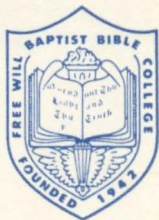


The Minutes Of
The Thirty-Ninth Quarterly Session
of the
BECKLEY CONFERENCE
Of
Free Will
Baptist Church

In Session at
NAOMA CHURCH
NAOMA, W. VA.
Rev. R. H. Doan, Moderator
Sister Ossie Martin Clerk Pro-Tem



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

BECKLEY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Friday, February 3, 1950

Rev. G. E. Pauley, in charge of devotional.

Song by congregation, "Life's Evening Sun."

Scripture, Rom. 12.

Prayer, by Rev. Milburn Bailey.

Moderator for the day, Rev. G. E. Pauley.

Assistant moderator for the day, Rev. J. L. Callahan.

Minutes of last conference read and approved.

Minutes of special session of conference read and approved.

Letter from Sunday School Singing Convention, read and approved as read.

While Rev. W. C. Combs, was presenting Rev. B. L. Baldwin to the conference, as an ordained minister, the congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight."

Business Committee for the Day as Follows

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman

Rev. J. L. Callahan

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. Yule Tilley

Rev. Paul J. Moore

Ministers reports read and approved as read.

The following Ministers reported at this conference.

Rev. L. A. Lilly	Ordained
Rev. L. L. Martin	Ordained
Rev. R. H. Doan	Ordained
Rev. John Spencer	Ordained
Rev. G. E. Wood	Ordained
Rev. G. E. Pauley	Ordained
Rev. Yule Tilley	Ordained
Rev. B. L. Baldwin	Ordained
Rev. F. C. Calhoun	Ordained
Rev. T. W. Hampton	Ordained
Rev. G. D. Black	Ordained
Rev. Milburn Bailey	Ordained
Rev. Floyd Minor	Ordained
Rev. Royce French	Ordained
Rev. J. L. Callahan	Ordained
Rev. D. W. French	Ordained
Rev. W. J. Birchfield	Ordained
Rev. W. C. Combs	Ordained
Rev. Paul J. Moore	Ordained
Rev. Robert Sanger	Ordained
Rev. H. B. Godby	Ordained
Rev. Glenna Ferguson	Licensed
Rev. Valentine Prince	Licensed
Rev. Ora Sargent	Licensed
Rev. Harrison W. Cline	Licensed
Rev. R. C. Bowers	Licensed

26 Ministers reported, all paying their regular \$2.00 fee, except one who paid \$4.00. Total receipts \$54.00.

Conference recessed for five minutes.

Song, "Where We Will Never Grow Old".

Bible study resumed, Rev. W. C. Combs, instructor, continuing from previous conference Matt. 24.

Conference adjourned 12 o'clock noon, for lunch.

Friday 1:30 P. M.

Devotional by Rev. J. L. Callahan.

Song, "They Tried My Lord".

Scripture Acts 3:1-10.

Prayer by Sister Glenna Ferguson.

The Moderator declared the conference in order for business.

While waiting for the Business Committee to get ready to make their report, the following ministers gave testimony.

Rev. Milburn Bailey
Rev. Valentine Prince
Rev. Gilvie Huffman
Rev. John Spencer
Rev. Floyd Minor
Rev. Ora Sargent
Rev. G. E. Wood
Rev. B. L. Baldwin
Rev. R. C. Bowers

Business Committee's Report

Item 1. We recommend that Rev. T. W. Hampton, be paid \$1.28 for typewriter ribbon, \$1.50 for postage, and \$5.00 for special session, total, \$7.78. Passed.

Item 2. We recommend that the Moderator appoint 2 men as a committee to work with the clerk, to purchase filing cabinet, not to exceed \$25.00. Passed.

Committee named on above Item 2, is as follows:

Rev. D. W. French

Rev. Yule Tilley

Rev. T. W. Hampton, Clerk.

Item 3. We recommend that Sister Glenna Ferguson, be granted a letter of recommendation, as per her request. Passed.

Item 4. We recommend that a session of the Christian Worker's Institute, be arranged for this conference to be held at Bethel Church. A committee to be elected to make necessary arrangements concerning date, tuition, etc. Passed.

Committee named on above Item 4, is as follows:

Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman

Rev. R. H. Doan

Rev. D. W. French

Item 5. We recommend that a special committee of five men, be elected from the floor, to request a special session of the West Virginia State Meeting Executive Board, and to present our problems relative to the Yearly Meeting and our standing, etc. Passed.

Committee named on the above Item 5, is as follows:

Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman
Rev. W. C. Combs
Rev. T. W. Hampton
Rev. F. C. Calhoun
Rev. G. E. Pauley

Item 6. We recommend that an investigating committee of 10 ministers, including the Executive Board be elected from the floor, to investigate a minister in question.

They shall set a date and properly notify the one in question, secure evidence necessary to complete the investigation.

They shall be authorized to deal with the one involved according to evidence found in the case. Passed.

The Committee named on above Item 6, is as follows:

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman
Rev. J. L. Callahan
Rev. L. V. Basham
Rev. F. C. Calhoun
Rev. G. E. Pauley
Rev. Royce French
Rev. Yule Tilley
Rev. B. L. Baldwin
Rev. John Spencer
Rev. W. C. Combs

Having finished all business pertaining to this conference, it was requested that Rev. R. H. Doan preach.

Bro. Doan brought a wonderful message, using as his topic "Mixed Multitude."

Conference dismissed with prayer.

GENERAL SESSION

Saturday, February 4th—9:30 A. M.

Devotional in charge of host pastor, Rev. D. W. French.

Song: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Scripture, Ephesians 5, 1-14.

Prayer led by Rev. L. A. Lilly.

Song: "The Glory Land Way".

Sister Ossie Martin, being elected clerk pro-tem, took charge.

Rev. R. H. Doan was elected moderator and Rev. J. L. Callahan, assistant.

Rev. Doan took charge and welcomed all visitors.

Solo: "Old Rugged Cross" by Gloria Heatherin.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as read.

The voting power was next separated.

Business Committee elected as follows:

Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman
Rev. D. W. French
Bro. Golden Eans
Rev. Elzie Wood
Rev. T. W. Hampton

Reports of standing committees as follows:

Executive Board, Rev. D. W. French.

Examination and Organization Boards, Rev. W. C. Combs, who stated that one minister, Rev. Basil Baldwin, had been ordained and three churches had been organized; one each at Beeson, Spanishburg, and Barn.

The report of the F. W. B. League was read and accepted as read. Rev. Paul Moore, adult counsellor gave an interesting talk on the work of the young people. He stated that the next conference of the League will be held one week prior to the general conference.

Sister Kathleen Arthur reported on the Woman's Auxiliary.

Song: "Jacob's Ladder," by Rev. G. E. Pauley.

Special singing by the Mullens quartette and the Midway quartette.

Prayer led by Rev. L. D. Kendrick, followed by testimony by Bro. O. E. Martin.

A five minute recess was declared before the preaching hour. Rev. F. C. Calhoun preached, using as his

topic, "The Sceptre Shall Not Depart from Judah, nor a Law Giver from between His Feet Until Shiloh Come; and Unto Him Shall the Gathering of the People Be."

Saturday, 1:30 P. M.

Devotional led by Rev. Doan.

Song: by Naoma choir.

Also songs by Midway and Mullens quartettes and Sister Gray.

The Woman's Auxiliary was dismissed to take care of their business.

The Next Session Committee was dismissed to decide where the next conference would be held. Bro. Jack Lane, Chairman.

The revised edition of the By-Laws was read by Bro. Combs and they were accepted as read.

The report of the Business Committee, read by Bro. Combs, Chairman.

1. We recommend that the Old State Road Church, Spanishburg, Beeson Chapel, Beeson, and Barn Church at Barn, W. Va. be received and the delegates be given the right hand of fellowship into the conference. Passed.

2. We recommend that the request of the Grassy Bank Church for this conference to obtain the papers of one of its ex-deacons be referred to the Executive Board for investigation. Passed.

3. We recommend that the following mileage be paid:

Rev. T. W. Hampton, 80 miles	\$8.00
Rev. W. C. Combs, 50 miles	5.00
Rev. D. W. French, 221 miles	22.10
Total	\$35.10

Passed.

4. We recommend that the proposition of a session of the Christian Worker's Institute, discussed yesterday, be voted on today. Passed.

5. We recommend that the church schedules printed in the minutes be discontinued. Passed.

6. We recommend that a ten night Bible School, for the teaching of Free Will Baptist Doctrine, be arranged for the 17th of April at Bethel Church. This is for the people of this conference and especially all ministers are to be expected to attend. Passed.

7. We recommend that the Examining Board be authorized to replace the Ordination Certificate of Bro. Bill Gray, deacon. Passed.

8. We recommend that the Polio Prayer Meeting, began this year, be continued from year to year. Passed.

Rev. G. E. Pauley, Rev. D. W. French, and Rev. W. C. Combs were elected to serve as a committee to arrange for the Bible School in item No. 6, with Bro. Combs and Bro. French to be the teachers.

Delegates from the three new churches, Barn, Beeson Chapel and Spanishburg, were given the right hand of fellowship and received into the conference.

Bro. Jack Lane announced that the next conference, to begin at 10 a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in May, would be at Lillybrook, W. Va.

Bro. Bob Doan gave a talk on Sunday School work.

A motion carried to release the By-Laws Committee, and it was decided that the conference would have 500 copies printed.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given.

Singing by the quartettes and a testimony by Bro. Charles Helvey.

Rev. G. E. Wood was appointed to preach on Friday night of the next session and will use as his topic "The Wayfaring Man" Isa. 35, 8.

Rev. D. W. French will preach on Saturday, of next session at 11 a. m. using as his topic "O Lord, I have heard thy speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk, 3, 2.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Naoma church for their hospitality.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn until the next session.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Pierce Cook.

Financial Statement

Building Fund	\$135.00
Minutes	295.25
Orphans' Home Fund	10.00
S. S. Workers	5.00
Total	\$445.25

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Pastor	Church M'ber'p	State of Religion	Avg. S. S. Att.	Condition of S. S.
Oak Grove, Rev. Floyd Minor	----	15	----	60	Fair
Rhodell, Rev. G. E. Wood	----	14	good	40	good
Bethel, Rev. D. W. French	----	107	good	250	good
Scarbro, Rev. J. L. Callahan	----	11	fair	----	fair
Naoma, Rev. D. W. French	----	48	good	100	good
Sophia, Rev. D. W. French	----	110	fine	320	fine
Ghent, Rev. Royce French	----	34	----	50	good
Barkers Ridge, Rev. Milburn Bailey	----	17	good	35	good
Berries Branch, Rev. T. W. Hampton	----	26	fair	25	fair
Camp Creek, Rev. L. L. Martin, Jr.	----	19	fair	40 to 50	fine
Fairdale, Rev. W. C. Combs	----	15	fair	70	good
War Ridge, Rev. L. D. Kendrick	----	27	good	23	good
Kilsyth, Rev. R. H. Doan	----	144	good	225	good
East Gulf, Rev. L. V. Basham	----	28	good	75	good
Killarney, Rev. G. D. Black	----	21	fair	35	good
Hot Coal, Rev. John Spencer	----	13	fair	46	good
Ury, Rev. John Spencer	----	31	good	55	good
Madeline, Rev. T. W. Hampton	----	56	good	75	good
Good Hope, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	----	51	fair	40	fair
Chestnut Grove, Rev. W. J. Birchfield	----	30	----	30	good
Grace Chapel, Rev. J. L. Callahan	----	21	fair	40	good
Judson, Rev. L. D. Kendrick	----	25	good	30	fair
Lillybrook, Rev. J. L. Callahan	----	30	fair	50	fair
Eccles, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	----	14	good	----	fair
Fairview, Rev. L. A. Lilly	----	24	good	45 to 50	good
Grassy Bank, Rev. L. V. Basham	----	54	good	70	good
Maynor, Rev. W. C. Combs	----	57	good	----	fair
Barn., Rev. L. V. Basham	----	----	New Church	----	----
Old State Road, Spanishburg, Rev. Yule Tilley	----	11	New Church	----	----
Beeson Chapel, Rev. Yule Tilley	----	12	New Church	----	----

Price Hill church reported as extension work of Kilsyth church—15 members—71 in Sunday School and Condition of both church and Sunday School good.

