

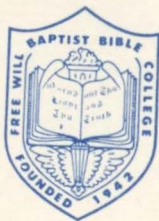
The Minutes of
The Forty-First Quarterly Session
of the
BECKLEY CONFERENCE

Of
Free Will
Baptist Church

In Session at
CAMP CREEK CHURCH
CAMP CREEK, W. VA.
Rev. D. W. French, Moderator

Sister Nancy Booth, Clerk

Coal City, W. Va.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

MINUTES OF FORTY-FIRST MINISTERIAL
BECKLEY CONFERENCE OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

FRIDAY 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

Camp Creek, West Virginia

Devotional by host pastor, Rev. L. L. Martin.

Song, "Victory in Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Baldwin.
Song, "Give Me Your Hand".

Meeting turned over to clerk, and a Moderator
elected for the day.

Rev. Elden Pauley, elected Moderator for the day.

Rev. G. D. Black, elected assistant Moderator for
the day.

Business Committee for the day elected as follows:

Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman

Rev. B. L. Baldwin

Rev. Paul J. Moore

Rev. Milburn Bailey

Rev. L. L. Martin

Minutes of previous session read and approved as
read.

A partial report was received as given by Rev.
W. C. Combs, on the Beckley property.

Moved and sustained that we receive Bro. Mc-
Daniel's report pending receipt of His Ministerial fee.
Bro. McDaniel brought His \$2.00 fee on Saturday, and
the money turned over to Bro. Tilley, treasurer.

Ministers report cards read and approved as read.

Ministers reporting at this session are as follows:

Rev. B. L. Baldwin	Ordained
Rev. G. D. Black	Ordained
Rev. Milburn Bailey	Ordained
Rev. F. C. Calhoun	Ordained
Rev. Royce French	Ordained
Rev. H. B. Godby	Ordained
Rev. Lewis Higginbotham in person	Ordained
Rev. Paul J. Moore	Ordained
Rev. L. L. Martin	Ordained
Rev. Robert Sanger	Ordained
Rev. John Spencer	Ordained
Rev. G. E. Wood	Ordained
Rev. L. V. Basham	Ordained
Rev. W. C. Combs	Ordained
Rev. R. H. Doan	Ordained
Rev. D. W. French	Ordained
Rev. T. W. Hampton	Ordained
Rev. L. A. Lilly	Ordained
Rev. Floyd Minor	Ordained
Rev. Elden Pauley	Ordained
Rev. Ora Sargent	Ordained
Rev. Yule Tilley	Ordained
Rev. G. R. Whitt	Ordained
Rev. R. C. Bowers	Licensed
Rev. Harrison W. Cline	Licensed
Rev. Cyril Lilly	Licensed
Rev. Valentine Prince	Licensed
Rev. W. V. Cook	Licensed
Rev. Okey Cox in person	Licensed
Rev. Jack McDaniel	Licensed
Rev. Lucien Saunders	Licensed

29 Ministers reported paying their regular \$2.00 fee.

1 Minister reported to Conference to be received by letter.

One Minister, being newly Licensed, reported in person as required by the Conference.

Regularly moved and sustained to adjourn for Bible study, Rev. W. C. Combs was elected to teach the lesson for the day, using the 11th chapter of first Cor. for the discussion.

Song, "Where Could I Go But to the Lord?"

While the congregation sang a hand shake was enjoyed by all.

Rev. N. R. Smith from the Free Will Baptist College was recognized.

Rev. E. E. Cody from Fayette Conference was recognized.

Dismissed for Lunch by prayer by Rev. N. R. Smith.

1:30 O'clock P.M.

Devotional by Rev. Elden Pauley. Song, "Only One Step More."

Scripture 1 Cor. 6th Chapter. Led in prayer by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Rev. R. H. Doan's report card read and received as read.

Testimony by Rev. E. E. Cody.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Item I. We recommend that the request of the League, for a committee to investigate the prospects of purchasing a camp site on Greenbrier River, be granted and a committee elected. Passed.

Committee named on above Item 1, are as follows:

Rev. Paul J. Moore, Chairman

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. R. H. Doan

Item 2. We recommend that hereafter a minister shall accept the pastorate of no more than two churches, with the exception that he be allowed to develop a new work during the fiscal year. This Item passed, and was tabled until next conference.

Item 3. We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$10.00 for two special sessions above the one regular, also \$1.50 for postage. Passed.

Item 4. We recommend that the sample yearly report as submitted by the Clerk, be entered into the minutes at the end of the fiscal year. Passed.

Item 5. We recommend that Bro. Lewis Higginbotham be received to the fellowship of this Body. This Item passed pending the accepting of Crooked Run Church into the conference.

Item 6. We recommend that we live article 11, section 17 and 18. Passed.

Moved and sustained from the floor, to amend article 11, section 17, to read as follows:

All applicants for Ministerial License shall study

a prescribed course prepared by this Conference, before coming before the Examining Board for Ordination.

Moved and sustained from the floor, to use the Treatise of Faith and By-Laws, for above prescribed course.

Item 7. We recommend that a committee be elected to check the Books of the Clerk. This request was granted at the request of the Clerk. Passed.

Committee named on Item 7 are as follows:

Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman

Rev. R. H. Doan

Rev. Elden Pauley

Rev. R. H. Doan related to this Body, that West Virginia State Meeting has completed plans to build an Orphanage Cottage, at Greenville, Tenn., and that the Officials of the Orphanage Home, have already been told to go ahead with the work.

Moved and sustained to adjourn.

Song, "Amazing Grace", while a good old fashion hand shake was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cyril Lilly.

GENERAL SESSION

Saturday 9:30 A.M.

Rev. L. L. Martin, pastor in charge of devotional.

Song: "All Alone."

Prayer led by Rev. R. H. Doan.

Scripture Psalm 23, pastor.

Song: "An Empty Mansion," with fellowship hand shake.

The clerk took charge and moderator elected was Rev. D. W. French with Rev. Basil Baldwin elected as assistant.

Moderator took charge.

Testimony by Sister Lelia Martin and others.

Song: "Sweet By and By" followed by the reading of the previous session minutes. They were approved following one correction.

The voting power was separated.

Business Committee elected as follows:

Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman
Rev. G. E. Pauley
Rev. L. V. Basham
Rev. G. E. Woods
Rev. L. L. Martin, Jr.
Rev. Royce French
Rev. G. D. Black

Bro. Shirley Sarrett was elected chairman of the Next Session Committee.

The reports of committees sent out from the last conference was next.

Rev. R. H. Doan reported for the committee sent out to see about the State Meeting building an Orphans Cottage at the F. W. B. Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn. He reported that the plan met with the approval of the State and that an \$18,000 cottage would be built there soon.

The report was received, the committee thanked for their work and dismissed by vote.

Next the clerk stated that she had written to the clerk of the War Ridge church, asking why they had not reported at conference but had received no reply. Bro. French stated that he had received a letter that would be turned over to the Business Committee.

Reports of standing committees:

1. Executive Board: No report.

2. Organization Board: Rev. W. C. Combs stated that three churches had been organized. One each at Piedmont, near Matoka, at Crooked Run, near Fayetteville and at Maple Fork.

3. Examining Board: Bro. Combs stated that they had ordained one deacon and licensed two ministers.

4. Publication Board: No report.

5. Statistics Board: No report.

6. F. W. B. League Board reported by Bro. Blair Gilland of Kilsyth. His report was received as read since he reported on the League Conference held the previous week and the organization of a State F. W. B. League at Beckwith on Sunday, July 30.

Bro. French welcomed other denominations and visitors to the conference.

Financial adjustments followed.

A letter from the Sunday School workers was read and received as read.

Also a letter from Bro. Raymond Sutphin, clerk of the Yearly Meeting was read notifying the confer-

ence of the change of the meeting place of the Yearly Meeting. It was voted to receive the letter and have the clerk file it away for future reference.

An eight minute recess was declared before the preaching hour.

Rev. W. C. Combs preached using as his topic, "Pentecost".

Saturday, 1:30 P.M.

Rev. Basil Baldwin in charge of devotional.

Song: "Glory Land Way."

Prayer led by Rev. Royce French.

Special singing by Quartette, Poe Sisters and Rev. G. E. Pauley who sang "Jacobs Ladder" by special request; also a pick up quartette composed of four of the young people.

Scripture reading Rev. 3, 14 through 20th verses by Bro. Baldwin.

Testimonies by various people.

Song: "Anywhere Is Home," after which Bro. French took charge.

The report of the Woman's Auxilliary by Sister Kathleen Arthur was received as read. She stated that hereafter the Auxiliary would meet when the League did that is one week before General Session.

Bro. Shirley Sarrett announced that the next conference to begin at 10 a.m. on Friday before the first Sunday in November would be held with the Ghent F. W. B. church, Ghent, W. Va.

Business Committee's report:

1. We recommend that Rev. T. W. Hampton be paid \$8.00 for mileage. Passed.

2. Recommend to pay Rev. Yule Tilley \$1.05 for postage. Passed.

3. Recommend to give to the Fairview church \$100. They spent \$1400. Passed.

4. We recommend that we receive the Crooked Run church and it's pastor into this conference. Passed.

5. Recommend to receive the Piedmont church into the conference. Passed.

6. Recommend that concerning the Maple Fork church that the conference appoint a committee to meet with the pastor, deacons and trustees of that church that we all might reach a better understanding. Passed.

7. The item concerning Old State Road church discarded after Bro. Tilley stated that it had been taken care of.

8. Recommend to pay Rev. W. C. Combs \$10. for mileage. Passed.

9. Recommend that this conference turn over the Orphans Home Fund to the Rev. D. W. French, State Treasurer. Passed.

10. Recommend that every pastor and his church raise all they can for the home at Greenville, Tenn. Passed.

11. Recommend that this conference ask the Yearly Meeting for a letter of dismissal with recommendation. Passed.

12. Recommend that this conference elect delegates to send to the Yearly Meeting with the proper fee. Passed.

13. Recommend that when a new church comes to the conference that it send with its letter a list of all its members. Passed.

14. Recommend that the pastors of churches who do not have their churches deeded to the Beckley Conference labor with their trustees and get their deeds right. Passed.

15. Recommend that the conference send a pastor to the War Ridge church. Passed.

16. Recommend that this conference have a sample deed made to place in the hands of the Chairman of the Organizing Board so he can show each church how to make their deed. Amendment: that the Executive Board, which has a sample deed, supply the organizing board with a duplicate one. Passed.

17. Recommend that every one who possibly can, attend the Christian Workers Institute at Kilsyth the last week in Sept. and the first week in October. Passed.

18. Recommend that the conference take an offering for this church and for the church hereafter where the conference is held. Also give a vote of thanks to the church. Passed.

The delegates elected to attend the Yearly Meeting were Bro. Virgil Cook with Bro. Buster Vandall as his alternate and Bro. Elmer Cole with Sister Dessie Cole as his alternate.

Rev. Ora Sargent was appointed to go to the War Ridge church and if he met with their approval to serve then as pastor.

The committee elected to meet with the Maple Fork Church was:

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman

Rev. W. C. Combs

Rev. Paul Moore

Rev. T. W. Hampton

Rev. Basil Baldwin

The election of officers followed.

Sister Nancy Booth reelected as clerk.

Rev. Yule Tilley reelected as treasurer.

Rev. R. H. Doan was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

Rev. Royce French elected to serve the vacancy on the Organizing Board, and Rev. Basil Baldwin was elected to fill the vacancy created by Rev. F. C. Calhoun's resignation on the same Board.

Bro. Calhoun also resigned from the Examination Board and Rev. G. D. Black was elected to fill this vacancy.

Bro. Pauley resigned his place on the Examination Board and Rev. Royce French was elected to fill this vacancy.

Rev. Yule Tilley was elected to replace Bro. Combs whose term had expired on the Examination Board.

Rev. D. W. French appointed Rev. Royce French to serve as chairman of the above named board.

The Statistics Board will be composed of the clerk, Sister Ossie Martin and Sister Frances Smith.

An offering amounting to \$31.12 was lifted for the Camp Creek church.

Rev. Combs was retained on the Publication Board.

Trustees of the Conference elected were:

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman

Rev. R. H. Doan

Rev. W. C. Combs

The pastor of the Crooked Run Church, Rev. Lewis Higginbotham, their delegates and the delegates of the Piedmont church were given the right hand of fellowship.

Appointed to preach at the next conference were on Friday night, Rev. Paul Moore, using as his topic Romans 1, 20, "So that they are without excuse."

On Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Rev. R. H. Doan, I Cor. 17, 9 "And they shall dwell in their Place and shall be moved no more."

A motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Bro. Elmer Cole.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received at this Conference:

Minutes	\$374.00
Evangelistic	150.00
Orphans	10.00
S. S. Workers	5.00
	539.00
Money Adjustments	+.75
Total Received	\$539.75

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Pastor	Church M'ber's	State of Religion	Avg. S.S. Att.	Condition of S.S.
Fairdale, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	15	Fair	47	Poor
Killarney, Rev. G. D. Black	-----	23	Fair	35	Good
Naoma, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	51		100	Good
Beeson Chapel, Rev. Yule Tilley	-----	20		45	
East Gulf, Rev. L. V. Basham	-----	28	Good	70	Good
Good Hope, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	63	Fair	53	Good
Chestnut Grove, Rev. G. B. Black	-----	29	Good	35	Good
Eccles, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	-----	25	Good		
Old State Road, Rev. Yule Tilley	-----	9	Fair	42	Fair
Grassy Bank, Rev. Elzie Wood	-----	57	Good	69	Good
Barn, Rev. L. V. Basham	-----	27	Fair	25	Good
Scarbro, Rev. J. I. Calhoun	-----	19	Fair	20	Fair
Sophia, Rev. D. W. French	-----	185	Good	332	Fine
Ghent, Rev. Royce French	-----	34		65	Good
Maynor, Rev. W. C. Combs	-----	52	Fair	70	Fair
Rhodell, Rev. G. E. Wood	-----	23	Good	35	Good
Camp Creek, Rev. L. L. Martin, Jr.	-----	24	Fair	35	Fair
Judson, Rev. Leo Kendrick	-----	13	Good	25	Fair
Kilsyth, Rev. R. H. Doan	-----	151	Good	235	Good
Madeline, Rev. T. W. Hampton	-----	42			
Grace-Chapel, Rev. J. I. Calhoun	-----	15	Fair	40	Fair
Oak Grove, Rev. T. W. Hampton	-----	24	Fair	50	Fair
Blackberry at Reed Town, Rev. Milburn Bailey	-----	24	Good	55 to 60	Good
Fairview, Rev. L. A. Lilly	-----	34	Good		Good
Barkers Ridge, Rev. Milburn Bailey	-----	26	Good	34	Good
Bethel, Rev. D. W. French	-----	118	Good	275	Good
Ury, Rev. John Spencer	-----	31	Good	70	Good
Berry's Branch, Rev. Basil Baldwin	-----	26	Fair		Fair
Lillybrook, Rev. L. V. Basham	-----	34	Fair	55	Fair
Crooked Run, Rev. Lewis Higginbotham	-----	14	Good	New Church	Good
Piedmont, Rev. Milburn Bailey	-----		Did Not Report	54	
War Ridge, Rev. Ora Sargent	-----		Did Not Report		
Hot Coal, Rev. John Spencer	-----				

Kilsyth report includes Price Hill Extension Work.

	No. Sermons	No. Revivals	Prof. Wit.	Baptized	Added to Church	Funerals	Chs. Pastored	Chs. Organized	Weddings Perf.	Bible Schools	Money Received
Rev. B. L. Baldwin	118	5	29	13	27	1					\$ 324.58
Rev. G. D. Black	55	1	20		3	3	2				382.13
Rev. L. V. Basham	92	2	38	16	38	3	3				499.53
Rev. Milburn Bailey	175	5	59	49	54	2	2	2			180.00
Rev. W. C. Combs	113	1	7	6	7	1	2			2	590.00
Rev. J. L. Callahan	90	1	43	30	26	1	3				1,125.00
Rev. F. O. Calhoun	154	2	126	62	39	6	2	2			725.68
Rev. H. W. Cline	19										10.00
Rev. R. H. Doan	252	12	380	155	54	16	1		11		3,302.97
Rev. Royce French	101	2	14	8	6	3	1		2		573.48
Rev. D. W. French	171	5	257	171	212	28	3		18		3,101.00
Rev. H. B. Godby	84		17	20							83.44
Rev. T. W. Hampton	92	1	28		15	5	2		1		300.00
Rev. Leo Kendrick	60	2	60	34	12	3	1				200.00
Rev. L. A. Lilly	87	4	28	26	15		1	1			52.50
Rev. P. J. Moore	87	3	21	8							567.52
Rev. Floyd Minor	90			18	9	4	1				
Rev. L. L. Martin	53	2	9	11	8	2	1				31.75
Rev. Val, Prince	71	1	17	28		1					29.65
Rev. G. E. Pauley	221	5	214	103		4			6		2,786.88
Rev. Bob Sanger	82	4	36	10		2					292.33
Rev. Jno. Spencer	146	5	110	35	22	2	2				394.79
Rev. Ora Sargent	65	1	45	50		1					84.21
Rev. Yule Tiley	131	2	36	28	32	1	2	2			115.81
Rev. G. E. Wood	141		16	17	29	4	1		2		300.00
Rev. G. R. Whitt	37	1									29.54
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2596	67	1609	898	605	92	30	7	40	2	\$16,082.79

The above annual report, only covers Ministers that were in the Conference the entire fiscal year ending July 31, 1950.

