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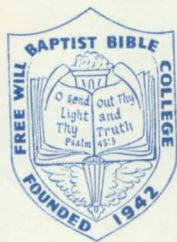
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Minister's Conference.

Wednesday, August 6th.

Introductory sermon Wednesday night by W. C. Waycaster
Text John 14:6.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 7th.

Thursday 11 a. m. sermon by J. L. Ollis, Text Genesis 17:1.

Thursday Afternoon, August 7th.

Devotional exercises by Rev. J. E. Ellenburg.

The following ministers are enrolled:

J. S. Burgess, J. N. Carroll, J. E. Ellenburg, S. R. Pratt, A. N. Benfield, W. C. Waycaster, W. F. Nunley, J. L. Cagle, J. L. Ollis, W. J. Holdway, W. J. Sawyer, B. C. Lowe, S. E. Parker, G. D. Dunbar.

In the absence of the Clerk, Blain Burgess is elected to fill the vacancy, pro tem.

On motion, Rev. G. D. Dunbar is elected President of the Conference.

On motion D. Yarbrough and C. A. George are invited to seats in our body.

The order of business of last year 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.

The Clerk T. H. Woolsey, arrives.

Report of Ordaining Council.

On motion we retain the present Ordaining Council for a period of three years whose names are as follows, G. D. Dunbar, J. N. Carroll, and A. N. Benfield.

On motion adjourned to be called together at the will of the President.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, President.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Secretary.

Greeneville Tennessee, Route 7.



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Association Proceedings.

Thursday Afternoon, August 7th.

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

MINISTERS.

J. S. Burgess, J. N. Carroll, J. E. Ellenburg, S. R. Pratt, A. N. Benfield, W. C. Waycaster, W. T. Nunley, J. R. Cagle, J. L. Ollis, W. J. Holdway, W. J. Sawyers, B. C. Lowe, S. E. Parker, G. D. Dunbar and W. Johnson.

DELEGATES.

Brown's Chapel—W. W. Luster Noah Luster S. L. Smiley.
Chimney Top—A. F. Hensley, A. C. Roberts.
Knoxville—I. L. Baker, R. E. Jinks, John Parker.
Hopkins Chapel—Jim Sea, Pleas Davis, A. L. Crane.
Johnson's Chapel—Mrs. J. C. Cates, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Miss Matilda Phipps.
Liberty—Blaine Burgess and wife.
Mt. Moriah—Miss Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Gabe Price, Mrs. Clinton Price.
Midway—George Rader, Corbin Cobble, T. E. Rogan, N. A. Cobble.
New Home—J. A. French, W. A. Turner, W. H. Hayes, J. S. Samples, J. L. Yarbarough, H. A. French, J. W. Calfee.
Greeneville—Edgar Burkey, Lacy Barham.
Shady Grove—Mary Johnson.
Bridges Chapel—Frank Poe.

On motion Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected moderator by acclamation.

On motion all visiting brothers and sisters are invited to a seat in our body.

The following Order of Business is adopted:

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

On motion all committees are required to report not later than Friday p. m.

Verbal and Written Reports of Churches.

Bridges Chapel, Chimney Top, Forest Grove, Brown's Chapel, Green Ridge, Hopkins Chapel, Johnson Chapel, Liberty, Mt. Moriah, New Prospect, Greeneville, Mt. Zion, New Home, Christain Bend, Midway.

Rev. A. N. Benfield is to preach at 7:30 to-night.

On motion the report of Mt. Carmell will be accepted when they furnish the required mission funds and one dollar minute money.

Sermon 7:30 by Rev. A. N. Benfield.

Adjourned.

Friday Morning August 8th,

The delegates of Grassy Creek arrive and are enrolled, Hurbert Morelock and wife, C. B. Parker.

Reports of Grassy Creek, received.

On motion the resolution of last year for securing mission funds is repealed.

On motion that each church pay for mission \$1.00 for the first 20 members 5 cts. per capita for all above 20.

Appointment of Committees.

On Pulpit Supply—Pastor and Delegates of New Home Church

On Sunday Schools—W. J. Holdway, N. A. Cobble, Lafayette Johnson.

On Missions—W. T. Nunley, Edgar Burkey, W. W. Luster.

On Literature—J. E. Ellenburg, A. N. Benfield, W. H. Johnson

On Temperance—G. D. Dunbar, S. E. Parker, J. L. Ollis.

On Resolutions—J. N. Carroll, W. C. Waycaster, T. E. Ragan.

On Education—T. H. Woolsey, Blaine Burgess, G. D. Dunbar.

On Ministerial Support—J. L. Cagle, Mrs. L. M. Humbard, Mrs. J. C. Cates.

On Finance—Miss Ruth Wilson, Miss Matilda Phipps, Mrs. Clinton Price, Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

On Next Session—Mrs. Gabe Price, Mrs. J. C. Cates, Mrs. Ethel Burgess.

On Necrology—B. C. Lowe, George Rader, Lacy Barham.

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

Report of Committee on Pulpit Supply.

J. L. Cagle, 1:100 a. m. Friday.

W. F. Nunley, 7:30 p. m. Friday.

J. S. Burges, 11:00 a. m. Saturday.

G. D. Dunbar, 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

W. S. Barton, 11:00 a. m. Sunday.

On motion the Church Extension Board is released.

On motion the Moderator appoints the following Church Extension Board to serve for the next three years, T. H. Woolsey, J. E. Ellenburg, Blaine Burgess.

Adjourned.

Friday 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Cagle, preached from Rev. 22:16.

Wooddale and Midway Union reported.

On motion Van Hill, Magnolia, Piney Grove, Bethany, are placed into the hands of the Church Extension Board.

Committees Report,

Committee on Missions reports received and adopted.

Committee on Sunday School reports received and adopted.

Committee on Literature reports received and adopted.

Committee on Education reports received and adopted.

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,
G. D. DUNBAR,
N. A. COBBLE } Committee.

Finance Committee.]

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Home Mission Funds.....	\$ 59.30
Minute Funds from Churches.....	40.82
Total.....	\$ 100.12
From Minister's	\$ 13.50
Total.....	\$ 113.62

MRS. CLINTON PRICE,
TILDA PHIPPS,
MRS. J. A. JOHNSON,
RUTH WILSON.

On motion J. E. Ellenbury and delegates of Greenville are released from further attendance to this body.

On motion the Clerk is to be paid \$10.00 and assis't Clerk \$5.00 for their service.

On motion the Moderator appoints the following, Home Mission Board, T. H. Woolsey, J. L. Cagle, J. N. Carroll, N. A. Cobble, Blaine Burgess.

On motion Rev. J. N. Carroll, is indorsed as Evangelist for the Union Association.

Committee on Next Session.

On motion the Next Session will be held with Mt. Moriah First Baptist Church, 3 miles west of Rogersville on Thursday before the 2nd. Sunday in August.

Committee on Necrology.

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

After careful examination of the reports from various Churches we find that God in His wisdom has called twelve souls from our ranks. We pray God's blessings on all those who are bereaved.

B. C. Lowe, Chairman.

On motion S. E. Parker, J. L. Ollis, Fate Johnson, J. L. Baker, and B. C. Lowe, are excused from further attendance.

Adjourned.

Saturday Morning, August 9th.

On motion A. N. Benfield, W. T. Nunley, E. F. Hensley, W. C. Waycaster, J. C. Roberts, C. B. Parker, Hubert Morelock, E. J. Morelock, are excused from further attendances.

On motion the New Prospect Freewill Baptist Church, of Knoxville is placed in the hands of the Church Extension Board.

On motion that we defray the expenses of A. B. Burgess and T. H. Woolsey members of the Church Extension Board to visit the New Prospect Church for investigation.

On motion Bev. G. D. Dunbar, T. H. Woolsey are appointed to represent this body in the State Convention of N. C.

On motion J. N. Carroll, W. J. Hodlway, A. N. Benfield to correspond with the adjoining Associations in an effort to form a Tennessee State Convention.

A vote of thanks is to be given by Moderator to this church and community for their hospitality,

On motion that we indorse the church paper printed at Aydon N. C., and also the Freewill Baptist School at that place.

Rev. J. S. Burgess preached from Luke 22:31.

On motion S. E. Parker, J. L. Ollis, Fate Johnson, J. L. Baker, and Bruce C Lowe are excused from further attendance to this body.

At 7:00 p. m. Rev. W. T. Nunley preached from Jude 3rd.

Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon, August 9th.

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, largely, to co-operation of the best citizens of our country. But this is no time for rest. The enemy is alert and on guard. Watch therefore and pray.

We earnestly request our people to give their support to our Government, State and Federal, in its efforts to suppress liquor, drugs and cigarretts.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, }
J. L. OLLIS, } Committee
S. E. PARKER, }

Report of Committee on Missions.

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report we do earnestly insist that our people every where make a more determined effort to provide the Spiritual and financial interest of our church and that our several churches will contribute of their means liberally for the futher extension of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted:

W. T. Nunley, Ch'm

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We regard our Sabbath Schools to be a hot bed to Christianity and we strongly urge our people to orgainze and maintain evergreen Sunday School at their places of worship, and also lend helping hands in establishing Sunday schools in every needed place within the bounds of our association.

We find several of our churches in the bounds of our association have'nt any Sunday Schools.

We strongly urge all our ministers to use all their ability to orginize sacred singing among the children as well as the older people. And to orgainize Sunday Schools where ever possible and to use our litature.

N. A. Cobble.

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.

A. N. BENFIELD.

J. E. ELLENBURG.

W. H. JOHNSON.

Report of Committee on Education.

We desire to thank the Minister's Conference for the steps taken to improve our ministry. We feel that it is a step in the right direction, and is destined to save our churches from future embarrassment.

We feel that our people are under obligation to use more of our literature now being published at Ayden, N. C., and should subscribe for the "Freewill Baptist," the only official organ of the Freewill Baptist Church in this section.

Seeing the great need of a higher degree of Christian education among our young people we cannot too earnestly request our people to send their boys and girls to the Ayden Seminary at Ayden, N. C., where they may receive the training that will qualify them mentally and spiritually for life.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, }
T. H. WOOLSEY, } Committee.
BLAINE BURGESS, }

Report of Ordaining Council.

We have licensed E. C. Burkie and W. N. Luster to preach for one year.

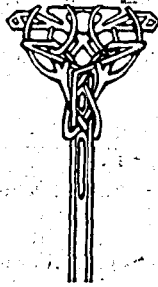
We recommend that J. Q. Adams and W. H. H. Morelock be placed in the hands of the Ordaining Council for investigation.

GEO. D. DUNBAR, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to meet with Mt. Moriah Church three miles west of Rogersville, Tennessee, on Thursday before 2nd. Sunday in August 1925.

J. S. BURGESS, Moderator.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Clerk,
Greeneville Tennessee, Route 7.



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CHURCHES

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BY-LAWS

—FOR THE—

Union Freewill Baptist Minister's Conference

ARTICLE 1—SECTION 1.—This shall be known as the Union Freewill Baptist Minister's Conference of East Tennessee, and exist by virtue of having been organized and preserved by the Freewill Baptist Ministers of this section.

SECTION 2.—It shall be composed of the Ministers Union Freewill Baptist Association, both Ordained and Licentiates, who shall be in good standing at time of admission.

SECTION 3.—In order to become a member one must first be recommended by the Ordaining Council after careful investigation of character and qualification.

SECTION 4.—The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Vice-President, Clerk or Secretary, Treasurer and an Ordaining Council.

SECTION 5.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the Conference, appoint any and all such committees as may be needful in carrying out the work of the Conference unless otherwise provided for by law, and to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. His vote shall not be counted except in case of a tie. He shall serve one year or until his successor is duly elected and installed. The President may call an extra session at any time he may think the welfare of the Conference may demand it, provided he notifies the members of the call.

SECTION 6.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and he shall exercise the same power as the President during his absence.

The Vice-President may assist the President in any way he can in the work of the Conference, and may exercise the right to vote except when in the chair.

SECTION 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of all the work of the Conference and read same at the request of the presiding officer. For his work he shall receive a compensation to be fixed by the Conference.

SECTION 8—The Ordaining Council shall be composed of three members, all of which must be ordained ministers of this Conference in good and regular standing, and having a good knowledge of the Bible and doctrine of the church. They shall be elected by the Conference to serve for a period of three years.

SECTION 9—It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to keep a vigilant watch over the ministers of the Minister's Conference, to investigate any candidate or candidates seeking admission in the Conference and make recommendation of acceptance or rejection. A rejection by the Council shall be final and need not be voted upon by the Conference. To issue license to young ministers, provided they meet the requirements of the law. To examine, recommend and ordain all ministers who are qualified by law to receive ordination. To provide proper credentials for all ministers, both ordained and licentiates.

SECTION 10—The Ordaining Council is strictly forbidden to ordain any candidate who is morally or mentally unfit or who does not profess a Divine calling. All licentiates shall be required to take a two year reading course to be outlined by the Ordaining Council and pass a rigid examination on same. No one shall be ordained unless he meet the above requirements: provided however, any one who is able to pass examination in less time than two years, by reason of attendance in schools or colleges where ministerials courses are taught, may be ordained at the discretion of the Council. It is further provided, also, that any of the students of the Aden Freewill Baptist College at Ayden, N. C., who have passed satisfactory grades may be ordained without examination by request of the faculty of said school.

SECTION 11—Seven ministers in good standing may constitute a quorum, and five may meet and adjourn.

SECTION 12—The above By-Laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority. These articles are to become effective at once.

J. S. BURGESS.
A. N. BENFIELD.
W. S. BARTON.
J. N. CARROLL.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1.—The Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 2.—We will not admit of any other title but that of brother while in session.

ARTICLE 3.—Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the member who makes it.

ARTICLE 4.—On all motions made when the voice of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.

ARTICLE 5.—There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 6.—Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the chair.

ARTICLE 7.—No member shall interrupt another while he is speaking.

ARTICLE 8.—Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 9.—No member shall speak more than three times on any one subject.

ARTICLE 10.—The President shall have the same privilege to speak as other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 11.—No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the President.

ARTICLE 12.—Any member transgressing the above Rules of Decorum shall be admonished by the President.

