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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty Fifth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Original Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the Church at Beavor Dam in Columbus County, N. C. on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in October 1934.

Rev. A. L. Duncan being present, preached the Introductory sermon. Opening with hymn no. 120, words "The Judgement Day." Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Russ. Text used was Matt. 27-25. Words of the text were, "Then answered all the people and said, his blood be on us and on our children."

There being no further business to come before the body for the night, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, until Friday morning 9:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Opening song no 31 was used. Prayer was offered by Rev. Edgar Fowler.

The Moderator read for the morning lesson Matthew 5th., chapter. The house was therefore declared in order for business.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, among those present were Rev. M. L. Baxley, Bro. Jesse Lee, Bro. Ed. Bryant and Bro. Lester Baxley from the Rockfish Conference. Rev. Solomon Duff from the Eastern Conference, also Rev. A. L. Williams from Eastern South Carolina Conference.

The various Committees were appointed by the moderator as follows; Devotional Committee:—Bros. Charlie Simons, W. H. Ward and John Fowler.

Finance Committee:—Bros. Emery Ward, R. E. Johnson and Keith Hester

Ministerial Character:—Bro C. V. Ward, C. R. Edwards, H. S. Bass, W. C. Fowler, E. Hayes Pait and G. B. Osbourne

Sabbath School Committee:—Bros. O. S. Grimsley, E. V. Rhodes and Grover Garrell.

Periodical Committee:—Rev. J. T. Prince, Bros. W. H. Johnson and Pink McPherson.

Education Committee:—Revs. M. L. Baxley, A. L. Williams, Edgar Fowler, Solomon Duff and H. P. M. Todd.

Obituary Committee:—Revs. H. C. Adcox, J. H. Cannon, O. M. Hillburn, A. L. Duncan and Bro. D. E. Hester.

Petitionary letters were called for. Cedar Branch presented a letter asking for the next session of the Pee Dee Conference.

On motion of Rev. Luther Inman that this conference use Bro. Ervin Batten as delegate from Mt. Olive Church in the absence of the appointed Bro. James Osbourne.

Church enrollment.

Church Reports are as follows:

Beavor Dam Church reports in normal condition and sends as delegates

Bros. N. P. McPherson, Charlie Simons, J. A. Cartrett, Grover Garrell and E. A. McPherson. We send for minute fund \$6.71. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year, and whose labors we feel like the Lord has wonderfully blessed. We have called him back for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sabbath School. We are asking an interest in all of your prayers

Oak Grove Church No 1 reports church has been under pastoral care of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year, and we have called him back for the ensuing year 1935. We send as delegates Bros. J. E. Batten, Nelson Pait, Hayes Pait, W. H. Hester and Marvin E. Hester. We send for minute funds \$5 00.

Mt. Calvary Church reports church in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Griffin for the past year and we have called Rev. E. H. Russ for the ensuing year 1935. We send as minute funds \$2.00. We have a good Sunday School and mid week prayer meeting. The church represented verbally by Bro C. R. Edwards and Bro. John W. Ransom. No letter.

Little Rock Church represents by delegates as follows, Bros. John Fowler and A. Mc C. Fowler. We send for minute fund \$1.55. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. M. Byrd for the past year and have called him for the ensuing year 1935. We have an evergreen Sabbath School, also a F. W. B. League each Sunday evening. We have called Rev. Noah Duncan as our assistant pastor.

Mt. Beulah Church reports in normal condition. We have preaching monthly by pastor, also a good Sunday School. We send as delegates Bros W. C. Fowler, E. V. Rhodes and Lee Ward. We send as union funds \$1.50. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Duncan for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year 1935.

Emerson Church reports church in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Edgar Fowler for the past year, and we have called him back for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sabbath School each Sunday. We send as delegates Bros. M. N. Nobles, Dillon Nealy and Oscar Grimsly. We send as a minute fund \$2.10.

Mt. Ariel Church reports in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. H. P. M. Todd for the past year. We have called Rev. Noah Duncan for the ensuing year 1935. We send as delegates Bros. Emery Ward, and W. M. Norris. We send minute funds \$2.00. We have a good Sunday School each Sunday.

White Oak Church reports in normal condition. We send as delegates the following brethren, David Hester, and Keith Hester. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Griffin for the past year and have called Rev. Herman Wooten for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sunday School with Bro. W. B. Hester as Superintendant, we also have a good mid week prayer services, and a League each Sunday night. We send as funds \$3.00.

Mt. Olive Church reports with the following delegates Bros. Herman Bass, Ervin Stubbs and Ervin Batten. We send as minute funds \$3.00.

We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. H. C. Adcox for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sunday School and also League which meets each Sunday night. We have preaching once a month.

Cedar Branch reports in normal condition. We send as delegates Bros. W. H. Ward and C. V. Ward. We send as minute funds \$2.56. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year and have called Rev. O. M. Hillburn for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sunday School with Bro. W. H. Ward as Supt. We have preaching once per month by the pastor.

Cypress Creek Church reports with delegates Bros. Dillon Ward, G. B. Osbourne and Furney Jones. We send as minute funds \$2.00. We have had the pastoral care of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year and we have called him back for ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sunday School each Sunday and preaching monthly by pastor.

Oak Grove No. 2 Church reports in a normal condition, represented by the following delegates Bros. R. E. Johnson, W. H. Johnson and A. D. Johnson. We have been under the pastoral care of Eld. A. L. Williams for the past year and feel like the Lord has blessed his labors. We have called him back for the ensuing year 1935. We have a good Sunday School.

All the churches were present with letters and delegates, also funds, except Mt. Calvary which represented verbally with funds and delegates but no letter.

The Devotional committee reported, recommending that Rev. Noah Duncan open the services today at 11:30 o'clock and Rev. M. L. Baxley preach.

The moderator announced adjournment until 2 o'clock, for preaching and dinner.

Rev. M. L. Baxley used for a text Friday noon Matt. 8:22.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

A motion was intertained by moderator introduced and made by Bro. Luther Inman to receive all church reports.

Moderator called and adjourned for 30 minutes for relief of the various committees, and to get their reports ready.

Reassembling as per adjournment. The Devotional committee reported recommending that Rev. Stephen English open the service at 7 o'clock tonight and Rev. H. P. M. Todd preach, and Rev. H. C. Adcox conclude the service.

A collection of \$5.03 was taken to help Miss Lacy May Ward in her school work.

Rev. H. P. M. Todd used for a text Friday night, St. Matt. 16:16.

Adjournment until 9 o'clock was announced by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Opening by singing hymn no 158. The moderator read for the morning lesson 12th chapter of Hebrews. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. T. Prince.

The house was then declared in order for business.

Visiting brethren were again invited to seats with us.

On motion of Rev. Luther Inman that we appoint a resolution committee to act in remaining business of the conference

The committee was appointed by the moderator, consisting of the following brethren, R. E. Johnson, O. S. Grimsley, I. L. Russ, Pink McPherson and D. E. Hester.

The Devotional committee made their final report, recommending that Rev. Ransom Fowler open the service today at 11 o'clock and Rev. A. L. Williams preach. Rev. Walter Carter to open tonight at 7 o'clock and Rev. O. M. Hillburn preach. Rev. Edgar Fowler to open Sunday, and Rev. E. H. Russ preach.

Reports of different committees:

Devotional Committee:—We report as follows, recommending that Rev. Noah Duncan open the service Friday at 11:30 o'clock, and Rev. M. L. Baxley preach. Rev. Stephen English open the service Friday P. M. at 7 o'clock, and Rev. H. P. M. Todd preach, and Rev. H. C. Adcox conclude the service. Rev. Ransom Fowler open the service at 11 o'clock Saturday, and Rev. A. L. Williams preach. Rev. Walter Carter open the service Saturday P. M. at 7 o'clock, and Rev. O. M. Hillburn preach. Rev. Edgar Fowler open the service Sunday at 11 o'clock and Rev. E. H. Russ preach.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE SIMONS.
JOHN FOWLER.
W. H. WARD, Comm.

Finance Committee reports as follows:

Found in Treas. of old funds -----	\$ 6 67
Paid in at this session -----	34.42

Total on hand -----	\$41.09

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. JOHNSON.
EMERY WARD.
KEITH HESTER Comm.

On motion of Rev. M. C. McPherson that the report of the devotional committee be received and committee discharged.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Prince that the report of the finance committee be received and committee discharged.

Sabbath School:—We your committee report as follows, recommending, 1—That each church have an evergreen Sabbath School. 2—That each pastor put forth every effort possible to use Christian church members for class teachers, in the churches where they are pastors. 3—That we

insist on all our Sunday Schools using our own Free Will Baptist literature that is printed at Ayden, N. C., in our F. W. B. Publishing House.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. GRIMSLY.

G. C. GARRELL.

E. V. RHODES, Comm.

By motion of Bro. W. H. Ward this report be received and committee discharged. Periodical Committee reports as follows, recommending that all of our churches and Sunday Schools use our literature printed at Ayden, N. C., and that we also urge our members to take and read the Free Will Baptist paper. We desire here to boost our church paper in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. P. M. TODD.

REV. SOLOMON DUFF.

REV. M. L. BAXLEY.

REV. A. L. WILLIAMS.

REV. EDGAR FOWLER, Comm.

Report received by the committee and discharged by motion of Rev. Luther Inman.

Committee on Obituaries:—We beg leave to report as follows; We find that God has seen fit in his wisdom to call from our midst a goodly number of our beloved brethren and sisters to realize what eternity means, and to reap the rewards of the faithful. Among some of them are Bro. Alvin Fowler of Little Bethel Church, Horry County, S. C., Sister Frances Jones of Mt. Beulah Church Horry County, S. C., Bro. Sampson Jernigan of Mt. Olive church, Columbus County, N. C., Sister John Kenny of White Oak Church, Bladen County, N. C., also Sister Christy Thompson of White Oak., Bro. Jordan Cartrett, Bro. Charlie Mercer, Bro. George Walker, Sister Paul Nobles, Bro. Kenzie Cartrett of Beavor Dam Church, Columbus County, N. C., Bro. Hamp Todd of Oak Grove No. 2, Horry County, S. C. Seeing that God does all things well, let us humbly bow in submission, trusting that our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. C. ADCOX.

REV. J. H. CANNON.

REV. O. M. HILLBURN.

REV. A. L. DUNCAN.

BRO. D. E. HESTER, Comm.

By motion the report be received and the committee discharged.

Ministerial Character:—The committee reports on Ministerial Character that we find nothing worth while against any of our ministers. We do find

an error in the Ordination of some of our preachers, also in minute recording we beg this body to please if possible overlook those errors.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. C. V. WARD.

BRO. W. C. FOWLER

BRO. H. S. BASS.

BRO. G. B. OSBOURNE.

BRO HAYES PATE, Comm.

On motion of Bro. I. L. Russ that the report be received and the committee discharged.

The moderator called adjournment until Saturday P. M. One o'clock for preaching and dinner. Saturday noon Rev. A. L. Williams used for a text, St. John 17:21.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened by declaring house in order for business

By motion of Rev. Luther Inman that we table the matter concerning the church at Evergreen, in Richmond County, N. C.

A letter was read from Miss Lucy Mae Ward and a collection was again taken to amount \$2.10.

New business was called for by the moderator. By motion of Rev. J. T. Prince that all Ordaining Councilors be released and that the moderator appoint them as they are needed for duty. This motion was lost.

By motion of Rev. H. C. Adcox the Councilors be appointed to last a year from today. Carried by the body.

The moderator appointed the following Ordaining Councilors; Rev. M. C. McPherson, Rev. H. C. Adcox and Rev. J. H. Cannon.

The consideration about Mt. Ariel Church and Rev. Johnie Coates, Licentiate, passed over for the time being.

By motion of Bro. C. R. Edwards that we consolidate our union as did our Annual Conference. Motion was lost.

By motion of Rev. Luther Inman that we appoint another custodian, namely Bro. Luther McPherson to fill the place of Bro. W. M. Hinson. The Custodians as they stand for next year are as follows, Bros. I. L. Russ, J. K. Ward, W. G. Wilson E. V. Rhodes and Luther McPherson.

The case of Rev. Harley Stephens, considered by motion of Bro. C. W. Ward that we erase Bro. Stephen's name from our minister's roll was carried.

Rev. Johnie Coats was referred back to his respective church, Mt. Areil for further consideration.

By motion of Rev. Luther Inman we authorize our clerk to order I dozen Ordination Certificates and draw on the Treasurer to pay for the same. Motion carried.

The Resolution Committee was released with no report.

Miscellaneous Business:—Fixing of the next session of conference taken up, upon the motion of Bro. A. D. McPherson, that the next session

be held with the church at Cedar Branch in Columbus County, N. C., commencing on Thursday night before the 3rd., Sunday in October 1935. Rev. H. P. M. Todd was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. T. Prince his alternate.

On motion of Bro. C. R. Edwards to pay the Clerk \$5.00 for his services.

On motion of R. C. Rhodes to return out heart felt thanks to the Church at Beavor Dam and surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

On motion of Rev. Luther Inman that we draw on our Treasure and give to Oak Grove Church No. 1, in Bladen County, N. C., \$10 00 to help in rebuilding their house.

On motion of Bro. G. B. Osbourne that we have 400 minutes printed and distributed in various churches.

On motion of Bro. C. V. Ward that we adjourn by benediction until our time to meet with the Church at Cedar Branch, in Columbus County, N. C., on Thursday night before the 3rd. Sunday in October 1935.

REV. E. H. RUSS, Mod. Bladenboro, N. C. Rt. 2

BRO. A. D. McPHERSON, Treas., Chadbourn, N. C.

RALEIGH C. RHODES, Clerk, Tabor, N. C. Rt. 2.

Texts used:—Text used during conference, Thursday night Rev. A. L. Duncan preached used as text St. Matthew 27:25, "Then answered all the people and said, his blood be on us and on our children." Friday noon Rev. M. L. Baxley used for his text St. Matthew 8:22, "Follow me and let the dead bury the dead." Friday night Rev. H. P. M. Todd used for a text, St. Matthew 16:16, "Thou art the Christ". Saturday noon Rev. A. L. Williams used for a text, St. John 17:21, "That they may all be one as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Saturday night Rev. O. M. Hillburn used for a text, St. Matthew 25:1, "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom." Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. E. H. Russ used for the text St. Luke 12:31, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

List of Ordained Ministers present in Conference were, Revs. E. H. Russ, H. P. M. Todd, J. M. Byrd, Ransom Fowler, M. C. McPherson, Noah Duncan, Luther Inman, A. L. Duncan, R. C. Rhodes, J. H. Cannon, T. C. Cribb, J. T. Prince, H. C. Adcox, Stephen English, O. M. Hillburn and Edgar Fowler.

List of Licentates present, were Rev. Johnie Coats, Rev. Walter Carter, Rev. Norman Hillburn.

Ordained ministers absent Rev. I. J. Green, Rev. Frank Sanford and Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

Absent Licentates, Rev. D. T. Gore, and Rev. S. L. Jordan.

Church	Clerks	Post Offices.
Beavor Dam, -----	Thomas McPherson, --	Clarendon, N. C.
Emerson Church, -----	C. D. Nobles, -----	Clarendon, N. C.
Mt. Beulah, -----	E. V. Rhodes, -----	Tabor, N. C., Rt. 2
Little Bethel, -----	A. Mc C. Fowler, ---	Tabor, N. C.
Oak Grove No 1 -----	G. Q. Hester, -----	Bladenboro, N. C.
White Oak -----	J. W. Bowen, -----	Bladenboro, N. C.
Ceadar Branch, -----	C. V. Ward, -----	Clarendon, N. C.
Mt. Calvery, -----	John W. Ransom, ---	Whiteville, N. C. R. F. D
Mt. Ariel, -----	W. M. Norris, -----	Conway, S. C. Rt. 6.
Oak Grove No. 2, -----	J. T. Johnson, -----	Conway, S. C. Rt. 3.
Mt. Olive, -----	Luther Price, -----	Hallsboro, N. C.
Cypress Creek, -----	R. T. Ward, -----	Whiteville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

E. H. Russ, -----	Bladenboro, N. C.
H. P. M. Todd, -----	Conway, S. C.
J. M. Byrd, -----	Tabor, N. C.
H. C. Adcox, -----	Bladenboro, N. C.
Ransom Fowler, -----	Tabor, N. C.
W. L. Jernigan, -----	Elizabeth City, N. C.
M. C. McPherson, -----	Clarendon, N. C.
A. L. Duncan, -----	Tabor, N. C.
Luther Inman, -----	Conway, S. C.
Edgar Fowler, -----	Tabor, N. C.
I. J. Green, -----	Lumberton, N. C.
J. H. Cannon, -----	Loris, S. C.
J. T. Prince, -----	Tabor, N. C.
R. C. Rhodes, -----	Tabor, N. C.
T. C. Cribb, -----	Clarendon, N. C.
Noah Duncan, -----	Tabor, N. C.
Stephen English, -----	Rockingham, N. C.
O. M. Hillburn, -----	Rockingham, N. C.
Frank Sanford, -----	Rockingham, N. C.

Licentiates

Walter Carter, -----	Rockingham, N. C.
Johnie Coates, -----	Conway, S. C.
Norman Hillburn, -----	Bladenboro, N. C.
S. L. Jordan, -----	Conway, N. C.

Sunday School Superindents that reported.

Mt. Beulah, -----	R. C. Rhodes,
Little Bethel, -----	J. M. Byrd
Ceader Branch, -----	W. H. Ward
Beavor Dam, -----	James Mercer
White Oak, -----	W. B. Hester
Mt. Ariel, -----	Ceals Barnhill

Conference Treasure Report

Old funds found in hands of Treasure -----	\$ 6.67
New funds paid in at this session -----	34.42
Total Money -----	\$41.09
Ordered paid to Clerk -----	\$ 5.00
Ordered paid to Oak Grove Church No. 1 -----	16 00
Total paid out -----	\$15.00
Total now on hand -----	\$26.09

Clerks Note:—

All the churches reported in a normal condition and asked for an interest in the prayers of the conference. Most of the churches represented with letters stating they had an evergreen Sabbath School.

Let us try to make our Sunday School reports in the next conference telling who our Superintendants are, and expenses, and receipts, and especially the number of church members, male and female.

