

BLUFF CITY
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Quarterly Conference
January 2, 3, 1959
Randall Memorial Church

The opening service of the quarterly conference was begun with singing and prayer by D. W. Jones, Jr. Mr. Cecil Blackstock brought the devotional from Luke 21:36.

Following another congregational song, Ruthy Jones sang a solo, "If the Saviour Came to Your House." N. D. Jones led in prayer.

The evening sermon was taken from Luke 12:31-34 "Going on a Treasure Hunt" and was delivered by Rev. Ronald Winkle.

Benediction by Brother Grover See

Saturday morning

The morning service began by singing and prayer by Mr. Talley. The devotional was brought by Mr. W. E. Dulin. His scripture was from John 1:1-4. A male quartet from the First Church concluded with a special number in song.

Motion carried for Brother Winkle to act as moderator in the absence of the moderator and assistant moderator.

The minutes from the last session were read and approved. The church letters were read by the assistant clerk, Miss Wilson, and the standing and elected delegates were seated.

Motion carried to adopt the printed program as the order for the day. The executive board report was read by Brother N. D. Jones and accepted.

Motion carried that the chair appoint the committees. Congregational singing was enjoyed while these were being appointed. (see reports)

Rev. N. D. Jones, host pastor gave the welcome address with the response by Mr. Venoy Vaughn.

Mrs. L. D. Miley gave a reading "If They Had Quit" to teach the importance of missions. Miss Kay Merrick sang "Living For Jesus."

The morning message was delivered by Rev. C. R. Richardson, pastor of the General Baptist church in Memphis. His text was "The Church" taken from Matthew 16:13-20.

Lunch

Saturday afternoon

The afternoon service was opened by singing and followed in prayer by Mr. Cecil Blackstock. Mr. Shirley from First Church directed in some special music from that church. The afternoon devotional was from Mr. Jerry House based on the 23rd Psalm.

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The report of the home mission committee was read and adopted.

The report of the treasurer was read and approved.

The Nominating committee suggested the vacancies be elected from the floor, thus the following officers were nominated and elected: Rex Williams was elected to serve on the executive board. (The vote was 11 for Mr. Williams and 9 for Brother See)

The report of the executive board was given and adopted.

The meeting was concluded with an ordination service ordaining Kenneth Booker from the First Church as a deacon.

REPORTS

Obituary

We, the obituary committee are glad to report there have been no deaths among the membership of our four churches, for which we are very grateful.

Mrs. Stone
Mrs. Inmon

Placement

We, the placement committee, would like to report that since the next quarterly meeting was asked for by the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, we feel that they should have the next meeting scheduled to be held the 3rd and 4th of April, 1959.

Odean Wilson
Kay Merick

Resolutions

1. We, the resolution committee recommend that the body give arising vote of thanks to the Randall church for their hospitality
2. Be it recommended that the Saturday morning service begin at 9:30 instead of the 9:00 a. m. which is now in effect.

3. We recommend that the quarterly meeting of the Bluff City association be changed from the 1st Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday to the Friday and Saturday before the second Saturday.

D. W. Jones, Jr.
Mr. Guy Lindsey
Mrs. L. L. Wilson
Mr. Jerry House
Brother Grover See

Home Missions

We, the committee on home missions wish to recommend as a way to finance a program here, each church send 10% of their offerings to the association, the association send 50% of receipt to the National Association earmarked to a particular cause designated by this committee, the remaining 50% to be retained and used on some immediate program here.

N. D. Jones
L. D. Miley
Annas Bowman
Venoy Vaughn
Ronald Winkle
Grover See

Nominating committee: Bro. Gray, N. D. Jones, Mrs. Goforth

Program: Bro. Pierce, Mrs. Bowman and Brother Shirley

Treasurer's Report

January 3, 1959

Balance on hand	\$24.32	
Received with letter	40.00	
Total		\$64.32
Expenses to State	\$20.00	
Printing church letters	15.00	
Printing minutes	12.00	
Total		\$47.00
Balance on hand		\$17.32

April 3, 4, 1959
Southside Church

The opening service on Friday night began with singing followed with prayer by Rev. L. L. Wilson. The evening devotional was brought by Rev. Max Perry. The youth from Shelby sang several special numbers.

Another congregational song was sung preceding the message from Rev. W. A. Gray. He spoke on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction by Mr. Leroy Shutes.

SATURDAY MORNING

Following congregational singing, the morning devotional was brought by Brother Harold Graham. He spoke from I John 5:1-13, "Our Love For the Brethren."

The chairman of the executive board, Rev. N. D. Jones, acted as moderator in the absence of the moderator. Motion carried to give him this authority.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The church letters were read by the assistant clerk. Motion carried to recognize the standing delegates and seat those sent from the churches.

Motion carried to adopt the program for the day and accept the work of the program committee.

Brother Graham led in group singing while the committees were being determined. The acting moderator then appointed the various committees (see reports).

Rex Williams spoke to us concerning missions by emphasizing the various missionaries given in the Bible. Miss Kathy Jones sang "Have Thine Own Way."

The message for the day was brought by Rev. N. D. Jones from II Corinthians 9:9, 10 "Our Unlimited Opportunity."

Benediction for lunch.

SAURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon service was opened with singing followed with the devotional from Rev. D. W. Jones Jr. from Proverbs 3.

The moderator, Brother Miley, called the session together for the transaction of business.

The following reports were given and adopted: (see reports) Resolutions, executive, finance.

Brother Grover See conducted a testimony service.

Motion carried to accept Shelby's invitation to entertain the next quarterly conference which will be in July.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Southside church for their lunch and wonderful hospitality.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Brother Winkle.

REPORTS

Resolutions:

Be it resolved that the association move the time up one week which will be the second week end of each quarter. (This follows the resolution which was presented at the last session)

Rex. Williams

Max Perry

Mrs. Allen

Executive:

Having examined Brother Buford Pierce and Brother Max Perry concerning doctrinal and spiritual experience, we recommend to the association that they be licensed to the ministry.

Finance:

Paid pastor: \$801.33

Foreign Missions \$182.54

Building and repairs \$35.00

Education \$32.07

Co-Operative Plan \$72.74

Amount in treasury Jan 1, 1959 \$17.32

Amount received with letters 20.00

Amount in treasury April 1, 1959 \$37.32

Mrs. D. W. Jones

Clara Rachel Wilkinson

Mrs. Bowman

Program:

Brother W. A. Gray, Mrs. Pruitt, Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr.

Quarterly Conference
July 10, 11, 1959
Shelby FWB Church

The evening-service on Friday night began with singing led by Brother Rex Williams. Brother Shutes led in prayer. The devotional was brought by the pastor, Rev. Grover See, from II Timothy 3:1-5. His subject was "Perilous Times."

Brother Kenneth Booker led the audience in singing "It Won't Be Very Long" preceding the message of the evening by Rev. L. D. Miley. His scripture was from Romans 12:1-8 and he spoke on "Partial Obedience."

Benediction by Brother Max Perry.

Saturday morning

The morning service was opened with singing led by Brother Buford Pierce. Brother Willcut led in prayer. The morning devotional was brought by Brother Rex Williams from Romans 9:1-3 on "Self Sacrifice."

The conference was called into session for the transaction of business by the moderator, Brother Miley. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The standing delegates were recognized. The church letters were read by Brother Pierce and motion carried to seat the delegates.

Motion carried to adopt the program of the day. Motion carried to give the moderator power to appoint the delegates. (see reports)

Mrs. Miley gave a talk emphasizing home missions.

The message of the day was brought by Rev. Ronald Winkle from Mark 13:1-13 on "The Second Coming of Christ."

Adjourn for lunch.

Saturday afternoon

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer by Rev. W. A. Gray. Brother Willcut brought the devotional in the absence of Brother Wilson. His scripture was from Galatians 1:1-11.

Brother L. D. Miley called the session into conference for the transaction of business. The reports were given. The resolution committee report was given and motion carried to adopt it item by item.

Motion carried to adopt item #1.

Motion carried to table item #2 until next meeting.

Motion carried to adopt item #3

Motion carried to adopt item #4.

The following reports were given and adopted: obituary, finance, placement (see reports)

Motion carried to adjourn until the next regular session in October.

REPORTS

Resolutions:

Be it resolved that:

1. Only the reports of the boards and committees be mimeographed and that the regular minutes be read by the clerk at each business of the quarterly conference.
2. That the Ordaining council be appointed at each yearly meeting to serve for one year instead of five (tabled)
3. That the Bluff City Association send \$100 to the mission work in Mexico and \$96.49 to the mission work in Brazil.
4. That the churches together run an ad in the paper advertising our churches, using the money from the general fund.

Grover See
Rex Williams
Kay Merick

Obituary:

We are happy to report once again that there have been no deaths among us.

Mrs. W. A. Gray
Wanda Wilkinson

Placement:

That we meet at the First Church for the annual session.

Program: Mrs. Buford Pierce, Mrs. L. D. Miley, Rev. L. L. Wilson,
and Mrs. T. Lepard

Finance:

Balance on hand 4-3-59	\$37.32
Received with letters	20.00
Balance on hand 7-11-59	\$57.32

Buford Pierce
D. W. Jones, Jr.
James Bowman

Annual Meeting
October 9, 10, 1959
First F.W.B. Church

The opening service on Friday Evening began with singing and Prayer. Devotional by Mrs. Allen. Special number rendered by Mr. Deloss Walker. The message was brought by Rev. Grover See. Benediction

Saturday Morning

The Saturday morning service began by singing some wonderful hymns, led by Mr. Bulin. Prayer by Mr. Willcutt. In the absents of Rev. Ray Scott, Rev. Wilbur Beasley of near Tupelo, Miss., brought our morning devotion. Scripture reading, Galatians 2, 16-21. The thought, "Are you crucifying yourself or the old man to Live for Christ!"

The Church letters were read by the Clerk, and motion by Rev. N.D. Jones to receive Church letters and seat the delegates, before the business session started. (Carried)

The Welcome address was given by Rev. L.L. Wilson, Response by Rev. N.D. Jones.

In the absents of Mrs. Jerry House, Rex Williams made a talk on mid week prayer meeting. Scripture reading 1st Thess. Chapter 5.

The reading of the minutes by Clerk, and motion by Rev. N.D. Jones to accept the minutes as read, carried.

The delegates were recognized, and motion carried to seat all the delegates.

Motion by Rev. D.W. Jones Jr. that the chair appoint the committees. (Carried)

Here are the committees and respective members

Resolution Committee: Grover See; Mrs. Pruitt; Kenneth Booker; Rev. N.D. Jones.

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Wilcutt; Mrs. Allen; Kay Williams.

Finance Committee: Buford Pierce; Jerry House; Mr. Inman.

Program Committee: Mrs. N.D. Jones; Mrs. James Bowman; Rev. W.A. Gray.

Nominating Committee: Rex Williams; Max Perry; James Bowman; Mr. Willcutt.

Kenneth Booker led the congregation in singing some hymns. Followed by a special number rendered by the Shelby Church.

Message of the Hour was brought by Bro. Luther Gibson Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Tupelo, Miss. Scripture reading from Luke 9; 23-36. Subject; "Stewardship!"

Adjourn

Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

Saturday afternoon service began by singing some hymns led by Rex Williams. Bro. Max Perry brought the afternoon devotion, Scripture reading from Isaiah 6; 1-9.

Motion by Rev. N.D. Jones to receive the letter from South Side and to seat all delegates which had not been seated. (Carried)

Report of the Committees:

Finance Committee: We your finance committee report the following:

General Fund: \$77.32

Expense: Memograph Paper 2.37

Balance: 10-10-1959 74.95

Cooperative Fund:

Expenditures: Mexico \$251.44
Brazil 100.00
National Coop 96.49
8.94

Balance: \$ 46.01

Motion carried that one half of this amount go to the National Association and the other half back to the church from which it came.

Motion carried that the report of the finance committee be accepted.

Report of the Resolution Committee:

Motion carried that the report be considered by each individual item.

No.1. Be it resolved that the former church ad in the paper be disregarded in favor of another. (Resolution Adapted)

No.2. Be it resolved that the Bluff City Association advertise the Four Churches with each church to pay one fourth of the cost. The space to be taken will be two inches, cost approximately \$7.50 per week. (Resolution adapted)

No.3. Be it resolved that the Bluff City Association give Bro. Gibson \$20.00 to pay his expense. (resolution Adapted)

No. 4. Be it resolved that the nominating committee nominate some one or a committee to take care of the advertising. (Adapted)

No.5. Be it resolved that the item tabled from the past meeting, (item No.2) be brought back to the floor to be disposed of. Adapted)

No.6. Be it resolved that an ordaining counsel be elected each year, to serve for one year instead of five. (Adapted)

No.7. Be it resolved that a man being questioned or examined for ordination be questioned from the Bible pertaining to his faith or calling of God, not to be ask if he will support any organization set up by man. (Adapted)

Report of the Nominating Committee:

We recommend that the following be elected as officers of the Bluff City Association.

Moderator:

Assistant Moderator:

Clerk and Treasurer:

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer:

Executive Committee:

Rev. L.L. Wilson

Rev. N.D. Jones

Deloss Walker

Rev. Max Perry

Rev. L.L. Wilson

Rev. N.D. Jones

Rev. D.W. Jones Jr.

Mr. Rex Williams

Rev. Grover See

Deloss Walker

Publicity:

Recommendation Adapted

Testimonial Service was directed by Bro. D.W. Jones Jr. and following the testimonial service a motion was made and adapted that Rev. N.D. Jones be elected as chief delegate to the state association and have power to appoint any other or others as delegate or delegates. (

Replacement Committee Report:

Motion was made to accept the invitation to the Randall Memorial Church for the next Regular Meeting. (Carried) With sadness of heart we report that Mrs. Inez Jones of the First Church has been taken from our midst.

Obituary Committee Report:

Adjourn

October 12, 1959
Campinas, Brasil

Bluff City Association
% Mr. Buford A. Pierce
1766 Orleans Apartment 6
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Pierce,

The office of the Foreign Mission Board has advised us that your association made a nice gift to our account recently. We want to take this means and opportunity to thank you for your contribution toward our support and for the interest that you have shown in the spreading of the Gospel here in Brasil.

We are glad to report to you that the Lord's blessings have been upon the church lately. During these past weeks we have averaged 108 in Sunday school and almost that many for the night services. Yesterday we had 7 candidates for baptism. We are looking forward to the opening of our second church work here in Campinas, and others in other cities.

Pray for us as we seek the Lord's will in all these matters. Thanks again for your gift to our account. May the Lord bless you for this.

I trust that this letter will be presented at the next opportune time so that all who had a part in the contribution will know of our gratitude.

In His Service,

Ken and Marvie Eagleton