

Quarterly Meeting
Bluff City Association of Free Will Baptist
Shelby Free Will Baptist Church
6 and 7 January 1961

FRIDAY EVENING

The service began by singing led by Brother Marion Robbins and prayer by Rev. Norlin D. Jones. Devotional was held by Rev. Ray G. Scott in the absence of Brother W. H. Dulin. The reading was taken from 1 Corinthians 3:9-23. Another song was led by Brother Marion Robbins, followed with the sermon by Rev. Louis Coscia reading from Hebrews 4:1 "Fear of God". Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Grover See.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with singing led by Brother Marion Robbins and prayer by Brother Rex Williams. Devotional conducted by Sister Lottie Gray in the absence of Rev. Grover See. The reading was from Psalms 27 "Wait on the Lord". Rev. Louis Coscia was appointed to serve as Clerk until the business session was held during the afternoon. This resulted because our present clerk, Brother Deloss Walker moved to Arkansas. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting and the church letters were read by Rev. Louis Coscia. The welcome address was given by Sister Allen in the absence of Brother Lepard, followed by Brother Kenneth L. Booker, who delivered the response. Special singing was given by the young people from Shelby Church and the Thrifhaven Trio. The committees were appointed. Sermon by Rev. Buford A. Pierce reading Haggai 1:1-15; 2:1-9 "Consider Your Ways". Benediction by Brother Rex Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Singing was led by Rev. Buford A. Pierce, followed with the sermon by Rev. R. C. Spencer in the absence of Rev. James P. Bowman. Rev. Spencer read Ephesians 2:1. The reports of the Boards and Committees were accepted.

REPORTS

Resolution Committee

1. We the resolution committee resolve to reimburse Brother Harold Graham for \$20 given to Rev. Marion Pettus, a visiting minister from Hot Springs, Arkansas, who attended the last quarterly meeting.
2. Be it resolved to pay our visiting ministers from out of town who we have invited to preach at one of our program meetings \$20 which will be taken from our general fund.
3. Be it resolved that this item be discussed from the floor; that we discontinue our present method of conducting all our business at each quarterly meeting; instead, it is suggested that we conduct this business twice a year: in October and April.

Adopted

Obituary Committee

We, of the obituary committee, report that there have been no deaths in the Association during the past quarter for which we give God all the thanks.

Replacement Committee

We the replacement committee find that the First Church has invited the next quarterly conference to meet with them. We recommend that we accept that invitation.

Executive Committee

We the executive committee have examined Brother William A. Gray, Jr., and we have found him to be orthodox and recommend him to the body to be licensed to the ministry.

Nominating Committee

Sister Odean Wilson was nominated and elected to serve as Clerk for the year of 1961.

Oral Report--State Association in Knoxville

An oral report was given by Sister Trannie Jones concerning the meeting of the State Association held in Knoxville which she and Sister Odean Wilson attended.

Other Business

Report of Sunday School training program recommendations by Rev. Norlin D. Jones.

Plans of setting up program for Study Courses (five in number).

Discussion on Sunday School Production Program of churches. Courses offered one night each week.

It was recommended that each church appoint one person to set up committee.

Accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next quarterly meeting on 7 and 8 April to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church.

Quarterly Meeting
Bluff City Association of Free Will Baptist
First Free Will Baptist Church
7 and 8 April 1961

FRIDAY EVENING

Friday evening opened with singing led by Rev. Ray G. Scott and prayer by Brother Rex Williams. Devotional was held by Brother Rex Williams reading from Mark 13:5-23. Prayer by Rev. L. L. Wilson followed with sermon by Rev. Grover See, reading from Isaiah 55 and II Kings 6 "Come Ye and Buy Without Money and Without Price." Dismissed by Brother Paul Jones and adjourned until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with singing led by Rev. Ray G. Scott and prayer by Rev. Scott. Another prayer by Rev. William A. Gray, Jr., followed with devotional by Rev. Ray G. Scott reading from Psalms 37:1-5; he also read the Church Covenant and the Duties of a Deacon. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read by Rev. Ray G. Scott with a correction of Resolution No. 3 by the body. That resolution was to be tabled to come before the body on 8 April and action be taken at that time. This resolution will become final in July. The discussion on this resolution revealed that the business reports will go to the Clerk as in the past for review of Executive Board each quarter, and if anything should be acted on the Executive Board will call a special meeting for that purpose. Fees will be the same and church letters will come in at the same intervals. The church letters were read by Sister Odean Wilson and accepted. All the delegates present were seated. Three special numbers were given by Shelby Church and Rev. Grover See sung a solo. The moderator appointed the committees. Prayer and sermon by Rev. L. L. Wilson, reading from Romans 1:1-20 and Isaiah 5. Text--"What More Could Have Been Done Than Has Already Been Done?". Dismissed by Brother Harold Graham until the afternoon service.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing led by Brother W. H. Dulin and prayer by Rev. Norlin D. Jones. Another prayer by Rev. Grover See and sermon by Rev. William A. Gray, Jr., reading from 27th Chapter of Matthew beginning at the 17th verse--"A Decision to be Made". Rev. Ray G. Scott rendered a testimony "Commit Thy Ways Unto God". The reports of the Boards and Committees were accepted.

REPORTS

Resolution Committee: Be it resolved that the Chairman of the Program Committee mail each one that has a part on the program a card or letter 30 days before program stating what they are to do such as place, date, and time. /s/ Buford Pierce, Willie Lepard, and Ray G. Scott. There was further discussion and it was moved and seconded for Moderator to appoint a committee help Clerk get minutes and programs out 30 days prior to meeting day. These appointed were Rev. Ray G. Scott, Rev. Buford A. Pierce, and Rev. Grover See.

Obituary Committee: We the Obituary Committee are happy to report there have been no deaths in the Association since we last convened, to which we thank the Lord for. /s/ Mrs. Louise Booker, Mrs. Willcutt, Kay Williams