

**Minutes**  
of the first  
**Twenty Years of Quarterly Sessions**  
of the  
**Paul Palmer**  
**Fellowship Conference**  
of the Original Free Will Baptist  
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Each Quarterly Conference will convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, January, April and July. Annual Session is the July Session. All sessions begin at 10:00 o'clock.

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# **Preface To The Minutes Of The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference Of Original Free Will Baptist Of Georgia**

In July of 1963, several ministers and laymen of the Midway and Martin Associations of Georgia and Salem of Florida met in the Colquitt, Georgia Free Will Baptist Church at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. Joe Fort. The purpose of this meeting was for an open and free discussion of the conflict between brethren of the National Association of Free Will Baptist and the North Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist on the subject of church government – specifically, congregational and connectional government. The brethren of the National Association insisted on a strict congregational policy, while the North Carolina brethren asserted that Free Will Baptist tradition was a combination of both congregational and connectional government. As a result of these differences, in the 1962 session of the National Association, an open discussion arose on the floor about the procedure with which a local North Carolina dealt with an issue in one of its local churches, a procedure which was deemed to be strictly “connectional” by the majority opinion of the National Association then in session. And because the North Carolina Association upheld the local association in its action, a motion was made from the floor and carried to “declare vacant each and every office in the National Association by any delegate from the state of North Carolina,” which amounted to a formal dismissal of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist from the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

We brethren who met at the Colquitt Church a year later concluded that the action of the National Association against the North Carolina State Association was hasty, unadvisable, and unchristian. We agreed that it was traditional among Free Will Baptist to practice a combination of congregational and connectional government (See: Constitution of Paul Palmer Conference). We further concluded that the action of the National Association was unjustified, and that the motion should have been tabled so that more time and greater effort toward mutual understanding may have been sought by the brethren concerned.

Therefore, we concluded that we would attempt to lead the Midway Association to withdraw from the National Association in support of the position of the North Carolina Association, until such time as the National Association rescinded the above motion. This conclusion was written in the form of a resolution to be presented to the next session of the Midway Association in October 1963. Should the resolution not pass, we concluded that we would withdraw as individual churches to form a separate association.

To our regret, the resolution did not pass. It was then decided that we would set a date on which to meet and write a constitution for a new association. In late October 1963, Reverends Joe Fort, Daniel F. Pelt, J.B. Lovering, and Chester H. Pelt



met with Rev. Paul Irvin in his church - White Pond Free Will Baptist Church, Damascus, Ga. There we prepared the first draft of a constitution naming the new association The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference, and set the first session of the conference to meet in January 1964 at the Jakin Free Will Baptist Church, Jakin, Ga.

In the meantime, the Jakin Church and White Pond Church in called conferences passed the following motion: "Motion carried unanimously that we stand by the Free Will Baptist Treatise of 1902; that we withdraw from the Midway Association in protest to its neglect to act on a tabled resolution which was written to express our conviction concerning the departure of the National Association from traditional practice; that our withdrawal continue in effect until the Midway Association sets its house in order in accordance with the above treatise; and that we invite all other brethren of like mind as ours to join us in fellowship." Subsequently three other churches passed similar motions and joined the new conference—Zion, Bethlehem and Live Oak Free Will Baptist Churches.

## **The Constitution Of The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference Of The Original Free Will Baptists**

**Preamble:**—We who are of the Original Free Will Baptist church os the state of Georgia, in order to rediscover the spirit of brotherly love and peace of mind among ourselves; adhere to the customs and practices of our paul Palmer heritage of more than two hundred and fifty years in American History—an heritage which had its beginning in Eastern North Carolina—and promote the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ in one accord with that heritage through preaching, teaching, missions, the care of needy orphans, widows and the aged, do hereby establish this consitution for all churches and ministers of the said state who are of like mind and spirit as we are:

### **Article 1**

**Name:** The name of this organization shall be The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference of Original Free Will Baptist.

### **Article 2**

**Objectives** — The objectives of this conference shall be to:

1. Co-ordinate the activities and aims of those member churches (and ministers) who recognize our true heritage as stemming from the Paul Palmer Free Will Baptist heritage (of the early 1700's in America.)

2. Maintain our traditional practice of church government composed of both congregational and connectional usages:

a. Congregational insofar as internal affairs are concerned; such as, calling and dismissing pastors within the accepted rules of the conference; receiving and expending money and other values; the construction and repair of church

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buildings; the purchasing and sale of real property; receiving and dismissing members within the accepted rules of the conference; establishing and maintaining cemeteries; conducting worship services; Sunday school, youth training and prayer meetings, and all other programs and activities of a purely local nature.

b. Connectional insofar as matters of doctrine and discipline of church and ministers who deviate from accepted doctrine; ordination of ministers and deacons; the traditional practice of conferences and churches with respect to receiving and dismissing members, and of other action which may effect the spirit, harmony and good will of the the conference or any of its member churches, especially in regards to the grievances of minority groups.

3. Promote the use of Free Will Baptist literature published at the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, an institution that has served the cause of Christ through the printed page for more than one hundred years without financial profit to any individual—all profits being turned back into the various denominational projects.

4. Promote Christian education—especially Mount Olive College, a liberal arts school and “witness of Free Will Baptists in Christian higher education” whose “commitment is to make this witness as effective as possible from the point of view of both education and the church.”

5. Promote a missionary program which begins at home (Jerusalem) and extends to the uttermost parts of the world, a program which is not divided into two unscriptural parts called home and foreign missions.

6. Promote a church extension program for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in this state mission churches, or worship centers, until they are self-supporting, at which time they will be accepted into this conference as duly organized and established churches.

### **Article 3**

**Membership:** The membership of this conference shall be composed of ministers and church as follows:

1. All duly ordained and accepted ministers of the Gospel who: (a) accept this constitution and by-laws without reservation, and who are approved and recommended by the ordaining council with final aproval of the conference; (b) are actively engaged in pastoral, or related, ministry within the scope of the objectives of this conference; and (c) whose membership in the conference takes precedence over his local church membership, since he may maintain his church membership with any Free Will Baptist church of his own choosing. However, ministers who pastor churches in this conference must hold their ministerial membership in this conference.

2. All duly established churches and missions of the Free Will Baptist faith that accept and embrace this constitution and by-laws without reservation, and the churches and missions must be represented by at least one deacon and one lay person for each fifteen (15) active members or fraction thereof.

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## Article 4

**Organization:** In order to equalize the voting strength of this conference, it shall be composed of three divisions, as follows:

1. **A Ministers' Division.** This division shall be charged with the responsibility of administering Free Will Baptist doctrine with the sanction of the other two divisions, together with the supervision and jurisdiction over all ordinations of both ministers and deacons.

2. **A Deacons' Division.** This division shall be charged with the responsibility of encouraging and fostering the following activities in the local churches: Administration of the ordinances - baptism, communion and feet washing; giving to benevolent causes; support of the entire program of the church and handling all financial matters; seeing that the pulpit is filled in the absence of the pastor; care of the sick and needy; counseling with undisciplined, negligent and absent members, and the faithful witness of the gospel. This division will offer such resolutions to the conference as it deems advisable to be passed on to the local churches.

3. **A Lay Division.** This division shall share equally with the other two divisions in establishing policies and making constitutional changes. It may offer such resolutions to the conference as it thinks will enrich and enlarge the service rendered by the conference to the churches.

## Article 5 (A By-Law).

The officers of the conference shall be: a moderator, a vice-moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, and any other officers which the conference shall see fit to elect in the administration of its affairs. These officers shall be elected in the (July) annual session of the conference. However, should an annual session not be held, the officers last elected shall serve until their successors are elected.

## Article 6 (A By-Law).

**Meetings:** The conference shall meet quarterly, as follows:

1. The first quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October of each year.

2. The second quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the Third Sunday in January of each year.

3. The third quarterly session shall be held on Saturday before the Third Sunday in April of each year.

4. The fourth quarterly, or annual, session shall be held on Saturday before the Third Sunday in July of each year.

## Article 7 (A By-Law).

**Voting:** All voting shall be of two classifications, as follows:

1. General business which shall require a simple majority vote of the conference in general session.



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2. Matters of a specific nature, such as: doctrinal questions, establishment of missions and churches, discipline of member churches, matters contrary to accepted practice, questions of constitutional ammendment, and all controversial questions shall require a three-fourths majority of two divisions voting separately.

### **Article 8 (A By-Law)**

1. **Committees and Councils:** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, the Clerk, and two members elected from the conference at large.

2. **The Ordaining Council:** The Ordaining Council shall consist of the pastors of the member churches. In the event a church is without a pastor, that church shall designate a representative member from its board of deacons.

### **Article 9 (A By-Law).**

**Candidates for Ordination:** A licentiate must be certified by the church of his membership; must have been a licentiate for at least one year, and he must be called to serve a church before he is permitted ordination.

### **Article 10**

**Amendments:** This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of the conference while meeting in any regular session, such amendment becoming valid after passing two consecutive sessions.

### **Article 11 (A By-Law)**

**Rules:** The rules of practice in this conference shall be governed by Robert's Rules and Order.

This change to constitution is subject to approval by the conference at the July and October 1984 Sessions.

## **Covenant Of The Free Will Baptist Church**

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 unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction 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 in 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 pay 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 one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and 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 schools, 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.

## **Foreword**

### **Minutes of the First Quarterly Session Jakin Church - January 25, 1964**

The meeting was called to order by Rev. J.O. Fort, since he was the only ordained minister present with membership in either of the two participating church - Jakin and White Pond.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize a new association, since we felt that, under the present situation, we could not continue our work for God in a Christlike manner.

Rev. Fort asked for prayers from each individual for the organizing of the new association and for himself for his part in helping to organize it, stressing very effectively the importance of standing by the original Free Will Baptist doctrine and a constitution which allows the local church to use its own authority in problems of local church government unless it should ask for help from a state or national organization. He explained in detail the matters that would compose such problems which would arise in the local church.

He asked that an association be organized that would not be affiliated with the present State or National Association in their present state of belief or standing insofar as their present constitutions are concerned.

Rev. Chester Pelt made a motion that Rev. Fort be moderator pro tem. Motion carried.

Rev. J.B. Lovering brought the morning message, a most inspiring one, using Philippians 3:1-11, with emphasis on Verse 10.

#### **Afternoon Session**

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer led by Rev. Fort.



Rev. Chester Pelt, pastor of the Jakin Church, spoke very effectively on the problem before us and on ideals and basic steps he thought we should consider in organizing a new association.

Delegates from both churches, along with visitors from Hickory Grove Church in Florida, were recognized at this time.

Rev. J.B. Lovering made a motion to enter into the process of organizing a new association. Motion carried.

The following officers were elected to serve until the next session: Rev. Joe Fort, moderator; Joe McDowell, clerk; Wayne Carr, treasurer.

A motion carried that the moderator be empowered to appoint a committee to work with him in drafting a constitution to be considered at the next session. This committee consisted of Brothers Cleveland and Jones of the White Pond Church, and Brothers Dunning and Reeves of the Jakin Church.

A motion carried that the next session be held on Saturday before the Third Sunday in April, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the White Pond Church, and that the host church supply the speaker.

A motion carried that ministers present here today, other than from the two affiliated churches, be granted temporary membership in the association.

## **Minutes of the Second Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 18, 1964**

The meeting opened with singing led by Rev. Joe Fort and prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering; after which Rev. Joe Fort brought a very inspiring devotional.

The moderator asked that a list of all charter members be made at this time.

### **Ministers**

J.O. Fort, Jakin; Chester Pelt, Jakin; Grady Etheridge Jr., Live Oak; W.F. McDuffie, White Pond; Paul Irvin, White Pond; Daniel Pelt, visitor; Jim Pelt, visitor; J.B. Lovering, visitor.

### **Deacons**

J.M. Etheridge, Live Oak; Ed Sanders, Live Oak; Cheshire DeBarry, Live Oak; E.B. Avirette, Jakin; H.H. Reeves, Jakin; S.T. Dunning, Jakin; Lewis Cleveland, White Pond; Connie Gordon, White Pond; Joe McDowell, White Pond; Mr. C.J. Pelt, Honorary visitor.

### **Lay Members**

Randall McDowell, Albert Jones, Dorothy McDowell, Enid McDowell, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Oscar Lewis, M.A. McDowell, Mrs. W.E. McDowell, Mrs. J.D. McDowell, Mrs. Lewis Cleveland, and Bonnie Lewis, from White Pond.

Wayne Carr, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. H.H. Reeves, Mrs. H.G. Hudson, from Jakin. Mrs. H.A. Tyson, and Mrs. J.M. Etheridge, from Live Oak. Reverend J.B. Lovering and Hayne Pelt, Mrs. J.B. Lovering, visitors.

A motion carried that others coming during either the morning or afternoon session be listed as charter members if they so desired, annual session included.

Rev. Chester Pelt, gave us a very challenging talk concerning the organization of our new conference.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Fort and prayer by Rev. Grady Etheridge, Jr.

The moderator read the new constitution allowing time for discussion on each individual article.

A motion by Rev. Chester Pelt and seconded by Rev. Grady Etheridge, Jr. that this constitution be adopted by the conference, carried.

A motion carried that the election of officers for the conference be postponed until the next session of the conference (annual session) and that the present officers serve as the executive committee until that time.

A motion carried that the moderator appoint a nominating committee to make its report at the next session. Those appointed were Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mr. Albert Jones and Mr. Ed Sanders.

A motion carried that the temporary ordaining council of the conference be composed of the five ministers who are members of the conference, as follows: Joe Fort, Chester Pelt, W.F. McDuffie, Paul Irvin, Grady Etheridge, Jr.

A motion carried that Joe Fort, Paul Irvin and Joe McDowell serve as a committee to compose and distribute copies of the minutes and additional copies of the constitution; and that funds now in the treasury be used to defray expenses.

A motion carried that Paul Irvin and Grady Etheridge Jr. compose a report blank from churches to the conference.

A motion carried that the committee which composed the constitution be given a rising vote of appreciation and that White Pond Church be given a similar vote for serving as host for these committee meetings and for this session today.

The Live Oak Church from Baker County officially became a member of the Paul Palmer Conference at this session. (April, 1964)

For some reason, the proper presentation of a petitionary letter to the conference (the details accompanying such) have not been included in this copy of the minutes.

Please make this attachment to the minutes of the April 18, 1964 session.

Joe McDowell, clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Annual Session Live Oak Church — July 18, 1964**

The annual session opened with singing led by Rev. Grady Etheridge; after which, Rev. W.F. McDuffie brought an inspiring and heart-touching devotional, using the sixth chapter of Isaiah as his text.

The meeting proceeded with the moderator, Rev. Joe Fort, recognizing the ministers, delegates, and visitors.

A motion carried that all visiting ministers, deacons, and lay members be welcomed into the business session of the meeting.

Brother J.M. Etheridge welcomed the conference on behalf of the host church. Rev. Chester Pelt responded.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted with the addition of Brother C.J. Pelt's name as honorary deacon, and Mrs. J.B. Lovering's name as a charter member.

Rev. Grady Etheridge brought a special message in song; then Rev. Jim Pelt, brought a soul-stirring message, his text coming from Isaiah 57 with emphasis on Verse 15.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Grady Etheridge.

Rev. Fort gave a report of the ordaining council requesting that Rev. J.B. Lovering and Rev. Daniel Pelt be granted membership in the ministers' division of the conference. Rev. Fort asked that the clerk be looked on as moderator while he discussed this matter. A motion carried to adopt this report.

Rev. Grady Etheridge read the report blank composed by him and Rev. Irvin to be used by the churches of the conference. A motion carried to adopt the report.

The matter of church letters to this session was discussed. The clerks of all three churches stated that their report blanks were incomplete because some of the information asked for on the new blank had not been obtained; they also stated that it was not clear to them whether or not the churches were to send funds or quarterly dues to the conference at this time. A motion carried that each clerk, upon completion of his church letter should mail it to the clerk of the conference.

Motion carried that the churches discuss individually the project of supporting a Mexican missionary and give a definite statement concerning this matter at the next conference.

The moderator asked for petitionary letters from other churches. There were none.

The moderator led a discussion concerning by-laws to accompany our conference constitution. A motion carried that the moderator appoint a committee to compose a set of by-laws and submit it to the conference for consideration. The committee appointed consists of Rev. J.B. Lovering, Chester Pelt, and Daniel Pelt.

A motion by Rev. Chester Pelt that the conference endorse a meeting of all the ministers on Friday night before the next session for the purpose of organizing a ministers' division with all interested deacons and lay members invited carried.

A motion carried that the moderator and clerk write a letter to the Pensacola church expressing a willingness to help in any way and inviting them to come into this conference if they so desire.

We, your nominating committee, submit the following nominations for officers to serve during the incoming year: moderator, Joe Fort; vice-moderator, W.F. McDuffie; clerk, Joe McDowell; corresponding secretary, Paul Irvin; treasurer, Wayne Carr. Respectfully submitted by Ed Sanders, Albert Jones, and Mrs. S.T. Dunning. A motion carried to accept the report as a whole, thereby eliminating the



voting on each name individually.

A motion carried that clerk of each church be requested to compose a mailing list of all families of the church.

A motion carried to convene with Jakin Church at the next session.

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Jakin Church — October 17, 1964**

The meeting opened with song led by Rev. Chester Pelt. He then presented to the conference a young Chipola Junior College student, Wayne King, who very ably brought the morning devotional, using Acts 2:46 & 47 as a text. Rev. J.B. Lovering led in prayer.

Rev. Chester Pelt, gave the welcome. Rev. Joe Fort responded.

Rev. Fort spoke briefly about the Arizona-Mexico Missions and pledged his wholehearted efforts toward support of the program.

Further organization of the auxiliaries of the conference (Woman's Auxiliary and League) was discussed, and a suggestion was made that, since there is but one Woman's Auxiliary (Jakin) in the conference, a conference-wide auxiliary be formed; also that the Leagues in the conference meet in one body, quarterly, as would the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Jim Pelt led the singing at the worship hour; Rev. Daniel Pelt brought the morning message, using John 3:16 as his text.

### **Afternoon Session**

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Rev. Fort then made a brief statement concerning the meeting of the ministers' division held at White Pond Church on Friday night, October 16, saying that Rev. Daniel Pelt was elected chairman and Rev. J.B. Lovering was elected secretary-treasurer of that division.

A motion carried to adopt a project of sponsoring a Mexican Missionary and that the project be put into operation by the next quarterly session.

A motion carried to extend the privilege of contributing to this missionary project to any other churches which wished to do so.

A general discussion was entered into at this time concerning the three division of the conference (ministers, deacons, and laymen) and the organization and procedure of each division, with ideas submitted by individuals. A motion carried that the moderator appoint a committee to arrange programs for joint meetings of each division (quarterly), after which each division would then enter into business sessions separately, and that this committee determine the location for these meetings. This committee would also determine the location of all future quarterly sessions of the conference.

A motion carried that the conference accept any invitations by other churches outside the conference to host the quarterly meetings. This committee, as ap-

pointed by the moderator, is as follows: Rev's. Daniel Pelt, chairman' Paul Irvin and J.B. Lovering.

A motion carried that the moderator appoint a finance committee. Those appointed were Lewis Cleveland, Tommy Pace, Ed Sanders and Wayne Carr.

A motion carried that this conference allocate \$25.00 per quarter, beginning with this session, to Mrs. J.N. Barnes, Mrs. T.B. Mellette, and Mrs. W.T. Wiley. These ladies are widows of deceased ministers of this area.

A motion carried that the Jakin Auxiliary be requested to lead in organizing a conference-wide woman's auxiliary.

Signed:

J.O. Fort, Moderator

Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Hickory Grove Church — January 16, 1965**

The session opened with Rev. Jim Pelt leading the song service and Bro. Wayne Carr leading the prayer.

A very impressive and appropriate devotion was given by Rev. J.C. Watson, using Matthew 18, 1-7, as his text.

Rev. Chester Pelt welcomed the body with Rev. J.B. Lovering responding.

A combined Finance-Digest committee was then named by the moderator, consisting of Bro's. Lewis Cleveland, Cheshire DeBarry, and Wayne Carr.

Rev. Fort officially recognized all ministers, deacons, and visitors. Ministers present were Reverends Daniel Pelt, Chester Pelt, Jim Pelt, visitors, J.B. Lovering, W.F. McDuffie, Paul Irvin and Rev. J.C. Watson and Coy Watson, who were visitors. Deacons present were Brothers Cheshire DeBarry, Lewis Cleveland, Joe McDowell Johnson as visitors.

Rev. Fort spoke for a few minutes about the meeting of the Deacon's Division at Bethlehem on Friday night, Jan. 15, telling of the procedure of this meeting and the wonderful fellowship that prevailed there. The deacons elected Bro. S.T. Dunning as Chairman and Bro. Charlie Burch as Clerk of this Division.

The moderator then talked again about the organizing of a Conference-wide Woman's Auxiliary and requesting that the Jakin Auxiliary (the only one in the conference) be invited to the other two churches or to a centrally located church, to help in organizing such an Auxiliary. He then expressed views on the possibility of each Division of the Conference employing or starting various studies that would help them to better carry out their respective duties in the service of our Lord. He also mentioned the work that needs to be done in the Leagues, as far as the Conference is concerned, and of the possibility of future joint meetings of all the Leagues. He also talked of the Conference project of sponsoring a Mexican Missionary, giving various information on steps to be used in getting this project into operation.

A motion carried that each host church provide a Credentials committee to compile a list of the names of all persons who attend each session, these names to be taken at the door and arranged in the following order;

1) Lay members and Delegates. 2) Member Deacons. 3) Member Ministers. 4) Visiting Laymen. 5) Visiting Deacons 6) Visiting Ministers. This motions carried.

Rev. J.B. Lovering was the morning speaker, bringing a very inspiring message with Luke 2:52 as his text.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt and prayer by Bro. Joe McDowell, followed by scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Fort.

The moderator read a letter from Mrs. J.N. Barnes, acknowledging the offering made to her but returning it and at the same time, very graciously expressing her wish that the money be used for the further speading of the Gospel in any way the Conference might see fit.

A motion carried that the Conference send \$10 monthly to Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Mellette instead of the \$25 quarterly, which previously allocated.

Rev. Chester Pelt, as a member of the Committee on By-Laws talked of the procedure and thoughts that should be or might be followed in the composing of By-Laws as the organization of the Conference continues and grows. He particularly mentioned various themes that might be used for coming quarterly sessions and asked that the Committee on By-Laws be permitted to present suggestions of this nature to the Program Committee to be used from time to time. A motion carried that permission be granted.

A motion carried to support a Mexican Missionary and the moderator and clerk serve in getting this project underway.

A motion carried that the Conference proceed to organize the Laymen Division of the Conference.

Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator

Joe McDowell, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 17, 1965

This session opened with song service led by Rev. W.F. McDuffie and prayer by Rev. Coy Watson.

The morning devotional, given by Rev. Joe Fort, a very impressive and appropriate message for the Easter season, based on the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Rev. McDuffie, a former Pastor and a member of White Pond Church, welcomed the body with Rev. Fort responding.

Rev. Coy Watson was the morning speaker in place of Rev. McDuffie.

A motion carried to include all officers of the three divisions of the Conference (Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen) as standing members of the voting body and



that all member ministers, deacons, and delegates be regarded as delegates.

The moderator then appointed a combined Digest-Finance committee, consisting of Bros. Ed Sanders, Albert Jones, and Wayne Carr.

Rev. Fort presented the morning speaker, Rev. Coy Watson, who used Luke 22:31-35 as his text and brought a very timely and inspiring message.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with Rev. Chester Pelt leading the singing followed by prayer by Rev. Pelt.

Rev. Chester Pelt talked on the progress made by this committee, pointing out that the work on the compiling of By-Laws was in its early stages, and at the same time, requesting that any suggestions by any member concerning this work be submitted to this committee. Rev. Pelt talked of various ways this committee could be of help to the three Divisions of the Conference, specifically mentioning the Deacons Division, how they might be aided in their Divisional work as well as in individual duties.

Rev. Fort then talked about the project adopted by the Conference of supporting an Arizona-Mexican missionary. He explained that the manager of this mission program, John Elleston, had recently resigned and that work on this project had been temporarily delayed. He said that it might be best for the Conference to get more information concerning this program and its new management before going further with the project, expressing a wish that the Conference could send a Minister to the area to secure such information.

A motion carried that the moderator and the clerk continue the work of this project and to secure more information through the International Fellowship Conference at Rockingham.

A motion carried that the moderator represent the Conference at the International Fellowship Conference at Rockingham, North Carolina in July, appointing any others that could go, as he wishes.

Rev. McDuffie gave a report on the meeting of the Laymen's Division at Zion church on Friday night, April 16. Rev. McDuffie, who served as Moderator for this meeting in the absence of Rev. Fort, expressed gratefulness in behalf of the Conference to Zion church for the wonderful hospitality accorded members at this meeting. The Laymen elected the following officers: Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Chairman; Albert Jones, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. W.E. McDowell, Clerk. The program for this meeting was presented by the host church with Rev. Jim Pelt bringing the message.

The moderator then led a discussion on the possibility of bringing together the Youth of the Conference at future meetings, stressing the importance of urging the young people of each individual church to attend quarterly meetings of the Conference. A motion carried to appoint a committee to survey the possibility of a Youth Organization under the sponsorship of the Conference. Those appointed to this Committee were Bros. Joe McDowell, Cheshire DeBarry, and Wayne Carr.

A motion carried that all funds coming into the Conference for missions be designated as such and that \$300.00 be set aside immediately for mission pro-

grams, this amount to be included under one account for the Treasurer's convenience.

Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator  
Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Annual Session Live Oak Church - July 17, 1965**

This session opened with Rev. Joe Fort leading the song service and Bro. S.T. Dunning leading the opening prayer.

Rev. Fort then brought the morning devotional, using verses from the eleventh and twelfth chapters of Hebrews as his text.

A motion carried to include in the voting body, the Executive Committee, all member Ministers, Deacons, and delegates.

Visitors present were Deacons Martin Still and Henry G. Wiley of the Zion church.

The moderator called for any petitionary letters and Zion church of Blakely, Georgia, Early County asked for admittance into the conference by submitting a letter of petition which was read to the body by the moderator. A motion carried to accept this church into the conference, with all votings rights to its delegates extended immediately.

Bro. John Etheredge gave the welcome to the body with Rev. Paul Irvin responding.

Rev. Fort then talked briefly about various committees and boards that need to be appointed and formed, asking for suggestions as to the procedure used in the appointments and the term of office of each board member. A motion carried to appoint a nominating committee composed of a minister, a deacon, and a layman with the suggestion that they appoint to the various boards a minister and four delegates from the four churches, stating the term of office (from 5 years to 1 year) for each board member. Those appointed to this nominating committee were Bro. Grady Etheredge, Bro. Martin Still, and Sister S.T. Dunning.

A Finance-Digest committee was also appointed at this time consisting of Bros. Ed Sanders, Lewis Cleveland, and Joe McDowell.

Rev. Grady Etheredge opened the worship service by leading in song. Rev. J.B. Lovering brought the morning message, using Exodus 14:13-15, as his text.

### **Afternoon Session**

The session opened with singing by the body followed by the devotional by Rev. Paul Irvin.

The first matter of business was a report by a committee on Youth Organization. This committee was appointed at the last quarterly meeting to explore the possibility of organizing the youth of the conference and bringing together the leagues of the various churches at joint meetings. The report consisted mainly of

information obtained by the committee concerning the condition of the three leagues investigated. After discussion concerning this matter, it was decided that work along these lines be delayed until after the appointment of the various boards.

A motion carried to continue with quarterly reports by the churches with an annual report to be compiled from these.

A motion carried that the conference make a contribution of \$25.00 to Wayne King for the purpose of helping him to continue his education, with the motive being out of love and encouragement.

The moderator called for a motion that all General Officers named by the nominating committee be elected one at a time and that nominees for board membership be accepted as submitted by the committee. Motion carried.

Rev. Fort made a report on his and Mrs. Fort's trip to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists at Rockingham, North Carolina. He talked briefly about the program adopted by this conference to support an Arizona-Mexican missionary, stating that, the chairman of the North Carolina Mission Board was in the Arizona-Mexico area and that the conference would be contacted and directed as to its course concerning this program as soon as he returns.

A motion carried that the conference recommend to the churches as they give to various programs (Missions, Christian Education, Church Extension, Super Annuation) they give quarterly and send it to the Conference Treasurer.

#### Friday Night

The meeting was held with the Jakin church on July 16, 1965 and, although the number of those attending was small, it was a most enjoyable one. The ladies of the church served a very delicious evening meal which was followed by song and prayer service. The evening message was given by Rev. W.F. McDuffie and was and will continue to be a blessing to all present. Rev. Fort talked of his trip to Rockingham and of the information he obtained concerning the mission program adopted by the conference.

Rev. J.O. Fort, Moderator  
Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Jakin Church - October 16, 1965.**

This meeting opened with Rev. Joe Fort leading the song service and Bro. Joe McDowell leading the opening prayer.

The morning devotional was given by Rev. Paul Irvin. Using Luke 19: 12-13, as his text, he brought us a very timely and inspiring message.

A Digest committee was appointed composed of Joe McDowell, Martin Still, Mrs. Kitty Tyson, and Mrs. W.T. Hudson.

Rev. Chester Pelt informed the Body that Bro. Wayne King had accepted a call to the Ministry and had been licensed to preach by the Hichory Grove Church in Florida.



Rev. J.B. Lovering presented the Morning speaker, Rev. Jim Pelt, whose text was Luke 12:35-36.

### Afternoon Session

The session opened with singing by the body and prayer by Rev. McDuffie.

Rev. Fort asked that the body pause at this time for a moment of prayer in behalf of Bro. John Etheredge, a beloved Deacon of the Live Oak church, who is in ill health. Rev. Chester Pelt led us in prayer.

The report of the Digest Committee was given and a motion carried to adopt this report with instructions that the committee add to it the report of the Woman's Auxilliary of the Jakin church.

A motion carried that the Conference set up a rotation system for the location of all Friday night meetings and all Saturday meetings to be followed by the four member churches, with the understanding that an outside church, upon invitation, would be considered as a possible host to either meeting. This system would be observed in this order: Friday night meetings: Beginning with January 14, 1966, 7:00 P.M. Live Oak, Zion, Jakin, and White Pond. Saturday meetings: Beginning with January 15, 1966, 10:00 A.M. Zion, White Pond, Live Oak, and Jakin.

Rev. Chester Pelt, speaking in behalf of the committee on By-Laws, told of the work being done by this committee and read a Rough-Draft of proposed By-Laws stressing again the fact that the committee welcomed changes or suggestions by the Body concerning this work.

Rev. Fort, as chairman of the Mission Board, gave a brief report in its behalf, telling of existing conditions in the Mexican Missionary Field and stating that the Conference had the assurance of being assigned the responsibility of supporting a Missionary in this area in the near future.

A motion carried to instruct the Treasurer to send Super Annuation checks in the same amount and procedure as in previous quarter.

### Friday Night Meeting

The meeting held with White Pond church on Oct. 15, 1965, began with a delicious meal served by the ladies of the church. It was followed by singing and prayer and since this was a Minister's meeting, a very interesting Panel Discussion by Minister's present was entered into with topics for discussion centering on How to be a Better Pastor. It was a very enjoyable evening for all present.

Joe Fort, Moderator

Joe McDowell, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Zion Church - January 15, 1966

The meeting opened with a song service led by Rev. W.F. McDuffie and prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering.

The morning devotional was given by Mrs. Martin Still who used Love as a theme for her message, with verses from Colossians, Romans, and John as a text.

Rev. Fort called for a reading of the list of all Board members.

Rev. J.B. Lovering brought the morning message using John 13:1-17, with emphasis on verse 17, as his text.

### Afternoon Session

The session opened with singing and prayer led by Bro. Wayne King.

Rev. Fort, reporting for the Mission Board, stated that the Arizona-Mexican missionary program, which the conference had voted to support, was in the process of reorganization and that the General Conference of North Carolina was sponsoring the Texas-Arizona Mission program under the managership of Rev. J.E. Timmons. He said the information concerning this new change had not been secured and that, for the time being, church might send mission money to any area they wished to send it in the Church Extension program of the conference, in respect to missions.

Rev. Paul Irvin, reporting in behalf of the Church Extension Board, recommended that the conference proceed to investigate the possibility of organizing other churches in this or any near-by area. A motion carried that the conference follow this recommendation, with Rev. Irvin given the privilege of selecting any member of this conference to assist him in such an investigation.

Rev. J.B. Lovering reported for the Board of Superannuation. He said the Board recommended that the conference continue to make the same payments in the same amounts as before and also that the churches start contributing funds earmarked for Superannuation. A motion carried that the conference adopt these recommendations.

Rev. Chester Pelt, reporting in behalf of the Ordaining Council, asked that this report be delayed, yielding the time to Rev. Wayne King, who wished to make a statement that would affect the report of the Ordaining Council. Rev. Pelt, in turn, presented Bro. King, who expressed his gratefulness to the conference for the love and support extended him in the past, and who also expressed his wish that he be admitted to the conference as a licensed member of the Ministers' Division.

There was no report from the Youth Committee nor from the Woman's Auxiliary. However, the moderator led a general discussion on the Youth Organization of the conference and it was decided that a meeting for this purpose would be held on Saturday night before the first Sunday in February (Feb. 5) at Zion church with the Pastor and youth of this church in charge of the program. A motion carried to appoint a committee to work on the organization of a conference-wide Woman's Auxiliary. The date for the meeting of this committee was set for Sunday afternoon after each Quarterly Conference, the location to be decided by the committee. The committee appointed consisted of Mrs. Martin Still, Zion; Mrs. H.H. Reeves, Jakin; Miss Enid McDowell, White Pond and Mrs. Charles Burch, Live Oak.

Rev. Chester Pelt made the report of the Ordaining Council. The report read as follows: "The Ordaining Council has voted to accept Bro. Wayne King as a licensee Minister and recommends him to membership in the Ministers' Division and the conference at large. Also, it has voted to petition Bro. King's local Draft Board to reclassify his draft status." A motion carried to adopt this report.

Rev. Chester Pelt also reported for the Board of Christian Education. This report recommended that the conference proceed to establish a fund for furthering Christian Education within the conference and that it allocate a fund for Bro. King's use at this session. A motion carried to adopt this report.

A motion carried that the conference contribute \$75 toward Rev. Wayne King's college expenses.

A motion carried that the Body observe a moment of prayer in behalf of the memory of Bro. John Etheridge of Live Oak and Bro. Connie Gordon of White Pond, member Deacons of the conference who have recently passed away. Rev. Paul Irvin led this prayer.

The Friday night meeting was held with the Live Oak church on January 14, 1966. Those attending were treated to a very delicious supper served by the ladies of the community. This was followed by a song service, prayer and since this was a Deacon's Division meeting a program concerning Deacons was presented. Due to the absence of the chairman, Bro. S.T. Dunning, the moderator, Rev. Fort directed the program which included a brief talk by Rev. Chester Pelt on by-laws drawn up by the Committee on By-Laws, concerning the selection of a Deacon by a church, the approval of the Ordaining Council, and the Ordination service. Also, Rev. J.B. Lovering spoke briefly on the qualifications of a Deacon as given in I Timothy, Chapter 3, verses 8-13. The only matter of business of the evening was the election of Bro. Lewis Cleveland of White Pond to the office of Vice Chairman of the Deacon's Division.

Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator  
Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 16, 1966**

This session was opened with singing by the body, led by Bro. David Still, and prayer, by Rev. W.F. McDuffie.

The morning devotional was given by Rev. J.O. Fort, who used verses 1-7 of the first chapter of II Peter, as his text.

The moderator, Joe Fort, called for any petitionary letters. The Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Shellman, Georgia presented a letter to the Conference petitioning for permanent membership into the Conference. A motion carried that the Conference accept this church and extend full voting rights to its delegates as listed in the letter immediately, with instructions to the clerk to write a letter to the Midway Association, of which the Bethlehem church is a former member, advising them of this action and requesting that the church be removed from the list of churches holding membership in the Midway Association. The moderator then officially welcomed The Bethlehem church into the Conference.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Pastor of the host church, presented Rev. Jim Pelt as the morning speaker, whose message, as always, was most inspiring. Bro. Pelt's text was Matthew 20:20-28.



### Afternoon Session

After song service and prayer led by Rev. Paul Irvin, the first business was a brief report by Bro. David Still concerning the youth meeting at Zion on Saturday night, Jan. 15, 1966. He suggested that the conference change the date of this meeting from Saturday night before the third Sunday of each quarter to Saturday night before the second Sunday. This was suggested because the Friday night meeting, the regular conference meeting, and the youth meeting were being held on the same week-end. A motion carried that the conference make this change, with the Youth Committee deciding on the location of the meeting.

Mrs. Martin Still reported in behalf of the committee appointed to work on the organizing of a Conference-wide Woman's Auxiliary. She stated that a meeting at White Pond church would be held on Thursday night April 21 to organize an Auxiliary in that church.

Rev. Fort then spoke briefly concerning church extension work giving his views on steps that should be followed before any course of action is taken. Rev. W.F. McDuffie also expressed views concerning this and a committee consisting of Rev. McDuffie, Bro. Henry G. Wiley, and Rev. Fort was named, along with Rev. Paul Irvin, chairman of the Church Extension Board, to investigate the possibilities of church extension within the reaches of the conference.

Rev. Fort also reported for the Mission Board. He stated that he believed the churches would be safe, if they elected to do so, in sending money for Missions to the Texas-Arizona Mission Program under J.E. Timmons which the North Carolina General Conference is sponsoring, but added that it might be wise for the churches to channel all mission money to church extension within the conference. A motion carried that the conference endorse an emphasis on the individual church contributing funds for Church Extension through its own mission program.

Rev. Chester Pelt then talked of the work being done by the Committee on By-Laws and suggested that the chairman of each Board make a list of points or suggestions that would help this committee to pinpoint the exact duties of each Board member. He also made a motion that the chairman of each Board, or a member other than the chairman of a Board, if the Treasurer desires to make such an appointment, serve as a finance committee, with the conference Treasurer as chairman.

Rev. J.B. Lovering, speaking for the Board of Super Annuation, suggested that the conference continue the same payments as previously and a motion to this effect, carried.

Rev. Chester Pelt reported jointly for the Board of Christian Education and the Ordaining Council. He said that the Hickory Grove church in Florida had pledged \$10 per month to this conference for Christian Education. This church holds the membership of Rev. Wayne King, who has also been granted membership into the Minister's Division of the conference. Rev. Pelt made a motion that the conference make permanent its allocation of \$75 quarterly toward the support of Rev. King as long as he continues in his preparation for the ministry. This motion carried.

A motion carried that Rev's. Chester Pelt and J.B. Lovering serve as

delegates to the General Conference in North Carolina, with the privilege that they may name alternates, if need be, with the conference paying for the expenses of one car.

### **Friday Night Meeting**

Meeting was held with Zion church on Friday night, April 15, 1966. The ladies served a most delicious meal. The program for the night began with singing and prayer. Since this was a Layman's Division meeting, Rev. J.O. Fort, moderator of the conference, presented Mrs. S.T. Dunning, chairman of this division, who then proceeded to present a very interesting program. Bro. Bobby Davis, of the Zion church, gave the devotional, a talk on the youth of our day, their problems and temptations and the obligations of Laymen to help them over such obstacles.

A panel discussion on the duties of the Laymen was presented with each church represented on the panel and Bro. Wayne Carr, of Jakin, serving as moderator.

Rev. J.O. Fort, Moderator

Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Annual Session Live Oak Church - July 16, 1966**

The meeting opened with Rev. W. F. McDuffie leading the singing and the opening prayer led by Bro. McDuffie.

Rev. McDuffie brought the morning devotional, a very timely message, using Matthew 23:23 as a text.

Rev. Joe Fort officially recognized and welcomed all. He then welcomed Rev. Thomas Mellette, as a visiting Minister, Bro. Mellette, being in this area as guest speaker for the revival meeting held at Zion church during the week, responded briefly by expressing his gratefulness for the privilege of attending the annual session of the Paul Palmer Conference.

Next, was the naming of a nominating committee by the moderator. This committee consisted of Cheshire DeBarry of Live Oak, Mrs. H.H. Reeves of Jakin, Albert Jones of White Pond, Mrs. Martin Still of Zion, and Mrs. Gene Kersey of Bethlehem.

Rev. Fort presented the morning speaker, Rev. Thomas Mellette, who brought a very inspiring message, using II Timothy 3:1-7 as a text.

### **Afternoon Session**

The afternoon session opened with Rev. McDuffie leading the singing and Rev. J.B. Lovering leading in prayer.

The first matter of business was a report by Ann Glass in behalf of the Youth Committee. She said that only two churches in the conference (Zion and Jakin) were represented at the Youth Meeting held at Zion Saturday night, July 9 but that it was a most enjoyable one and she, along with Bro. Fort, expressed a desire that the other churches put forth a greater effort in the support of these meetings. The location of the next youth meeting was set for White Pond church on Saturday

night before the second Sunday in October, with Ann assuming the responsibility of notifying the other churches.

Rev. Daniel Pelt was asked to report on the Friday night meeting, also held at Zion. He stated that representation by the other churches at this meeting was also poor but that those that did attend were treated to a very delicious meal served by the ladies of the church and that since no program had been planned the meeting proceeded with song and preaching services of the last night of the revival held at Zion during the week. It was decided that the next Friday night meeting would be held at Jakin on Friday before the third Sunday in October with the regular Quarterly session following the next day at Bethlehem.

Rev. Daniel Pelt also stated that he represented the Conference as a delegate at the General Conference in North Carolina.

Rev. Fort informed the body that a combined copy of the minutes of all previous meetings of the Conference up to the present, had been composed by Rev. Paul Irvin, with assistance from Bro. Austin Craft and his daughter, and that copies were available to members of all churches in the Conference. A motion carried that the Conference thank Rev. Irvin and pay all expenses for the composing of the combined copies of the minutes, with instructions to the clerk to write a letter of appreciation from the Conference to Bro. Craft and Cecelia for the assistance they gave.

Speaking for the Church Extension Board, Rev. Fort said that work along these lines was progressing and that something definite could be established within the next quarter concerning one area and possibly two.

Rev. Fort also talked about the progress of the work being done on By-Laws for the Conference and expressed a wish that a Hand-Book containing these By-Laws, which would be available to members of the Conference, be compiled.

We, the nominating committee recommend the following nominations to the Conference: For General Officers: Moderator - J.B. Lovering; Vice Moderator - Daniel Pelt; Clerk - David Still; Asst. Clerk - Joe McDowell; Treasurer - S.T. Dunning; Corresponding Sec. - Mrs. Jerome Phillips.

For two members to be added to Executive Committee: Mrs. K.D. Beard and Roy Duke.

For positions on various Boards: Ordaining Council: Paul Irvin to replace Daniel Pelt. Mission Board: Mrs. Marlin Brown to replace Mrs. Martin Still. Board of Super Annuation: Mrs. Margie Brown to replace Mrs. Margie Hudson. Board of Christian Education: Charlie Burch to replace Cheshire DeBarry. Church Extension Board: R.H. McDowell to replace W.E. McDowell. Youth Committee: Unchanged. Board of Publication: Mrs. Bobby Ready to replace Mrs. David Still.

Signed: Charlie Burch (For Cheshire DeBarry), Mrs. H.H. Reeves, Mrs. Martin Still, Albert Jones, Mrs. Gene Kersey.

Bro. Dunning requested that his name be removed from nomination. The committee asked Bro. Wayne Carr be retained as Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. Martin Still announced that the next Woman's Auxiliary meeting would be the first Thursday night in October at Jakin.



Rev. W.F. McDuffie asked that the Conference send a letter of recommendation in his behalf to the Salem Association in Florida, he being a Pastor of a church in that Association. A motion carried to this effect.

J.O. Fort, Moderator  
Joe McDowell, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Zion Church - January 14, 1967**

The Session opened with singing led by Ann Glass, followed by a welcome by Rev. Daniel Pelt. Response was given by the Moderator, Rev. J.B. Lovering.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Joe Fort using the Book of Matthew as his text.

The business session began with the Moderator appointing a Finance committee with the Treasurer serving as chairman. Those appointed were as follows: Mrs. David Still, Marlin Brown, Charlie Burch, Randall McDowell.

The Moderator welcomed all member Ministers, Deacons and Visitors. Ministers present were Rev's. W.F. McDuffie, Daniel Pelt, Joe Fort, Wayne King, J.B. Lovering, Paul Ervin, members, Rev's. Jim Pelt and Lewis Edward Sheffield, visitors. Deacons were Brothers H.H. Reeves, S.T. Dunning, Charlie Burch, Marlin Brown, H.G. Wiley, Hursteen Rollins, Martin Still, David Still, members.

The worship service opened with Ann Glass leading the singing followed by Prayer led by Rev. Lewis Edward Sheffield. Rev. Daniel Pelt presented the morning speaker, Rev. J.B. Lovering who brought a very inspiring and challenging message using Acts 1 and 2 as his text.

### **Afternoon Session**

The afternoon session began with Ann leading the singing and prayer by Rev. Wayne King.

The devotion for the afternoon, which was very timely and appropriate was given by Rev. W.F. McDuffie.

Rev. Paul Ervin mentioned the Albany Mission introducing visiting Rev. Lewis Edward Sheffield for a report. Brother Sheffield made an interesting talk on the Albany Mission. A motion to endorse the Mission, provided it was organized, carried.

A motion to set ceiling of \$250.00 for Albany Mission, carried.

A motion to extend Mrs. Jerome Phillips a rising vote of thanks for preparing the newsletters, carried.

A motion for Charlie Burch to replace Ed Sanders on the Extension committee and to include a member from Bethlehem church to each committee with that church naming the member, carried.

Then there was a general discussion on the dates and places which as follows: Fellowship Meeting (Laymen), Zion, March 18, 1967; Ladies Auxiliary, White Pond, April 6, 1967; Youth Meeting, Live Oak, April 8, 1967; Quarterly Conference, Jakin, April 15, 1967.

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Jakin Church - April 15, 1967**

The Session opened with singing led by Brother Wayne Carr, followed by the Devotion. Rev. Chester Pelt used Acts 2:46-47 as his text.

The session began with the Moderator asking for report of Reception committee by Patsy Ward. Moderator called for Petitionary letters. A letter of Petition letters. A letter of Petition and financial report was submitted to the conference by Rev. Lewis E. Sheffield, Pastor of Bethel Church. A motion carried to accept Bethel Church into conference, with the church extension board given time to investigate the standing of the Church. Bethel Church was extended full fellowship into the Conference.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee with the Treasury serving as Chairman as follows: Lewis Cleveland, White Pond; Ann Glass, Zion; Cheshire DeBarry, Live Oak; Wayne Carr, Treas. Jakin; Mrs. Mary Brown, Bethel; Mrs. Lynette Aycock, Bethlehem.

A motion carried to have special prayer for Brother Will Bowen and Brother Jimmy Wiley. Rev. Daniel Pelt led this prayer.

The worship hour began with singing led by the Host Church Choir and pastor. Mrs. John A. Brown and Mrs. Wayne Carr presented a message in song. Rev. Chester Pelt introduced the morning speaker, Rev. L.V. Pinson who brought a very inspiring message using I Timothy 3-16 as his text.

### **Afternoon Session**

The session began with singing led by Rev. Chester Pelt and prayer by Brother Joe McDowell. Devotion for the afternoon, which was timely and appropriate was presented by Rev. J.B. Lovering.

A motion carried to grant the Church Extension Board three months to work with Bethel Church, making necessary recommendations at next Conference meeting, including all financial problems.

Chairman of the Mission Board gave a report stating that all efforts at present be directed to Church extension and its work.

A motion carried that Board members from Bethlehem be accepted and that the Clerk be given authority to arrange terms according to original appointments. These members were as follows: Education, Guy Beard; Mission, Marlon Brown; Youth, Mrs. Fred Johnson; Superannuation, Mrs. A.H. Aycock; Church Extension, Raymond Rice.

A motion carried that an examination of Brother Wayne King be reported at next Fellowship Meeting at Live Oak June 17 and if examination is approved, Ordination be held.

Next meetings: Fellowship Meeting, Live Oak, June 17, 1967; Ladies Auxiliary, Bethlehem, July 6, 1967; Youth Meeting, Jakin, July 8, 1967; Quarterly Conference, White Pond, July 15, 1967.

A motion carried to extend Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, N.C. an invita-

tion to attend the next annual session and bring the Morning Message.

A copy of the report from the last Youth Meeting is attached. Also, each meeting is supposed to have a written report presented to clerk to be recorded with Conference Minutes.

Ministers and Pastors: Wayne King, Chester Pelt, Paul Irvin, D.F. Pelt, W.F. McDuffie, J.B. Lovering, L.E. Sheffield, J.O. Fort.

Clerks: Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Martin Still, Winifred B. Sheffield.

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Youth Meeting Live Oak Church - April 8, 1967**

The meeting opened with congregational singing led by the pastor of the host church and prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering.

The program for the evening entitled, "The Jewels of God" was planned and carried out most commendably by approximately twelve young people of the Conference. The program, which compared Christians with earthly jewels, stressed the fact that God's redeemed ones are the true jewels of the Lord. Only he can make such a jewel. The program also stressed that many of these jewels are undiscovered at present and it is up to the Christians to discover them amid the mire of idolatry.

Incorporated into the program were several songs which were related to the theme. These songs, as well as a medley of children's hymns which began the program, were most beautifully rendered by The Melody Three trio from Baker County, Georgia.

After a final song by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Chester Pelt, the congregation dismissed for refreshments and fellowship.

## **Minutes Of The Fourth Annual Session White Pond Church - July 15, 1967**

This session opened with singing led by Bro. John A. Brown and prayer by Rev. Wayne King, followed by the morning devotional, given by Rev. Joe Fort.

The conference was called to order by the moderator, Rev. J.B. Lovering, with Bro. Joe McDowell, the assistant clerk taking the place of Bro. David Still, Clerk, who was absent.

Due to the absence of the Receptionists named for this meeting, there was no Reception Committee report. The moderator officially welcomed all. A motion carried that all official delegates as listed in the church letters stand and be recognized and that all committees be named from these delegates.

The moderator appointed the various committees, which are as follows:  
Nominating Committee: Brothers Martin Still, chairman, Brock Averette, Randall McDowell, Roy Duke and Wayne King.



Digest Committee: Rev. W.F. McDuffie, chairman, Charles Anderson, John Brown, and Charlie Burch.

Finance Committee: Wayne Carr, chairman, Mrs. W.E. McDowell, D.M. Phillips and Vicki Still.

A motion carried that the nominating committee name the host church for all meetings during the next year. This would include the fellowship meeting, the Woman's Auxiliary meeting, the Youth meeting and the quarterly conference meeting.

The Worship Service began with singing led by Bro. Wayne Carr. Rev. Daniel Pelt presented the morning speaker, Dr. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive Junior College. Dr. Raper brought a very inspiring message on the heritage of Free Will Baptists, using a portion of the Sixteenth Psalm, with emphasis on verse 6, as his text.

#### Afternoon Session

The session began with singing led by Bro. John A. Brown and prayer by Mrs. S.T. Dunning, followed by the devotion by Rev. Wayne King.

The moderator presented Dr. Raper to the Conference who spoke very interestingly for a few moments on the activities going on at Mount Olive College, especially the summer events planned by the college, including the Ministers Institute for July 24-27 and the Youth Conference for August 6-11. He also talked about the various stages of progress made by the college up to the present and of plans for the future. Dr. Raper also stated that he attended The General Conference held in West Virginia earlier in the month and gave a brief report of this meeting.

The Digest Committee, (W.F. McDuffie, Charlie Burch, Charles Anderson, and John Brown) report: Church Membership: Resident: 209, Non-Res. 150, Tot. 359, Sunday School: Enrollment: 224, Ave. Attendance: 133 League: Enrollment: 48, Ave. Attendance: 38, Woman's Auxiliary: Enrollment: 27, Ave. Attendance: 21. Note: This report included only four churches. Bethlehem church and Bethel church were not represented at this meeting (by letter). A motion carried to adopt this report as read.

Rev. Paul Irvin, reporting in behalf of the Church Extension Board, stated that the Board recommended sending \$50. per month for the next three months to Bethel church of Albany, Georgia. A motion carried to adopt Rev. Irvin's report.

Rev. Joe Fort, speaking in behalf of the Mission Board, stated that the Arizona-Mexican missionary program, previously adopted by the conference, was no longer under endorsement, but that the Texas-Mexico mission program, under the direction of R.H. Jackson, Simms, North Carolina, was recommended, if the church of the conference wished to send any mission funds there. Presently, the funds ear-marked for missions from the churches to the conference, have been channeled to Church Extension.

The nominating committee, recommend the following officers for the coming year and locations for the various meetings: Moderator: Chester Pelt; Vice-Moderator: J.B. Lovering; Clerk: John A. Brown; Asst. Clerk: Joe McDowell; Treasurer: Wayne Carr; Corresponding Sec: Mrs. Evelyn Phillips.

**Host Churches for Meetings: First Quarter: First Fellowship - Bethlehem; Woman's Auxiliary - Jakin; Youth - Live Oak; Conference - Zion.**

**Second Quarter: Fellowship - Zion; Woman's Aux. - Bethlehem; Youth - Jakin; Conference - Live Oak.**

**Third Quarter: Fellowship - White Pond; Woman's Aux. - Zion; Youth - Bethlehem; Conference - Jakin.**

**Fourth Quarter: Fellowship - Live Oak; Woman's Aux. - White Pond; Youth - Zion; Conference - Bethlehem.**

**Wayne King, Martin Still, Randall McDowell, Roy Duke, Brock Averette.**

A motion carried that the clerk be instructed to write a letter of appreciation from the conference to the Hickory Grove church for the wonderful way that the conference was entertained at the last Fellowship meeting.

**Rev. J.B. Lovering, Moderator**

**David Still, Clerk**

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Zion Church - October 14, 1967**

This session was called to order by our Moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt, and song service was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Prayer was offered by Rev. Chester Pelt. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Wayne King, who used Proverbs II as his text.

**Ministers: Rev. Wayne King, Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. L.E. Sheffield, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Chester Pelt.**

**Visiting Minister - Rev. L.A. Norris.**

**Deacons: Henry G. Wiley, Martin Still, S.T. Dunning, H.H. Reeves, Charlie Burch, Joe McDowell, Hursteen Rollins, and David Still.**

**Young People's Report - on their trip to Mt. Olive College: Miss Ann Glass, Miss Brenda Rollins and Miss Sue Glass.**

**Finance Committee: Brother Wayne Carr, Chm., Brother Albert Jones, Mrs. Raymond Rice, Brother Charlie Burch, Mrs. David Still and Mrs. L.E. Sheffield.**

**Rev. Daniel Pelt extended a welcome to all present.**

The Worship Service began with singing by the congregation. The church choir gave a special message in song - "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". Rev. Chester Pelt presented the morning speaker, Rev. McDuffie, a well-known minister in our area, who has pastored Free Will Baptist churches for many years over a wide area. He brought a very inspiring message from the teachings of Paul using scriptures from Ephesians, Galatians, and Corinthians.

### **Afternoon Session**

The session began with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt. A special message in song was given by Rev. Jim Pelt. Prayer was offered by our visiting minister, Rev. Luther A. Norris, from Panama City, Florida.

The devotional was given by Rev. Chester Pelt, using Romans 13 as his scripture. He gave a very timely message on the Christians attitudes toward Viet Nam and Communism.

Miss Ann Glass and Miss Brenda Rollins gave a very interesting report on their trip to Mt. Olive College. A report was given on the previous Youth Meeting by Rev. Wayne King.

A discussion was held on an Educational Program concerning plans for Scholarships for our young people in the future.

Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - January 20, 1968**

This session was called to order by our Moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt, and the song service was led by Rev. Wayne King accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bobby Ready. Prayer was offered by Brother Wayne Carr. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Chester Pelt, who used I Corinthians 13 as his text, with "Love" being the center of thought.

**Ministers:** Rev. Wayne King, Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. L.E. Sheffield, Rev. Joe Fort, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin and Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Visiting Minister:** Rev. D.W. Poole, Blountstown, Fla.

**Deacons:** E.B. Averitt, H.H. Reeves, S.T. Dunning, Charlie Burch, Roy Duke, Cheshire DeBarry and E.C. Jordan.

**Finance Committee:** Brother Wayne Carr, Chm. Brother Sam Bowman, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Raymond Rice, Brother Charlie Burch and Mrs. David Still.

A church building report was called for by the Moderator with the following churches responding:

Live Oak - reports a new fellowship hall in progress.

Zion - reports a new addition to church building, a baptistry, larger sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, all these improvements in progress.

Jakin - reports a complete new roof, old trees removed and minor landscaping.

Bethel - Rev. Sheffield reported on church and progress in Albany.

Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Live Oak Church, extended a welcome.

The worship service began with singing by the congregation-led by Rev. Wayne King and Mrs. Bruce Johnson at the piano. Rev. Joe Fort presented the morning speaker. His introduction covered memories extending back to the early Christian experiences of Rev. L.E. Sheffield at White Plains Free Will Baptist Church at Lucile in Early County. Rev. Sheffield responded with a very heart-warming sermon using Isaiah 52:1 as his text. He is a member of our Paul Plamer Fellowship Conference and is also the pastor of Bethel Church in Albany, Ga. where he lives.

### **Afternoon Session**

The session began with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, who also brought a special message in song, accompanied by Mrs. Aycock at the piano. The devotional was given by our visiting minister, Rev. D.W. Poole of Blountstown, Fla. He had a



very inspiring message using John 4 as his text.

Rev. Wayne King was appointed as Chairman of the Youth Committee in Bro. Grady Etheridge's place. Brother Guy Beard from Bethlehem was added to the committee. Rev. Joe Fort gave a report on the Youth Camp at Craigmont, N.C. He was appointed as minister advisor to the Youth Committee. A tentative report will be given at the next Youth Meeting and a final report at the next conference meeting. Rev. Daniel Pelt gave a report on Mt. Olive Youth Camp and was appointed minister advisor on Mt. Olive Camp.

The Moderator led in a discussion on school scholarship plans and funds.

Church Extension report from Bro. Paul Irvin, (combined in Financial Report), included the following: Since Bethel Church of Albany is striving to operate on a self-sustaining basis, we recommend the \$150 be designated to Bethel F.W.B.C. of Albany for the purpose of buying a lot or a building for a permanent home or for the operation if it is deemed necessary. This money will be kept by the treasurer until such time or circumstances arise that it should be dispersed. Motion made and carried.

Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Jakin Church - April 20, 1968**

This session was called to order by Rev. Chester Pelt. The song service was led by Brother Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Brown. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Daniel Pelt with "prayer" being his center thought.

**Ministers:** Rev. Wayne King, Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. Joe Fort, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Deacons:** S.T. Dunning, H.H. Reeves, E.B. Averitt, Roy Duke, Marlin Brown, Lewis Cleveland, Joe McDowell and David Still.

The moderator appointed Brothers Roy Duke and Albert Jones to serve on the Finance Committee.

A progress report was heard from the following churches:

- a. White Pond Church reports a new piano.
- b. Marvin Chapel - Rev. Lovering reported a new brick building was under construction.
- c. Jakin Church reported a new cemetery in progress.
- d. Bainbridge - Rev. Joe Fort reported a cleared lot and an addition to their present building.
- e. Blountstown - Rev. Jim Pelt reported that after 5 years of pastoring that church, the church is out of debt.
- f. Albany Church - The delegates from there reported new church pews. They also reported Rev. Lewis Sheffield to be in serious physical condition in the Phoebe

Putney Hospital in Albany.

g. Zion - reported approx. \$7,000 being spent in building and expansion.

h. Live Oak - reported work still continues on the new Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Wayne King, pastor of the Jakin Church, extended a welcome to everyone.

The worship service began with singing led by Brother Wayne Carr. Miss Dana Jane Brown presented a special message in song. Rev. Joe Fort presented the morning speaker. His introduction covered his many Christian experiences with him as well as serving on a public school faculty with him. Rev. Paul Irvin responded so ably with a message from Luke 19, his text being, "Occupy 'til I Come". Special prayer was offered for Rev. Lewis Sheffield by Rev. Jim Pelt.

#### Afternoon Session

This session began with singing followed by a special song by Mrs. Chester Pelt, "Does Jesus Care?" The devotional was given by Rev. Joe Fort who had a very inspiring and timely thought for the day.

A report on the special meeting at Rev. Joe Fort's house concerning Youth Camp at Mt. Olive was made. Motion carried to accept the report and the conference to bear transportation expenses.

A motion carried to grant power to the Board of Christian Ed. to use money from the conference for scholarship funds and for disbursing funds received by the Board Treasurer.

A motion carried to have Camp and to authorize \$250 for expenses. A report was given by Rev. Wayne King on plans for the Summer Youth Camp at Camp Juniper near Buena Vista, Ga. This camp is to be held June 17-22. The recommendations and report was adopted.

Brother David Still was appointed by the conference to procure a camp site for the Youth Camp next year.

Rev. Paul Irvin reported on Rev. Lewis Sheffield's condition and recommended assistance in their church services. The Bethel Church in Albany was to report their wishes to Rev. Irvin.

Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Fifth Annual Session Bethlehem Church, July 20, 1968

This session was called to order by our vice moderator, Rev. J.B. Lovering, due to the absence of the moderator, Rev. Chester H. Pelt who was away on Army Reserve Chaplain Duty.

The song service was led by Bro. Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Aycock. Prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering followed by a welcome by Rev. Daniel Pelt. The morning devotional was given by Rev. W.F. McDuffie with "The Mind of Jesus" being his topic.

Ministers of the conference: Rev. Wayne King, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Jim Pelt - visitor, and Rev. Daniel Pelt.

**Visiting Ministers:** Rev. Burkette Raper, Rev. D.W. Poole and Rev. David Reese.

There were 7 deacons present.

**Finance Committee:** Wayne Carr, Chm., Jakin; Charlie Burch, Live Oak; Mrs. L.E. Sheffield, Bethel; Mrs. Raymond Rice, Bethlehem; Mrs. David Still, Zion; Mrs. Manuel McDowell, White Pond.

**Digest Committee:** Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Chm.; Sam Bowman, Bethel; Vickie Still, Zion; Mrs. Roy Dukes, Live Oak; Mrs. H.H. Reeves, Jakin; Mrs. Laurie Anderson, Zion; and Mrs. Bo Beard, Bethlehem.

**Nominating Committee:** Joe McDowell, White Pond, Chm.; Mrs. Bobby Ready, Zion; Mr. S.T. Dunning, Jakin; Marlin Brown, Bethlehem; Mrs. Mary Brown, Bethel; and Roy Dukes, Live Oak.

The morning worship hour began with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt with Mrs. Aycock at the piano. Special singing was rendered by children from Bethel Church in Albany. Rev. Paul Irvin presented the speaker Rev. Burkette Raper, President of Mt. Olive Junior College, in N.C. Rev. Irvin's introduction covered many of Bro. Raper's accomplishments at Mt. Olive College and in other areas. Bro. Raper responded with a great message from Acts 16:35. His topic subject "Everybody Wants to be Somebody" centered around Paul's life. He also gave a report on Mt. Olive College and the Youth Conference to be held there in August. This conference wishes to extend a standing invitation to Dr. Burkette Raper to attend our conference at any time.

Rev. D.W. Poole gave thanks for the morning meal and dismissed with a prayer.

#### Afternoon Session

Singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. The devotional was given by Rev. Wayne King using Collosians 3:1 as his scripture. This was a very timely and inspiring message.

Rev. Jim Pelt gave a report on the Youth Camp at Juniper near Buena Vista, Georgia. Rev. Paul Irvin, Camp Director, also had some comments and announcements concerning the camp.

Church letters were read at this time by the Conference Clerk, John A. Brown. Special music by Rev. Jim Pelt followed. He sang "Only Believe" accompanied by Mrs. Aycock at the piano.

The moderator called for the following reports.

The nominating committee recommended that all General Officers of the Conference be retained for the coming year and that they be commended for the fine way in which they have filled their respective offices in the past year. These are: Moderator, Chester Pelt; Vice-Moderator, J.B. Lovering; Clerk, John A. Brown; Assistant Clerk, Joe McDowell; Treasurer, Wayne Carr; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jerome Phillips.

The Nominating Committee listed the following meeting dates and places:

**Quarterly Conference Meeting:**

October - Zion, January - White Pond, April - Live Oak, July - (Annual) Jakin.



### **Youth Meetings.**

October - Bethlehem, January - (to be named), April - Zion, July - (to be named).

**Woman's Auxiliary:** (to be decided upon by members)

The Nominating Committee's report was followed by a discussion of Youth Meetings. A motion to discontinue the January and July Youth Meetings indefinitely. The motion failed by a count of 13 against and 4 for it. All Youth Meeting will be continued.

A motion carried to drop all Fellowship Meetings.

A motion carried for Woman's Auxiliary to decide on the number of meetings they were to have during the next conference year.

A motion carried for the Board of Education - Youth Camp to have money at their disposition.

A motion for the conference to supplement Albany (Bethel) Church \$15.00 per week for a pastor carried.

A motion carried to arrange a Memorial Service for the Rev. L.E. Sheffield. Rev. J.O. Fort and Rev. Paul Irvin were named to this committee as co-chairman.

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Vice-Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Zion Church - October 19, 1968**

The session was called to order by our vice-moderator, Rev. J.B. Lovering in the absence of our moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt. Opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. Milton Fields, accompanied at the piano by Miss Brenda Rollins. A prayer by Rev. Wayne King. Rev. J.B. Lovering gave the devotional which was followed by the Welcome given by Miss Brenda Rollins.

**Ministers:** Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Wayne King, and Rev. Daniel Pelt.

**Visiting Ministers:** Rev. Jim Pelt and Rev. Milton Fields

There were nine deacons present. Mr. W.J. Starr, from Patmos Free Will Baptist Church, was present as a visitor. The son of Mrs. L.E. Sheffield and the late Rev. Sheffield, from Albany, Georgia, was also recognized as a visitor.

A Finance Committee was appointed as follows: Wayne Carr, Jakin, Chairman; Mrs. David Still, Zion; Lewis Cleveland, White Pond; Charlie Burch, Live Oak; Mrs. Bo Beard, Bethlehem.

Worship began with congregational singing led by Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Rev. McDuffie brought a special message in song, "Whispering Hope" with Mrs. John Brown at the piano. Rev. Daniel Pelt introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Milton Fields, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Blakeley, Ga. Rev. Fields brought an inspiring message from Ephesians 3:20. Rev. Daniel Pelt, welcomed everyone to the lunch hall.

John 21: 15, and Luke 24:45-48.

The Message proved to be very inspiring and informative. A film was shown on Mexican Missions that are sponsored by N.C. State Convention. Following the sermon, Rev. McDuffie gave an offertory prayer and a special offering received.

Rev. Paul Irvin welcomed everyone to the dining hall. We adjourned for lunch with prayer by Rev. Milton Fields.

#### Afternoon Session

Singing led by Rev. Wayne King with Mrs. Chester Pelt at the piano. Rev. King led the congregation in prayer. The devotion was given by Rev. Milton Fields using Heb. 10:22-25. A special message in song was given by Rev. and Mrs. David Reese from the Bethel Church in Albany.

An announcement to be made at next session concerning the ordination of Mr. David Reese, who is a licensed minister helping out at the Bethel Church in Albany, Ga.

Mr. Grady Etheredge was dismissed and Mrs. Margie Brown was elected as permanent chairman of the Youth Committee for the rest of the year. Comments followed from Rev. Wayne King and Rev. Paul Irvin about the Youth Camp. The following people were to be invited to any future youth camp meetings: Mrs. Pauline Carr, Mrs. David Still, Rev. Wayne King and Rev. Paul Irvin.

Rev. Joseph Ingram had words of appreciation for our conference pledges and offerings for Mexican Missions.

Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - April 19, 1969

This session opened with singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied by Miss Cecelia Craft at the piano. Prayer was offered by Rev. Chester Pelt. Mr. Charlie Burch extended a welcome to all members of the association and all visitors. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Daniel Pelt, using Mark 9:14-23, with special emphasis on verse 23.

#### Ministers:

Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Wayne King, Rev Jim Pelt (visiting), and Rev. David Reese (visiting).

There were eight deacons present. Mrs. Miranda Ditty, from the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in Florida, was a visitor with Rev. Wayne King. Other visitors were Rev. David Reese's father and his brother, from Tennessee. A motion carried that Rev. David Reese of Bethel Church be accepted as a full-fledged member of the Conference. The moderator appointed the Finance Committee – Brother Lewis Cleveland, Brother Marlin Brown, Brother Sam Bowman, Mrs. David Still, Brother Charlie Burch.

The worship hour began with singing led by Bro. Wayne Carr and prayer by Rev. Wayne King. Rev. King presented the morning speaker, Rev. Paul Irvin, who

was filling in for Rev. J.O. Fort, who was unable to be present. Rev. Irvin's message was based on Luke 2:48.

#### **-Afternoon Session**

This session was opened with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, followed with prayer by John Brown. Rev. Pelt then brought a special message in song, "Satisfied with Jesus". Devotional was given by Rev. David Reese who used scripture from Acts 20:17-28.

The moderator asked Rev. Paul Irvin, as sponsor of Rev. David Reese who was a candidate for ordination into the ministry, to inform the Conference as to plans for his ordination. It was reported to have this ordination according to plans of his church at Bethel in Albany. A motion carried to adopt this report.

The moderator announced the revising of the Youth Committee as follows: Mrs. Margie Brown, Mrs. David Still, Miss Delores McDowell, Miss Vicki Still, and Mrs. Raymond Rice. Rev. Paul Irvin was named Camp Director.

Rev. Paul Irvin gave a verbal report concerning plans for the Youth Camp this year. A motion carried that Rev. Irvin, with the aid of the Youth Committee and all others concerned, proceed with any necessary arrangements for such a camp.

A motion carried to appoint sponsor from each church, other than Youth Committee, to help with the trip to Mount Olive this year.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Conference Clerk

Note: Joe McDowell, acting clerk, served for clerk at this meeting.

## **Minutes Of The Sixth Annual Session Jakin Church - July 19, 1969**

The session opened with singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. John Brown at the piano. Prayer was offered by Joe McDowell. Rev. D.W. Poole extended a welcome to all members and visitors. The morning devotional was given by Rev. W.F. McDuffie, who used scripture from II Corinthians.

The session was called to order by the vice-moderator, REv. J.B. Lovering.

Present were:

#### **Ministers:**

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. J.O. Fort.

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Milton Field, Rev. Burkett Raper, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Jim Pelt.

There were seven deacons present.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Cheshire DeBarry, chm., Joe McDowell, Dick Ward, Mrs. Henrietta W. Ready, Mrs. Mary Brown and Mrs. Raymond Rice.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Hallie Still, Charlie Burch, Albert Jones, Sam



Bowman and Mrs. Aycok.

**Digest Committee:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, chm., Mrs. Esther M. English, Mrs. Winifred Sheffield, Mrs. Minnie Hudson and Mrs. Kitty Tyson.

**Morning Worship**

Worship began with singing led by Wayne Carr. Charlie Burch led the offertory prayer. A special message in song was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Milton Fields, "I've Discovered A Way of Gladness". This proved to be very up-lifting and inspirational to the worship to follow.

Rev. J.O. Fort introduced the speaker for the morning message, Dr. Burkette Raper, President of Mt. Olive College, Mt. Olive, N.C. Dr. Raper is always warmly received and he responded with a wonderful message, "Being A Free Will Baptist", using scripture from I Corinthians 13. Lunch was served under the oaks in the church yard.

**Afternoon Session**

This session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, followed with the devotional by Rev. J.O. Fort, who used Luke 17:3-5. Rev. and Mrs. Fields presented another beautiful message in song.

Rev. Paul Irvin reported on the ordination of Rev. David Reese. Brother Irvin also gave a report of the Youth Committee and the camp to begin July 28 at Camp Mt. Bethel near Ashburn, Ga. Rev. Milton Fields spoke for the State Camp, concerning our use of the camp at Mt. Bethel.

A motion carried that Rev. D.W. Poole be made a full-fledged minister in this conference.

Dr. Burkette Raper gave a very informative report on Mt. Olive College. The conference gave a standing invitation to Dr. Raper to visit us at any time.

A motion carried that camp be held, with Paul Irvin serving as Camp Director. Final plans for the camp to be made at White Pond Church the following Friday night.

Report of the Nominating Committee by Chm. Cheshire DeBarry.

**Officer:**

Moderator - Rev. Daniel Pelt, Vice Moderator - Rev. J.B. Lovering, Clerk - John A. Brown, Assistant Clerk - Joe McDowell, Corresponding Sec. - Mrs. David Still, and Treasurer - Wayne Carr.

**Quarterly Meeting Sites:**

October - Bethlehem, January - Live Oak, April - White Pone, July - Zion. (To be held Sat. before 3rd Sunday)

The meeting places for the Women's Auxiliary to be by invitation. The Youth Meeting for October will be held at Zion Church on Saturday night before 2nd Sunday.

A motion carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee. A motion carried for Mrs. John Brown to be the Youth Director for the coming year to replace Rev. Wayne King.

Rev. D.F. Pelt dismissed the conference with prayer.

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Vice Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - October 18, 1969**

Opened with singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. Aycock at the piano and prayer by Rev. Milton Fields. Rev. Daniel Pelt, pastor of the host church extended a welcome to all members and visitors. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Ga., using I Timothy 4:9 for scripture reading.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Pelt. Letters were read by the clerk and assistant clerk, Joe McDowell.

Present were:

**Ministers:**

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. J.O. Fort, and Rev. D.W. Poole.

**Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Milton Fields, Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Rev. Jim Pelt.

There were nine deacons present. Mr. W.J. Starr was a visitor from the Midway Association. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Ga. represented to Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama were visitors, also.

**The Finance Committee:**

Mrs. Marlin Brown, Mrs. Bobby Ready, Mrs. Sam Bowman, Mr. Roy Dukes and Mr. L.W. Cleveland.

### **Morning Worship**

Worship began with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, with Mrs. Jerry Sauls at the piano and Mrs. Raymond Rice at the organ. Mr. W. J. Starr led in prayer. A special message in song was rendered by Rev. Milton Fields, "Satisfied with Jesus", with accompanied by Mrs. Jerry Sauls at the piano. A special offertory prayer was led by Rev. Daniel Pelt.

Rev. Daniel Pelt presented Rev. J.B. Lovering, the speaker for the morning message. Rev. Lovering is widely known in these surrounding areas. He brought a very inspiring message from John 14, using "A Page From the Bible" as his subject.

### **Afternoon Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt, with Mrs. Jerry Sauls at the piano. Rev. W.F. McDuffie gave the devotional using Romans 1:16 for his scripture.

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Vice-Moderator, introduced Mr. Curtis Gay, representative to Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala. Mr. Gay gave a very informative talk about the operation of the home, and ways that the churches could be of service to the home and its children. A motion carried for the Conference to endorse the

"Harvest Offering" to the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

The Moderator read letters from Rev. Ralph Lightsey and Rev. Paul Irvin. Rev. Lightsey expressed regrets for not being able to attend this conference to preach the morning message. Rev. Irvin expressed wishes to resign as director of the Camp and the Board of Church Extension. A motion carried to defer requests from Rev. Irvin concerning Dir. of Camp and the Board of Church Extension.

Rev. Jim Pelt gave a report on Camp Mt. Bethel. This report was approved unanimously as a job well done by all who participated in the camp project.

A motion carried for the Youth Meeting Committee to decide when to have their quarterly meetings during the coming year.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - January 17, 1970**

Session opened with singing led by Wayne Garr with prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering. Rev. D.W. Poole, pastor of the host church, extended a welcome to all members and visitors. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Paul Irvin, using scripture from Genesis. His subject was "Is your all on the alter?"

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Pelt.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Joseph H. Ingram, Director-Treasurer, N.C. Mission Board, Goldsboro, N.C.; Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Pastor, Albany First FWB Church, Albany, Ga.; Rev. James E. Timmons - Director in Mexico Missions; Rev. Mendez, Pastor on Mission Field in Mexico; Rev. Costillio, Pastor on Mission Field in Mexico.

### **Visitors:**

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lovering - Mr. W. T. Cooper - Mrs. Clyde Brunson, all of Colquitt.

There were 7 deacons present. Finance Committee: Wayne Carr, Chairman; Mrs. Hallie Still; Mrs. Raymond Rice; Miss Delores McDowell; Mrs. L.E. Sheffield; Mr. Earl Jordan.

### **Morning Worship**

Worship began with congregational singing. Rev. J.B. Lovering led in prayer. The Moderator presented Rev. Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer of N.C. Mission Board. Rev. Ingram introduced Rev. J.E. Timmons, Director of Missions in Mexico. Rev. J.E. Timmons in turn introduced two Mexican pastors: Rev. Mendez and Rev. Costillio who sang a song "More about Jesus" which was inspiring to all. A question and answer session with Rev. Timmons followed. Many typical and informative questions and answers were brought before the congregation.

A very touching and uplifting testimony was given by Rev. Mendez, which was



interpreted by Rev. Timmons. Rev. Timmons was speaker for the morning message using Amos 4:12 as scripture and subject, "Prepare to Meet Thy God". After the message, special offering received for Mexico Missions, amounting to \$100.08.

Rev. D.W. Poole, welcomed everyone to the fellowship hall. Rev. Hollinghead dismissed the congregation with prayer.

#### Afternoon Session

Rev. J.O. Fort led singing with Mrs. Chester Pelt at the piano. Rev. Joseph Ingram presented Rev. Costillio, Mexican pastor, for the afternoon devotional. Rev. Costillio used Matt. 28:19-20 as his scripture. "Go Ye Into All The World" was his main emphasis. A response to the devotional was given by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Rev. Ingram gave his report on missions and made announcements concerning literature and also passed out some Mission Work Reports. He spoke on Mission work in general and thanked the conference for its support to the Mexican field. A motion carried to accept this report, carried.

Rev. D.W. Poole made announcements concerning the Mission services to be held at several churches over the weekend.

Rev. Poole dismissed with prayer.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The 3rd Quarterly Session White Pond Church - Saturday, April 18, 1970

The session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt accompanied by Mrs. Oscar Lewis and prayer by Brother S.T. Dunning. Lewis Cleveland gave a most sincere welcome and Mrs. David Still gave the response. Rev. Daniel Pelt brought a most inspiring morning devotional on "Faith" from Hebrews 11.

The Moderator, Rev. Daniel Pelt, requested that a motion be made to seat the 3 classifications of delegates, Lay, Deacon, and Ministers. This motion carried. Honorary delegates, Mrs. Ruby Pelt and Brother Adams, were also seated. Our moderator stated that the clerk and assistant clerk were absent and requested a motion be made for a clerk to serve during this session. Motion carried for Mrs. David Still to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Bobby Ready and Mrs. Ruby Pelt read the letters from all churches except Bethel.

Visitors present were: Rev. Jim Pelt, Blountstown, Fla., Mrs. Jack Henderson, Blakely, Ga., Mrs. Ed McDowell, Damascus, Ga.

Rev. Joe Fort reported on the organization of a Youth Auxiliary in the Jakin Church, stating the necessity of having qualified Christian leaders who have plenty of time to apply to the Youth Aux. and its projects and works.

The Finance Committee, composed of Wayne Carr, Chm., Lewis Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Marlon Brown, and Hallie Still, was appointed by the Moderator. Rev. Pelt declared a recess from the business of the conference until 1:15.

The congregation sang "Have Faith in God". Rev. Pelt presented the morning speaker, Rev. Paul Irvin who brought a soul searching message from II Timothy 3:1, the topic of his message being "The Perils of Our Church".

### **Afternoon Session**

Session opened with congregational singing and a special message in song, "Breathe on Me" by Rev. Jim Pelt. Rev. Chester Pelt was presented for the afternoon devotional. His scripture was taken from Deut. 6:1-10 and Gal. 5:16-26. This message continued our thoughts on the morning's message on faith.

Rev. Fort gave a report on the Texas-Mexico Mission property, stating that all indebtedness had been paid.

Rev. Chester Pelt made a motion that the conference request each church to set aside \$125. per quarter for a scholarship fund to be available to any young person from their local church to attend Mt. Olive Jr. College. For every \$125 the local church pays, Mt. Olive College will match. The conference adopted the plan but this is not a mandatory thing.

The following committees were appointed:

#### **Youth Committee**

Mrs. Margie Brown, chm., Mrs. Pauline Carr, Mrs. Jeaneette Cleveland, Miss Delores McDowell, Mr. Cheshire DeBerry, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Hallie Still.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Hallie Still, Chm., Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mrs. Marlon Brown, Mrs. Niza Dunning, Mrs. Mary Brown.

The request was made that should any member of the conference come in contact with any of the people from Colquitt, to express to them our regrets over their absence from the conference.

In answer to a question raised, "Does the Press in Ayden contribute any money to the National Council of Churches?", Rev. Fort reported that it does not.

Rev. J.B. Lovering made a motion, which carried, that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality at this occasion.

A motion to adjourn, with special prayer for our missionary who is working under Rev. Timmons carried.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk  
Mrs. Hallie Still, Acting Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Seventh Annual Session Zion Church - July 18, 1970**

Session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied by Mrs. John Brown. Prayer was given by Mrs. Martin Still. The morning devotional was given by Mrs. Martin Still using John 2:16.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, pastor of the host church, gave the welcome to everyone. Rev. Joe Fort followed with the response.

Our Conference Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt, called for church letters.

**Ministers:**

Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort.

**Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Burkett Raper, Pres., Mt. Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N.C.

There were nine (9) deacons present.

Other visitors included: Mrs. Burkett Raper, Mt. Olive, N.C., Mrs. Miranda Ditty, Hickory Grove Church, Bascom, Fla.

**A Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Martin Still, Mrs. Florence Rice, Cheshire DeBarry, Miss Delores McDowell, Mrs. L.E. Sheffield.

**A Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Hallie Still, Chm., Mr. S.T. Dunning, Mr. Bowman, Miss Delores McDowell, Mrs. Aycock, Mr. Charlie Burch.

**Morning Worship**

Worship began with singing and Rev. Joe Fort led in prayer. Mrs. Pauline Carr and Mrs. John Brown brought a special message in song, "All on the Altar". Rev. Joe Fort presented the morning speaker Rev. Burkett Raper, President of Mt. Olive Jr. College in North Carolina. Rev. Raper brought a very inspiring message from Luke 12:16-21. His topic was "Directions for Christian Living".

**Afternoon Session**

Session began with congregational singing. Miss Vicki Still gave the devotional using James 2:14-26. Rev. Raper gave a report on the college at Mt. Olive. This report always proves to be interesting and outstanding. This conference extends an invitation to the Rapers to visit with us at any time. Rev. Raper also noted that \$380 was donated from Paul Palmer Conference the past year.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:**

**Officers:**

Moderator - Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Assistant Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk - John Brown, Assistant Clerk - Joe McDowell, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Pianist - Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Bobby Ready, Youth Chairman - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Co-Chairman - Mrs. Florence Rice.

**Quarterly Meeting Places:**

Oct - Bethlehem, Jan. - Jakin, April - White Pond, July - Zion.

A general discussion followed, led by Rev. Joe Fort, on the Youth Camp for next year. Mrs. L.E. Sheffield gave a report on the closing of Bethel Church in Albany, Ga. She reported giving of the church furniture to the conference. She also expressed love and appreciation to the conference for everything given and offered. This conference regrets the necessity of Bethel Church closed and offered an invitation to its people anytime.

Rev. D.F. Pelt, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk



## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - Oct. 17, 1970**

Session opened with singing led by Rev. J.B. Lovering. A prayer was offered by Rev. Poole.

Mrs. Rice introduced the devotional speaker Rev. Frank Gilmore, of Cuthbert. His text was Phillipians 4. Rev. Daniel Pelt gave the welcome to all members and visitors. Joe McDowell responded.

Visitors present:

Mrs. Maurice Lay, Rehobeth Church, Miss Miranda Ditty, Hickory Grove Church.

Ministers Present:

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. James Pelt, Visiting Minister.

Finance Committee:

Lewis Cleveland, Marlon Brown, Wayne Carr, Chm., Roy Duke, Vaudine Glass.

### **Morning Worship**

Worship began with singing led by Brother Wayne Carr. Prayer was led by Charlie Burch. The morning speaker was introduced by Rev. Daniel Pelt. Rev. Jim Pelt preceded his message with a very inspiring message in song, "Jesus Will". His text for the morning was II Corinthians 11:1-14.

### **Afternoon Session**

Session opened with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, followed by prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering. The devotional was given by Mrs. Gene Kersey, using scripture from Matthew 25: 31-46.

Mrs. Hursteen Rollins, a representative of the Conference Auxiliary, gave a report on her recent visit to the Children's Home at Eldrige, Ala. This very interesting and informative report told of the needs and the living conditions of the home. She recommended that the churches make themselves aware of these conditions and that a committee be named at each church to keep up with the needs and to employ such means as may be necessary to help sustain. Motion carried.

At the close of the meeting, program of instrumental music was provided by Mrs. Rice on the organ and Mrs. Jonson at the piano.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

Joe McDowell, Acting Clerk

## **Minutes Of Second Quarterly Session Jakin Church - Jan 16, 1971**

This session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Congregational singing was followed with prayer, led by Rev. J.B. Lovering. Miss

Marie Dunning gave the devotional using Matt. 7:1-5 for her scripture. Prayer was offered by Rev. D.F. Pelt.

Rev. Chester Pelt briefly discussed the scholarship funds for the benefit of the committees that would be meeting in the afternoon session.

Mrs. L.D. Lawrence was recognized as a visitor.

**Minister present:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. C.H. Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole.

Rev. McDuffie appointed the Finance Committee:

Wayne Carr, Chm., Rev. J.B. Lovering, Joe McDowell, Mrs. David Still, Mrs. Raymond Rice, Charlie Burch.

### **Worship Hour**

Worship began with the congregation singing several hymns. Joe McDowell gave the offertory prayer. Rev. J.O. Fort, pastor of the host church, introduced Rev. and Mrs. C.H. Pelt who brought a special message in music and the morning's message. Mrs. Pelt, who sang "It Pays to Serve Jesus", was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Brown. She also expressed her appreciation and pleasure for the chance to sing again at the Jakin Church. Rev. Pelt used Matt. 4:1-12 for his scripture preceding his message in which he interpreted the meanings of the Beatitudes.

### **Afternoon Session**

This session was held at the Jakin Lunchroom following the meal. The devotional was given by Rev. D.W. Poole whose scripture was I Kings :17:4. Mr. S.T. Dunning led in prayer.

A lengthy discussion of the minister's quarterly meeting and the youth camp was held. A motion carried for the minister's meeting to be held at the new home of Rev. J.B. Lovering but the date to be announced later. The Youth Summer Camp was further discussed and a motion carried for the committee to continue plans and then to report to the conference in the meeting during April.

The Board of Education for the Paul Palmer Conference was authorized to invest 2 scholarships funds of \$250 each to Mt. Olive Junior College on a matching fund basis. Mr. Carr, chairman of the Finance Comm., was authorized also to place this money into some type of stock or bond so it would be drawing interest while it was waiting to be used. These two scholarships were to be issued to students on a first come-first served basis by the Board of Education.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Mod.

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 17, 1971**

Session was called to order by Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Brother Wayne Carr led the congregational singing after which Rev. Billy Bevins led in prayer. Mrs. David Still presented the devotional, using for her scripture Matt. 6:19-21. Rev. Paul Irvin

gave the welcome for the host church. Church letters were read by Mrs. Martin Still.

**Honorary delegates present were:**

Mr. A.N. Adams, Mrs. Nettie D. Wiley, Mrs. Ruby Pelt.

**Ministers present were:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Paul Irvin.

**Visitors recognized were:**

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Bevins of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Blakely, Georgia.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Randall McDowell, Mrs. David Still.

### **Worship Hour**

The worship service began with the congregation singing several hymns. Rev. J.O. Fort led in prayer. Rev. Paul Irvin, presented the morning speaker, Rev. D.F. Pelt. His scripture taken from Matt. 13. presented 3 of the 7 parables, The Sower, The Treasure Hid in the Field, and The Nets. Benediction was led by Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Afternoon Session**

Session opened with singing led by Rev. J.O. Fort. The devotion was given by Rev. Billy Bevins, using scripture from John 3:7, his topic being "Evidences of the New Birth".

The moderator stated that during the quarter H.G. Wiley, a deacon of Zion Church, had passed away. He asked for a few moments of silent meditation, after which his pastor, Rev. D.F. Pelt led in prayer.

Rev. J.O. Fort gave a report of the minister's quarterly meeting. A motion carried that Rev. Fort be designated to contact the Mt. Olive Jr. College to send two young men from the college to be in summer service with the churches of the conference who wanted to use them. A motion carried that Rev. McDuffie be responsible for reporting to the college of the boy's service, and that he will plan the itinerary during their stay with the churches this summer.

**Nominating Committee:**

Marlin Brown, Chairman, Lewis Cleveland, S.T. Dunning.

A motion carried that the Finance Committee be named for one year with one member from each church. In the event any member of the committee could not be present at the conference meeting, they would send a written proxy vote to the conference.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk  
Mrs. David Still, Acting Clerk



# **Minutes Of The Eight Annual Session**

## **Zion Church - July 17, 1971**

The meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Billy Bevins. The devotional was led by Miss Brenda Rollins, using I Thessalonians 2:11-12. Rev. Daniel Pelt led the group in the morning prayer.

Rev. Daniel Pelt extended a hearty welcome to all members and guests. Rev. J.O. Fort gave the response.

A motion carried to make a correction in the minutes concerning the appointment of a Finance Committee at the last session. This was to insert the word finance for nominating.

The reading clerks were Mrs. Bobby Ready and Miss Sue Glass.

### **Minister Members**

Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.W. Poole.

### **Visiting Ministers were:**

Rev. Joseph E. Ingram, N.C. Mission Board, and Rev. Billy Bevins, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church of Blakely, Georgia.

Deacons were also recognized at this time.

### **Finance Committee:**

Manuel McDowell, Charlie Burch, David Still, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Wayne Carr, Treasurer.

A motion carried to substitute Mrs. Raymond Rice, Albert Jones, for Marlin Brown and Lewis Cleveland on the Nominating Committee. Closing prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Worship Hour**

Worship began with singing led by Wayne Carr, and a special message in song by Miss Sue Glass and Mrs. Margaret English. The moderator, Rev. W.F. McDuffie presented the morning speaker, Rev. Bevins, of Blakely Free Will Baptist Church. His text was Ezek. 22: 30, text, "Can God Count On You?" This proved to be a very inspiring message.

### **Afternoon Session**

Singing was led by Rev. McDuffie, followed by prayer by Joe McDowell. Session began with ordination services for the three deacons elected by the Zion Church. They were: Ralph Ellis, Cyril English, and Milton Anderson. The Ordaining Council was Rev. Paul Irvin, who gave the charge to the church; Rev. Daniel Pelt, who gave the charge to the deacons; Rev. J.O. Fort, who gave the ordination prayer; and Rev. J.B. Lovering, who presented the Bibles to each new deacon. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the three at the close of the Ordination Services.

Rev. Joseph Ingram gave a very informative talk on the mission work sponsored by the conference, specifically on the Mexico Mission Field, and the ones in Indonesia and the Phillipine Islands.

Rev. Paul Irvin gave a report concerning the failure of the Conference to sponsor a camp for the youth of the conference. He listed reasons for the previous plans not being carried out. A motion carried that the conference pay, as previously planned, the sum agreed upon by the conference to the young men who were to come from Mt. Olive to assist in the camp work.

**Nominations were:**

Moderator - Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk - John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk - Joe McDowell, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Pianists - Mrs. Margie Brown and Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Youth Chairman - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Co-Chairman - Mrs. Hallie Still.

**Places Selected for the quarterly meetings were as follows:**

October - Live Oak, January - Bethlehem, April - Jakin, July - White Pond.

**The Finance Committee for the following year includes:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Deloris McDowell, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Lynette Aycock, Mrs. Bernice Still.

A motion that the vacancies in the various boards be made at the next conference. This was due to information being unavailable.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - October 16, 1971**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Wayne Carr, with Mrs. John Brown accompanying at the piano. The devotional was led by the pastor of the host church, Rev. D.W. Poole. Cheshire DeBarry extended the welcome to all visitors and the response was given by John Brown.

Mrs. Wayne Carr and Mrs. K.D. Beard served as reading clerks.

**The six ministers present were:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Finance Committee:**

Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Mrs. Cyril English, Mrs. Wayne Carr.

### **Morning Worship**

The worship hour began with congregational singing led by John Brown followed by the morning offering. A special message in song, "I Would Be True" was sung by Mrs. Chester Pelt. Rev. Chester Pelt brought the morning message using Acts 10 for his scripture. Mr. S.T. Dunning gave the benediction.

### **Afternoon Session**

Singing led by John A. Brown followed with prayer by Rev. Paul Irvin. Mrs. Jerome Phillips presented the afternoon devotional on "Love" with scripture from I John 3:1,2.

A motion carried to fill the vacancy of Deacon H.G. Wiley, deceased, on the

Church Extension Board with Cyril English. Mrs. Wayne Carr gave the Finance Committee's Report.

Cheshire DeBarry, of the Live Oak Church, asked permission to allow Miss Beth Craft to use the piano given to the conference from the Bethel Church in Albany. Permission granted.

A motion that Rev. J.O. Fort and the clerk prepare a special memorial message honoring Mrs. L.E. Sheffield, deceased. This memorial is to be attached to the minutes of this conference.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - January 15, 1972**

Session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr and accompanied at the piano and organ by Mrs. Aycock and Mrs. Rice. Brother Joe McDowell presented the morning devotional using Luke 6:27-46 for his scripture. Rev. D.F. Pelt, the host pastor, gave the welcome, followed by Rev. W.F. McDuffie's response.

Mrs. Evelyn Phillips served as the reading clerk for the church letters.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. J.O. Fort.

Visiting Minister: Rev. Jim Pelt.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Marlin Brown, Mrs. Vaudine Glass, Cheshire DeBarry, Lewis Cleveland.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Rev. Jim Pelt led in congregational singing and presented special music, "Have Thine Own Way". Rev. Paul Irvin brought the morning's message using Luke 22:41 as his scripture for the sermon.

Mrs. Marlin Brown brought the devotional thoughts, "Challenges for the New Year for Free Will Baptist Christians", using Prov. 24:3,4 as her scripture. Rev. Jim Pelt sang a special song, "I'm Satisfied with Jesus". Mrs. Rice and her music teacher presented a short instrumental musical program.

The memorial to Mrs. L.E. Sheffield was read and a motion to send a copy to her son and daughter carried.

Rev. Fort, representing the Ordaining Council gave the report concerning the ordination of 2 deacons from the Jakin Church at the April Meeting. Report: Rev. D.F. Pelt, Charge to the deacons, Rev. Paul Irvin, Charge to the church, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Bibles Pres., Rev. J.B. Lovering, Consecration Prayer.

A motion carried to urge every deacon to be present at the next session. Rev. J.B. Lovering requested to move his membership to the conference where he now



lives. Motion carried, and the clerk was instructed to send a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

The Summer Youth Camp was discussed, and a motion carried for each church to send a report to Mrs. Wayne Carr as to the number of children expected to attend.

The Moderator expressed thank to the laymen for their devotionals. Conference closed by singing "Bless Be The Tie".

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Jakin Church - April 15, 1972**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, called the session to order. Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr accompanied by Mrs. John Brown at the piano. The clerk gave the official welcome followed by the visitor's response.

Church letters were read by Mrs. Hursteen Rollins. Ministers, Deacons, and visitors were recognized as follows:

### **Ministers:**

Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. C.H. Pelt, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. D.W. Poole.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Jim Pelt.

Seven deacons were recognized as well as Miss Ada Holly, Blountstown, Fla., guest of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pelt, and Mr. C.N. Adams, guest of Mrs. A.H. Aycock and Mrs. Raymond Rice, of Shellman, Ga.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Hursteen Rollins, Cheshire DeBarry, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. A.H. Aycock.

Rev. J.O. Fort, Chairman of the Ordaining Council, gave a brief report concerning the ordination of 2 deacons in the afternoon program as previously scheduled.

Representatives from each church gave a progress report of the improvements and building programs from each respective church.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregation singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. A special selection was sung by Suzanne, Lauren, and Veronica Carr preceding the message. Guest minister Rev. J.B. Lovering, of Marianna, Fla., brought the morning sermon using Exodus 33: 11-18 as his scripture text.

### **Afternoon Session**

Session opened by the congregation singing hymns led by Suzanne Carr. Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairman, announced plans for the youth of the associational churches to attend a week's camp at the old Norman College, Norman park, Ga., from June 26-30.

John A. Brown and Wayne Carr were candidates for ordination as deacons. Rev. C.H. Pelt was in charge of the ordination service in the place of Rev. J.O. Fort, who was present but inactive due to illness. Others serving on this council and their responsibilities were as follows:

Charge to the Deacons - Rev. D.F. Pelt, Charge to the Church - Rev. D.W. Poole, Presentation of the Bible - Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Prayer of Consecration - Rev. J.B. Lovering.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Ninth Annual Session White Pond Church - July 15, 1972**

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. John Brown serving as pianist. In the absence of Rev. J.B. Lovering, the Moderator appointed Rev. J.O. Fort to lead in the morning devotional, his theme being, "If you're not a Christian, there's something wrong with you". His scripture include Psalms 51:5, Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17, Romans 8:7, Gen. 6:5,6, and Jer. 17:9.

Joe McDowell extended a welcome to all members and guests.

Nine deacons were present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. W.f. McDuffie, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Visiting Ministers Present:**

Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Joseph T. Ingram.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Mrs. Martin Still, Randall McDowell, Charlie Burch, Mrs. A.H. Aycock.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Manual McDowell, Chairman, Charlie Burch, Martin Still, S. T. Dunning, Mrs. A.H. Aycock.

Mr. C.N. Adams, Shellman, Ga. was recognized as a visitor.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The worship hour began with singing led by Wayne Carr, with special message in song by Miss Suzanne Carr and Miss Lauren Carr, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Rev. Jim Pelt brought the morning message, "I call you not servants - but friends", using I John 1:3 as his scripture.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Session opened by the congregation singing hymns led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Devotional was given by Rev. Joseph T. Ingram, Director Treasurer of N.C. Missions, whose scripture text was taken from Luke 12:48.

The Nominating Committee submitted its reports - but reconvened to modify the report due to the Moderators request to be relieved of his duties rather than accepting the Moderator's duties for another year.

Four Youth members, having attended summer camp, gave reports of their impressions of camp at old Norman Park College, Ga. June 26-30. Those taking part in this activity were Maxwell Rollins, Kay Glass, Suzanne Carr, and Lauren Carr. David Still further explained the fundamental things about this camp and announced the plans were already underway for summer '73 camp.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Asst. Mod. - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk - Joe McDowell, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Youth Chm. - Mrs. Wayne Carr and Mrs. David Still, Pianist - Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Bobby Ready.

**The Quarterly Conference sites for the coming year are as follows:**

October - Live Oak, January - Bethlehem, April - Zion, July - Jakin.

A motion carried to accept this slate of officers and the meeting sites for the year 1972-73 as submitted by the committee.

A financial report of the N.C. Missions Board was made by Rev. Joseph Ingram. He also told of new missionaries and of the fields that were served by each. He showed New Testaments in the Spanish language that are being used on the fields in Mexico.

A rising vote of appreciation was extended to Rev. McDuffie for his two years of service to the conference as its moderator.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - October 14, 1972**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt, with Mrs. John Brown, piano accompanist. Cheshire DeBarry brought the morning devotional using John 15:20 for his scripture. Rev. D.W. Poole, host pastor, extended the welcome to all guests and members. Response was given by Rev. Jim Pelt, visiting minister. Rev. Paul Irvin, called the session to order. Mrs. D.F. Pelt and Mrs. John Brown shared the reading responsibilities.

Six deacons present.

**Ministers present:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. Jim Pelt, Visiting Minister, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Visiting Minister.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Manuel McDowell, David Still, Marlin Brown, Cheshire DeBarry.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The worship service opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, after which two young girls, Misses Rhonda Jarvis and Kim Goolsby, presented musical selection, "It Took a Miracle" and "Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow".



Rev. D. W. Poole introduced the visiting speaker, Rev. J.B. Lovering whose text "The Disciples were called Christians First At Antioch" was taken from the scriptures Acts 11:19-26.

Rev. Poole invited all the guests to the social hall for the lunch hour. David Still pronounced the benediction.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

Rev. Jim Pelt led in song service, after which he sang a special selection, "There's room at the Cross for You". Mrs. Evelyn Phillips presented the devotional, "Life" using a color wheel with descriptions of Christian attitudes and qualities characteristic of each color on the wheel.

Rev. W.F. McDuffie asked for a letter of dismissal in full fullowship from this conference so he might place his membership in another church conference. Rev. Poole made a motion to grant this request; seconded by Rev. D.F. Pelt. The motion included that Rev. J.O. Fort and John Brown, Clerk, to write this letter of dismissal, carried.

A special vote of appreciation was extended to the Clerk, John Brown, for excellence in preparing the quarterly reports and the annual financial digests.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - January 20, 1973**

Congregational singing led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. Pete Aycock, piano accompanist, opened conference. Mrs. Fred Johnson chose Psalms 1 for her scripture in the morning devotional. A hearty welcome was extended to all members and visitors by Mrs. Florence Rice. Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator, responded with thanks and greetings to the church from the conference.

Letters were read by Mrs. David Still and Mrs. W. C. Musgrove, who was a visitor from Traveler's Rest Church.

Six deacons present.

**Ministers Present were:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Visiting Minister, Rev. Jesse Pollock, Visiting Minister.

**The Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm. Jakin, Albert Jones, White Pond, David Still, Zion, Charlie Burch, Live Oak, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Bethlehem.

#### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Aycock accompanying on the organ and piano. Rev. Daniel Pelt offered the morning prayer. Mrs. Chester Pelt brought a special message in song "Jesus is All The World to Me". Offertory prayer was given by Rev. Jesse Pollock, visiting minister.

Rev. J.B. Lovering introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Chester H. Pelt

whose scripture text was Psalm 95 after which he brought a timely New Year's Sermon. Benediction and table grace was given by host pastor Rev. D.F. Pelt.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

After an enjoyable song service and special instrumental music on the piano and organ, Mrs. Lamelle Kersey presented the devotional.

Rev. J.O. Fort commented on plans for a Missionary Conference and was to notify ministers of further plans.

The Youth Committee reported that present plans for summer camp are all favorable.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Zion Church - April 14, 1973**

Session opened with congregational signing led by Johnny Still and The Youth Choir, with Miss Brenda Rollins accompanying on the piano. Following the singing of several hymns, Mrs. Martin Still led in the morning prayer. The devotional was given by Rev. D.W. Poole in the absence of Rev. Arnold Woodlief. Using scripture from I Kings 17, Rev. Poole developed the thought that "to be richly fed of God, we must be at God's appointed place".

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, who greeted all members, and visitors. Rev. D.F. Pelt, host pastor, welcomed everyone to visit and worship at Zion. The response was given by Rev. J.O. Fort. Mrs. John Brown was appointed to serve as clerk substitute in the absence of Mr. Brown.

Eight deacons present.

#### **Ministers Present Were:**

Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. Jim Pelt, Visiting Minister.

Letters were read by Mrs. David Still and Mrs. Bobby Davis. Rev. Dan Pelt, requested the Moderator to appoint Mr. David Still, Maxwell Rollins, and Kay Glass to select a speaker for the morning sermon. Rev. Jim Pelt was selected to fill the pulpit at this time.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Mr. Wayne Carr, Chm., Mr. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Patsy Wiley.

#### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Johnny Still and the Youth Choir. David Still prayed the offertory prayer, after which the Youth Choir presented a medley of special music.

Rev. Pelt expressed the conference's disappointment because of the absence of Rev. Lambert, from the Children's Home in Eldrige, Ala. His absence was due to an accident to one of the young boys which prevented his being here and bring-

ing a group of children. Rev. Pelt introduced his brother, Rev. Jim Pelt, who was to speak in Rev. Lambert's place.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

This session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. Bobby Davis serving as accompanist. Prayer was led by REv. D.F. Pelt, followed by the devotion given by Mrs. David Still. Her scripture, I Tim. 2:8, Matt. 21:34, and Luke 24:50, focused on the idea of "hands, their purposes, uses, etc.". A special prayer followed dedicating our hand to be used in greater services.

Rev. J.O. Fort commented that Rev. Joe Ingram was unable to come at the planned time so there were no further plans for the Mission Conference. Other comments were that more money could be sent directly to the mission fields instead of bringing missionaries and missionary programs into our conference where expenses were incurred. These comments appeared favorable to the conference.

David Still reported that plans for the Youth Camp, to be held at Norman Park, Ga. on June 24-29 were well under way.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mr. David Still, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. Florence Rice.

Mr. Carr commented that more money is being received, therefore more money is being spent according to the wishes of the conference.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Tenth Annual Session Jakin Church - July 14, 1973**

Session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. John Brown as pianist. Prayer led by Rev. Jim Pelt. The clerk presented Miss Suzanne Carr who gave the morning devotional.

The conference was called to order by the Clerk, John Brown, who presented our Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin. The host pastor, Rev. Joe Fort, gave the welcome, followed by the response given by Mrs. Martin Still.

Letters were read by Mrs. Hallie Still and Mrs. John Brown.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Joe McDowell, Kay Glass, Rev. D.W. Poole, Mrs. Pete Aycock.

#### **Nominating Committee: (previously appointed)**

Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Chm., Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. David Still, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. Florence Rice.

There were 8 deacons present and 7 ministers present. They were: Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Visiting, Rev. Jim Pelt, Visiting, Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Visiting.



### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr. David Still offered prayer. Rev. Poole led in offertory prayer. A special message in song, "The Lighthouse," was presented by Misses Suzanne, Lauren, and Veronica Carr, and Misses Helen and Martha Broxton.

Speaker for the worship hour was Rev. Dr. Floyd B. Cherry, of North Carolina. Dr. Cherry is well known throughout the Free Will Baptist demonination and a message from Acts 1:1-4 was very inspirational to all.

### **Afternoon Session**

Session opened with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt. A devotional from Luke 24:49 was given by Rev. J.B. Lovering. Full reports on the Summer Youth Camp were given by David Still, Rhonda Glass, Kay Glass, Maxwell Rollins, Rev. D.F. Pelt, and Suzanne Carr.

A discussion was held on Missions and an announcement of the Harold Jones' return to the States was given. A motion was made to invite this missionary family to the next conference. Plans were made to invite this missionary family to the to the next conference. Plans were made to have them at White Pond Church three nights preceding the October conference (Wed., Thurs., Fri.). This motion carried and the Moderator was named to contact and invite the Jones family.

A motion carried that the Youth have some part of the conference program with the host church being responsible for the program.

### **The Nominating Committee Reported:**

Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Asst. Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk - Joe McDowell, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Youth Chm. - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Mrs. David Still, Pianists - Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Bobby Ready.

The sites for the Quarterly Conferences for the coming year are as follows:

October - White Pond, January - Live Oak, April - Bethlehem, July - Zion.

The clerk recognized the floral arrangement placed in the church today as being complimentary from the Blakely Flower and Gift Shop.

Preceding the adjournment, Rev. Jim Pelt sang a special song, "The Ninety and Nine."

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session White Pond Church - October 27, 1973**

The services opened with congregational singing led by Miss Suzanne Carr, with Mrs. Oscar Lewis at the piano. The morning devotional was given by Rev. Chester Pelt, using Psalm 1:13 as his scripture. The welcome was extended to all visitors and members by Joe McDowell. Cheshire DeBarry of Live Oak Church, gave the response.

Joe McDowell, acting clerk in the absence of the regular clerk, John Brown, called the conference to order and presented the Moderator Rev. Paul Irvin. Letters were read by Mrs. David Still and Mrs. S.T. Dunning.

**Ministers:**

Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin.

**Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Joe Ingram, Rev. Harold Jones.

Rev. Poole extended a special welcome to the visiting ministers on behalf of the Paul Palmer Conference. Six deacons were present at this meeting.

On correction to the July Minutes to be made, which was the name of Miss Suzanne Carr as the official song leader of the conference. Her name had been omitted in the Nominating Committee's report.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Jakin, Chm., Cheshire DeBarry, Live Oak, Albert Jones, White Pond, Marlon Brown, Bethlehem, Susan Still, Zion.

A motion carried that a Summary Report of the Missionary Conference be included in this session's minutes. A motion carried that a report of this Missionary Conference be sent to the Free Will Baptist Paper by the Clerk.

**Morning Worship Hour**

Miss Suzanne Carr led the congregational singing with Rev. J.B. Lovering offering the morning prayer. A special message in song by Misses Suzanne and Lauren Carr, preceded the morning offering.

Rev. J.O. Fort presented the morning speaker, Rev. Harold Jones, our missionary to the Phillipines, who brought a very inspiring message, using John 2:13-25 and John 3:1-5 as his scripture text. Joe McDowell stated the flowers, a very beautiful fresh arrangement, were a gift of the Blakely Flower and Gift Shop. Mrs. David Still asked God's blessings on the meal prepared.

**Afternoon Session**

After singing and prayer, Mrs. Martin Still brought a special devotional, using Love as her topic and scripture from I Cor. 13:13.

Rev. Poole suggested that several copies of the program be mailed at least a week in advance of the next conference. No action taken on this suggestion. A motion by David Still that the Paul Palmer Conference sponsor a visit to the campus of Mt. Olive College for Miss Suzanne Carr for possibilities as to enrollment there, carried. Rev. D.F. Pelt made a motion also that visits for other students that might be interested be sponsored, carried.

Wayne Carr, Finance Chairman, reported for their committee.

Mrs. Joe Fort offered the closing prayer.

Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John A Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - January 19, 1974**

Due to cold, foggy, and rainy weather, the congregation was slow to gather, but the conference was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Wayne Carr led congregational singing. Rev. D.F. Pelt brought the devotional using the 23rd Psalm for his scripture text. He stressed the point that "we do not have essential wants or needs, if the Lord is our Sheperd".

Charlie Burch welcomed the members and visitors to Live Oak Church. David Still responded.

The assistant moderator, Rev. D.W. Poole was presented to the conference by the clerk, John A. Brown. Letters were read by Mrs. David Still and Mrs. John Brown.

Ministers present were Rev. D.F. Pelt and Rev. D.W. Poole. Visiting Minister, Rev. J.L. Lavender. There were 7 deacons present. Visitors present were Mrs. Wheeler Etheredge, Mrs. Lillie Mae Hay, and Mr. C.N. Adams.

### **The Finance Committee:**

Mr. Wayne Carr, Jakin, Chm., Mrs. Raymond Rice, Bethlehem, Mrs. Sebie Sheffield, Zion, Mr. Charlie Burch, Live Oak, Mrs. Albert Jones, White Pond.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The worship hour opened with singing led by Wayne Carr accompanied by Mrs. John Brown at the piano. The offertory prayer was led by Joe McDowell. Rev. D.W. Poole introduced the guest minister, Rev. J.L. Lavender, pastor of Patmos Church, who brought the morning message. His scripture text and sermon was taken from II Tim. 3: 1-7 and Romans 13:11-36.

Rev. D.F. Pelt pronounced the morning benediction.

### **Afternoon Session**

David Still led the congregation in a number of songs. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. David Still, followed by Mrs. Evelyn Phillips' afternoon devotional in which she presented a literary reading of the 23rd Psalm.

A report was given on the condition of Mrs. J.O. Fort who was in an Atlanta hospital following eye surgery. Rev. Fort was absent due to Mrs. Fort's condition. It was reported also that Rev. Paul Irvin was recuperating slowly from his recent illness. A motion carried to send a letter to Rev. Fort and Irvin to post them on today's conference.

Rev. D.W. Poole, Asst. Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Three Day Missionary Conference Of The Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference**

The Conference sponsored a Missionary Rally October 24, 25, and 26, at the White Pond FWB Church in Early County, near Blakely, Georgia.



Rev. Joseph T. Ingram, Director Treasurer of North Carolina Mission Board, accompanied Rev. Harold Jones, missionary to the Phillipines. On Thursday night, Rev. Ingram spoke on the work of the Mission Board and its accomplishments the past year, after which he brought a message to the entire group on its responsibilities as missionaries. The following night, Rev. Jones showed slides from his pastorate in the Phillipines, giving insight to the work of a missionary in such a setting as the faraway lands of the Phillipines.

On Friday night, the host church entertained the members of the Conference and the guests with an old-fashioned barbecue supper with all the trimmings, catered by Mr. and Mrs. Huey Johnson, of the Blakely Freeze Locker Company. Following this supper, Rev. Jones brought a special message to the conference concerning his work as a missionary.

Each church sent a special offering, totaling \$1028.57, to be applied to the missionary fund.

On January 19, 1974, the Jakin Church, was host to a covered dish supper for Rev. Vance Link and his wife, daughter, Jody, 10 years, and Paul, 18 months. Mrs. Link and Jody each gave a personal testimony and together with Rev. Link, sang a chorus in the Spanish language. (Paul entertained with his antics during the social hour.) Rev. Link gave his personal viewpoint of missions and missionary work for all Christians. This thought provoking message was an inspiration to all who attended. A special offering of \$110 was given to Rev. Link to assist him in his work on the mission field in Mexico.

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - April 20, 1974**

The song service began promptly at 10:00 A.M. with Wayne Carr leading the congregational singing. Mrs. Pete Aycock and Mrs. R.R. Rice accompanied at the piano and organ. Rev. D.F. Pelt, host pastor, gave the official welcome. The Devotional was presented by Mrs. Billy Sauls accompanied by Mrs. R.R. Rice who read portions of Matt. 6 concerning prayer.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort.

### **Visiting Minister:**

Rev. J.B. Lovering.

### **Finance:**

Wayne Carr, Jakin, Chm., Mrs. Martin Still, Zion, Lewis Cleveland, White Pond, Mrs. R.R. Rice, Bethlehem, Charlie Burch, Live Oak.

### **Nominating:**

Mrs. Niza Dunning, Jakin, Chm., Mrs. David Still, Zion, Joe McDowell, White Pond, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Bethlehem, Cheshire DeBarry, Live Oak.

### **Morning Worship**

The worship service began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. Rev. J.O. Fort prayed the offertory prayer. Rev. D.F. Pelt presented Rev. J.B. Lovering, visiting minister, as the morning speaker. Rev. Lovering used scriptures from Psalm 137 and Mark 14.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Mrs. David Still led group singing to open the afternoon session. Followed by prayer by Mrs. Hay. The afternoon devotional was presented by Mrs. Fred Johnson who used scripture from Psalm 46 and 49.

A motion carried to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Ada Holley for her offering to missions through our conference. Mrs. Holley is from Blountstown, Florida.

Mrs. David Still reported that Youth Camp would be held June 24-28 with May 20 as final date for plans to go.

Revival dates were announced by ministers and members as follows: Beginning 5th Sunday in June - White Pond, 2nd Sunday in July - Zion, 3rd Sunday in July - Bethlehem.

Benediction by Mrs. W.F. McDuffie.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of Eleventh Annual Session Zion Church - July 20, 1974**

The session opened with congregational singing led by Joe McDowell and prayer by David Still. The devotional was presented by Rev. Joe Murkerson, who used II Corinthians 6:2 with a subject entitled "What Time Is It"? Rev. Daniel Pelt, host pastor, gave the welcome followed by response by Rev. J.O. Fort.

#### **Ministers present were:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.F. Pelt, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. C.H. Pelt, Rev. D.W. Poole.

#### **Visiting Ministers were:**

Rev. Joe Murkerson, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Carlton Lambert.

Those recognized as visitors were all the children from the Children's Home. There were 10 deacons present.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Jakin, Chm., Miss Beth Craft, Live Oak, Mr. Albert Jones, White Pond, Mrs. Catherine Sheffield, Zion, Mr. Marlin Brown, Bethlehem.

### **Morning Worship**

The service began with singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. Margie Brown at the piano. Rev. J.B. Lovering led the offertory prayer. Miss Lauren Carr sang "I'll Tell the World" for the special music. Rev. Daniel Pelt introduced Rev.

Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Children's Home in Elridge, Ala., as speaker for the morning message. He brought a very inspirational message using scriptures from Ga. 4:4-5 and Phillipians 2:5-11. Rev. Chester Pelt gave the benediction.

#### **Afternoon Session**

Mr. Martin Still led the singing. Rev. W.F. McDuffie gave the devotional using Eph. 5:18, and his subject was the "Great Divide". Miss Lauren Carr, State Champion Soloist in Class A, from Miller Co. High School, sang another special entitled "Fill My Cup, Lord".

#### **The Nominating Committee:**

Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Vice-Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John A. Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Youth Committee Chairmen - Mrs. David Still, Mrs. Wayne Carr.

#### **Places of meeting for the coming year:**

October - Jakin, January - White Pond, April - Live Oak, July - Bethlehem.

Rev. J.O. Fort reported on his recent trip to N.C. and talking with Dr. Raper on the Mt. Olive College Chapel Project. The discussion was on supporting that project as a 4-year at \$250 per year, a total of \$1000.00. A motion on this pledge carried with further action to be taken later.

Several young people reported on the Summer Youth Camp at Norman Park, Ga. The camp proved to be of great value, and enjoyable to everyone attending.

Rev. Lambert spoke of operations of the Children's Home. They have 20 children and 213 acres of land.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Jakin, Georgia - October 19, 1974**

The session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning prayer was by Charlie Burch. The devotion for the morning session was given by Miss Iva Sewell whose scripture was Joshua 6, the subject being, "God's Plan for Victory". Wayne Carr, representing the host church, gave the welcome to all members and visitors.

Rev. D.W. Poole, Assistant Moderator, called the meeting to order and asked Rev. J.O. Fort to make opening remarks concerning the absence of Rev. Paul Irvin, the Moderator. Rev. Irvin came and proceeded to assume his duties. The reading clerks were Mrs. David Still and Mrs. Bobby Ready.

#### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. D.F. Pelt.

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Ernest Barnes, Rev. Dennis Irvin, Rev. Arnold Woodlief, Rev. J.B. Lovering. There were 7 deacons present.



### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Jakin, Albert Jones, White Pond, Mrs. Martin Still, Zion, Charlie Burch, Live Oak, Mrs. Caroline Rice, Bethlehem.

### **Morning Worship**

The service began with singing led by Wayne Carr and prayer by Rev. J.B. Lovering. The morning offering was accepted with Charlie Burch and Albert Jones serving as ushers. Offertory prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Irvin. Special piano music was presented by Miss Helen Broxton. Rev. D.F. Pelt presented the morning speaker, Rev. Ernest Barnes whose text, "The God - Pleasing Life" was taken from the scripture text, John 8:29 and Hebrews 11:5.

### **Afternoon Session**

Mr. David Still led the singing. Rev. D.F. Pelt led the prayer. The devotional for the afternoon was presented by Rev. Arnold Woodlief who used the scripture I Thess. 3:12 to go with his subject, "Abounding in Love".

After discussing various boards that were named about five years ago, and the terms of office for each member, Rev. Fort made the following motion that two people be named to work with the clerk in making nominations. Cheshire DeBarry and David Still were appointed for this job.

Mr. Wayne Carr made a motion that a resolution by the Deacon Board of the Jakin Church, honoring the memory of Mr. Brock Averitt, deceased, be included in the permanent records of the conference. Motion carried.

A motion carried to set December 31 as the ending of the first year's contributions to the Mount Olive Chapel Fund.

Rev. Poole made a formal invitation to all ministers concerned with The Paul Palmer Conference to be his guest at a meeting at Live Oak Church.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Cheshire DeBarry.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Quarterly Session White Pond Church - January 18, 1975**

This session opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. J.B. Lovering. Prayer was led by Rev. J.O. Fort. The morning devotional was presented by Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, his scripture being II Cor. 12:7-10. This was a very inspirational devotional about rejoicing in adversity.

Rev. Paul Irvin gave everyone a very hearty welcome, with Mrs. Pauline Carr responding. The moderator called the session to order and asked that someone volunteer to fill the clerk's place, since the clerk and assistant clerk were absent. Mrs. Bernice Still was nominated to act as clerk. The reading clerks were Mrs. Grace McDuffie and Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Ministers and deacons present were:

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. D.F. Pelt.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Billy Bevins and Rev. Dennis Irvin

**Deacons:**

Charlie Burch, Cheshire DeBarry, David Still, Lewis Cleveland, and Wayne Carr.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Albert Jones, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Charlie Burch, and Mrs. Catherine Sheffield.

**Morning Worship**

The worship service began with singing led by Wayne Carr with prayer by David Still. Lewis Cleveland and David Still served as ushers. Offertory prayer was led by Rev. D. Poole. The worshipful hymn was "Take Time to be Holy". Rev. D.F. Pelt was asked by the Moderator to present the speaker for the morning hour. Bro. Pelt reminded us of how good it is to be thankful for adversities as our morning devotional was brought out. In presenting Rev. Bevins, Rev. pelt presented him as being capable and well prepared to present God's Word.

Rev. Bevins scripture was Nehemiah 6:3, his text being, "The Greatest Work in the World."

**Afternoon Session**

Rev. J.B. Lovering led congregational singing, "My Savior's Love". Rev. Dennis Irvin gave the afternoon devotional, using I Thess. 4:12-18 as his scripture passage.

The moderator asked the clerk to read the letter from Rev. Raper concerning the chapel fund.

The moderator discussed plans for mission conferences and places as follows: Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. nights at Zion. Zion Church extended a very special invitation to everyone because it is a conference-wide meeting. Rev. Ingram is to be notified concerning these plans. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King would be at Bethlehem and Rev. Ingram would be at Live Oak Church for morning services on Feb. 23 and at Zion for evening services.

David Still mentioned that the conference youth camp date has been set for July 6. Mrs. Pauline Carr stated that the conference has not been supporting the camp financially and that this should be taken care of. Rev. J.O. Fort stated that every church consider sending an offering above its regular offering. Motion carried to this effect.

Paul Irvin, Moderator  
Mrs. Bernice Still, Clerk Pro Tem

**Ordaining Council:**

Rev. D.F. Pelt, chm., Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Mr. S.T. Dunning, and Mr. David Still

**Missions Board:**

Rev. J.C. Fort, chm., Mr. Albert Jones, Mrs. Sybil Still, Mr. Charlie Burch, and Mrs. Pete Aycock.

**Superannuation Board:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, chm., Mrs. Margie Brown, Mr. Bobby Ready, Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, and Mrs. Rice.

**Education:**

Mrs. Martin Still, chm., Mr. Joe McDowell, Mrs. Pauline Carr, Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, and Mr. Marlin Brown.

**Extension Board:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, chm., Rev. J.O. Fort, Mrs. Catherine Sheffield, Mr. Bo Beard, and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry.

**Publication Board:**

Mr. Lewis Cleveland, chm., Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. Lula Barington, Mrs. Hallie Still, and Mrs. Rice.

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - April 19, 1975**

This session opened with congregational singing, led by Wayne Carr, followed by prayer by Rev. D.F. Pelt. A very inspiring devotional was presented by Rev. D.W. Poole. After a most cordial welcome by Cheshire DeBarry, the Assistant Moderator asked Mrs. Martin Still to serve as clerk in the absence of the appointed clerk.

Reading clerks were Mrs. Wayne Carr and Miss Beth Craft.

Ministers and deacons present were:

**Ministers:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D. F. Pelt, and Rev. J.O. Fort

**Visiting Minister:**

Rev. Tom McCall

**Deacons:**

Cheshire DeBarry, David Still, Wayne Carr, Lewis Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Earl Jordan.

**Finance and Nominating Committees:****Finance:**

Wayne Carr, chm., David Still, Earl Jordan, Mrs. Carolyn Rice, and Mrs. Janet Cleveland.

**Nominating:**

Lewis Cleveland, chm., Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Veta Mae Tennille, Mrs. Catherine Sheffield, and Mrs. J.O. Fort.

A letter was read from Rev. and Mrs. Wayne King. We were urged to continue to be much in prayer for them and their work in the Phillipines.

### **Morning Worship**

The worship hour began with singing led by Wayne Carr, after which Bro. Jesse Griffin, from Patmos Free Will Baptist Church, led in prayer. Charlie Burch and Earl Jordan served as ushers. Charlie Burch then introduced the morning visiting speaker, Rev. Tom McCall, pastor of Patmos Free Will Baptist Church. The scripture chosen was from Hebrews 12:25. The message was most inspiring and pointed to the four things that will not be shaken by world conditions. Worshipful services were dismissed for the lunch hour by David Still.



## Afternoon Session

This session opened by singing, "My Savior's Love", led by Rev. Tom McCall. The devotional was given by Mrs. Jerome Phillips whose scripture was Prov. 17:9. This was a most inspiring message on Friendship, after which Rev. Paul Irvin, led our hearts in prayer.

The Moderator stated that there needs to be a statement concerning offerings for the Kings and how it should be labeled, if it would be designated as the "Wayne King" Fund. This was agreed upon.

The moderator also congratulated Mrs. Phillips on her mention of true friends.

David Still reported that the Youth Camp would be held July 6 as previously announced. Rev. Paul Irvin stated that he and Mrs. Irvin plan to attend.

Rev. J.O. Fort reported on the negligence of the churches in bringing a special offering for the Youth Camp, and asked that this project be supported. A few moments of silent prayer was offered for the Wayne Kings, Mrs. Kitty Tyson, and Mrs. T.J. Fort. Rev. J.O. Fort made a motion that the clerk write to the Kings, Mrs. Tyson, and Mrs. Fort, telling them of our actions prayer in their behalf, how much they are missed, and how much we appreciate the contributions they have made to our Conference.

Rev. Tom McCall expressed his gratitude for having been invited to this session and how he has been inspired by our support of Missions.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
Mrs. Bernice Still, Asst. Clerk

### Ordaining Council:

Joe Fort, alternate and acts as chairman, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Rev. Ronnie Knighton

### Missions Board:

David Still, chm., Rev. J.O. Fort, Mr. Albert Jones, Mrs. Sybil Still, and Mr. Charlie Burch.

### Superannuation Board:

Mrs. Pete Aycock, chm., Rev. Paul Irvin, Mrs. Margie Brown, Mr. Bobby Ready, and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry.

### Education Board:

Mr. Marlin Brown, chm., Mrs. Martin Still, Mr. Joe McDowell, Mrs. Pauline Carr, and Mrs. Evelyn Phillips.

### Extension Board:

Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, chm., Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Mrs. Catherine Sheffield, and Mr. Bo. Beard.

### Publications Board:

Mrs. Carolyn Rice, chm., Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. Lula Barington, and Mrs. Hallie Still

### Youth Committee:

Mrs. Hallie Still, chm., Mrs. Pauline Carr and Mrs. Wyllene McDowell.

### Conference Officers:

Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, Asst. Moderator, Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk, Mr. John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk, Mrs. Bernice Still, and Treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Carr.

**Missionary's Address:**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne King, P.O. Box 346, Greenhills, Rizal 3113 Phillipines.

## **Minutes Of The Twelfth Annual Session Bethlehem Church - July 19, 1975**

This conference opened promptly at 10:00 A.M. with congregational singing led by David Still, followed by prayer by Rev. D.W. Poole. Mrs. Judy Rice presented a most timely devotional, "Why Don't The Bells Ring Today?", reminding us as Christians our responsibility in keeping the churches open in our world today and for our future posterity. Mrs. Fred Johnson led in prayer. Mr. Dean Morris extended a welcome with response from David Still.

The moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, called the meeting to order. Reading clerks were Mrs. Hallie Still and Mrs. Judy Rice.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Cheshire DeBarry, Susan Still, K.D. Beard, Albert Jones.

**Nominating Committee:**

Lewis Cleveland, Chm., Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Veda mae Tennelle, Mrs. Catherine Sheffield, and Mrs. J.O. Fort.

Twelve deacons were present along with the following ministers:

**Ministers Members:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Visiting Ministers:**

Dr. Burkett Raper, Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Jim Pelt, and Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

David Still gave a special report on the Youth Camp at Norman Park during June, with 48 in attendance. He asked Susan Still for her testimony of feelings about summer camp, at which time she stated it was a time for youth to have their own revival.

Rev. J.O. Fort dismissed the morning session.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The morning worship hour began with Wayne Carr leading the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art?", with Mrs. Raymond Rice at the organ and Mrs. John Brown at the piano. Rev. Arnold Woodlief offered prayer. Rev. J.B. Lovering prayed the offertory prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt presented the visiting speaker, Dr. Burkett Raper, president of Mr. Olive College in North Carolina, who conducted a memorial service to Rev. Daniel Pelt. Rev. Raper used scriptures from Matt. 5 and Rev. 14:13 as he alluded to his associations with the Pelt family and to their contributions to Christianity, the Children's Home in N.C., the college at Mt. Olive, and to the many churches and lives their testimony had reached. In reference to Bro. Dan's Christian work, Dr. Raper used a quote from Longfellow, thus:

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,

And departing, leave behind us...

Footprints on the sands of time."

Dr. Raper then presented to Mrs. Ruby Pelt, a certificate, the highest form of appreciation from Mt. Olive Board of Trustees. A moment of silent prayer in his memory was extended.

#### Afternoon Session

Mrs. Raymond Rice presented special organ music, after which Beverly and Mike Sauls presented special singing, accompanied by their mother at the piano. This music was highly enjoyed and appreciated by the congregation. Mrs. Frankie Sauls brought an inspiring devotional using Psalms 42:11 as her scripture reference.

**Superannuation Committee:** This committee recommended that Mrs. Ruby Pelt be placed on the Superannuation Honorary Offering. The committee also recommended that the honorary offering be increased to \$17 monthly (\$51 quarterly). A motion to accept this recommendation carried.

#### Nominating Committee:

**Officers:** Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Asst. Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk - Mrs. Bernice Still, Treasurer - Wayne Carr.

**Host Churches:** October - Zion Church, January - Jakin Church, April - White Pond, July - Live Oak.

**Finance Committee:** This committee gave their report which was accepted in full after a second offering was taken to satisfy the wishes of the committee and the conference congregation as to the quarters financial obligations.

A moment of silent prayer in of Mrs. W.T. Wiley (Ma Wiley), deceased since the last conference session.

Dr. Raper gave a brief history of Paul Palmer picturing him as a farmer evangelist, preacher, and pastor "who preached that man is free to respond to God's grace at his will and is free to be saved." Dr. Raper then brought out the mutual relationships and benefits of the association between Mt. Olive College and this conference named in his honor. Using pictures and brochures, he told of the curricula, musical groups, Christian organizations, camps, and financial assistance programs available to all students. He then presented certificates to families who had begun a memorial fund at Mt. Olive College. Those certificates were presented to Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. C.H. Pelt, and C. Joseph Pelt.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Zion Church - October 18, 1975

Opened with singing led by Wayne Carr, with Maxwell Rollins at the piano. Opening prayers led by Rev. Jim Pelt, followed by the morning devotional



presented by Don Coates, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. Maxwell Rollins, representing the youth, extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and members, after which Mrs. Wylene McDowell made a response for all the visitors and visiting laymembers.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented to the Conference by John Brown, clerk of the conference. Letters read by Miss Vicki Still and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

Ten deacons present.

**Conference Ministers:**

Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. C.H. Pelt

**Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Howard Scott, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, and Rev. Ronnie Knighton.

All laypeople were asked to stand to be recognized along with the visitors which included Mrs. Agnes Pyle and Mrs. Irene Dykes.

**Finance:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Mrs. Frank Barron, Mrs. Bobby Davis, Mrs. Charlie Burch, and Mrs. Raymond Rice.

**Ordaining Council:**

Lewis Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Marlin Brown, David Still, S.T. Dunning, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. J.O. Fort.

A motion carried to accept Rev. Ronnie Knighton, new pastor at Bethlehem Church, as a full member of the Paul Palmer Conference.

A discussion was held as to filling the vacancy on the Ordaining Council, left by the death of Rev. D.F. Pelt. Motion carried that Rev. Ronnie Knighton be selected to fill this unexpired term.

The clerk read a letter of appreciation from Susan Still regarding the \$250 Scholarship Fund presented to her by the Paul Palmer Conference.

#### **Morning Worship**

Worship hour began with singing led by Wayne Carr with Susan Still at the piano. Rev. W.F. McDuffie led in the offertory prayer.

A camp "Sing-a-long" was led by Mrs. Diane Riley, a youth worker from Mt. Olive College. Then the visiting students from Mt. Olive presented a musical program including such songs as "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", "God's Wondersul People," "It is no Secret", "One More Time", and many others. The students gave personal testimonies and witnesses. In this group were Mrs. Riley, Misses Sherry Jones, Debra Pittman, and Susan Still, and Mr. Don Coates, and Rev. Howard Scott. Rev. Scott, a past student of Mt. Olive brought the morning message using John 15:1-5 as his scripture text.

Rev. J.B. Lovering pronounced the benediction.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing led by David Still opened the session. Miss Susan Still presented an inspiring devotional on prayer, using Gal. 6:5, Matt. 28:30, Phil. 4:6, and Psalms 122:6 for her scripture reference.

David Still made announcements concerning the groups' visitation at the churches. Mrs. Diane Riley made announcements concerning the literature from the college sent by Dr. Raper, namely the printed biography of Rev. D.F. Pelt. Appreciation for the college and the visiting students were extended by Rev. C.H. Pelt and Rev. J.O. Fort. A special offering for the college was received with Rev. Knighton having the offertory prayer.

The visiting college students gave reports from the Children's Home, FWB Press, Home and Foreign Missions, Craigmont, The Eagles's Next, and Mt. Olive College.

Benediction prayer led by Mrs. Martin Still.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Jakin Church - January 17, 1976**

Opened with singing led by Suzanne Carr, with Mrs. Margie Brown at the piano and Miss Helen Broxton at the organ. Helen Broxton gave the morning devotional using Luke 12:22-31 as her scripture text. "God supplies the needs of his children" was her theme idea. Prayer was offered by Suzanne Carr. John Brown gave the welcome followed with response by Charlie Burch.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented to the conference by John Brown, clerk. Reading clerks were Suzanne Carr and Mrs. Charles Redding.

Seven deacons present.

### **Conference Ministers:**

Rev. J.O. Fort, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Ronnie Knighton.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie and Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **The Finance Committee was appointed as follows:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Charlie Burch, Mrs. Raymond Rice, Mrs. Albert Jones, and Mrs. Sue Hughes.

The Finance Report was given by Mrs. Duane Davis.

Rev. D.W. Poole asked for clarification on the Building Funds to be reported in the church letters. It was announced that the Ordaining Council was ready to meet to attend to the wishes of Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **Morning Worship**

Morning worship hour began with singing led by Suzanne Carr. Prayer was led by Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Offertory prayer by Rev. Chester Pelt. A very special message in song, "I Would Be True", was given by Mrs. Chester Pelt.

David Still presented Rev. Dwight Hawley as the morning speaker. Rev. Hawley used Ephesians 6:13-18 for his scripture. The new pastor of Zion Church

gave a very inspiring message using "Put On The Whole Armour of God" as his theme.

Rev. J.O. Fort, pastor of the Jakin Church, gave announcements and welcomed everyone to the dining hall after the blessing of the food by Rev. W.F. McDuffie.

#### Afternoon Session

Congregational singing led by Suzanne Carr opened the session. Miss Iva Sewell presented a devotional on "Ye Are My Witnesses" taken from the Great Commission as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, also in the book of Acts.

The Finance report was given by Charlie Burch.

The Ordaining Council Report was as follows: They had examined Rev. Dwight Hawley as a candidate for membership in this conference, and were satisfied with their findings. They asked that the conference accept him in full fellowship as member and minister of our conference. Rev. Hawley came from the Western Carolina Association in North Carolina.

Susan Still was recognized as Dean's List student for the fall quarter at Mt. Olive College. Susan is a scholarship fund student sponsored by this conference.

Youth Camp date at Norman Park was tentatively announced for July 11, 1976.

Mr. S.T. Dunning prayed the Benediction prayer.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 17, 1976

Session opened with singing led by Rev. Dwight Hawley, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Brown. Rev. J.B. Lovering led in the opening prayer. Mrs. Jim Manion brought the Easter devotional on the theme, "Love", using John 3:16 as her scripture. She recounted a typical Easter ceremony, which she had experienced, in the Phillipines to portray the suffering and agony of Christ on the cross.

Lewis Cleveland, welcomed the group, after which Mrs. John Brown responded in behalf of the visitors. Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator, called the conference to order. Reading clerks were Mrs. David Still and Mrs. LaDon McDowell.

Present were 14 laymembers and 3 deacons.

#### Conference Ministers:

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Dwight Hawley, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Ronnie Knighton, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

#### Visiting Ministers:

Rev. J.B. Lovering, Rev. W.F. McDuffie, and Rev. Albert Ellengwood.

The following committees were appointed:

#### Finance Committee:

Mrs. S.T. Dunning, Chm., Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Bobby Ready, Mrs. LaDon McDowell, and Rev. Albert Ellengwood.



### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Curtis Hughes, Chm., Charlie Burch, Lewis Cleveland, S.T. Dunning, and Mrs. Raymond Rice.

Mrs. David Still reported on plans for camp at Norman Park to begin July 11, 1976. Cost will be \$40 per person. "Tools for Jesus" will be the theme for this encampment.

Rev. D.W. Poole, from the Live Oak Church, relinquished the July meeting for Jakin Church to host the memorial service for Rev. J.O. Fort, deceased pastor. A motion carried for this change to be made.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Mrs. Chester Pelt led the congregational singing, followed with prayer by Rev. W.F. McDuffie. Offertory prayer by Rev. Chester Pelt. Mrs. pelt sang a special, "Jesus Is Always There" preceding Mrs. Raymond Rice's presentation of the morning speaker, Bethlehem's new pastor, Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Rev. Knighton presented a challenge to "press toward the mark for the prize of high calling of God in Christ Jesus", using Phillipians 3:10-16 as his scripture text.

Mr. S.T. Dunning pronounced the benediction.

### **Afternoon Session**

This session opened with singing led by Rev. Dwight Hawley, with Mrs. John Brown accompanying at the piano. Mrs. LaDon McDowell presented an inspiring and heart-touching devotional on the true meaning of Easter.

A motion was made to draft a new form letter for churches to make the quarterly reports. Clerks of each church would submit a revised form of the letter to the conference clerk, who would draft a new form to report receipt, disbursements, etc., using the suggestions.

The Finance Committee Report, given by Mrs. S.T. Dunning, in the clerk's absence.

The Nominating Committee Report, presented by Mrs. Curtis Hughes, was accepted for consideration of the conference.

Rev. J.B. Lovering commented on a new project from Hickory Grove Church to provide needed supplies for Missionaries Wayne and Deborah King. After some discussion, Mrs. John Brown was appointed to represent the Paul Palmer Assn. to work with Mrs. Jimmy Ditty. A motion carried that Mrs. Brown have access to the treasury balance to use as she deems necessary to supply these need for this quarter.

Discussion, concerning a fall missionary conference, was held and a motion carried for these plans to be worked out by the Moderator and ministers.

The following revival announcements were made: Zion Church - July 4 - Rev. Thomas Mellette, White Pond Church - July 13 - Rev. Ernest Barnes.

Rev. Albert Ellengwood pronounced the benediction.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of Thirteenth Annual Session**

### **Jakin Church - July 17, 1976**

Session opened with a piano-organ prelude by Miss Martha Broxton and Miss Helen Broxton, after which congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr. Rev. Paul Irvin led in the prayer preceding Mrs. Niza Dunning's morning devotional entitled "The Faithful Life" in which many scripture references concerning faith were selected for reading.

John Brown, of the host church, extended a special welcome to all members and visitors and presented the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, to the general conference. The visitor's response was offered by Mrs. Raymond Rice, of Bethlehem Church.

Reading clerks were Miss Helen Broxton and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

Nine deacons were present.

#### **Ministers Members:**

Rev. Albert Ellenwood, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Dwight Hawley, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Dr. Burkett Raper, Rev. Jim Pelt, and Rev. J.B. Lovering.

Present for this special occasion, the day of a special memorial to Rev. J.O. Fort, deceased minister and pastor of the Jakin Church, were numerous lay members and the following special guests: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rowell, Lisa and Rance (children of Rev. Fort); Mrs. Tom Fort, Mrs. Vera Newberry, Mrs. Myrtice Hayes, Mr. Dink Joiner, Mr. Hoyt Thornton, Mr. Jack Thornton, Mrs. L.D. Lawrence, Mrs. Sauls, Mrs. Diane Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Howard.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows:

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Raymond Rice, Mrs. Bobby Ready, Mrs. LaDon McDowell and Jim Barnette.

Rev. Irvin called attention to the floral arrangement given by the Rev. Emory R. Corbett as a memorial to his friendship with Bro. Joe John Brown representing the Board of Deacons of Jakin FWB Church presented a resolution to the conference honoring the memory of the deceased pastor of their church, Rev. J.O. Fort. This resolution was approved to be placed in permanent record of the Paul Palmer Conference.

Rev. Dwight Hawley dismissed with prayer.

#### **Morning Worship Hour**

A prelude of quiet piano-organ music by Mrs. Margie Brown and Miss Helen Broxton preceded the congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, the selections including "My Jesus, I Love Thee", chosen especially as a remembered favorite of Rev. Fort. Mrs. Chester Pelt's special music entitled "Jesus Is Always There".

Rev. Chester Pelt introduced the special guest speaker, Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, who conducted the memorial service to Rev. J.O. Fort. Dr. Raper used scriptures from Psalms 1:3 and Ecclesiastes 7:28 as he

recalled his friendship and working associations with Rev. Fort. He alluded to impressions of Rev. Fort drawn from conversations with Rev. S.A. Smith, of Buelahville, N.C. and Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, also of N.C., both being close mutual friends. Rev. Fort was described as a pioneer and continuous worker in the updating of Christian education and literature and a dedicated and compassionate leader whose devotion to all people could not be surpassed. Concerning Bro. Fort's Christian life, Rev. Raper summed it by saying, "All he did was in faith and belief in God as he spent his life in developing the lives of young people and all people through personal contacts, literature, and his church ministry".

Rev. D.W. Poole lead the congregation in prayer of dedication.

#### Afternoon Session

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Diane Riley, youth worker from Mt. Olive College. Special singing by all the summer campers was a special feature. Miss Suzanne Carr presented the devotional using several campers to give testimonies and accounts of the camp activities.

The Nominating Committee report, read by Charlie Burch.

Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Assistant Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John Brown, Assistant Clerk - Mrs. John Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Assistant Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Song Leader - Wayne Carr, Pianist - (To be chosen by host church), Youth Chairman - Mrs. David Still.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton was named to replace Rev. J.O. Fort, deceased, on the Ordaining Council, which now includes the following:

Rev. Paul Irvin, Lewis Cleveland, Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Cheshire DeBarry, Marlin Brown, Rev. D.W. Poole, David Still, and S.T. Dunning.

Mrs. David Still had favorable comments about the youth camp activities and asked for continued assistance in promoting this activity. Rev. Dwight Hawley recommended the Summer Youth Camp as a conference project. The following committee was appointed for this project:

Mrs. Hallie Still, chm., Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, and Miss Suzanne Carr.

Conference meeting appointments for the following year are as listed: October - Bethlehem Church, January - Live Oak Church, April - White Pond Church, July - Zion Church.

David Still extended special thanks to Mt. Olive College for providing Mrs. Diane Riley in assistance at summer youth camp. A special offering of \$160.61 was given to the College to help defray the expense.

Dr. Raper reported the special features of the past year at the College, namely, the new chapel, which is one of our conference projects. This chapel boasts of a new organ and the Endowment Funds which come as a memorial to members of this conference. In summing up the academics, sports, and spiritual life on campus, Mrs. Diane Riley sang "It Is No Secret". Miss Susan Still spoke of her devotion to the college and the spiritual influences she and all the other students receive there.



A fall missionary conference was discussed. Plans for this activity are to be made by the Moderator and the conference ministers. Zion Church requested to be hosts for this special conference.

Benediction led by Charlie Burch.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - October 16, 1976**

The conference opened with congregational singing of "Blessed Assurance", followed with prayer by Rev. Dwight Hawley. The morning devotional was presented by Rev. Fred Baker, missionary-elect to the Phillipines, who used scripture from Jeremiah 9:23,24 for his text, "Wisdom and Understanding of the Lord".

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, pastor of the host church, extended a welcome to the members and visitors. David Still, of Zion Church, responded.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented to preside at the business session by John Brown, Clerk. Letters were read by Mrs. Margie Brown and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

### **Minister Members.**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Ronnie Knighton, and Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Joe Ingram, Rev. Vance Link, Rev. Fred Baker, and George Stitt.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Patsy Wiley, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Cheshire DeBarry, and Mrs. Norma Brown.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ronnie Knighton and at the organ by Mrs. Raymond Rice. Rev. Vance Link, missionary in Mexico, led in the morning prayer. Rev. Knighton sang "Unworthy".

The morning speaker, Rev. George Stitt, pastor of the St. James FWB Church in Phenix City, Ala., was presented by Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Rev. Stitt chose Psalms 126 as his scripture for this sermon, "The Church's Burden for the Lost".

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Knighton, followed by special musical selections by Mrs. Phyllis Sauls and her son and daughter. Mrs. Fred Johnson offered prayer after which Rev. Vance Link brought an inspiring devotional, "Giving Ourselves to God" which included thoughts of total commitment and consecration of our lives because we love God.

Rev. Joe Ingram, N.C. Foreign Mission Board, gave special reports on the work of our foreign missionaries in Mexico, Phillipines, and India. Literature and

brochures were on display and available for further information to those especially interested.

Mrs. W.F. McDuffie gave the benediction prayer.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session White Pond Church - January 15, 1977**

This session opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, followed by the devotional presented by Cheshire DeBarry, using Matt. 5:1-12 (the Beatitudes) on blessings that come to Christians.

Lewis Cleveland, of the host church, welcomed all members and visitors. David Still responded.

The moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented to the conference by John Brown, clerk. Letters were read by Mrs. Wayne Carr and Mrs. Bobby Ready.

### **The Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Jim Manion, Mrs. Charlie Burch, Dean Morris, and Mrs. Patsy Wiley.

### **The Ordaining Council:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. D.W. Poole, Marlin Brown, David Still, Lewis Cleveland, and Cheshire DeBarry.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. C.H. Pelt, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Rev. George Ryals, and Rev. James Ursrey, Emanuel FWB Church, Columbus, Ga.

Nine deacons were present, along with 5 visiting laymen, and a large representation of members.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. John Brown at the piano, followed by the offertory prayer. Rev. D.W. Poole introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Chester Pelt, who presented the memorial service to Rev. J.B. Lovering. Rev. Pelt used scriptures from II Tim. 4:1-8, which is a portion of the charge given to every minister. He stated that his purpose in this special service was to commemorate the past joys and fellowship with Rev. Lovering and his efforts and successes at living up to this scriptural charge.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

After the congregational singing, Mrs. Wylene McDowell presented the devotional. The following committee reports were given.

1. Ordaining Council - David Still reported the examination of Rev. Danny Ryals was completed, that everything was in order, and recommended his ser-

vices to Bethlehem Church as their pastor. A motion was made to accept him in our conference and if called by the Bethlehem Church, to accept him in full fellowship with all the rights and privileges of this conference. Motion approved.

**2. Finance Committee** - Wayne Carr reported a balance of \$61.42 after the conference expenses were paid. This report was approved by the conference.

Mrs. Fred Johnson mentioned the need for good clothing to be sent to the Wayne King Mission and everyone was urged to contribute clothing to the next conference for packing and shipping to the mission field.

Rev. Chester Pelt spoke briefly of his and Mrs. Pelt's trip to the mission fields in Paraguay, South America, and stated the hunger of people there for Christianity and particularly the concern of the youth there. Rev. Poole urged prayer for new laborers and workers within our conference. Rev. Pelt led in this special prayer.

Charlie Burch from Live Oak announced that their church was completed and invited everyone to attend the next conference and to see their new church and enjoy it with them.

Rev. Ryals spoke briefly of his past spiritual background and his aspirations for future services, after which he dismissed with prayer.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - April 16, 1977**

Session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. John Brown as pianist. Rev. Jim Pelt offered the morning prayer followed by the devotional by Miss Kay Glass who used II Cor. 5:17 as the scripture reference for the theme "Purpose and meaning to a new life in Christ." Charlie Burch, of the host church, greeted all visitors and members and Mrs. Sue Hughes offered the response. John Brown, clerk, presented the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, who began the business session.

### **Finance:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Florence Rice, Miss Kay Glass, Mrs. L.W. Cleveland, and E.C. Jordan.

### **Nominating:**

Mrs. Paula Ryals, Mrs. D.W. Poole, Mrs. LaDon McDowell, Mrs. Katherine Still, and John Brown (for Mrs. Joe Fort)

Seven deacons were present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Dwight Hawley, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Danny Ryals, and Rev. Wayne King.



### **Visiting Laymembers:**

Mrs. Ada Holly, Mrs. Wayne King, Mrs. Jim Pelt, Mrs. Janice Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Tindol, Mrs. Annie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ryals, and Mr. Nolan Ryals.

The clerk read the list of person of the Ordaining Council. The Grady Etheredge Family was recognized as donors of the flower arrangement.

### **Worship Hour**

The worship hour opened with congregational singing. Special music was brought by Mrs. Janice Downs, who sang "In The Garden". Marlin Brown, of the Bethlehem Church, presented the morning speaker, Rev. Danny Ryals, the new pastor of their church. Rev. Ryals used scripture from Exodus 12:3-12. Rev. Poole, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the social hall.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

The song service preceded special singing, "Now I Belong To Jesus", by Deborah King, who spoke briefly of her appreciation and love for everyone's prayers and considerations for her in her past illness.

The Ordination Service for Rev. Danny Ryals was conducted by the following council members:

Rev. Jim Pelt, Charge to Rev. Ryals as a minister; Rev. D.W. Poole, Charge to the deacons and laymembers of the church; David Still, Bible presentation; Cheshire DeBarry, Ordination Certificate presentation; Rev. Wayne King and Marlin Brown, shared in the prayer services and the "laying on of hands" ceremony.

Session resumed with Rev. D.W. Poole, Assistant Moderator, in charge. The Nominating Committee officers for the 1977-78 years as follows: Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Assistant Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk - John Brown, Asst. Clerk - Mrs. John Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treas. - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chm. - Mrs. David Still.

The proposed slate of meeting places for 1977-78 is as follows: October - Jakin Church, January - Bethlehem Church - April - Live Oak Church, July - White Pond Church.

A motion carried to give Cheshire DeBarry authority to dispose of the furniture given from the Albany Church to Live Oak Church.

A special birthday offering was made to Rev. Wayne and Deborah King, honoring them as special missionaries.

Mrs. Ryals gave thanks for Rev. and Mrs. Danny Ryals for the considerations and the ordination services.

An announcement was made to place all clothing for the Phillipines in Marlin Brown's car to be taken and prepared for shipping.

Rev. Jim Pelt and the entire congregation sang "Amazing Grace" preceding Rev. King's sharing of some of his missionary experiences with the congregation.

The benediction prayer was by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Fourteenth Annual Session Zion Church - July 16, 1977**

The morning session began with a congregational song service led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. John Brown as pianist. Mrs. Martin Still presented the morning devotional "Contentment In Life", using Bible scripture from Heb. 13:5. The welcome was extended by David Still and Wayne Carr responded.

The clerk, John Brown, called the meeting to order and presented the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin. Letters were read by Miss Veronica Carr and Mrs. LaDon McDowell. The clerk presented each member church with a copy of the conference by-laws and Constitution.

**Deacons - 8**

**Minister Members:**

Rev. Paul Irvin and Rev. Dwight Hawley

**Visitors:**

Rev. and Mrs. L.A. Norris, Panama City, Fla.

Rev. Irvin announced that Rev. D.W. Poole's absence was due to illness, hoping, however, he would be able to attend the church dedication at Live Oak the following day, Sunday, July 17.

**The Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Jakin; Dean Morris, Bethlehem; Ellen Wiley, Zion; Albert Jones, White Pond; Charlie Burch, Live Oak.

David Still read a letter from Mrs. Diane Riley, of Mount Olive College, who participated in the Summer Youth Camp at Norman Park, Ga.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The song service was led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. Bobby Ready and Mrs. Bobby Davis at the piano and organ. Rev. L.A. Noris led the morning offertory prayer after which Rev. Hawley presented Rev. Paul Irvin to deliver the morning message. Rev. Irvin used scripture from Romans 13:12 and Ezekiel 33:7-9 with his message. "Watchmen, What of the Night?". Benediction followed.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Mrs. LaDon McDowell brought the afternoon devotional entitled "Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder" with scripture from II Peter 3:10.

Mrs. Catherine Still presented the Nominating Committee Report.

Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Vice-Moderator - Rev. D.W. Poole, Clerk and Assistant - Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brown, Treasurer and Assistant - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairman - Mrs. David Still.

Wayne Carr, Treasurer, presented the quarterly report, including a recommendation to reimburse Zion Church for their unpaid Camp Expenses (\$50 per church).

A discussion was held concerning the lists of church members to be updated and filed with the conference clerk. A motion carried for these lists to be used for conference purposes only.

Charlie Burch, from Live Oak, extended invitations to the Live Oak Church dedication on July 17.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Session Jakin Church - October 15, 1977**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. John Brown as pianist. Mr. Rushy Scott used scripture from Phillipians 3:12-14 in his morning devotional after which Mrs. Elise Fort offered prayer. John Brown extended greetings and a welcome to all members and visitors. Cheshire DeBarry from Live Oak responded to the welcome.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented by the Clerk. Mrs. LaDon McDowell and Mrs. Deborah King served as readers.

Six deacons were present.

### **Member Ministers:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. C.H. Pelt, and Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Wayne King, Missionary to the Phillipines; Rev. Fred Baker, Missionary Candidate; Rev. Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer of N.C. Mission Board; Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Pastor, Hickory Grove FWB Church; Rev. Bass Mitchell, Pastor, Colquitt FWB Church, and Rev. James Pelt.

Other visitors included Mrs. J.B. Lovering, Miss Miranda Ditty, Mrs. Nita Johnson, and Mrs. Deborah King.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Doris Mellette, Cheshire DeBarry, Mrs. Oscar Lewis, and Mrs. Raymond Rice.

The Moderator reminded each church that the annual \$50 contribution to the Mt. Olive College Chapel Fund is due. An announcement was made that all churches have responded to the Youth Fund to clear expenses of the Summer Camp.

Representatives from the Colquitt FWB Church invited the Paul Palmer Conference to convene with them in Oct., 1973. Motion carried to honor their invitation.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing by the congregation was led by Wayne Carr. Rev. James Pelt led in the offertory prayer after which Mrs. Deborah King sang "I'll Tell the World". Rev. Irvin, host pastor, introduced the guest minister, Rev. Joe Ingram who spoke on the mission program and "The Supreme Task of the Church" using scripture from Mark 16:15-16, 19-20.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Rev. James Pelt led the congregational singing in the absence of Wayne Carr, Finance Committee Chairman. Rev. Thomas Kirkland led in prayer preceding Rev. Wayne King's devotional.



Rev. Ingram spoke briefly of the accomplishments of this conference in helping to meet the needs of the Foreign Mission Program. Brochures and pamphlets were available to help us to keep in touch with this missionary program.

Appreciation was expressed by Rev. Fred Baker for the invitation to visit this conference and churches and asked special prayers for his family as they prepare and go to the mission field in the future.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church, January 14, 1978**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. Raymond Rice at the organ and Mrs. Ben Keel at the piano. Charlie Burch had the opening prayer, followed by Mrs. Bruce Johnson's morning devotional about the "Church at Phillipi". John Brown, clerk, presented the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin. Rev. Irvin asked Mrs. Raymond Rice to formally extend to the visitors and laymen a welcome after which Mrs. Ollie Manion responded appropriately.

Mrs. David Still and Mrs. John Brown served as readers.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne carr, chm., Mrs. Patsy Wiley, Mrs. Albert Jones, Dean Morris, and Charlie Burch.

### **Youth Committee:**

Mrs. Hallie Still, chm., Mrs. Phyllis Sauls, Mrs. LaDon McDowell, Miss Suzanne Carr, and Mrs. Ethel Hudson.

Wayne Carr was appointed to replace Mr. S.T. Dunning on the Ordaining Council.

Seven deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. D.W. Hawley.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Derrell Thompson and Rev. Weldon Rentz.

### **Visitors:**

Mrs. J.B. Lovering, Mrs. D.F. Pelt, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keel.

David Still announced that Youth Camp at Norman Park, Ga. would be the week of June 25. A motion carried for each church to assume its share of the Camp Expenses.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Special organ, piano, and violin selections by Mrs. Raymond Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keel were enjoyed by the congregation and created a worshipful atmosphere. Singing was led by Mr. Wayne Carr with the offertory prayer by Rev. Rentz of Lake City, Florida.

The morning speaker, Rev. Derrell Thompson, was introduced by Marlin Brown of the host church. Rev. Thompson's message was "The Christian's Greatest Work", using scripture from Matt. 4:18-25.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

The congregation was blessed by special organ, piano, and violin selections preceding the devotional by Mrs. Billy Sauls who read the scripture. Matt. 25:31-46 and concluded with the poem, "The Master is Coming."

David Still, presenting the Ordaining Council, reported they were satisfied with the answered questions and testimony of Rev. Derrell Thompson, and made a motion, which passed, to accept him in full fellowship and as a pastor in this Conference.

Charlie Burch extended an invitation to spring conference.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference Of Original Free Will Baptists Ordination Service February 5, 1978**

A special service of the Ordaining Council was held at Bethlehem for the purpose of ordaining one minister, Rev. Derrell Thompson, and two deacons, Guy Beard and William Earl Bonner.

A prelude of organ, piano, and violin music was presented by Mrs. Raymond Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keel. Debra Thompson sang "Give Us This Day", accompanied at the piano by Nancy Thompson.

John A. Brown, Conference Clerk, welcomed a capacity audience of members and guest, after which he presented the Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, to conduct this special service. The following members of the Ordaining Council took a part in the ordination services:

Cheshire DeBarry read Scriptures from Acts 6:2-4.

Marlin Brown offered the Dedication Prayer.

Rev. D.W. Poole gave the charge to the Church using the Scripture from Ex. 17:8-12.

Dr. Burkett Raper, President of Mt. Olive College, N.C. extended the charge to the minister and the deacons. His scripture was from Eph. 4:1-15, the theme being, "Walk Worthy of your Calling, It's from God." The four points of the charge were:

1. Your call comes from the same place - God.
2. Your call is equal - no hierarchy.
3. Your call is to different tasks - but the same common task of leading people to God and to his love.
4. God's availability is the same degree of closeness.

David Still lead the Consecration Prayer.

Wayne Carr presented the Bibles.

Rev. Paul Irvin presented the Ministers Certificate to Rev. Darrell Thompson, pastor at Bethlehem Church, who, in turn, presented Deacon's Certificates to Guy Beard and William Earl Bonner, deacons at Bethlehem Church.

Full Christian fellowship was extended to the newly ordained minister and his deacons as the benediction hymn was sung.

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - April 15, 1978**

The Conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. John Brown as pianist. Rev. D.W. Poole offered the morning prayer and devotional using Prov. 22:28 and II Chron. 7:14, his theme being "Modern vs. Old Time Religion".

All were officially welcomed by Charlie Burch, after which Mrs. David Still gave the response. The moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented by John Brown, Clerk. Letters were read by Mrs. Bass Mitchell and Miss Kay Glass.

Nine deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Dwight Hawley.

### **Visitors:**

Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. and Mrs. Bass Mitchell

### **Nominating Committee:**

Cheshire DeBarry, chm., Mrs. Wayne Carr, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Mrs. Bobby Ready, and Mrs. Lillian Williams.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Jim Vinson, Mrs. Derrell Thompson, Miss Tammy Wiley, and Mrs. Ollie Manion.

Announcement was made of the Summer Youth Camp and a motion carried that each church contribute \$50 for general camp expenses.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr, followed with prayer by Rev. S.T. Shutes. Rev. Poole, host pastor, introduced Rev. Bass Mitchess, of the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, who presented the morning message. His scripture included I Kings 18:21, his text being, "The Christian Apathy-Holding Between Two Doctrines". The benediction was given by Rev. Derrell Thompson.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

This session was opened with song service led by Rev. Dwight Hawley with Mrs. John Brown at the piano. Mrs. Hallie Still led in prayer followed by Mrs. Evelyn Phillips who brought the afternoon devotional using scripture from Luke



10:25-37, the theme, "A Willing Servant and Neighbor".

The Nominating Committee recommended the following:

Moderator - David Still, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk and Assistant - Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Treasurer and Assistant - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairman - Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

The following meeting sites were also proposed:

October - Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, January - Zion Church, April - Jakin Church, July - Bethlehem.

The host church has the responsibility to provide a song leader and pianist for the meetings.

A motion by Rev. Hawley for the conference to finance the expenses of a camp assistant from Mt. Olive College carried.

It was decided for each church to talk to their home church concerning a \$1,000 pledge (\$250 annually, first payment in Dec., 1978) to the Mt. Olive College Hall, a health and physical educational building facility.

A discussion was held concerning a conference-wide Bible Workshop on the Basic Beliefs of the FWB Church. A motion carried to have this workshop at White Pond Church on July 31 or Aug. 7.

A motion carried to invite Rev. and Mrs. Fred Baker for a missionary conference before their departure in October to the work in the Phillipines.

Rev. Dwight Hawley announced his plans to attend Miami Christian College in Florida and that his resignation as pastor of Zion Church would become effective the last of August. He asked to retain his membership in the Paul Palmer Conference. A motion carried to honor this request.

Bethlehem Church announced the recent addition of 6 new members, 3 by baptism, and an expanding building program.

David Still announced the Mt. Olive group, The New Creations, would be at their church on May 13, and other surrounding areas from that date to May 17.

Benediction prayer led by Martin Still.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Fifteenth Annual Session White Pond Church - July 15, 1978**

The conference was opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, with Mrs. Henrietta Ready as pianist. Mrs. Regina Barran gave the morning devotion using Psalms 19.

All members and visitors were officially welcomed by Mrs. Ollie Manion after which Mrs. Hallie Still gave the response. The Moderator, Rev. Paul Irvin, was presented by John Brown, Clerk, Rev. Irvin called the session to order. Letters were read by Miss Suzanne Carr and Miss Susan Still.

Five deacons present.

**Ministers:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Dwight Hawley, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Visitors:**

Rev. Fred Baker, Rev. George Ryals, Mrs. Linda Baker, Kimberly Baker, and Steve Baker.

**Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., William Bonner, Charlie Burch, Susan Still, and Albert Jones.

After a discussion on the Mt. Olive College Building project, the Gym and Health Center Hall, it was agreed that the conference give \$1,000 to the project over a four-year period (\$250 per year). It would be \$50 per church per year due by December of each year.

David Still read a letter concerning a Basic Belief Study. Action was postponed on the study but tentative plans could be around Feb. in 1979.

Suzanne Carr gave a report on the Youth Camp held at Norman Park, Georgia. The camp proved to be rated excellent with sixty-seven people attending. Visitors were Rev. Donald Coates, Mr. Donnie Rose, Mrs. Dianne Riley. A youth program was at Zion Church after the camp ended. Ida and Danny Mitchell.

**Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr followed by prayer. The Moderator presented the speaker for the worship hour. Rev. Fred Baker, missionary to the Phillipines, gave a very inspiring sermon, using Romans 1:13. His subject was "The Three I Am's of Paul". There were: 1. I am a debtor. 2. I am ready. 3. I am not ashamed.

The benediction was given by Rev. Chester Pelt.

**Afternoon Session**

Suzanne Carr led the singing with Mrs. Henrietta Ready as pianist. Mrs. Olie Manion gave the devotion using John 4:1-4.

The Nominating Committee gave the following:

Moderator - David Still, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Paul Irvin, Clerk - John A. Brown, Asst. Clerk - Mrs. John A. Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairman - Mrs. Wylene McDowell (White Pond), Co-Chairman - Mrs. Hallie Still (Zion), Mrs. Ethel Hudson (Live Oak), Mrs. Bilie Faye Bonner (Bethlehem), Miss Suzanne Carr (Jakin).

The following meeting sites were designated: October - Zion Church, January - Jakin Church, April - Bethlehem Church, July - White Pond Church.

The host church has the responsibility to provide a song leader and pianist for each meeting.

David Still discussed the Youth Camp and its expenses. It was decided by the conference for each church to give \$60.00 more to help meet camp expenses and to pay this by Oct. meeting date.

Approval was given for the clerk to write letters of appreciation to Mt. Olive College and to the director of "The New Creations" for their programs presented to the churches.

The Moderator gave thanks to the conference for having had the privilege to serve - noting the sweet fellowship and cooperation of all the churches concerned.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Zion Church - October 14, 1978**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr with Mrs. Henrietta Ready as pianist. The devotion was given by Kay Glass, who was assisted by Tammy Wiley, Laura Lynn Davis, Val Davis, Peggy Powell, Robyn Still, Michael Reddick, and Dip Ready. The question they asked was, "What Percentage of People are You?"; the answers varying from the person who says "I won't" to the person who says "I can".

Kay Glass welcomed all to this session with Zion Church. Suzanne Carr gave the response. The Moderator, David Still, called the conference to order. Letters were read by Mrs. Ellen Wiley and Miss Tammy Wiley.

Six deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Danny Ryals, and Rev. Donald Coates.

### **Visitors:**

Rev. C.L. Beauchamp

One addition was made to the visitors who attended the Youth Camp at Norman park. The two additions were Danny Mitchell and Ida Mitchell. A motion by Charlie Burch, and a second by Lewis Cleveland to accept the minutes with the corrected additions carried.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Lewis Cleveland, Henrietta Ready, William Bonner, and Charlie Burch.

The moderator brought to the attention of the conference that Rev. Burkett Raper will attend the January conference and will begin the study course on the basic beliefs and doctrines of the Free Will Baptists. It was decided that Rev. Raper should present to us the history of the Free Will Baptists Church and its basic doctrines. This study course will begin Saturday afternoon after the Paul Palmer Conference at the Jakin Church. The following study groups will be held at the appointed places as named, and at the hour set at the January Conference.

Sunday - Zion, Monday - White Pond, Tuesday - Live Oak, Wednesday - Bethlehem.

Moderator Still read a letter addressed to the conference from Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Hawley.

An announcement was made about the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs.



Wayne King, our missionaries in the Phillipine Islands.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt.

### Morning Worship Hour

Worship service began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. David Still read a letter to the conference concerning the ordination of Rev. Donald Coates into the Paul Palmer Conference. Special music was presented by Suzanne Carr and Donald Coates. Rev. Coates then presented the morning message using Luke 5:17-19. The central theme was "The Kinds of People who Join the Church." Rev. Irvin gave the benediction.

### Afternoon Session

This session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt with Henrietta Ready as pianist. Special music was presented by Rev. Pelt and the afternoon devotional was given by Larry Wiley who used scripture from John 9:1-12.

Rev. Irvin gave the report of the Ordaining Council, concerning Rev. Donald Coates.

We, the Ordaining Council, examined the Rev. Donald Coates and found him to be rooted and grounded in the Free Will Baptist doctrines. We recommend that the Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference accept him with all the rights and privileges that the ministers of this conference now enjoy.

Rev. Paul Irvin, Chairman of the Ordaining Council

October 14, 1978

Rev. Thompson invited the Ordaining Council and interested people to Bethlehem for the purpose of ordaining two deacons on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 3:30 o'clock. A motion by Rev. Chester Pelt, a second by Wayne Carr that the council go to perform this ceremony. Rev. Irvin thanked the conference for supporting these ordaining activities.

Rev. Thompson made a motion seconded by Rev. Irvin, that the minutes of the previous meetings be received by the local church at least one month before the next session so that any business needed to be acted upon could be taken care of before conference time.

Mrs. Ruby Pelt gave a report on the Women's Conference held in August at Cragmont and attended by Mrs. Hallie Still, Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mrs. Henrietta Ready, and Mrs. Sybil Still. Rev. Pelt asked that interest be generated in this conference earlier so that more women could plan to attend.

Rev. Irvin recognized the wives of past ministers of this conference. They were: Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mrs. Flora Lovering, Mrs. Doris Mellette, Mrs. Elise Fort, and Mrs. Mathel Barnes.

David Still, Moderator  
Suzanne Carr, Acting Clerk

# Ordination Service

## October 22, 1973

A special service of the Ordaining Council was held at Bethlehem Church for the purpose of ordaining two deacons, Woody Rice and Jerry Sauls.

A prelude of organ and piano music was presented by Mrs. Raymond Rice and Mrs. Jerry Sauls. The congregation sang "Where He Leads Me" and prayer was offered by Bro. Dean Morris. Rev. Derrell Thompson, pastor of Bethlehem Church, welcomed a near capacity audience of members and guests.

John A. Brown, Conference Clerk, officially recognized the Ordaining Council and its programs for the afternoon, after which he presented Wayne Carr to moderate the following Ordination Service.

Moderator .....	Bro. Wayne Carr
Selected Music .....	"Learning to Lean" - Beverly and Mike Sauls Mrs. Jerry Sauls, pianist
Charge to the Church .....	Rev. Donald Coates
Special Music .....	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keel
Charge to Deacons .....	Rev. Paul Irvin
Ordination Prayer .....	Bro. Guy Beard
Laying on of Hands	
Presentation of Bibles .....	Bro. Marlin Brown
Presentation of Certificates .....	Rev. Derrell Thompson, Pastor
Benediction .....	Bro. Cheshire DeBarry
Right Hand of Christian Fellowship .....	The Church John A. Brown, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session

### Jakin Church - January 20, 1979

The conference was opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The devotion was given by Rev. Dwight Hawley using Isaiah 40:28 as his scripture.

Mrs. Pauline Carr welcomed all members and visitors to this session. Mrs. Wylene McDowell gave the response.

The clerk, John Brown, presented the Moderator, David Still, who called the session to order. Letters were read by Kay Glass and Veronica Carr.

Eight deacons present.

Minister Members:

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Danny Ryals, Rev. Dwight Hawley, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. Donald Coates.

Visiting Ministers:

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Jim Pelt, and Dr. Burkett Raper.

### **The Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Mrs. Ollie Manion, Robert Hamil, Mrs. Pete Aycock, and Mrs. Henriette Ready.

A recommendation from the Jakin Church was presented by Wayne Carr, requesting the Ordaining Council to examine Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Pastor of the Jakin Church, for approval and membership in the Conference. The Ordaining Council members who served were: Rev. Paul Irvin, chm., Rev. D.W. Poole, David Still, Lewis Cleveland, Charlie Burch (Alt.) William Bonner (Alt.) and John A. Brown (Alt.)

The morning business session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing was led by Wayne Carr with special music rendered by Martha and Helen Broxton. The morning message was presented by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, pastor of Jakin Church, who used Hebrews 13:1-8. His message proved to be very inspiring to everyone.

### **Afternoon Session**

Rev. Jim Pelt led congregational singing. Iva Sewell gave the afternoon devotional. Suzanne Carr and Rev. Donald Coates presented special music, "Near to the Heart of God".

John Brown gave the report of the Ordaining Council concerning Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Report as follows:

"We, the Ordaining Council, examined the Rev. Talmadge Worsley and found him to be rooted and grounded in the Free Will Baptist doctrines. Therefore, we recommend that the Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference accept him with all the rights and privileges that the ministers of this conference now enjoy."

(Signed, Rev. Paul Irvin, chairman)

A motion carried to receive Rev. Worsley into full fellowship.

A motion carried that a Rev. Dwight Hawley Fund be set up as long as he is in school. This fund consists of \$300 per quarter. Each church will contribute \$20 per month. (\$60 per quarter).

A resolution from the Jakin Church was presented by Mrs. Margie Brown, honoring the memory of Mrs. T.J. Fort better known to her family and friends as "Mama Fort". She was the oldest member of the Jakin Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Fort was born April 23, 1878 and had celebrated her 100th birthday before her death on December 3, 1978.

Moderator Still thanked Dr. Burkett Raper, of Mt. Olive College, N.C., for his cooperation in presenting the Study Course on the Free Will Baptist doctrines and history. Study sessions were announced for the different churches with the first session to begin, immediately after conference in the Jakin Church.

David Still, Moderator

John A. Brown, Clerk



# **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session**

## **Bethlehem Church - April 14, 1979**

The conference opened with conference singing led by Wayne Carr. Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Pete Aycock accompanied at the organ and the piano.

Reverend Donald Coates led in prayer, Brother Dean Morris gave the devotional, and prayer was led by Brother Marlin Brown. The welcome was extended by Brother William Bonner and the response was given by Mrs. Ollie Manion.

The Clerk, John Brown, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Suzanne Carr and Ellen Wiley.

Eleven deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Derrell Thompson, and Rev. Danny Ryals.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chairman, Mrs. Doris Mellette, Dean Morris, Mrs. Ollie Manion, and Robert Hamill.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. J.O. Fort, chm., Mrs. Margaret English, Guy Beard, Cheshire DeBarry, and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

A motion concerning the "Rev. Dwight Hawley Fund" was made. Each church was to discuss the fund locally and report back to the annual conference. Motion carried.

Session adjourned with prayer by Cheshire DeBarry.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Wayne Carr with offertory prayer by Wayne Carr. Rev. Thompson, pastor of Bethlehem Church, gave the morning message using scripture from I Cor. His subject was "Love".

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Special music for the afternoon was presented by Mike Sauls. He sang "I'll Take Jesus", accompanied by his mother at the piano.

Brother Guy Beard gave the afternoon devotional using Matt. 28:1-10.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mrs. J.O. Fort, chm.

Youth Camp Report was given by Rev. Donald Coates. The camp to be held at Norman Park, July 22-27.

Brother Woody Rice adjourned with prayer.

David Still, Moderator  
John A. Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Sixteenth Annual Session White Pond Church - July 14, 1979**

The conference was opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Brown. Rev. Derrell Thompson led in prayer. Brother Cheshire DeBarry gave the devotional using Deut. 26:11, his theme being, "Rejoice". The welcome was extended by Lewis Cleveland with response by Mrs. Doris Mellette.

The clerk, John Brown, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Mrs. Duane Davis and Miss Kay Glass.

Ten deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Danny Ryals, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. Chester Pelt.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Chm., Charlie Burch, Mrs. Henrietta Ready, Mrs. Frank Barron, and Dean Morris.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Wayne Carr, chm. (alternates) Mrs. Sybil Still and William Bonner.

A discussion was held concerning the "Dwight Hawley Fund". All churches joined in the discussion with Zion Church presenting the following recommendation: Zion Free Will Baptist Church recommends that the Paul Palmer Conference discontinue the Dwight Hawley Fund and that the conference encourage its member churches to handle this matter as they so choose". This recommendation was voted on and approved as given.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Brown. Rev. Donald Coates led in prayer. Offertory prayer by Lewis Cleveland.

Wayne Carr introduced Rev. Talmadge Worsley, pastor of the Jakin Church. Brother Worsley brought the morning message using Exodus 3:10-18. His subject "Power", proved to be very inspiring to all present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Chester Pelt.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Special music was presented by Rev. Donald Coates, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus". Mrs. Albert Jones gave the afternoon devotional. Her subject was "Getting Along with Others".

Report from the Ministers Division: The New Ordaining Council is listed as follows:

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Marlin Brown, Lewis Cleveland, Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, and Cheshire DeBarry.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mrs. Wayne Carr (alternate).

Moderator - David Still, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Derrell Thompson, Clerk

-Dean Morris, Asst. Clerk - John Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treas.  
-Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairman - Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Co-Chairman  
-Mrs. David Still, Members - Mrs. Tim Burch, Mrs. Billie Bonner, Mrs. John Brown.

The following places were recommended as the meeting places for the coming year: October - Live Oak, January - Zion, April - Jakin, July - Bethlehem.

Rev. Donald Coates gave the following report concerning the Youth Camp to be held at Norman Park July 22-27. They were expecting 75-85 people to attend. White Pond Church was to host the Camp Program on Sunday night following camp. In the following years the program would be rotated among the churches.

The outgoing clerk, John Brown, expressed appreciation for the conference's cooperation during the past 12 years while he served as clerk, this experience proving to be an invaluable period of Christian growth.

David Still, Moderator  
John Brown, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - October 20, 1979**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Coates, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Duane Davis. Rev. Derrell Thompson led in prayer. Mrs. Jerome Phillips gave the devotional using John 3:16, her theme being, "Love". The welcome by Charlie Burch and the response was given by Mrs. Suzanne Coates.

The clerk, Dean Morris, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Mrs. Jerome Phillips and Miss Kay Glass.

Seven deacons present.

### **Ministers:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Danny Ryals, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Finance Committee:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Cheshire DeBarry, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Mrs. Raymond Rice, and Mrs. Albert Jones.

Cheshire DeBarry announced that Rev. Danny Ryals had resigned as pastor of Live Oak Church to accept another church. The Conference was petitioned to send a letter of recognition to the Church Rev. Ryals accepted.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Rev. Donald Coates, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Jarrell Burch. Rev. Talmadge Worsley led in prayer. Offertory prayer by Rev. D.W. Poole.

Rev. Danny Ryals introduced the Rev. David Kemper, pastor of the St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church at Phenix City. Rev. David Kemper brought the morning



message using Matthew 6:25-33 and Luke 19:1-20. His subject "First things First" proved to be very inspiring to all present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D.W. Poole.

#### Afternoon Business Session

Singing was led by Suzanne Coates. Rev. Danny Ryals gave the afternoon devotional, his subject "The Greatest Sin, Prayerlessness", was taken from I Chronicles 11:7-14.

Finance report was given by Rev. Donald Coates.

Cheshire DeBarry reported that a church in Newton had a need for the old furniture owned by the Conference. The Conference voted to give them all of the furniture with the exception of the piano which will be left at Live Oak Church.

Rev. Donald Coates reported there were 70 people that attended summer camp and 3 of them made decisions for Christ.

David Still, Moderator

Dean Morris, Clerk

## Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Zion Church - January 19, 1980

Wayne Carr led the congregation in singing to open the Conference. Rev. Derrell Thompson led in prayer. Miss Laura Lynn Davis gave the devotion on how to "Let Your Light Shine" using John 1:1-9 as her scripture. The welcome by Buddy Lucas and response was given by Mrs. Alice Thompson.

The clerk, Dean Morris, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Mrs. Majorie Brown and Mrs. Suzanne Coates.

Ten deacons present.

#### Ministers:

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Danny Ryals, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Chester Pelt, and Rev. Thomas Kirkland.

#### Finance Committee:

Wayne Carr, Buddy Lucas, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Jim Manion, and Mrs. Alice Thompson.

Rev. Donald Coates announced that there are some pamphlets in the front of the church on the new College Hall to be built at Mt. Olive College in 1980. Funds are needed for this project to be successful.

#### Morning Worship Hour

Singing was led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Duane Davis and piano by Mrs. Henrietta Ready.

Rev. Donald Coates treated all present with the singing of a special which was very inspiring.

Rev. Donald Coates introduced Rev. Thomas Kirkland, pastor of Hickory

Grove Free Will Baptist Church. His message was taken from Numbers 20:1. His subject "Responsibility of Leadership" proved to be inspiring and challenging to all.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Donald Coates. Miss Tammy Wiley gave the afternoon devotional and sang a special with the same theme "I want to pass it on", which was very inspiring to all.

A motion carried to record the names of all Deacons present in the minutes.

A motion carried to get all minutes of the Conference printed in a history book form. John Brown, Joe McDowell and Dean Morris were appointed to work on this committee.

A motion carried for each Church to decide whether it wanted to join the North Carolina State Paul Palmer Conference and report back to the Conference.

The Jim Wilson Early County Crusade will be held in Blakely May 11-18. All are invited and urged to come and bring someone with you.

David Still, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

### **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session Jakin Church - April 19, 1980**

Rev. Donald Coates led the congregation in singing to open Conference. Rev. D.W. Poole led in prayer. Mrs. Margie Brown gave the morning devotional taken from Phillipians 4:4-9 on "Self Evaluation of Spiritual Growth and Development". The welcome by John Brown and a response was given by Mrs. Bobby Ready.

The clerk, Dean Morris, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Miss Kay Glass and Mrs. Helen Broxton.

#### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Chester Pelt, and Rev. Paul Irvin.

#### **Deacons Present:**

John Brown, David Still, William Bonner, Tommy Pace, Cheshire DeBarry, Dean Morris.

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. W.R. McDuffie and Rev. Cecil Strickland.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Mrs. Wayne Carr, Mrs. Lawrestine Hudson, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Pete Aycock, and Miss Kay Glass.

#### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Mrs. Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Miss Helen Broxton.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley introduced Rev. W.F. McDuffie, Pastor of New Enterprise Free Will Baptist. His subject, "The Powerful and Everlasting God of Love", proved to be inspiring and challenging to all.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Donald Coates. Miss Iva Sewell gave the afternoon devotional on "Spiritual Rest".

Finance report was given by Mrs. Wayne Carr.

A motion carried to support National Prayer day April 29, 1980.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. J.O. Fort, Mrs. Ollie Manion, Cheshire DeBarry, and William Bonner.

#### **Constitution Committee:**

Rev. Paul Irvin, Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, and Rev. Derrell Thompson.

Bro. Joe Ingram, the Director Treasurer of Missions Board of North Carolina will meet with the annual Conference at Bethlehem Church.

David Still, Moderator

Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Seventeenth Annual Session Bethlehem Church - July 19, 1980**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied by Mrs. Pete Aycock at the piano. Mrs. Frankie Sauls gave the morning devotion entitled, "Appreciation". The welcome by William Bonner and response was given by Cheshire DeBarry.

The Clerk, Dean Morris, presented the Moderator, David Still. Letters were read by Guy Beard and Mrs. Wayne Carr.

#### **Deacons Present:**

John Brown, David Still, William Bonner, Cheshire DeBarry, Dean Morris, Woody Rice, Guy Beard, Jerry Sauls, Joe McDowell, Lewis Cleveland, Wayne Carr and Bo Beard.

#### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. Jim Pelt.

#### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Joe Ingram, Rev. Gene Scott, Rev. Vance Link.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, Mrs. Lawrestine Hudson, Mrs. Albert Jones, Woody Rice, and Bernice Still.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Suzanne Coates, Mrs. Pauline Carr, Mrs. Janet Cleveland, Cheshire DeBarry, and William Bonner.



Rev. Donald Coates gave a report concerning the Youth Camp to be held at Norman Park, Georgia. Approximately forty members are expected to attend. Bethlehem church will host the Camp Program on the Sunday night following camp.

#### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Pete Aycock and Mrs. Florence rice at the organ. The offertory prayer given by Rev. Paul Irvin. Special music was presented by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Coates. Rev. Paul Irvin introduced the Rev. Vance Link, the missionary to Mexico, who brought the morning message, "Go and tell others of Jesus". The text for the message was taken from 2 Kings 7:1-11. Conference adjourned for lunch and fellowship with prayer.

#### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Guy Beard gave the afternoon devotional on "The Glory of the Good Book".

Caroline Castelo brought greetings to the conference from Mt. Olive College.

The Constitution Committee recommended that the following articles to amended.

##### **1. Article 3, paragraph 2 presently reads:**

All local churches or congregations of the Free Will Baptist faith that accept and embrace this constitution and by-laws without reservation and these must be represented by at least one deacon and one lay person for each fifty active members or fraction thereof.

**Amended to read:** There shall be one delegate for each fifteen members or fraction thereof.

##### **2. Article 8, paragraph 2 presently reads:**

The ordaining Council shall consist of five members elected from and by the ministers, division and approved by the other two divisions voting seperately upon each individual nominee.

**Amended to read:** The ordaining council shall consist of the pastors of the member churches. In the event a church is without a pastor the church shall designate a representative.

The above recommendations were voted on and passed by both ministers and lay persons. These amendments will again be voted on at the next conference.

The following officers were nominated for the coming year. Moderator - Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Donald Coates, Clerk - Dean Morris, Asst. Clerk - John Brown, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Chairperson - Mrs. Suzanne Coates, Co-Chairperson - Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

Meeting places for the coming year are as follows: October 1980 - Live Oak, January 1981 - White Pond, April 1981 - Zion, July - 1981 - Jakin.

It was announced that on August 10, 1980, that three deacons would be ordained at Zion Church.

David Still - Moderator  
Dean Morris - Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Live Oak Church - October 18, 1980**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Donald Coates, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Celeice Burch. Rev. D.W. Poole gave the morning devotional taken from Joshua 7:13. The welcome was extended by Charlie Burch, with response by David Still.

Rev. Donald Coates called the morning business session to order in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Letters were read by Mrs. Suzanne Coates and Mrs. Kay Willis.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. D.W. Poole, and Rev. Jim Pelt.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie and Rev. Marvin McDaniel

### **Deacons Present:**

Charlie Burch, William Bonner, David Still, L.W. Cleveland, Robert Hamill, Bobby Davis, and Wayne Carr.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, David Still, Charlie Burch, Mrs. Albert Jones, and Mrs. William Bonner.

The ordaining Council made the following motion:

The conference shall give the ordaining council the power to appoint a representative to the curriculum committee of the Department of Religion at Mt. Olive College, and that the conference assist in defraying the travel expense to the November meeting of the curriculum committee.

The three divisions of the conference voted to amend the constitution, Article 3 - paragraph 2, and Article 8 - paragraph 2.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Wayne Carr. The offertory prayer was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Rev. W.F. McDuffie delivered the morning message. His text was taken from Psalms 46:4, Ezekial 47:1, and Revelations 22:1.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Rev. Marvin McDaniel gave the afternoon devotional, "Purpose of Christians is to win lost souls", text taken from John 16:8.

Ordained as deacons of Zion Church, August 10, 1980, were Curtis D. Hughes,

Joseph S. Freeman, and Bobby Davis.

Mrs. Suzanne Coates gave a report on Youth Camp. The date for camp has been set for July 19-24, 1981.

Rev. Donald Coates was appointed to go to Mt. Olive as representative of the conference at the curriculum committee meeting.

Rev. Jim Pelt adjourned with prayer.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator

Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Session White Pond Church - January 17, 1981**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marjorie Brown. Mrs. Ollie Manion gave the morning devotional, "Let Your Light Shine." Her text was taken from Matthew 5:16. The welcome was given by Lewis Cleveland with response by Cheshire DeBarry.

Dean Morris, clerk, introduced the moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Letters were read by Mrs. Marjorie Brown and Mrs. Wayne Carr.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, and Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Deacons Present:**

Charlie Burch, William Bonner, David Still, L.W. Cleveland, Bobby Davis, Dean Morris, John Brown, Cheshire DeBarry, and Wayne Carr.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Duane Davis, Cheshire DeBarry, Albert Jones, and William Bonner.

A motion carried to elect a camp director. Rev. Donald Coates led the discussion concerning youth camp, and asked that each church in the conference elect a representative to serve on the camp committee. Rev. Coates made a motion to hire a student from Mt. Olive College to work with the youth in the conference. Motion passed.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Singing was led by Wayne Carr with offertory prayer by David Still. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Coates presented the special music. Rev. D.W. Poole delivered the morning message. His text was taken from Galatians 5:13 and Joshua 7:13.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Donald Coates. Mrs. Wylene McDowell presented the devotional, "Eighty one, The Year to Run."

A proposal was made to repay the expenses for the student from the college by the conference. This proposal was accepted.



A letter will be sent to Caroline Castalow extending an invitation to the New Creations, to come and sing at the churches.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Session Zion Church - April 18, 1981**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Henrietta Ready. The morning devotion was an inspiring message given by the Zion Youth, titled "The Big I". The welcome was extended by Patsy Wiley with response by Wylene McDowell.

Dean Morris, clerk, introduced the moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Letters were read by Wylene McDowell and Mrs. Margie Brown.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Donald Coates, and Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. W.F. McDuffie and Rev. Jim Pelt.

### **Deacons Present**

Charlie Burch, William Bonner, David Still, L.W. Cleveland, Dean Morris, Wayne Carr, Martin Still, Bobby Davis, and John Brown.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Derrell Thompson, David Still, and Charlie Burch.

The Youth camp director made a motion that the conference pay the registration fee of \$3.00 per person for 60 people, the motion passed.

The conference was reminded that the summer camp will be July 19-24.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Bobby Davis, chm., Albert Jones, William Bonner, Jim Vinson, and Mrs. Margie Brown.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. Rev. Donald Coates presented the conference with an inspiring song before delivering the morning message. His message was taken from Proverbs 3:9-10. The theme of his message was "The First Fruits".

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. The afternoon devotion was presented by Zion Teen Youth Group.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

# **Minutes Of The Eighteenth Annual Session**

## **Jakin Church - July 18, 1981**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Duane Davis. The morning devotion was an inspiring message given by Tony Sauder. The welcome was extended by John Brown with response by David Still.

The clerk introduced the assistant moderator, Rev. Donald Coates. Letters were read by Mrs. Wylene McDowell and Mrs. Duane Davis.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Derrell Thompson, Rev. Donald Coates, Rev. Paul Irvin, and Rev. D.W. Poole.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Jim Pelt.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Dean Morris, Cheshire DeBarry, Wayne Carr, John Brown, and Tommy Pace.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Mrs. Duane Davis, Cheshire DeBarry, and Rev. Derrell Thompson.

Tony Sauder reported that about 47 would be going to camp this year. He reported on the activities of the week and reminded us that camp was July 29-24.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Bobby Davis, Chm., Mrs. Willette McDowell, Mrs. Derrell Thompson, Mrs. Lawrenstrine Hudson, and John Brown.

The clerk asked for a motion from the floor authorizing a letter of recommendation for Rev. Donald Coates, to be sent to the Western Conference of the North Carolina State Convention. The motion carried for the clerk to send the letter.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt presented the conference with an inspiring song before delivering the morning message. His message was taken from John 17:13-20 and I Thessalonians 5:23-24.

Conference adjourned for lunch and fellowship with prayer.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. The afternoon devotion was presented by Mrs. Iva Sewell taken from I Peter 2:21-25. The theme of the devotion was "He took our place".

The following officers were nominated for the coming year.

Moderator - Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Asst. Moderator - Rev. Derrell Thompson, Clerk - Dean Morris, Asst. Clerk - Charlie Burch, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Youth Director - Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Camp Director - to be appointed at October meeting.

Meeting places for the coming year are as follows: October 1981 - Bethlehem, January 1982 - Live Oak, April 1982 - White Pond, July 1982 - Zion.

It was recommended the camp committee appointed at the January Conference with above corrections continue to serve as Youth Committee the following year.

Rev. Donald Coates, Asst. Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **First Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - October 17, 1981**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotion was an inspiring message given by Mrs. Norma Brown. The welcome was extended by Mrs. Florence Rice with response by David Still.

The clerk introduced the Moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Dean Morris, Wayne Carr, L.W. Cleveland, Marlin Brown, Guy Beard, William Bonner.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Albert Jones, Mrs. Wylene McDowell, Rev. D.W. Poole, Mrs. Duane Davis, and William Bonner.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. Dean Morris presented the conference with the morning message, taken from John 3:16.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

The afternoon business session began with congregational singing. The afternoon devotion was presented by Mrs. Fred Johnson. Special music was presented by Mrs. Phyllis, Mike and Beverly Sauls.

The nominating committee nominated David Still to be camp director for the coming year, and was approved by all present.

A recommendation was made for the clerk to send "get well" cards to Rev. Derrell Thompson and Cheshire DeBarry.

The clerk asked the churches if they were satisfied with the Quarterly report or if some improvements were needed. A committee was appointed to meet with the clerk and revise the report.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk



# **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session**

## **Live Oak Church - January 23, 1982**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotion was presented by Mrs. Ginger Ethredge. The welcome was extended by Grady Ethredge, Jr. with response by Rev. Paul Irvin.

The clerk introduced the moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Paul Irvin, and visiting - Rev. Cecil Mock.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Dean Morris, Wayne Carr, L.W. Cleveland, Charlie Burch, John Brown, Cheshire DeBarry, William Bonner, Jimmy Barnett.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr - chm., Albert Jones, Cheshire DeBarry, Mrs. David Still, William Bonner.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. Grady Ethredge presented the special music. Rev. D.W. Poole delivered the morning message, entitled "Follow God without compromise or condition." Before the morning message a special prayer request was made for: Bro. Robert Duke, Mrs. Sebie Sheffield, Mr. Martin Still, Mr. Jimmy Clyde Still, Mr. Jim Manion, Mr. Dosh English, Mr. Ralph English, Mr. S.T. Dunning, Mrs. L.D. Lawrence, The Dean Morris Family and relatives.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Chester Pelt. Mrs. Evelyn Phillips presented the devotion with an inspiring message, "The Importance of Prayer".

The Youth Camp dates have been set for July 18-23. The camp director asked that all churches participate.

Since Rev. Derrell Thompson is no longer in the conference, and he was assistant moderator, John Brown requested that the conference give the moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley authority to appoint someone to preside if he needs someone.

Rev. Harold Jones and Rev. Charles Barnard from the missionary board will be guest of the churches in February.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session White Pond Church - April 17, 1982**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotion "The test of Devotion" was presented by Mrs. Louise Jones. The welcome was extended by L.W. Cleveland with response Wayne Carr.

The clerk introduced the moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Paul Irvin, and visiting - Rev. Jim Lugo.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Wayne Carr, L.W. Cleveland, Cheshire DeBarry, William Bonner, and Dean Morris.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Lester Duke, Albert Jones, Mrs. Fred Johnson, and Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Mount Olive College invited the Paul Palmer Conference to appoint a representative to serve on the "Advisory Committee on Church Relations" for Mount Olive College. The Conference elected Rev. Chester Pelt to serve on this Committee with the assistance of Wayne Carr.

It was announced that the New Creations will come and visit with Churches in the conference 8-12 of May. The moderator asked the finance committee to work out the itinerary for the group.

It was reported to remind us to encourage all that could to go to camp to support the camp program 18-23 of July.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. S.T. Dunning, chm., Mr. L.W. Cleveland, Mrs. R.R. Rice, and Cheshire DeBarry.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. The Conference enjoyed the music presented by Mrs. Chester Pelt. Rev. Paul Irvin delivered the morning message, entitled "You Go" be a Missionary.

### **Afternoon Business**

The afternoon business session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. Regina Barron gave an inspiring devotion.

The Sheriff's Boys Ranch requested support from the conference. Authority was given to the finance committee to decide what kind of support could be given. The committee will give a report at the July meeting.

Jakin Church requested that a resolution in memory of Deacon S.T. Dunning be sent to the family, Mount Olive College, and a copy to be put in conference records.

White Pond announced they would host a rally for the ones going to camp and encouraged the campers to come.

Nominated for the coming year: Moderator - Rev. Chester Pelt, Asst. Moderator - John Brown, Clerk - Dean Morris, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Camp Director - David Still.

Meeting places for the coming year are as follows: October 1982 - Jakin, January 1983 - Bethlehem, April 1983 - Live Oak, July 1983 - White Pond.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Nineteenth Annual Session Zion Church - July 17, 1982**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotional was presented by Miss Diane Riley, entitled, "Don't take things for granted." The welcome was extended by Mrs. Henrietta Ready with response by Mrs. Wayne Carr.

The clerk introduced the Moderator, Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Letters were read by Mrs. Jim Manion and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Jim Lugo, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Paul Irvin, and visiting - Rev. Burkette Raper.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Wayne Carr, L.W. Cleveland, Cheshire DeBarry, William Bonner, and Dean Morris.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Ollie Manion, Cheshire DeBarry, William Bonner, Mrs. Sybil Still.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Mr. Albert Jones, Mrs. S.T. Dunning, chm., Mrs. Sybil Still, Cheshire DeBarry, and Mrs. R.R. Rice.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. The conference enjoyed the special music presented by Miss Diane Riley. Dr. Raper delivered the morning message, entitled, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" Scripture was taken from Genesis, chapters 15 and 18.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

Session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The youth from Zion gave a very inspiring devotional followed by special music by Diane Riley.

The Finance Committee recommended that the conference continue to donate \$250 to the Mt. Olive expansion program.



Jakin church will host the post camp program July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Diane Riley gave a camp report. The theme will be "Come Follow Jesus."

The following officers were elected for the coming year. Moderator - Rev. Chester Pelt, Asst. Moderator - John Brown, Clerk - Dean Morris, Asst. Clerk - Guy Beard, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director - David Still, Asst. Camp Director - Kay Willis, and Youth Director - Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The First Quarterly Session Jakin Church - October 16, 1982**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotion was presented by John Brown, his message was taken from John 15:5. A cordial welcome to Jakin church was extended by Rev. Talmadge Worsley with response by David Still.

The moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt, was presented by the clerk. Rev. Pelt called the conference to order. Letters were read by Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. David Still.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Jim Lugo, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Paul Irvin, and visiting - Rev. Jim Pelt and Rev. Reedy Saverance.

### **Deacons Present:**

David Still, Wayne Carr, L.W. Cleveland, Tommy Pace, John Brown, Charlie Burch, Hursteen Rollins, and Dean Morris.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., L.W. Cleveland, Mrs. R.R. Rice, Hursteen Rollins, and Charlie Burch.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. The conference enjoyed special music by Mrs. Beverly Whitaker. Rev. Talmadge Worsley introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Jim Lugo, Rev. Lugo's message "The Many names of Jesus", was taken from Isaiah 9, verses 6 and 7.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

The session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. Mrs. Iva Sewell gave the devotion on "Healthy Minds" with a special prayer for the physical and sin sick of each church and community.

It was reported that Rev. Marvin McDaniel, pastor of Live Oak Church was hospitalized and was seriously ill. The conference voted to send him a love offering.

David Still reported that 53 went and enjoyed camp this year. He also reported that camp will begin the week of July 17, 1983. He encouraged churches to promote all that can, go to these camp sessions each year.

A motion carried for each church to give the clerk a list of deceased members that needed to be remembered for their contributions to their church and fellow Christians.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Second Quarterly Session Bethlehem Church - January 15, 1983**

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. The morning devotion was presented by Mrs. Gene Kersey. A cordial welcome to Bethlehem Church was extended by Rev. Jim Lugo with response by John Brown.

The moderator of the conference, Rev. Chester Pelt, was presented by the clerk. Rev. Pelt called the session to order. Letters read by Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Wylene McDowell.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. D.W. Poole, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Jim Lugo and Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Michel Aykers, Rev. Melvin Moody, and Rev. W.F. McDuffie.

### **Deacons Present:**

Marlin Brown, Wayne Carr, David Still, John Brown, Charlie Burch, and Dean Morris.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. R.R. Rice, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Duane Davis, and Lester Duke.

The moderator announced that the ordaining council would meet during the noon lunch hour.

The clerk announced that Rev. and Mrs. Baker and family would visit the Conference churches June 4th and 5th. The finance committee was given the authority to plan their visit and announce it at the next conference.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

Congregational singing preceded the offertory prayer. Rev. Jim Lugo introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Reedy Saverance, his message was taken from Joshua chapter I beginning with verse 1.

### **Afternoon Business Session**

The session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. Mrs. Fred Johnson gave the afternoon devotion.

A delegate from Live Oak Church reported that their Pastor Rev. Marvin McDaniel had recently passed away. The Church recommended that he be accepted in to the Paul Palmer Conference. The Ordaining Council recommended to the Conference that Rev. McDaniel be accepted for membership and unanimously approved by the Conference.

Live Oak Church recommended that their new Pastor, Rev. Melvin Moody be accepted into the Conference. The Ordaining Council recommended that he be accepted and was so approved by all delegates.

Zion Church recommended that Rev. Mickel Aykers, a Chaplain in the Army Reserve be accepted for membership. The Ordaining Council recommended that he be accepted and he was approved for membership.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator

Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Third Quarterly Session**

### **Live Oak Church - April 16, 1983**

This session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr. "The acid test for Christian" was the title given to the morning devotional by Rev. Melvin Moody, his scripture was taken from the Eighth Chapter of Romans and verse 9.

Charlie Burch, extended a cordial welcome to all and David Still offered the response. Dean Morris presented the moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt. Reading of the letters was by Mrs. Jim Manion and Mrs. Chester Pelt.

#### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Melvin Moody, and Rev. Paul Irvin.

#### **Deacons Present:**

Cheshire DeBarry, L.W. Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, and Dean Morris.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. Pete Aycock, Charlie Burch, and James Weaver.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Margaret English, chm., Mrs. Janet Cleveland, Mrs. Celice Burch, Mrs. Carolyn Rice, and Mrs. J.O. Fort.

The Moderator asked the Finance Committee to plan Rev. Baker and family, and Rev. Harold Jones' itinerary June 4th and 5th for each church.

#### **Worship Hour**

The worship hour opened with congregational singing. Mrs. Debra Barton presented the conference with a song which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Melvin Moody introduced Rev. Talmadge Worsley as the morning speaker. His scripture was taken from II Timothy chapter 4, verses 4 and 5.



### **Afternoon Business Session**

Rev. Chester Pelt began the session by leading the congregation in song, after which he gave the afternoon devotion.

The finance committee recommended the time Rev. Baker and Rev. Harold Jones would visit each church.

**The Nominating Committee** recommended the officers and meeting places:

Moderator - Rev. Chester Pelt, Asst. Moderator - Charlie Burch, Clerk - Mrs. Jim Manion, Asst. Clerk - Henrietta Ready, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director - David Still, Youth Chairman - Wylene McDowell, Song Director - Wayne Carr.

Recommended meeting places for the coming year are as follows: October 1983 - Zion, January 1984 - Jakin, April 1984 - Bethlehem, July 1984 - Live Oak.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator

Dean Morris, Clerk

## **Minutes Of The Twentieth Annual Session White Pond - July 16, 1983**

The annual session began with congregational singing led by Wayne Carr, Mrs. John Brown accompanied with the piano. Mrs. Jim Manion gave the morning devotion entitled "Individual Devotion" taken from Psalms 5 verses 1-3.

L.W. Cleveland extended a cordial welcome to all and Cheshire DeBarry offered the response. Dean Morris presented the moderator, Rev. Chester Pelt. Reading of the letters was by Mrs. Jim Manion and Mrs. John Brown.

### **Ministers Present:**

Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Chester Pelt, Rev. Melvin Moody, and Rev. Paul Irvin.

### **Visiting Ministers:**

Rev. Harold Jones, Rev. Charles Crisp and Rev. C.B. Dowdney.

### **Deacons Present:**

Cheshire DeBarry, L.W. Cleveland, Charlie Burch, Wayne Carr, David Still, Dean Morris, John Brown, Joe McDowell, and Cyril English.

### **Finance Committee:**

Wayne Carr, chm., Mrs. Pete Aycock, Duane Davis, Randall McDowell, and Charlie Burch.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Mrs. Margaret English, chm., L.W. Cleveland, Lester Duke, Mrs. R.R. Rice, and Mrs. John Brown.

### **Morning Worship Hour**

The worship service began with congregational singing. Rev. Paul Irvin introduced Rev. C.B. Dowdney who sang the morning sepcial. He also presented a sermon entitled "The little things done might become a major thing", the scripture was taken from Provers, chapter 30, verse 24.

### Afternoon Business Session

Joe McDowell began the session by leading the congregation in song, after which Wylene McDowell gave the afternoon devotion. Rev. Charles Crips reported on the Home Mission Board from North Carolina.

The Nominating Committee recommended officers for the year and meeting places:

Moderator - Rev. Chester Pelt, Asst. Moderator - Charlie Burch, Clerk - Mrs. Jim Manion, Asst. Clerk - Henrietta Ready, Treasurer - Wayne Carr, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Wayne Carr, Camp Director - David Still, Youth Chairman - Wylene McDowell, Song Director - Wayne Carr.

Recommended meeting places: October 1983 - Zion, January 1984 - Jakin, April 1984 - Bethlehem, July 1984 - Live Oak.

A special service was held after the business session to ordain LaDon McDowell. Rev. Chester Pelt gave the Charge to LaDon and his wife Wylene McDowell. Rev. Melvin Moody presented LaDon with a Bible.

Prayer preceded the Laying On Of Hands with LaDon and his family. LaDon was then presented a Certificate.

A special prayer was offered for Stephen (Burk) Burkett Raper who was reported as seriously ill, and for the success of the Youth Camp.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator  
Dean Morris, Clerk

## Ordaining Council

The ordaining council, made up of minister members of the conference, shall interview the candidate. See note A. And upon satisfaction, recommend appropriate action. When the recommendation is to ordain, the church sponsoring ordination shall order the service, (See note B). The Ordination Service shall be at a time that Magnifies the Office and allows for maximum church attendance.

When the recommendation is not to ordain, the council shall notify the candidate in writing with its recommendations for further action.

These are suggestions for the local churches, being the local churches responsibility to ordain their deacons or call on the conference for assistance. Conference responsibility to ordain ministers.

### Note A

Concerns of Ordaining Council.

Christian Testimony (Describe)

Call to Ministry (Describe)

Evidence of Gifts (Ministry Gifts)

Demonstrate Doctrinal Views.

"All Scripture ..."

- Scripture - Inspiration to miracles.
- Jesus - birth, substitution death, bodily resurrection
- God
- Holy Spirit - presence, work, fruit
- Ordances (means of grace)

#### Minister

Service of Ordination

Call to Worship (Ps. 29:1,2; 66:1-4; 95:1-6)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Explanation of the Ministry Office

- Variety of Gifts To Equipt the Saints.

(Eph. 3:7-9, 4:11-13)

- Church Minister the Shepherd (John 10:9-16)

- Church Minister, Serving God Willingly

(I Peter 5:1-3)

- The Minister and the Church (II Tim. 4:1-2)

- The Church and the Minister

(I Peter 5:5, I Thes. 5:12-13)

Special Music

The Address to the Candidate (see note)

The Ordination Prayer

The Laying on of Hands

The Presentation of the Bible (II Tim. 3:16)

Hymn of Service

A Benediction

The Right Hand of Fellowship

Fellowship and Reception

#### Note B

Service of Ordination (Deacons)

Call to Worship (Ps. 29:1,2; 66:1-4; 95:1-6)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

\*Explanation of Office of Deacon

- The pattern of the Seven (Acts 6:3-8)

- Qualifications (I Tim. 3:8-13)

- The Deacon and the Church

- The Church and the Deacon

Special Music

The Ordination Prayer

The Laying on of Hands

Present Bible

Hymn of Dedication



Benediction

The hand of church fellowship

Fellowship and Exchange (Reception)

The time should be one that magnifies the office and allows for maximum church attendance.

The selection and examination have taken place. Men have prayerfully consented to serve.

This is a beautiful, dignified service of recognition of fitness and approval of selection. It is an expression of love and support.

#### Address To The Candidate(s) (Suggestions)

Note: You have heard of one great dignity and responsibility unto which you are called. And again, we exhort you, in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you are to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of one Lord; to proclaim one Word; to teach and disciple; to feed and provide for the Lord's family.

The church unto whom you are to minister and whom you must serve, are the sheep of Christ, for whom he died; it is his bride, his body. You must not cease from your labor, care and effort, until you have done all that you can, to bring all such as shall be committed to your charge to perfectness in Christ.

And so that this body assembled here may understand also your purpose in these things, and so that your promise shall move you even more to be faithful in your duties, you shall answer clearly and plainly to these things while we shall ask you in the name of God and His church.

1. Do you believe in your heart that you have been called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ to this office?

Answer: I so believe.

2. Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all truth required for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people in your care that they may enter into eternal life?

Answer: I am so persuaded and determined by God's grace.

3. Will you faithfully minister the doctrine of Christ, the Ordinances, the Discipline of the Church, and Defend the Church against all doctrine contrary to the Word of God?

Answer: I will by the help of The Lord.

4. Will you persist in prayer, reading of the Holy Scripture and in such study as help to the knowledge of God and his kingdom?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord.

5. Will you give all your effort to shape and live your life, and that of your family, according to the teaching of Christ?

Answer: I will be the help of the Lord.

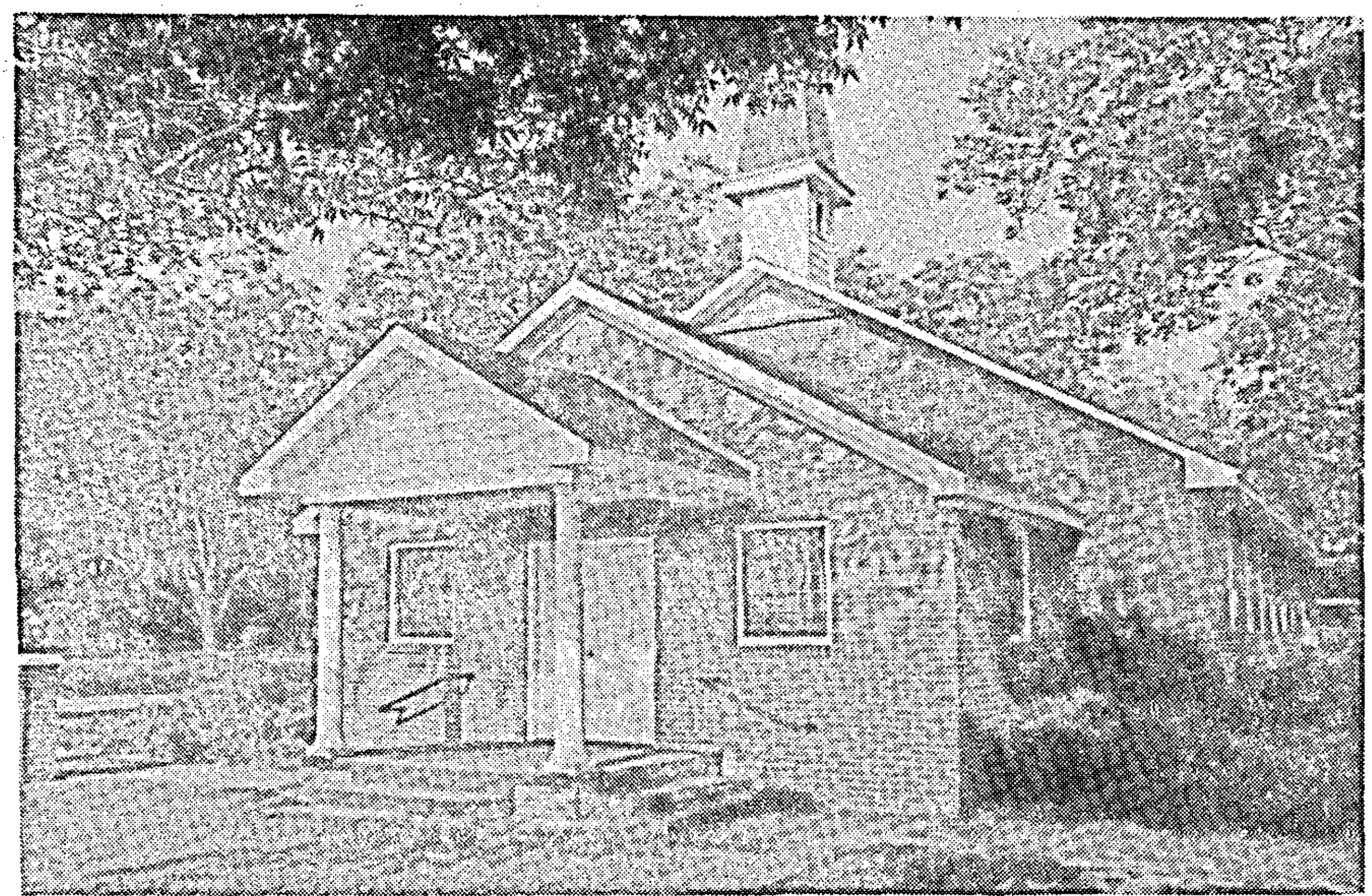
6. Will you maintain and strive for, as much as you possible can, the Unity of



the Spirit and the bond peace and love among all Christian people and expecially among those that are committed to your care?

Answer: I will by the help of the Lord.

## History Of Churches



### History Of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church

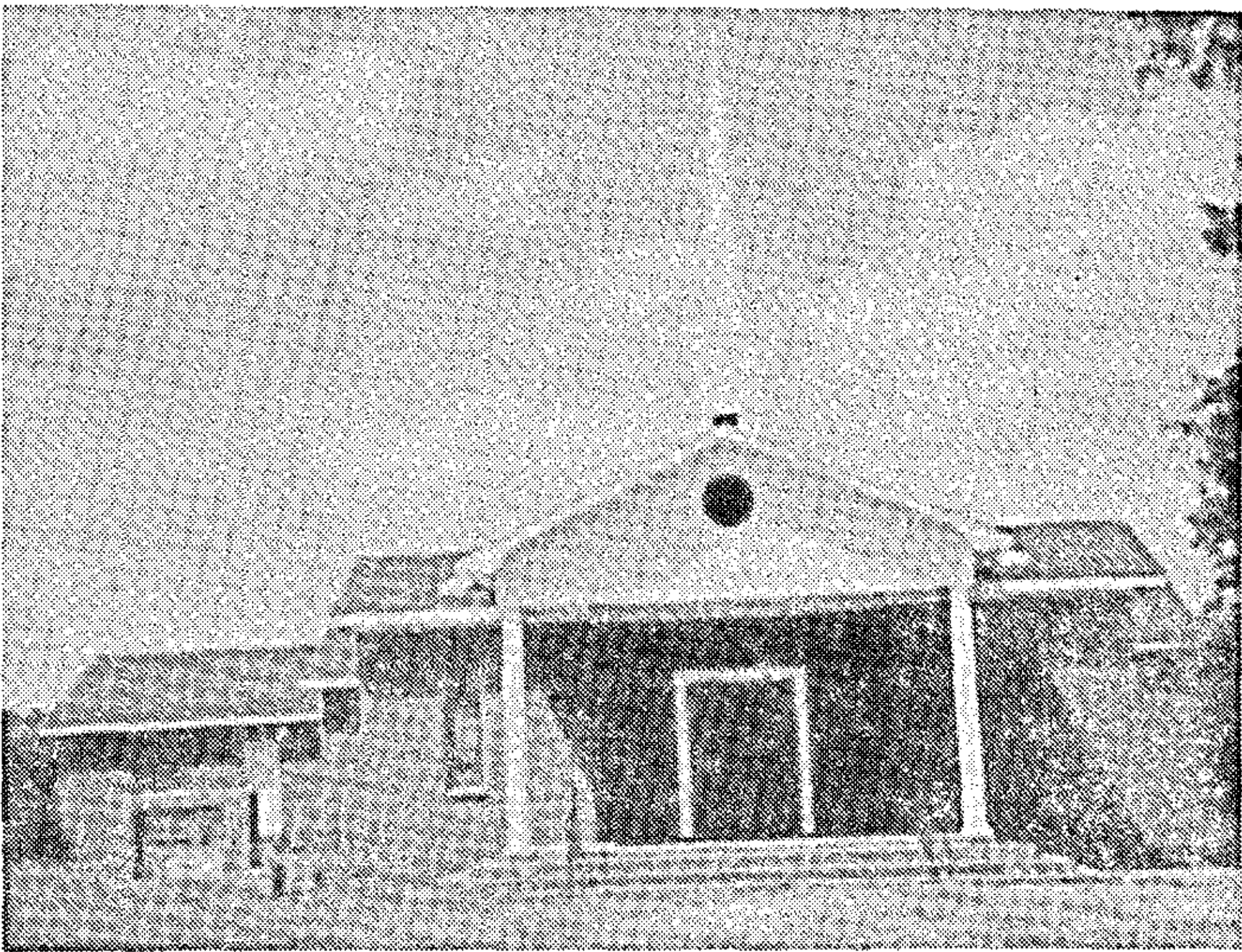
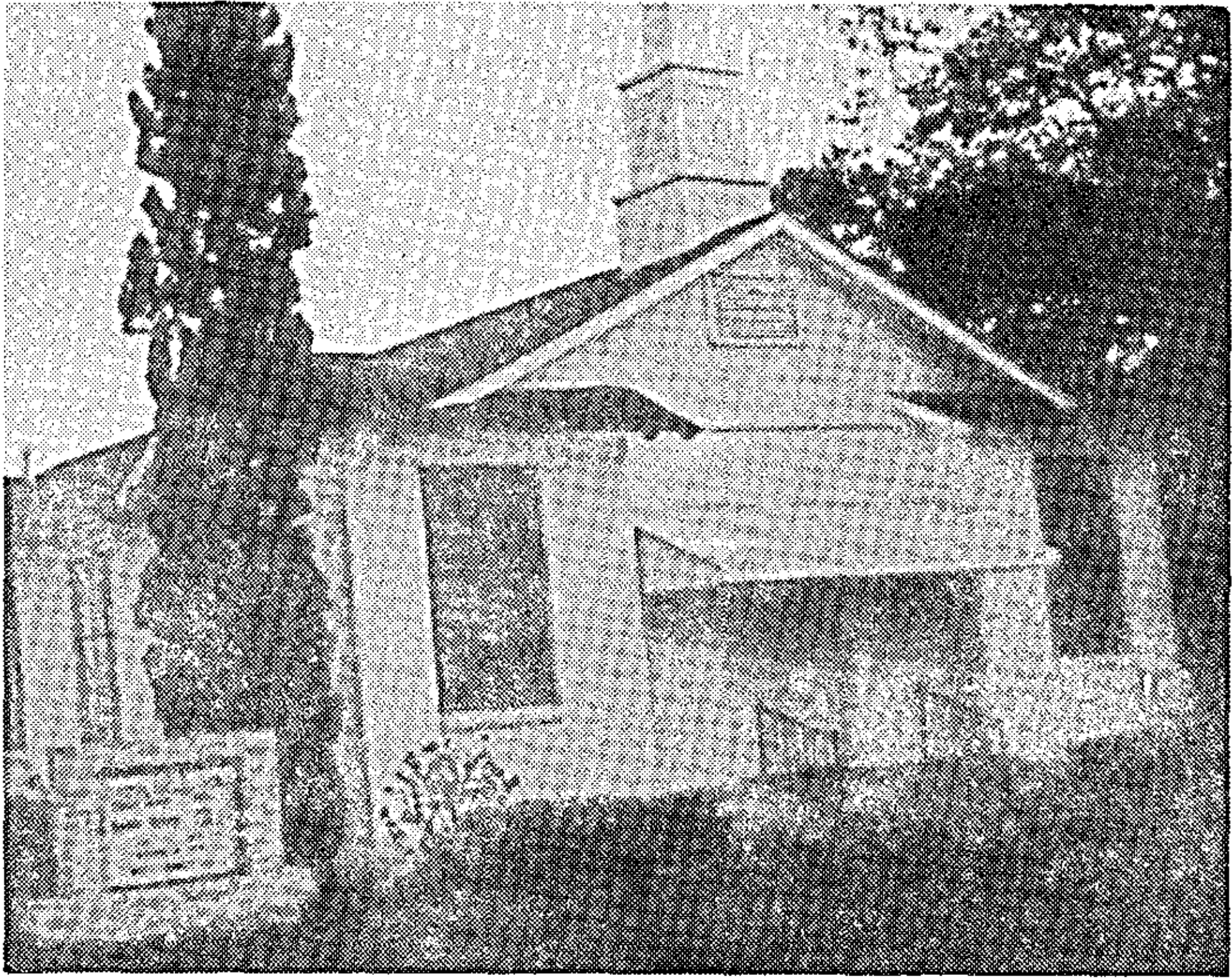
Bethlehem Church was established in 1814 with a church building made from round logs. All the work was done by land owners and slaves of the community. The round log building became inadequate, being replaced by a split log building on the same church site. This served the church until during the Civil War, a frame building was erected on the same plot of saved ground.

In 1957, the church entered a building program seeing the need of a larger church with Sunday School rooms. In 1960, our present church building was completed.

More precious than the buiding, we are grateful that through the years, this church continues to be a shelter from the storms of life to the Bethlehem and surrounding communities.

During this period of time, many dedicated servants have served the church. We would like to mention only three of these Shepherds, Rev. Charlie Martin, Rev. W.T. Wiley, serving for 50 years, to be succeeded by Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, who then served for 26 years.





## **History Of Jakin Freewill Baptist Church**

In the early 1800's a church called Open Pond Freewill Baptist Church came into being. This building was a frame clapboard structure situated beside a shallow pond which had none of the usual native shrubs around its edges. The location determined the name of the Church.

Records of the early history of the Church were destroyed by fire but verbal reports tell of this church's existence long before 1850.

After the civil war the church moved near the site of Open Pond Cemetery (Oldest headstone dated 1820). This church was a brush arbor. The best they could



do at the time. In 1867 a log church was built. Sometime later a frame building was erected.

Open Pond Church accepted negro slaves as members.

By 1880 a Sunday School was established. In the same year the church building had begun to be used for a day school.

Following the schooling, in 1890 the church decided to move to a more central and convenient place. This move was to the present location about one and one-half miles east of Jakin, Georgia. This building was erected at Midway Crossroads. Thus it was called Midway Church.

In 1898 the church became a charter member of the Midway Association of Freewill Baptist. In 1962 it became a member of the Paul Palmer Conference of Original Freewill Baptist.

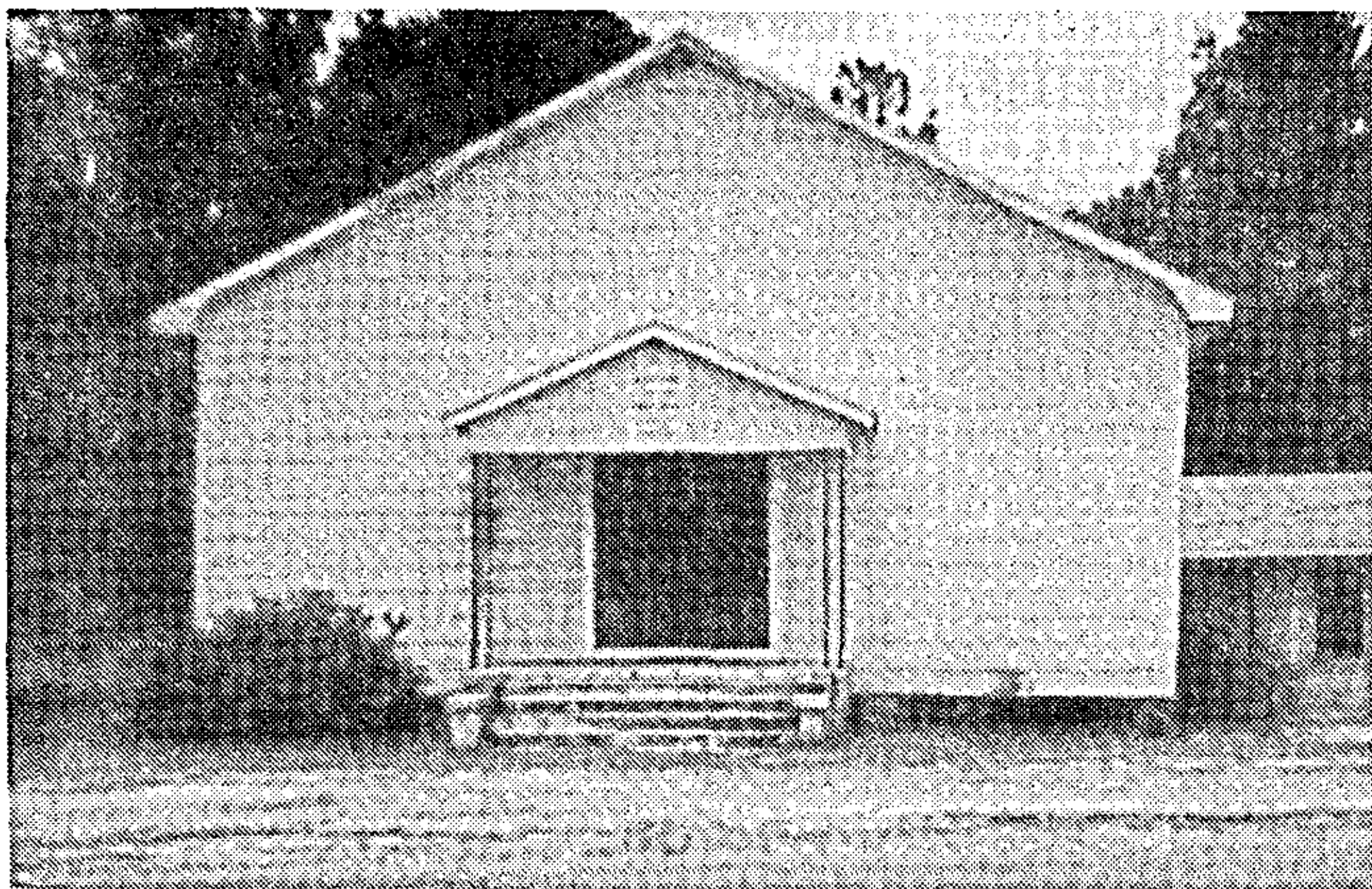
In 1952 a cement block building was erected. It consists of a Sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, choir area, baptismal space, central heating and cooling and adequate space for parking. In this same year the name was officially changed to Jakin Freewill Baptist Church.

In 1968 a second church cemetery was established on the east side of the church.

In 1970 a kitchen and fellowship hall were added. Then in 1981 the church completed a project to renovate the church building. The project included brick veneering the outside walls, installing stained glass windows, adding a pillared porch to the front, installing stately front doors and up-grading other areas of the church.

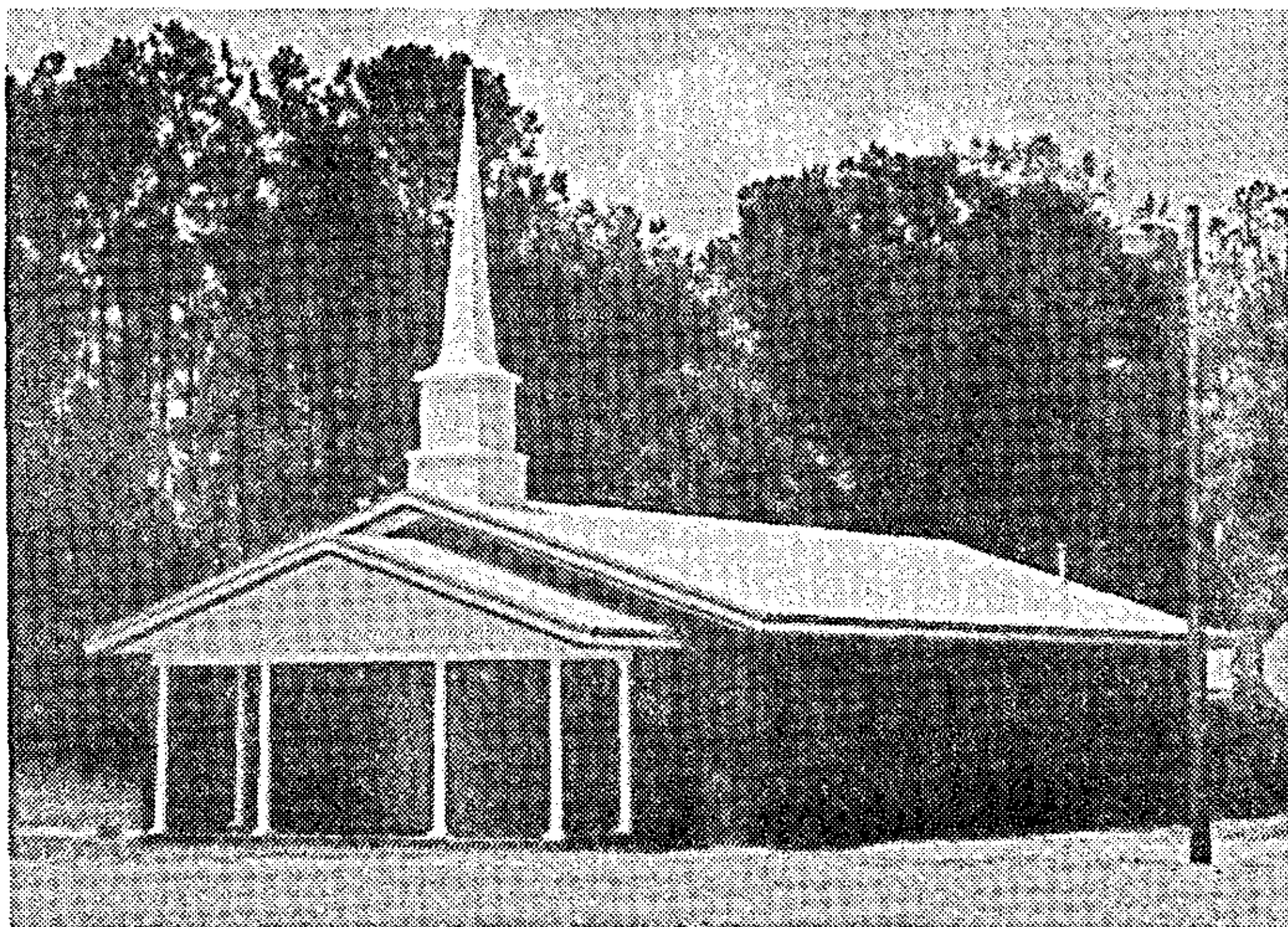
(Pastors List is on page 119.)

## History of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church





## Live Oak History Continued



Prior to the year of 1884, what is now known as the Live Oak Community had no church. The community was very thinly populated, and the mode of travel consisted of wagons, ox carts, and a few buggies. Several families living in the community got together and after some discussion decided that the community needed a Sunday School. A time was agreed upon and the first Sunday School in the community was organized. It met in a little log house which also served as a school, and which was located close to where the present church building sits.

A short time later a decision was made that there was also a need for a church as well as for a Sunday School. This decision resulted in a committee being appointed and given authority to extend an invitation to the Reverend Warren A. McDonald to meet with the members of the community to give counsel and advice in planning for and constituting a new church. Mr. E.L. Hudson donated two acres of land on which to build the new church, and in the Spring of 1884 work was begun on the actual construction. Mr. Mood Richardson was awarded the contract for building, although much of the labor was done by the men of the community. The first building was completed in time to hold their first revival service which began on the third Sunday in July 1884. A dedication service was held on that day, and the church was given the name of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church. Reverend Preston McDonald preached the dedicatory sermon.

The thirteen charter members included: Mrs. Martha Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J.D.H. Sanders, Mr. N.H. Sanders, Mrs. Sarah Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hudson, Mr. F.C. Williford, Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Sanders. A call was extended to Reverend W.A. McDonald who served as pastor of this new congregation for several years. A complete listing of the pastors who have served this church through the years will be found at the end of this brief history.

## Live Oak History Continued

In 1908, the members recognized the need for a larger church - the recognition of such need materializing in the erection of a second building, a two-story building with the second floor to be used by the Woodmen of the World as the place for their regular monthly meetings. Considerable improvements were made on this building in 1955 including hardwood floors, gas heat, and new pews. The church had been wired for electricity when it was made available to the church by R.E.A. in 1940.

In 1933, Mr. T.J. Riley was elected clerk, and Mr. Henderson Burch, assistant clerk. Mrs. Elva Hagains served as assistant clerk during 1934. One of the great revivals experienced by the church came in July of 1934 when twenty-four new members were added to the church membership.

The Ladies Aid was organized on June 26, 1937, with twelve members. Of particular interest is a notation in the December 1937 Church Minutes which stated: "It shall be remembered that we had services at Live Oak on Christmas Day..."

The church began having Sunday School on every Sunday, including each fifth Sunday, beginning in March 1940. Prior to getting electricity in the church, aladdin lamps were used for lighting. Mrs. Myrtle Sanders resigned as church treasurer in 1942, and was succeeded by Mrs. William Tennile. Upon Mrs. Tennile's resignation in February 1945, Mrs. Kitty Tyson was elected.

Mr. Earl Jordan and Mr. Smily Johnson were elected and ordained as deacons in 1949, the ordination taking place on August 21st. Other deacons who were serving at this time were: Mr. Edd Sanders, and Mr. John Etheredge.

In March of 1955, the church elected a committee composed of the following members to secure plans for Sunday School rooms, redo floors, install gas heat, and secure new pews: J.M. Etheredge, Robert Hamil, C.V. Phillips, Charlie Burch, Grady Etheredge, Sr. The committee for new pews were: J.M. Etheredge, C.B. Kirksey, Charlie Burch, Mrs. W.H. Tennile, and Mrs. Kitty Tyson. The deacons were requested to investigate the possibility of adding a stoop to the front of the church and Mr. Grady Etheredge, Sr., Mr. Charlie Burch and Mr. Clarence Phillips were appointed and authorized to place two outdoor toilets on the church property. Mr. D.M. Phillips, Mrs. Kitty Tyson, Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Mrs. Kitty Sanders, and Mrs. Vera Etheredge were appointed to serve as a social committee for the church. A table committee was also appointed including the following members: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Roy Duke, and Mrs. W.H. Tennile.

In 1956 a "Lord's Acre Committee" was appointed. This committee made up of the following members, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mr. Grady Etheredge, Sr., and Mr. Albert Ellenwood, were to contact each member and encourage them to plant one acre of land for the Lord giving the proceeds to the church.

Mr. Albert Ellenwood and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry were nominated in April 1957 to serve as deacons. Mr. Ellenwood was ordained the first Sunday in August, but Mr. DeBarry asked the church for more time to pray about his decision to serve. He was ordained the first Sunday in April 1958.

In September of 1959, a contract was awarded to Mr. Leslie "Bo" Etheredge to



## Live Oak History Continued

place white asbestos shingles on the outside walls of the church. Later in the year, heaters were placed in all the Sunday School rooms, and an additional twenty-five chairs were purchased for these rooms. A recommendation was made to license Grade Etheredge, Jr. as a Minister of the Gospel on October 14, 1959. In July of 1960, the Quarterly Meeting of the Association was requested to ordain Mr. Grady Etheredge, Jr., and also Mr. Gilbert Oldstring as Ministers.

The Reverend B.W. Clenney was elected as pastor on August 21, 1960. He passed away in December the same and was succeeded by Reverend Eugene Irvin.

The church voted in 1965 to grant the State Highway Department authority to build a State Roadside Park on property that belongs to the church. Located right next to the church, it has added more comfort and enjoyment for activities held under the big oak trees which provides abundant shade for church dinners. This project was completed in the Spring of 1966. The church added a church bulletin board inside the church during 1965.

New pulpit furniture was given to the church by the J.M. Etheredge family in 1966 in memory of Deacon John M. Etheredge who passed away in 1965. During the course of the same year, a communion table and chairs were given by the Jarvis family in memory of a faithful and dedicated member, Mrs. Stella Jarvis. A new piano and chairs to match the pulpit were also purchased during the year.

Under the leadership of Reverend Wayne King, the church undertook a major project of building a new fellowship hall. Serving on this committee were: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Phillips, Mrs. Charlie Burch, and Mrs. Roy Duke. The Building Committee were: Mr. C.V. Phillips, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mrs. Bonville Jordan, Mr. Earl Jordan. This building is located directly behind the main church building, and was completed in 1968. A dedication service was held on the fourth Sunday in July 1968.

Full-time services were begun in July of 1972. Reverend D.W. Poole was pastor.

In January of 1976, the church met with a representative of Smithwick Construction Company to discuss plans for a new church building. Plans were finalized in February, and the following committees appointed: Finance Committee: Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Coplin Jarvin, Mr. Jimmy Barnett, Mr. E.C. Jordan. Building Committee: Mr. Robert Hamil, Mr. Cheshire DeBarry, Mr. Charlie Burch, Mr. T.E. Moye, and Mrs. Jerome Phillips. Interior Committee: Mrs. J.W. Gaines, Mrs. Charlie Burch, Mrs. Jimmy Barnett, and Mrs. Bill Etheredge.

The following men were nominated to serve as deacons in June of 1976: Mr. Jimmy Barnett, Mr. Robert Hamil, Mr. Jarrell Burch, and Mr. Larry DeBarry. Mr. Barnette and Mr. Hamil were ordained the last of June. Mr. Burch was ordained on February 13, 1983, and Mr. DeBarry requested additional time to think about being a deacon.

Dedication services were held for the new church building on July 16, 1977.

An attractive church sign was placed in front of the church during 1980 at a cost of \$266.00.

## Live Oak History Continued

Reverend Marvin McDaniel was called as pastor in July 1982. He passed away on Thanksgiving Day of the same year. Reverend McDaniel had also served this church as pastor in a prior year. Mr. Jarrell Burch was placed on the Ordaining Council of the Paul Palmer Association.

In January of 1983, Mr. Charlie Burch was elected as Chairman of Deacons. The deacons of the church were authorized to locate and establish some type of living quarters for the pastor on the church field. In July of 1983, a new mobile home was purchased and placed on the church property to be used by the pastor and family of their "on the field" residence.

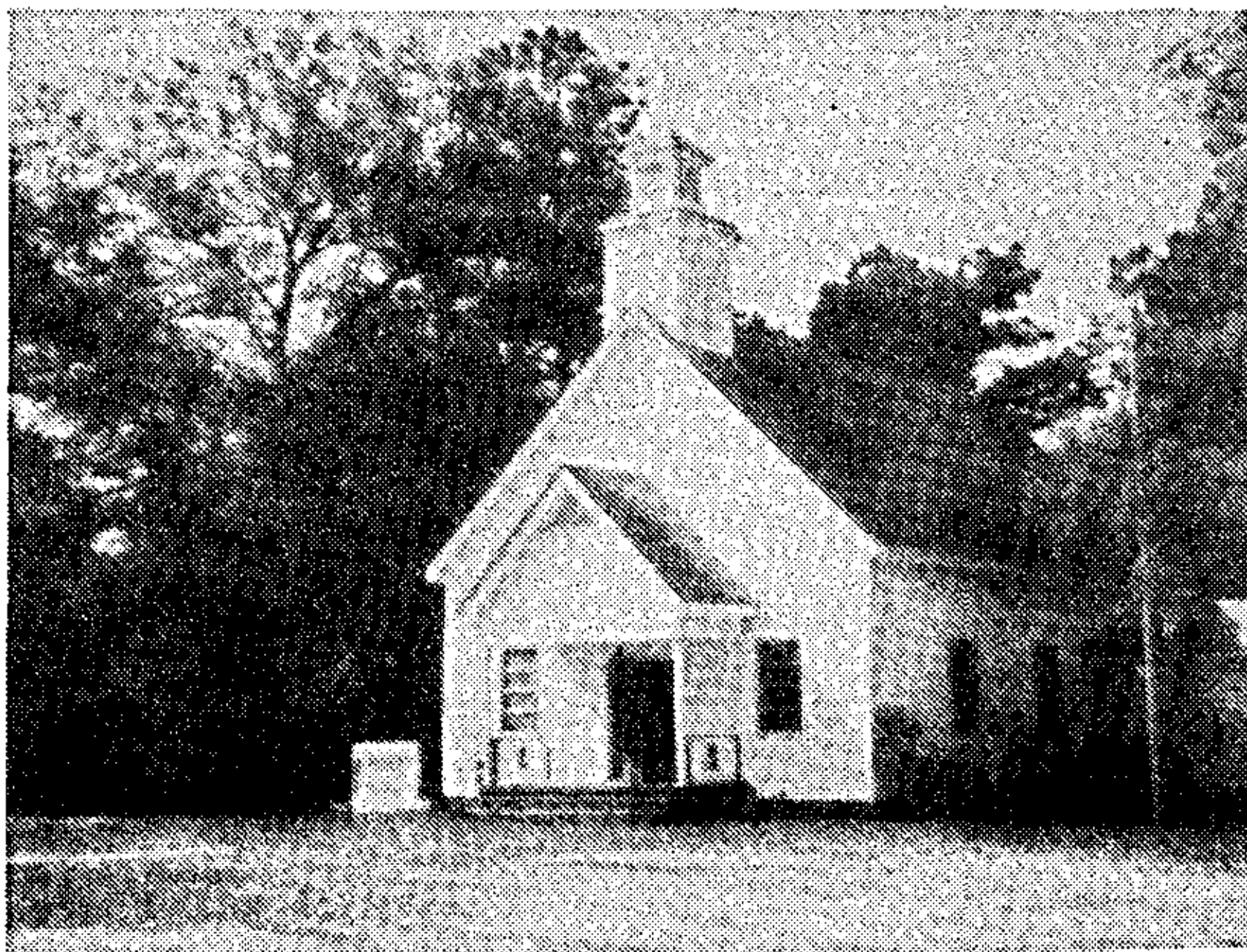
The church honored Mr. Charlie Burch, and Mr. Cheshire DeBarry for faithful service as Clerk and Treasurer by giving them appropriate plaques. Mr. Burch had served from 1961-1983; Mr. DeBarry from 1962-1983. Reverend Poole was presented a plaque in recognition of his faithful ministry as pastor of Live Oak Church on his 49th year in the ministry.

We look forward to the continued history Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church makes in the years ahead even till Jesus comes again. Amen, and Amen!

### Pastors of Live Oak Free Will Baptist Church

(Not necessarily listed in the order they served the church.) W.A. McDonald, Rev. Embry, Tom Wiley, Sam Ealey, W.T. Wiley, M.A. Woodard, J.G. Harris, J.M. Harris, J.M. Emanuel, T.B. Mellett, Melvin Moody, H.L. Catrett, B.W. Clenney, Paul Irvin, Eugene Irvin, Grady Etheredge, Jr., Wayne King, D.W. Poole, Danny Ryals, and Marvin McDaniel

## The History Of White Pond Freewill Baptist Church





## **White Pond History Continued**

White Pond Church was founded in the year of 1872 by Jacob Lewis. The first church was built of unpeeled logs, no windows and dirt floor.

The first preacher was Circuit rider by the name of Charlie Martin, and he rode horse back.

The church now standing was built in the year 1884. Material was hauled by oxens and carts. The land on which the church now stands was given by Amanda Leyton Lewis, wife of Jim Lewis.

Pastors Beginning 1911. These are all I have. M.A. Woodard, Coot Houston, Sam Sly, C.C. White, J.M. Emanuel, Henry Melvin, Rufus Hyman, T.b. Mellette, J.N. Barnes, G.T. Shutes, W.F. McDuffie, Luther Norris, Coy Watson, Chester Pelt, Paul Irvin, Harris Harvey.

Deacons - Jake Lewis, (was the first), Willie Wiley, C.c. Willis, W.C. Hunt, W.F. Rogers, Earl Willis, Lewis Cleveland, Warren Davis, Mallie Cleveland, Joe McDowell, Ladon McDowell.

## **History Of Zion Free Will Baptist Church**

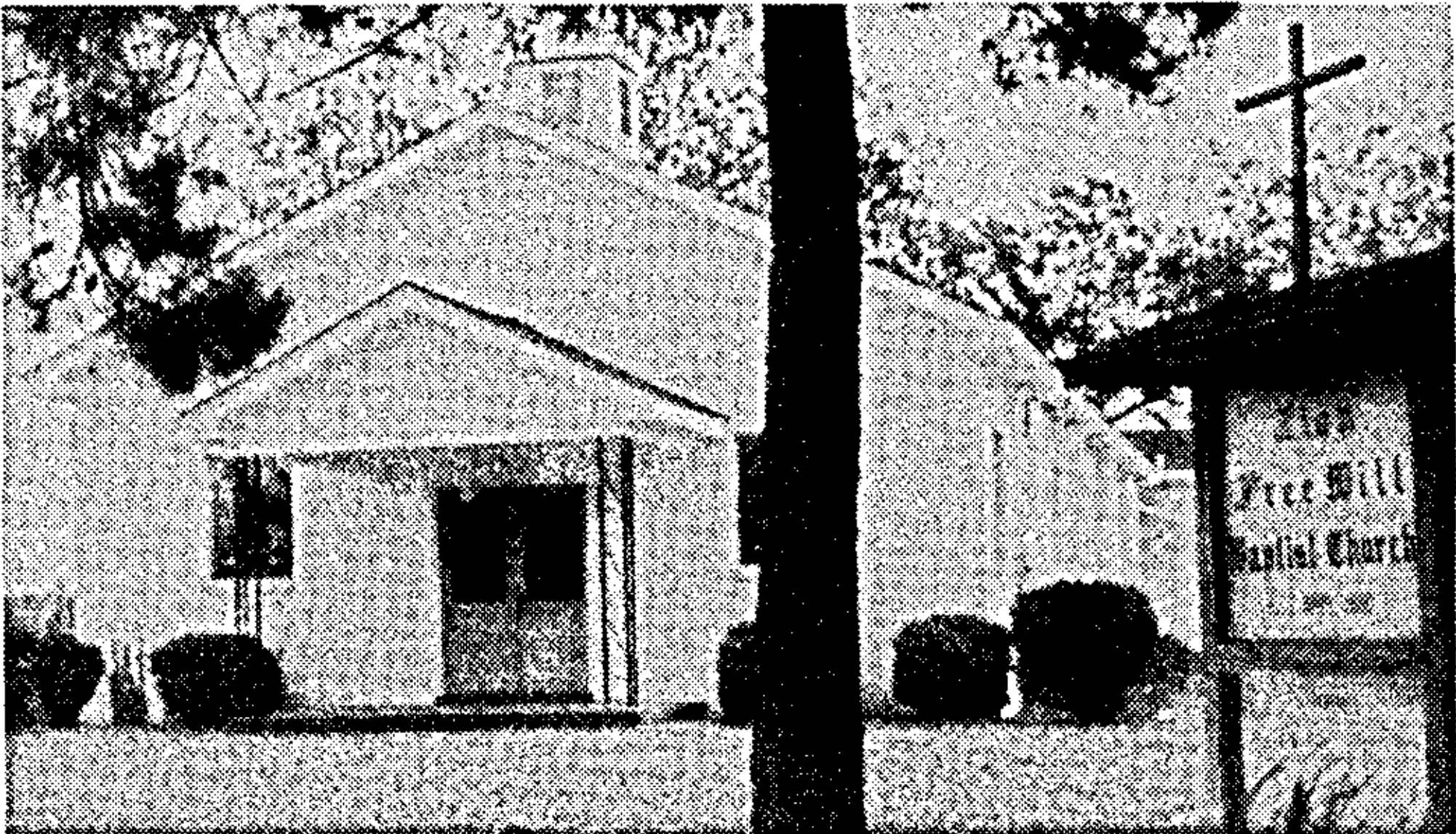
In April 1880, Mt. Hebron (White Plains) extended arm to Zion Church, then belonging to the Missionaries' in the Sowhatchee Community. The constitution of Zion Church was formed during October 1880. Rev. W.B. Lane was Pastor and J. W. Anglin was Clerk. The church presbytery consisted of Rev. W.B. Lane and G.T. Wiley. In March 1881, it was agreed to extend arm back to the School House, the former place of worship. On Saturday before the second Sunday, November 1881, Zion and Mt. Hebron came together and agreed to consolidate with the regular meetings to be held at Zion Church. At a meeting of the Presbytery and after due examination of members present, it was considered that a Church of the United Free Will Baptists be formed. In June 1882, a committee was appointed for the purpose of building a house of worship. Then in March 1883, the committee was dismissed, and the entire membership was appointed on the building committee. In August 1883, Bro. Jordan Walters was received by letter from Zion Missionary Church, and he presented the deeds and land to Zion Church. The church was to retain its name of Zion, and the Free Will Baptists were to put it in good repair and keep it so.

Three pastors died while serving the Church. They are as follows: W.T. Wiley, June 26, 1952; T.B. Mellette, October 31, 1962; and Daniel F. Pelt, June 22, 1975.

The following is the length of service and dates of each of the seventeen different ministers who have served Zion Church. Each minister's call or calls to the Church is listed separately indicating the number of different calls the Church has made throughout its history.



# Zion Church History Continued



1. W.B. Lane and	13 years	1880-1892
2. G.T. Wiley	13 years	1880-1892
3. J.L. Adams	1 year	1893
4. G.T. Wiley	2 years	1894-1895
5. W.A. McDonald	2 years	1896-1897
6. W.T. Wiley	6 months	1898
7. J. Houston	2½ years	1898-1900
8. W.T. Wiley	1 year	1901
9. J. Houston	4 years	1902-1905
10. W.T. Wiley	3 years	1906-1908
11. J. Houston	3 years	1909-1911
12. W.T. Wiley	5 years	1912-1916

## Zion's Pastors Continued

13. S. Ely	2 years	1917-1918
14. W.T. Wiley	2 years	1919-1920
15. S. Ely	4 years	1921-1924
16. J.L. Tedder	1 year	1925
17. J.G. Harris	1 year	1926
18. W.T. Wiley	1 year	1927
19. T.B. Mellette	1 year	1928
20. K.V. Shutes	1 year	1929
21. W.T. Wiley	4 years	1930-1933
22. T.B. Mellette	2 years	1934-1935
23. W.T. Wiley	16½ years	1936-1952
24. J.N. Barnes	1½ years	1952-1953
25. T.B. Mellette	10 years	1953-1962
26. J.B. Lovering	1 year	1963
27. Daniel F. Pelt	12 years	1964-1975
28. W.F. McDuffie	4 months	1975
29. Dwight Hawley	3¼ years	1975-1978
30. Donald Coates	3 years	1978-1981
31. Chester Pelt	2½ years	1981-1984
32. Dan Rivers	2 months	4/84-present

## Church Clerks and Treasurers

J.W. Anglin was elected the first clerk at the time of the organization in 1880. L.C. Weaver was elected as the second clerk in 1885. He was succeeded by J.A. Cannon from 1888 through 1900. H.A. Alston served in 1901 and 1902. J.W. Anglin was elected again in 1903. In 1904, J.A. Cannon was elected to serve again through 1906. I.G. Wiley served in 1907 and C.C. Lane served 1908 through 1912. L.C. Weaver served again from 1913 through 1919. W.E. Chambers was elected from 1920 through 1924. Jimmy Wiley was elected Clerk in 1925 and served until his death in July, 1967. Following his death, Mrs. Bernice Still was elected.

## Deacons

The first records of deacons were A.J. Smith and L.C. Weaver. The following named men are the deacons, both those who were elected and those who were received by letter as deacons.

\*A.J. Smith (Nov. 1881), \*L.C. Weaver (Nov. 1881), \*J.S. Anderson (Feb. 1930), Hollis Still (Feb. 1930 Resigned July 1930), \*H.G. Wiley (Summer 1936), Martin Still (Summer 1936), Gordon Lane (by letter), David Still (Oct. 1962), Hursteen Rollins (Oct. 1962), Ralph Ellis (July 1971), Milton Anderson (July 1971), and Cyril English (July 1971)

\*Deacons who died in office.

One resigned. Others presently serving as deacons of Church.



**Zion Church History Continued**

**Bible School**

One April 5, 1930, the subject of Bible School was introduced, embracing the states of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Members agreed that the School House would be used, rent free. Rev. T.B. Mellette was to be the Teacher and K.V. Shutes, Secretary-Treasurer. Zion Bible School, for lack of space, moved to Dothan, Alabama in 1936. Shortly after this time, the National Association bought property in Nashville, Tennessee for a Bible College. The property in Dothan was sold, and the proceeds were given to the Bible College in Nashville; therefore, the Bible College in Nashville grew out of Zion Bible School. Records of the Bible School were sent to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Since that time efforts have been made, to no avail, to secure a copy of these. This is a historical building in Early County.

Approximately 1868, Sowhatchee Public School settled at the present location and remained until consolidation with Hilton.

**Partial List of Students**

Daniel Pelt, W.F. McDuffie, Lacey Mae Ward, Denny Ward, Scottie Driggers, Chester Pelt, Cooper Fort, Maynard Woodlief, Robert Ward, Perry Buckins, Floyd Cherry, J. B. Lovering, Luther Norris, and John N. Barnes.

**Jakin Pastor List**  
(Continued From Page 11)

Benjamin Tipton	J.G. Harris	1911-1913	Daniel Pelt	1942-1946
Thomas Williams	M.A. Woodard	1913-1917	Ralph Lightsey	1946-1948
J.B. McCullers	Samuel Ely	1917-1918	Chester Pelt	1948-1952
Jordan McCullers	G.W. Cherry	1918-1919	I.J. Blackwelder	1952-1954
Rev. Mathis	M.A. Woodard	1919-1921	J.C. Pelt	1954-1957
Angus M. Stewart	Samuel Ely	1921-1923	S.T. Shutes	1957-1960
J.L. Adams	W.A. McDonald	1923-1925	Chester Pelt	1960-1967
W.A. McDonald	W.H. Emerson	1925-1928	Wayne King	1967-1969
Samuel Ely	Henry Melvin	1928-1929	W.D. Poole	1964-'69 (3 mths)
W.T. Wiley	K.V. Shutes	1929-1934	Joe Fort	1969-1976
E.L. St. Clair	Chester Pelt	1934-1936	Paul Irvin	1976-1978
G.W. Cherry	Daniel Pelt	1936-1937	Talmadge Worsley	1978-1984
M.A. Woodard	Joe Fort	1937-1939		
Samuel Ely	Floyd Cherry	1939-1942		



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**BETHELEHM CHURCH — OCT. 15, 1966**

Prelude was performed by Mrs. Raymond Rice, organist. Congregational singing followed. Everyone was welcomed by the pastor and the devotions given by Mrs. Fred Johnson.

The conference president was in charge of the business session. The program included hymns, prayer, special music, sermon by Rev. James Pelt, hymn, and adjourning for lunch and fellowship.

## Afternoon Session

It began with a prelude by the organist, congregational singing, devotions by Mrs. Gene Kersey, the business session, a hymn, the benediction, and postlude by the organist.

A Conference Wide Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Jakin Church on Thursday night, Oct. 6. A period of study and questions on the manual made a very inspiring and informative program.

The quarterly conference Youth Meeting was held by the White Pond Church, Saturday night, Oct. 8, preceded by a church fellowship supper. It was well attended.

The conference Fellowship Meeting was held at the Jakin Church on Friday night, Oct. 14.

Did you know that there is a Christian job awaiting you in the Paul Palmer Conference? It is a work which only you can do. If you neglect the task, it will go undone, and you will have failed your God, your Church, and yourself.

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		Live Oak .....	Zion .....
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Mrs. T.B. Mellette .	\$30.00	Bethlehem.....	Live Oak .....
Mrs. W.T. Wiley ....	45.00		
Wayne King .....	75.00		Mrs. W.T. Wiley
Mt. Olive .....	68.75		Bethlehem.....
Paul Irvin .....	22.64	Education	General Offering....
	\$241.39	Zion .....	
		Jakin .....	\$107.70
		Bethlehem Mt. Olive	W.T. Wiley, Dan Pelt
			15.00
		98.05	
Received - Total	\$333.79		
Spent	241.39		
	92.40		