

Five

MINUTES

of the

59TH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist
Association

1876



Met with

SABRAS CHAPEL CHURCH

Scott County, Aug. 8 to 11, 1935



REV. JAMES A. BOATRIGHT, Moderator

L. E. SEXSON, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association



Thursday Morning

The service was opened by singing in the good old fashioned way led by Bro. Will Jessee.

Prayer by Sister Dorcas Sanders

After which Bro. W. R. Stallard preached the Introductory sermon; text First Timothy. 4-16,

Meeting Adjourned to meet at 2:30.



Thursday Afternoon

Conference met at 2:30. After singing, the clerk, L. E. Sexson read Psalm 133. Prayer by Bro W. W. Hillman.

Enrollment of Delegates

Scott Salyer.

Oscar Hartsock.

Pat Salyer.

N. S. Dingus.

Della Johnson.

J. F. Green.

Dorcas Sanders.

Henry Baldwin.

Milo Gillenwaters.

On motion, Bro. James A. Boatright was elected Moderator.

Enrollment of Ministers

Bro's. James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va.
 R. A. Dingus, Dante, Va.
 W. P. Owens, Dungannon, Va. R. 1.
 R. N. Begley, . Norton, Va., R. 1.
 W. W. Hillman, . . Clinchco, Va.
 Charlie Thompson, . . Slant, Va.
 G. H. Ryan, Dungannon, Va., R. 3.
 F. A. Isaacs, Nickelsville, Va. R. 1.

Ministers under watch care of the church:

Willie Vicars, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 J. E. Cox, Nickelsville, Va.

From John Thomas Association:

W. R. Stallard, Monroe Hubbard, C. A. Robinett.

From Rural Missionary Baptist:

Will Jessee, Rhea Hodge, Bro. Fuller, H. H. Cox.

The above ministers and visiting Brethren were invited to a seat as advisory members.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

R. A. Dingus, . . . W. P. Owens
 W. W. Hillman

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLY OF PULPIT

Thelma Alley, Moscow Owens, W. E. Johnson

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

Marion Salyer, . . I. H. Curren, . . Dorcas Sanders

Letters from the different churches and Visiting Ministers called for and received as follows:

Sabras Chapel Church, Rt. 3, Dungannon, Va.

115 members; 13 new members; 1 dismissed by request; 2 died. Paid Pastor \$33.50. \$3.80 enclosed to pay on printing Minutes.

We request that Bro. J. A. Patrick be ordained to preach.

R. A. DINGUS, Pastor

HATTIE JOHNSON, Clerk.

Dante Church, Dante, Va.

61 members on roll. 6 dismissed. Paid pastor \$33.50. 142 on roll in Sunday School. \$5.70 enclosed to pay on printing minutes.

R. A. DINGUS, Pastor

EARLY HOBBS, Clerk.

Bowens Chapel Church, Hortons Summit, Va.

Membership 13. Condition of Sunday School good. Average Number of pupils 30; Number of officers 5; Number of teachers 4. Paid Pastor \$1.00. Valuation of church property \$300.00.

W. E. TEMPLETON, Pastor,

LISHIE BOWEN, Clerk.

Hill's Chapel Church, Hortons Summit, Va.

36 members. Sunday School no report. Ministers belonging: W. H. Frazier, W. E. Templeton, C. E. Spencer, J. V. Estep. Mack Butler, Licentiate. Valuation of church property \$500.00.

SYLVIE WILSON, Pastor

C. E. SPENCER, Assistant Pastor.

MINNIE KERN, Clerk.

Durhams Chapel Church, Mabe, Va.

Membership 33. Sunday School no report. Valuation of church property \$500.00.

W. E. TEMPLETON, Pastor.

R. A. FLETCHER, Clerk.

Lick Creek Church, Fort Blackmore, Va.

78 members. Condition of Sunday School - fair. Ministers belonging to this church, Wayland Owens, W. P. Owens, Charlie Thompson; W. E. Vicars, Licentiate. Paid pastor \$7.50.

CHARLIE THOMPSON, Pastor.
J. W. PIERSON, Clerk.

Valley Creek Church, Verdi, Va.

27 members. Good Sunday School; 62 on roll. Ministers belonging to this church, James A. Boatright. Paid pastor \$0.50. Valuation of church property \$600.00.

BOB GREER, Pastor.
EMMA COX, Clerk.

Green's Chapel Church, Dungannon, Va., R. 1

32 members. Sunday school-No report. Valuation of church property: private property.

BOB GREER, Pastor
STEWART TOMLINSON, Clerk

Midway Church, Verdi, Va.

Members 46 Sunday School No report. Paid pastor \$2 95. Church property, private.

CHARLIE THOMPSON, Pastor
JAMES H. EGANS, Clerk.

Buffalo Church, Dungannon, Va., R. 1.

49 members on roll; 22 active members. No Sunday school

R. F. GREER, Pastor
ROBERT QUILLEN, Clerk

Pine Grove Church, Dungannon, Va., R. 1.

Members on roll 50. Sunday school-No report. Church property private. Paid pastor—no report.

W. P. OWENS, Pastor
ROY CARTER, Clerk

Letters from the different churches as herein stated received and character passed good. Total membership 507.

Corresponding messengers called for.

Bro. W. R. Stallard gave a very interesting report.

Bro. Will Jessee of the Rural Missionary Baptists gave an interesting report of their work.

At this point the subject of Sunday school came up.

Bro. James A. Boatright, Sister Etta Salyer, W. R. Stallard gave interesting talks on the Sunday school.

Conference adjourned to meet Friday morning, 9:30.

Bro. Charlie Thompson and Bro. W. P. Owens preached Thursday night. Text St. John 1—29.

Friday Morning Session

Conference met at 9:30

L. E. Sexson, Clerk read Psalm 128.

Prayer by Bro. Will Jessee

Bro. Boatright, Moderator, called for report of Business Committee. Bro. R. A. Dingus being absent, same was laid over till Saturday morning.

On motion Bro. Boatright was elected evangelist.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 Friday evening.

Bro. Roy Hodge, Bro. Willie Vicars preached at 11 a. m. Text 55th Psalm, first verse.

Friday Afternoon

Friday afternoon, 2:30 Ministers' Conference.

On motion the Clerk and Moderator of the association were retained.

On motion the ministers present asked the delegates from the different churches to pass on the character of the ministers.

Ministers' Reports

James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va.—Preached 78 sermons, pastored 1 church. Witnessed 41 conversions and renewals. Received into the church 21. Helped in 4 revivals. Baptized 8. Conducted 2 Communion services. Helped in 2 memorial services. Organized 1 Sunday school. Helped ordain 2 deacons. Celebrated 3 marriages. Held 20 funerals. Received as gifts and donations \$102.74. Traveling expense \$60.00.

R. A. Dingus, Box 363, Dante, Va.—Preached 70 sermons, witnessed 30 conversions, received into church 13, baptized 12; preached 16 funerals. Received \$69.85.

W. P. Owens, Dungannon, Route 1—Preached 30 sermons, pastored 1 church, conducted 1 Sunday school; helped in one revival; witnessed 20 conversions, baptized 25; helped in two memorial services; conducted 3 funerals; ordained 2 deacons; married 4 couples, donated \$7.00 to the churches.

R. N. Begley, Norton, R. 1.—Preached about 15 sermons; two memorial.

W. W. Hillman, Clinchco, Va.—Preached 30 sermons; preached 5 funerals, 4 memorial services; organized one Sunday school.

Charlie Thompson, Slant, Va.—Preached 74 sermons; pastored 2 churches; held 4 revivals; witnessed 55 conversions; received into church 22, baptized 48; helped in 3 memorial services; conducted 9 funerals; received \$20.00.

G. H. Ryan, Dungannon, Va., R. 3—Preached 15 sermons; witnessed several conversions.

J. E. Cox, Nickelsville, Va.—Preached 50 sermons; witnessed 11 conversions; helped in 2 revivals.

Willie Vicars, Ft. Blackmore, Va.—Preached 8 sermons, helped in 2 revivals, conducted one funeral.

J. V. Estep, Stonega, Va.—Preached 70 sermons; helped in two revivals; Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. Received \$32.42. Paid out \$6.55, traveling expense \$13.00.

F. A. Isaacs, Nickelsville, Va.; preached 15 sermons; witnessed 15 conversions.

R. F. Greear, Dungannon, Va., preached 13 sermons; pastored 2 churches; held one revival. Witnessed several conversions. Baptized 1. Conducted 3 funerals. Traveled about 75 miles.

On motion the reports from the ministers herein stated were received and character passed good.

The following ministers were absent with no report:

W. H. Frazier	Horton Summit, Va.
C. E. Spencer	Mabe, Va.
Wayland Owens	Mabe, Va.
W. E. Templeton	Mabe, Va.
Lewis Bowen	Horton Summit, Va.
Daniel Begley	Mabe, Va.
Mack Butler	Blackwater, Va.

There being no further business, the ministers conference adjourned and stands adjourned unless called together by moderator.

JAMES A. BOATRIGHT, Moderator
L. E. SEXSON, Clerk

Conference adjourned to meet Saturday morning, 9:30.

Bro. Monroe Hubbard, W. W. Hillman preached Friday night. Text Daniel 2:34.

Saturday Morning Session

Saturday morning conference met at 9:30 and after singing "Amazing Grace," L. E. Sexson, Clerk, read 8 verses of the 19th chapter of 1 Samuel. Prayer by Sister Moscow Owens.

First item of business—

Report of business committee as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

We, the committee on business ask that the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith be included in the minutes of our association.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

That each church have a special home coming service once a year, especially invite all non-resident and inactive members.

And not only members of the Free Will Baptist church, but invite all Christians to attend this service.

Next item of business:—

On motion Bros. James A. Boatright, W. H. Frazier. Wayland Owens were retained as ordaining council.

Bro. J. H. Patrick was granted credentials to preach by request of the church at Sabras Chapel.

Total amount received for expenses \$47.06

Paid out for minutes 27.50

Balance on hand 19.56

There being no further business, conference adjourned to meet with the church at Dante, Russell Co., Va. on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1936.

JAMES A. BOATRIGHT, Moderator
L. E. SEXSON, Clerk

Preaching Saturday at 11 a. m. by Bros. Will Jessee, R. A. Dingus—Text 1. Samuel 15-22

Preaching Saturday night, 7:30 by Bro. C. A. Robinett and Bro. Fuller—Timothy 4-2.

Preaching Sunday, 11 a. m. by Bro. James A. Boatright—Text 1. John 4-1.

At this the closing service Sister Ida Fields of Kingsport, Tenn. made a wonderful talk, especially requesting the prayers of God's people for the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church in Kingsport.



Church Covenant.

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help to walk together in brotherly love.

We therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those in our care and nurture and admonition of the Lord, that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings,

faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportments; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship and ordinance; discipline, and doctrine of this church; we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor, and the general spread of the gospel.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8-6; Isa. 11-28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead. 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3-16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1st John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. St. John 16:7 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and a mortal state subject to death. Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth; that they might be saved: for which end Christ has commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 26:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15:17; 1 Tim. 2:4

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the scriptures has said for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn children of men; it follows against all argument that all men at one time or other are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. Acts, 17:30; Mark, 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1st John 5:1-10.

7. We believe the whole scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. 2nd Tim. 3:16 17

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the gospel. Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to his divine teachings, whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45-65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11:12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they received the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein, for there is no respecter of persons with God. Jude i. 4:2, Peter ii. 1:2. Thess ii. 11,12, Rom. ii. 9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them

dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God." 1st Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 19:20; Matt. 7:8; Jer 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. Rom. iv. 24; Acts viii. 20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death. Heb. iv. 13; Prov. viii. 22-31; Matt. xxv. 31-46.

15. We believe, as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. Mark xvi. 15-16; Acts viii.17; xix. 6; Luke xxii. 19-20; John xiii.5-17; Jas. v. 14.

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. Matt. iii.16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts ii. 38, 39; Rom. vi. 4; Col. v. 12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgement at the last day. John v. 28, 29; 2 Cor. v. 10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. xxv. 46.



