

MINUTES

1888
OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAPE FEAR

Free-Will Baptist Conference,

G. B.
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

STONY RUN, SAMPSON CO., N. C.,

November 8th, 9th and 10th, 1888.

RALEIGH:

EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, POWER PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
1888.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—R. A. JOHNSON.

TREASURER—H. W. JERNIGAN.

SECRETARY—A. W. GREGORY, Barclaysville, Harnett County, N. C.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—W. J. Jernigan, B. A. Hodges and N. H. Lucas.

On Ministerial Character—N. H. Lucas, Ransom West, J. B. Jernigan, J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts.

On Mission Board—Jesse Wilson, B. A. Hodges, H. W. Jernigan, J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ALLEN FOWLER	Averasboro, N. C.
R. A. JOHNSON	Ezra, N. C.
S. B. THAIN	Glenmore, N. C.
ROBERT STRICKLAND	Glenmore, N. C.
JOHN MOORE	Beasley Hill, N. C.
J. WILSON LUCAS	Tennessee.
J. F. HILL	Goldsboro, N. C.
LUNDEE LEE	Giles' Mills, N. C.
J. E. SMITH	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
R. C. WALLACE	Selma, N. C.
J. T. W. EDWARDS	Bentonville, N. C.
J. P. OGBURN	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. H. GRIFFIS	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
W. R. GLOVER	Little River Academy, N. C.
KENITH REYNOR	Little River Academy, N. C.
J. J. ELLIS	Clayton, N. C.
W. R. F. EDWARDS	Bentonville, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

DANIEL FAIRCLOTH	Averasboro, N. C.
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ORDAINING COUNCIL.

JOHN MOORE, R. A. JOHNSON and J. F. HILL.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

STONY RUN CHURCH, SAMPSON Co., N. C.,
Thursday, November 8th, 1888.

The congregation assembles in the church at 12 o'clock, and Elder John Moore introduces services—leads in prayer.

Elder Lundee Lee, who was elected by last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, proceeds and preaches from 1st Kings xviii, 21st verse: "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner, the congregation re-assembles. A hymn is sung, and Elder Moore reads a portion of the fifth chapter of Ephesians, and offers prayer.

Elder Johnson, the Moderator, makes some remarks concerning the officers continuing in office, and no objection being made, the old officers are continued.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder Lundee Lee.

The Secretary calls Bro. T. G. Hayes to his assistance.

The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS.

R. A. Johnson, John Moore, Lundee Lee, J. E. Smith and J. P. Ogburn.

LICENTIATES.

Kenith Reynor, J. S. Ellis and Daniel Faircloth.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—W. J. Jernigan.

On Mission Board—J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope.

DELEGATES.

Prospect—N. W. Byrd and J. L. Byrd.

Hodges' Chapel—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—R. J. Norris.

Long Branch—Erasmus Lee, I. W. Taylor and J. M. Wade.

- Colyer's Chapel*—H. Lucas and E. W. Parker.
Shady Grove—R. C. Jackson.
Stony Run—J. E. Jernigan.
New Hope—Not represented.
Johnston Union—W. H. Avera and J. T. Avera.
St. Mary's Grove—Not represented.
Johnson's Chapel—W. H. Barber, Lemuel Hardee and H. D. Stevens.
Union Springs—J. P. Stevenson and T. G. Hayes.
Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
New Prospect—Not represented.
Wood's Grove—John Davis and W. D. Handley.
Friendship—Not represented.
New Chapel—Not represented.
Bethel—G. W. Keen.
Antioch—Not represented.
Anderson's Creek—W. B. Hare, Josiah Denning and B. P. Parker.
Hopewell—Charley Adams and T. W. Johnson.

A quorum being present, the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

On motion by Elder Moore, the Moderator appoints Bros. E. Lee, J. E. Smith and J. D. Stevens a committee on the Order of Business.

On motion by Bro. Lee, the Moderator appoints Bros. R. C. Jackson, N. W. Byrd and Charley Adams a committee on Religious Exercises.

The report on the Order of Business is received, and, on motion by Elder Moore, the committee is discharged. (See Order of Business.)

On motion, the Rules of Order are suspended, and the reports concerning the work of Ordination received.

The names of W. R. F. Edwards, J. S. Ellis, Kenith Reynor and W. R. Glover are enrolled as newly ordained ministers.

No names of licentiates are presented for enrollment.

No petitionary letters are received for admission.

No visiting brethren are present for enrollment.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand, at 11 o'clock, Elder John Moore, followed by Kenith Reynor.

On motion, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. E. Smith.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, November 9th, 1888.

Conference is duly opened at ten o'clock, a. m. Religious exercise is conducted by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Roll is called, and members present answer to their names, there being only three absentees.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The names of J. A. Hodges and G. W. Whittenton, delegates from Hodges' Chapel; W. E. Godwin, from Shady Grove; Ransom West, committee on Ministerial Character, H. R. Hayes, J. A. Massengill and W. M. Wise, delegates from New Hope; B. C. Harper, from St. Mary's Grove; J. R. Massengill, from Bethel; A. Mons, from Hopewell, are enrolled.

Also the names of H. W. Jernigan, Treasurer, and J. B. Jernigan, committee on Ministerial Character, are enrolled.

The name of Elder Robert Strickland is enrolled.

Church letters are called for and read, except Antioch, which sends no letter.

The hour having arrived for preaching, the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

Committee on Religious Exercises retire to get up a report.

On motion, the Rules of Order are suspended, and the following names enrolled: John Reynor, delegate from Colyer's Chapel; W. H. Pool, from New Chapel; Hinton Ennis, from Hodges' Chapel.

Also the name of W. R. Glover is enrolled as ordained minister.

A fine of ten cents is collected from one of the absentees.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tomorrow at the stand, J. P. Ogburn at 11 o'clock, followed by J. E. Smith; Robert Strickland at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The name of L. M. Ryals, delegate from Prospect, is enrolled; also the name of J. H. Worley, a delegated brother from Western Conference is enrolled, the right hand of fellowship extended him, and he welcomed to all privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Brother Worley states his mission clearly to this body, which is gladly received, as terms of peace and harmony.

On motion by Elder Smith, we elect one delegate to represent us in the Western Conference, to be held at Saints' Delight, Franklin County, near Louisburg, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1889.

On motion, Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to represent us in that Conference.

Report on Ministerial Character is received and the committee continued. (See Reports.)

On motion by Elder Lee, we raise ten dollars to pay the expenses of Elder Johnson to and from the Western Conference.

On motion by Elder Robert Strickland, Elder Lundee Lee is elected alternate, and in case he should have to go, the money is to be paid to him instead of Elder Johnson.

On motion, the committee relative to the case of Mr. Hall is discharged.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Prospect, Shady Grove and New Hope. Vote taken, and it is decided that the next session of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference will be held with the church at Prospect, Harnett County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1889.

Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to preach the introductory sermon; and Elder J. E. Smith is elected alternate.

On motion, the Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed; and, on motion, we pay him ten dollars for his services.

The name of Bro. Nathan Hood, of the Disciples' Church, is enrolled as a visiting minister.

Resolution offered by Bro. Wm. Wise is received and, after discussion, adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, Bro. G. W. Keen is excused for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Conference adjourns till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Worley.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, November 10th, 1888.

Conference is duly opened at ten o'clock a. m. Religious exercise is conducted by Elder J. E. Smith.

Roll is called, and fifty members present answer to their names.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The name of Jesse Wilson, committee on Mission Board, is enrolled.

The name of B. W. Nash is enrolled as a visiting minister.
The name of B. A. Hodges, committee on Mission Board, is enrolled.

Resolution offered by Elder Moore is not received by the body.

Resolution offered by J. B. Jernigan, in regard to changing the Discipline, received but not adopted.

Resolution offered by Elder Johnson, respecting the building of a church in the town of Dunn, is received and, after discussion, is adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, report of the Mission Board is received and the committee continued. (See Reports.)

The name of Bro. Butt, of the M. E. Church, is enrolled and welcomed to all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

The committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand, at 11 o'clock, R. A. Johnson, followed by B. W. Nash.

Resolution by I. W. Taylor, respecting a change in the time of meeting, is received and, after discussion, adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Resolution by John Davis is received, but, after discussion, is withdrawn by Bro. Davis.

On motion, we adopt the Order of Business of 1888 for year 1889.

On motion, the time of day of meeting on Friday is changed from 12 to 11 o'clock a. m.; and, on motion, each member of the Conference failing to meet on Friday at 12 o'clock, a fine of twenty-five cents shall be collected from each so absent.

On motion, the Moderator appoints Bros. I. W. Taylor, A. Mons and Erasmus Lee a Finance Committee to make a settlement with the Treasurer and report to the body. The committee retire for that purpose.

The Finance Committee report, which is recommitted for correction.

An intermission of thirty minutes is given for dinner.

Report of the Finance Committee is received and committee discharged. (See Reports.)

Report of the Ordaining Council is received. (See Reports.)

On motion, Bro. Glover is granted leave of absence to go on the stand with Elder Strickland.

On motion, the plan of Union Meetings will be retained,

and the next session will be held with the church at Hodges' Chapel, on the next fifth Sunday and Saturday before.

Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to preach the Mission Sermon.

On motion, Bro. Wise is granted leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Bro. Nash makes some remarks concerning Union movements, &c. States that he has visited and preached to several of the churches in our connection; also offers us the *Review*, a very neat little religious newspaper.

Bro. Hayes is granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the resolution offered by A. W. Gregory is received and adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, the Treasurer pays over the money in hand, \$27.50, to the Secretary, to pay for his services and printing the minutes.

On motion, the minutes of the day are read and approved.

On motion, the conference adjourns to meet at Prospect Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1889.

Devotional exercise conducted by Elder Johnson.

A. W. GREGORY, <i>Secretary.</i>	R. A. JOHNSON, MODERATOR.
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RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character, through the co-operation of the brethren of the Ministerial Committee, submit the following report:

We find that all the ministers have maintained their Christian character, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Respectfully,

RANSOM WEST,
J. B. JERNIGAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY WM. WISE.

Resolved, That this Conference instruct each local church to take up a collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of delegates to and from the Western Conference.

RESOLUTION BY ELDER R. A. JOHNSON.

Resolved, That each church in the Cape Fear Conference be requested by its pastor to collect a sufficient amount of money in the year 1889 to build a Free-Will Baptist church-house in the town of Dunn.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

We, the undersigned, submit the following:

We find in the hands of our Treasurer, Bro. B. A. Hodges, \$64.71. For the lack of funds have not had any mission work this year.

Respectfully,

H. W. JERNIGAN,
B. A. HODGES,
J. D. STEVENS,
JESSE WILSON,
JOHN H. POPE,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY I. W. TAYLOR.

Resolved, That this Conference change its time of meeting from THURSDAY before the second Sunday in November to FRIDAY before the second Sunday in November.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer—

Minute funds of this year-----	\$25 85
Surplus Minute funds of last year-----	3 65
Fines of this year-----	10
Miscellaneous funds-----	10 15
Total-----	<u>\$39 65</u>

Respectfully,

I. W. TAYLOR,
ALEX. MONS,
E. LEE,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We, the Ordaining Council, report the following:

We have examined brethren J. B. Ellis, W. R. Glover, Kenith Raynor and W. R. F. Edwards, and found them orthodox in the faith, and have set them apart to the full work of the ministry, according to the custom of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

R. A. JOHNSON,
JOHN MOORE,
Ordaining Council.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the people of the vicinity of Stony Run Church for the kind hospitality shown during this Conference.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1888 AND 1889.

- 1st. Introductory Sermon.
 - 2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
 - 3d. Organization.
 - 4th. Appointment of Committees.
 - 5th. Reports from Committees.
 - 6th. Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
 - 7th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
 - 8th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
 - 9th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
 - 10th. Report from Churches.
 - 11th. Resolutions.
 - 12th. Miscellaneous business.
 - 13th. Adjournment.
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many Boards or Standing Committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1888.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS FOR 1888.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastor.	Sabbath Schools.	Mission Funds.	Members rec'd	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Number Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	Lundee Lee	\$ 1 50	\$ 39 40			5 3	1 1	1 1			105	2	
Hodges' Chapel	Harnett	Lundee Lee	2 00	30 00	10 00		2 2	5 6	1 1			150		1
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	J. E. Smith	85	6 80			2 2	2 1	1 1			87		2
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	2 00	30 00	10 00	3 00	13 1	5 2				102	6	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	Robert Strickland	1 00	12 50			2 2	6 6				70		10
Shady Grove	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	1 90	46 10		21 40	23 21	18 6				203		1
Stony Run	Sampson	John Moore	1 00	11 25		44 00		5 4	3 3			95		12
New Hope	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 45	15 75	7 91	7 50	16 11	6 5	2 2			86	3	
Johnston Union	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 50	17 80			3 1	5 4	2 2			66		8
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	Jas. E. Smith	1 50			5 05	1 1			1 1		64		
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	Jas. E. Smith	1 50	13 50		6 10		2 2				72		2
Union Springs	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00	8 00		1 00	5 5	2 1				24	2	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Jas. E. Smith	1 50	2 00		60		4 2				71		6
New Prospect	Wayne	J. F. Hill	70			2 50	1 1			3 3		28		2
Wood's Grove	Wayne	J. F. Hill	2 00			4 00	8 6					82	3	
Friendship	Wayne	J. F. Hill	80					2 2				20		2
New Chapel	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	40	15 00			3 2	2 1				23		
Bethel	Johnston	John Moore	1 25	5 95			7 7					34	7	
*Antioch	Sampson	J. T. W. Edwards										13		
Anderson's Creek	Johnston	W. R. Glover	1 00	4 00			8 7	1 1				26	6	
Hopewell	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 00	12 00			9 6	1 1		1 1		33	7	

*Statistics of last year.

