preachers from teaching and preaching in our churches without credentials.

PERIODICALS—We your committee on periodicals do suggest that we as Free Will Baptists use the Free Will Baptist literature. That we send the offering of every first Sunday to the orphan home for the support of the same.

DEEPER DEVOTION—We your committee on deeper devotion do submit the following. Spirituality is the life and the power of the religion of Jesus Christ the essence of religion is devotion, means to love and obey, yielding in humble submission to the will of God.

MISSION—We your committee on missions submit the following report. We believe each church should send an offering one Sunday every three months to the orphan home as home mission. Also that every church should send an offering once every three months to help support our missionaries laboring in foreign fields. as God's word says in Mark 16:15 Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We ask our clerk to send the address of the place to send money for this purpose.

EVANGELISTIC—We your committee on evangelistical work, ask that the pastors of each church work to the end that the church as a whole be governed by evangelistical leaders.

SESSIONS—We your committee on sessions do submit the following report. That we agree that the next session of this association and ministers conference convene with the Mt. Zion Church at Kannapolis, N. C. on Thursday before the second Sunday in August at 10 o. m. 1939.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE—We urge our ministers to refrain from marrying divorced people, and to teach and preach against these things. Please read Gen. 18-24, St. Mark 1:12, I Cor. 7:10-11, Mark 6:14-19.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We your committee on ministerial support recommend that all members pay tithes that the pastors be supported by the church and leaders of the flock set the example in tithing that the flock may follow.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK—We your committee on young peoples work do submit the following, that all churches do organize a young peoples league. We ask that all pastors and official boards see that this is done, and urge our young people to greater heights in Christian life.

LADIES AID SOCIETY—We your committee on ladies aid do submit the the following report, that all churches organize a lady's aid society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK—We your committee on Sunday school work do recommend that each church use literature for Sunday school. We also recommend that each church set apart one Sunday in each quarter and send the collection to the orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. Also the pastors co-operate with their Sunday school work.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance wish to present the following. We do believe that all men should abstain from appearance of evil, not only in beverages but in all walks of life.

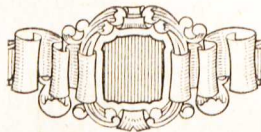
EDUCATION—We your committee on education do ask that each minister study that he might be a great power in the hands of God to turn many from sin unto righteousness.

FINANCE—We your committee on finance do wish to stand in harmony with the committee on ministerial support. That each church pay \$5.00 on minute funds.

The Association Grants Full Power To Investigating Committee

The body voted that the investigating committee investigate each church and minister that is accused of being untrue to doctrine, and that the association would ratify their acts in excluding such ministers and churches from our body.

Due to the fact that not very many churches gave a report on either Sunday School or Ladies Aid or Young People's League, we shall not try to make a table, but will be recorded as follows:



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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Gastonia—Members, 166; money collected 111.87; paid out, 196.41 now in treasury, \$15.46; superintendent, J. P. Styles.

Belmont, N. C.—Members, 172; money collected, \$52.62; paid out, \$44.56; in treasury, \$8.04; superintendent, L. S. Gray.

Fairview, No. 2—Members, 100; money collected, \$54.19; paid out, \$50.03; now in treasury, \$4.16; superintendent, Toney Fender.

Fairview, Caroleen, N. C.—Members, 185; money collected, \$78.48; paid out 75 00; in treasury, \$3.48; superintendent, J. C. Ray.

Mt. Zion—Members, 194; money collected, \$77.62; paid out, \$72.30; in treasury, \$5.02; superintendent, C. E. Bently.

Valley Falls—Members, 120; money collected, \$118.99; paid out, \$118.99; superintendent, J. R. Laws

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that is all things we will strive to amplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our department; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

CONSTITUTION

The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Savior, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session and all reports made by the committees may be adopted by the body.

8. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.

3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of 'Brother'.

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD:—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTACY:—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the

fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

4. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

5. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Rom. 10:12.

6. **REPENTANCE:**—We believe that repentance in sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that showed thee O man what is good and what the Lord required of thee, but do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mich 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

1. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:**—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthy eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord body." 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING:—We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet." St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL:—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14

CHURCH DELEGATES

Rockeypath, at Nebo, N. C., George Reynolds, Harry Redder.

Whitney, at Whitney, S. C., E. A. Pearson.

Valley Falls, at Valley Falls, S. C., James F. Smith.

Saxon Ave., at Saxon, S. C., J. W. Crow.

Belmont, at Belmont, N. C., Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Rev. L. D. Gray and Roy Pickard.

Roberson Creek, at Bostic, N. C., G. W. Walker, W. D. Kester.

Elwood Lane, at Kannapolis, N. C., Clarence Gentle, Vance Steele.

Landrum, at Landrum, S. C., Willie Pruiette, J. C. Pruiette.

Mt. Zion, at Kannapolis, N. C., E. F. Hooper, L. M. Hooper and John Kite.

Fairview No. 2, at Nebo, N. C., J. B. Burkhardt, L. N. Fender and W. G. Pack.

St. Paul, at Marion, N. C., W. J. Loningood, Brisco Hill.

Gastonia, at Gastonia, N. C., R. F. Allen, J. L. Allen and J. G. Mathus.

Fairview, at Caroleen, N. C., H. L. McDaniel, H. L. Buckner, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. A. W. Graham and Bill Mills.

Cedar Hill, at Lockhardt, S. C., Lee McSwain, F. C. Cogdell, A. C. Cogdell.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BEAVER CREEK MINISTERS CONFERENCE HELD AT FAIRVIEW NO. 2 AT NEBO, N. C.

AUGUST 13, 1938

Saturday Morning—8 o'clock A. M.

The house was called to order by song and prayer by Rev. Paul Jenkins.

On motion the house was set in order for the transaction of business.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. J. J. Brooks was elected moderator, Rev. L. H. Clayton, clerk.

The moderator addressed the assembly, then called for the ministers roll called.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Rev. W. P. Smith
Rev. J. D. Bradley	Rev. J. C. Franks
Rev. L. P. Jordan	Rev. T. I. Benton
Rev. M. G. Gossnell	Rev. J. J. Brooks
Rev. A. G. Peace	Rev. Edgar Ballew
Rev. A. F. Lawter	Rev. L. H. Clayton
Rev. H. E. Tucker	Rev. H. J. Sawyer
Rev. D. L. Benton	Rev. S. L. Evins
Rev. C. L. Scarborough	Rev. E. C. Rash
Rev. Paul Jenkins	Rev. J. M. Redden
Rev. Paul Sheahan	Rev. G. C. Abernathy
Rev. E. L. Bennett	

LICENSE APPLICANTS

Wade Calvert	H. L. Buckner
W. A. Fender	J. G. Sawyer
B. L. Griffin	J. F. Smith
L. D. Gray	

ELECTION OF THE ORDINATING COUNCIL

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Rev. J. C. Franks and Rev. J. J. Brooks, Chr.

MINISTERS REPORTS RECEIVED

Brethren, due to the fact that we have much complaint about some of our ministers being untrue to doctrine therefore it is necessary that we take the greatest steps of caution, in order to ascertain wheather or not this be true or not. So here after each ministers report will be read before the house, and before the house is privileged to receive his report his character examined. Should any minister know of any undesirable character and fail to report the same, then the negligent party will be placed in the hands of the ordaining council.

REV. J. J. BROOKS, Moderator

At this time a letter of dismissal was granted Rev. Horace Pool to unite with the Jacks Creek Ministers Conference.

WORK OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Upon examination Rev. H. E. Tucker of Kannapolis, N. C., and Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Whitney, S. C., were found worthy of ordination. The council proceeds to ordain them. The Rev. E. P. Blevins, moderator of the Jacks Creek Association gave the charge using Pauls charge to Timothy.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

The moderator and chairman (Rev. J. J. Brooks) advises that all ministers are under obligation to report to the annual ministers conference either by letter or by person, and all those failing to do so will be placed in the hands of the Ordaining Council for investigation.

That all churches send not less than \$5.00 minute fund, as I notice that some churches has sent the small sum of 2 and 3 dollars accompanying a report stating a nice sum in the treasury. You might have done this due to the fact of not getting satisfaction in the past, but if you will check my past with you as clerk and find that I have failed you write me. I shall not stop until I have amended the broken links.

Always mindful of you Rev. J. J. Brooks.

Rev. J. E. Bailey, Rev. J. C. Stafford, Rev. R. P. Sawyers, and Rev. W. R. Rolland were placed in the hands of the investigating committee, and asked a report be made at the Quarterly Ministers Conference which will convene with the Landrum Church at Landrum, S. C., on Sat. before the fifth Sunday in Oct. 29th.

By order of the association in connection with the investigating bill presented by the Whitney church, the clerk was authorized to call in all credentials and replace with another form which will be self explanatory.



ANNUAL REPORT OF MINISTERS' WORK THROUGH THE YEAR

Name of Ministers	Pastor of Church	Revivals Held	Professions	Sermons Preached	Members Received	Baptised	Homes Visited	Married	Funerals Con.	Sunday S. L. Taught	Money Raised For Church	Money Given	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expenses
Rev. T. I. Benton	1	8	88		91	73		1	1					\$163.22	
Rev. J. M. Redden		1	47	44		6	26		1			\$ 5.00	768	5.07	
Rev. J. O. Bradley	1	2	43	91	4	7			1			10.00		30.50	\$ 38.90
Rev. C. L. Scarborough			16	35			4			45					
Rev. E. C. Rash			10	7			112		2	38		22.29		13.45	4 81
Rev. G. C. Abernathy			2	23	36			18		12		15.00		2.00	25.00
Rev. H. J. Sawyer			14	13	4		60			40		60.00		40.00	7.04
Rev. E. L. Bennett		2	10	43			25						448	5.50	6.50
Rev. Paul Sheahan	1	3			25	16	30	5	4	26	5.00		2000	100.00	
Rev. E. L. Beachboard	2	2			15	26		5	2				5000	362.00	100.00
Rev. J. J. Brooks		4	168	71				3	4						
Rev. H. L. Jones		2	41	51			25			12			500	128.75	6.00
Rev. J. C. Franks		3	105	62					5						
Rev. A. F. Lawter	1	1	109	105		19		3	4					107.82	
Rev. H. E. Tucker		1	46	100			100					75.00	1000		50.00
Rev. Paul Jenkins	1	2	38	115	43	33	50	2	1		25.00	54.45	3000	192.79	50.00
Rev. L. P. Jordan	2	2	34	175	11	8		3	1		30.00	10.99	3969	185.72	103.06
Rev. L. H. Clayton	1	3	225	129	22	28		1	4	35		20.00		95.78	
Rev. A. G. Peace		1	36	57	26	18									
Rev. M. G. Gosnell	1		85	165	25	15	25	1	2	45			300	38.17	10.00
Rev. M. Pressley	1	2	35	125	37	17	75	2	4	15	151.00	15.00	1364	95.00	77.50

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We the Free Will Baptist Church of
 at send Christian greetings
 to the Beaver Creek Association. We send the following
 messengers to sit in council with you

Licensed Ministers

Increased this year Present membership

By experience and Paid the pastor
 baptism Missions

By letter and Orphanage
 Statement

By restoration Christian education

Total increase Old ministers fund

this year Church rep. or
 building

Present membership Do you own your place of
 worship?

Decrease this year worship?

By letter Value of church property

By expulsion and Do you have a parsonage

erasure Money taken in

By death Money paid out

Total decrease Now in treasury

this year Minute funds

Total decrease Chuch Clerk

Address Pastor

Address This the day of

