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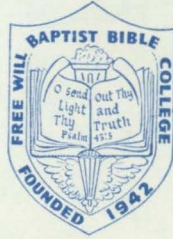
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Minister's Conference.

Wednesday, August 8th.

At 7:30 p. m. the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. S. R. Pratt from Genesis 24:49.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 9th.

The Conference assembled at 8:00 a. m. After the usual devotional services the following ministers were enrolled:

J. S. Burgess, W. S. Barton, Minnis Bible, J. N. Carroll, J. E. Ellenburg, Dennis Hammer, W. H. Johnson, S. R. Pratt, William Stroup, G. D. Dunbar, A. N. Benfield, W. C. Waycaster.

On motion the action of three years ago being recinded, we re-elected Rev. G. D. Dunbar President by acclamation.

The following order of business is adopted:

- 1—Enrollment of members.
- 2—Organization.
- 3—Reception of new members.
- 4—Seating visiting brethren.
- 5—Report of ministers.
- 6—Appointment of Committees.
- 7—Report of Ordaining Council.
- 8—Election of Ordaining Council.
- 9—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10—Adjournment.

On motion Rev. John Adams of the Watauga Association is recommended to this body for membership.

On motion the following brethren are invited to seats in this body:

Revs. J. W. Pullam, J. H. Wilson and I. A. Waumpler.

On motion Rev. A. N. Benfield is elected to fill out the unexpired time of Rev. J. R. Cox on the Ordaining Council.

On motion Brother Blaine Burgess is elected to assist the Clerk.

Appointment of Committees.

On Resolutions—J. E. Ellenburg, Dennis Hammer, W. C. Waycaster.

On Memorials—W. S. Barton, William Stroup, Minnis Bible.

Adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon, August 9th.

Met at 2:00 p. m. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Minnis Bible.

Partial report of Ordaning Council. Report favorably on Rev. J. Q. Adams of the Watauga Association, and he is elected to membership to this body.

On motion Rev. E. B. Robbins of the Missionary Baptist Church is invited to a seat in our body as an advisory council.

On motion the name of J. R. Cox is dropped from our roll book, and the Clerk is asked to notify the said J. R. Cox to discontinue to preach under the name of Freewill Baptists.

Report of Ministers.

W. S. Barton, report received, character passed.

J. L. Cagle, report received, character passed.

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

J. E. Ellenburg, report received, character passed.

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

A. F. Hensley, report received, character passed.

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

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

T. G. Lovin, report received, character passed.

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

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

D. F. Patton, Report received, character passed.

S. R. Pratt, report received, character passed.

S. E. Parker, report received, character passed.

Wm. Stroup, report received, character passed.

Minnis Bible, report received, character passed.

J. N. Carroll, report received, character passed.

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

J. E. Moffitt, report received, character passed.

J. L. Ollis, report received, character passed.

A. N. Benfield, report received, character passed.

A. S. Robinson, report received, character passed.

W. C. Waycaster, report received, character passed.

S. D. Hammer, report received, character passed.

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

On motion Rev. J. L. Ollis is referred to the Ordaining Council for investigation.

Adjourned.

Friday Afternoon, August 10th.

Met at 8:00 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by I. A. Waumpler of the M. E. Church.

On motion W. R. Poe is invited to a seat as advisory council until his case is disposed of by the Ordaining Council.

Upon investigation the Ordaining Council is unable to find any charges against Brother Ollis, and the Conference is suspended and prayer is offered in his behalf.

Adjourned.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Assembled at 2:00 p. m. Report of ministers:

On motion the names of J. M. and J. B. Brady, G. H. Bennett, R. M. Pendleton are dropped from our roll book.

Report of Ordaining Council.

We have examined and recommend to you Rev. John Q. Adams and Rev. W. T. Nunley of the Watauga Association and Rev. W. R. Poe of the Missionary Baptist Church and ask that they be received into full fellowship with us.

We have licensed J. H. Wilson, A. S. Robinson, Branch Robins, R. C. Self, B. C. Lowe and S. D. Hammer to preach one year.

We pass for ordination Brother J. R. Taylor.

On motion the following were elected to membership in this body:

Revs. J. F. Adams, W. T. Nurley, W. R. Poe, J. H. Wilson, A. S.

Robinson, R. C. Self, B. C. Lowe, Branch Robins, J. R. Taylor and S. D. Hammer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. DUNBAR, Ch'm.

Saturday Afternoon, August 12th.

Assembled at 8:30 a. m. Praise service and prayer by Father H. J. Bailey.

Brother H. J. Bailey arrived.

Report of Committe on Resolutions.

The following resolution was introduced by J. S. Burgess and duly passed:

Resolved, That any member of this Conference who may be found to speak in any way to the members of any pastor's Church to hurt his Christian Character with them shall be excluded from this Conference.

Resolved, That each member of this Conference shall report in person at each session of this Conference unless providentially hindered. Anyone failing to do so shall be subject to be dropped from the Ministerial Roll.

Adopted.

Adjourned to meet with the next annual meeting of the Freewill Baptist Association.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, President.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Secretary.

MINISTER'S REPORT.

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Association Proceedings.

Thursday Morning.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Minister's Conference, Rev. J. S. Burgess called to order the Fifty-First Annual Session of the Union Freewill Baptist Association, and the following Ministers and delegates are enrolled:

MINISTERS.

J. S. Burgess, W. S. Barton, Minnis Bible, J. N. Carroll, J. E. Ellenburg, Dennis Hammer, W. H. Johnson, S. R. Pratt, W. M. Stroup, G. D. Dunbar, A. N. Benfield, W. C. Waycaster.

DELEGATES.

Bethany—Burney Pierce, C. A. Johnson, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Burney Bolton, O. C. Waycaster.

Chimney Top—N. B. Baxter, E. F. Hensley.

Knoxville Church—E. W. Knight and wife, R. E. Jinks and wife.

Green Ridge—B. C. Gray.

Hopkins Chapel—J. M. Reese.

Johnson's Chapel—Mrs. J. C. Cates.

Liberty—H. D. Bailey, J. R. Dunbar, A. B. Burgess, Mrs. G. W. Broyles, Mrs. Chas. Mauk, Miss Edith Broyles.

Mt. Moriah—J. N. Wilson, Francis Bledsoe.

Midway—N. A. Cobble, Geo. Rader, R. A. Kesterson, Miss Pearl Pack, Miss Essie Franklin.

New Home—W. H. Hayes, H. L. Varner, E. D. Kendrick and wife.

Greeneville—J. E. Ellenburg, B. C. Lowe.

Shady Grove—J. H. Wilson, R. M. Johnson.

On motion A. B. Burgess is elected Moderator.

The following Order of Business is adopted:

- 1—Enrollment of members.
- 2—Organization.
- 3—Reception of new Churches.
- 4—Seating visiting brethren.
- 5—Reports of Committees.
- 6—Appointment of Committees.
- 7—Verbal and written reports of Ordaining Council.

8—Election of Ordaining Council.

9—Miscellaneous business.

10—Adjournment.

On motion J. R. Dunbar is elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion Bros. Pullam, I. A. Waumpler, J. Q. Adams, are invited to seats in our body

Appointment of Committees.

On Pulpit—Pastor and Delegates of this Church.

On Sunday School—H. D. Bailey, Burney Pierce, I. N. Wilson.

On Missions—W. C. Waycaster, Burney Bolton, Corbin Cobble.

On Literature—J. E. Ellenburg, Wm. Stroup, W. H. Johnson.

On Temperance—G. D. Dunbar, Bruce Lowe, J. N. Carroll.

On Resolutions—W. S. Barton, Dennis Hammer, J. R. Dunbar.

On Education—T. H. Woolsey, J. S. Burgess, Geo. Rader.

On Ministerial Support—J. S. Burgess, N. A. Cobble, G. D. Dunbar.

On Finance—Mrs. Elsie Mauk, Miss Edith Broyles.

On Relief—H. D. Bailey, Grady Tunnell, H. L. Varner.

On Necrology—E. F. Hensley, Miss Pearl Pack, Mrs. Bledsoe.

Adjourned.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. W. Pullam preached from II Tim., 4:2.

Thursday Afternoon.

Report of Churches.

Brown's Chapel, Bridge's Chapel, Christian Bend, Chimney Top, Knoxville, Green Ridge, Shady Grove, New Home reported.

Adjourned.

Rev. Wm. Stroup preached from Mat. 2:2.

Friday Morning, August 10th.

Hopkin's Chapel reported. On motion the report of Hopkin's Chapel is placed into the hands of the Church Extension Board.

Johnson's Chapel, Liberty, Grassy Creek, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Carmel, Magnolia reported.

Friday Morning, Aug. 10th.

On motion Bros. W. T. Nunley and J. A. French are invited to seats in this body as an advisory council.

Committee on Next Session—H. D. Bailey, N. A. Cobble and J. A. French.

Adjourned.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. W. S. Barton preached from John 3:3.

Friday Afternoon.

Midway, Midway Union, Wooddale, Greeneville and Van Hill reported.

On motion Rev. A. S. Robinson is excused from further attendance.

On motion Hinton Street, Fairview and Kingsport are dropped from our roll.

Committees Report.

Committee on Missions report.

Committee on Sunday School report discussed by Revs. J. E. Moffitt, S. R. Pratt, G. D. Dunbar.

At 3:30 p. m. a tribute of respect was paid to the death of our greatly lamented President, Warren G. Harding. After a few well chosen words by Rev. J. S. Burgess the entire Association stood with bowed heads in silent prayer; then a fervent audible prayer was offered by Rev. G. D. Dunbar.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We see with pride our country being purged of intoxicating liquors, and in most sections a higher degree of law enforcement prevails. This is due in a large measure to interest being manifested by the Church and the law-abiding citizens of the country. But we feel that there are greater evils to be met and conquered. The drug habit threatens to destroy our people. The druggists of our country persist in selling this damnable concoction to men and women without leave or license.

We deplore these conditions, and ask our people to use their influence to suppress this evil.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, Ch'm.

Report of Committee on Literature.

We, your Committee on Literature, recommend the adoption of last year's report.

We recommend to all our people the following publications: The New Morning Star, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. The Freewill Baptist, Ayden, N. C., and their supplies.

We ask all Freewill Baptist Sunday Schools to adopt the Freewill Baptist Sunday School literature published by the Freewill Baptist Printing Co., Ayden, N. C. We further urge our people to discard cheap and trashy books and magazines that have a tendency to lead boys and girls downward instead of upward.

J. E. ELLENBURG.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. N. Benfield preached from Rev. 6:3.
Adjourned.

Saturday Morning, August 11th.

The Moderator appointed I. N. Wilson and G. T. Cannon to assist the Committee on Next Session in deciding where we meet next year.

On motion Duncan's Chapel was placed in the hands of the Church Extension Board.

On motion Fairview was placed in the hands of the Church Extension Board.

Report of Committee on Literature adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance adopted.

- Report of Committee on Education adopted last year's report as follows:

It is much to be regretted by us to have to say that there are numbers of both men and women within the bounds of our Association who can neither read or write; and that they are making no effort to learn. Evidently there is something wrong with the Christians within the bounds of our Association; and we say Christians, *we mean to include all who profess to know Jesus Christ, for if*

Jesus gave any strong command it *must* be this: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; but they are they that testify of me." God help every Christian, everywhere, to impress upon every person the importance of knowing how to read and write. We have those who are unable to search the Scriptures without stopping to think for a single moment that much of that blame should fall on us for failure to do our duty towards them from a Christian standpoint. Let us as Christians encourage every boy and girl within the bounds of our work to attend both day and Sunday School, for the purpose of learning to read and write, that they may be equipped for the duties of life in all its phases, *emphasizing* it to be their Christian duty to acquire an education which will equip them for becoming valuable citizens and Christians.

Now, then, let us go after the men and women of mature age urging them to attend Sunday School; and actively participate in the work of the same that they may be equipped for the duties of life.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Ch'm.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, adopt the report of last year which is as follows:

1st. We urge the Freewill Baptists in all parts of the country to be more enthusiastic in Church and Sunday School work. That we will use our influence for the care of those who are spiritually weak, remembering that Jesus said, "feed my sheep."

2nd. We earnestly request our ministers who have pastoral charges to do more than ever before to increase attendance at Church and Sunday School, remembering that Christ said, "go into the by-ways and hedges and as many as you can find, bring them in that my table may be filled."

3rd. We, as your Committee, further recommend that all our Churches take a monthly contribution for Missionary work, remembering that Christ said, "go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," and how can we go except we be sent?

W. C. WAYCASTER, Ch'm.	} Com.
BURNEY BOLTON	
CORBIN COBBLE	

Report on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolved, That this Association require each Church to pay \$1.00 for the first 25 members and \$1.00 for each additional 25 or fraction thereof for Mission money.

Be it further Resolved, That we shall not accept any report unless same accompanies letter.

S. D. HAMMER }
J. R. DUNBAR }

Resolved, That when the Churches of this body enter into a contract with a minister of said body to preach for them, that they shall pay him a reasonable salary and stand by him as long as said minister abides by the resolve of the Minister's Conference, and failure to do so the Church may be dealt with to the discretion of this body.

Adopted.

O. C. WAYCASTER.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support.

After hearing the reports of ministers we are embarrassed to see the decline in supporting the gospel ministry. We ask that our Churches take some steps to better pay their ministers.

We earnestly request all pastors to ask their congregation to study and practice the art of contributing, as God has prospered them, of their means.

J. S. BURGESS, Ch'm. }
G. D. DUNBAR
N. A. COBBLE }

Committee on Next Session.

Your Committee on Next Session report that the next Annual Association will be held with New Home Church, Bybee, Tenn.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions and Bethany report is adopted.

On motion Brother Samuel Freshour is excused from further attendance.

At 11:00 a. m. Brother John Taylor was regularly ordained by the Ordaining Council.

Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

Committee on Necrology.

We, your Committee on Necrology, beg to submit the following report:

After a careful examination of the reports from various Churches we find that God in His infinite wisdom has called nineteen precious souls from our ranks.

We pray God's blessing on all those who are bereaved.

MISS PEARL PACK }
MRS. HASSIE BLEDSOE }

Report of Relief Committee.

Chimney Top Church spent	- - - - -	\$ 15.00
Midway Church spent	- - - - -	22.00

We request that each pastor shall appoint a Committee to co-operate with this Committee and furnish it a correct report at the regular meeting.

HENRY D. BAILEY }
CORBIN COBBLE }

Finance Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Home Mission Funds.....	\$ 58.23
Minute Funds.....	42.96
Total.....	\$ 101.18
From Minister's Funds.....	\$ 14.00
Total	\$ 115.33

MRS. CHAS. L. MAUK, Ch'm. }
MRS. G. W. BROYLES }
MISS EDITH BROYLES }

Forest Grove reported.

Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Report of Committee on Necrology adopted.

On motion the work of Field Evangelist is in the hands of the Home Mission Board.

On motion the Association gave the Mission Board the privilege to expend the Home Mission fund as in its wisdom deemed best, with the understanding that they report to this body stating how it has been expended.

On motion it is requested that Churches will send Delegates who will remain until the Association adjourns.

By vote we express our thanks to the Church and community for their generous hospitality.

Voted to pay the Clerk \$10.

Adjourned to meet with the New Home Church on Wednesday evening before the second Sunday in August, 1924.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Geo. Jenkins preached from James 5:20.

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock Rev. J. S. Burgess preached from St. John 18:40.

A. B. BURGESS, Moderator.

T. W. WOOLSEY, Clerk.

LATER.—Received \$2.00 from Hopkin's Chapel and \$1.00 from Magnolia.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Lord in His wisdom and loving kindness saw fit to call from among us on the afternoon of April 8th, 1923, the elderly M. C. Cannon.

He was born June 30th, 1846. He became a member of Pleasant Hill M. E. Church about 30 years ago, where he remained until 1908, when he was transferred to Wooddale Freewill Baptist Church, where he remained until his sudden death, April 8th, 1923. He was well thought of by all who knew him.

We, the members of Wooddale Church, remember him as one we loved—a child of God.

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