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Church Clerks and Postoffices

Sandy Grove—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Route 2, St. Pauls, N. C.

Hickory Grove—Nannie L. Ray, Route 7, Fayetteville, N. C. /

Mt. Moriah—Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C.

Bethel—

Eastside—Mrs. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.

Highland Pines—Myrtle Covington, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Pine Grove—Mrs. Viola Riddle, P. O. Box 42, Rockingham, N. C.

Mt. Calvary—Elizabeth Frith.

Ordained Ministers

M. L. Baxley—Red Springs, N. C.

J. H. Galloway—Lumberton, N. C.

Steve English—Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

C. W. Bennett—St. Pauls, N. C.

R. L. Clark—Hamlet, N. C.

A. J. Pearson—St. Pauls, N. C.

Angus Prevatte—Raeford, N. C.

N. H. English—R. F. D. 2, Hamlet, N. C.

J. H. Tyson—Raeford, N. C.

Frank Sanford—R. F. D. 2, Hamlet, N. C.

George Langley—Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.

H. S. Clark—East Laurinburg, N. C.

C. B. Hopkins—Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.

Licentiate

Lenwood Bryant

Ministers Present

M. L. Baxley, Steve English, Angus Prevatte, N. H. English, J. H. Tyson, Frank Sanford, George Langley, J. F. Roberts, C. B. Hopkins, Daisy Roberts.

Sick Excuses

C. W. Bennett

A. J. Pearson.

Ordaining Councilors

Revs. Steve English, George Langley, C. B. Hopkins, C. W. Bennett
and H. S. Clark

Devotional Committee

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Second Annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist met in session with the church at Highland Pines, East Rockingham, N. C., on Friday, October 6th through 7th, 1950.

Friday Morning

Beginning at 9:30 o'clock

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Prayer: Rev. C. H. Coats.

Song: Amazing Grace.

Talk by Rev. N. H. English.

A hearty welcome was extended to all present by the Moderator, then he opened the house for transaction of business.

At this time the various committees were appointed:

Devotional Committee: Bro. Jessie Lee, Jerry Budd, Charlie Hayes.

Sunday School: Rev. Angus Prevatte, H. P. Hodge, Sister Mattie Oliver.

Orphanage: Rev. Steve English, Sister Margaret Mathis, Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Education: Rev. N. H. English, G. H. Carver, Wm. H. Edwards.

Mission: Rev. J. H. Tyson, Paul Brown, Sister Francis Peele.

The Devotional Committee recommended that Rev. C. H. Coats bring the morning sermon.

At this time the body was adjourned for 30 minutes.

Re-assembled. Singing by congregation, Standing on the Promises, and Bringing in the Sheaves.

Prayer by Rev. Paul Brown.

Song: Glory to His Name.

Rev. C. H. Coats introduced by Bro. M. L. Baxley.

Rev. Coates read Romans, Chapter 6, beginning with the 12th verse, using as a text, verse 22.

Theme of sermon: "Better Life." Rev. Coates brought an inspiring message.

Song: When I see the Blood.

The body was adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M.—Opened by song: My Faith Looks Up to Thee.

Prayer by Rev. P. J. Parker.

Scripture by Rev. Frank Sanford.

Roll called of ministers.

The Free Will Baptist Treatise was read and explained by Rev. C. H. Coats.

It was moved and carried that the Rockfish Conference approved by a 100% vote the work of the Revision Committee.

Collection taken for missions, total \$8.62.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. C. H. Coates.

Second Day

9:30 Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Baxley.

Song: All Hail the Power.

Devotion by Rev. Steve English. Reading Psalms 23rd.

Prayer by Bro. J. O. Ganey.

Moved and carried to establish in each church a separate fund for Foreign Missions.

Resolution Committee: Jerry Budd, J. O. Ganey, Lee Carpenter.

Call for Church Letters

Sandy Grove—Reported by letter and delegates: G. H. Carver, Jerry Budd, Gilbert; Funds, \$5.00. Received in 3 months 1. Baptized 1. Dismissed 0. Died 0. Total membership 60. Average no. of pupils 50. Paid pastor \$240.36; Orphanage \$66.00; Value of church \$3,000; For publication \$12.00. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C., Rev. J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte. Clerk's name, Mrs. Ellen Thames.

Highland Pines—By letter and delegates: Sister Francis Peele, Sister Lillian Sleipper. Funds \$5.00. Received in year 22. Baptized 17. Dismissed 10. Died 0. Total membership 60. Average no. of pupils 70. Paid pastor \$283.95. Paid evangelist \$233.28. Sickness (Home Mission) \$197.30. Church expenses \$618.94. Orphanage \$93.88. Value of church \$5,000. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Frank Sanford, Hamlet, N. C., Rev. J. F. Roberts. Pastor's name, Rev. N. H. English. Clerk's name, Myrtle Covington.

Hickory Grove—By letter and delegates: Sister Odell Quick, Avy Lee, Margaret Stedman and Mattie Oliphant. Funds \$5.00. Dismissed 4. Total membership 50. Average no. of pupils 55. Paid pastor \$13.71. Paid evangelist \$26.14. Building repairs \$700.00. Value of church \$2,000. Pastor's name, ----- Clerk's name, Nannie Lee Ray.

Mt. Calvary—By letter and delegates: Bro. Edward Campbell, Clyde Ford and Ralph Shepherd. Funds \$5.00. Value of church \$3,000. Members received 3. Baptized 0. Dismissed 0. Died 1. Total membership 32. Average no. of pupils 65. Paid pastor \$303.50. Orphanage \$38.00. Pastor's name, Steve English. Clerk's name, Elizabeth Frith.

Mt. Moriah—By letter and delegates: Sister Margaret Mathis, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins. Funds \$5.00. Dismissed 8. Died 1. Total membership 23. Average no. of pupils 20. Paid pastor \$200. Paid evangelist \$42.00. Value of church \$5,000. Building and repairs \$35. For publication \$15. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte. Clerk's name, Mrs. Mattie Norton.

Bethel—No report.

Eastside—No report.

Pine Grove—By letter and delegates. Paid out on church \$14,229.15. Paid pastor \$1,020.00. Visiting pastor \$275.00. Membership at present 107. Average attendance 142. Church value \$20,000.

Rev. J. F. Roberts and wife, Sister Daisy Roberts, who have been absent from this Conference, although active in an Association in East Tennessee, returned to us, asking to be admitted back into this Conference, was duly authorized by the Ordaining Council to carry the Gospel, also they were heartily welcomed back by all those present.

Committee Reports

SABBATH SCHOOL—We your Sabbath School Committee recommend that our teachers and leaders spend more time in preparing the Sunday School lessons for this is a very important work in the church. Also we recommend that we use our own literature.

Bro. H. P. Hodge
Rev. Angus Prevatte

ORPHANAGE—We the committee on Orphanage recommend that all our churches realize that these children are looking to us for support. Let each one do their best for this worthy cause.

Sis. Margaret Mathis
Rev. Steve English

MISSION—We your committee on Mission suggest that we as Free Will Baptist stress the cause of mission in home and foreign, we feel that we can't do too much in extending the gospel to others.

Bro. J. H. Tyson
Sis. Frances Peele

DEVOTIONAL—We your committee appoint Bro. C. H. Coats to preach today at 11:00. Friday P. M., Rev. James Roberts. Saturday, 11:00 Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Bro. Jerry Budd
Jesse Lee
Charlie Hayes

Dismissed for 30 minutes.

11:00 come back for preaching. Song: I Am Thine, Lord. Prayer by John Paterson. Sermon by Rev. Angus Prevatte. Read 1st Chronicles 1:31, using 31st verse for text. A very inspiring message on "Gifts."

Song: Face to Face.

Dismissed by Rev. M. L. Baxley.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song: Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us. Bible reading by J. O. Ganey, Psalm 133. Prayer by H. S. Clark.

Conference called to order by moderator and open for new business.

On motion M. L. Baxley was re-appointed moderator for the next 2 years, with Rev. Angus Prevatte as Assistant Moderator.

On motion that Henry Edwards be re-appointed for clerk for the next 2 years with Mrs. Henry Edwards as Assistant Clerk.

Executive Board

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name of Church</i>
R. R. Shepherd	Mt. Calvary
J. O. Ganey	Pine Grove
G. H. Carver	Sandy Grove
J. P. Huffman	Highland Pines
John Paterson	Hickory Grove

Finance Board

<i>Name</i>	<i>Church</i>
R. R. Shepherd	Mt. Calvary
John Oliver	Hickory Grove
Jerry Budd	Sandy Grove
Lee Carpenter	Highland Pines
Ruth Jenkins	Mt. Moriah

Ordaining Council made a move to give J. B. Brown full fellowship of the Conference.

The next conference will be at Mt. Calvary Church, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Delegate for Pee Dee Association was M. L. Baxley.

Song: Blest Be the Tie.

Dismissed by Rufus Douglas.

We were very happy to have with us Friday, Rev. C. H. Coates, Four Oaks, N. C., Cape Fear Conference, and Rev. J. C. Rogers, Pee Dee Association, Box 22, Rockingham, N. C., and Rev. P. J. Parker of Peele's Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church, Laurel Hill, N. C., and Bro. R. D. McLeod of the F. W. B. Orphanage, Midlesex, N. C.

Clerk's Note: I would like to thank all of you good people for your fine co-operation during the past two years I have tried to serve as your humble clerk.

May we pause just here and thank the good people for the great way they entertained us at Highland Pines.—Clerk.

Rev. M. L. Baxley, *Moderator*
W. H. Edwards, *Clerk*

