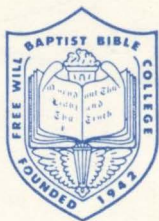


The Minutes of
The Fortieth Quarterly Session
of the
BECKLEY CONFERENCE

Of
Free Will
Baptist Church

In Session at
LILLYBROOK CHURCH
LILLYBROOK, W. VA.
Rev. R. H. Doan, Moderator
Sister Nancy Booth, Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH SESSION

FRIDAY MORNING MAY 5, 1950—10:00 A.M.

Lillybrook, W. Va.

Opening Song— "Where the Gates Swing Outward
Never".

Prayer by all at the Altar.

Song— "If Jesus Goes With Me."

Meeting called to order by Rev. L. V. Basham.

Rev. L. L. Martin elected Clerk protem, in the
absence of Rev. T. W. Hampton.

Rev. Paul J. Moore elected Moderator for the day.

Rev. L. V. Basham elected assistant Moderator for
the day.

Business Committee for This Session As Follows:

Rev. B. L. Baldwin, Chairman

Rev. G. E. Pauley

Rev. Royce French

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. G. E. Wood

While the congregations sang a song, the right
hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Ora Sargent, who
had recently been ordained a minister in the Beckley
Conference.

Ministers Cards read and received as read.

Ministers Reporting at This Conference As Follows:

Rev. D. W. French	Ordained
Rev. Royce French	Ordained
Rev. Paul J. Moore	Ordained
Rev. G. R. Whitt, two reports	Ordained
Rev. R. H. Doan	Ordained
Rev. H. B. Godby	Ordained
Rev. F. C. Calhoun	Ordained
Rev. L. V. Basham, two reports	Ordained
Rev. B. L. Baldwin	Ordained
Rev. Yule Tilley	Ordained
Rev. G. E. Wood	Ordained
Rev. W. C. Combs	Ordained
Rev. G. E. Pauley	Ordained
Rev. G. D. Black	Ordained
Rev. Ora Sargent	Ordained
Rev. L. A. Lilly	Ordained
Rev. Milburn Bailey	Ordained
Rev. L. L. Martin	Ordained
Rev. T. W. Hampton	Ordained
Rev. John Spencer	Ordained
Rev. Lucien Saunders	Licensed
Rev. R. C. Bowers	Licensed
Rev. Jack McDaniel	Licensed
Rev. Cyril Lilly	Licensed
Rev. W. V. Cook	Licensed
Rev. Harrison W. Cline	Licensed

Twenty-six Ministers reported, all paying their regular \$2.00 fee.

Minutes of last Ministerial Session read and approved as read.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock for preaching, by Rev. G. E. Pauley, using as his text, Psalm 16:11.

Adjourned for Lunch, to meet back in conference at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P.M.

Song— "When We All Get to Heaven".

Scripture— John 15th Chapter. Prayer by all at the Altar.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Committee named by previous conference to purchase Filing Cabinet, made their report, stating that the File had been bought, the committee was released.

The Committee named by previous conference, to make arrangement with the National Association for a Christian Workers Institute, their work being finished, and the Institute held, the Committee making their report and it being accepted, the Committee was released.

The Special Committee, named by previous conference, 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. This Committee's report was accepted and the committee released.

The Investigating Committee of 10 Ministers, named by previous conference to investigate a minister in question, this committee having finished their work, and making a satisfactory report, the committee was released.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE DAY

Item 1. We recommend that we discuss the idea of rotating the ministers who preach at conference. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided it would be best to leave it as it is.

Item 2. We recommend that a committee of three men be elected to investigate the possibilities of securing property in Beckley to build a church. Passed.

The Committee named on the above Item is as follows:

Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. D. W. French

We recommend that the Ministerial Fund be used to buy the Beckley Property. Passed.

The above named Committee, has power invested to them by this Conference to use said (Ministerial) Fund, to buy Beckley Property.

Item 3. We recommend that Rev. D. W. French be paid \$25.00 for mileage, this Item was referred to general session.

Item 4. We recommend that the attention of the Executive Board be called to the fact, that some ministers and deacons, whose credentials should have been collected are still in possession of them. And that the Clerk be authorized to write the Chairman of the Executive Board in regard to this Item. Passed.

Item 5. We recommend that the proposition of an Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn., be discussed. Rev. R. H. Doan gave an interesting talk on the Item, and it was referred to the general session.

Item 6. We recommend that all ministers, and deacons, be urged to attend the West Virginia State Meeting, June 9, and 10, 1950. Passed.

There being no other business, pertaining to this conference, the conference was adjourned, and dismissed with prayer.

GENERAL SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 6—9:30 A.M.

Devotional in charge of host pastor, Rev. J. L. Callahan.

Song— "Stepping in the Light".

Prayer led by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Scripture— 1 John 3, read by Bro. Callahan.

* Song— "Meet Me There".

Testimony by Bro. Charlie Martin.

Song— "Amazing Grace", while a fellowship handshake was in progress.

The clerk took charge and proceeded to elect a moderator.

Rev. R. H. Doan was elected moderator.

Rev. L. V. Basham assistant moderator.

Moderator took charge.

Testimony by Rev. Ray Crum from Boone Q. M.

Other ministers and visitors welcomed by Moderator.

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

The voting power was next separated.

Business Committee elected as follows:

Rev. G. E. Pauley, Chairman

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. Royce French

Rev. Yule Tilley

Rev. G. E. Wood

Rev. Paul Moore

Rev. Basil Baldwin

Reports of standing committees.

Rev. D. W. French stated that there was no report for the Executive Board.

In reporting for the Organization and Examining Boards, Rev. W. C. Combs stated that one church had been organized at Reedtown; also that they had licensed three ministers and renewed the license of two ministers, and ordained three deacons and one minister.

For the Publication Committee Bro. Combs stated that the revised edition of the By-Laws had been printed and was ready for distribution.

In reporting on the Statistics Committee the clerk explained what should be put in some of the items on the church forms. It was reported that one member of the committee, sister Jimmie Atkinson, was unable to serve because of illness.

The money from the church reports was adjusted at this time. Bro. Blair Gilland of Kilsyth gave a report on the F.W.B. League Conference.

Rev. Paul Moore, adult counsellor for the League, gave a five minute talk on the youth work.

Song— "An Evening Prayer" by Sister Betty Skinner.

The assistant moderator took charge while Bro. Doan gave a report on the work at Pinecrest Sanitarium.

A ten minute recess before the preaching hour.

Rev. Ray Crum, Yearly Meeting Evangelist, preached using as his topic, Micah 7,7, "I will look unto the Lord."

SATURDAY, 1:30 P.M.

Moderator in charge of devotional service.

While Sister Betty Skinner played the piano, silent prayer was offered in remembrance of our members who have departed this life.

Bro. Basham took charge and gave an inspirational talk.

Prayer led by Bro. Virgil Cook.

Special music by the Kallarney quartette.

Bro. Charlie Martin of Crab Orchard was appointed chairman of the Next Session Committee.

A letter from the Sunday School Workers was read as was also a letter from the Boone Q. M. Both were accepted as read and Bro. Ray Crum, from the Boone Q. M. was given the right hand of welcome.

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

Special singing by a "Pick-up" quartette.

Song— "Jacob's Ladder", by Brother Pauley.

Report of Business Committee by Bro. Pauley, Chairman:

1. We, your Business Committee recommend that an offering be lifted for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lillybrook church for the purpose of flooring the church. Passed.

2. Recommend that a member be elected to fill the unexpired term of Sister Atkinson of the Statistics Board. Passed.

3. Recommend that \$27.00 be paid as board to Bro. Bernie Jenkins, and \$12.00 to Bro. Combs for the board of the teachers of the Christian Worker's Institute. Passed.

4. Recommend that the Blackberry church of Reedtown be received into the conference. Passed.

5. Recommend that Bro. Doan be paid \$26 mileage for committee work to Fry and Naoma to meet the State Meeting Executive Board. Passed.

6. Recommend that a committee for three be elected to present to the W. Va. State Meeting business committee, a proposition to build an orphanage cot-

tage at Greenville, Tenn., and if the committee that goes to the State Meeting does not receive any encouragement they shall meet with the Orphanage Board of the state of Tenn. Passed.

7. Recommend to give to the Old State Road Church at Spanishburg \$75 on their church when a correction is made in their deed and it is placed in the Safety Deposit box. Passed.

8. Recommend to give Bro. French \$25 for mileage. Passed.

9. Recommend to give Bro. Combs \$3.40 for mileage. Passed.

10. Recommend that the clerk write to the War Ridge Church and request that they report by next conference. Passed.

11. After a request by the Chestnut Grove Church for a pastor, the ministers who were not pastoring churches or were available were asked to stand, so that the delegates of Chestnut Grove Church could pick whom they desired.

The question was asked "is a deacon who is not ordained required to pay \$1.00 conference dues?" Article 9; Section 6 of the By-Laws was read as an answer.

Sister Kathleen Arthur gave a report on the Woman's Auxiliary after which Bro. Combs gave a three minute talk on auxiliaries.

The delegate from the Blackberry church was given the right hand of fellowship.

An offering amounting to \$32.66 was lifted for the Auxiliary of Lillybrook church.

Sister Betty Skinner was elected to fill the vacancy on the Statistics Board.

Elected on the Committee to see about the orphanage cottage were Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman, Rev. G. E. Pauley, and Rev. W. C. Combs.

Bro. Charlie Martin announced that the next conference to begin at 10 a.m., on Friday before the first Sunday in Aug. would be held at Camp Creek.

Assigned to preach at the next session were: on Friday night, Rev. Milburn Bailey, using as his topic, Isaiah 52, 1, "Awake, awake put on thy strength, put on thy beautiful garment," and Rev. W. C. Combs on Saturday at 11 a.m., on the subject, "Pentecost".

Song— "Stepping in the Light".

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Lillybrook church and it's pastor for their hospitality.

Benediction by Rev. Milburn Bailey.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received in Minutes	\$367.50
Adjustments in Church Letters	3.75
Received from Last Conference	1.00
Received from S. S. Workers	5.00
Received Orphan's Home Fund	10.00
Received Building Fund	144.25
Total Received	\$531.50

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Pastor	Church M'ber's	State of Religion	Avg. S.S. Att.	Condition of S.S.
Berries Branch, Rev. T. W. Hampton	-----	27	Fair	30	Good
Judson, Rev. L. D. Kendrick	-----	23	Good	30	Fair
Old State Road, Rev. Yule Tilley	-----	8	Fair	40	Fair
Good Hope, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	65	Fair	50	Good
Beeson, Rev. Yule Tilley	-----	15	Fair	35	Fair
Chestnut Grove, Out of a pastor	-----	24		35	Good
Black Berry, Rev. Milburn Bailey	-----	24	Good	35	Good
Fairview, Rev. L. A. Lilly	-----	27	Good	50 to 55	Good
Barkers Ridge, Rev. Milburn Bailey	-----	26	Good	34	Good
Barn, Rev. J. V. Basham	-----	19	Good	40	Good
Madeline, Rev. T. W. Hampton	-----	50	Good		Good
Killarney, Rev. G. D. Black	-----	24	Fair	35	Good
Lillybrook, Rev. J. L. Callahan	-----	32	Good	45	Fair
Scarbro, Rev. J. L. Callahan	-----	14	Good	25	Fair
Eccles, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	24			Good
Oak Grove, Rev. Floyd Minor	-----	14	Fair	50	Fair
East Gulf, Rev. L. V. Basham	-----	28	Good	80	Good
Sophia, Rev. D. W. French	-----	176	Good	335	Fine
Naoma, Rev. D. W. French	-----	53		135	Good
Maynot, Rev. W. C. Combs	-----	54	Fine	70	Good
Ghent, Rev. Royce French	-----	34		70	Good
Grace Chapel, Rev. J. L. Callahan	-----	21	Good	42	Fair
Bethel, Rev. D. W. French	-----	106	Good	275	Good
Fairdale, Rev. W. C. Combs	-----	15	Fair	70	Good
Camp Creek, Rev. L. L. Martin, Jr.	-----	19	Fair	40	Good
Price Hill and Kilsyth, Rev. R. H. Doan	-----	161	Good	230	Good
Rhodell, Rev. G. E. Wood	-----	23	Fair		Good
Hot Coal, Rev. John Spencer	-----	13	Fair	46	Fair
Ury, Rev. John Spencer	-----	34	Good	65	Good
Grassy Bank, L. V. Basham	-----	54	Good	61	Excellent
War Ridge, Did not report	-----				

