

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



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Conference in 1837 was held with the church at Louson Swamp, Lenoir county, N. C., on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of November. Eld. J. H. Dixon preached the Introductory Sermon from 1 John 3:1.

Conference then organized by choosing Elders J. H. Dixon, Moderator; Benjamin Parrott, Asst. Moderator; Bros. Reuben Barrow, Clerk; Joel Joyner, Jr., Asst. Clerk; Bros. Windsor Dixon and Alfred Moore committee on Finance.

On motion, Eld. John Utley, from the Christian Conference, be invited to a seat in this Conference.

On motion, the church letters were read and accepted.

By request of Durham Creek church, agreed, that the name of Jeremiah Rowe be again enrolled on the list of preachers.

On motion, Eld. Jesse Vause write a letter to the South Carolina Conference.

Agreed, the names of the following preachers be erased from the list of ministers in the Free Will Baptist connection: Bryan H. Glisson, Joel Clifton, David Hartsfield, Felix Kelly and Benjamin Churchill.

Voted, that Eld. Jacob Utley visit the brethren in South Carolina.

Agreed, that Elders Jesse Heath, James Moore and Robert Bond be a committee to inquire into the conduct and standing of Eld. Hartsfield, and report to this Conference.

Committee reported unfavorably and it was agreed that his name should be taken from the list of ministers.

On motion, the name of Eld. Jesse Howering be enrolled on the minutes as a minister.

Voted, that our next Annual Conference be held at Grimsley's, Greene county, commencing Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1838.

No other business of importance was done in this Conference.

Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

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