

August 16, 1963
10 A.M.

The New River Conference of Free Will Baptist met with Welcome Home Church, Bel Air, Md., August 16, 1963. in the 27th Annual Session of welcome to the conference. The Pastor, Rev. W.C. Childers, spoke a few words.

The Conference was opened with scripture reading, Job 25, by Rev. H.C. Childers and prayer by the Christians kneeling at the Altar.

The Clerk declared the moderator's Chair vacant, and Rev. Lester Horton was elected Moderator, and Rev. H.C. Childers was appointed his assistant.

The letters from the churches was called for. The following churches presented letters, Calgary, New Home, Welcome Home, Harmony, and Fairwood. The letters were read before the conference and accepted.

The Chestnut Hill F.W. Baptist, of Big Island, Va. presented a letter asking Admittance to the conference. The letter was read before the conference and the delegates examined. The conference moved to accept the church. This church was organized by the Council of this conference on October 13, 1961.

The delegates were given the hand of welcome and seated with the conference.

Visiting ~~the~~ ministers were called for, and none came forward.

Bros. Don Muller, Gilbert Miller and Charles England were appointed Pulpit Supply.

A letter from Rev. Melvin Masley, asking admittance to the conference was read.

Moved & Carried, The clerk wrote to and inform Bro. Masley, that he would be accepted into the conference if he joined one of the churches in the conference.

Moved & Carried, Conf. adjourn until 7:30 P.M.

Rev. H. C. Childers preached the introductory sermon.

The 7:30 P.M. session was opened with scripture reading, (Timothy 4) by Rev. Grover McCort, and prayer by Rev. William Steele.

Ministers reports called for and read before the conf. Rev. William Steele reported in person on his work at the Chestnut Hill Church. Ministers not reporting at this time were, Herman Delinger, Noah Hicks, and Herbert Dowell, Glenn Smith, Rev. H. C. Childers, and Rev. William Steele was elected to the Council for a period of 3 years.

A discussion for the purpose of building up the Conf. treasure was held. The plan, for the churches to tithe to the Conf. treasure was defeated on vote. It was then moved & carried that each church take a quarterly offering for the conference treasure. This money to be paid out by the order of the conference.

Moved & Carried - Clerk to get 200

minutes printed.

Moved & Carried: Rev. Lester Horton

Proch next introductory - H. H. Steele, Alternate

Moved & Carried - Conf. adjourn until 10 AM.

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Rev. Clate Kilby and Rev. William Steele
Preached.

The 10 AM Session was opened by Rev. Glenn
Smith reading Heb. 11. and prayer by Rev.
William Steele.

Visiting ministers called for and Rev.
Paul Williams of N.J. came forward.

Ministers Cords called for and
Rev. Glenn Smith's report was read
before the conf.

Moved & Carried - That the churches
that are closer together could organize
a quarterly conf.

Moved & Carried: Next Conf. meet
with ~~Big Island~~ The Chestnut Hill Church,
Big Island, Va.

Moved & Carried: Sidney Sturgill to
be treasurer, and William Steele, Assistant.

Moved & Carried: that the request of the
Fairwood and Chestnut Hill Church, to ordain
some deacons, be granted.

Moved & Carried: That the request of the
Harmony Church, to examine Bro. Johnny Johnson
for the ministry, be granted.

Moved and Carried, that the money
with the church letters be divided between
the moderator and conf. treasure, and
the money with Rev. Mosley's letter be
returned to him. \$59.14

An offering for the Harmony Church
building fund was taken.

Moved & Carried That Rev. Clate Kilby
elect to the council to replace Rev.

James H. Childers, who got his letter
and joined Anacostia Conf.

Ministers report from Rev. Cecil Stallord
read before the Conf.

Yorkshire Church presented letter,
it was read before the Conf. and accepted

Moved & Carried, That the request of
The Yorkshire Church be granted, to ^{examine} ordain
two deacons and one for the ministry.

All those to be examined and ordained
as deacons, to wit: Bros. Carl Watkins, Clouse
Boff, Ray Contrell, Curtiss Stallord, and
James Addington, were called ~~forward~~ ^{before the} Council
and examined by Rev. H. C. Childers. The
Council voted to ordain them. The prayer
of ordination was by Rev. William Steele.
The Charge given by Rev. Lester Horton
The Bible was presented by Rev. Chas. Kilby.

Moved & Carried that the Conference
Adjourn until after lunch.

Bro. Johnny Johnson and Bro. Monroe
Hale was called before the Conf. to preach

Bro. Johnson was called before the
Council and examined by Rev. H. C. Childers.
The Council voted to issue Bro. Johnson
credentials in lieu of one issued by
a Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Monroe Hale was called before
the Council and examined by Rev. H. C. Childers.
The Council voted to continue with the
ordination. Rev. William Steele prayed the
ordaining prayer, the Charge given by
Rev. Lester Horton, the Bible presented
by Bro. Eugene Thampson.

Moved & Carried - Clerk read the minutes.

Moved & Carried - That the just read minutes be recorded as the work of this conference.

Moved & Carried: Conf. Adjourn until next regular session.

Rev. Lester Horton, Mod
 Sidney H. Sturgill, Clerk

List of Delegates

Yorkshire -	Thomas Addington	-	<u>Fairwood</u> -	Don Mullen
	Rose Stallard	-		Clarence Robinson
New Home -	Leota Jones	-		
	Leff Jones	-		
Welcome Home	Charles England	} Alternate	John Davis	
	Charles Adams		Gentry Phipps	
	Albert Rutherford			
Calvary	Earl Hillard		<u>Harmony</u>	
	Christine Bellard		Clyde Hargis	
	Shirley Miller		Earl Martin	
Chestnut Hill	Ida Goff		Hazel Martin	
	Northy Steele	(Alternate)	Joyce Fortner	
	Hale Watkins			