

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
PEE DEE CONFERENCE
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held with the Church at
MT. CALVARY, COLUMBUS, CO., N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist church, convened with Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, N. C., on Thursday night, October 13, 1927.

Rev. McKey McPherson was present and preached the introductory sermon. Text: Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Prayer was offered by Bro. Major Ward. There being no other business to come before the body at this time, as the moderator, clerk and treasurer were present. The moderator called off the conference till 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Conference met as per adjournment. The moderator conducted the morning services by reading the 3rd chapter of 2nd Timothy. Prayer was offered by Elder Ransom Fowler.

Order of Business.

1. The moderator then declared the house in order for business. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Elder W. B. Everett was with us from Ayden, N. C. Elder Ransom Fowler was chosen assistant moderator, and Bro. I. L. Russ, reading clerk.

2. The following committees were appointed:

Devotional.—Bros. A. J. Callihan, D. E. Hester, Wm. Hinson.

Finance.—Bros. F. Jones, R. D. Fowler, R. C. Rhodes.

Ministerial Character.—L. G. Hester, C. Graham, W. T. Hinson.

Sabbath Schools.—Bros. Coval Ward, Albert Godwin, David Ward.

Periodicals.—Bros. Daniel Ward, D. E. Hester, J. C. McPherson.

Education.—Bros. Major Ward, Bertie Fowler, A. J. Callihan.

Resolutions.—Bros. W. M. Hinson, I. L. Russ, C. Graham.

3. Petitionary letters called for.

Cedar Branch church petitions to come into the Pee Dee Conference. The deed was read and it was found that it was made safe to the Pee Dee Conference for ever.

Upon motion of Bro. J. C. McPherson, that the church of Cedar Branch be received into the Pee Dee Conference.

Oak Grove Church No. 1, petitions for the next session of the annual session. Beaver Dam also petitions for the next session.

4. Call for church letters and reports.

Oak Grove No. 1.—Represents by letter and funds. We have had the labors of Rev. M. L. Baxley for the past year. We believe the Lord has wonderfully blessed his labors. We have called him for the ensuing year. We have an evergreen Sunday School with an average attendance of about 35. Bro. I. L. Russ is our superintendent. Our church is in normal condition.

Beaverdam.—Represents by letter and delegates, Bros. W. M. Hinson,

and J. C. McPherson. We have had the labor of H. P. M. Todd the past year, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed his labor. We have a good Sunday School with a large attendance.

Cypress Creek.—Represents by letter and delegates. Bros. Daniel Ward and Forney Jones, delegates. We have a good Sunday School with Bro. Daniel Ward superintendent. We have prayer meeting once per week. We have had the labor of Rev. H. C. Adcox for the past year and the Lord has wonderfully blessed his labor. We have called him back for the ensuing year.

Mount Calvary.—Represents by letter and delegates, Bros. A. J. Callihan, and Lawrence Ransome, delegates. We have had the care of Elders E. H. Russ and M. H. Mellette. We have called Elder W. E. Anderson for the ensuing year.

Mount Olive.—Represents by letter and delegate. Bro. J. J. Price, delegate. We have had the labor of Eld. E. H. Russ for the past year and we have called him back for the ensuing year. We have a good Sunday School and prayer meeting.

White Oak.—Represents by letter and delegates. Bros. D. E. and L. G. Hester, delegates. We have had the pastoral care of Eld. M. H. Mellette for the past year, and we feel like the Lord has wonderfully blessed his labor. We have called Elder W. E. Anderson to the care of the church for the ensuing year. We have an evergreen Sunday School with Bro. W. G. Wilson, superintendent. We also have Young People's League and prayer meeting.

Emerson.—Represented by letter and delegates. Bros. W. T. Hinson, Albert Godwin, delegates. We had the labors of Rev. McKey McPherson for the past year. We feel like the Lord has blessed the labors of his servant. We have called Rev. H. P. M. Todd for the ensuing year.

Mount Ariel.—Represents by letter and delegate. Bro. C. Graham, delegate. We have had the care of Rev. S. L. Jordan the first part of the year, and the last part of the year we have had Rev. McKey McPherson. We have called Rev. McKey McPherson for the ensuing year. We have a good Sunday School.

Little Bethel.—Represented by letter and delegates, Bros. R. D. Fowler and Bertie Fowler. We have had the labors of Elder Ransome Fowler, assisted by Rev. Ornet, Rev. S. M. Todd and others. We also have a very good Sunday School. Church is in normal condition.

We, your committee on finance beg leave to report that we find in the Oak Grove No. 2.—Not represented.

Mount Beulah.—Represented by letter and delegates, Bro. R. C. Rhodes, delegate. We have had the pastoral care of Rev. J. T. Prince for the past year and we have called him for the ensuing year.

Cedar Branch.—Represented by letter and delegates. Bro. C. V. Ward, and Major Ward, delegates. We have just organized and started. We have called Rev. McKey McPherson to the pastoral care for the ensuing year.

Conference called off till 2:30 for preaching and dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference reassembled at 2:30. The moderator announced the house

in order for business. Committee at ease for 30 minutes to get ready to report.

The moderator called for report of committees.

The Devotional Committee report as follows:

We, your committee on order of preaching recommend that Elder Ransome Fowler preach today at 12 M., and Rev. R. J. Edwards preach tonight at 7:30; tomorrow at 12 M., Elder W. B. Everett preach; tomorrow night, Eld. E. H. Russ preach at 7:30. On Sunday, Rev. A. M. Norris open and Rev. Luther Inman preach at 11 o'clock.

A. J. CALLIHAN,
D. E. HESTER,
W. M. HINSON,

Committee.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, the report be received and the committee discharged.

Report of the Finance Committee.

We, your committee on finance beg leave to report that we find in the hands of the treasurer \$12.75. Received at this conference \$45.25, making a total of \$58.00 on hand.

F. JONES, Chairman.
R. C. RHODES,
R. D. FOWLER,

Committee.

By motion of W. M. Hinson the above report was received and the committee discharged.

Report of Periodical Committee.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that we should use our own literature that is printed at Ayden, N. C. We also recommend and insist that our members take and read, The Free Will Baptist, our church paper.

J. C. McPHERSON,
DANIEL WARD,
D. E. HESTER,

Committee.

On motion of R. J. Edwards, the report of the committee be received and the committee discharged.

Report of Ministerial Committee.

We, your committee on Ministerial Character, find that the report against Rev. J. W. King is true, concerning his putting away his wife and also of unChristian conduct.

C. GRAHAM,
L. G. HESTER,
W. T. HINSON,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. J. C. McPherson, the report be received and the committee discharged.

Report of Educational Committee.

We, your committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

We adopt the former report that we be careful into whose hands we commit our children for their education. Also that advise with our churches against this Modern Evolution of men from a lower animal. We should insist on an educated ministry so that we may be able to rightly inform the world about Jesus. We also recommend that we give our most loyal and financial support to our F. W. B. College at Ayden, N. C. Also that we avail our children of the opportunity of attending our school.

A. J. CALLIHAN,
BERTIE FOWLER,
MAJOR WARD,

Committee.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, the report of the committee be received and the committee discharged.

Report of Sabbath School Committee.

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

We believe in having an evergreen Sabbath School in every church, and that every pastor should establish a good Sunday School in all his churches, and we should select good Christian people for the teachers, to teach the Bible in its purity, and we believe that the reason that every Sabbath School is no better, is because the teachers are not what they ought to be. We recommend that the very best men and women available for teachers be selected in the churches of the Free Will Baptist.

We urge every school to use the literature of the Free Will Baptist, printed at Ayden, N. C.

C. V. WARD,
DANIEL WARD,
ALBERT GODWIN,

Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. J. Callihan, the report be received and the committee discharged.

New Business.

On motion of Bro. A. J. Callihan, that our delegate to the past State Convention, Rev. R. J. Edwards make report.

Rev. R. J. Edwards reports that the State Convention was very fine, and very instructive in every way. He also informed the body that he paid \$10.00 to the State Convention as a small donation for the Pee Dee Conference.

By motion of Bro. A. J. Callihan, the treasurer of this Pee Dee Conference pay the Rev. R. J. Edwards \$10.00 for the donation paid out.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, that we send one delegate to represent

the Pee Dee Conference in the National Convention, and that we send three cents per member as budget funds for evangelistic work.

On motion of Bro. A. J. Callihan, we stand adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Conference met as per adjournment. The moderator conducted the morning exercises by reading the 31st Psalm. Prayer by Rev. McKey McPherson.

The moderator declared the house in order for business. A welcome was still extended to visiting brethren.

The house being still open for new business, on motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, we send Bro. I. L. Russ to represent the Pee Dee Conference in the National Conference, which convenes in Ayden, N. C., in June 1928.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards we send \$10.00 as a donation to the vention in 1928.

On motion of Bro. W. M. Hinson, we send Elder E. H. Russ to represent the Pee Dee Conference in the State Convention in 1928.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards we send \$10.00 as a donation to the State Convention.

The moderator appoints the Board of presbytery to take charge of the case of Rev. J. W. King. The board are as follows: Elder Ransome Fowler, Rev. McKey McPherson, Bro. W. T. Hinson, Bro. C. Graham, Bro. Daniel Ward.

On motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, that the said board notify Elder J. W. King to meet the board at a certain place to answer the complaint preferred against him.

On motion of Bro. W. M. Hinson, that if as many as three of this board meet with Bro. J. W. King at the time and place set for trial, that they shall have the power to try him and that they report to the next annual conference.

On motion of Elder E. H. Russ that Rev. Luther Inman take the place of Rev. W. B. Everett today as Rev. Everett is absent.

On motion of Bro. W. M. Hinson we have 300 minutes printed and that the clerk draw upon the treasurer for the amount to pay for the minutes.

On motion of Bro. I. L. Russ, we pay the clerk \$10.00 for services rendered.

Upon motion of Bro. R. C. Rhodes that the ordaining council be authorized to ordain Rev. Luther Inman at the expiration of twelve months. Rev. Luther Inman will meet the union No. 2 for the ordination.

Upon motion of Bro. W. M. Hinson that we refer R. J. Edwards to the ordaining Council for his ordination at the expiration of twelve months.

Beaverdam withdraws its petitionary letter, and by standing vote the next session of the Annual Conference will meet at Oak Grove No. 1, in Bladen County, N. C., Thursday night before the third Sunday in October 1928. Rev. A. M. Norris will preach the introductory and Elder Ransome Fowler is his alternate.

Upon motion of Bro. J. P. McPherson, we return thanks to the good peo-

ple of this community for the kindness they have shown this conference while in their midst.

Upon motion of Rev. R. J. Edwards, we stand adjourned till Thursday night before the third Sunday in October 1928, when we meet at Oak Grove No. 1, Bladen County, N. C.

Text preached from Thursday night by Rev. McKey McPherson, Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Friday noon, Elder Ransom Fowler's text: Rev. 6:17. "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

Friday night, Rev. R. J. Edwards' text: James 2:4, "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and hath not works. Can faith save him?"

Saturday noon, Rev. Luther Inman's text: St. John 11:35, "Jesus wept."

Rev. Luther Inman of Mount Ariel was recommended to the ordaining council for his ordination, but it was found that his license had not expired. Rev. Inman was ready to wait till his time was out. The said council will administer his ordination at the time above set and give him his credentials.

Rev. R. J. Edwards of White Oak was recommended to the council, but it was found that his license had not expired, and he was referred back to his church till time in course just as Rev. Inman was.

A charge was sent to the Conference against Elder J. W. King for putting away his wife for unjust cause, and for unChristian conduct.

Elder King was not present and therefore a board of presbytery was appointed to cite him to trial at some time in the near future.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS.

Elder D. A. Hester.—Absent, excused.

Elder D. D. Mercer.—Chadbourn, N. C., absent and excused.

Elder J. W. King.—Dublin, N. C., superannuated.

Elder J. M. Pait.—Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2, absent, excused.

Elder E. H. Russ.—Bladenboro, N. C., Route 3, present, sermons preached 107, funerals 4, travelled 3600 miles, members received 8, baptized 7, money received \$36.00, pastored two churches.

Elder H. P. M. Todd.—Conway, S. C., absent, but reported miles travelled 1246, sermons preached 48, expenses \$13.44, money received \$130.00.

Elder Ransome Fowler.—Tabor, N. C. Did some work.

Elder McKey McPherson.—Clarendon, N. C., Sermons preached 102, funerals 6, miles travelled 915, members reported 14, baptized 10, money received \$64.71, expense \$8.00.

Rev. S. L. Gordon, Conway, S. C. Absent, no report.

Rev. T. T. Prince.—Tabor, N. C. Absent, but he reports, travelled 512 miles, preached 30 sermons, received \$190.00, paid out \$190.00.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan.—Hallsboro, N. C. Absent, at school.

Rev. S. M. Todd.—Clarendon, N. C. Absent, no report.

Licentiates.

Rev. A. M. Norris.—Clarendon, N. C. Present, sermons preached 36, miles travelled 150, money received \$350.00.

Rev. A. L. Duncan.—Little Rock, S. C. Box 111, miles travelled 2544, sermons preached 124, money received \$56.82, travelling expenses \$79.64.

Rev. Luther Inman.—Allen, S. C. Present, sermons preached 30, miles travelled 218, money received \$27.47, expense \$1.37, conversions 5.

Rev. R. J. Edwards.—Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2. Present, sermons preached 39, received 38 members, for baptism 28, travelled 585 miles, money received \$102.80.

Be it Resolved, That the preacher before the committee assigns to preach on Saturday night and Supday, that there be a collection taken by the church on Saturday night and Sunday to help bear the expenses of said preachers in getting home, and that the one that the committee says to preach, stay and preach unless excused by the conference, and they must have a good excuse otherwise than going home with other's friend delegates. Motion of J. C. McPherson. Resolution committee, I. L. Russ, W. M. Hinson, A. J. Callihan.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

D. A. Hester, Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2.

D. D. Mercer, Chadbourne, N. C.

J. W. King, Dublin, N. C.

J. M. Pait, Bladenboro. N. C., Route 2.

E. H. Russ, Bladenboro, N. C., Route 3.

H. P. M. Todd, Conway, S. C.

Ransome Fowler, Tabor, N. C.

McKey McPherson, Clarendon, N. C., Route 1.

J. T. Prince, Tabor, N. C.

S. L. Jordan, Conway, S. C., Route 4.

J. T. Prince, Tabor, N. C.

S. L. Jordan, Conway, S. C., Route 4.

W. L. Jernigan, Ayden, N. C.

S. M. Todd, Clarendon, N. C.

Licentiates.

A. M. Norris, Clarendon, S. C.

A. L. Duncan, Little Rock, S. C., Box 111.

Luther Inman, Allen, S. C.

R. J. Edwards, Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Oak Grove, No. 1, Nelson Pait, Bladenboro, N. C., Route 2.

Beaverdam, Caley McPherson, Clarendon, N. C.

Mount Calvary, A. J. Callihan, Whiteville, N. C., Route 2.

Mount Olive, W. T. Batten, Hallsboro, N. C.

Cypress Creek, G. B. Osborne, Vineland, N. C.

Little Bethel, Ransome Fowler, Tabor, N. C.

White Oak, C. N. Johnson, Bladenboro, N. C.

Mount Ariel, W. M. Norris, Allen, S. C.

Oak Grove, No. 2, H. H. Collins, Conway, S. C., Route 3.

Mount Beulah, E. V. Rhodes, Tabor, N. C.

Cedar Branch, C. V. Ward, Clarendon, N. C., Route 1.

Emerson, C. D. Nobles, Clarendon, N. C.

White Oak church reports for evangelistic work \$11.20, for Young People's League \$50.00, Sabbath School and different purposes, \$100.00.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount in treasury	\$58.00
Paid R. J. Edwards	\$10.00
Paid Clerk	10.00
Paid out later	2.00
Balance on hand	\$36.00

ELD. E. H. RUSS, Mod.

BRO. I. L. RUSS, Treas.

BRO. NELSON PAIT, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Paid Pastor	Mission Fund	Minute Fund	Died	Received	Dismissed	Baptized	Males	Females	No. of Members
Oak Grove No. 1.	\$ 73.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	---	3	1	3	37	47	84
Beaverdam	---	---	6.00	2	6	24	4	55	223	278
Mt. Calvary	---	---	2.00	1	---	---	---	14	18	32
Mt. Olive	---	---	7.00	1	3	---	3	15	16	31
Cypress Creek	66.22	---	4.00	---	11	1	4	25	45	70
Little Bethel	---	64.30	2.00	1	4	---	3	16	36	52
White Oak	192.50	35.00	5.00	1	8	1	8	47	90	137
Emerson	---	---	2.00	2	1	1	---	25	30	55
Mt. Ariel	---	---	2.00	---	9	---	---	18	32	50
Oak Grove No. 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Beulah	100.05	9.40	3.25	---	---	---	---	5	3	8
Cedar Branch	143.36	4.25	2.00	---	---	---	---	1	6	13

