

**Minutes of the Annual
Bethel Conference
of North Carolina**



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Conference in 1835 was held with the church at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir county, N. C., on the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th days of November.

Eld. Robert Bond, by request, preached the Introductory sermon from Acts 10:45.

Conference was then organized by choosing Eld. Jesse Vause Moderator, Bro. Reuben Barrow, Clerk, and Bro. Joel Joyner, Asst. Clerk.

On motion Bros. Alfred Moore and John L. Clifton were appointed a committee of Finance.

On motion, the church letters were handed in, read and accepted.

On motion of Eld. Cox, the letters from Stony Run and Pleasant Hill churches were rejected, on account of their pastor, Eld. Lewis Hartsfield, and it was agreed that the said churches be dis-continued, but with privilege to return, if they will discountenance Eld. Hartsfield, and refuse him as their pastor.

On motion, a biographical sketch of the life of Elds. Frederick Fonville and Howel Hearn, be written, and that Eld. Jesse Heath be appointed to write them.

On motion of Bro. Winsor Dixon, it was agreed that the inferior Conferences have authority to call members to account for disorderly conduct after having given them letters of dismission, until they shall attach themselves to some other church or remove out of the jurisdiction of the church from which they received their dismission.

On motion of Eld. Vause, it was agreed that a committee of five persons be appointed to revise our Discipline, and report to next Conference; and that Bros. Winsor Dixon, J. A. Fonville, Robert Bond, Reuben Barrow and Daniel Cox, compose said committee.

On motion, it was agreed, that in the future, the time of holding the Annual and Quarterly Meetings be inserted in our minutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

No other business of any importance was done at this Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourn.

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