

MINUTES

of the

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

EASTERN CONFERENCE

of the

**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

held at

**WILLIAMS HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HEMINGWAY, S. C.**

AUGUST 29, 1970

REV. H. E. POWELL, Moderator

CARLISLE JONES, Clerk

**The next session will convene at Mill Branch
Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville**

October 30, 1971

EASTERN CONFERENCE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina convened Saturday, August 29, 1970, at 10:00 A. M. with The Williams Hill Baptist Church, Hemingway, S. C.

The meeting was called in session by the Moderator, Rev. Hoyt Powell. Brother Joseph Cagle led the congregation in song number 113, "At the Cross". Brother Paul Clayton gave the morning devotion, scripture Revelations 5:1-24. Brother Clayton closed the devotion in prayer. Brother Michael Jones led in a special prayer for the sick and for the Children's Home.

Business:

The Moderator gave his address. His subject was "Who Do You Say That I Am" from Matthew 16.

The rules of decorum were read by Brother Michael Jones, assistant reading clerk.

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the fifty-fourth session as read. M.S.C.

There was a motion that the chair support the various committees. M.S.C. For Finance Committee, Brothers Frank Woodbury, J. M. Williams, and Rutledge Alford. For Sunday School and Temperance Committees, Brothers LeWayne Poston, Wallace Stone, and Michael Jones. For Mission and Education Committee, Brothers Joseph Cagle, James Rabon, and Emerson Hayes. For Investigating Committee, Brothers Jack Evans, James Pierce, and Carlisle Jones.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$269.42.

The roll call of ministers was called with eleven present. There was an invitation given to any church who may wish to unite with this body.

Brother Hoyt Powell gave an oral report of the Children's Home. The financial report as pertaining to the body was distributed, as sent in by Brother Paul Sheehan, Superintendent of the Children's Home. (See report)

The Moderator called for a short recess.

The morning worship service began with the congregation singing number 248, "Just Over In The Glory Land", led by Brother Joseph Cagle. Rev. James Pierce brought the morning message, scripture Genesis 2:7, subject "Soul".

Brother T. B. Williams made the announcement concerning the noon meal. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Jack Evans.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing number 73, "When We All Get To Heaven", followed with prayer by Brother Emerson Hayes. Brother Jack Evans gave the afternoon devotion, scripture II Timothy 1:6. Closed the devotion in prayer.

Business:

There was a motion that ministers of this conference in school be notified of the conference meeting. M.S.C.

The Moderator asked for the reports.

The Finance Committee Report was read. There was a motion to accept the report and release the Committee. M.S.C. (See report)

The Mission and Education Committee gave its report and it was adopted. (See report)

The Sunday School and Temperance Committee gave its report and it was adopted. (See report)

The Investigating Committee gave its report and it was adopted. (See report)

The Ordaining Council recommended that Brother Wendall Ard receive his license. The report was accepted. (See report)

There was a motion that a committee be elected to investigate the possibilities of starting a church (at Goose Creek). M.S.C. Brothers Hoyt Powell, Jack Evans, and Joseph Cagle were elected to this committee.

There was a motion that the Goose Creek Committee be allowed to use money out of the treasury to help support the Goose Creek Project. M.S.C.

There was a motion that each church receive two free will offerings to help support the Goose Creek Project. M.S.C.

Brother Wallace Stone volunteered to represent the Easter Conference at the State Convention.

The following were nominated from the floor: Moderator, Joseph Cagle; Assistant Moderator, Billy Baker; Clerk and Treasurer, Carlisle Jones; Reading Clerk, Michael Jones; Ordaining Council, Paul Clayton. These were elected.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality.

Motion carried that this session adjourn to meet again at the Mill Branch Church, Route 1, Johnsonville, S. C., October 30, 1971.

Brother James Pierce dismissed in prayer.

Rev. Hoyt Powell, Moderator
Brother Carlisle Jones, Clerk

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Sunday and Temperance, suggest:

1. That we as Christians lead the way by bringing all our families every Sunday.
2. That our Sunday School be promoted as well as attended by every Christian studying every lesson. An informed Christian is a better Christian.
3. That we support our Sunday School convention with church prayer and attendance.
4. That we elect Christian teachers who will fulfill their obligation to the classes and God.

CONCERNING TEMPERANCE

1. That we day by day live to let Christ shine in our lives to show our families, our friends, and the world that we serve Christ.

We further suggest that this report be acted upon and not set under a bushel.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Wallace Stone
Rev. Michael Jones
Rev. LeWayne Poston

REPORT OF THE MISSION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, your Mission and Education Committee, make the following report: "That we pray and have faith in God to support our missionaries, but faith without works is dead. If we're dead, we can do nothing so pray to be alive in Christ and be a doer as well as a hearer to help according as God blesses us to further the Gospel of Christ."

Concerning education, our youth of today are being taught in the world the things of the world.

One forty-five minute Sunday School class a week is not sufficient to teach them God's word. So, we stress the need for further denominational training. Our Eastern Conference needs each individual church to get involved in C.T.S. or League program to further educate our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Omeca McCutcheon
Emerson Hayes
James Rabon

ANNUAL REPORT OF F.W.B. CHILDREN'S HOME

TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT AUGUST 1, 1969 THROUGH JULY 31, 1970

Receipts:

District Auxiliary	\$ 124.33
Happy Home Church	139.17
William Hill Sunday School	100.00
St. John Church	84.00
Hillside Sunday School	17.07
Junior Class Hillside Church	7.50
Mill Branch Church	255.00
New Prospect Church	450.30
Sunday School Convention	140.00
Singing Convention (New Prospect Church)	90.00
Singing Convention (New Prospect Church)	120.00
Singing Convention (Mill Branch Church)	43.28
TOTAL	\$1,570.65

Individuals:

Mr. Emerson Hayes	\$ 30.00
Mrs. Lossie Mae Evans	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 40.00

Commodities: (Estimated Price)

Mr. Emerson Hayes (Corn)	\$ 58.50
Mill Branch Church (Cakes, candy, etc.)	80.38
New Prospect Ladies Sunday School Class (Curtains)	25.00
St. John Church (Corn, tomatoes etc.)	114.25

This has been a good year. The Lord has richly blessed us and supplied our every need. We sincerely need your prayers. So please, pray each day that the Lord will give us wisdom, love and grace to do the work assigned to our hands.

Also, remember that prices and wages have gone up and it takes so much more to operate the Home and care for these children than it did five years ago. **Pray** and then **do** your best for your children here in the Home, who look to each of you for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Sheehan,
Supt.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, make the following report:

Balance on Hand	\$269.42
Received from Churches	\$140.00
Received from Ministers	12.00
Total Received	152.00
Total Balance on Hand and Received	\$421.42

Disbursements:

Clerk Hire	\$ 20.00
Balance on Hand	\$401.42

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Woodbury
J. M. Williams
Rutledge Alford

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

We, your Investigating Committee, find all letters of excuses offered reasonable and excusable with good fellowship and harmony among the brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlisle Jones
James Pierce
Jack Evans

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, move that this conference license Brother Wendell Ard as a minister of the Eastern Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joseph Cagle
Rev. Hoyt Powell

Rev Paul Clayton	3 Years
Rev. Joseph Cagle	2 Years
Rev. Hoyt Powell	1 Year

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

- Happy Home — Rev. Paul Clayton, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Omeca McCutcheon, Andrews, S. C.
- Hill Side — Rev. Franklyn Young, Hemingway, S. C.
 Mrs. Ruth Stone, 255 Pamplico Highway, Florence, S. C.
- Mill Branch — Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, Conway, S. C.
 T. M. Jones, Route 1, Johnsonville, S. C.
- New Prospect — Rev. Joseph Cagle, Route 2, Pamplico, S. C.
 Carlisle Jones, Route 2, Pamplico, S. C.
- St. John — Rev. Billy Baker, 1307 Sewanee Ave., Florence, S. C.
 Emerson Hayes, Route 2, Scranton, S. C.
- Sweet Home — Rev. Oscar Tedder, Andrews, S. C.
 Archie Huggins, 2820 Rivers Ave., Charleston, S. C.
- Williams Hill — Rev. James A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.
 T. B. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

- Rev. Melvin Adams, Route 3, Box 171, Kershaw, S. C.
- Rev. Billy Baker, 1307 Sewanee Ave., Florence, S. C.
- Rev. Joseph Cagle, Route 2, Pamplico, S. C.
- Rev. Paul Clayton, Route 2, Johnsonville, S. C.
- Rev. Jack Evans, Route 1, Pamplico, S. C.
- Rev. Ronnie Floyd, (School) Nashville, Tennessee
- Rev. Michael Jones, Route 1, Johnsonville, S. C.
- Rev. Ronnie Jones, Route 1, Johnsonville, S. C.
- Rev. James A. Pierce, P. O. Box 207, Cowards, S. C.
- Rev. LeWayne Poston, Route 1, Johnsonville, S. C.
- Rev. Hoyt Powell, P. O. Box 248, Manning, S. C.
- Rev. Walter Scott, Hemingway, S. C.
- Rev. Paul Sheehan, Children's Home, Turbeville, S. C.
- Rev. Oscar Tedder, Andrews, S. C.
- Rev. Charlie Tyler, 35 Suffolk St., Charleston Heights, S. C.
- Rev. Benjamin Young, (School) Nashville, Tennessee

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I

This conference shall be called the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II

The officers of this conference shall be: a moderator, a clerk, reading clerk, treasurer, and an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) duly ordained ministers to be elected or reelected yearly.

ARTICLE III

Any brother desiring to be licensed or ordained must have a letter of recommendation from the church of which he is a member. Said church must be a member of the Eastern Conference.

ARTICLE IV

A minister coming from another conference or Association must come by letter from his former conference or Association.

ARTICLE V

Each minister duly licensed or ordained of said conference may have the privilege to vote.

ARTICLE VI

This constitution shall be revised at any annual conference by a vote of two-thirds majority.

BY-LAWS

1. No minister of the Eastern Conference shall pastor a church that is not in fellowship with the Free Will Baptist denomination.

2. No brother shall receive credentials except he has been a member of a church, in good standing in said conference, for a period of twelve (12) months or more. He must be licensed for twelve (12) months before he can be ordained.

3. He that desires to be licensed must come with a letter of recommendation, stating whether or not he has tithed during said period, signed by his pastor and church treasurer. Also bringing a personal record of his work to be presented to the ordaining council. The same applies to his ordination.

4. Any minister who makes a shipwreck of his life or brings a reproach upon himself or conference, the accuser shall present a written charge properly signed to the ordaining council, if proven guilty shall surrender his credentials for a period of six (6) months on first offense. The penalty for second offense is the surrender of credentials for two (2) years.

5. From this, The Lord's Day—December 7, 1963, the ordaining council shall not license, ordain, or accept anyone who has two (2) living wives or if wife has two (2) living husbands. Scripture: Titus 1:6. I Timothy 3:1-2.

6. Each minister of the said conference must report in person or by letter to each union or conference. All ministers who fail to conform to this ruling will have to surrender his credentials and go before the Ordaining Council before they can be reinstated. But, in case of an emergency, a minister has one week from date of the conference to send in his excuse.

7. These by-laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any regular conference.

8. All visiting ministers will be given a seat in our conference with this restriction, they will not be privileged to vote.

9. The dues of this conference are one dollar (\$1.00) per quarter; payable each quarter at the regular conference.

10. The clerk is to inform the Ordaining Council of all ministers of said conference who do not conform to rule number six of these by-laws.

11. The minutes of all ministers meetings are to be published in the Association minutes rather than just the minutes of the annual meeting as has been done in previous years.

12. A committee is to be appointed to judge whether or not the excuse of absent ministers is to be accepted. The committee shall consist of the clerk and two ministers of our conference. If any excuse is rejected the sender is to be notified and more information is to be asked for.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unhold conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church, conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pray according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "Keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will every where hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CHURCHES	DELEGATES										Total	Total on Roll	At End of Year
	By Letter	By Baptism	By Restoration	Total	By Letter	By Expulsion	Died	Total	Total on Roll	At End of Year			
Happy Home	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	49			
Hill Side	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	57			
Mill Branch	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	1	5	89			
New Prospect	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	5	5	166			
St. John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76			
Sweet Home	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	29			
Williams Hill	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	60			
Total	3	8	0	11	13	0	10	23	23	526			

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Total Received	And on Hand	Pastor	Charity	Repairs	Total Expenses	Balance in Treasury	Total Value of Church and Property
Happy Home	\$ 3,546.48	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 809.30	\$ 462.18	\$ 3,084.30	\$ 462.18	\$ 21,600.00	
Hill Side	8,666.30	1,900.00	191.09	675.05	7,991.25	675.05	40,000.00	
Mill Branch	15,777.86	1,300.00	559.40	1,610.99	18,274.98	1,610.99	42,401.95	
New Prospect	22,069.43	2,475.00	1,264.75	605.09	9,602.61	12,466.82	12,200.00	
St. John	1,824.91	1,200.00	100.85	50.00	1,785.53	108.88	1,500.00	
Sweet Home	2,729.21	1,700.00	319.33	2,560.68	2,560.68	168.53	37,000.00	
Williams Hill	5,476.73	1,400.00	384.94	330.70	2,363.29	3,113.44	154,701.95	
Total	\$ 60,090.92	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 3,629.66	\$ 22,104.58	\$ 45,662.64	\$ 18,605.89	\$ 154,701.95	

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt another member while they are speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother."
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On motion made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

