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MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

EASTERN CONFERENCE

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

held at

MILL BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ROUTE 1, JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.

NOVEMBER 29, 1980

REV. JOSEPH L. CAGLE, Moderator

CARLISLE JONES, Clerk

The next session will convene at

Freedom Free Will Baptist Church at Ladson, S. C.

November 28, 1981

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 uphold 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 everywhere 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.

EASTERN CONFERENCE OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The sixty-fifth annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina convened Saturday, November 29, 1980 at 10:00 A.M. with the Mill Branch Church, Rt. 1, Johnsonville, S.C.

The meeting was called in session by Moderator, Bro. Joseph Cagle. The congregation sang, "Stand Up for Jesus", followed with prayer by Bro. Eugene Kirby. Rev. Terry Dennis gave the morning devotion, scripture Ezekiel 37:1-5 - subject "God's View of the Church". Bro. Dennis closed in prayer.

Bro. Joseph Cagle, Moderator, called the Conference to order for business. He gave the welcome address, recognized delegates, invited visitors to sit with us in this meeting and extended them all rights except voting.

Bro. Johnny Evans, Reading Clerk, read the Rules of Decorum.

There was a motion that the Chair appoint the various committees. M.S.C.

Finance Committee

Bros. Steve Floyd, William Stone, John Evans

Mission and Education Committee

Bros. James Hinson, Dan Spalding, Robert Scott

Sunday School and Temperance

Bros. Gene Altman, Calvin Barber, Rutledge Alford

Investigating Committee

Bros. Hoyt Powell, Terry Dennis, Carlisle Jones

The roll call of ministers was called with 14 present and 2 absent. There was an invitation given to any minister who may wish to unite with this body. Rev. Donald Tendall came forward seeking membership into this body. (See Ordaining Council Report.)

The list of churches was called with all present and represented by delegates. There was an invitation given to any church who may wish to unite with this body.

Bro. Norwood Gibson, our Promotional Secretary, gave an oral report concerning our state paper, "The Informer". Motion to receive this report as information. M.S.C.

The Treasurer's Report was read. There was a motion to accept the report as read. M.S.C.

There was a motion that standing committees be informed by letter of meetings. M.S.C.

The Moderator called for a short recess.....

Morning Worship

The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me", followed with prayer by Bro. Mancy Noles. Special singing by Sister Baker. Bro. Eugene Kirby brought the morning message, scripture Jeremiah 31:18-19. Bro. Joseph Cagle's prayer closed the message. Bro. Johnny Evans made the announcement concerning the noon meal. Bro. Donald Tendall dismissed in prayer and asked God's blessings on the food and partakers.

Saturday Afternoon

The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace", followed with prayer by Bro. Murrell Young. Bro. Mancy Noles gave the afternoon devotion, scripture Jeremiah 18:14-15, subject - "A Stranger in the Church".

Business

The Moderator asked for the committee 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 Report was read. There was a motion to accept the report. M.S.C. (See Report)

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

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

The Ordaining Council Report was read. There was a motion to accept the report. M.S.C. (See Report)

There was a motion to grant Rev. Joseph Haselden a letter of transfer without recommendation to the Central Conference as requested by them. M.S.C.

Bro. George Williams agreed to represent us at the S.C. State Meeting in February 1981. M.S.C.

There was a motion to give the Promotional Secretary's office \$300.00. M.S.C.

There was a motion to have our Home Mission trailer moved from Ladson to the Florence County area. M.S.C.

The following officers were nominated from the floor:

Ordaining Council	- Bro. Murrell Young;	Clerk	- Carlisle Jones
Assistant Moderator	- Bro. Eugene Kirby;	Assistant Clerk	- Bro. LaWayne Poston
Moderator	- Bro. Joseph Cagle;	Reading Clerk	- Bro. Johnny Evans
Home Mission Board	- Bro. Calvin Barber		

These were elected.

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

A motion was carried to adjourn to meet again on November 28, 1981 with the Freedom Church in Ladson, S.C.

Bro. M.C. Hardman dismissed in prayer.

Rev. Joseph Cagle, Moderator
Bro. Carlisle Jones, Clerk

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School and Temperance Committee, recommend that all persons placed in position of Sunday School teacher or superintendent be those whose lives bear evidence of truly being born again. We also recommend that teachers be required to be loyal to the program of the church, deacons, and pastor. We also stress that Sunday School teachers use only the King James version of the Bible in preparing lessons. II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Gene Altman
Bro. Rutledge Alford
Rev. Calvin Barber

REPORT OF MISSION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, your Mission and Education Committee, commend each of our churches for the efforts put forth and achievements made in the areas of Christian education and missionary outreach. We exhort our Sunday School teachers and ministers to extend even greater efforts in praying and studying the Scripture that the work would continue to progress. We further suggest that each of our churches prayerfully consider instituting and implementing some program for training and equipping our people for Christian service other than that which is provided by Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Dan Spalding
Bro. James Hinson
Rev. Robert Scott

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, do recommend Bro. Donald Tyndall to this body pending a letter of recommendation from the Central Conference of which he is Assistant Moderator. We also recommend that the name of Bro. Mitchell Davis be dropped from our ministers' roll since he was not ordained in our conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Murrell Young
Bro. Nancy Noles
Bro. Oscar Tedder

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Murrell Young.....	3 Years
Rev. Oscar Tedder.....	2 Years
Rev. Paul Clayton.....	1 Year

EASTERN CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Calvin Barber.....	3 Years
Rev. Johnny Evans.....	2 Years
Bro. Willie Joe Stone.....	1 Year

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Balance on Hand.....	\$1,236.77
Received at This Session.....	345.00
Total Balance on Hand and Received.....	<u>\$1,581.77</u>

Disbursements

Clerk Hire.....	\$40.00
Eastern Conf. Home Mission.....	75.00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>115.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND.....	<u><u>\$1,466.77</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. John S. Evans
Bro. William Stone
Bro. Steve Floyd

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Treasurer submits the following report as of November 29, 1980:

Balance on Hand September 29, 1979.....	\$ 588.29
Monies Received.....	1,714.00
Balance on Hand and Received.....	<u>\$2,302.29</u>

Disbursements

Eastern Conf. Home Mission.....	\$375.00
Clerk Hire.....	200.00
Children's Home.....	100.00
S.C. State Association Dues.....	33.00
Postage and Supplies.....	32.00
Pattillo Printing (Minutes).....	325.52
Total Disbursements.....	<u>1,065.52</u>
BALANCE ON HAND.....	<u><u>\$1,236.77</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Carlisle Jones, Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS EASTERN CONFERENCE REPORT

Balance on Hand November 5, 1979.....	\$2,115.38
Received This Year.....	360.00
Total Balance on Hand and Received.....	<u>\$2,475.38</u>

Note: This does not include the last check from the conference and the last check from Mill Branch.

Conference.....	\$ 75.00
Mill Branch.....	60.00
	<u>\$135.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Joe Stone, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

We, your Investigating Committee make the following report. We find that all ministers are accounted for by being present or by letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Hoyt E. Powell

Bro. Terry Dennis

Bro. Carlisle Jones

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Telephone

Faith - Rev. Johnny Johnson	537-3811
Margaret Blackwell , Rt. 2, Box 435, Cheraw, S.C. 29520	537-5920
1/4 Freedom - Rev. Oscar Tedder, Rt. 1, Box 333-C, Andrews, S.C. 29510	221-7333
Jennings B. Inman, 24 Sorentrue Ave., Charleston Hts., S.C. 29405	744-1981
4 Grace - Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rt. 2, Box 108, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2413
Blance Bryant, 212 Bradham Ave., Manning, S.C. 29102	435-2516
2 Happy Home X Rev. Terry Dennis, Rt. 1, Box 42-A, Scranton, S.C. 29591	389-4356
Gene Altman, Rt. 1, Box 281-B, Andrews, S.C. 29510	382-3827
1/4 Hill Side X Rev. Donald Tendall, 2405A Purvis Dr., Florence, S.C. 29501	667-9274
Joseph Timmons, 3317 E. Woodburn Dr., Florence, S.C. 29501	662-7239
1/2 Mill Branch X Rev. Johnny Evans, Rt. 1, Box 171, Johnsonville, S.C. 29555	493-5820
Danny R. Johnson - Rt. 1, Box 91, Johnsonville, S.C. 29555	386-3194
1/4 New Prospect X Rev. Joseph Cagle, Rt. 2, Box 69, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2784
Carlisle Jones, Rt. 2, Box 96, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2132
Pine Grove - Rev. M.C. Hardman, Rt. 2, Box 157, Jefferson, S.C. 29718	475-3808
Margaret Simpson, Rt. 1, Jefferson, S.C. 29718	658-3695
1/2 St. John X Rev. Eugene Kirby, Rt. 1, Box 165, Cades, S.C. 29518	389-4737
Emerson Hayes, Rt. 2, Scranton, S.C. 29591	389-2165
1/2 Walkers Chapel X Rev. Mancy Noles, 119 Walter Ave., Sumter, S.C. 29150	495-8449
Sylvia Shelley, 1684 Fletcher Dr., Sumer, S.C. 29150	495-3146
1/2 Williams Hill X Rev. Robbie Scott, Rt. 2, Box 85, Hemingway, S.C. 29554	558-2076
Linda Parsons, Rt. 2, Box 70, Hemingway, S.C. 29554	558-3958

LIST OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Calvin Barber	P.O. Box 245, Turbeville, S.C. 29162	---
Rev. Joseph Cagle	Rt. 2, Box 69, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2784
Rev. Mitchell Davis	---	---
Rev. Terry Dennis	Rt. 1, Box 42-A, Scranton, S.C. 29591	389-4356
Rev. Johnny Evans	Rt. 1, Box 171, Johnsonville, S.C. 29555	493-5820
Rev. M.C. Hardman	Rt. 2, Box 157, Jefferson, S.C. 29718	475-3808
Rev. Joseph Haselden	Rt. 2, Box 188, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-5805
Rev. Johnny Hudson	Rt. 2, Box 80, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2034
Rev. Eugene Kirby	Rt. 1, Box 165, Cades, S.C. 29518	389-4737
Rev. Mancy Noles	119 Walter Ave., Sumter, S.C. 29150	495-8449
Rev. LaWayne Poston	Rt. 1, Box 196, Johnsonville, S.C. 29555	493-5210
Rev. Hoyt Powell	Rt. 2, Box 108, Pamplico, S.C. 29583	493-2413
Rev. James Powell	Rt. 1, Box 131, Coward, S.C. 29530	389-3531
Rev. Oscar Tedder	Rt. 1, Box 333-C, Andrews, S.C. 29510	221-7333
Rev. Murrell Young	Rt. 1, Box 95-A, Lake City, S.C. 29560	659-2996
Rev. Robbie Scott	Rt. 2, Box 85, Hemingway, S.C. 29554	558-2076

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Total on Roll Beginning of Year	By Letter	By Baptism	Total Received	Total Lost	Total on Roll End of Year
Faith Freedom Grace Happy Home Hill Side Mill Branch New Prospect Pine Grove St. John Walkers Chapel Williams Hill	Thomas W. Blackwell William Stone Steve Floyd Rutledge Alford, Gene Altman Dan Spalding, Earl Harrelson Jessie Poston, Keith Jones William Evans, Hardy Cooper Clyde Oliver, Ralph Dunn Emerson Hayes, James Adams Lawrence McCoy, Shirley Baker George Williams, Mrs. George Williams	26 35 30 64 96 119 126 93 64 54 105	4 1 1 4 2 8 3 9 0 4 2	4 0 0 4 0 3 18 14 0 4 4	8 1 6 8 2 11 21 23 0 8 6	5 0 4 0 9 1 5 2 2 4 2	30 22 34 67 88 129 142 135 62 58 109
TOTAL		812	38	56	94	34	876

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Total Received and on Hand	Pastors' Salaries	Remodeling and/or Construction	Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Faith Freedom Grace Happy Home Hill Side Mill Branch New Prospect Pine Grove St. John Walkers Chapel Williams Hill	\$ -0- 14,241.00 9,921.00 17,146.00 27,561.67 41,304.11 69,337.45 23,000.00 -0- 11,841.08 22,500.00	\$ 900.00 4,900.00 5,440.00 9,181.00 9,285.00 13,036.75 15,950.00 8,580.00 2,318.75 -0- 12,348.00	\$ -0- 1,910.00 1,572.74 -0- -0- 9,630.00 -0- 4,000.00 365.86 15,000.00 6,770.04	\$ 865.00 6,764.00 2,226.00 4,874.00 -0- 5,059.80 44,655.18 2,300.00 2,568.19 750.00 1,378.47	\$ 1,765.00 13,574.00 9,238.74 14,055.00 24,288.77 27,726.55 60,605.18 14,880.00 5,732.80 31,000.00 19,496.51
TOTAL	\$236,852.31	\$81,939.50	\$39,248.64	\$71,440.64	\$222,362.55

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 Baptists of South Carolina.

ARTICLE II

The officers of this conference shall be: a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk and treasurer, an assistant clerk, reading clerk, and an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) duly ordained ministers to be elected or re-elected 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 of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina.

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.

BYLAWS

1. No minister of the Eastern Conference shall pastor a church that is not in fellowship with the Original Free Will Baptist denomination without permission of the Ordaining Council.
2. No brother shall receive credentials except he has been a member of a church in the Original Free Will Baptist denomination in said conference for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more preceeding his recommendation for license. He must be licensed for twelve (12) consecutive 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, 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 bylaws 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.

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.

