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MINUTES

of the

Eighty-Ninth Annual Session

of the

CAPE FEAR

(Original)

F. W. B. CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Held with the Church at

Tee's Chapel, Johnston County

November 4, 5, 1943

The next session will convene with the church at St. Paul Sampson County, Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1944 at about 10:00 A. M. St. Paul is located about 12 miles north of Clinton, North Carolina on the road from Clinton to Newton Grove.

Kirby West, <i>Moderator</i>	-----	Dunn, N. C., R-5
N. B. Powell, <i>Assistant Moderator</i>	-----	Goldsboro, N. C., R-3
W. A. Jackson, <i>Secretary</i>	-----	Dunn, N. C., R-5
H. T. Hinson, <i>Treasurer</i>	-----	Dunn, N. C., R-2



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

STANDING COMMITTEES AND DATES TERMS EXPIRE

Obituaries—M. A. Warrick 1949, M. E. Godwin 1947, M. L. Johnson 1945.

Temperance—J. D. Vernelson 1949, C. H. Coats 1947, Benjamin Casey 1945.

Education—T. E. Beaman 1949, Mrs. M. E. Godwin 1949, W. J. Langdon 1947, R. McLeod 1945, W. J. Alford 1945.

Executive—Herman Wooten, Chm., C. E. Lee 1949, W. R. Coats 1947, M. L. Johnson 1945.

Mission Board—N. C. Strickland 1949, H. R. Faircloth 1947, J. A. Barbour 1945, W. A. Jackson 1943.

Ministerial Labor—M. L. Johnson 1949, H. R. Faircloth 1949, W. H. Lancaster 1947, Herman Wooten 1947, G. C. Joyner 1945.

Ordaining Council—M. L. Johnson 1949, T. E. Beaman 1949, R. H. Jackson 1947, C. H. Coats 1947, W. H. Lancaster 1945.

Apportionment—Kirby West 1949, R. A. Langdon 1947, J. S. Davis 1947, John Lawhon 1945.

Orphanage—C. R. Biggs 1949, W. C. Westbrook 1947, Herman Wooten 1945.

Program—L. J. Carlyle 1949, W. J. Langdon 1947, H. T. Hinson 1945.

Trustees—G. C. Joyner 1949, W. H. Lancaster 1945, T. E. Beaman 1947.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

T. E. Beaman	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.
C. R. Biggs	-----	Goldsboro, N. C.
L. J. Carlisle	-----	LaGrange, N. C.
C. H. Coats	-----	Four Oaks, N. C.
H. R. Faircloth	-----	Smithfield, N. C.
J. H. French	-----	New Bern, N. C.
M. E. Godwin	-----	Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5.
R. H. Jackson	-----	Clinton, N. C.
M. L. Johnson	-----	Lucama, N. C.
G. C. Joyner	-----	Smithfield, N. C.
W. H. Lancaster	-----	Smithfield, N. C.
J. D. Vernelson	-----	Clinton, N. C., Rt. 1.
M. A. Warrick	-----	Clinton, N. C., Rt. 3.
Herman Wooten	-----	Garner, N. C.

RETIRED MINISTERS

W. R. Glover	-----	Erwin, N. C.
W. R. Coats	-----	Raleigh, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Ralph Talton	-----	Smithfield,, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convened with the church at Tee's Chapel, Johnston County, on November 4, 1943, at 10:00 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by Eld. C. R. Biggs. After the devotions Eld. M. E. Godwin delivered the welcome address and response was given by Eld. M. L. Johnson.

Special music was rendered by the local church at various times.
At 10:45 the moderator made his introductory remarks.

ENROLLMENT FIRST DAY

Officers:

Kirby West -----	Moderator
H. T. Hinson -----	Treasurer
W. A. Jackson -----	Secretary

Standing Committees:

Obituaries—M. E. Godwin, M. L. Johnson.

Temperance—C. H. Coats.

Education—T. E. Beaman.

Apportionment—John Lawhorn.

Executive—Kirby West, M. L. Johnson, W. A. Jackson.

Mission Board—H. R. Faircloth.

Ordaining Council—C. H. Coats, W. H. Lancaster, M. L. Johnson.

Orphanage Board—W. C. Westbrook, Herman Wooten, H. T. Hinson.

Program—H. T. Hinson.

Trustees—W. H. Lancaster, T. E. Beaman.

Ordained Ministers:

T. E. Beaman, C. R. Biggs, L. J. Carlyle, C. H. Coats, H. R. Faircloth, J. H. French (by letter), M. E. Godwin, M. L. Johnson, R. H. Jackson (by letter), W. H. Lancaster, Herman Wooten, J. D. Vernelson.

Licentiates:

Ralph Talton.

Churches and Delegates:

Daly's Chapel—By Letter.

Bethel—Z. D. Allen, Mrs. M. R. Hockaday.

Goldsboro—D. H. Williams.

Oak Grove—N. R. Lewis, Mrs. N. R. Lewis, Leo Bass.

Pleasant Grove—W. H. Lucas, Coy T. Lucas.

Shady Grove—Leo Willis, Albert Ballance, Mrs. Lilly Barefoot.

West Clinton—By letter.

Tee's Chapel—J. Loyd Strickland, L. B. Allen, G. R. Tyner.

Riverside—John Lawhon, Royester Martin.

Smithfield—W. A. Powell, C. A. Lassister.

Roberts Grove—Henry Lee.

Hopewell—Nellie Johnson, Ottis Lassister, Mrs. Ottis Lassister.

St. Mary's Grove—Dwight Stephens, Parker Johnson.

Visiting Ministers from other Conferences and Associations:

Western Association—Eld. Romie Mitchel.

Central Conference—Eld. L. R. Ennis.

Eastern Conference—Eld. J. R. Forrest, Eld. J. C. Griffin, Eld. L. H.

Wetherington.

Cumberland Association (Tenn.)—Eld. J. R. Davidson.

Appointment of Temporary Committees:

Finance—Z. D. Allen, J. L. Strickland, Leo Willis.

Resolutions—M. E. Godwin, C. A. Lassister, T. E. Beaman.

Nominating Committee—C. H. Coats, M. E. Godwin, J. D. Vernelson.

Credentials—M. L. Johnson, Herman Wooten, Levi Carlisle.

Eld. T. E. Beaman for the Ministerial Association of the Cape Fear Conference presented a proposed outline for this Conference for consideration of the State Association also a recommendation to this Conference to increase the Ordaining Council in number from three to five. This increase for the Council was approved by vote of the Conference and are to be elected with the other officials of this body at the regular time on the program.

At 12:00 M. Eld. W. H. Lancaster preached the introductory sermon, text: Matthew 4: 19, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," subject: "Following Jesus."

One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Conference reassembled at 2:00 P. M.

Song service by congregation.

Devotions conducted by Eld. J. R. Forrest, prayer by Elder J. R. Davidson.

The Moderator recognized all the visiting ministers and each responded with the usual greetings.

Eld. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary for the State Association, presented the five-point program for the state and asked that we adhere to this program in making our donations for the various causes as outlined on the poster he handed out to each church.

A report was made by Eld. T. E. Beaman of his work at Daly's Chapel. He stated that he had re-organized the church and that the work was very satisfactory.

A petitionary letter was received from Bethel Church in Lenoir County which was recently organized by Eld. Beaman asking admittance into this Conference. On motion both Daly's Chapel and Bethel be referred to the Credentials Committee for their consideration.

At this time Eld. T. E. Beaman made an educational address in which he stressed the importance of being trained for the work you are doing.

Ordaining Council makes their report. (See report)

Mrs. Carrie Newton, a representative of the Woman's Auxiliary work

who was on the program for tomorrow, stated she would be unable to attend at that time. Therefore, the Moderator gave her the opportunity to present her work today which she did stressing the importance of full cooperation in all branches of church work.

The hand of fellowship was extended Eld. J. D. Vernelson, newly ordained minister, and Bro. Ralph Talton, Licentiate from Johnson Union Church.

On motion Conferences recess until tomorrow 10:00 A. M.

Prayer by Eld. L. R. Ennis.

THURSDAY NIGHT

At 8:30 P. M. congregation assembled.

Congregational singing was followed by a special by Eld. J. R. Davidson and Eld. J. D. Vernelson.

Eld. Herman Wooten preached a very interesting sermon, text: Matthew 27: 35, "And they crucified him and parted his garments that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet," subject: "Christ Crucified."

SECOND DAY

Conference reassembled according to adjournment.

Devotions conducted by Eld. C. H. Coats, prayer by Bro. Ralph Talton.

Music was rendered by local church choir and quartette.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

ENROLLMENT SECOND DAY

Standing Committees:

Obituaries—M. A. Warrick.

Education—R. McLeod, A. T. Avery.

Ministerial Labor—A. T. Avery, N. B. Powell.

Program—R. McLeod.

Ordained Ministers:

M. A. Warrick, G. C. Joyner.

Churches and Delegates:

Powhatan—D. C. Barbour, J. V. Barbour.

Johnston Union—Joe Jones, Luby Warrick.

Corinth—N. C. Strickland, Mrs. N. C. Strickland.

St. John—Geo. E. Moye.

Lee's Chapel—J. A. Smith, W. B. Godwin.

Yelverton's Grove—Elmond Lane, Lucy Lane.

St. Paul—I. A. Barefoot, Mrs. Marshall Warren, Mrs. I. A. Barefoot.

Robert's Grove—B. L. Peters.

St. Mary's Grove—Mrs. Cyrus Coats.

Prospect—A. F. Avery, Mrs. A. F. Avery.

Casey's Chapel—Mrs. Lola Anderson, Mrs. N. B. Powell, James Uzzell.

Bethel—Lenoir County—Mrs. W. O. Croom, Miss Hester Olive.

A resolution in regards to White Oak Grove Church by M. L. Johnson was adopted. (See resolutions)

Mrs. M. E. Godwin, President of the Woman's Auxiliary District Convention, spoke briefly on the auxiliary progress and achievements of the work.

Temperance Committee make their report. (See reports)

Eld. James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, made a report of the orphanage work, especially as it affects this conference. (See report of Orphanage Committee)

Orphanage Committee of this conference make their report and recommendations for this conference, a collection of \$60.00 from congregation: (See report)

At 12:00 M Eld. G. C. Joyner conducted the devotional service, after which Eld. J. R. Davidson, Chairman-Treasurer of the National Education Board, gave an account of the work very briefly of the school at Nashville, Tenn. After which he preached a very interesting sermon, text: Galatians 2: 20, "I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," subject: "Not I, but Christ."

The following visiting ministers were enrolled and each responded with the usual remarks:

Western Association—Eld. R. C. Wiggs, Eld. Willie Renfrow, Eld. J. B. Ferrell, Eld. James A. Evans, Eld. J. H. Worley.

One hour is given for dinner which was a bountiful spread and very much enjoyed on both days.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY

Conference reassembled at 2:00 P. M.

Devotions were conducted by Eld. L. H. Wetherington, prayer by Eld. J. C. Griffin.

The Educational Committee make their report. (See report)

Credential Committee make their report and was approved by the Conference and so ordered.

The Committee recommended that Daly's Chapel Church having been recently re-organized by Eld. T. E. Beaman be and is hereby re-instated as member of this Conference.

By motion the Church at Daly's Chapel is re-instated with all the privileges of the Conference.

A petition from the new church at Bethel, Lenoir County, was taken up and by vote was admitted as a member of this body.

M. L. Johnson,
Herman Wooten,
Levi Carlisle, *Committee.*

Finance Committee make their report. (See report)

Treasurer makes report. (See report)

Apportionment Committee make their report. (See report)

The report of the work of the State Association Superannuation Board was presented by Eld. M. L. Johnson. (See report)

Mission Board makes their report. (See report)

Resolution Committee makes report:

Resolution No. I. Recommending a vote of thanks and appreciation to this church. (See resolution)

Resolution No. II. Recommending 25% of all funds be sent to the National Treasurer. (See resolution)

Resolution No. III. In regards to the Committee on deportment and work of the Ministry. (See resolution)

Petitions are received from St. Paul and Casey's Chapel for the next session of the Annual Conference. By vote the next session will convene with St. Paul Church, Sampson County.

On motion the Secretary have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed as follows: Ten each to the Eastern, Western, Central, Pee Dee and Rock Fish Conferences and Associations and the others among the various churches of this Conference.

On motion the Moderator present a request to the Executive Committee of the State Association asking that there be a committee of one from each Conference representing in the State Association to take into consideration the establishing of boundaries for the various conferences and associations in order to prevent any overlapping of territory.

The Nominating Committee make their report and recommend the election of the following officers, Boards and Standing Committees.

All the recommended candidates were elected without opposition, viz:

Moderator	-----	Herman Wooten
Assistant Moderator	-----	Thos. E. Beaman
Secretary	-----	W. A. Jackson
Reading Clerk	-----	J. D. Vernelson

Standing Committees:

Obituaries—M. H. Warrick 1949.

Temperance—J. D. Vernelson 1949.

Education—T. E. Beaman 1949, Mrs. M. E. Godwin 1949.

Executive—C. E. Lee 1949.

Mission Board—N. C. Strickland 1949.

Ministerial Labor—M. L. Johnson 1949, H. R. Faircloth 1949, W. H. Lancaster 1947, Herman Wooten 1947, G. C. Joyner 1945.

Ordaining Council—M. L. Johnson 1949, T. E. Beaman 1949, R. H. Jackson 1947.

Apportionment Committee—Kirby West 1949.

Orphanage—C. R. Biggs 1949.

Program—L. J. Carlisle 1949.

Trustees—G. C. Joyner 1949.

On motion the Secretary was requested to have the Original Constitution of 1885 of the Cape Fear Conference printed in the Minutes of this session.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO OTHER CONFERENCES

Western—Eld. T. E. Beaman.

Central—Eld. M. L. Johnson.

Eastern—Eld. C. H. Coats.

Pee Dee—By letter.

Rock Fish—By letter.

Beaver Creek—By letter.

Jacks Creek—By letter.

Toe River—By letter.

French Broad—By letter.

National Association—Kirby West.

A collection of \$24.73 was made for Superannuation.

On motion the Conference pay the necessary expense of the National delegate.

On motion Conference adjourn to meet with the Church at St. Paul, Sampson County, on Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1944, at 10:00 A. M.

Further notice of the hour, place and date of meeting will be given by the program committee in the Baptist paper.

Quartette was given by local church.

Closing remarks by Eld. H. R. Faircloth.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. Worley.

Kirby West, *Moderator*

N. B. Powell, *Assistant Moderator*

H. T. Hinson, *Treasurer*

W. A. Jackson, *Secretary*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

We have checked the treasurer's report and find it correct.

Balance on hand	\$ 33.41
Received from churches	202.25
Special collection for Orphanage	60.00
Special collection for Superannuation	24.73
Total on hand in treasury	\$320.39

Respectfully,

Leo Willis,

Z. D. Allen,

J. L. Strickland, *Committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand at close of last Conference	\$454.03
Paid out for all purposes:	
Education Foundation check	\$100.00
Orphanage	125.00
W. R. Coats	106.52

W. R. Glover -----	5.00	
Foreign Missions -----	10.00	
Smithfield Church -----	10.00	
F. W. B. Press Minutes -----	32.50	
W. A. Jackson, salary and expense -----	18.15	
National Association -----	10.00	
F. W. B. Press—programs -----	2.50	420.62

Balance on hand ----- \$ 33.41

H. T. Hinson, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

Missions -----	\$ 50.00
Orphanage -----	70.00
Education -----	50.00
Smithfield Church -----	35.00
National Association -----	5.00
Superannuation -----	44.73
Miscellaneous -----	95.66

Total ----- \$320.39

John Lawhon

I. A. Barefoot

W. H. Lancaster

N. C. Strickland

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LABOR

We, your Committee on Ministerial Labor, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports of all our ministers except Eld. C. R. Biggs, who failed to report, and find them very satisfactory and commendable.

N. B. Powell

A. T. Avery

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

We see the drink evil of the nation on the increase in time of this great bloody struggle to maintain the freedom of a free people.

We, therefore, ask that all Free Will Baptists of this Conference think in terms of righteousness. May we cast our vote only for candidates who are known to be opposed to the sale or use of strong drink regardless of party affiliations.

We urge our ministers to continue their fight against this great evil in every way possible.

We recommend that our churches enforce a strict discipline in regard to the sale or use of strong drink.

We endorse the temperance report of the Eastern Conference at its 1943 session.

C. H. Coats

N. B. Powell

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We have examined Bro. J. D. Vernelson, having been recommended by West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church where he is a member, and find him orthodox in the faith, practices and doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church and have ordained him by the laying on of hands, prayer and a charge to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

We therefore recommend that he be enrolled as a regular ordained minister of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Coats,

M. L. Johnson,

W. H. Lancaster,

Ordaining Council.

OBITUARIES

Committee on Obituaries report that we are glad that the Lord has not called from us any of our beloved ministers since our last Conference for which we feel very grateful.

M. L. Johnson

M. E. Godwin

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

We are glad to report that our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., has an enrollment of thirty students who are being trained for Christian work. This enrollment is the largest per cent of enrollment that we know of in America. It is now an accredited institution. It is now being operated on a sound financial basis. God has put it into the hearts of many Christian people to give it their support.

I. We ask that our people be admonished to pray for the continued usefulness and the existence of the Bible College.

II. We solicit the good will and financial support for this Institution.

III. We request our people who are to send their children to college for some definite Christian training to patronize our own Institution.

T. E. Beaman

R. McLeod

A. F. Avery

RESOLUTIONS

I. Resolved that this Conference allocate 25% of all funds coming to the Annual Conference to the National Unified Program of the National Association and to be in effect 1944.

II. Resolved that we express to this church and community our thanks and appreciation for the splendid way in which they cared for this conference.

III. Resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation to the officers and Standing Boards and Committees for their work and untiring efforts during the time they have served us.

IV. That we be exceedingly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His

wise and kind leadership during the year and that we covet a continuation of His leadership and bestowal of his manifold blessings.

M. E. Godwin

T. E. Beaman

C. A. Lassiter

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, your Mission Board, beg leave to report as follows:

The only mission work being done this year is the work done by Eld. T. E. Beaman at Daly's Chapel Church. This work was financed by Bro. Beaman in his own way and he has not accepted any support at all from this Board.

There is open to us virgin territory and fertile fields white unto harvest. We therefore recommend:

I. That our people pray for a spiritual awakening among our people in respect to missions in order that constructive and definite work may be done.

II. That we request our ministers and those doing pastoral work in our Conference to support through the churches the State Five Point Program and especially the mission work.

H. R. Faircloth, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD

The Orphanage Board of the Cape Fear Conference renders its brief report concerning the conduct and affairs of the Institution for the fiscal year 1942-1943 together with a report from the Superintendent as it affects the Cape Fear Conference.

The Orphanage cared for an average of 75 children of which 5 were of this conference.

Total cash received during year from Cape Fear Conference is as follows:

Total Received from Individuals in Cape Fear Conference	\$ 157.27
Total Received from All Churches	973.16
Total Received from All Sunday Schools	260.44
Total Received from All L. A. S.	356.00
Total Received from All Concerts	1,117.42
Total Received from Approp. Unions, Conf., Specials	302.72
Total Received from Leagues	7.00

Grand Total received in Cape Fear Conference\$3,174.01

We, your Committee, have been asked to recommend the raising of \$500.00 for a Chapel. We are recommending to the churches this allotment.

Bethel, \$35; Hopewell, \$35; Johnson Union, \$35; Lee's Chapel, \$35; Oak Grove, \$35; Powhatan, \$35; Shady Grove, \$35; Saint Paul, \$35; St. Mary's Grove, \$35; Casey's Chapel, \$20; Corinth, \$10; Goldsboro, \$20; Pleasant Grove, \$15; Prospect, \$20; Riverside, \$10; Robert's Grove, \$20; Smithfield, \$15; Saint John, \$10; Tee's Chapel, \$20; West Clinton, \$10; Yelverton's Grove, \$10; Bethel, Kinston, \$15; Daly's Chapel, \$10.

We, your Committee, further recommend and insist upon some improvements of the stock barns. If possible replace with new barns, if not repair old barns as early as possible.

H. T. Hinson
W. C. Westbrook
Herman Wooten

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there are many problems with which the minister has to deal, such as the study and adjustment of the organization and administration of all lay activities, the proper disciplinary measures of the mass groups of our churches, the proper help and adjustments of new ministers in finding work, and getting acquainted with our people, the advancing of the cause of Mission both Home and Abroad; Christian Education; the support of the Orphanage; and all other benevolent causes of our great Church; as well as the general expounding of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and whereas, when the ministers are called of the Lord, they are examined and ordained by men of God, previously thus set apart, and Whereas, when the people want someone to pastor their church, or churches, they call upon someone set apart as afore stated; in the performing marriage ceremonies, and conducting funerals, as well as all other religious rites, they immediately turn to the Gospel Minister, called of God and set apart by godly men, and whereas there are many things, sacred and holy, which the minister is to handle and deal with, these by right, and by teachings of the Sacred and Holy Scriptures belong to minister and he alone, and to depart from this principle, is to throw the sacred Scriptures to Junk Heap and for men to take the affairs in their own hands, and thus cheapen the sacred call and position of the gospel ministry. Therefore, in the light of the aforesaid statements and facts, be it resolved by this conference, that we give to the ministerial profession of this conference, the right to devise and arrange for the making of their annual reports to the Conference, after this session, and to handle their own affairs in keeping with their profession, and with the understanding and agreement that same is to be in conformity to the discipline of this Conference.

Be it resolved farther that a Ministerial Character Committee of five ministers be elected to-day, nominations of which shall be thru the duly appointed nominating committee, for the purpose of carrying out the above resolution, and that they make their report to the Conference at the next session.

Approved by Committee on
Resolutions,

M E. Godwin
T. E. Beaman
C. A. Lassiter

RESOLUTION

Whereas: White Oak Grove did at the last session of the Eastern Con-

ference move its membership to said Conference without asking for a letter of dismission and recommendation, and

Whereas: The above act is contrary to the provisions of our Discipline, and

Whereas: We do not wish to have any church of our denomination in bad standing; therefore be it resolved:

First: That the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to furnish a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Secretary of the Eastern Conference for White Oak Grove.

Second: That we hereby declare that any church who in the future wishes to unite with another Conference must first secure a letter from this Conference and upon failure to do so it will be declared excommunicated.

Third: That this Conference will not receive any church from another Conference into full fellowship of the Conference without a letter from the Conference from which it comes.

Fourth: That we ask all ministers pastoring churches in this Conference to follow our Discipline in receiving and dismissing members from and to other churches.

Signed: M. L. Johnson.

Approved by the Resolution Committee:

Thos. E. Beaman, C. A. Lassiter.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We, your committee on Superannuation, have given much time and thought to the question of Superannuation, as it affects our Conference. It is our belief that we can best support our Retired and Disabled ministers, and the cause of Superannuation in general by cooperating with our State Board of Superannuation in its program.

THEREFORE: We recommend that this Conference now in session give its whole-hearted approval to the State and National Superannuation program. And that we ask all our churches to support this work by sending liberal offerings to the State Board of Superannuation as often as possible.

Signed:

Thos. E. Beaman

C. H. Coats

M. L. Johnson

CONSTITUTION OF 1855

Article I. This body shall be known as Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference.

Article II. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article III. This Conference shall be composed of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body and of delegates from these churches, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Article IV. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statis-

tics of the church and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

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

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

Article VII. Any church desiring to become a member of this member 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.

Article VIII. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of this body save that of voting.

Article IX. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the membership present.

Amendments that the Secretary has been able to locate.

Article III. This Article is amended to permit each Conference to allow as many delegates from the churches as the Conference thinks proper.

Article V. This Article is amended to elect officers for a term of two years and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

P. S.—This Constitution and the Amendments are printed at the request of the Annual Conference Session, 1943.

W. A. Jackson, *Secretary*.

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H.T. Lee

CHURCH DIRECTORY (1942-1943)

Churches and Counties	Clerk	Post Office Address	Pastors 1942-1943	Pastor for 1943-1944
⊗ Bethel, Lenoir	Miss Eloise Buck	Kinston, N. C.	T. E. Beaman	T. E. Beaman
⊗ Bethel, Johnston	W. H. Massengill	Four Oaks, N. C., R. 2	M. L. Johnson	M. L. Johnson
⊗ Casey's Chapel, Wayne	Kathryn Casey	Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 3	J. W. Alford	J. W. Alford
⊗ Corinth, Sampson	N. C. Strickland	Dunn, N. C., R. 1	C. H. Coats	C. H. Coats
⊗ Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	Mrs. Carlton Braxton	LaGrange, N. C., R. 1	T. E. Beaman	T. E. Beaman
⊗ Goldsboro, Wayne	Mrs. W. K. Jordan	Goldsboro, N. C.	W. K. Jordan	W. K. Jordan
Hopewell, Johnston	W. J. Alford	Smithfield, N. C.	W. R. Williams	W. R. Williams
Johnston Union, Johnston	Mrs. Mae B. Gardner	Clayton, N. C.	W. H. Lancaster	W. H. Lancaster
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	W. B. Godwin	Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5	W. H. Lancaster	W. H. Lancaster
⊗ Oak Grove, Sampson	Miss Thelma Lee	Newton Grove, N. C. R2	J. R. Bennett	J. R. Bennett
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	Eden West	Erwin, N. C.	R. H. Jackson	H. R. Faircloth
⊗ Powhatan, Johnston	J. C. Blinson	Clayton, N. C., R. 1	W. H. Lancaster	W. H. Lancaster
Prospect, Harnett	R. McLeod	Dunn, N. C., R. 3	G. C. Joyner	G. C. Joyner
⊗ Riverside, Johnston	L. P. Williford	Princeton, N. C., R. 2	L. J. Carlysle	L. J. Carlysle
Robert's Grove, Sampson	M. F. Jackson	Godwin, N. C., R. 1	M. E. Godwin	M. E. Godwin
Shady Grove, Sampson	W. A. Jackson	Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5	M. E. Godwin	M. E. Godwin
Smithfield, Johnston	W. A. Powell	Smithfield, N. C.	Supply	W. H. Lancaster
⊗ St. John, Wayne	Mrs. V. B. Herring	Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 3	W. R. Williams	W. R. Williams
St. Paul, Sampson	Mrs. P. C. Warren	Newton Grove, N. C.	R. N. Hinnant	R. N. Hinnant
St. Mary's Grove, Johnston	W. J. Langdon	Benson, N. C., Rt. 1	J. B. Ferrell	J. B. Ferrell
⊗ Tee's Chapel, Johnston	John R. Davidson	Smithfield, N. C.	M. E. Godwin	M. E. Godwin
Yelverton's Grove, Johnston	Clinton Lane	Smithfield, N. C., Rt. 2	Wiley Ferrell	Wiley Ferrell
⊗ Clinton, Sampson	Mrs. F. A. Crumpler	Clinton, N. C.	R. H. Jackson	R. H. Jackson

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CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Churches	Delegates	Funds	Men. on roll	Av. Attendance	Men. on Church roll	No. j'g. Ch. from S. S.	No. Or'd. Classes	No. Unor'd. Classes	No. Teachers	Amount paid for Literature	Amt. paid all purposes	Superintendents and Addresses	Secretaries and Addresses
Lee's Chapel ---	Pearl Williford ---	\$1 00	125	50	75	9	4	1	5	\$39.88	\$163.75	J. A. Smith -----	Juanita Smith -----
Robert's Grove ---	Marvin Jackson ---	1.00	86	40	72	23	4	1	5	18.73	40.31	Dunn, N. C. -----	Dunn, N. C. -----
St. Paul -----	Edwin Britt -----	1.00	127	84	---	---	4	1	5	33.33	91.71	Warren Jackson -----	Mrs. Ottis Carroll -----
Shady Grove ---	Kirby West -----	2.00	150	100	86	2	6	1	7	60.20	214.83	Dunn, N. C. -----	Godwin, N. C. -----
Oak Grove -----	Dorothy Warren -----	1.00	90	75	50	---	4	1	5	29.75	110.03	M. A. Warwick -----	Mrs. P. C. Warren -----
Powhatan -----	By Letter -----	---	108	72	68	4	4	2	6	42.15	93.60	Clinton, N. C. -----	Clinton, N. C. -----
Tee's Chapel ---	By letter -----	1.00	132	102	59	10	2	7	9	38.57	96.35	W. A. Jackson -----	Tennie Hudson -----
West Clinton ---	By letter -----	1.00	100	50	28	8	4	---	4	26.29	50.30	Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5 -----	Dunn, N. C., Rt. 5 -----
St. Mary's Grove	By letter -----	---	132	74	---	---	4	---	---	---	72.00	Estel Brock -----	Mrs. J. G. Warren -----
												Dunn, N. C. -----	Newton Grove, N. C. -----
												J. A. Jackson -----	Noah Hill -----
												Clayton, N. C., R. 2 -----	Clayton, N. C., R. 2 -----
												Walter E. P. Royall -----	John R. Davis -----
												Smithfield, N. C. -----	Smithfield, N. C. -----
												R. L. Tew -----	Thelma Parson -----
												Clinton, N. C. -----	Clinton, N. C., R. 4 -----
												James Barbour -----	Rebecca Hobbs -----

The next Convention will convene with Robert's Grove Church on Second Saturday in October, 1944, at 10:30 A. M. E. W. T.

W. A. Jackson, President

Mrs. P. C. Warren, Secretary

STATISTICAL TABLE 1943

Churches	Conference Fund	Paid to Pastor	Revivalist	Orphanage	Education	Mission	League	Ladies Aid	S. S. Funds	Miscellaneous	Val. Ch. Prop.	Rec. By Letter	Restored	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Decreased	Males	Females	Total Members	S. S. Members	Les. Members	L. A. Members
Bethel	\$ 6.00	\$ 300	\$ 73.00	\$105.00	\$	\$36.00	\$	\$	\$221.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 2,500	1	--	4	--	8	--	--	3	74	109	183	203	--	--
Bethel (Lenoir)	10.00	600	75.00	100.00	30.00	25.00	--	600.00	160.00	460.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	41	63	16	--
Casey's Chapel	5.00	306	76.00	275.00	--	--	--	--	75.00	45.00	3,500	--	--	3	--	--	1	2	--	34	48	82	--	--	--
Corinth	10.00	125	65.00	87.00	--	13.00	--	--	--	28.00	1,000	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	57	95	75	30	--
Daly's Chapel	5.00	120	--	--	--	--	--	--	40.00	30.00	1,000	--	21	7	--	--	--	--	--	8	20	28	--	--	--
Goldsboro	10.00	1,363	--	121.00	--	--	--	526.00	302.00	577.00	12,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	75	--	--	--	--
Hopewell	20.00	325	68.00	81.00	22.00	--	--	92.00	90.00	234.00	3,500	--	--	23	1	3	--	19	--	106	163	269	107	31	74
Johnson Union	10.00	300	55.00	30.00	--	--	--	--	--	113.00	3,000	6	--	2	--	8	--	--	--	90	145	235	105	15	--
Lee's Chapel	5.00	300	100.00	170.00	5.00	6.00	--	--	165.00	188.00	3,000	--	4	8	--	1	3	8	--	65	110	175	125	--	--
Oak Grove	4.00	300	62.00	61.00	--	--	--	--	131.00	66.00	2,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	57	92	149	90	20	--
Pleasant Grove	4.50	129	30.00	--	--	--	--	--	25.00	25.00	1,000	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	79	--	--
Powhatan	10.00	320	68.00	50.00	25.00	30.00	--	75.00	113.00	364.00	4,000	--	--	4	--	4	--	--	--	83	101	184	104	--	--
Prospect	6.00	433	60.00	--	--	9.00	35.00	60.00	119.00	147.00	2,000	--	--	2	--	1	--	1	--	84	119	203	80	18	22
Riverside	3.00	127	42.00	32.00	--	--	--	--	13.00	--	1,000	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	33	89	122	30	--	--
Robert's Grove	16.00	203	113.00	70.00	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	2,000	4	--	34	--	--	38	--	--	65	85	150	--	--	--
Shady Grove	34.00	370	90.00	212.00	19.00	93.00	--	226.00	260.00	314.00	6,000	--	--	2	--	--	3	--	1	83	219	302	160	22	--
Smithfield	5.00	189	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	399.00	15,000	2	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	28	70	98	90	--	--
St. John	5.50	135	44.00	60.00	30.00	25.00	--	--	28.00	85.00	1,250	1	--	6	--	2	--	5	--	44	64	108	60	25	--
St. Mary's Grove	6.00	240	114.00	57.00	--	--	--	--	78.00	195.00	3,000	5	--	16	--	2	4	15	--	80	174	254	130	--	--
St. Paul	4.00	452	--	53.00	--	--	--	72.00	89.00	55.00	3,000	2	--	16	--	--	1	17	--	92	110	202	127	33	--
Tee's Chapel	13.25	250	61.00	9.00	--	--	--	13.00	116.00	75.00	2,500	--	2	12	--	1	2	11	--	83	140	223	126	13	--
West Clinton	5.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,000	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	75	--	--	--
Yelverton's Grove	5.00	188	7.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,200	2	--	16	--	--	--	17	--	30	58	88	98	--	--



