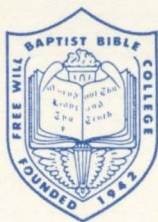


The Minutes of
The Forty-third Quarterly Session
of the
BECKLEY CONFERENCE
Of
Free Will
Baptist Church

In Session at
SOPHIA CHURCH
SOPHIA, W. VA.

Rev. G. E. Pauley, Moderator
Sister Nancy Booth, Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1951

10:00 A. M.

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

Hymn, by the congregation.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13 Chapter.

Prayer, by Rev. Kenneth Brown.

After a welcome address given by the host Pastor, the meeting was turned over to the Clerk and Rev. L. V. Basham was elected Moderator and Rev. G. D. Black was elected assistant Moderator for the day.

Moved and sustained from the floor, that Item No. 1, from previous conference, be lifted from the table and be disposed of. PASSED.

The above Item was as follows: We recommend that Article II, Section 13 a, be revised that each minister report on Ministerial Conference day, which is on Friday, by letter or in person, and if he be absent on Friday, he must report in person on Saturday.

Moved and sustained from the floor, that the By-Laws stand as they now are. (Article II, Section 13 a).

BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE DAY

Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman

Rev. H. B. Godbey

Rev. Elden Pauley

Rev. John Spencer

Rev. Yule Tilley

Moved and sustained that we adjourn, and instead of having the Bible study as is customary, that Rev. Kenneth Brown, preach instead. PASSED.

Devotional was in charge of Rev. W. V. Cook.

Prayer by all at the altar.

Scripture 1 Sam., and 1 chapter.

Scripture Text, 1 Cor. 6th chapter.

A wonderful message to the Ministry was enjoyed by all present.

While the congregation was waiting for the Ladies to spread lunch, the following people gave Testimony.

Rev. L. V. Basham, Rev. Elden Pauley, Rev. G. E. Wood, Rev. Okey Cox, Rev. H. B. Godbey, Bro. Cody from Fayette Conference and Rev. John Spencer.

1:30 O'Clock P. M.

Devotional by Rev. G. D. Black.

Hymn, I'll Fly Away.

Prayer, by all at the Altar.

A talk given by Rev. Kenneth Brown on MISSIONS, was enjoyed by all present.

Moderator now takes over, and ask that the ministers cards be read.

Ministers Cards read and approved as read.

The following is a list prepared by your Clerk, as to how your Ministers reported at these Sessions.

NAME:	FRI.	SAT.	LET.	NO.
Rev. Milburn Bailey		v	v	1
Rev. B. L. Baldwin	v	v	v	1
Rev. L. V. Basham	v	v	v	1
Rev. Charles Bells		v	v	1
Rev. R. C. Bowers	v	v	v	1

Rev. G. D. Black	v	v	v	1
Rev. F. C. Calhoun		v	v	1
Rev. Okey Cox	v	v	v	1
Rev. W. C. Combs	v	v	v	1
Rev. W. V. Cook	v	v	v	1
Rev. H. W. Cline				
Rev. J. L. Callahan				
Rev. R. H. Doan			v	1
Rev. Royce French	v	v	v	1
Rev. D. W. French	v	v	v	1
Rev. William Gray			v	1
Rev. H. B. Godbey	v	v	v	1
Rev. T. W. Hampton	v	v	v	1
Rev. Lewis Higginbotham	v	v	v	1
Rev. Boyd Johnson	v	v	v	1
Rev. Leo Kendrick				
Rev. L. A. Lilly			v	1
Rev. Cyril Lilly	v		v	1
Rev. Eugene Maddy	v	v	v	4
Rev. L. L. Martin	v		v	1
Rev. Paul J. Moore			v	1
Rev. Floyd Minor				
Rev. Jack McDanniel	v		v	1
Rev. Elden Pauley	v	v	v	1
Rev. Valentine Prince	v	v	v	1
Rev. Esley Rierson	v	v	v	1
Rev. Lucien Saunders				
Rev. Ora Sargent			v	1
Rev. Robert Sanger		v		
Rev. John Spencer	v	v	v	1
Rev. Yule Tilley	v	v	v	1
Rev. Preston Wyatt	v	v	v	1
Rev. G. R. Whitt	v	v	v	1
Rev. G. E. Wood	v	v	v	1

The question of Bro. Bells, receiving members in the church, he being only a licensed minister. was discussed from the floor, and it was moved and sustained, that Bro. Bells be informed of his error on his card. PASSED.

While the congregation sing a hymn, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the new members of the conference.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Item 1. Since it has been a custom that this body give a wreath of flowers to one of it's minister members or his immediate family, in case of death, We recommend that we give Bro. Leo Kendrick \$15.00 as it is a little late to get the flowers. PASSED.

Item 2. We recommend that a Committee of three be elected to prepare in leaflet form the essential requirements of the ministry contained in the By-Laws, to be placed in the hands of the Ordination Council to be given to the young ministers. PASSED.

Committee elected on above Item, as follows: Rev. W. C. Combs, Rev. L. V. Basham and Rev. T. W. Hampton.

Moved and sustained from the floor, that the Clerk be authorized to mail a card of sympathy, to Bro. Kendrick, and also get-well cards to Bro. Doan who is ill in the Beckley Hospital, and Bro. Paul Moore, who is ill in the Raleigh General Hospital. PASSED.

Moved and sustained, that the matter of Executive Chairman, be refered to Business Committee of the General Session on Saturday, PASSED.

Moved and sustained, to adjourn until 7:30 O'Clock P. M. PASSED.

Dismissed with prayer, by Rev. Yule Tilley.

GENERAL SESSION

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1951, 9:30 A. M.

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

Song; "Glory Land Way."

Scripture reading, Psalms 107, by Bro. French.

Prayer led by Rev. G. E. Pauley.

Song; "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Welcome by Bro. French following which the clerk took charge.

Rev. G. E. Pauley was elected moderator and Rev. Royce French was elected assistant Moderator.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved as read.

The voting power was next separated and Bro. Estil Lambert was appointed to properly seat the people as they entered.

A seven man business committee was nominated and the seven were voted on at one time. They were:

• Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman

Rev. L. V. Basham

Rev. T. W. Hampton

Rev. Yule Tilley

Rev. Basil Baldwin

Rev. Lewis Higginbotham

Rev. G. D. Black

Bro. N. B. Meadows was elected chairman of the next Session Com.

Reports of standing committees:

Executive Board: Rev. D. W. French stated that the matter of the Scarbro Church has been cleared up to the satisfaction of both the members and the Executive Board.

Organization Board, no report.

Examination Board: Bro. Royce French stated that two ministers had been ordained, eight deacons ordained and two ministers licensed. Those who were present were introduced to the conference.

Publication Board: no report.

F. W. B. League: an excellent report was given by Bro. Galen Dunbar of Kilsyth.

Testimony by Rev. Robert Sanger.

Letter from the Sunday School Workers was read and accepted as read.

A copy of the letter of thanks to the Yearly Meeting was read by the Clerk and approved as read.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary by Sister Kathleen Arthur followed.

Special singing by the Naoma girls quartette.

The visitors were welcomed by Bro. Pauley.

A five minute recess was declared before the preaching hour.

Rev. F. C. Calhoun preached, using as his topic "As an Eagle Stirreth up Her Nest," from Deut. 32.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

Song: "When I Reach that City."

Scripture reading, Rom. 13, by Bro. Pauley.

Special singing by the Naoma girls quartette.

Prayer led by Rev. G. D. Black.

Testimony by Bro. George Tokash of Cranberry.

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

The delegates were dismissed to decide where the next session would be held.

Piano solo by Bro. Philip Douglas.

Testimonies by Bro. Jack Land and Sister Charley Martin.

To preach at the next session are, on Friday night, Rev. G. D. Black, from Daniel 2, 5, "The thing is Gone from Me." On Saturday morning at 11 a. m. Rev. D. W. French, from Ezek. 34, 9, "Oh ye Shepherds, Hear the Voice of the Lord." They were appointed by the moderator.

Special Song, "Jacob's Vision" by Bro. Pauley.

Bro. N. B. Meadows announced that the Next Conference, to begin on Friday at 10 a. m. before the first Sunday in May would be held at Kilsyth.

At the request of the moderator, Bro. Combs explained about the financial assessments of the conference. That is who pays and what it is used for.

The report of the Business Committee by Bro. Combs, chairman as follows:

1. We, your business committee recommend that an offering be lifted for the Sophia Church to apply on their purchase of seats for the church as has been customary for that church which is host to the conference. Passed, and while the congregation sang "I Can Tell you the Time" an offering amounting to \$80.12 was received.

2. We recommend that Sister Booth be authorized to prepare a list of those churches contributing to the

Orphan's Home with the amount contributed by each. This list to be given to Bro. French to accompany the amount sent to Bro. Stanley at Greenville, Tenn. Passed.

3. We recommend that the treasurer be authorized to give Sister Booth the amount of the rent due on the safety box she be requested to make that payment. Passed.

4. We recommend that the clerk be authorized to dispose of those surplus papers, church reports etc.. not essential to the record of the progress of the Quarterly Meeting, which have accumulated over a period of years, to within one year of this present time.

A copy of each issue of minutes shall be kept as a matter of historical record. Passed.

5. We recommend that the clerk be authorized to secure fifty each of deacons ordination certificates and Ministers certificates of license. Passed.

6. We recommend that the following bills be paid:

Rev. T. W. Hampton		\$2.80 for mileage
Rev. Yule Tilley		7.00 for mileage
Rev. D. W. French		7.30 for mileage
Rev. G. D. Black		3.20 for mileage
Rev. Royce French		4.10 for mileage
Sis. Nancy Booth		1.50 Post. & Stat.
Total		\$25.90

This passed.

7. We recommend that the Beeson Chapel church be given \$88.39 which is \$75. per one thousand on \$1178.59 spent by them on the construction of their church. Passed.

8. We recommend that this body go on record as extending our sympathy to Rev. Leo Kendrick in the

loss of his child also we share the sympathy of the Barn Church in the loss of a member, Sister Lucille McGhee. Passed and after a minute of silent prayer Bro. French led in prayer.

9. We recommend that the letter received from the War Ridge Church be referred to the Executive Board for their consideration and the action they deem wise, with a record on same being given at next conference. Passed.

10. We recommend that it be called to the attention of all churches that the acceptance and dismissal of members must be by a presentation for acceptance and vote of the body, also the dismissal letter must be signed by the pastor before it is legal. Passed.

11. We recommend that, since Bro. Hampton has a mimeograph machine, he be authorized to prepare letter of dismissal forms, coinciding with the Treatise of Faith, in the amount of 500 and they be supplied to all churches. He shall turn in a bill for cost of material at next conference, also if he needs help he may ask for same. Passed.

12. We recommend that a committee be elected to prepare letterhead forms and have stationery prepared to be used for both Ministerial and General Session correspondence. Since the Executive Board chairman, Ministerial clerk, and Publication work and correspondence are located at Crab Orchard, we suggest that the return address be Crab Orchard; yet we leave that to the discretion of this body. Passed and committee elected was, Rev. W. C. Combs, chairman, Rev. T. W. Hampton, and Rev. D. W. French.

13. We recommend that the moderator appoint some one to be at the door to receive any contributions

that may be given to Bro. Paul Moore, who is in the hospital. Passed and Bro. Ellison of Ghent was appointed to do that. \$43.40 was received.

14. We recommend that the Hot Coal Church be supplied with a pastor acceptable to them since they are without one.

Passed and all available pastors were asked to stand and Rev. Preston Wyatt was appointed to go to Hot Coal.

Bro. Tilley gave a financial report.

Bro. Charley Martin spoke in behalf of helping Bro. Paul Moore to pay his hospital bill. He suggested that all the churches lift an offering on Sun. Feb. 4th (the Sunday following conference) which would be given to Bro. Moore.

Sister Marjorie Meadows gave the report of the Woman's Auxiliary. It was accepted as read.

Announcements by Bro. Pauley and Bro. French.

Song; "Won't it be Wonderful There" while a fellowship handshake was in progress.

Bro. French reported on who to and when to send Orphan's Home money.

That is Rev. Yule Tilley, Beaver, W. Va.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Shirley Sarrett.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Called to order by president, Sister Kathleen Arthur.

Led in prayer by Sister Cole.

Letters from different auxiliaries was read by the Secretary. There were 7 auxiliaries reporting as follows:

Kilsyth	East Gulf
Ghent	Lillybrook
Grassy Bank	Scarbro

Bethel

Amount of dues collected \$14.

Sister Combs will be the delegate at the next conference.

A new auxiliary will be organized Feb. 9, 1951, at Sprague.

It was agreed by all to give Bro. R. H. Doan a gift of \$15.

We hope and pray that Bro. Bob will be with us at the next conference.

The Auxiliary group gave sister Arthur a delayed Christmas present.

Dismissed by prayer by Sister Martin.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Rec. in Building Fund	\$127.00
Rec. from Sunday Schools	5.00
Rec. in Minutes	383.50
Rec. for Orphans Home	127.86
Total received	\$643.36

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Pastor	Church M'ber's	State of Religion	Avg. S. S. Att.	Condition of S.S.
Sophia, Rev. D. W. French	---	161	Good	247	Fine
Chestnut Grove, Rev. G. D. Black	---	27	Good	35	Good
Barkers Ridge, Rev. Paul Moore	---	16	Fair	25	Good
Oak Grove, Rev. T. W. Hampton	---	14	Fair	50	Fair
Hot Coal, Rev. Preston Wyatt	---	10	Good	57	Good
Old State Road, Rev. L. A. Lilly	---	11	Fair	35	Good
Killarney, Rev. G. D. Black	---	19	Fair	35	Fair
Lillybrook, Rev. L. V. Basham	---	23	Fair	45	Fair
Berries Branch, Rev. Basil Baldwin	---	25	Fair	20	Fair
Camp Creek, Rev. L. L. Martin, Jr.	---	24	Fair	35	Fair
Grassy Bank, Rev. G. E. Wood	---	51	Good	67	Good
Eccles, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	---	18	---	---	---
Ghent, Rev. Royce French	---	42	Good	68	Very Good
Judson, Rev. L. D. Kendrick	---	15	Fair	30	Fair
Scarbrough, Rev. H. B. Godbey	---	11	Fair	25	Fair
Kilsyth, Rev. R. H. Doan	---	166	Good	285	Good
Rethel, Rev. D. W. French	---	124	Good	275	Good
Fairview, Rev. L. A. Lilly	---	46	Good	45	Good
Rhodell, Rev. G. E. Wood	---	30	Good	40	Very Good
Maynor, Rev. W. C. Combs	---	52	Good	70	Good
Grace Chapel, Rev. W. C. Combs	---	14	Fair	31	Fair
Blackberry, Rev. Milburn Bailey	---	23	Good	30	Good
Naoma, Rev. F. C. Calhoun	---	---	Good	128	Good
Good Hope, Rev. Paul Moore	---	50	Poor	50	Poor
Ury, Rev. John Spencer	---	28	Good	60	Good
Beeson Chapel, Rev. Yule Tilley	---	24	Fair	46	Fair
Piedmont, Rev. Milburn Bailey	---	11	Good	45	Good
East Gulf, Rev. L. V. Basham	---	25	---	65	Fair

Maple Fork, Rev. F. O. Calhoun	36	Fair	65	Fair
Fairdale, Rev. F. O. Calhoun	14	Fair	65	Good
Madeline, Rev. Valentine Prince	45		65	Fair
Sprague, Rev. R. H. Doan	28		84	Good
Barn, Rev. L. V. Basham	27	Fair	25	Good
Crooked Run, Rev. Lewis Higginbotham	13		30	Fair
War Ridge, Rev. Ora Sargent			No Report	
Price Hill, Rev. R. H. Doan	10	Fair	54	Fair
Extension work of Kilsyth				

