

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



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Conference in 1839 was held with the church at Fellow's Chapel, Pitt county, N. C. on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th days of November.

Elder Benjamin Parrott preached the Introductory sermon,—Text: Jude 1:21.

Conference was then duly organized by choosing Elder John Dixon, Mod., Elder Benj. Parrott, Asst. Mod., Elder Jesse Vause, Clerk, Bro. Willis Murphrey, Asst. Clerk; Elder Jacob Utley and Bro. James Spears, a committee on Finance, and Elder R. Bond, Bros. Emanuel Jarmon and Warren Bell, a committee of arrangements.

On motion, Elder Joel Clifton, from the Christian Baptist Conference, was invited to take a seat with us.

On motion, a letter was presented (directed to this Conference) from the Union Baptist connection in Georgia, requesting a correspondence, which was read and laid on the table for a more deliberate consideration of the Conference.

On motion of Elder Jesse Vause, he having been cited agreeably to an order of last Conference, to attend this Conference, on a charge preferred against him, by his request the case was taken up; and after a full investigation, the charge proved unfounded and he was honorably acquitted.

On motion, Elder Jeremiah Rowe having been cited agreeably to an order of last Conference, to attend this Conference on a charge of disorderly conduct, the case was taken up and the evidence establishing the charge appeared to the satisfaction of the Conference; therefore, ordered that his name be discontinued in our minutes.

On motion, the name of Elder Henry D. Cason be discontinued in our minutes for disorderly conduct.

On motion, the church letters were called for and read.

On motion, the names of Bros. Wm. R. Fulcher and John Barrow, be enrolled in our minutes as ministers of the Gospel.

On motion, the letters from the United Baptist connection in Georgia was taken up and received, and Elds. Bond, Parrot and Vause were appointed a committee to correspond with said denomination.

On motion, Eld. Benjamin Parrott and Robert Bond be appointed delegates to the South Carolina Conference.

On motion, Eld. Jacob Utley be appointed a delegate to the Christian Baptist Conference in. N.C.

Eld. Jeremiah Heath moved that a demand be made, that all the ministers confess that they will preach the doctrine, and support the principles and practices of the Free-Will Baptists, and that this confession and pledge be inserted in the minutes. The demand was refused by an overwhelming majority; in consequence of which Eld. Jeremiah Heath demanded that his name be erased from our minutes, which was done.

On motion, Conference adjourn.

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