

MINUTES OF THE NINTH SESSION
OF THE
BEAVER CREEK
ASSOCIATION
Of Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH
SAXON AVENUE CHURCH
SPARTANBURG, S. C.

AUGUST 11-12-13
1932

REV. E. L. BEACHBOARD, Moderator
Caroleen, N. C.

W. D. SAWYER, Clerk
Whitney, S. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH SESSION

The ninth session of the Free Will Baptist Association met with Saxon Avenue Church in Spartanburg, S. C., August 11, 12, and 13, 1932 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Services were opened by song and prayer by Bro. H. L. McDaniel. The Association proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Rev. E. L. Beachboard was elected moderator and W. D. Sawyer, clerk. The moderator then invited all visiting brethren to a seat in our Conference and Bro. J. J. Brooks, of Erlanger, N. C., was seated.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Hawkins, St. John 3:2, after which the conference recessed till 2:00 P. M.

At 2:00 P. M. the Association opened with song and prayer. The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

- Arrangements:** Pastor and delegates of Saxon Ave. church.
Temperance: Charlie Roland, J. C. Franks, W. J. Plemons.
Education: L. J. Davis, W. B. Hudgins, C. D. Melton.
Sunday School: J. E. Rednour, N. H. Bradburn, Fleet Guy.
Finance: Oscar Laws, D. L. Enix, C. W. Petty.
Obituaries: One delegate from each church: L. C. Crow, J. D. Hawkins, Grady Fender, Mary Kelly, J. C. Franks, William Ayers, B. G. Millwood, W. G. Gregory, Ethel Bowers, F. L. Ashburn, Tom Lewis, L. J. Davis, W. B. Hudgins.
Periodicals: H. D. Hamby, R. N. Ayers, H. L. McDaniel.
Deeper Devotion: J. D. Hawkins, W. P. Smith, W. R. Roland, Sherman Williams, J. C. Franks, John Ballard.
Home Missions: J. W. Gentry, John Crow, J. C. Stafford.
Foreign Missions: J. C. Franks, L. J. Davis, A. G. Peace.
Evangelistic Work: First delegate from each church.
Sessions: First delegate from each church.
Marriages and Divorces: W. D. Sawyer, E. L. Beachboard, L. J. Davis.
Ladies Aid: One member of each church.
Young People's Work: Roy Taylor, W. M. Jackson, Sherman Williams.
Ministerial Support: W. D. Sawyer, W. B. Hudgins, E. W. Odell.
Resolutions: J. J. Brooks, L. C. Crow, E. L. Beachboard.

CHURCH LETTERS

All church letters read and accepted.

SAXON AVE.: Delegates F. R. Guy, L. C. Crow., John Ballard.

Baptized, 8; Admitted otherwise, 49; Excluded, 5; Membership, 90; Value of church property, \$3,000.00.; Paid pastor \$121.00; Pastor's work \$15.56; Minute fund, \$2.00; To poor and sick, \$13.54; State of religion, good. Rev. W. P. Smith, pastor; Dewey Enix, C. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH: Delegates, Oscar Laws, Sherman Williams, William Ayers.

Baptized, 12; Admitted otherwise, 6; Dismissed by letter, 2; Membership, 60; Value of church property, \$3,000.00; Paid pastor, \$193.00; Paid for church expenses, \$51.00; Paid on church,

\$240.00; Minute fund, \$3.00; State of religion, good. E. L. Beachboard, pastor; Fred Sawyer, C. C., Whitney, S. C.

FAIRVIEW: Delegates, Fred Osborne, H. L. McDaniel, C. C. Duncan.

Baptized, 41; Died, 1; Membership, 145; Value of church property, \$2,000.00; Paid pastor, \$334.92; Paid for orphanage, \$7.05; Gave to sick, \$9.50; For revival work, \$54.19; Minute fund, \$2.00; State of religion, good. E. L. Beachboard, pastor; A. L. Shehan, C. C.

GASTONIA: Delegates, C. W. Petty, J. C. Rednour.

Baptized 50; Admitted otherwise, 45; Excluded, 12; Membership 172; Value of church property, \$3,000.00; Paid to sick, \$85.00; Paid for revival work, \$264.00; Paid pastor, \$90.00; Minute fund, \$2.50; State of religion, good. L. J. Davis, pastor; J. P. Styles, C. C.

BEAVER DAM: Delegates, Bro. Clayton, Bro. Gregory.

Membership, 20; Value of church property, \$300.00; Minute fund, \$.50; State of religion, good. A. G. Peace, Pastor; Lillie Clayton, C. C.

LOCKHART: Delegates, W. H. Bradburn, Roy Taylor, Edith Cousins, Mattie Smith.

Baptized 89; Admitted otherwise, 9; Excluded, 11; Membership, 163; Value of church property, \$4,000.00; Paid pastor, \$285.00; Paid to sick, \$63.75; Paid for revival work, \$30.00; Pastor's work, \$363.75; Minute fund, \$5.00. Rev. Noel Vance, pastor; U. S. Cousins, C. C.

COLES CHAPEL: Delegates, F. B. Burke, J. K. Bennett, A. H. Bowers.

Baptized, 10; Admitted otherwise, 6; Excluded, 16; Membership 124; Value of church property, \$1,000.00; Paid pastor, \$25.00; Poor and sick, \$10.00; Money received 210.00; Paid out, \$210.00; Minute fund, none. Rev. W. R. Roland, pastor; A. H. Bowers, C. C.

KANNAPOLIS: Delegates, H. W. Safrit, J. C. Holt, Homer Hampton.

Baptized, 22; Admitted otherwise, 21; Excluded, 9; Died, 1; Membership, 60; Value of church property, \$1,500.00; Paid pastor, \$79.56; For revival work, \$35.00; Pastor's work, \$114.60; Minute fund, \$3.00. J. J. Brooks, pastor; Mrs. J. C. Holt, C. C.

FAIRVIEW NO. 2: Delegates, G. W. Fender, L. V. Fender, G. C. Fender, E. J. Gardner.

Baptized, 3; Admitted otherwise, 3; Excluded 3; Value of church property, \$1,500.00; Paid pastor, \$29.20; Poor and sick, \$5.00; Revival work, \$11.58; Pastor's work, \$45.78; Minute fund, \$1.00; State of religion, good. L. P. Jordan, pastor, G. C. Fender, C. C.

MARION: Delegates, T. A. Lewis, J. A. Holifield, Fred Lewis, M. E. Lewis.

Baptized, 8; Admitted otherwise, 19; Excluded, 2; Member-

ship, 38; Value of church property, \$1,000.00; Paid pastor, \$46.45; Missions, \$10.00; Revival work, \$23.60; Minute fund, \$2.00. L. P. Jordan, pastor; W. G. Pack, C. C.

BELMONT: Delegates, E. W. Odell, J. B. Scarborough. Baptized, 77; Admitted otherwise, 36; Excluded, 23; Died, 2; Membership, 119; Paid pastor, \$27.00; Revival work, \$24.73; Minute fund, \$2.50. R. P. Sawyer, pastor; E. W. Odell, C. C.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Delegates, C. D. Melton, D. S. Atkins, W. B. Hudgins.

Baptized, 33; Admitted otherwise, 37; Excluded, 1; Died, 2; Membership, 95; Value of church property, \$1,000.00, Paid pastor, \$69.70; Poor and sick, \$10.00; Revival work, \$24.00; Minute fund, \$2.00. E. L. Beachboard, pastor; Mrs. W. B. Hudgins, C. C.

LANDRUM: Delegates, Stanley Page, Plato Sawyer.

Admitted 8; Membership 18; Value church property, \$500. Paid pastor, \$6.33; Poor and sick, 11.50; Revival work, \$7.60; Pastor's work, \$25.43; Minute fund, none. W. P. Smith, pastor; Mrs. E. Wilson, C. C.

MOUNT ZION: Delegates, J. C. Johnson, C. R. Rollins, B. J. Underwood.

Admitted, 4; Excluded, 3; Membership, 19; Value of church property, \$500.00; Paid to poor and sick, \$25.00; Minute fund, \$1.00; State of religion, good. J. W. Gentry, pastor; J. C. Johnson C. C. Fingerville, S. C.

ROBERSON CREEK: Delegates, M. M. Murray, Clarence Barnett, Ray Lowery.

Baptized, 55; Admitted otherwise, 62; Excluded, 4; Died, 2; Membership 111; Value of church property, \$500.00; Paid pastor, \$242.00; Poor and sick, \$9.00; Pastors work, \$225.00; State of religion, good; Minute fund, none. Rev. W. E. Hill, pastor; L. L. Hutchins, C. C.

GARVERS CHAPEL: Delegate, W. R. Fish.

Baptized, 14; Admitted otherwise, 2; Membership, 16; Paid pastor, \$35.00; Minute fund, none; State of religion, good. Rev. W. L. Phillips, pastor; Mrs. Minnie Garver, C. C.

GLENWOOD: Delegates, L. P. Jordan, J. O. Bradley.

Baptized, 1; Admitted otherwise, 7; Membership, 8; Minute fund, \$1.00. Pastor, L. P. Jordan; J. O. Bradley, C. C.

(This is a new church.)

Conference adjourned until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference opened Friday morning at 9:00 A. M. with song and prayer, by Rev. E. L. Bennett. Report of committees was called for and reported as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The committee on Sunday School:

Realizing that youth is the time when the most lasting im-

pressions are made on the mind, we would suggest that our ministers and sabbath school workers urge parents to bring their children to Sunday school. We urge our superintendents and teachers to be prompt. Committee, J. E. Rednour, N. H. Bradburn, Fleet Guy.

EDUCATION: We, your committee on Education, after earnestly considering the deficiencies of some of our ministers, report seeing the need of better education in our ministry, we recommend that our conference put forth every effort to encourage our young ministers to go to Ayden, N. C., or some other good school and better prepare themselves for the work and that our ordaining counsel be stricter with candidates for the ministry. Committee, L. J. Davis, C. D. Melotn, W. B. Hudgins.

RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved that our pastors and deacons prohibit any and all preachers and teachers from occupying our pulpits if said preachers can not show proper credentials from some church which must be satisfactory to the pastor and deacons, and said preacher must be in harmony with our church doctrines. Committee, J. J. Brooks, C. C. Crow, E. L. Beachboard.

PERIODICALS

We recommend first of all the Bible and urge our people to read, and not only read it, but live by it. We also recommend our Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature, published at Ayden, N. S. Committee, H. D. Hamby, R. N. Ayers, H. L. McDaniel.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We recommend that our preachers and deacons pay the tenth and teach the churches that it is their duty to God to pay the tenth of their income, and when we can get them to do so we can support our preachers. Committee, W. D. Sawyer, W. B. Hudgins, E. W. Caldwell.

HOME MISSION

We ask our members to be more loyal to the household of faith, to visit the sick and needy and report the same to church. Committee, J. W. Gentry, J. W. Crow, J. C. Stafford.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

We recommend that each church organize a Ladies Aid Society and pastors and deacons assist them in their work. Committee, Lula Guy, Mary Kelly.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

We your committee urge each church to organize a Young Peoples League and use literature published by the Free Will Baptist press at Ayden, N. C., or some other good literature for that purpose. Committee, Roy Taylor, W. M. Jackson, S. E. Williams.

FOREIGN MISSION

We recommend that each church contribute to the cost of Foreign Mission. Committee, J. C. Franks, L. J. Davis, A. G. Peace.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, wish to report that it is our conviction that Christian principles can solve the problems of temperance. We pledge our support and cooperation with both state and county officials in every effort for strict carrying out and enforcing the proper laws. Our church stands firmly against strong drink in any form and we promise to support the anti-saloon league or any other organization to put it down. Committee, J. C. Franks, W. J. Plemons, H. L. McDaniel.

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee wish to report that spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God, and devotion means to love and adore and obey. Yielding in humble submission to the will of God is explained as entire consecration. We urge our people to be more loyal to their churches and pledge themselves to support the Gospel. Committee, J. C. Franks, J. D. Hawkins, J. Ballard, S. E. Williams.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

First we protest against parents giving permission for marriage licenses being issued to children under lawful age. Second we protest against marriages of persons who are not mentally and physically fit to care for a family. Third, as there is no Biblical cause for divorce we ask our ministers not to affiliate themselves with any marriage where either party have a living companion. Committee, W. D. Sawyer, E. L. Beachboard, L. J. Davis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The amount paid in for minutes is \$32.00. Committee, Oscar Laws, Dewey Enix, C. W. Petty.

Conference adjourned till 2:00 P. M.

At 11:00 A. M. the Rev. J. J. Brooks, of Erlanger, N. C., preached a wonderful sermon; subject: "What is the Matter With the Church?"

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P. M., Conferenced opened with song and prayer by Bro. James Lindsey. A resolution was passed that each church pay 50 cents per month to help pay the moderator's expenses to visit the weaker churches, the same to be sent to W. D. Sawyer, Clerk.

Rev. Carl Terry was called to report the condition of Greer church, which never has worked in harmony with this association.

The body of the Association voted to withdraw from Greer church and pastor J. H. Revis.

The committee on time and place reported that the next Association will be held with Gastonia Free Will Baptist Church, at Gastonia, N. C., beginning at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1933. Rev. W. P. Smith to preach introductory sermon.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M., Sermon by Rev. J. E. Bailey, followed by Rev. E. L. Beachboard. Subject: Prayer.

OBITUARIES

Goshen Grove church mourns the loss of Bro. A. J. Carra-gan, one of our deacons and charter members. And also mourns the loss of Sister Leathy Bottles. They were both loyal members and will be missed in our church.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M. Minister's Conference opened with song, and a prayer by Rev. J. C. Franks, proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Rev. L. J. Davis was elected moderator and W. D. Sawyer, clerk. Rev. J. E. Bailey, Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Rev. W. R. Roland and Rev. Paul Jordan, ordaining council.

Rev. J. C. Stafford restored to fellowship and his credentials returned.

Rev. J. J. Brooks united himself with the Conference, coming from Union F. W. B. Conference, in Tennessee.

Rev. A. T. Coffee, by his request, was granted a letter of recommendation from this Conference to unite with the French-broad Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

REV. J. E. BAILEY—Reported one church; held 3 revivals; sermons preached 100; professions 175; miles traveled 1,000; money received \$100.00; paid out \$100.00; baptized 5; funerals 3; marriages 15; members taken in 32.

REV. J. M. REDDEN—Sermons preached 35; assisted in 3 revivals; traveled 200 miles.

REV. NOAL VANCE—Pastored one church; revivals held 2, sermons preached 150; professions 130; received in church 80; baptized 89; funerals conducted 6; homes visited 25; hospital 1; prayermeetings conducted 35; miles traveled 250; paid out \$25.; received \$250.00.

REV. L. P. JORDAN—Preached 99 sermons; professions 70; baptized 14; funerals 2; received \$74.45; paid out \$11.85; revivals held 2; organized one church; pastor 2 churches.

REV. W. R. Roland—Pastor one church; held 2 revivals; baptized 10; preached 200 sermons; funerals 1; homes visited 50; money received \$25.00.

REV. CARL TERRY—Sermons preached 80; professions 75; revivals 3; money received \$25.00; paid out \$30.00; funerals conducted 1.

REV. J. W. Gentry—Pastor one church; revivals held 2; professions 40; sermons preached 55; visited sick homes 25.

REV. W. P. Smith—Pastor 2 churches; revivals held 3; professions 115; baptized 3; members taken in 22; prayed in sick homes 50; funerals conducted 2; sermons preached 110; money received \$53.78.

REV. L. J. DAVIS—Pastor 1 church; sermons 183; professions 168; baptized 131; visited sick homes 211; funerals conducted 23; paid out for the cause \$268.80.

REV. J. P. HAWKINS—Sermons preached 54; conducted prayer meetings 12; visited sick homes 36; led to Christ 14; money received \$4.40; paid out \$4.40.

REV. W. E. HILL—Pastor 1 church; preached 105 sermons; revivals held 2; professions 295; baptized 52; received in church 62; visited sick homes 42; money received \$242.00; paid out \$225.00.

REV. B. W. POWELL—Sermons preached 118; witnessed 132 professions; helped in revivals 2; pastor 1 church; members received 14; funerals conducted 1; marriages 1.

REV. R. P. SAWYER—Pastor 1 church; preached 100 sermons, held 2 revivals; professions 170; baptized 77; members received 113; prayer meetings conducted 25; visited sick homes 20; funerals conducted 1; money received \$27.00; paid out 25.00.

REV. C. L. SCARBOROUGH—Sermons preached 20; prayer meetings conducted 30; sick homes visited 16; professions 24; helped in 2 revivals.

REV. B. T. MELTON—Sermons preached 38; helped in revivals 2; professions 20.

REV. W. M. BROWN—Sermons 82; prayer meetings conducted 28; revivals 1; professions 25; visited sick homes 10.

REV. G. C. FENDER—Sermons preached 20; prayer meetings conducted 6; visited in sick homes 9.

REV. J. O. BRADLEY—Sermons preached 6; paid out \$22.00; gave one organ to church.

REV. LOYD REVIS—Sermons preached 109; professions 394; baptized 84; conducted funerals 1; held 2 revivals; married 3 couples; visited many sick homes; conducted many prayer meetings; traveled 59 miles.

REV. A. G. PEACE—Sermons preached 53; professions 38; revivals 2; prayer meetings 11; visited sick homes 27; traveled 1,116 miles; received \$13.24; paid out \$18.95. Pastor 1 church.

REV. E. L. BENNETT—Sermons preached 63; converts 162; baptized 33; traveled 300 miles, received \$6.16.

REV. J. C. STAFFORD—Sermons preached 128; revivals held 4; professions 68; baptized 6; funerals 3; money received \$89.00; paid out \$67.00; miles traveled 2,000.

REV. J. J. BROOKS—Erlanger, N. C., Box 219. Sermons preached 202; professions 193; baptized 23; received in church 21; homes visited 88; miles traveled 4,078; money given \$111.26; money received \$114.60; excluded 9; pastor 1 church; revivals held 2; funerals conducted 1.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ministers on roll as follows:

E. L. Beachboard, L. J. Davis, W. P. Smith, J. E. Bailey, W. R. Roland, J. C. Franks, J. W. Gentry, J. M. Redding, Paul Jordan, Noal Vance, Carl Terry, Loyd Revis, G. C. Peale, R. P. Sawyer, E. L. Bennett, B. W. Powell, W. E. Hill, J. C. Stafford, J. J. Brooks, J. P. Hawkins.

LICENSED MINISTERS

B. T. Melton, W. M. Brown, G. C. Fender, J. O. Bradley, C. L. Scarborough.

I wish to state, with regrets, that through the negligence of your clerk and the minister's report of Rev. E. L. Beachboard has been lost. He is the pastor of three churches and one of the busiest ministers in our association in his churches. He has baptized 86 into the church last year; received \$597.62; held at least 1 revival at each church.

Also the report of Rev. J. C. Franks, our much beloved evangelist, was lost or misplaced. Your clerk is very sorry that this has occurred.

W. D. SAWYER, Clerk.

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention

AUGUST 31, 1931

The Beaver Creek Sunday School Convention met with Belmont Free Will Baptist Church at Belmont, N. C. The convention was opened with song by Gastonia choir. Prayer by Rev. W. P. Smith. The president, W. D. Sawyer, being absent, Vice President, H. L. Buckner, presided. There were 5 Sunday schools represented and all brought a good report. The convention adjourned to meet again at Shelby, N. C., Nov. 29, 1931.

NOVEMBER 29, 1931.

The Sunday School Convention was called to order by the vice president, H. L. Buckner; opened with song and prayer by Bro. Charlie Roland. All Sunday school reports called for and 8 responded, bringing excellent reports. We also had some fine singing. Lockhart won the singing contest banner. Saxon Ave.

Sunday school won the Sunday school banner. The convention adjourned to meet with Robertsons Creek church the 5th Sunday in January, 1932.

JANUARY 31, 1932.

The Sunday School Convention met with Robertson Creek Sunday school. The convention was called to order by the vice president, H. L. Buckner, and opened with song and prayer. Reports of Sunday schools were called for and 8 responded with good reports. The Sunday school convention adjourned to meet with Gastonia Sunday school, May 29, 1932.

MAY 29, 1932—Gastonia, N. C.

The Sunday School Convention opened with song and prayer by Rev. W. M. Brown. The convention elected L. C. Crow, President; C. L. Scarbough, Vice Pres.; Eugene Sawyer, Clerk. Reports were called for and 11 Sunday schools responded with excellent reports. We also had some fine singing by Lockhart and Caroleen Goshens Grove and Saxon Ave. Saxon Ave. winning singing banner and Goshens Grove winning Sunday school banner. Convention adjourned to meet with Black Mountain Sunday school on the 5th Sunday in July, 1932.

JULY 26, 1932.—Black Mt., N. C.

The Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was called to order by the president, L. C. Crow. Opened with song and prayer. Reports of Sunday schools called for and 5 responded with good reports. Also had good singing by Saxon Avenue class and Black Mountain. Convention adjourned to meet with Fairview Sunday school on the 5th Sunday in October, 1932. Bro. L. C. Crow, president of the Sunday School Convention urges all Free Will Baptist Sunday schools in the Beaver Creek Association to send delegates and report to the next convention.

The convention meets every 5th Sunday at 10:00 A. M. All who attend these conventions report good, interesting programs and good singing and plenty to eat. So don't fail to come and bring your good singers and Sunday school report.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ we agree to adopt Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other's reputation and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church commands implied in a profession of faith and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those who are weak.

3. We promise, by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy and especially those that are of the household of Faith.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors; not to use it as a beverage nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals, and everything that is for the glory of God and to the welfare of men and may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session and all reports made by the committees may be adopted by the body.

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

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

3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of 'Brother'.

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. GOD:—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTACY:—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the

woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

4. CHRISTIAN FAITH:—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

5. FREE GRACE:—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the mean whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Rom. 10:12.

6. REPENTANCE:—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. FREE AGENCY:—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath showed thee O man what is good and what the Lord require of thee, but do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mich. 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

9. GOOD WORKS:—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." Matt. 7:19-20.

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the

Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER:—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord body." 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

12. FEET WASHING:—We believe that washing of the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that his followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet." St. John 13:14.

13. THE GOSPEL:—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BEAVER CREEK MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS	Sermons Preached	Confessions	Baptisms	Received Into Church	Revivals Held	Money Received	Money Given	Pastor Churches	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled
Rev. Noel Vance, Lockhart, S. C.		150	130	89	80	2	\$250.00	\$25.00	1	6	25	250
Rev. L. P. Jordan, Marion, N.C., Clinchfield		99	70	14	14	2	74.45	11.85	2	2		
Rev. J. E. Bailey, Spartanburg, S. C.		100	175	5	32	3	100.00	100.00	1	3		1000
Rev. W. R. Roland, Spartanburg, S. C.		200		10	10	2	25.00		1	1	50	
Rev. Carl Terry, Greer, S. C.		80	75			3	25.00	30.00		1		
Rev. J. W. Gentry, Gaffney, S. C.		55	40			2			1		25	
Rev. W. P. Smith, 500 Front St. Sptg.		110	115	3	22	3	53.78		2	2	50	
Rev. L. J. Davis, 319 Main St. Gastonia,		183	168	131	131			268.80	1	23	211	
Rev. J. P. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C.		54	14				4.40	4.40			36	
Rev. W. E. Hill, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.		105	295	52	62	2			1		42	
Rev. B. W. Powell, Caroleen, N. C.		118	132			2			1	1		
Rev. R. P. Sawyer, N. Belmont, N. C.		100	170	77	113	2	27.00	25.00	1		20	
Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Caroleen, N. C.—(Report Lost)		86	129	5		5	597.62		3			
Rev. Loyd Revis, Lockhart, S. C.		109	394	84		2				1		59
Rev. A. G. Peace, Landrum, S. C.		53	38			2	13.24	18.95	1		27	1116
Rev. J. J. Brooks, Bx 219, Brainerd, N.C.		202	133	23	21	2	114.60	111.26	1	1	88	4078
Rev. J. C. Stafford, Spartanburg, S. C.		128	68	6	6	4	89.00	67.00		3		2000
Rev. E. L. Bennett, Forest City, N. C.		63	162	33	33		6.16				300	
Rev. J. M. Redden, Forest City, N. C.		35				3					200	
Rev. J. C. Franks, Arcadia, S. C.	(Report Lost)											
Rev. B. T. Melton, Caroleen, N. C.		38	20			2						

The Next Annual Session to be held with Gastonia Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., on Thursday Before 2nd Sunday in August, 1933.

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CHRISTIAN GREETINGS IN CHRIST:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at..... send the Following

Delegates to represent us in your Council at.....

STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR FULL YEAR

Baptized.....; Admitted Otherwise.....; Excluded.....; Died.....
Total Membership.....; Value of Church Property, \$.....; Paid Pastor, \$.....
Paid for Missions, \$.....; for Orphanage, \$.....; for Poor and Sick,.....
For Minute Fund,.....; for Revival Work, \$.....; Pastor's Work, \$.....
State of Religion.....

Rev....., Pastor

Address

....., Church Clerk

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