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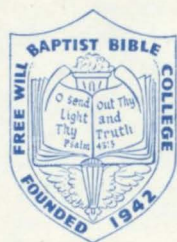
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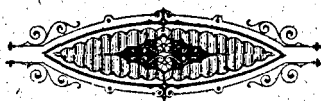


FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Jesse Laws

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Minister's Conference.

Thursday Morning, August 8th.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. J. Brooks delivered the Introductory Sermon from Mark 8:34, "Follow Me."

Thursday Afternoon.

Assembled at 2:30 o'clock P. M. After praise service by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Wm. Stroup, Rev. J. S. Burgess called the body to order and the following ministers are enrolled:

Wm. Stroup, J. R. Cox, W. J. Sawyers, J. M. Carroll, J. J. Brooks, A. B. Lowery, W. R. Coggins, J. H. Cash, W. H. Johnson, H. J. Bailey, W. H. H. Morelock, Minnis Bible, J. S. Burgess.

Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected President by acclamation.

By motion the Order of Business of last year was adopted, viz:

- 1—Enrollment of members.
- 2—Organization.
- 3—Reception of new members.
- 3—Seating of visiting brethren.
- 5.—Report of ministers.
- 6—Appointment of Committees.
- 7—Report of Ordaining Council.
- 8—Election of Ordaining Council and miscellaneous business.

Rev. George Dunbar is elected to membership.

On motion Rev. A. N. Benfield is invited to a seat as an advisory council.

Report of Ministers.

Wm. Stroup, report received, character passed.

J. R. Cox, report received, character passed.

W. R. Coggins, report received, character passed.

W. H. Johnson, report received, character passed.

J. J. Brooks, report received, character passed.

W. H. H. Morelock, report received, character passed.

On motion Rev. H. J. Bailey is excused from reporting to this Conference, but to be held in the highest esteem and allowed all the privileges of the body.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M. Friday

Friday Morning, August 9th.

Met at 8:30 A. M. After excellent music by the choir, Scripture lesson and prayer by Prof G. D. Dunbar.

Report of Ministers Continued.

A. B. Lowery, report received, character passed.

J. F. Cash, report received, character passed.

On motion Father Cash is excused from further reporting to this Conference, but we extend to him all the privileges of the body.

Minnis Bible report received, character passed

W. J. Sawyers, report received, character passed.

W. J. Holdway, report received, character passed.

J. S. Burgess, report received, character passed.

G. D. Dunbar, report received, character passed.

W. P. McPheteridge, report received, character passed.

\$2.60 is contributed for Ministers' Roll Book, the balance to go to Minute Fund.

On motion the President appointed J. N. Carroll, G. D. Dunbar and A. B. Lowery to assist the Ordaining Council in the investigation of the character of delinquent members of this body.

Adjourned.

Friday Afternoon.

Partial Report of Ordaining Committee.

We, your Committee Investigation with Ordaining Council, request that this body drop from the roll the names of Wheeler Tucker, James Coggins, W. R. Riddle, Frank Poore, James Gilliam, Thomas Gilliam and J. L. Cagle.

Adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30.

Saturday Morning, September 10th.

Met at 8:30, A. M., and opened with song and prayer service.

On motion Brothers W. H. Johnson and W. M. Clendenen are excused from further reporting to this body, but to enjoy all the privileges of the same.

On motion the following ministers that have not reported be placed in the hands of the Ordaining Committee, and those that the Clerk finds on re-

turn and have reported by letter that their report be received: A. F. Henseley, D. F. Patton, Swin F. Howell, J. L. Ollis, J. R. Richards, T. G. Lovin, W. F. Carpenter.

Report of Ordaining Council,

We, the Ordaining Council, report as follows: We have licensed Ves. Robertson and Dennis Hammer.

W. J. HOLDWAY, Chairman.

Report adopted.

By motion the Ordaining Council is reduced to three members.

The following Ordaining Council is appointed: J. N. Carroll, J. R. Cox and Wm. Stroup.

On motion Rev. W. P. Knowling is invited to a seat in our body.

Adjourned until called by the President.

J. S. BURGESS, President.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Secretary.

LATER—J. L. Ollis, A. F. Hensley, T. G. Lovin and W. M. Clendenen and D. F. Patton reported.

Minister's Report.

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS	Sermons Preached	Money Received
W. P. McPhetridge.....	Knoxville, Tenn., 514 Cane st	22	\$ 40.00
J. F. Cash.....	Knoxville, Tenn., Route 4...	42	22.00
Wm. Stroup.....	Church Hill, Tenn., Route 4	25	23.35
A. B. Lowery.....	Jonesboro, Tenn., R. 3.....	16	.....
J. R. Cox.....	Jonesboro, Tenn., R. 3.....	42	24.50
J. S. Burgess.....	Chuckey, Tenn., Route 4.....	85	255.13
A. F. Hensley.....	Chuckey, Tenn., Route 3.....	.....	.....
W. M. Clendenin.....	Dandridge, Tenn., Route 7..	80	25.35
W. H. H. Morelock.....	Baileyton, Tenn., R. 7.....	.....	60.00
W. H. Johnson.....	Andersonville, Tenn.....	15	5.00
W. R. Coggins.....	Jonesboro, Tenn., Route 3..	52	16.45
J. L. Ollis.....	Newport, Tenn., Route 2.....	36	15.35
T. G. Lovin.....	Russellville, Tenn.....	.....	.....
J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2.....	169	235.19
Minnis Bible.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2.....	36	20.25
J. J. Brooks.....	Persia, Tenn.....	101	35.00
Wm. Sawyer.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2.....	76	8.37
W. J. Holdway.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2.....	50	134.00
D. F. Patton.....	Hartford, Tennessee	42	6.00
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Ministers' Report Continued.

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ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday Afternoon, August 8th.

Following the meeting of the Ministers' Conference the Clerk called to order the Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Union Free Baptist Association and enrolled the ministers and delegates present, viz:

MINISTERS—Wm. Stroup, J. R. Cox, W. J. Sawyers, J. N. Carroll, J. J. Brooks, A. B. Lowery, W. R. Coggins, W. H. Johnson, H. J. Bailey, J. F. Cash, W. H. H. Morelock, Minnis Bible, J. S. Bible.

DELEGATES:—

Brown's Chapel—D. C. Lawson, O. B. White, J. A. White, Mrs. N. J. Lawson.

Liberty—J. R. Dunbar, Dennis Harmon, Sankey Dunbar, C. M. Burgess, M. E. Burgess, Misses Ora Lee Burgess, Bessie Gilton, Lutie Rogers.

Bethany—A. Pierce, B. M. Pierce, B. R. Bolton, A. T. Brandon, J. A. Jackson, C. A. Jackson, H. N. Jackson.

Hopkin's Chapel—F. R. Robinson.

Mt. Moriah—I. N. Wilson, J. E. Elkins.

Midway—Miss Cora Cobble, Mrs. Myrtle Kesterson, Miss Alpha Pack, Corbin Cobble, Thos. Pack.

New Home—J. G. Varner, E. D. Kendrick, Lettie Kendrick.

New Cross—Mrs. W. G. Willett.

Piney Grove—T. H. Woolsey, Mrs. Lutie Woolsey.

Wooddale—G. G. Taylor.

Grassy Creek.—Charles Parker, A. J. Mathews, Miss Ethel Parker.

Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected Moderator.

The following Order of Business is adopted:

- 1—Organization.
- 2—Reception of new churches.
- 3—Seating of visiting brethren.
- 4—Appointment of Committees.
- 5—Verbal and written reports of churches.
- 6—Reports of committees.
- 7—Miscellaneous business.
- 8—Adjournment.

On motion, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. White, Mrs. K. M. Humbird, Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Mrs. Alice McClain, Prof. E. N. J. Dykes are invited to seats in this body as advisory members.

Appointment of Committees.

On Pulpit Supply—Pastor and Delegates of Bethany Church.

On Sabbath Schools—Kendrick, Taylor, Pierce, Johnson, Jackson.

On Missions—Dunbar, Parker, Cobble.

On Temperance—Carroll, J. Dunbar, Bible.

On Necrology—Myrtle Kesterson, Sawyers, Jackson.

On Literature—Stroup, Morelock, Wilson.

On Resolutions—Cox, C. M. Burgess, Hammer.

On Ministerial Support—Alpha Pack. Cora Cobble, Dunbar, Wilson.

On Finance—Bessie Gilton, Ora Burgess, Lutie Rogers.

On Next Session—Dunbar, Jackson, White.

On Education—Woolsey, Dunbar, Carroll.

Sermon at 8:00 P. M. by Rev. Wm. Stroup, from Heb. 9:27.

Adjourned.

Friday Morning, August 9th.

J. W. Baker, of Johnson's Chapel, and Sister Jones, of New Cross, arrive and are enrolled.

Verbal and Written Reports of Churches.

Forest Grove, Piney Grove, Liberty, New Home, Hopkin's Chapel, Brown's Chapel, Wooddale, report.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. F. Cash preached from II Samuel 15:14, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Adjourned.

Friday Afternoon.

On motion, the Moderator to appoint a Relief Committee, and each committee appoints sub-committees, to render assistance and comfort to the sick and dying within the bounds of our Association. The territory of each committee to be assigned later by the Moderator.

Report of Churches Continued.

Fair View, Johnson's Chapel, Mt. Moriah, Grassy Creek, Cedar Creek, Greene Ridge report.

At 8 P. M. Rev. A. N. Benfield preached from Hebrews 1:1-3.

Adjourned.

Saturday Morning, August 10th.

The Moderator appointed the following Relief Committee, viz: Burney Pierce, G. D. Dunbar, Miss Alpha Pack, Mrs. T. H. Woolsey, J. G. Varner.

Midway reports.

Report of committees adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend to all our people the following publications: "The New Morning Star," Tecumseh, Oklahoma, "The Free Baptist," Ayden, North Carolina, and their supplies. We ask our people, when convenient, to use our Sunday School supplies.

WM. STROUP, Chairman.

I. N. WILSON.

W. H. MORELOCK.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We recommend the adoption of last years' report, and ask that it be printed in this years' Minutes.

"Regarding the Sunday School of paramount importance to the cause of Christianity and to the wellbeing of humanity, we cannot too strongly urge our people to organize and maintain well regulated Sunday Schools at all their places of worship, and also to lend helping hands in establishing Sunday Schools at every needed place within the bounds of our Associon. We earnestly ask all our ministers to help and insist upon the laity of our churches to aid in every needed way to build up the cause of Sunday Schools. We insist that our people make a house to house canvass in the interest of the Sun-

day School work over the entire territory of our Association, bringing in, if possible, every child, man and woman, especially those who cannot read or write."

E. D. KENDRICK.

G. G. TAYLOR.

C. A. JOHNSON.

H. N. JACKSON.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We thank God for the work which the Free Baptist have done in ridding our State of saloons, and pray God that the time may soon come when our Nation will become dro. We, even now, see the hand of God moving to answer the prayers of those that have been praying so long for the time to come when strong drink would be no more; when our men boys, women and girls could not get it to disgrace our names, people and Nation with. We verily believe that God's hand is ruling out now strong drink. Even the rulers of our nation, God has set them against it. Let us fight on till the victory comes.

J. N. CARROL.

J. A. DUNBAR.

MINNIS BIBLE.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved That each church shall pay at least \$1 in each year to the Home Mission Fund.

Resolved, That the ministers have a Fifth Sunday Meeting once a year for the good of ministers. Time and place to be set by the Ordaining Council.

Resolved, That we re-adopt the resolutions as was adopted last year, which are as follows:

Resolved, That we, as Free Baptist, will not allow any minister or ministers known as a "come-outer" that does not believe in a visible organized church to preach in our churches or give such permission to erect their tents on our church premises.

Resolved, That we will deal with any of our ministers that unites with such preachers to help them in their meeting, or to assist any of these new doctrines that tends to divide and confuse the people, as some of our churches have already been hurt by such.

Resolved, That, if we, as Free Baptist, believe the Bible to teach that there is an organized visible church, then let us not allow, knowingly, such persons as the aboved named to come in and raise confusion. Lets be wha t we are. Lets work for the glory of God and build up His kingdom.

J. R. Cox, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to submit the following:

First—We urge the Free Baptist people in all parts of the country to be more enthusiastic in church and Sunday School work. That we use our influence for the care of those who are spiritually weak, remembering that Jesus says "Feed my lambs."

Second—We earnestly request ministers who have pastoral charges to do more this year to increase attendance at church and Sunday School in their

churches. Let us do that which is before us first and then seek foreign work.

Third—That all churches take a montly contribution for missionary work. Brothers, let us all remember that God commanded Moses to "Go farward" and believing the command is also to us, let us all do more to unfurl the banner of Jesus Christ wherever we go."

GEO. D. DUNBAR.

CORBIN COBBLE.

CHAS. PARKER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following:

We adopt in part the report of last year, and recommend the Free Baptist school at Tuscumsh, Oklahoma, for our young ministers, and Baptist people generally. We feel that our people should support and patronize our own schools.

For the special benefit of those in North Carolina, Tennessee and adjoining States there has been established at Ayden, N. C., a splendid Seminary by the Free Baptist people.

It is very embarrassing indeed to find from church reports that so little is being expended for literature by our churches and Sunday Schools.

We earnestly urge that our churches strive to make the Sunday Scool a place of instruction and not merely a place to go.

Furthermore we request that our people every-

where abolish dime novels and substitute instead good Christian literature.

GEO. D. DUNBAR.
J. N. CARROLL.
T. H. WOOLSEY.

Adopted.

Saturday Afternoon.

Report of churches continued.

By motion, the New Cross church, together with its report, is placed into the hands of the Church Extension Board.

By motion, the Moderator is empowered to send ministers to supply all churches that are not supplied in the bounds of this Association.

Rev. W. P. Knowling, traveling agent of the Co-Operative Association, is invited to a seat in this body.

Rev. Knowling presented his work to us, explaining the object of the Co-Operative Association.

By motion, Brother J. S. Burges is elected as a delegate to represent us in the Co-Operative Association, which meets at Dunganan, Va., Thursday before the first Sunday in November.

Report of Church Extension Board.

We are making nice progress in the building at Clear Creek. Mr. Gray Allen has given a nice lot at Newport, Tenn., to build a Free Baptist church on. We hope in the near future to build a church

on the lot; We have how subscriptions amounting to \$75 or \$80 toward the building.

T. H. WOOLSEY.

J. N. CARROLL.

Adopted.

The Moderator appoints the following Church Extension Board, T. H. Woolsey, J. N. Carroll, G. D. Dunbar, W. H. H. Morelock, J. S. Burgess.

Bethany reports. Verbal report Magnolia and Midway Union.

By vote, East Knoxville church is dropped from the roll.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support.

Resolved. That we retain report of committee of last year, and urge its re-adoption.

Resolved, That each pastor appoints two or more members of his church as Stewards to collect from each member of his church the amount they will pay for the support of the ministry, and pay same to him

G. H. WHITE,

T. E. PACK.

ASHLEY PACK.

J. S. DUNBAR.

CORA COBBLE.

Adopted.

Voted the Moderator to express our thanks to this church and community for their kindness shown the entire delegation.

By motion, that we erase the resolution not to

allow a minister who does not belong to Minister's Conference to pastor any church in this Association.

Resolved. That we, as Free Baptist, do not recognize the work of any minister who does not belong to some Free Baptist Conference.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Next Session.

We, your Committee on Next Session, beg to report as follows:

That the next session be held with New Home Church, in Coeke County, Tenn., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1919.

GEO. D. DUNBAR.

H. M. JACKSON,

BRUCE WHITE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Necrology.

We, your Committee on Necrology, beg to report the following deaths: Liberty 2, Mt. Moriah 2, New Home 1, Hopkin's Chapel 2.

MYRTLE KESTERSON.

W. J. SAWYERS.

J. A. JACKSON.

Prof. G. D. Dunbar is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session.

The following is pledged to the Home Mission Fund, \$68.00. Paid \$27.00.

Voted to pay the Clerk \$5.00 for his services.

Report of Committee on Finance.

From Churches	\$19.65
From Ministers	6.25
Total.....	\$25.90

Saturday at 8 P. M. Rev. J. F. Cash preached.

Sunday at 11 A. H. sermon by Prof. G. D. Dunbar, from Rev. 4:18.

Adjourned to meet with the New Home Church, Bybee, Route 2, Cocke County, Tenn., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1919.

J. S. BURGESS, Moderator.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Clerk,
Route 15, Greeneville, Tenn,

LATER—Magnolia reports with \$1.00 for Minute Fund.

Midway Union reports with \$1.00 for Minute Fund and 90 cents for Home Mission Fund.

Bridges' Chapel reports with \$1.00 for Minute Fund.

Mt. Carmel reports.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS ELECT.	P. O. ADDRESS
Bethany.....	J. S. Burgess.....	Chuckey, Tenn., Route 4.
Brown's Chapel.....	W. H. Morelock.....	Baileyton, Tenn., Route 7.
Bridges' Chapel.....	W. M. Clendenin.....	Dandridge, Tenn., R. 7
Cedar Creek.....	.....	Greeneville, Tenn., R. 14
Chimney Top.....	.....	Fall Branch, Route 4
Embreeville.....	W. R. Coggin.....	Embreeville, Tenn.
Forest Grove.....	J. F. Cash.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
Fair View.....	W. P. McPheridge.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
Greene Ridge.....	G. D. Dunbar.....	Chuckey, Tenn., Route 3
Hopkins' Chapel.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2
Johnson's Chapel.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2
Liberty.....	J. S. Burgess.....	Chuckey, Tenn.
Kingsport.....	.....	Kingsport, Tennessee.
Mt. Carmel.....	W. H. Morelock.....	Baileyton, Tenn., R. 7.
Mt. Moriah.....	W. H. Morelock.....	Baileyton, Tenn., R. 7.
Magnolia.....	A. N. Benfield.....	Church Hill, Tenn., R. 5
Midway.....	J. S. Burgess.....	Chuckey, Tenn., Route 4.
Midway Union.....	T. G. Lovin.....	Mooreburg, Tennessee.
New Home.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn., Route 2
New Cross.....	.....	Greeneville, Tenn.
Piney Grove.....	J. R. Cox.....	Jonesboro, Tenn., R. 3
Unicoi.....	.....	Unicoi, Tennessee.
Woolsey College.....	.....	Greeneville, Tenn., R. 15.
Grassy Creek.....	Wm. Stroup.....	Church Hill, Tenn., R. 5
Wooddale.....	J. F. Cash.....	Knoxville, Tenn., R. 4.
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Statistical Table Continued.

CHURCHES	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. of Members :	No. in Sunday School
Bethany.....						144	50
Brown's Chapel.....	1					86	35
Bridges' Chapel.....					2	22	40
Cedar Creek.....						12	
Embreeville.....							
Forest Grove.....						29	40
Fair View.....		1					
Greene Ridge.....						27	
Hopkin's Chapel.....				2	2	14	25
Liberty.....	15	1			2	187	67
Kingsport.....							
Mt. Carmel.....					2	80	
Mt. Moriah.....						46	50
Magnolia.....	3	1			2	51	
Midway.....	10					60	55
Midway Union.....	7		2			40	30
New Home.....	3	1	7	14	1	90	40
New Cross.....						21	
Piney Grove.....						33	50
Unicoi.....							
Woolsey College.....							
Grassey Creek.....						31	65
Johnson Chapel.....		2				55	36
Wooddale.....		2				49	44
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Statistical Table Continued.

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