

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Beaver Creek Association
OF
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH
WHITNEY CHURCH
WHITNEY, S. C.

AUGUST 9-10-11, 1934

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

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



Next Session to be held with Lockhart Free Will Baptist
Church at Lockhart, S. C., beginning on Thursday before
the 2nd Sunday in August, 1935.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION
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August 9th, at 10 A. M. the Association was opened by singing song No. 72. Scripture lesson read by Rev. R. P. Sawyer, St. John, 14th chapter. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks. The Conference proceeded to elect the following officers: E. L. Beachbord, moderator; W. D. Sawyer, Clerk. All visiting brothers were invited to a seat with us. Visitors present were Rev. Ervin Sluder, Bro. McKinley Faulkner, Bro. Julius Faulkner, Rev. M. C. Warlic. All from the French Broad Free Will Baptist Association, and O. B. Kelly, of Tryon, N. C. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. M. G. Gosnell. The Conference recessed until 2 P. M. Dismissed by Rev. Paul Jordan.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Conference opened at 2 P. M. by song and prayer by Ernest Waters. The Moderator then appointed the following committees.
ARRANGEMENTS: Pastor and delegates of Whitney church.
TEMPERANCE: F. R. Kuykendall, W. D. Davis, John Mitchell.
EDUCATION: Ernest Waters, L. C. Crow, G. W. Walker.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: First delegate of each church. L. C. Crow, Chr.
FINANCE: C. D. Melton, Otis Lawter, Lee McSwain.
RESOLUTIONS: J. J. Brooks, J. O. Bradly, J. J. Mathis.
OBITUARIES: Maggie Meadows, Leona Keeter, Nellie Bailey.
PERIODICALS: Henry Bradburn, Robert Gilleland, J. R. Laws.
DEEPER DEVOTION: L. D. Grey, O. H. Melton, J. W. Crow.
MISSIONS: R. P. Sawyer, W. H. Gregory, D. C. Monday.
EVANGELISTIC WORK: J. J. Brooks, J. O. Bradley, J. S. Rill.
SESSIONS: First delegate from each church, John Mitchell, Chrm.
MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: R. P. Sawyer, W. H. Bradburn, F. H. Kuykendall, F. B. Burke, Bill Ayers, W. G. Pack.
LADIES AID: Nanie Harper, Ethel Bowers, Leona Keeter.
YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: L. D. Grey, J. G. Burlison, J. C. Clayton.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: J. C. Alewine, Oscar Laws, Ernest Waters.

CHURCH LETTERS

Church letters called for and read as follows:

CAROLEEN: Delegates L. P. Jordan, J. S. Rice, A. W. Graham. Baptized 4; Admitted otherwise 11; Excluded 47; Dismissed by letter 2; Total membership 104. Value of church property \$1,000. Paid pastor \$278.67. Paid for missions \$47.32. Paid for revival work \$95.06. For minute fund \$5.00. For other church expense \$143.33. Total collected \$569.38. Paid out during year \$569.38. Money in treasury, none. State of religion good.
Rev. L. P. Jordan, Pastor, Caroleen, N. C. C. O. Buckner, Clerk, Caroleen, N. C.

WHITNEY: Delegates T. J. Pruitt, H. J. Allen, F. R. Sawyer, Oscar Laws. Baptized 1; Admitted otherwise 8; Dismissed by letter 2; Died 2. Total membership 71. Value church property \$3,000. Paid pastor \$303.20; Paid for missions \$10.25; Paid for revival work \$38; Minute fund \$5.00. For other church expense \$111.60. Paid out during year \$443.05. Collected \$465.84. Money left in treasury \$22.95. State of religion, good. E. L. Beachbord Pastor, Caroleen, N. C.; F. R. Sawyer, Clerk, Whitney, S. C.

ROBERSON CREEK: Delegates, Will Keeter, Leona Keeter, G. W. Walker, T. N. Medford, Henry Lowery. Baptized 1. Admitted otherwise 7. Excluded 14. Dismissed by letter 15. Total membership 92. Value of church property \$500. Paid pastor \$80.50. Paid for revival work \$17. Other church expense \$20.35. Collected during year \$129.90. Minute fund \$1. Paid out \$118.85. Money on hand \$11.05. State of religion good. Rev. W. E. Hill, pastor, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Mrs. L. J. Johnson. Clerk. Rostie N. C.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Delegates C. D. Melton, D. C. Monday. Baptized 7. Admitted otherwise 5. Excluded 31. Died 1. Value of church property \$2,000. Paid pastor \$302.45. Paid for Missions \$1.50. Minute found \$2.00. Other church expense \$81.58. Collected during year \$413.87. Paid out \$384.03. Money on hand \$29.84. State of religion, good. Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Pastor, Caroleen, N. C.; Mrs. W. B. Hudgens, Clerk, Black Mountain, N. C.

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.: Delegates Rev. J. J. Brooks. Baptized 9. Admitted otherwise 6. Excluded 6. Died 1. Dismissed by letter 3. Total membership 39. Value of church property \$1,000. Paid pastor \$108.61. Revival work \$43.31. Minute Fund \$2. Other church expense \$48. Collected during year \$206.71. Paid out \$200.12. Left in treasury \$6.59. State of religion good. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Pastor, Kannapolis, N. C.; H. W. Safford, Clerk, Kannapolis, N. C.

BELMONT: Delegate L. D. Grey. Baptized 11. Admitted otherwise 15. Dismissed by letter 7. Total membership 117. Paid pastor \$131.43. Paid for revival work \$81.38. Other church expense \$2.00. Total collected during year \$318.93. Paid out \$318.44. Money left in treasury \$3.25. State of religion good. Rev. L. M. Pierce, Pastor, care Acme Mill, Belmont, N. C.; L. H. Grindstaff, Clerk, care Acme Mill, Belmont, N. C.

COLES CHAPEL: Delegates E. L. Waters, F. B. Burk, R. L. Gilleland. Baptized 6. Admitted otherwise 25. Died 1. Dismissed by letter 8. Total membership 73. Paid pastor \$42.78. Revival work \$51.78. Minute fund \$2.00. Other church expense \$16.03. Value of church property \$1,000. Total collected during year \$272.14. Paid out \$267.99. Money left in treasury \$4.15. State of religion good. M. G. Gosnell, Pastor, Arcadia, S. C.; R. L. Gilleland, Clerk, Arcadia, S. C.

SAXON AVENUE: Delegates L. C. Crow, C. O. Deal, John Bal-lard. Baptized 4. Admitted otherwise 13. Excluded 2. Dismissed by letter 2. Total membership 75. Value of church property \$3,000. Paid pastor \$208.28. Paid for missions \$47.55. Paid for revival \$64. Minute fund \$5. Other church expense \$160.84. Collected during year \$369.12. Paid out \$369.12. State of religion good. Rev. J. C. Franks, Pastor, Saxon, S. C.; J. E. Mosley, Clerk, Spartan-burg, S. C., Route 3.

GASTONIA: Delegates John Mathis, W. D. Davis, Charlie Melton, Dave Mitcham. Baptized 34. Admitted otherwise 20. Excluded 40. Died 4. Total membership 229. Value of church property \$4,000. Paid pastor \$50.00. For revival work \$185. Minute fund \$3.50. Other church expenses \$15. Collected during year \$304.60. Paid out \$301.30. Money in treasury \$3.30. State of religion good. Rev. J. L. Morgan, Pastor, Gastonia, N. C.; J. P. Styles, Clerk, East Gastonia, N. C.

MARION: Delegate J. O. Bradley. Baptized 9. Admitted otherwise 4. Excluded 2. Dismissed by letter 2. Total membership 14. Value of church property \$1,000. Paid pastor \$10.10. For missions \$8. For revival work \$24.93. Minute fund \$1.50. Other church expense \$132.64. Collected during year \$177.19. Paid out \$177.19. State of religion good. Rev. J. O. Bradley, Pastor, Marion, N. C., Route 1, Box 869. N. Y. Lakey, Clerk, Marion, N. C.

BEAVER DAM: Delegates W. J. Gregory, J. C. Clayton. Membership 32. Value of church property \$1,000. Minute fund \$1.50. State of religion very good. Rev. W. R. Roland, Pastor, Spartan-burg, S. C.; Lillie Clayton, Clerk, Greer, S. C.

LOCKHART: Delegates Nannie Harper, John Mitchell, Maggie Meadows, Lee McSwain. Baptized 4. Admitted otherwise 1. Membership 91. Value of church property \$4,000. Paid pastor \$550.

Missions \$5. For Revival work \$483. For Minute fund \$4. Other church expense \$150. Collected during year \$1188. Paid out \$1188. State of religion good. Rev. L. D. Revis, Pastor, Lockhart, S. C.; U. S. Cousins, Clerk, Lockhart, S. C., Box 87.

TRYON: Delegates F. R. Kuykendall, M. J. Peace, Joe Allewine. Baptized 13. Admitted otherwise 3. Excluded 2. Died 1. Total membership 77. Value of church property \$500. Paid pastor \$169. Paid for missions \$3. Revival work \$182. Minute fund \$2.50. Collected during year \$354. Paid out \$354. Money in treasury \$26.40. State of religion, good. Rev. J. E. Bailey, Pastor, Whitney, S. C.; Pauline Walker, Clerk, Tryon, N. C.

FAIRVIEW, NO 2: Delegates J. O. Bradley, W. J. Fender, W. G. Pack, E. J. Gardner. Admitted 3. Excluded 1. Dismissed by letter 1. Membership 30. Value of church property \$2,000. Paid pastor \$42. Other church expense \$7. Collected during year \$66. Paid out \$61. Money in treasury \$5. Minute fund \$2. State of religion good. W. E. Hill, Pastor, G. C. Fender, Clerk, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

MOUNT ZION: Delegates B. J. Underwood, C. B. Jones, J. F. Burselon. Died 1. Membership 25. Value of church property \$5,000. Paid pastor \$15. Revival work \$5. Minute fund \$1. Collected during year \$20. Paid out \$20. State of religion good. J. W. Gentry, Pastor, Gaffney, S. C., Box 4; J. C. Johnson, Clerk, Fingerville, S. C.

Conference adjourned at 4 P. M., until 9 A. M. Friday morning. Rev. Sanders preached at 8 P. M., followed by Rev. J. C. Franks.

FRIDAY

Friday 9 A. M., August 10, Conference opened by singing and prayer by Rev. J. C. Stafford. A motion by J. C. Stafford that each church elect at least one lay member or deacon as delegate to the Association to represent their church with their pastor. A move and second to accept reports of churches was passed by the Conference. The report of the committee on Ladies Aid read and adopted as follows:

LADIES AID

We, your committee, wish 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 want all Christians to pray for us that our work may be a blessing to our church and community where we work. Committee: Nannie Hopper, Leona Keeter, Esther Bowers.

LADIES AID, SAXON AVENUE, Free Will Baptist Church sends the following report for the last year: Mrs. Lula Guy, President; Mrs. Georgia Franks, Secy. and Treas. Received during year \$99.11. Paid out \$99.11. We are still looking forward for a better report next year. Our motto is: "You help us and we will help you." Mrs. Georgia Franks, Saxon, S. C.

KANNAPOLIS Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid sends the following report: Amount collected \$26.70. Paid out \$6.05. Balance in treasury \$20.65. We want the prayers of all Christian people that we do more in the coming year than we have in the past for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom and for the cause of Christ. Mrs. Chassie Clary, Pres.; Miss Mary Greer, Clerk.

Report of Relief Committee of Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church, just organized: Visited 8 homes. Paid for relief \$3.10. May Gilleland, Bessie Lowter, Mrs. Joe Holt, Committee.

Report on Foreign Mission read and address by Ernest Waters, Rev. Pierce, Rev. Benton and others.

MISSIONS

Report on Missions read and adopted as follows: 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, R. P. Sawyer, W. H. Gregory, D. C. Monday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Report of committee on Sunday School read and addresses by Paul Shehan, L. C. Crow and others. Report adopted as follows: We recommend that all Sunday School superintendents cooperate with their pastors 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 give the best we have. Bring them up the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart therefrom. Committee: First delegate from each church, L. C. Crow, chairman.

SESSIONS

The committee on Sessions submits the following report. The next session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association will meet with Lockhart Free Will Baptist church, to convene on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1935 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Committee: First delegate from each church, Johnie Mitchel, Chrmn.

Conference adjourned until 2 P. M., during which time we had a wonderful sermon preached by Rev. Ervin Sluder, subject, "Scattering The Flock." The Rev. Sluder visits us from the Frenchbroad Conference, Leicester, N. C., Rte 1.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

Friday, 2 P. M. Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Grady Fender. Committee on Young Peoples Work submit the following report, which was adopted: We your committee urge that each church organize a Young Peoples 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. Committee, L. D. Gray, J. T. Burleson, J. C. Clayton.

DEEPER DEVOTION

Committee on Deeper Devotion submit the following 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 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 pastors to preach Deeper Devotion and all churches make a report at the end of each year. Committee, L. D. Gray, O. H. Melton, J. W. Crow.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Report was read and also the 7th chapter of Romans was read. Addresses were made by Rev. Paul Jordan, J. C. Franks, J. J. Brooks, R. P. Sawyer and others. On motion by Rev. E. L. Beachboard the report was tabled one year and a committee was appointed consisting of the pastors of each church to make a report at our next conference.

EVANGELISTIC

We, your committee on the Evangelistic work wish to submit the following report: that this body elect a man that is established in the grace of God and love of Christ in general with a Christian influence to visit each church affiliated with this Association and act in harmony with the pastor, and do as the spirit leads to the upbuilding of said church; that he will uphold the faith and love and humility, cooperating with our sister churches in warning the lost

and establishing churches throughout the country where there is not already a church of the Free Will Baptist in said locality. That this man elected for this purpose will have the right to select a helper or helpers to assist him and cooperate with other conferences of the same faith. Committee, J. J. Brooks, J. O. Bradley, J. G. Mathis.

Report of Rev. J. E. Bailey, evangelist, last year: Revivals held 8; Professions 531; Miles traveled 4,260; Money received \$595.

The name of Rev. M. G. Gosnell was brought before the Conference, who was elected Evangelist for the year, to end Aug. 1935, and he proceeded to appoint the moderator, Rev. E. L. Beachboard, to assist him in the work.

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: Money received from the churches \$38.00. Special collection \$6.00. Total \$44.00. We recommend that this Association raise \$50.00 for Minute fund and that the Clerk get all over the cost of 500 minutes. C. D. Melton, Lee McSwain, W. D. Davis.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: First, that all our church members abstain from all alcoholic beverages and that it is the duty of each church member to teach and advocate that each and every member shall be temperate. We also urge that each member of the various churches of this Association go to the polls at every opportunity and vote against whiskey. Committee, W. D. Davis, Dean Pruitt, C. D. Melton.

OBITUARIES

In memory of little Junior Jessie Hand. (We loved him, yes we loved him, but Jesus loved him more; and he has sweetly called him to yonder shining shore. On June 4, 1934. By Mrs. Cora Gosnell.

In memory of Sister Mary Pruitt, Whitney Free Will Baptist Church. We mourn the loss of Sister Mary Pruitt who was called to rest July 5, 1934, at the age of 50 years. She was teacher of the Mcethers Bible Class, and was loved by every one. Her going leaves a vacant place in our circle, hard to fill. Though not strong in body she was always in her pew and ready to do anything for the upbuilding of her church and the cause of Christ. For us death called her too early, far, far too soon, It seems nipped the tender flower unfairly faded her light at noon; Doubtless in mercy it was given, mercy divine, That in the love and light of Heaven she might forever shine.

—By W. D. Sawyer.

The Free Will Baptist Church at Whitney mourns the loss of Sister Nellie Hurd, who was called to rest Nov. 27, 1933, at the ripe old age of 82 years. Aunt Nellie, as she was generally known in her last days, was a consecrated Christian and a faithful church worker. Honored and blest her heart was given

To feel for sorrow and to aid,
On earth she made the unhappy glad,
Her going gives a joy to Heaven.

—By W. D. Sawyer.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Opened Saturday, August 11, 8:30 A. M., by singing, and prayer by Rev. Arthur Lawter. The Conference proceeded to elect ordaining council. The following ministers were reelected to serve until our next annual Conference: Rev. J. J. Brooks, chairman, Rev. J. E. Bailey, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. J. C. Stafford, and Rev. L. D. Revis. At this time we had a very interesting address by Rev. J. J. Brooks on the qualification of young preachers. The Rev. Sherman Rice was received into our Conference by letter from the Frenchbroad Ministerial Conference. A letter of recommendation was granted to Rev. B. W. Powell to unite with the Frenchbroad Minister's Conference. A complaint from H. J. Noland against the church at Fairview, N. C. brought before the Conference was referred back to the church for settlement with the assistance of the Moderator, Rev. Beachboard. The complaint of Roberson's Creek church against Rev. W. E. Hill was referred back to the church for settlement with the assistance of the Moderator, Rev. Beachboard. Rev. Beachboard reports charges were settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned. It was reported that Zion Hill church was without a pastor. The Conference elected Rev. J. D. Hawkins to supply the church until the church could elect a pastor. Landrum church was reported without a pastor. Rev. H. L. Jones was elected to supply the church until the church should call a pastor. Several licensed preachers met with the ordaining council for examination for ordination. Rev. W. G. Pack was passed by the council. Rev. Arthur Lawter was allowed to pastor his church under license and study one more year before being ordained. C. B. Jones was turned down on account of difference in his belief and ours. Rev. A. M. Jenkins was sent back another year.

The church at Belmont, N. C. collected \$4.60 for old Ministers fund. Being the only church to report on old Ministers, the Conference voted to return this money until other churches cooperated in this good work. A motion passed the Conference to buy a library of books for the benefit of our young preachers and the following churches pledged to buy at least one book each: Whitney, Baileys Chapel, Caroleen, Belmont, Lockhart, Coles Chapel, Nebo, Marion, Gastonia, Bostic, Black Mountain. These books to be the property of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference, in care of Rev. J. J. Brooks. Anyone wishing information regarding these books address Rev. J. J. Brooks, Erlanger, N. C., Box 219.

At this time we were entertained by Brooks' Gospel Singers, a double quartette, of Erlanger, N. C.

The report of Ministers read and accepted by the Conference. The ordaining council ordained the Rev. W. G. Pack. The report of all Ministers passed by the Conference are as follows:

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Report of the Rev. J. M. Redden: Sermons preached 26. Professions witnessed 57. Assisted in 2 revivals. Money received \$14.25. Funerals conducted 2. Prayer services conducted 20. Homes visited 25. Marion, N. C., Route 1, Box 85.

Report of Rev. M. Presley: Sermons preached 65. Professions 85. Sick homes visited 20. Money paid out \$27.10. Couples married 1. Belmont, N. C.

Report of Rev. T. J. Benton. Sermons preached 75. Received into church 8. Revivals held 1. Pastor 1 church. Address 309 Mulberry Street, Kannapolis, N. C.

Report of Rev. G. C. Abernathy: Sermons preached 95. Professions witnessed 37. Revivals held 4. Money received \$112. Money given \$12. Prayer services conducted 35. Homes visited 26. Address, Tryon, N. C., Route 3.

Report of Rev. A. G. Peace: Sermons preached 52. Professions witnessed 39. Money received \$15. Prayer services conducted 25. Address Landrum, S. C.

Report of Rev. H. L. Guy: Sermons preached 105. Professions witnessed 95. Paid out \$36.35. Address Spartanburg, S. C.

Report of Rev. G. C. Morrow: Sermons preached 40. Helped in 1 revival. Professions witnessed 62. Prayed in 30 homes.

Report of Rev. A. W. Graham: Sermons preached 16. Professions witnessed 6. Money received \$4.85. Money given \$14.00. Prayer services conducted 8. Homes visited 9. Address Caroleen, N. C.

Report of Rev. W. R. Roland: Sermons preached 100. Address, Spartanburg, S. C.

Report of Rev. J. C. Franks: Sermons 140. Professions 186. Baptized 17. Revivals held 3. Pastor 1 church. Money received \$362.47. Couples married 4. Funerals conducted 8. Address, Saxon, S. C.

Report of Rev. L. J. Davis: Sermons 84. Professions 113. Received into church 39. Revivals held 2. Money received \$94. Money given \$25. Funerals conducted 14. Couples married 2. Prayer services conducted 13. Homes visited 60. Address 307 Rhyne Street, Gastonia, N. C.

Report of L. M. Pierce: Sermons 85. Professions 60. Received into church 26. Money received \$131.43. Baptized 11. Funerals conducted 1. Homes visited 90. Pastored 1 church. Miles traveled 300. Address Belmont, N. C.

Report of Rev. E. L. Scarborough: Sermons 28. Sick homes visited 28. Prayer services held 15. Address Belmont, N. C., Box 364.

Report of Rev. Paul Shehan: Sermons 35. Professions 85. Received \$8.74. Paid to cause of Christ \$57.70. Helped in 2 revivals. Address Caroleen, N. C.

Report of Rev. E. L. Beachboard: Sermons 160. Received into church 21. Baptized 8. Money received \$605.65. Money given \$27.50. Revivals held 3. Funerals conducted 4. Couples married 2. Pastor 2 churches. Address Caroleen, N. C.

Report of Rev. W. E. Hill: Sermons 150. Professions 500. Received into church 25. Revivals held 4. Money received \$125.50. Money given \$1.50. Funerals 3. Couples married 4. Homes visited 75. Address Rutherfordton, N. C., Route 3.

Report of Rev. E. C. Rash: Sermons 26. Professions 8. Baptized 7. Money given \$29.83. Funerals conducted 3. Prayer services 16. Homes visited 166. Miles traveled 60. Address Lockhart, S. C.

Report of Rev. R. P. Sawyer: Sermons 115. Professions 80. Received into church 15. Revivals held 1. Money received \$108.61. Money given \$15. Paid for traveling expenses \$43.61. Miles traveled 2,420. Pastored 1 church. Funerals conducted 2. Couples married 1. Prayer services 25. Homes visited 100. Address Kannapolis, N. C.

Report of Rev. J. O. Bradley: Sermons 97. Professions 72. Revivals held 3. Money received \$3.05. Money given \$12.16. Address Marion, N. C.

Report of Rev. W. P. Smith: Sermons 125. Professions 250. Received into church 30. Revivals held 5. Money received \$227.10. Money given \$23.37. Funerals 2. Prayer services 23. Homes visited 430. Address Spartanburg, S. C.

Report of Rev. J. E. Bailey: Sermons 302. Professions 531. Received into church 11. Revivals 9. Money received \$505. Money given \$204. Funerals 6. Married couples 2. Prayer services 29. Pastored 1 church. Address Whitney, S. C.

Report of Rev. A. F. Lawter: Sermons 48. Professions 39. Money received \$3.62. Conducted burials 1. Address Spartanburg, S. C.

Report of Rev. J. D. Hawkins: Sermons 56. Professions 41. Prayer services 34. Homes visited 82. Traveled 240 miles. Address Lockhart, S. C.

Report of Rev. M. G. Gosnell: Sermons 81. Professions 73. Received into church 17. Held 1 revival. Money received \$22.25. Funerals 2. Marriages 2. Prayer services 34. Homes visited 60. Pastored 1 church. Address Arcadia, S. C., Box 52.

Report of Rev. William Sanders: Sermons 20. Professions 70. Helped in 2 revivals. Homes visited 25. Money received \$9.50. Address Bostic, N. C.

Report of W. G. Pack: Sermons 27. Professions 48. Helped in 2 revivals. Money received \$2.10. Money given \$8. Address, Marion, N. C.

Report of Rev. L. D. Revis: Sermons 98. Professions 134. Received into church 11. Money received \$560. Money given \$34.85. Funerals 5. Married 8 couples. Prayer services 12. Homes visited 82. Baptized 12. Pastored 1 church. Address Lockhart, S. C.

Report of Rev. H. L. Jones: Sermons 25. Professions 10. Money given \$5.00. Prayer services 5. Homes visited 30. Address, Gastonia, N. C.

Report of Rev. Sherman Rice: Pastored 1 church. Held 4 revivals. Sermons 60. Professions 550. Baptized 5. Visited 75 homes Preached 4 special sermons. Conducted 4 funerals. Amount received for revivals \$20. Amount received for other services \$21. Total for year \$41. Amount given to the cause \$10. Miles traveled 1,300. Expense \$15. Address Caroleen, N. C.

Report of J. L. Morgan: Sermons 83. Professions 22. Received into church 2. Held 1 revival. Money received \$21.70. Money given \$7.30. Married 1 couple. Prayer services 50. Homes visited 50. Paid \$7.26 for evangelistic work. Traveled 544 miles. Pastored 1 church. Address Gastonia, N. C.

Report of Rev. L. P. Jordan: Sermons 190. Professions 66. Received into church 15. Held 3 revivals. Received \$288.67. Money given \$43.22. Funerals 6. Homes visited 100. Pastored 1 church. Address Caroleen, N. C.

Report of Rev. J. C. Stafford: Sermons 115. Professions 135. Held 4 revivals. Received \$70. Gave \$50. Funerals 3. Married 1 couple. Prayer services 25. Pastored 1 church. Address Spartanburg, S. C.

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

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 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

quently 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 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 Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted in a sacred service 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." 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 that the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of at
....., send Christian salutations to The
Beaver Creek Association. We send the following messengers to sit
in Council with you:

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Increased during year.....; By experience and baptism.....;
By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....; Total increase
this year.....; Present membership.....; Decrease during the
year.....; By letter.....; By expulsion and erasure.....;
By death.....; Total decrease this year.....; Last year membership....

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Clerk....., Address.....
Pastor....., Address.....
Sundays we have preaching.....; No. of revivals.....
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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Superintendent....., Address.....

Secretary....., Address.....

LADIES AID

President....., Address.....

Secretary....., Address.....

No. members.....; Gained this year.....; Meets every.....

Money taken in \$.....; Money paid out \$.....

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's salary \$..... Missions.....

Orphanage \$.....; Christian Education \$.....; Old Minister's Fund

\$.....; Other purposes \$.....; Minute Fund \$.....

CHURCH HOLDINGS

Value of Church property \$..... Do you have a parsonage?

Value of Parsonage \$.....; Value of other property \$.....

....., Church Clerk

Address.....

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 19.... to 19....

No. of churches pastored.....; No. of revivals conducted.....

Conversions..... No. of sermons preached..... No. of members
received..... No. baptised..... No. homes visited..... No. of spec-
ial sermons and lectures delivered..... No. marriage ceremonies per-
formed..... No. of funerals conducted..... No. of Sunday School
classes taught..... Amount received for pastoral service \$.....
Amount received for revival services \$..... Amount received for all
other services \$..... Total amount received during the year \$.....
Total amount raised for the Cause \$..... Total amount given per-
sonally to the Cause \$..... No. of subscriptions taken for the
Free Will Baptist paper..... No. miles traveled..... Expenses
\$.....

Remarks of any other work under your charge:

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....., Minister