

By Laws, Page 290
first minute Page 3
2nd " " 5
3rd " " 9

List of Ministers Page - 285
List of Council " 283

Musings of a Country Church House

70 I am only a little Country Church house, Dedicated to the service of the Master, I claim no distinction, I have no pride except in the service for which I was built. I am a place where a simple and humble people meet to worship the Lowly One of Galilee. Within my walls is proclaimed a simple ^{4 loving} Gospel by humble and God fearing ministers. I share the joys and sorrows, the hopes and aspirations of my people. My altar is washed with the tears of the sorrowful and penitent. My walls echo the glad cry of a victory won.

From my pulpit rings the eternal invitation, "Come all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved."

I bid you welcome, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, neighbor, friend, welcome, and thrice welcome are you. O stranger within my portals. AMEN

Entered, Registered & Copyrighted by
Composed & written by
D. B. Sturgill

New Home Church, Dec 5, 1936

3

At the request of New Home and Robinson's Chapel Free Will Baptist Churches, and organizing Council from Tug River Conference of Free Will Baptist, met. at New Home Church on Dec. 5, 1936, for the purpose of organizing a new Conference. This Council was composed of the following.

Rev J. T. Weaver, Moderator
Rev J. B. Wheeler, Rev A. H. Langdon
Rev R. S. Sexton & Rev J. M. Young.

D. B. Sturgill was elected Clerk for the council.

The delegates and reports of the churches to be organized into a conference were then called for.

New Home Church responded and reported 22 members including four ordained ministers and two deacons. with Rev W. B. Sturgill, Pastor. The ministers being Rev W. B. Sturgill, Rev. B. H. Williams, Rev W. C. Childers, and Rev J. M. Young.

Robinson's Chapel responded and reported thirteen members including three deacons. Rev W. C. Childers, Pastor.

It was then moved & carried that the council accept the churches and proceed with the organization, and the bond of fellowship was given the Pastors.

The prayer of consecration was made by Rev. ~~A. H. Langdon~~
J. B. Wheeler

The charge was delivered by Rev J. M. Young.

The Bible was presented by Rev A. H. Lasky.

The moderator then declared the new conference duly organized.

Rev J. M. Young was then elected moderator of the new conference. Bro D. B. Sturgill was elected clerk and Rev. W. B. Sturgill was elected treasurer.

An Executive board was elected as follows, Rev W. C. Childers Chm. for 3 years, Rev B. H. Williams for 2 years, and Bro Greer Billings (Cocoon) for 1 year.

It was then decided that this conference should be called the New River Conference of Free Will Baptist.

The Constitution and By laws were then adopted.

The meeting time was set to begin on Friday night before each 5th Sunday.

The next conference to be held with New Home Church. Rev W. C. Childers to preach the introductory sermon.

On move conference adjourned with song & prayer and hand shake.

Rev. J. M. Young, Moderator
D. B. Sturgill, Clerk

By Laws of the New River Conference (7)
of Free Hill Baptist

(Art. 1)

The Clerk or his assistant, and in his absence the eldest Minister present (8), shall call the Conference to order, and call for the election of a Moderator, who when elected shall take Charge

(2)

all ministers and deacons and (9), duly elected delegates, are hereby constituted members of this Conference, and may act according to the provisions of the By Laws and (10), Constitution under which this Conference is organized.

(3)

Each Church is allowed three delegates to this Conference.

(4)

Each Church shall be represented by delegates and letter. The letter (11), shall be accompanied by one dollar and shall give the condition and statistics of the Church.

(5)

Each meeting of this Conference shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer and closed by prayer. (12)

(6)

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator may be overruled.

(7.)

No person may be Moderator of this Conference more than twice in succession.

(8.)

The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other person, provided the Chair is filled.

(9.)

This Conference may Correspond by letter or otherwise with other religious bodies.

(10.)

Any one wishing to address the Conference shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

(11.)

No one shall speak more than twice or more than ten minutes on the same subject and shall adhere to the subject under discussion.

(12.)

Any Candidate for ordination as a minister, shall be required to pass a public examination by the Ordaining Council and shall be required to preach before the Conference.

(13)

Five members or a majority of the resident members shall constitute a quorum in Conference.

(14.)
23

Each minister shall make a report of his work to the Conference once each year.

(15.)

Any question of vital importance to the Churches, coming up before this Conference, shall be carried over till the next regular meeting before being voted on.

(16.)

a majority shall rule.

(17.)

No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

(18.)

It shall be the duty of all members to be present at each meeting and not retire without permission of the moderator.

(19.)

The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

(20.)

This Conference shall have the power to discipline the Churches composing it for unchristian practices or unsound doctrine.

(21)
24 No person shall be ordained as a minister, until he has served one year as a licentiate of a Free Will Baptist Church.

(22) These By Laws may be amended by any regular or adjourned session of the Conference by a two thirds vote of the members present.

(23)
14 All ministers are to make a report to the Clerk once each year, and the Clerk shall read the reports before the Conference. Any minister not reporting for 2 years the minister's good standing certificate ^{shall} be withheld.

(24)
21 All licentiates, must be elected a pastor or go into full time evangelistic work before ordination, or other work requiring ordination.

Cost 85¢
 P.M. 10
 ———
 95¢
 Tab 5¢
 ———
 1.00

B, 94.13 in Tron

Sat Aug - 13 -

opened Aug song Oh How I love Jesus
 Welcome by the Pastor Mrs. Clote Kelley.
 Scripture by Mrs. Kelley Acts. 10-1-10
 Prayer by Mrs. Elzo Bevis.

8/13