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of the
Thirtieth Annual Session
of the
EASTERN CONFERENCE
of
SOUTH CAROLINA

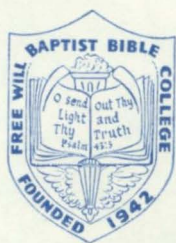
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At this time, the conference will adjourn until the next session of the conference, which will be held at the same place and time as above.

PROCEEDINGS

of the Thirtieth Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of South Carolina.

According to previous appointment, Conference met at Gethsemane Church, Horry County, November 1, 2, 1945.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotionals—Song by congregation. Scripture Lesson (2 Thess. 2), by Eld. T. A. Williams. Prayer by Eld. N. N. Davis.

Committees appointed were as follows:

Devotional—Bro. J. E. Richardson and wife, Bro. U. A. Sanders.

Finance—Bros. J. G. Williams, Troy Pope, O. O. Matthews.

Sunday School and Temperance—Elds. N. N. Davis, James Powell, Bro. J. G. Williams.

Missions—Eld. M. F. Howell, Bros. S. A. Owens, Grady Perry.

Programs—Eld. G. W. Howell, Bros. Z. G. Tanner, Troy Foxworth.

Education—Eld. N. N. Davis, Bros. J. G. Williams, Troy Pope.

It was motioned at this time the roll call of our ministers was heard. Those present responded with an impressive report of their year's work, and paid one dollar each to the Conference.

Those present were: Elders T. A. Williams, N. N. Davis, M. F. Howell, James Powell, M. S. Todd, G. W. Howell.

Those absent without presenting an excuse were: Elds. J. L. Smith, R. G. Gaskins, J. D. Branton, T. D. Lyerly, E. J. Moore (Licentiate).

Absent, Excused—Elds. S. J. Player and N. V. Sturgeon (who also paid \$1.00).

On motion, all present stood in moment of silent prayer, in honor to our beloved brother, Eld. C. J. Hearl, deceased since our last Conference.

On motion, all visiting brethren were given a seat, voice and sincere welcome in our Conference. Bro. Norton and others gave an inspiring comment. Next was given consideration to petition of new churches, etc.

Muddy Creek Church in Florence County, through her delegates to this session, asked for and was granted admittance into our Conference. The Deed to her property was read in our hearing. After due consideration, on motion, said Church was formally received by extending to her delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Then on motion we called off for preaching and refreshments. Elder N. N. Davis gave us a thrilling message from St. Matthew, 13th chapter, and 22nd verse, after which a very elaborate dinner was served on the grounds, and much enjoyed by all (thanks to the good people of this community).

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Conference reassembled. Devotionals by congregation. Scripture lesson rendered (66th Psalm) and comment by our Moderator, Eld. T. A. Williams. Prayer offered by Eld. James Powell. Business resumed as follows:

Proceedings of the fore noon's session was read by the clerk. On motion same was accepted without correction.

On motion list of our churches were called and were represented as follows:

Spring Pond—By Pastor, Elder T. A. Williams.

New Hope—By O. D. Matthews and Leland Powell.

New Zion—W. G. Douglas, B. A. Tompkins.

Williams' Hill—J. G. and G. W. Williams.

Little Lamb—Troy Pope and U. A. Sanders.

Gethsemane—W. J. Cook, Allen Alford.

St. John's—By Pastor, T. A. Williams.

Muddy Creek—Troy Foxworth, S. A. Owens, Grady Perry.

Not Represented

Black River, Greelyville, New Prospect, Little Bethel.

Churches	Died	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Restoration	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Male Members	No. Female Members	Total Members	Budget Funds	Val. Church Lands, Bldgs., Furniture, other Resources	Paid Pastor	Charity	Repairs	Total Rec'd for all purposes	Total paid out	Bal. in Treasury	S. S. and Membership	F. W. B. League	Ladies Aid & Miss. Work	Church Conf. this Year	Date of Annual Meeting	
Antioch	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	---	---	---	---	2	Thurs., Nov. 1
Black River	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	Thurs., Nov. 1
Greelyville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	Sat. bef. 2 Sun. Oct.
Spring Pond	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Prospect	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Hope	0	0	0	2	0	8	38	46	10	3,400.00	125.00	20	57.50	362.50	311.50	74.32	58	---	---	---	2	Thurs., Nov. 1
New Zion	0	4	2	3	1	10	12	22	---	1,100.00	223.59	---	10.00	---	---	12.10	41	---	---	---	3	Thurs., Nov. 1
Williams' Hill	2	9	0	0	0	37	44	81	16	4,500.00	250.36	---	200.00	856.01	1,791.91	64.85	60	---	---	---	4	Sat. bef. 2 Sun. Oct.
Little Bethel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Little Lamb	1	13	1	0	0	31	40	71	25	4,000.00	250.00	200	447.17	1,422.17	1,362.17	60.00	82	---	---	---	4	Sat. bef. 5 Sun. Oct.
Getsemane	2	14	0	17	0	29	26	55	10	---	31.05	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5th Sat. in Aug.
St. John's	0	3	0	0	0	16	50	66	10	1,367.13	206.50	50	18.00	509.35	451.65	57.70	75	---	---	---	---	2 4th Sat. in Oct.
Muddy Creek	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

***—Signify Yes.

(Note—St. John's Church also sent \$10.00 donation to the Sunday School Convention.)

Then was taken up business of the Orphanage. Elder T. A. Williams gave a timely lecture explaining the importance of the Orphanage, relative to the future welfare of our children. Others offered favorable comments on the Orphanage work and urged our donation in behalf of same.

Then came adjournment 'till Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Song, "God Be With You."

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 2nd

Conference came together at 10:00 o'clock and was promptly called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional service rendered was: Song by choir. Scripture lesson (St. Luke, 12th chapter), and prayer offered by Elder M. F. Howell, who also gave interesting comment on same.

The proceedings of Thursday afternoon's session were heard and by motion stood approved.

Elder M. H. Mellette from the South Carolina Conference, gave a very inspiring comment on Christian Education and also spoke in interest of the Nashville Bible School. Also Elder L. L. Moore spoke in behalf of the Orphanage.

Reports of various Committees were as follows:

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Found on hand from last Conference	\$ 46.00
Received from Preachers at this Conference	7.00
Received from Churches at this Conference	92.00
Total	\$145.05
Paid Clerk	10.00
Balance to date	\$135.00

We recommend that we donate

Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee	\$ 25.00
To Missions	25.00
To Sister Rosabelle Williams	25.00
To Elder S. J. Player	10.00
To Sister Beckie Port	10.00
To Sister Lou Hurl	5.00
Total	\$100.00
Leaves on hand to date—Balance	\$ 35.00

(Recommendation, and report accepted and committee released.)

J. G. Williams,
Troy Pope,
O. O. Matthews,
Committee.

DEVOTIONAL

We, your Committee, ask that Elder N. N. Davis preach Thursday, noon; Elder M. F. Howell preach Thursday night; Elder T. A. Williams preach Friday, noon.

Your Committee:
U. A. Sanders,
J. C. Richardson and Wife.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Sunday School and Temperance, offer following report: 1st. That the leaders of our churches take more interest in Sunday School and also in making each class and class room more attractive and study some plan to interest those whom soon must take our place. Also we believe we ought to be temperate in all things we do, in our walk, our talk and we ask that our church members be temperate in the way they talk about their Brother or Sister in Christ. At all times strive to advance the cause of Christ's Kingdom. We desire your prayers.

Elder N. N. Davis,
Elder James Powell,
Bro. G. W. Williams.

EDUCATION

We, your Committee, recommend that our ministers avail themselves of every opportunity possible and that each church try to stay in touch with the Bible School at Nashville, and let our young people know of the opportunities offered them there. We ask our Conference to send the School \$25.00.

Elder N. N. Davis,
Bro. G. W. Williams,
Bro. Troy Pope.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We ask all our ministers to try to encourage Missions, both home and foreign, also we urge our Field Workers to encourage this great work for we see the need of missions today. Also we ask that this Conference to send \$25.00 to the Treasurer of the Foreign Disbursing Office, the U. S. A. And that our Home Mission workers be urged to look after the welfare of the needy of our churches. Our Mission work is a great work.

Elder M. F. Howell,
Bro. Cricket Owens,
Bro. Grady Perry.

PROGRAMS

We, your Committee, offer the following program for our next conference.

Conference convene at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1946.

10:00 A. M.—Organization.

11:00 A. M.—List of Ministers be called and reports be heard.

11:15 A. M.—Visiting brethren be seated.

11:45 A. M.—Petitions for new churches, etc.

12:00 M.—Preaching and refreshments (and intermission).

2:30 P. M.—Reports of delegates to and from other Conferences.

3:00 P. M.—Reports of our Churches.

3:45 P. M.—Business of the Orphanage.

4:00 P. M.—Adjournment until Friday morning, 10:00 o'clock.

10:00 A. M.—Friday A. M., Conference reassemble.

Devotionals by Moderator.

10:10 A. M.—Reports of Committees.

11:00 A. M.—New Business.

11:30 A. M.—Petition for next Conference.

12:00 M.—Preaching and if any other business reassemble, if not, be adjourned.

Elder G. W. Howell,
Bro. J. G. Tanner,
Bro. Troy Foxworth.

By motion all reports were heard and accepted. All Committees were released.

Petitions for the next Conference was considered. It was motioned by vote to go to St. John's Church in Florence County. Then an intermission of 10 minutes was given, after which Elder T. A. Williams preached an inspiring message. Scripture lesson used, 1st John, 3rd chapter.

Elder M. H. Mellette closed the service.

Conference now called off for refreshments. A bountiful table was spread before us, and was much enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

New Business—

Again, Devotionals were rendered, after which we entered upon new business.

It was motioned (upon request by Elder M. S. Todd), that we grant him a letter of Recommendation to Whom it May Concern. Then was offered by Elder N. N. Davis a resolution, that we build a Free Will Tabernacle. Much discussion on the subject was heard after which it was motioned that Elders N. N. Davis, T. A. Williams, G. W. Howell, be appointed as a committee to select an available site strategically located for same, and also to raise funds,

to solicit donations for building said Tabernacle.

On motion Elder G. W. Howell was appointed as Delegate to go to the next session of the South Carolina Conference, also Bro. J. G. Williams was appointed as delegate to go to the State Association.

On motion Eld. T. A. Williams was appointed as Moderator for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion, Bro. J. M. Williams was re-elected as our Clerk and Treasurer, indefinitely.

On motion we have 300 of these minutes printed at a cost of \$-----.

On motion, we hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this vicinity, who offered to us during the setting of this Conference; their generous and unbiased hospitality.

On motion, we adjourn to meet again Thursday morning before the first Sunday in November, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, with St. Johns' Church in Florence County, S. C.

Benediction.

Eld. T. A. Williams, Moderator.

J. M. Williams, Clerk & Treasurer.

LIST OF OUR MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. A. Williams, Hemingway, South Carolina.

Elder J. L. Smith, Andrews, South Carolina.

Elder N. N. Davis, Johnsonville, South Carolina.

Elder M. F. Howell, Route 2, Conway, South Carolina.

Elder S. J. Player, Andrews, South Carolina.

Elder R. G. Gaskins, Georgetown, South Carolina.

Elder T. D. Lyerly, Johnsonville, S. C.

Elder James Powell, Johnsonville, S. C.

Elder M. S. Todd, Route 3, Lake City, S. C.

Elder N. V. Sturgeon, Hemingway, South Carolina.

Elder G. W. Howell, Route 2, Conway, South Carolina.

Elder J. D. Branton, Route 2, Conway, South Carolina.

Elder E. J. Moore, (Licentiate), (Latta, South Carolina).

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Antioch—

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

Greelyville—J. O. Gamble, Greelyville, S. C.

Spring Pond—A. C. Player, Andrews, S. C.

New Hope—Mrs. Dike Powell, Johnsonville, S. C.

Williams' Hill—Z. G. Tanner, Route 2, Hemingway, S. C.

New Prospect—M. L. Stone, Hyman, S. C.

Little Bethel—

Little Lamb—Woodrow Howell, Conway, S. C.

New Zion—Wilma D. Lewis, Hemingway, S. C.

Gethsemane—Ira Shelly, Gallivants Ferry, S. C.

St. Johns—Roy Powell.

Muddy Creek—Mrs. Troy Foxworth, Hemingway, S. C.

