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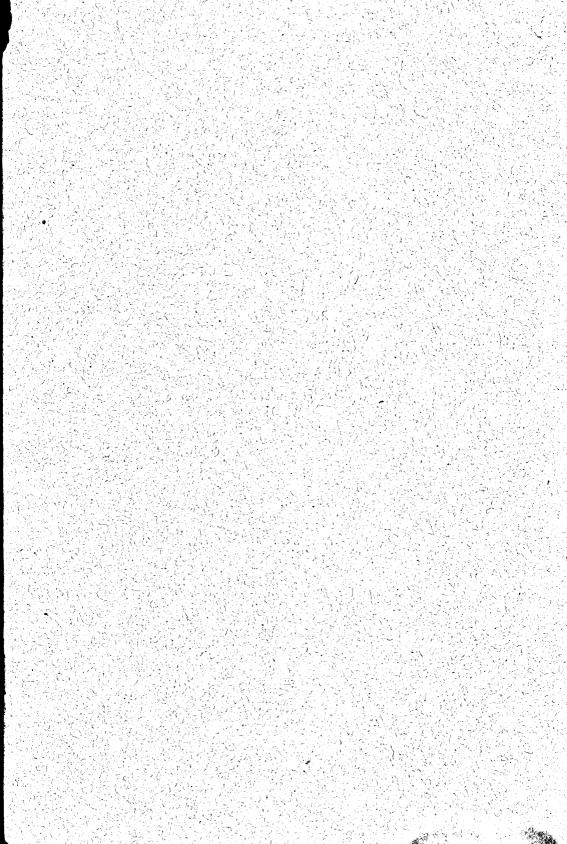
CHURCH AT OAK GROVE, SAMPSON COUNTY

November 3, 4, 5, 1921

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Education—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt, W. B. Godwin. Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, G. N. Waters, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lu-

Mission Board—J. C. Williford, C. J. Thomas. Ordaining Council—W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, D. C. Johnson.

Apportionment Committee—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

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| McKay, E. J. | Dunn, N. C. |
| Moore, J. W. | Princeton, N. C. |
| Thomas, R. D. | Four Oaks, N. C. |
| Wallace, J. R. | Four Oaks, N. C. |
| Westbrook, Ezekiel | Newton Grove, N. C. |
| Lucas, J. W. | Duke, N. C. |
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1-Introductory Sermon.
- 2-Enrollment of Standing Committees.
- 3-Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.
- 4-Enrollment of Licentiates.
- 5-Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.
- 6-Organization.
- 7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.
- 8-Petitionary Letters.
- 9-Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.
- 10-Reports from Churches.
- 11-Reports from Standing Committees.
- 12-Resolutions.
- 13—Reports from Temporary Committees.
- 14—Petition for next session of Conference.
- 15—Miscellaneous Business.
- 16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.
- 17—Election of Officers.
- 18—Election of delegates to other conferences.
- 19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.

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- 20—Vote of thanks.
- 21-Adjournment.

FIRST DAY

OAK GROVE CHURCH

November 3rd, 1921.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference, convened with the church and on the date above mentioned. Elder A. B. Peavey preached the introductory sermon. Text: Exodus 14-15.

One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Conference assembled at 2:30. Prayer by Elder J. R. Wallace. Introductory remarks by the Moderator.

ENROLLMENT-OFFICERS

B. P. Parks, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Obituaries-D. R. Ennis. Ministerial Labor-L. W. Warren. Executive-W. A. Jackson.

Ordaining Council-D. R. Ennis.

Apportionment Committee-W. A. Jackson, Warren Jackson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. R. Ennis, H. R. Faircloth, J. R. Wallace, Ezekiel Westbrook, J. G. Whittenton, E. J. McKay.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Casey's Chapel—Mrs. Myrtie Parks.

Goldsboro-Mrs. D. H. Williams, W. L. Parker.

Hopewell—R. A. Langdon, Walter Langdon.

Oak Grove-J. E. Warren, N. R. Lewis.

Roberts Grove—W. H. Carroll, M. F. Jackson. Rock Ridge-E. W. Giles.

Shady Grove-Ammie Wooten, J. G. Hudson.

St. Marys Grove—(By Letter). Prospect—J. H. Parker, L. G. Ryals.

Union Springs-R. J. Pleasants, J. A. Whittenton, W. A. Gregory.

Yelverton's Grove-H. B. Adams, Cisero Peden.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Religious Exercises—J. E. Warren, N. R. Lewis, D. R. Ennis.

Finance—H. B. Adams, W. L. Parker, Ammie Wooten.

Visiting Ministers—The hand of fellowship is extended Elder W. B. Everett of the Eastern Conference. Report of Ordaining Council—(See Report.)

Report of Committee on Religion Exercises—To preach tonight at 7:30, Elder J. R. Wallace.

J. E. WARREN, N. R. LEWIS, D. R. ENNIS.

On motion Conference closed until tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—NOVEMBER 4th Conference reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder W. R. Glover.

ENROLLMENT

Obituaries-J. W. Lucas.

Temperance—W. R. Glover, W. R. Coats.

Education—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt.

Committee on Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

Executive Committee—W. R. Coats.

Mission Board-C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

Ordaining Council—W. R. Coats.

Apportionment Committee—C. J. Thomas, W. H. Martin, W. H. Barnes.

Ordained Ministers—J. W. Lucas, W. R. Glover, W. R. Coats, R. D. Thomas.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel—C. J. Thomas, Lewis Johnson, Francis Johnson.

Johnson Union—H. H. Underwood, Elizabeth Faircloth, Lizzie Stephens.

Oak Grove—Ĉ. E. Lee.

Lees Chapel—T. S. Godwin, S. T. Herring.

Pleasant Grove—(By Letter.)

Riverside—J. O. Creech, M. C. Williford, W. H. Martin.

St. Paul-G. H. Bass, M. N. Edwards, A. H. Britt.

St. John-J. A. Vincen.

Shady Grove—Kirby West.

Rock Ridge—J. E. Dorman, Ellen Dorman. Powhatan—J. A. Corbett, J. J. Williams.

The Committee on religious Exercises report to preach at 11:00 A. M., Elder E. J. McKay.

BY COMMITTEE.

Reports are received from the various churches. All received and read before the body. (See Statistical Table.)

At 11:00 o'clock Conference took a recess for

preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON

Conference reassembled at 1:30. Prayer by Elder R. D. Thomas. Business was continued under reports from churches.

A resolution by J. H. Britt is received for discussion

and adopted. (See resolution.)

Committee on religious exercises reports to preach at 7:30, Elder H. R. Faircloth, open by Elder J. W. Lucas.

BY COMMITTEE.

Petitions are received from Bethel, Shady Grove, Hopewell and Johnson Union, for the next conference. By vote Bethel gets the next conference. The conference excuses Elder E. J. McKay for the remainder of the session.

On motion the conference sends a delegate to the cooperative association to be held at Marshal, N. C. Brother W. A. Jackson is elected. Expenses to be paid by the conference. Conference close until 9:30. Benediction by Elder W. R. Coats.

THIRD DAY—NOVEMBER 5th, 1921.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. B. Everett.

Enrollment.

Churches and Delegates—LaGrange—(By Letter.)
Committee on Obituaries make report. (See report.)

Educational Committee makes report. (See report.)
Ministerial Labor makes report. (See report.)

Mission Board makes report. (See report.)

Committee on religious exercises report to preach at 11:00 A. M. Elder W. B. Everett Sunday 11:00 A. M. and Elder W. R. Glover.

Conference takes a recess of two hours for preaching

and dinner.

AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY

Conference assembled at 1:30. Prayer by Elder H. R. Faircloth. Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee. (See Report.)

Report of Apportionment Committee. (See report.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator-W. R. Coats. Secretary-W. A. Jackson. Treasurer-R. M. Parker.

STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED

On Temperance-Warren Jackson in W. R. Coats' place and C. B. Thomas in W. P. Williford's place.

Executive Committee—B. P. Parks.

Election of Delegates to other conferences.

Eastern Conference—H. R. Faircloth. Central Conference—D. R. Ennis.

Western Conference—J. R. Wallace.

On motion a vote of thanks be extended the Church of Oak Grove for the hospitable manner in which they have cared for the Conference.

The Board to make further apportiona-.z.b,m,d

A collection of \$16.12 is made for Bro. L. R. Ennis. The Board to make further appropriation to amount of \$100.00.

Resolution by C. J. Thomas and Warren Jackson is offered and adopted. (See resolutions.)

On motion we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the conference printed.

On motion we extend to Bro. B. P. Parks a vote of thanks for the manly way in which he has presided over the Conference during the time he has been Moderator.

On motion Conference closes to meet with Bethel Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1922 at 12 M.

Song-"The Last Mile of the Way." Closing remarks and prayer by Elder W. R. Coats.

B. P. PARKS, Moderator, W. A. JACKSON, Secretary. By Warren Jackson and C. J. Thomas: Whereas, heretofore, we have had an or provision made for our disabled ministers; Be it resolved! That, the apportionment committee be directed to set aside out of the general fund from time to time such amount as they may think wise and proper,

WARREN JACKSON, C. J. THOMAS, Committee.

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Believing that it would be better and more inspiring to the churches to set a goal that would be reached instead of one too high as at present: Be it, therefore, Resolved! That each church in the conference send to the annual conference twenty-five (25) cents per member as a general conference fund instead of the present requirement of one (\$1.00) dollar per male member and fifty (50) cents for each female. This resolution shall take the place of all former resolutions that affect in any way the conference funds.

J. H. BRITT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council:

We, the ordaining council, report as follows: We have examined Bros. W. H. Lancaster and Bro. L. R. Ennis and found them orthodox in the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church and have ordained them and set them apart to the full work of the ministry. We have also reapproved the credentials of Elder E. J. McKay. Also we have approved the credentials of Elder W. A. Benson of the Western Conference upon the recommendations received from said Conference. We therefore recommend that these names be placed on the list of ordained ministers.

W. R. COATS, D. R. ENNIS.

OBITUARIES REPORT

We, the committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows: The Lord has wonderfully blessed our ministers during the past year, but in his wisdom he has called from our number our much beloved Bro. and Elder J. S. Ellis. (See Obituaries.)

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| We, the apportionment committee beg to follows for 1921: | report as |
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| For Orphanage 25 per cent of total receipts. | |
| For Education 30 per cent of total receipts | 68.82 |
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REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COM-MITTEE:

We, the Treasurer and Finance Committee, wish to report as follows:

We find on hand at the close of the last conference _____\$555.24

PAID OUT SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

| For printing minutes and expense | 66.36 |
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| Paid W. A. Jackson, clerk | 10.00 |
| Paid E. W. Giles, for Rock Ridge church | 50.00 |
| Paid out for Orphanage | 104.45 |

| Total Paid out | | \$230.81 |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Balance on hand from las | t conference | \$324.43 |
| Fines | | 2.00 |
| Received at this conferen | ice | 229.43 |

Total on hand to date_____\$555.86 Nov. 5, 1921.

R. M. PARKER, Treasurer. AMMIE WOOTEN, Chairman. H. B. ADAMS, W. L. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

In viewing the situation about us we find that there is great need of more mission work. We find also that there are some of our ministers who are not serving any churches. We therefore, recommend that these idle ministers get out and establish mission points. We

also pay the church at Union Springs \$25.00 as assistant part pastor's salary.

C. J. THOMAS, W. H. BARNES, Committee.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee on education report as follows: We are in possession of information that the proposed college at Ayden, N. C., is under construction and hopes to reach completion not later than September 1st, 1922. We respectfully ask all our people to rally to the demands made by Bro. M. C. Prescott in regards to said college.

J. H. BRITT, C. J. THOMAS, Committee.

REPORT of COMMITTEE on MINISTERIAL LABOR

We, your committee, beg to say that we find nothing derogatory to the character of any of our ministers except Elder Ezekiel Westbrook who was silenced by the church at Shady Grove in the month of August and on the 6th day, upon various charges brought against him from the people of Oak Grove church and community.

We recommend a continuation of this order by this conference for a period of one year from this day.

Respectfully, C. J. THOMAS, W. H. BARNES, L. W. WARREN.

P. S. Bro. Westbrook was given 30 days to make satisfactory arrangements and said committee are empowered to change above report as they may think best and proper to do. On this the 10th day of December 1921 (being more than 30 days) there has been no information received from the committee on ministerial Labor asking for any change in their report, therefore, their report stands as shown in these minutes and all people are hereby notified to this effect.

SECRETARY.

OBITUARY OF ELDER J. S. ELLIS

Bro. J. S. Ellis was born of poor but humble parentage. He was converted at the age of 20 under the preaching of Elder R. A. Johnson, Turnage and Creech. He joined the Free Will Baptist chuch at Johnson

Union Church, Johnston county, Soon after he united with the church he received the call to go carry the gospel. He was granted license afterwards he was ordained and began his work as a minister, which he filled well, serving the churches of Johnson Union, Union Springs, and several others. Much good was accomplished through his work.

During his late years his health failed and he was

unable to do much labor of any kind.

D. C. JOHNSON.

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TABLE I—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUPERINTENDENTS

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| Lees Chapel, J. A. Smith Oak Grove, Avery Lee | Alyne Strickland | 141 | 71 55 | 75 25 | 1 11.9 | |
| Shady Grove, W. A. Jackson | R. B. Spencer | 261 | | | 26 47.5 | 13.49 |
| Roberts Grove, S. F. Jackson | Warren Jackson | 72 | 55 | | | 10.65 |
| Cerinth, W. N. Dixon | I. C. Strickland | 75 | 50 | | 10.0 | |
| Prospect, R. McLeodUnion Hill, W. R. Strickland | J. B. Parker Estel Jackson | 60 65 | 40 56 | | 20.00 4 5.00 | |
| Bethseda, B. G. Smith | Floyd Dawson | 90 | | | 9 30.0 | |
| Stoney Run, J. B. Weeks | S. M. Tew | 85 | | | 30 8.00 | |
| Antioch Baptist, L. W. Starling | L. B. Starling | | | | 3 6.3 | |
| Maple Grove, Bert Blackman | | | 53 | | 13.13 | 2 10.83 |
| Duke Methodist, E. C. Geddie | | 150 | 125 | - [| | 1 |

The Convention met Lees Chapel, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1921. The next Convention will meet at Shady Grove on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1922, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. KIRBY WEST, President, N. E. BROCK, Secretary.

TABLE II—STATISTICAL

| Churches and Counties | Conference Funds. | Paid to Pastor | Assistant Pastorial Service. | Miscellaneous Fund. | Value of Church Property | Received. | Excluded. | Dismissed. | Died. Increased. | Decreased. | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Bethel, Johnston | \$ 8.25 | \$300.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$110.00 | \$1,200.00 | 28 2 | 24 8 | 3] | 25 | | | 101 | 175 |
| Corinth, Sampson | 2.50 | 55.00 | | | 1,000.00 | | | | 1 3 | | 40 | 42 | 81 |
| Casey's Chapel, Wayne | 12.00 | 195.00 | 36.60 | 262.86 | 5,000.00 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 1 2 | | 34 | 53 | 87 |
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| Goldsboro, Wayne | 28.20 | 723.27 | 40.00 | 152.27 | 4,000.00 | 83 (| 30 1 | . 2 | | | 73 | | |
| Hopewell, Johnston | 32.15 | 396.66 | 11.80 | 9.00 | | | 7 | | 1 6 | | 49 | 73 | 122 |
| Lee's Chapel, Sampson | 8.75 | 141.30 | 10.00 | 255.00 | 1,000.00 | 16 1 | [3] | [] | 2 13 | 3] | 69 | 86 | |
| LaGrange, Lenoir | 4.00 | 2.75 | 30.00 | | 3,000.00 | | . | | | 1 | 7 | [28 | 35 |
| Johnson Union, Johnston | 11.00 | 400.00 | | | 7,500.00 | 41 3 | 31]. | 1 3 | 4 36 | 5 | 57 | 78 | |
| Oak Grove, Sampson | 6.00 | 250.00 | 16.00 | 20.00 | 1,500.00 | | 2 2 | 2 3 2 . | | 4 | | [63 | 81 |
| Powhatan, Johnston | 33.50 | 301.55 | 84.48 | 6.00 | 1,000.00 | 20 | [7] 2 | 2] : | 18 | | 67 | 88 | 155 |
| Prospect, Harnett | 3.05 | 26.05 | 16.54 | 24.00 | 1,000.00 | | ſ | 1 : | 2 2 | 2 | | 28 | |
| Pleasant Grove, Harnett | 4.43 | 75.00 | 8.00 | 12.00 | 1,500.00 | 8 | 5 1 | L[. | 2 8 | i - | 29 | 44 | 73 |
| Riverside, Wayne | 5.00 | 113.00 | 6.75 | 15.00 | 1,000.00 | 6 | 4 6 | 3] : | | 1 | 29 | 48 | 77 |
| Robert's Grove, Sampson | 8.75 | 125.00 | | [| | 1 1 | | 1 | 2 3 22 | 3 | | 39 | 58 |
| Shady Grove, Sampson _= | 23.50 | | 86.00 | 135.00 | 2,000.00 | 29 2 | 26] [8 | 3 1 | 3 22 | | 129 | 293 | 422 |
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| St. Mary's, G. Johnston | | 75.00 | 9.40 | 1 . | 600.00 | 13 1 | 13[| | 1 1 12 | 2 | 32 | 52 | |
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| Union Spring, Johnston | 5.00 | 31.00 | 2,00 | 1000 | 500.00 | 9 | 3 : | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 19 | 28 |
| Rock Ridge, Harnett | 5.00 | 100.00 | 1 44 4 5 5 5 | | 1,500.00 | | * 1 | } | 1 |] | 18 | 28 | |
| Yelverton's Grove, Johnston | | 70.00 | 10.00 | 29.94 | 1,000.00 | 7 | 5 | 1 | [] 7 | <u>'</u> | 9 | 18 | 27 |

TABLE III—CHURCH DIRECTORY—1921

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| Church | Clerk | Postoffice Address | Pastor for 1921 |
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| Bethel | Jae Moore | Four Oaks | L. Vernon |
| | G. E. Edwards | Mount Olive | |
| Corinth | N. C. Strickland | Dunn | J. W. Lucas |
| Casev's Chanel | Benjamin Casey | Goldshoro | L Vernon |
| Dalv's Chapel | J. S. Wade | LaGrange | L. Vernon |
| Goldshoro | L. C. Davis | Goldshoro | W. B. Everett |
| Honewell | Mallie Johnson | Smithfield | H. R. Faircloth |
| Johnson Union | John S. Davis | Wilson Mills | H. R. Faircloth |
| Lee's Chapel | W. B. Godwin | Dunn | D. R. Ennis |
| Oak Grove | Westbrook Lee, Sr | Newton Grove | |
| Powhatan | N. C. Smith | Clayton | H. R. Faircloth |
| Prospect | R. McLeod | .Duke | J. W. Lucas |
| Pleasant Grove | W. J. West | Duke | D. C. Johnson |
| Riverside | W. H. Martin | Princeton | J. R. Wallace |
| | S. F. Jackson | | |
| Shady Grove | W. A. Jackson | Cooper | J. E. Sawyer |
| St. Paul | J. H. Britt | Newton Grove | D. R. Ennis |
| St. Marv's | R. A. Coats | Four Oaks | D. C. Johnson |
| St. John | George E. Moye | Goldsboro | W. H. Lancaster |
| Union Springs | _ W. A. Gregory | Coats | J. G. Whittenton |
| Rock Ridge | _ J. E. Dorman | Dunn | D. R. Ennis |
| LaGrange | C. W. Wilson | LaGrange | W. B. Everett |
| Yelverton Grove | L. E. Adams | Smithfield | J. R. Wallace |

