

**PROCEEDINGS
Of
The Third Annual
Session
Of The
Piedmont Association
Of The
Free Will Baptist
Held With
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF MT. HOLLY, N. C.
AUGUST, 1946.**

REV. O. M. HILBURN, MODERATOR.

REV. L. H. CLAYTON, CLERK

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS CON-
FERENCE. Held with Mt. Holly Free Will
Baptist Church, Aug. 1946 10 A. M. at
Mt. Holly, N. C.

Opened by song, "Amazing Grace", Led in
prayer by Brother Rikard.

Opened for business: Minutes was read
and approved.

A seat was granted our visiting minist-
ers to sit with us in conference and
business.

Our visiting ministers, Rev. A. B. Lawery,
of Jacks Creek Conference, Rev. W. L. Jer-
nigan, Bladenboro, N. C. R. F. D. 2, of
the Pee Dee Conference, Rev. A. W. Lawter,
of the Beaver Creek Conference, Lockhart,
S. C.

The election of Moderator was next in
order. The Rev. L. P. Jordan was elected
The Rev. A. B. Lawery was elected to sit
with Bro. Jordan in business.

Second, the election of the clerk. The
Rev. L. H. Clayton was elected clerk, the
Rev. E. O. Connelly was elected the read-
ing clerk, and assistant.

Moved and seconded that we ajourn for the
devotional service at eleven o'clock. Led
in prayer by Rev. O. M. Hilburn. The Rev.
A. F. Lawter Moderator of the Beaver Creek
Ministers Conference delivered the message
using for the text, Rev. 6:17. "For the
great day of his wrath is come and who
shall be able to stand." A wonderful mess-
age was delivered in the Spirit, thank God
for Brother Lawter.

Dismissed for dinner to meet back at 1,30 P. M. Met back after dinner opened with song, "Glory to His Name".

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Paul Shehan, Scripture lesson, St. John 3:29.

Led in prayer by Rev. Sherman H. Oakes
House opened for business, Roll of Ministers called, 29 were present. As these ministers were called thier characters were examined.

Moved and second that we ajourn to meet with the Ist. Free Will Baptist church at Marion, N. C. on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, at 10 A. M.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Met back for evening worship. At this time an offering was taken the Orphanage, amounting to \$52,75. Given to our Orphanage Representaive.

The first service was conducted by Rev L. P. Jordan. Useing for the text, Psa. II9: II. "Let thy mercies come also unto me, O, Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word."

Second service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Moderator of the Pee Dee, Association. He delivered a wonderful message. Useing for the Scripture lesson Gen. the 6th. and 8th chapters. Topic, "The Spiritual Signifance of the Gopher Wood."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Piedmont Association of the (Original) Free Will Baptist met Aug. 19th 1946 at 10 A. M. at Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Opened by song and led in prayer by Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Edd Reece, Scripture Psa. 100.

House opened for business for the election of Moderator. Rev. Wade Calvret and Rev. O. M. Hilburn nominated. Rev. O. M. Hilburn was elected.

Rev. Roy Rikard was elected for Vice moderator.

Next in order was the election of the Associational Clerk, Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, and Rev. L. H. Clayton, nominated. The Rev. L. H. Clayton was elected clerk.

Rev. L. M. Hooper and Rev. E. O. Connelly nominated for the asst. The Rev. E. O. Connelly was elected.

An offering was taken for Rev. J. J. Brooks deceased mother and a telegram of sympathy.

Moved and second that we adjourn until 2 P. M.

Met back for worship hour 11 A. M. Opened with song, "Near the Cross." Led in prayer by Rev. A. F. Lawter. The Rev. Sherman H. Oakes brought the Introductory Message. Text, Prov. 28:19. "Where there is no vision there people perish."

Ben Ave Free Will Baptist Church quartette rendered music and song, "I Wouldn't Trade", and "Hide Me Rock of Ages," The Ben Ave. quartette rendered another song, "Bound for Heaven."

FRIADY EVENING.

Met back at 2 P. M. for the transferring of business. Opened by song by Ben Ave. quartette, "Moving Down the Sun Set Trail."

Devotional service conducted by Rev. J. B. Starnes. Script. St. John 10:11. Led in prayer by Rev. L. M. Hooper.

The next thing in order was the election of the Associational Treasurer. Bro. D. D. Hunsucker, Treasurer.

Finance Committee D. D. Hunsucker,--Treasurer. Also on committee are Bro. Carl Martin and Bro. Clyde Cox.

The Constitution was read.

A seat was granted Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Pastor of Oak Grove F. W. B. Church and Moderator of the Pee Dee Association. Rev. Seldon Bullard, 331 Sracuse St. Darlington, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Moderator of Beaver Creek Association and Ministers Conference, and Pastor of Whitney Church and Marshall, and member of Beaver Creek Association Rev. A. B. Lawyer Pastor of Asheville Church, Asheville, N. C. Black Mt. Rt. 1 Jacks Creek Association.

Church latters called for and approved.

New churches called for. West Over F. W. B. The church was received into the body. The Moderator Rev. O. M. Hilburn gave the right hand of fellowship.

Moved and second we receive all church reports as read.

The following committees were elected. Committee on Missions. Chairman Rev. L. M. Hooper Clyde Cox and D. D. Hunsucker.

LEAGUE WORK.

Chairman Bro. Paul Davis, Bro. James Coffey, and Rev. James Cannon.

LADIES AUXILIARY.

Novella Propst, R. B. Davis, and Mrs. Oakes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Chairman Rev. E. R. Tyner, Bro. R. O. Gales
and Rev. J. B. Starnes.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Chairman Rev. Wade Calvret, Bro. John
Morrison, and Rev. Roy Rikard.

TEMPERANCE.

Chairman Rev. J. E. Floyd, Rev. L. S. Gray,
and Rev. C. L. Scarborough.

EDUCATION.

Chairman Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Rev. Sherman
H. Oakes, and Rev. L. P. Jordan.

PERIODICALS.

Chairman Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. E. G.
Lawing, and Rev. E. O. Connolly.

OBITUARY.

Rev. Ada Lawing Bro. J. L. Braton, and
Bro. D. D. Hunsucker.

The Ministers roll call was made.

The Ordaining Council makes thier report
We the Ordaining Council of the Piedmont
Association, beg leave to submit the follo-
wering. We met in legal session in Bostic,
N. C. at Roberson Creek Church, on April 27
1946, and did by virture of authority vest-
ed in us grant Mrs. Ada Lawings, Associati-
onal license to preach the gospel.

Rev. L. D. Gray.

Rev. Wade H. Calvret.

Rev. Roy Rikard.

Rev. C. L. Scarborough.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes.

We the Ordaining Council beg leave to
submit the following. We met in legal
session in North Belmont, N. C. at the

Goshen Church, July 6th. 1946, and did by virtue of authority vested in us, consider the charges against Rev. L. S. Gray. There was no legal letter of charges against Bro. Gray. But he had his church (Mt. Holly) to vote its self out of the Piedmont Association.

Rev. L. S. Gray offered to have said church to vote its self back into the Association, and to offer his resignation to be effective not later than three months.

The Ordaining Council promise to fellowship and assist Brother Gray as a minister of the gospel.

Rev. L. D. Gray--Rev. Wade H. Calvret.

Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. C. L. Scarborough.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes.

We the Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association, beg leave to submit the following report.

We met in legal session in Mt. Holly, N.C. at MT. Holly F. W. B. Church, on Aug. 2, 1946 and did by virtue of authority vested in us, Ordain and set apart to the full ministry of the Word, John E. Floyd, and E. G. Lawings. We therefore recomend that thier names be enrolled on our regular list of ordained Ministers.

We the Ordaining Council granted Associational License to Bro. Harold Goforth. We recomend that his name be enrolled on our list of lincened Ministers.

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Sherman H. Oakes.

Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Rev. Roy Rikard,

Rev. wade H. Calvret.

Moved and second that we ajourn to meet back Saturday Morning at 9,30 A. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Rev. Seldon Bullard, delivered a wonderful message, Tppic, "Loss and Gain".

INFORMATION.

Dear friend, and Brother Minister:

As the Manuscripts of our Association and Ministers Conference was already gone to the linotype machine when I got the manuscripts of the 1946 issue. Therefore, I realized that the 1947 issue was the most important at the present time. And in view of that fact I have memographed the most important part of the 1946 manuscripts, that you might have a copy for future reference.

You will notice that I have not included church, or ministers reports, either league or auxiliary. Since the last reports are of course the ones that you will be interested in seeing. I have just included enough that you might have at hand the rules that were past and adopted at this particular session and oct.

I have not printed a full supply, as the paper suitable for this work was not available at the present. But I happened to have on hand enough to supply each minister one copy, and probaly have a few to hand out to his official board.

I am hoping that this will meet with your approval, and you will find in it the information valuable to you from this session.

Your 1947 Minutes will be along just in the next few days, and I hope that they are and will be what you desire them to be.

Praying that God will bless you with a prosperous year, and give you many souls for His Kingdom.

I am Yours in His Name, Brooks.

THE PREACHER'S MISTAKE

The Parish Priest
Of austeritey,
Climbed up in a high church steeple
To be nearer God,
So that he might hand
His word down to His people.

When the sun was high,
When the sun was low,
The good man sat unheeding
Sublunary things.
From transcendancy
Was he forever reading.

And now and again
When he heard the creak
Of the weather vane a-turning,
He closed his eyes
And said, "Of a truth
From God I now am learning."

And in sermon script
He daily wrote
What he thought was sent from heaven.
And he dropped them down
On his peopl's heads
Two times one day in seven.

In his age God said,
"Come down and die!"
And he cried out from the steeple,
"Where art thou Lord?"
And the Lord replied,
"Down here among my People."

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE.

Text. Matt. 16:26, "For what is a man prophited, if he shall gain the whole world and loose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Rev. Liner, delivered the second message useing for his text, Ester 4:14, "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Pointing out the purpose for coming to the kingdom. Useing Mordeci and Ester as Minister and Church. A wonderful message, was delivered in the Spirit.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met back Saturday Morning at 9,30 A. M. Opened by song, "Glory to His Name." Led prayor by D. D. Hunsucker.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. E.G Lawing, Scripture Psa. 15.

The house was opened for business, A song was rendered, "I Feel Like Travling On."

The right hand of fellowship was given the Rev. Ada Lawing, Rev. E. G. Lawing, Rev. Harold Goforth, and Rev. J. E. Floyd into the body. May the Lord bless each of you.

A motion was put before the house reading as follows. Every minister must hold only one set of credentials. He must turn his old credentials of his old Association, or turn in the Piedmont Associational Credentials. You can have either set you choose the house passed this motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CALLED FOR AND READ AND APPROVED.

MISSIONS.

We your committee on missions do recommend that we appoint a mission treasurer, to receive mission funds for which fifty per cent will be kept for home field missions. This fund will be taken on the first Sunday of each month. With the Executive Board as directors. Chairman Rev. L. M. Hooper, Bro. D. D. Hunsucker and Bro. Clyde Cox Treasurer; Address Rt. 2-Box 228, Kannapolis, N.C.

LEAGUE WORK.

We your committee on Young Peoples League do sincerely ask the pastors and leaders of our churches to see the need and to support the League and work in cooperation, with our field organizer, Chairman Paul Davis, Bro. Jess Cannon and James Coffey.

LADIES AUXILIARY.

Your committee think that each church should have and Auxiliary. It is a pastors duty to support it in every way. It is also a Spiritual Organization. Novella Propst, Mrs. R. B. Parris, and Mrs. Eva Oakes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We recomend that our Sundays have consecrated Christians for officers and teachers E. R. Tyner, J. B. Starnes, and O. R. Gales.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We your committee on Ministerial support do request that every preacher, preach tithes and practice it. So that every member of the church may become enlightened to the teaching of God. And become loyal to thier church, and support it. Then each church will become financial able to pay thier pastors a reasonable salary. By so doing God will bless one and all.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance wish to submit the followering. That each member and minister abstain from the use of intoxicant berevage and cry out against the same Prov. 23:21-22, "Be not among winebibbers: among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Chairman, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Rev. L. S. Gray.

PERIODICALS.

We the said committee do submit the following. That each pastor elect some one in each church for the subscribe for the F. W. Baptist paper or any other good literature. Rev. L. H. Clayton, Chairman. Rev. E. G. Lawing, Rev. E. O. Connelly.

EDUCATION.

We refer to the Excutive Board the problem of outlining a simple study for the ministers to pass for ordination and rules for the Ordaining Council to examine the preachers by and submitted to the clerk for the minutes. Rev. L. P. Jordan, Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, and Rev. O. M. Hilburn.

OBITUARY.

We your committee on Obituary do submit the following that each church will send a written obituary of thier dead to each annual session. Sister Lawing Bro. D. D. Hunsucker, Bro. J. L. Brañon.

CHURCH EXTENTION TREASURER REPORT.

Received from Ridgeway Church,
March 20 1946.....\$1,91.
April 29 "1,00.
July 24 "2,65.

Total.....\$5,56.

This is the only church contributing to this fund.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, Treas. I received no report from Loyd Wiggins. He was Treasurer of Church Extention last year.

Met the approval of the pastor Rev. L.P. Jordan, to turn this money over to the Mission treasurer, Bro. Clyde Cox.

THE ELECTION OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL.

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Roy Rikard Clerk, Rev. Wade H. Calvret, Chairman. and Rev. C. L. Scarborough.

Moved and second that we ajourn for dinner.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The house opened for business.

The election of the Excutive Board.

Rev. L. S. Gray for one year, Rev. E. R. Tyner for three years, and Rev. Sherman H. Oakes for two years.

FIELD REPRESENTAIVE

Bro. R. O. Gales, 697 Ruth Ave. Rt. 2, Kannapolis, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT READ AND APPROVED.
Had on hands at last Asso. \$221,38.
Rec. since last Asso.....418,83.

Total.....\$640,21.
Paid for Camp Ground.....\$238,34.
Paid for minutes.....81,37.
Paid on Missions.....63,39.

Total paid out.....\$383,10.
Balance in Treasury.....257,11.

Ridgeway Church paid.....30,56.
Washington St.....26,00.
Mt. Holly.....37,00.
Goshen.....35,00.
Mt. Zion.....60,00.
Received Minute funds.....67,00.

Total.....\$255,56.

Moved and seconded that the Association pay the Clerk \$25,00 for his work.

Moved and second that the Ordaining Councils expense be paid by the Association if the church fails to pay it.

Bro. Jernigan delivered the charge for ordination, 2 Tim. 4:2. A wonderful charge was given. The laying on of hands proceeded and prayer by Rev. L. P. Jordan.

Moved and second that the Ministers Conference meet at Marion, N. C. on Thursday before the 1st. Sunday in Aug. at 10 A.M. and the Association on Friday 10 A.M. 1947.

A standing vote of hospitality was given the Mt. Holly Church, and the North Belmont Church, also Bro. L. S. Gray.

Moved and second that we adjourn till Friday 1947.

Dismissed by Prayer by Rev. Jernigan.

CLERKS NOTE.

I regret very much that I was not able to find a printing press to take our Minutes for us and to print them for us, so you could have one in your home. However when I made my report to the Executive Board, Feb. I they voted not to try to put out one this term.

Brethren I can smile with gratitude when I look over our report and see how we have exceeded our reports of last year. Thank God for the growth of the Piedmont Association. Brethren let us continue on for God and our great Association. Again let me please quote the great text of Jesus to his Disciples, St. John, 14:31, "Let us go henceo."

Victorously Yours For Lost Souls,

Rev. L. H. Clayton.

Memographed from M. S. as near as I could, just as Rev. Clayton turn them into me.

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Clerk of Piedmont Association, for the year of, 1947.

