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Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

EASTERN CONFERENCE

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

of

South Carolina

Which Convened with

Spring Pond Church

Williamsburg County

November 4th and 5th, 1943

The next session of the Conference will convene with New Hope Church on Thursday before the First Sunday in November, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., Eastern War Time.



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Due to war conditions and late arrival of delegates the conference before
conference was carried out somewhat differently at beginning.

All present assembled for preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Eld T. C. Port brought message—scripture: Galatians 1st chapter, verses 1-12, text: 10th verse, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ." The message was inspiring and uplifting to all who heard.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After preaching and lunch hour we assembled for conference at 2:30 P. M.

Song No. 33 was sung followed by scripture by Moderator—3rd Chapter 1st Corinthians, and prayer.

Moderator was given permission to appoint all committees which are as follows:

Devotional—Bros. A. C. Player, J. W. Wilson, Troy Pope.

Finance—Bros. A. B. Powell, W. A. Sanders, Z. G. Tanner.

Sunday School and Temperance—Elds. N. N. Davis, James Powell, G. W. Howell.

Missions—Elds. S. J. Player, T. C. Port, Sister Ruth Howell.

Investigation—A. B. Powell, Eld. G. W. Howell, J. L. Hughes.

Education—Elds. G. W. Howell, J. L. Smith.

Program Committee was not appointed as Moderator decided several changes were needed in program and with the assistance of the clerk will present new program at next conference.

Roll call of ministers was next in order; ten were present with dues and verbal reports of work done through past year. (See list of ministers elsewhere.)

Devotional Committee reports Eld. G. W. Howell to preach tonight at 7:30 P. M.

Conference dismissed until Friday morning at 9:45 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING—November 5th

Conference reassembled. Opened by congregational singing hymns Nos. 22 and 23.

Revelation, chapter twelve, fol-

Delegates from various churches
done. It seems more interest is be-
ers in this conference. (See Church

his next conference are considered next and we will meet
New Hope Church, Florence County.

Devotional Committee reports Eld. J. D. Branton to preach at 11:00
o'clock, Eld. N. N. Davis, tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Conference called off for preaching to meet at 2:30 P. M.

Eld. Branton brought a God given message and we are sure it blessed
every hearer as well as the messenger. We should be ready always to obey
the voice of God and our messages will ever be a blessing. Scripture used,
Genesis 3: 9.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying the fellowship of the brethren during lunch hour we
reassembled at the appointed time for final business.

Devotional conducted by Moderator, followed by song No. 143 and pray-
er by Eld. J. L. Smith.

Delegate from South Carolina Conference received a warm welcome.
Bro. Parker spoke of orphanage work in general and of conditions existing
in conference of which he is a member, especially the financial and spiritual
condition. He mentioned the spirit of missions which seem to be at its best.
This is or it should be in every conference.

Reports of committees were received and committees released.

Sunday School and Temperance—We, your Committee on Sunday School,
ask the body to adopt the following: Each church in the Eastern Conference
needs to carry on a good Sabbath School, therefore some plans need to be
made to see that this is accomplished. Also those churches which already
have Sabbath Schools should raise more funds for various needs, and in-
spire young people to do a greater work for the Lord.

Concerning Temperance—let us preach it, teach it and live it continually.
“Actions prove more than words.”

Eld. N. N. Davis

Eld. James Powell

Eld. G. W. Howell

Missions—We, your Committee on Missions, ask that the ministers of
our Conference set a worthy example before your congregations in the work
of missions so that our people will be able to see the need of giving more to

the cause of Christ than ever before
in our churches and try to send in
Conference—50c per male and 25c
\$1.00.

Received

Members in
Eld. G. W. Howell Th. before

Education—It becomes the duty of this Conference to raise funds for the purpose of helping young men who would prepare themselves for the work of the ministry and as a Conference we give consideration to the Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Eld. G. W. Howell

Eld. J. L. Smith

Eld. T. D. Lyerly

Investigation—No report.

Program—See notice elsewhere.

Finance—

On hand, receipts last Conference	\$157.06
Received from churches	46.25
Received from ministers	10.00
Received from Union Meeting for Missions	50.00
Received from churches for S. S. Convention	41.50
Total	\$304.81
Received later from New Zion and Little Bethel Churches ..	10.25
Total	\$315.06

Disbursements:

Paid Eld. T. W. Williams, expense	\$ 10.00
Paid Conference Clerk	10.00
Sent W. D. Hearl donation	10.00
Sent Eld. S. J. Player, donation	10.00
Sent Bible College, Tennessee	25.00
Sent Foreign Missions	100.00
Sent S. S. Convention	41.50
Total	\$206.50
Balance on hand November, 1943	\$108.56

A. B. Powell

Z. G. Tanner

W. A. Sanders

he Antioch Church property made
the Conference to get a clear title

Davis were appointed as a committee
made the Church property.

Eld. T. A. Williams gave an interesting report of his visit to the State Association which met at Whitney Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

This is a new organization which is just being set up in working order and we trust it will prove a great blessing to the cause of Christ in South Carolina.

On motion by Eld. M. F. Howell we gave Eld. T. A. Williams \$10.00 to cover expense to State Association also donation of \$5.00 which he voluntarily gave in name of this Conference.

It was motioned by Eld. J. L. Smith we pay clerk \$10.00 for service rendered.

It was motioned we give our aged ministers \$10.00 each.

Eld. C. J. Hearl who is very feeble at this time and Eld. S. J. Player who has seen better days each received \$10.00. Would like to say Brother Player has been a great blessing to this Conference and although getting somewhat feeble is in perfect health at this time and never fails to testify at every opportunity to the wonderful healing power of God.

It was motioned that we send \$100.00 to Foreign Missions for purpose of helping our Bible School in Cuba.

Motioned we give our National Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, \$25.00.

\$41.50 was sent to Secretary and Treasurer of S. S. Convention for Orphanage funds.

Concerning Orphanage funds would like to state that several of the churches paid their apportionment at last S. S. Convention but some failed to do so. We only asked about 33c per member and feel certain this is not too much. We hope to have a full report of Orphanage funds at next Annual Conference. (By the Clerk)

Motion—That ministers bring written report of their work to next Annual Conference, approximate mileage traveled in carrying gospel, offering received for work, amount given to religious causes and missions, growth of churches.

Motion—Eld. N. N. Davis preach introductory sermon at next Annual

Conference Thursday before
o'clock.

Motioned by Eld J. L. Smith
at the next session of South Carolina

Motioned we extend rising vote
community for welcome and hospital

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Motioned we adjourn to meet with _____ Church Thursday before
first Sunday in November, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., Eastern War Time.

After singing hymn "Called to Foreign Fields," Eld. J. L. Smith an-
nounced the benediction.

Eld. T. A. Williams, Moderator
Mrs. A. B. Powell, Clerk

LIST OF MINISTERS

Eld. T. A. Williams	-----	Hemingway, S. C.
Eld. J. L. Smith	-----	Andrews, S. C.
Eld. N. N. Davis	-----	Johnsonville, S. C.
Eld. M. F. Howell	-----	Buckspport, S. C.
Eld. S. J. Player	-----	Andrews, S. C.
Eld. R. G. Gaskins	-----	Johnsonville, S. C.
Eld. T. D. Lyerly	-----	Johnsonville, S. C.
Eld James Powell	-----	Johnsonville, S. C.
Eld. M. S. Todd	-----	Leo, S. C.
Eld. C. J. Hearl	-----	Buckspport, S. C.
Eld. J. D. Branton	-----	Conway, S. C.
Eld. G. W. Howell	-----	Buckspport, S. C.
Eld. T. C. Port	-----	Hemingway, S. C.

LICENTIATE

E. J. Moore ----- Florence, S. C.

CHURCH, CLERK AND ADDRESS

Antioch—

Black River—O. S. Powell, Andrews, S. C.

Aon—C. R. G.
 Little Bethel—B. M. Driggers, Hemingway, S. C.
 Spring Pond—A. C. Player, Andrews, S. C.
 Williams Hill—Z. G. Tanner, Hemingway, S. C.
 Gethsemane—

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Eld. T. A. Williams—present	\$1.00
Eld. J. L. Smith—present	1.00
Eld. N. N. Davis—present	1.00
Eld. M. F. Howell—present	1.00
Eld. S. J. Player—present	1.00
Eld. R. G. Gaskins—absent	
Eld. T. D. Lyerly—absent	
Eld. James Powell—present	1.00
Eld. M. S. Todd—present	1.00
Eld. F. S. Ard—absent	
Eld. G. W. Howell—present	1.00
Eld. J. D. Branton—present	1.00
Eld. T. C. Port—present	1.00
E. J. Moore, Licentiate—absent	

Antioch—Not represented.

Black River—O. S. Powell, Clerk; Eld. J. L. Smith, Pastor. Dismissed
 2, males 15, females 25, total 40, Sunday School 45, Conference funds \$4.00,
 Orphanage \$10.00, Delegate J. D. Caselman.

Greeleyville—J. O. Gamble. Male members 4, female 12, total member-
 ship 16, Conference \$5.00, Orphanage funds, \$6.50, Delegate J. E. Osburn.

Little Lamb—Woodrow
ceived 1, Baptized 1, dismiss-
bers 65, Conference funds \$8.00,
Ruth Howell.

New Hope—J. L. Hughes, Clerk; Received 1, Baptized 1, dismissed 1, male 11, female 39, total 50, members in S. S. 76, Conference funds \$6.75, Delegates J. D. Hughes, Leland Howell.

New Prospect—M. L. Stone, Clerk; J. L. Smith, Pastor. Died 5, received 8, baptized 8, males 52, females 70, total 122, S. S. members 80, Conference funds \$5.00, Orphanage funds \$25.00, Delegates Zollie Powell, H. B. Stone.

New Zion—Not represented.

Little Bethel—B. M. Driggers, J. A. Hucks, Pastor. Male 19, female 32, total 51, S. S. members 76, Conference \$7.25, Delegates B. E. Thompson, J. Wesley Altman.

Spring Pond—A. C. Player, Clerk; T. A. Williams, Pastor. Died 1, received 1, baptized 2, males 10, females 30, total 40, Conference funds \$5.00, Delegates A. C. Player, John Wilson.

Williams Hill—Z. G. Tanner, Clerk; T. D. Lyerly, Pastor. Received 2, males 22, females 38, total 60, S. S. members 76, Conference \$7.75, Delegate Z. G. Tanner.

Three churches sent in a statement concerning the financial condition of their church although not a complete record. We would like to give recognition of their work.

Little Lamb—Paid pastor \$242.81; Charity and general expense \$428.82; total \$671.63.

Spring Pond—Paid pastor \$150.00; Building funds \$170.00; miscellaneous \$119.00; Total \$439.00.

Williams Hill—Paid pastor \$230.00; Miscellaneous \$700.17; Total \$930.17.

It would be encouraging if other churches would keep a record of financial condition and report to next conference.

SERMONS DELIVERED DURING CONFERENCE

November 4th, 11:00 o'clock A. M., Eld. T. C. Port, Text: Galatians 1: 10—"For if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ."

November 4th, 7:30 P. M., Eld. G. W. Howell—Text: James 5: 16—"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

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Mr. C. Port was asked to preach
ter, delegate from S. C. Conference,
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