

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

HELD WITH
GASTONIA CHURCH
GASTONIA, N. C.

AUGUST 10-11-12 1933

REV. J. E. Baily, Moderator
Whitney, S. C.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH SESSION

The tenth session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Association met with Gastonia Church at Gastonia, N. C., August 10, 1933 at 10 A. M. The session was opened by singing song No. 145 and prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks. The Conference proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Rev. J. E. Baily was elected moderator and W. D. Sawyer clerk. The moderator called for rules of decorum and articles of faith which was read by the clerk. A motion to call for the fellowship of the ministers and delegates which was responded to by all. A confession was made by Rev. J. J. Morgan regarding a previous charge and was accepted by the Association and his credentials returned.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. P. Smith, from 2 Peter 3:9, followed by Rev. J. J. Brooks. The conference recessed until 2 P. M. Conference opened at 2 P. M., by singing song No. 14 and prayer by Rev. R. P. Sawyer. A question, 'Why Should we have a committee on Sunday School in our association?' Addresses by J. E. Baily, W. T. Sawyer, L. J. Davis and others. A motion by W. T. Sawyer that we have a committee on Sunday School and they make a report that will bind superintendents and officials to work in harmony with the pastors of these churches which passed the conference without a dissenting vote. The moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Arrangements: Pastor and delegates of Gastonia church.

Temperance: J. J. Brooks, J. L. Morgan, E. L. Beachboard.

Education: R. P. Sawyer, J. C. Ray, W. P. Smith.

Sunday School: J. T. Seely, W. O. Lawter, and Paul Shehan, assisted by one delegate from each church.

Finance: Oscar Laws, J. W. Crow, D. M. Grindstaff.

Resolutions: J. L. Morgan, L. J. Revis, A. W. Graham, Claud Rupp. A committee was appointed by the moderator to revise the church letter, composed of D. Enix, J. L. Morgan, E. L. Beachboard and L. J. Davis.

Obituaries: D. Enix, Mrs. Katie Laws, William Jackson, and Cora Hands.

Periodicals: R. P. Sawyer, L. J. Davis, J. L. Stafford

Deeper Devotions: E. L. Beachboard, W. G. Pack, W. E. Hill, D. Enix and G. E. Abernathy.

Home Missions: G. C. Fender, W. P. Smith, J. H. Franks.

Foreign Missions: M. M. Murray, M. G. Gossnell, D. M. Buckner.

Evangelistic Work: First delegate from each church.

Sessions: First delegate from each church.

Marriages and Divorces: L. P. Jordan, A. G. Peace, R. P. Sawyer, W. G. Pack, Fulton Kuykendall.

Ladies' Aid: Katie Laws, Mrs. Crow Leona Keeter, Addie Deal, Bessie Lawter, Allie Kuykendall.

Young Peoples' Work: Carl Terry, J. O. Bradely, Miss Cora Hands, G. N. Chandler, D. M. Buckner.

Ministerial Support: J. D. Seely, A. Kuykendall, J. C. Ray, D. M. Grindstaff, W. O. Lawter, J. W. Crow, W. G. Gregory, J. W. Walker, J. H. Franks, T. A. Revis.

CHURCH LETTERS

Church letters were called for and the following reports received:

BELMONT: Delegates, J. B. Scarborough, D. M. Grindstaff, R. L. Rhinehart. Baptised, 9, admitted otherwise, 16. Excluded,

26. Total, membership, 98. Paid pastor \$30.00. Paid to poor and sick \$20.00. For revival work, \$30.00, for minute fund, \$2.500. For moderator's expenses, \$6.00. State of religion, good. R. P. Sawyer, pastor, L. H. Grindstaff, clerk. N. Belmont, N. C.

LOCKHART: Delegates, G. N. Candler, J. D. Seely, A. C. Cogdill. Baptised, 5, admitted otherwise 5, excluded, 3, died one. Total membership, 174. Value of church property, \$4000.00. Paid pastor \$275.00. Paid to poor and sick, \$5.60. Paid for revival work, \$30.00. For pastors' work, \$360.00. For minute fund for moderator's expenses, \$6.00. Rev. M. G. Gosnell, pastor, fund \$5.00. For moderator's expenses, \$6.00. J. N. Vance, pastor, U. S. Cousins, clerk. Lockhart, S. C., Box 87.

ARCADIA: Delegates, W. O. Lawter, Mrs. W. O. Lawter, Miss Cora Hands, William Jackson. Baptised, 5, admitted otherwise, 15, excluded 1. Total membership, 138. Value of church property, \$2000.00. Paid pastor \$10.00. Paid for revival work, \$21.00. Paid for minute fund, \$3.00. State of religion, good. fund \$5.00. J. N. Nance, pastor, U. S. Cousins, clerk. Lockhart,

GASTONIA: Delegates, J. P. Stiles, Fred Austin. Baptised, 28, admitted otherwise 54. Total membership, 219. Value of church property, \$4000.00. Paid pastor \$43.00. Gave to poor and sick, \$150.00. Paid for revival work, \$154.61. State of religion, good. Rev. L. J. Davis, pastor, Gastonia, N. C. J. L. Brontas, clerk, Cramerton, N. C.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Delegates, D. C. Monday, W. D. Hudgins, N. R. Lunsford. Baptised 9, admitted otherwise 8, excluded 14, died, 2. Total membership 112. Value of church property, \$2000.00. Paid to pastor, \$150.39. Paid to moderator's expenses \$6.00. Gave to poor and sick, \$15.00. Paid out on church property, \$146.52. Otherwise expenses, \$43.38. Total paid out, \$361.39. Minute fund, \$2.00. E. L. Beachboard, pastor, Caroleen, N. C. Mrs. W. B. Hudgins, clerk, Black Mountain, N. C.

SAXON AVE.: Delegates, J. W. Crow, D. Enix, C. O. Deal, Baptised 11, admitted otherwise 13 dismissed by letter 8. Value of church property, \$2,100.00. Paid pastor, \$128.34. Gave to poor and sick, \$22.00. Minute fund \$5.00. State of religion, very good. Total amount paid out by the church, \$322.25. J. C. Franks, pastor, Saxon mills, S. C., J. E. Mosely church clerk, Spartanburg Rte. 3 S. C.

WHITNEY: Delegates Oscar Laws, Mrs. Katie Laws. Baptised, 2 admitted otherwise 5. Dismissed by letter 4. Total membership, 65. Value of church property, \$3000.00. Paid pastor expenses, \$6.00. Other expenses \$74.75. State of religion, good. E. L. Beachboard, pastor, Caroleen, N. C., Fred Sawyer, C. C. Whitney, S. C.

CAROLEEN: Delegates Paul Shehan, G. C. Ray, D. M. Buckner. Admitted in church 15, excluded 10, died, 1. Total membership, 150. Value of church property, \$1000.00. Minute fund \$4.00. Received in treasury, \$78.38. Paid out \$53.21. In treasury, \$12.17. E. L. Beachboard, pastor, Caroleen, N. C. George Harrison, C. C. Caroleen, N. C.

MARION: Delegates, T. L. Lewis, P. H. Gurley, W. G. Pack. Baptised, 11; admitted otherwise 6; excluded, 8; total membership, 25; value of church property, \$1100.00; paid pastor, \$45.45; paid for revival work, \$9.35; paid for church expenses, \$68.60; minute fund, \$2.00; state religion, good; paid for moderator's expenses, \$3.00. Rev. L. P. Jordan, pastor, Caroleen, N. C.

FAIRVIEW NO. 2: Delegates, J. O. Bradley, G. C. Fender. Baptised, 3; admitted otherwise, 2; excluded, 6; Total membership, 29; value of church property, \$2000.00; paid pastor, \$22.23; for revival work, \$6.00; minute fund, \$1.25; paid for moderator, expenses \$1.00; state of religion, good. L. P. Jordan, pastor, Caroleen, N. C., G. C. Fender, C C., Nebo, N. C.

BEAVER DAM: Delegate, W. G. Gregory. Baptised, 1; admitted otherwise, 10; total membership, 31; value of church property, \$500.00; paid pastor, \$16.75; paid for revival works, \$38.00; minute fund, \$1.50; state of religion, good; paid for moderator's expenses, \$6.00. J. C. Stafford, pastor, Spartanburg, S. C. Rte. 3; Lillie Claton, church clerk, Greer, S. C., Rte. 3.

ROBERSON CREEK: Delegates, Will Keeter, Neona Keeter. Admitted to church, 5; excluded, 7; died, 1; total membership, 106; value of church property, \$500.00; paid pastor, \$132.50; gave poor and sick, \$10.00; minute fund, \$1.00. Rev. W. E. Hill, pastor, Bostic, N. C. Rte. 1; Mrs. L. J. Johnson, Bostic, N. C. Rte. 1.

KANNAPOLIS: Delegates, H. W. Safort, T. L. Benton, S. G. Efird. Baptised, 16; admitted otherwise, 6; excluded, 7; total membership, 80; value of church property, \$1000.00; paid pastor, \$39.40; for revival work, \$22.28; minute fund, \$3.00; paid for moderator's expenses, \$4.00 Rev. J. J. Brooks, pastor, Box 219, Erlanger, N. C.; S. G. Efird, clerk, 407 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

LANDRUM: Delegate, A. G. Peace. Membership, 23; value of church property, \$500.00; paid pastor, \$37.20; paid for revival work, \$25.00; state of religion, very good; paid for moderator's expenses, \$50. Rev. Carl Terry, pastor, Greer S. C.; Mrs. E. Wilson, church clerk Landrum, S. C.

The following are new churches received into the association:

GAFFNEY: Delegate, Otis Bowman. Baptised, 5; admitted otherwise, 11; total membership, 15; died, 1; minute fund, \$1.50. J. C. Stafford pastor Spartanburg, S. C.; Otis Bowman, clerk, Gaffney, S. C.

MISSION RIDGE: Delegate A. E. Reed; admitted into church, 23; excluded, 2; total membership, 21; give to poor and sick, \$35.00; value of church property, \$2000.00; minute fund, \$2.00; state of religion, good; A. E. Reed pastor, Morgantown, N. C., rte. 1. Mrs. S. A. Watts clerk, Morgantown, N. C., Rte 1

BAILY'S CHAPEL: Delegates, A. Kuykendall, F. Kuykendall, J. E. Baily. Baptised, 62; admitted otherwise, 12; excluded, 2; total membership, 72; paid pastor, \$67.11; paid for missions, \$10.00; give to poor and sick, \$3.50; paid for revival work, \$50.00; minute fund, \$2.50; total expenses to church, \$281.30; singing school, \$46.00; total, \$327.30. Rev. J. E. Baily, pastor, Inman, S. C. Rte. 2; Mrs. Julia Walker C. C., Tryon, N. C.

MOUNT ZION: Delegate, J. W. Gentry; Membership, 23; value of church property, \$1000.00; paid pastor, \$7.85; state of religion, good. Rev. J. C. Stafford, pastor, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. C. Johnson, clerk, Fingerville, S. C.

The Association recessed until Friday 9 A. M. (

THURSDAY NIGHT

Thursday night a sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Baily

from 1 Kings 18:24. A collection was taken. Received \$5.50 to be placed in the minute fund.

Friday 9 A. M. the Association was called to order by the moderator, was opened by singing song No. 32 and prayer by Rev. W. E. Hill. Report of committees called for and the committee on temperance brought a report. Addresses by W. T. Sawyer, W. B. Hudgins, J. O. Bradley, J. J. Brooks, E. L. Beachwood, J. E. Baily, J. E. Stafford, L. J. Davis, and others. The report was withdrawn by the committee and the following committee was appointed by the moderator: W. B. Hudgins, J. T. Seely, J. W. Crow, Fred Austin, J. B. Scarborough, who made the following report which was accepted:

We, your committee on temperance 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, W. B. Hudgins, S. D. Seely, J. W. Crow, Fred Austin, J. B. Scarborough.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: We, your committee urge that each church organize a young people's league and use the Ayden literature published by the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., or the New Testament, and that each league meet at 6:30 P. M. Sunday. Your committee, Carl Terry, Cora Lee Hands, G. M. Candler, D. M. Buckner, J. O. Bradley.

EDUCATION: We, your committee submit the following report. We wish to urge our ministers of the Beaver Creek conference to study the Bible more in time to come more than we have in the past and commune with God for the understanding. We, seeing the need of better education among our ministers 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 enforce the Brooks Qualification Act. Committee, W. P. Smith, J. C. Ray, R. P. Sawyer.

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee wish to report that spirituality is the life power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God and devotion means to love 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 and we urge our pastors to preach deeper devotion and all churches make a report at the end of each year if they have preached the same. Committee, W. G. Pack, E. L. Beachboard, W. E. Hill, G. C. Abernathy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee on foreign mission recommend each church contribute to the cause of foreign mission. Committee, M. M. Murray, M. G. Gosnell, D. M. Buckner.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee wish to submit the following report: 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. When we can get our churches to do this we can support our preachers. Lay aside the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered you. We also recommend that our churches pay our pastors' expenses to all conference. Committee, J. D. Seely, J. W. Crow, W. O. Lawter, D. M. Grindstaff, C. O. Deal, J. H. Franks, A. Kuykendall, G. W. Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend that all Sunday School superintendents cooperate with your pastor and consult your pastor before anything important is brought up in your Sunday School and we urge that all our officers and teachers be consecrated men and women and that our primary classes be given the best we have. Bring them up the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart therefrom. Committee, J. D. Seely, Paul Shehan, G. W. Walker, W. O. Lawter, C. O. Deal, A. G. Peace, G. C. Fender, L. B. Scarborough, D. Enix, J. L. Morgan.

PERIODICALS

We, your committee recommend first of all the Bible to read and study prayerfully and truthfully. And live up to its teachings. We also recommend that all of our churches in our Association use our Ayden literature in the Sunday Schools and young people's work. Committee, R. P. Sawyer, J. C. Stafford, L. J. Davis.

LADIES' AID

Your committee wishes to submit the following report: We recommend that each church organize a Ladies' Aid Society and that pastors and deacons assist them in their work. We should put our trust in God and he will help us. Pray for us. Committee, Kate Lewis, Bessie Lawter, Laurry Crow, Leona Keeter.

EVANGELISTIC

We, your committee wish the adoption of the following report: We elected Rev. J. E. Baily and Rev. Noal Vance for evangelist from Aug. 1933 until Aug. 1934. Committee, first delegate from each church.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following report: Believing that every heaven born child of God has a mission to perform and we believe it should begin at home and we urge our Free Will Baptist members to visit the poor and sick, also visit homes of those who are members of any church and read the Bible and pray with them. We also urge that all our churches carry a fund for the poor and sick, that we may help both spiritual and temporal. Committee, G. C. Fender, J. H. Franks, W. P. Smith.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE

We report that our next Association will be held with Whitney church, beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1934 at 10 A. M.. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. M. G. Gosnell.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following report: Believing that no person according to the Bible has a right to get a divorce and marry again, we urge all of our churches to get out all members that have two living husbands or two living wives and allow no preacher to fill our pulpit that has two living wives and no woman that has two living husbands be allowed to hold office in our church or Sunday School. Read Romans the 7th chapter. Committee, R. P. Sawyer, A. G. Peace, W. G. Pack, F. R. Kuykendall, L. P. Jordan.

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 satisfactory credentials from some church which must be satisfactory to the pastor and deacons and said preacher or teacher must be in harmony with our church doctrines. Committee, J. L. Morgan, C. R. Rupp, A. W. Graham, L. D. Revis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We beg to submit the following report: Money received from the churches, \$43.50; Special collections during the Association, \$8.50. Committee, Oscar Laws, J. W. Crow, D. M. Grindstaff.

LADIES' AID REPORT

We, the Free Will Baptist Ladies' Aid of Kannapolis church send the following report: paid in during the year, \$31.00; paid out to the church and needy, \$30.35; balance in treasury, \$.65. Members, 9. Mrs. Nellie Nessimer, Pres., Mrs. Norris, clerk. Wish all the Ladies' Aid God's blessings and a prosperous year until our next conference.

The Ladies' Aid the Saxon Ave. Free Will Baptist church reorganized March 19th, 1933. Rev. J. C. Franks, moderator. Mrs. Lula Guy, Pres., Mrs. Georgie Franks, Sec. The treasury received \$10.81; paid out \$8.09; balance in treasury, \$2.72. We hope to make a better report next year. Mrs. Georgie Franks, Secretary, 7 William St., Saxon, S. C.

The Willing Workers of Whitney Free Will Baptist church composed of Ladies and men working in the same order of ladies aid find it better for small churches than just ladies. It gives the pastor and deacons an opportunity to assist in the work which is of great help to the church.

Mrs. Mary Pruitt, Pres., Miss Elsie May Pruitt, Treas., Miss Geneva Sawyer, Sec. Our Finance report was added to our church report.

Ladies Aid of Marion Free Will Baptist church was organized Nov. 5, 1932, with 19 members. Mrs. Browning, Pres., Mrs. Jordan, Sec., Mrs. Lewis Treas. Our collection, \$28.72; paid our pastor, \$10.00; paid on church, \$16.44; in Treasury, \$2.28. Remember your committee on Ladies' Aid recommends that each church that has not the Ladies' Aid to organize at once and send a report to our next Association. Pastors, it will be to your interest to see to this at once. It will take care of the home mission problem and increase the finances of your church.

W. D. Sawyer.

OBITUARIES

Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist church mourns the loss of sister Nola Cudd who died Aug. the 8th, 1933, age, 29 years at Lockhart, S. C.

Through all pain at times she would smile a smile of
Heavenly birth
And when the angels called her home,
She smiled farewell to earth.

The Free Will Baptist church at Caroleen, N. C., mourns the loss of our brother in Christ, Brother J. E. Beachboard, age 76. Departed this life Oct. 8th, 1932.

Can we forget him? No! His earthly form did go.
His kindly smile is hidden in the sod.
But when those church bells ring
Fond memories they will bring.
Of one gone to rest with God.

W. D. Sawyer

Te Free Will Baptist church at Gacney, S. C., mourns the loss of our brother in Christ who departed this life April 18th, 1933, age 52 years.

A knock will yet be heard, the sheeted dead be stirred,
[With all that are and have been shall rise.
May each brother come thus summoned from the tomb,
And share eternal glory in the skies.

W. D. Sawyer.

The Roberson church mourns the loss of their brother, A. D. Hutchins, who departed this life March 18th, 1933.

[We will not forget thee, we who stay,
To work a little longer here,
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall be

On memory's tablet bright and clear.

W. D. Sawyer.

Friday night a wonderful sermon was preached by Rev. William Sanders, a 16-year-old boy, from Luke the 11th chapter. It would be good for our older preachers to sit up and take notice and prepare themselves for the gospel. He was followed by Rev. J. C. Stafford. Subject: Preach the word.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday 9 A. M. conference was opened for short session by singing and prayer by Rev. J. W. Gentry. A move and second that each member of each church be asked to give one cent a week for old ministers relief fund to be paid to W. D. Sawyer, treasurer, was brought before the conference and was passsd. A move and second that the moderator and clerk of the Association serve as moderator and clerk of the minister's conference one year from Aug. 1933 until Aug. 1934.

The Association adjourned to meet with Whitney Free Will Baptist church, Whitney, S. C. on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1934 at 10:00 A. M.

SATURDAY 9:30 A. M.

The minister's conference was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. J. W. Gentry. Rev. J. E. Baily, moderator, W. D. Sawyer, clerk.

A move and second that we have just one minister's conference a year and that to follow the Association was passed. The following ministers were elected for ordaining counsel: Rev. J. J. Brooks, chairman; Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. L. D. Revis,

Rev. J. E. Baily, Rev. J. C. Stafford, these to serve one year from August, 1933 until August, 1934, and are to ordain no one without the consent of the whole council.

Rev. G. C. Fender called for a letter of recommendation to the Jack's Creek conference which was granted. At this time we had some inspiring addresses by Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. Pierce and others on qualification. Minister's reports were called for and the following reports were read and accepted by the conference:

Rev. D. W. Waters since becoming a member of the Free Will Baptist witnessed in 1932 15 professions, in 1933 20 professions. Have had prayer services in 27 homes and paid \$5.00 for the cause. Caroleen, N. C.

Rev. B. W. Powell preached 160 sermons, ran four revivals, professions 196, Baptised 42; visited 18 sick homes; conducted 5 funerals; married 6 couples; money received, \$104.00; paid out \$40.00. 287 Patton Ave. Asheville, N. C.

Rev. A. E. Reed preached 75 sermons; professions 31; helped to organized one church. Morgantown, N. C. R. F. D. 1.

Rev. R. E. Graham: Sermons preached, 26. Caroleen, N. C.

Rev. M. Presley: Sermons preached, 26; professions, 16; visited 15 sick homes. North Belmont, N. C.

Rev. A. C. Hughes: Preached 6 sermons; conducted several prayer meetings. Ellenburg, N. C.

Rev. A. G. Peace: Sermons preached, 21; professions, 20; married, 2; Landrum, S. C.

Rev. W. R. Roland: preached 100 sermons; held 25 healing services. Spartanburg, S. C.

Rev. T. G. Benton: Preached 100 sermons. No report on other work. Kannapolis, N. C.

Rev. Grady Fender: preached 23 sermons; held several prayer services and visited some sick homes. Nebo, N. C. R.F.D. 1.

Rev. J. E. Jackson preached 30 sermons and taught a Bible class in Sunday School. Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. H. L. Guy: preached 59 sermons. Spartanburg, S. C.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday 2:30 o'clock P. M. the following ministers were presented to the ordaining council and were ordained:

A. E. Reed, A. C. Hughes, E. C. Rash, T. T. Mathis and William Sanders. The last a 16-year-old boy. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Brooks.

Saturday at 8:00 P. M. a sermon by Rev. Carl Terry, Math. 26:22, followed by G. C. Abernathy, Luke 23:26-27. The conference adjourned to meet at Whitney on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1934.

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 intoxicating liquors; not to use it as a beverage nor to aid nor 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 rule 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 committee 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 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.

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 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 3:6.

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 means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over 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." 2 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 conditions 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 saviour 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.

Your clerk wishes to state with regrets that the increase in cost of printing and engraving prohibits him from having pictures of the Moderator and clerk and others printed in this minute, as the Association wished, but he could not with the money given. Very sorry, indeed. W. D. Sawyer, Clerk.

	Sermons Preached	Professions	Baptized	Received Into Church	Revivals Held	Money Received	Money Paid Into Church	Pastor No. of Churches	Funerals Conducted	Couples Married	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled
Rev. R. P. Sawyer, North Belmont, N. C.	100	96	9	25	1	\$30.00	\$35.00	1	1	4	35	
Rev. L. P. Jordan, Caroleen, N. C.	92	52	8		2	67.45	18.00	2	7	4		
Rev. J. E. Bailey, Whitney, S. C.	284	760	62	87	5	280.00	102.00	1	5		165	1453
Rev. J. C. Franks, 7 Williams St., Saxon, S. C.	77	103	5	18	3	88.35		1	5	2		
Rev. Noel Vance, Lockhart, S. C.	125	82			3	300.00	45.60	1	2	2	75	650
Rev. J. J. Brooks, Box 219, Etlanger, N. C.	253	381	14	33	5	182.50	43.22	1	2		206	3270
Rev. H. L. Jones, Kings Mountain, N. C.	75	9			1		15.00				50	250
Rev. J. C. Stafford, Rte 3, Spartanburg, S. C.	150	125	5		4	84.75	33.00	3	9	1	150	500
Rev. J. M. Redden, Marion, N. C.	35	20			1	6.85						135
Rev. Walter Pack, Marion, N. C.	32	5					11.00				40	
Rev. J. L. Davis, 307 N. Rhyme St., Gastonia, N. C.	147	237	28	54	5	43.00	568.37	1	7	1	325	6080
Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Caroleen, N. C.	207	363	15	20	6	567.54	86.50	3	4		400	6700
Rev. W. P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.	125	210	5	20	2	210.00		1	3	2	800	
Rev. Claude Ruppel, Gaffney, S. C.	40	25			2		17.70				25	150
Rev. L. M. Pierce, Belmont, N. C.	35	28	6	9							42	
Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C.	94	88			4	46.80	16.75		2	4		640
Rev. Carl Terry, Greer, S. C.	150	80		12		75.00	60.00		1			500
Rev. M. G. Gosnell, Arcadia, S. C.	119	57	5	20	1	10.20			3		20	
Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.	20	18									75	125
Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Box 364, Belmont, N. C.	35	21			1	2.50	10.00				24	500
Rev William Sanders, Rte 1, Bostic, N. C.	37	23		This is 16 year old boy							7	
Rev. Troy Mathis, Box 263, Lockhart, S. C.	25	30									25	300
Rev. G. C. Abernathy, Rte 2, Inman, S. C.	48	29				4.50	3.30					
Rev. W. E. Hill, Rte 1, Bostic, N. C.	113	300	24		2	138.75		1			50	
Rev. J. O. Bradley, Marion, N. C.	47						17.10					
Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C.	51	40			1	7.00	7.00				76	

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CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

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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

Baptised.....; Admitted Otherwise.....; Excluded.....; Died.....

Dismissed by Letter.....Total Membership.....; Value of Church Property.....

Paid Pastor, \$.....; Paid for Missions.....; Paid for Revival Work, \$.....

For Minute Fund, \$.....; For Other Church Expenses, \$.....Total collected During Year, \$.....

Paid Out During Year, \$.....Money Left in Treas. \$.....; State of Religion.....

Rev.

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Clerk

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W. H. H.