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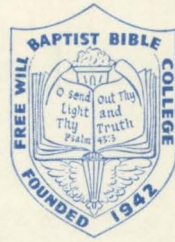
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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE.

Thursday Afternoon, August 18th.

Thursday afternoon the Clerk called to order the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of Ministers Conference the following ministers being present:

J. S. Burgess, W. S. Barton, E. C. Burkey, J. N. Carroll, J. L. Cagle, G. D. Dunbar, J. E. Ellenburg, A. F. Hensley, W. H. H. Morelock, P. A. Paxton, E. W. Knight, R. A. Miller, H. W. Morelock, W. H. Johnson.

Rev. J. N. Carroll is elected President and W. H. H. Morelock Vice President.

On motion the order of business of last year be adopted.

- 1—Enrollment of Ministers.
- 2—Organization.
- 3—Reception of New members.
- 4—Seating of Visiting Brethren.
- 5—Reports of Ministers.
- 6—Appointment of Committees.
- 7—Report of Ordaining Council.
- 8—Election of Ordaining Council.
- 9—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10—Adjournment.

On motion H. W. Morelock and R. A. Miller are elected to membership.

J. S. Burgess, W. S. Barton, P. A. Paxton are appointed as a committee on resolutions.

In the absence of A. N. Benfield W. S. Barton is to assist the Ordaining Council.

Reports are heard from the following ministers: J. H. Adams, W. S. Barton, E. C. Burkey, J. L. Cagle, G. D. Dunbar, W. R. Coggins, J. E. Ellenburg, W. H. Morelock, A. N. Benfield, P. A. Paxton, J. S. Burgess, W. R. Poe, J. N. Carroll, R. E. Jinks, E. W. Knight, R. A. Miller, H. W. Morelock.

On motion W. S. Barton is extended a vote of thanks for his untiring efforts despite his many years of age.

W. M. Stroup's character is passed and he is reported seriously ill,

Blaine Burgess and G. D. Dunbar are appointed to write a letter of condolence to Bro. Stroup's home.

Friday Morning

Devotional services conducted by H. W. Morelock reading the 22nd Chapter of Revelations.

The following ministers arrive and are enrolled: S. E. Parker, W. J. Sawyers, W. H. Johnson.

The reports of ministers are continued as follows: W. J. Holway, W. J. Sawyer, A. F. Hensley, W. H. Johnson.

On motion W. H. Johnson is given a vote of thanks for his activities in the work as an elderly man.

On motion the clerk of this conference is instructed to write all churches of this association that Jesse Cole is no longer a licensed minister in this body.

The clerk is further instructed to notify Jesse Cole of this action.

W. T. Nunnally, S. D. Hammer and Minnis Bible are enrolled and make their reports.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of many of us that some of our ministers have been conducting themselves in an unbecoming manner, some by frequenting public places of amusement, some loafing in stores and other places where the riffraff of the country lounge and gossip, some by carelessly loitering around churches after the services begin, even refusing to attend the services in the House of God and some desecrating the Sabbath day by visiting places where ice cream and other luxuries are offered for sale, therefore,

Be it Resolved;

(1) That any minister who shall be found guilty of any or all of these charges shall be hailed before Minister's Conference in open session and upon conviction shall be suspended or expended for such conduct.

(2) That any minister who is in possession of knowledge of such conduct upon the part of another minister and shall refuse to divulge the same shall be guilty of the same conduct as the one committing the offense and shall be, upon conviction, suspended or expelled at the discretion of the body.

J. S. BURGESS }
W. S. BARTON, } Committee
P. A. PAXTON, }

Saturday Morning

Devotional exercises conducted by P. A. Paxton.

J. E. Loffett is enrolled.

On motion the clerk to have J. M. Carroll print 500 blanks for Ministers reports.

On motion J. L. Ollie is placed in the hands of the Ordaining Council for failure to report.

On motion G. D. Dunbar, J. N. Carroll, W. H. H. Morelock are elected as an Ordaining Council.

Report of Ordaining Council

We, your committee on Ordination beg to report as follows:

That we have examined the following for license—G. R. Morelock, Loyd Light.

That we have examined the following for renewal—S. D. Hammer, Huey Morelock, R. E. Jinks, E. W. Knight, R. A. Miller, W. F. Carpenter.

That we have investigated the following who have been placed in the hands of the Ordaining Council—S. R. Pratt, S. E. Parker, J. R. Taylor, W. C. Wacaster, A. B. Lowery.

We recommend that the Conference retain all except S. R. Pratt and Wacaster.

On motion T. S. Lovin is dropped from the roll.

G. D. DUNBAR.

J. N. CARROLL.

W. S. BARTON.

Adjourned.

J. N. CARROLL, President.

Bybee, Tennessee.

BLAINE BURGESS, Clerk.

Greeneville, Tennessee.



Association Proceedings.

Thursday Morning, August 18th

After song and prayer service the clerk called to order the Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Freewill Baptist Association and the following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

Ministers.

J. S. Burgess, W. S. Barton, E. C. Burkey, J. N. Carroll, J. L. Cagle, G. D. Dunbar, J. E. Ellenburg, A. F. Hensley, P. A. Paxton, W. H. H. Morelock, H. W. Morelock, E. W. Knight, Jesse Cole, R. E. Jinks.

Delegates.

Bridges Chapel—Lee Fine, Frank Poe.
Christian Bend—Sam Bailey.
Greeneville—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seaton.
Green Ridge—B. C. Gray.
Hopkins Chapel—W. S. Dikes, J. I. McLain.
Johnson Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ketts, Mrs. Pearl Merritt.
Fair View—J. P. McGill.
Linden Ave—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sliger, Mrs. Mary Knight, Miss Nettie Knight, Bessie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seay.
Mt. Moriah—I. N. Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Susie Cope, Dolph Collins.
Mt. Zion—Samuel Freshour.
Midway—Ira Kesterson, Geo. Rader, Geo. Susong, J. A. Paxton, Joe Jones.
New Home—Estelle French, H. L. Varner, H. A. French.
New Prospect—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Parker, A. L. Knight, Fayette Johnson, Susie Glenn.
Wooddale—Mr. and Mrs. E. Kendricks, G. G. Taylor.
Liberty—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bailey, M. F. Dunbar.
Midway Union—L. L. Livesay.
Mt. Carmel—W. E. Simpson, R. B. Stanford, Hubert Light, G. W. Morelock.
Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected Moderator.

The order of business as prescribed in 1926 is adopted.

Sermon Thursday at 10:00 o'clock by W. H. Morelock. Text:
"Every Man to His Work."

Thursday Afternoon.

Appointment of Committees.

On Education—G. D. Dunbar, Blaine Burgess, J. N. Carroll.
On Literature—J. L. Cagle, J. E. Ellenburg, W. S. Barton.
On Necrology—Ira Kesterson, E. C. Burkey, J. R. Taylor.
On Next Session—Sam Bailey, Crawford Burgess, Frank Poe.
On Temperance—W. H. Morelock, P. A. Paxton, E. D. Kendricks.
On Resolutions—E. W. Knight, H. W. Morelock, A. F. Hensley.
On Sunday Schools—Mrs. E. D. Kendricks, Mrs. E. W. Knight,
Mrs. G. W. Merritt,
On Ministerial Support—E. D. Kendricks, R. E. Jinks, E. H.
Seay.
On Finance—Crawford Burgess, D. C. Collins, I. N. Wilson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. J. E. Ellenburg, treasurer, submits the following report:

Balance from last year's checking acct.....	\$ 87.76
Received from 1926 Conference.....	154.04
Rec'd as Interest on time deposit with bank	22.76
Total received	\$354.67
Paid clerk.....	\$ 20.00
Paid for Minutes.....	\$ 35.00
Paid for postage.....	\$ 1.80
Paid check for time deposit.....	\$135.54
Total paid.....	\$195.34
Balance on checking acct.....	\$ 59.22
Balance on Time deposit.....	382.54
Total in treasury.....	\$441.76
J. E. ELLENBURG, Treasurer.	

Report of Churches.

The following Churches report as listed in the statistical table:

Bridges Chapel, Christian Bend, Johnson's Chapel, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Zion, Linden Avenue, Fair View.

Linden Avenue is elected to full membership in this body as is released from the Church Extension Board.

On motion the ministers of this Conference are requested to visit Mt. Zion Church during this year and make an effort to revive this work.

Rev. J. S. Burgess delivered the Thursday evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock, using as a text: "The Wages of Sin are Death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ Our Lord."

Friday Morning

Reports of Churches are continued as follows:

Grassy Creek, Greeneville, Hopkins Chapel, Magnolia, Midway, Midway Union, New Home, New Prospect, Wooddale, Liberty, Van Hill.

Rev. A. J. Johnson, Lutheran, is invited to a seat in our body.

Report of Ministerial Support

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, beg to submit the following:

After hearing the reports from our Churches we are embarrassed to see the decline in supporting the Gospel Ministry, and we recommend that each Church belonging to this Association pay twenty-five cents per month for each member they have in supporting the ministry, and if in any Church there should be those who are not able to pay this amount. We ask the Church as a whole to make provisions for such members as they see best.

Therefore, in order to create more interest in this vital question, we recommend that this organization establish an honor roll and that only such Churches as comply with the above request be permitted to have their names spread upon this honor roll.

Sermon 11:00 o'clock by Rev. J. N. Carroll. Subject: "The Powers of Life."

Saturday Morning

Misses Moriah and Dorah Woolsey, delegates from Piney Grove, are enrolled.

On motion Bro. N. A. Cobble is elected to membership in this body.

Report of Committee on Education.

Realizing that education is one of the prime needs of our people we recommend that our people give their vote and influence to the constant support of our free public school system, because in no other way than by the public school system can education be placed in the grasp of the poor people of our land.

Realizing further, that the character of the instructor is in a great degree reflected in the lives of the pupils, we further recommend that our people use their influence to have teachers placed in our schools as instructors who are 100 per cent Christian, American men and women, because the time has come when the cause of Christianity is being endangered and crippled, due to the fact that ungodly men and women, infidels, agnostics, and evolutionists are training the young minds of our land.

Let us not forget our part in this education of the young, realizing that we are largely responsible for the training of our children; let us endeavor to give to our children that technical training that will best fit them to be the servants of mankind, not forgetting to give them that spiritual training that will fit them for the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. DUNBAR, Ch'm.

BLAINE BURGESS,

J. N. CARROLL,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit our report: Believing, as we do, that intemperance is a very great evil and also dangerous, not only to our nation, but to society as well, a menace to civilization, an enemy to everything that is good and noble, we therefore, earnestly insist that we, as a church, preach, pray and vote against this monster evil.

W. H. MORELOCK,

E. D. KENDRICKS,

P. A. PAXTON,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Literature.

We, the Committee on Literature, report that we find a great need for better literature in our homes and we ask that our people subscribe to the Free Will Baptist at Ayden, N. C., and we also endorse the Sunday School supplies of the Free Will Baptist Printing Co., and ask that our churches use the same.

J. L. CAGLE,
J. E. ELLENBURG,
W. S. BARTON,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Necrology.

We, your Committee on Necrology, beg to submit the following report; after a careful examination of reports from various churches we find that God in his infinite wisdom has called 15 precious souls from our rank. We pray God's blessings on all those who are bereaved and Churches as follows:

Christian Bend.....	1
Greeneville.....	2
Hopkins Chapel.....	3
Linden Avenue.....	1
Liberty.....	2
Magnolia.....	1
Midway.....	1
Midway Union.....	1
New Home.....	1
New Prospect.....	1
Wooddale.....	1

I. A. KESTERSON,
E. C. BURKEY,
G. G. TAYLOR,
I. A. KESTERSON, } Committee.
E. C. BURKEY,
G. G. TAYLOR, }

Report of Committee on Next Session.

We, your Committee on Next Session, beg to submit the following: That the next session be held with the Bridges Chapel church, seven miles west of Newport, on highway No. 9, beginning at 9

o'clock, on Thursday morning before the third Sunday in August, 1928.

C. M. BURGNER,
FRANK POE,
SAM BAILEY, } Committee.

Report of Financial Committee.

We, your Committee of Finance, report as follows:

Home Mission funds.....	\$ 64.05
Minute funds received.....	65.05
From Minutes.....	15.00
	<u>\$143.00</u>

C. M. BURGESS,
D. C. COLLINS,
L. N. WILSON, } Committee.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, regard our Sunday School to be a hot bed of Christianity and we strongly urge each pastor to do his best in organizing and building up the Sunday school, for in so doing it will be elevating and uplifting to the church because a good Sunday school is the life of the church. The Sunday school is the church at work. We earnestly urge our people to select good officers and teachers and get behind them in carrying on the work. We strongly urge all of our ministers, whether a pastor or not, who know of any church within the bounds of our Association without a Sunday school to do his best to organize and build an ever-green Sunday school. We also urge the right training of the child at home and in the Sunday school. We earnestly urge the attendance of all our people in the Sunday school.

MRS. E. V. KENDRICKS,
MRS. E. W. KNIGHT,
MRS. G. W. MERRITT, } Committee.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, we feel the need of a more systemized organization by which we may be able to meet the needs of our churches and denomination and,

Whereas, we feel that further delay is dangerous to our future welfare, therefore be it,

Resolved: That this association do here and now create an office to be known as General Supervisor, said Supervisor to be eleeced annnally by a popular vote of the Association.

It shall be his duty, first, to supervise the general church work of the entire Union Association and he shall visit each church in the Association at least once during each year, and render such assistance to the pastor as local conditions may require.

It shall be his duty, second, to supply a pastor where there is none in charge, provided the church shall not be deprived of the privilege of exercising a voice in the selection of the pastor.

It shall be his duty, third, to assist pastors in obtaining evangelistic assistance for revival work where needed, provided however that no minister shall be allowed to assist in said evangelistic work without first having obtained the approval of the Ordaining Council.

It shall be his duty, fourth, to obtain literature and help in organizing Young People's Societies and Women's Aids where needed and in any way he may deem wise assist the various churches in their general work.

It shall be the duty of the churches to take an offering for the General Supervisor when he shall visit the church to defray his expenses. Any deficiencies or other consideration due the Supervisor shall be paid by the Mission Board. Provided however that he shall not be entitled to receive any funds from the Mission Board until he may have submitted any reports and met any conditions that may be required herein after.

Resolved: That this association does here and now create an Executive Board whose duty it shall be to deal with all questions referred to them by the churches or pastors and existing in churches or between churches and pastors. This Board shall consist of five members who shall be elected annually by the yearly meeting. The work of the General Supervisor shall be in the hands of the Executive Board with the power to recall him at any time the Board may deem best.

The decision of the Executive Board shall be final, provided however that any church may or pastor may appeal his case to the

yearly meeting. Provided also that no case shall be brought up that shall have passed by one yearly meeting.

E. W. KNIGHT,
H. W. MORELOCK, } Committee.
A. F. HENSLEY, }

On motion Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected General Supervisor by a unanimous vote.]

W. H. H. Morelock, C. M. Burgess, E. D. Kendricks are appointed as a nominating committee, nominating for the Executive Committee, G. D. Dunbar, J. N. Carroll, Blaine Burgess, W. J. Holway, H. D. Bailey, who are elected unanimously.

On motion G. D. Dunbar, Blaine Burgess, N. A. Cobble, are elected as the Mission Board.

On motion the Mission Board is given the power to pay the salary and expenses of the General Supervisor after having received his report.

On motion G. D. Dunbar, Blaine Burgess, J. E. Ellenburg, are elected as the Church Extension Board.

On motion the clerk is to receive ten dollars for his services.

Adjourned to meet Bridges Chapel Church, seven miles west of Newport, on Thursday morning before the third Sunday in August,

J. S. BURGESS, Moderator,
Chuckey, Tennessee.

BLAINE BURGESS, Clerk,
Greeneville, Tennessee.



STATISTICAL TABLE--Concluded.

CHURCHES	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bridges' Chapel.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn., R. F. D. 2.....
Brown's Chapel.....	W. S. Barton.....	Van Hill, Tenn., R. F. D. 5.....
Christian Bend.....	W. R. Poe.....	Andersonville, Tenn.....
Fair View.....	R. A. Miller.....	Rogersville, Tenn.....
Grassy Creek.....	J. C. Howington.....	Elizabethton, Tenn.....
Greeneville.....	A. F. Hensley.....	Chucky, Tenn.....
Green Ridge.....	P. A. Paxton.....	Midway, Tenn.....
Hopkin's Chapel.....	J. L. Cayle.....	Nubert, Tenn.....
Johnson's Chapel.....	E. W. Knight.....	Knoxville, Tenn., 1624 Detroit Ave
Linden Avenue.....	P. A. Paxton.....	Midway, Tenn.....
Liberty.....	W. S. Barton.....	Van Hill, Tenn.....
Mt. Carmel.....	J. E. Moffet.....	Kingsport, Tenn.....
Mt. Moriah.....	W. S. Barton.....	Van Hill, Tenn.....
Mt. Zion.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn.....
Magnolia.....	G. D. Dunbar.....	Chucky, Tenn.....
Midway.....	P. A. Paxton.....	Midway, Tenn.....
Midway Union.....	R. E. Jinks.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....
New Home.....	W. S. Barton.....	Van Hill, Tenn.....
New Prospect.....	J. N. Carroll.....	Bybee, Tenn.....
Van Hill.....		
Wooddale.....		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O. ADDRESS	Baptised	Received into Church	Couples Married	Home Missions	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property
Bridges' Chapel.	C. L. Cody	Newport, Tenn., Rt. 1.	.....	.....	.....	\$ 3.15	\$3.15	\$ 160.15	\$3000.00
Brown's Chapel.	Katie Bailey	Chuch Hill, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.45	4.20	57.59	2000.00
Christian Bend.	Dollie Cox	Heiskell Station, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.70	2.70	60.00	1000.00
Fair View	Hubert Morelock	Van Hill, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	1.10	1.45	13.78	.....
Grassey Creek.	Thurman Casteel	Greeneville, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	3.65	3.65	177.00	4000.00
Greeneville.	B. C. Gray	Chucky, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	1.15	1.15	12.15	1000.00
Green Ridge.	J. I. McLean	Midway, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.10	2.10	38.00	.....
Hopkin's Chapel	S. D. Stephens	Powder Springs, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	82.21	1000.00
Johnson's Chapel	Mary Knight	1624 Detroit Ave., Knoxville, Tenn	.....	.....	.....	3.25	3.25	359.21	2500.00
Linden Avenue.	J. F. Dunbar	Chucky, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	7.30	7.30	184.54	6000.00
Liberty.	Mona Bernard	Van Hill, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	3.85	3.85	75.57	800.00
Mt. Carmel.	Mrs. Ray Carmack	Rogersville, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.00	4.00	112.75	1200.00
Mt. Moriah.	Samuel Freshour	Greeneville, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	2000.00
Mt. Zion.	E. C. Mitchell	Rogersville, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.00	4.00	55.64	1200.00
Magnolia.	L. L. Livesay	Mooreburg, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	27.50	850.00
Midway Union.	M. C. Cobble	Midway, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	5.00	10.75	200.04	2000.00
Midway	J. A. French	Bybee, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	6.35	6.35	115.00	1500.00
New Home.	Fate Johnson	Knoxville, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	184.07	3000.00
New Prospect.	Madge Spears	Van Hill, Tenn.	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	28.76	500.00
Van Hill.	J. B. Kendrick	Edgemore, Tenn.				3.00	3.25	260.83	2500.00
Wooddale.									

Corrected by J. S. Burgese, Supervisor.

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