

Proceedings
OF THE
Thirteenth Annual Session
OF THE
^{Beaver} Beaver Creek Free Will
Baptist Association
AND
Ministers Conference

HELD WITH
Black Mountain Free Will Baptist Church
BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C. REV. E. L. BEACHBOARD,
Pastor

August 6, 7, 8, 1936

The next session will convene at Baileys Chapel, Tryon, N. C.,
on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1937, with the
Rev. J. C. Franks acting as moderator.

Rev. Paul Jenkins of Kannapolis, N. C., will preach the intro-
ductory sermon at the Tryon session at 11:00 A. M.

ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. C. Franks.....Moderator
Rev. J. J. Brooks.....Clerk

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Rev. J. J. Brooks.....Moderator
Rev. L. M. Pierce.....Clerk

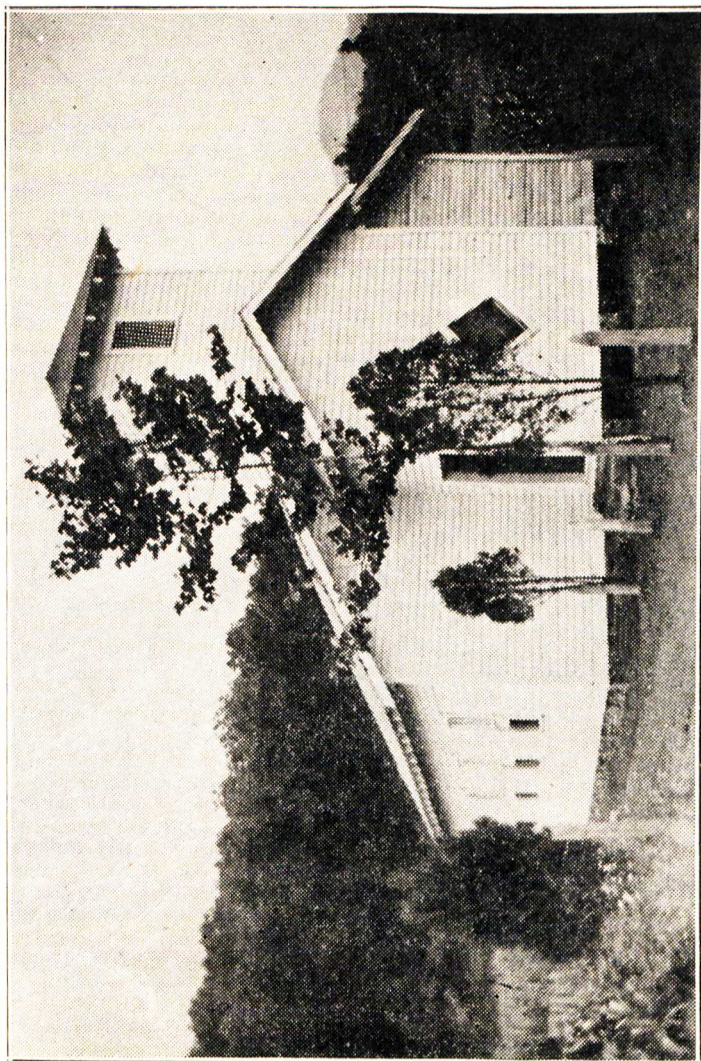


Fig. 1 This is the Free Will Baptist Church located at Black Mountain, N. C., where the Association and Ministers conference convened on the 6-7-8th of August 1936.

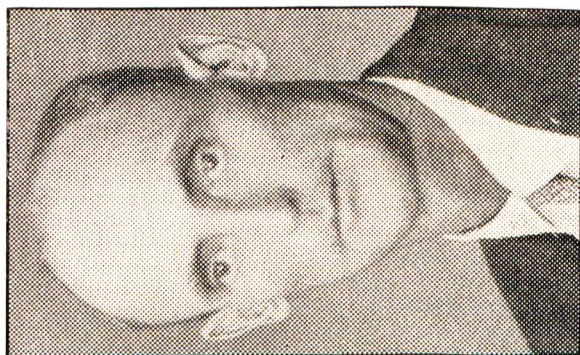


Fig. 2 Rev. E. L. Beachboard, pastor of the Black Mountain Church where the 1936 session was held

PROCEEDINGS

of the
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION AND
MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Held with the
BLACK MOUNTAIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
at Black Mountain, N. C.

FIRST DAY

Thursday, August 6, 1936

The thirteenth annual session of the Beaver Creek Association convened with the Black Mountain Free Will Baptist Church, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. E. L. Beachboard, pastor of the church. Bro. Beachboard extended a cordial welcome to the members of the assembly, also the visiting brethren.

Order of Business

Services opened at 10 o'clock A. M., by song and prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks of Lexington, N. C.

On motion the house was opened for the transaction of business. The assembly proceeded to elect the moderator to preside at the 1937 session. Rev. J. C. Franks was re-elected by a unanimous vote of the house.

Clerk

Rev. J. J. Brooks was elected as recording clerk, and Rev. L. M. Pierce as reading clerk.

The Moderator Presents the Decorum

He contended that each member of the assembly strictly observe the rules.

11 O'Clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. P. Jordan, pastor of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, N. C. Text 2 Peter 1-8: "For if these things be in you, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A wonderful discourse was delivered, he emphasized the good fruit of christian living.

2:30 P. M. Thursday

The session was opened by song and prayer by Rev. M. H. Hand of Spartanburg, S. C.

Church Letters Received and Read

Name of Church	Location	Minute	Fund
Cedar Hill	Lockhart, S. C.		\$ 1.50
Fairview No. 1	Caroleen, N. C.		3.00
Rockypath	Rockypath, N. C.		2.00
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis, N. C.		12.50
Valley Falls	Valley Falls, S. C.		3.00
Coles Chapel	Arcadia, S. C.		3.00
Saxon Ave.	Saxon, S. C.		5.00
Baileys Chapel	Tryon, S. C.		3.00
St. Paul	Marion, N. C.		5.00
Goshen Grove	Belmont, N. C.		5.00
Fairview No. 1	Nebo, N. C.		1.50
Beaver Dam	Beaver Dam, S. C.		1.00
Kannapolis No. 2	Kannapolis, N. C.		5.00
Arlington Heights	Lexington, N. C.		3.00
Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.		2.00
Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.		5.00

On motion the church reports were received.

Appointment of Committees

Temperance

Rev. J. E. Bailey, Rev. J. O. Bradley and Rev. L. P. Jordan,
Chairman.

Education

Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. W. G. Pack and Rev. Grady Fender,
Chairman.

Sunday School

The first delegate from each church was appointed on this
committee.

Finance

Rev. J. E. Bailey, Rev. M. G. Gossnell and Rev. L. D. Revis,
Chairman.

Resolutions

Rev. J. C. Stafford, Rev. A. W. Lawter and Rev. Sherman Rice,
Chairman.

Obituaries

Sister Myrtle Baker, Sister Mamie Gregory, and Sister Clara
Smith, Chairman.

Periodicals

Rev. M. H. Hand, Rev. Paul Shehan and Bro. L. D. Gray, Chr.

Deeper Devotion

Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Bro. Ray Aldman and Rev. E. L. Beach-
board, Chairman.

Missions

Rev. A. W. Lawter, Bro. L. C. Crow and Bro. Earl White,
Chairman.

Evangelistic

The first delegate from each church was appointed on this
committee.

Session

The second delegate from each church was appointed on this
committee.

Marriage and Divorce

Rev. L. D. Revis, Rev. E. L. Beachboard and Rev. R. P. Sawyer,
Chairman.

Ladies' Aid

Sister Tennie Crow, Sister J. C. Holt, and Sister Maggie Lewis,
Chairman.

Young Peoples' Work

Bro. Curtis Lamberth, Rev. R. P. Sawyer and Bro. Swin Stan-
ley, Chairman.

Ministerial Support

Rev. A. W. Lawter, Rev. E. L. Beachboard and Rev. J. E.
Bailey, Chairman.

At this time the assembly enjoyed an address by Rev. J. C. Franks, the moderator, on a field man. He stressed the great need of a man on this most important job. The house responded gladly by appointing a committee to select a man for this position: Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Rev. J. J. Brooks, and Rev. J. C. Franks, Chr.

Treasurman

Rev. L. M. Pierce was elected as treasurerman.

7:30 P. M. Thursday

A wonderful sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. P. Sawyer of Kannapolis, N. C. Text, Matt. 4-19: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." An inspiring discourse was enjoyed. Rev. Sawyers pointed out the souls neglected that need be caught in the gospel net.

Rev. J. J. Brooks followed Rev. Sawyers in his discourse, using for his text, Matt. 27-4: "I have sinned." Bro. Brooks pictured to the ministers of the assembly how that Pharoh and others had confessed their sins, yet they continued in their sinful way until drowned in the Red Sea. He asked that we not only confess but take the path with the prodigal that leads back to our Father's house.

9:00 A. M. Friday

The assembly was opened by song and prayer by Rev. J. S. Rice.

At this time we had a discussion on the duty of the field man, but the committee had not yet pointed out the man.

The House Now Receives the Reports of Committees

On Temperance

We, your committee on temperance, do believe that all men ought to be temperate in all things. Not only in beverages, but in all walks of life. 1 Cor. 9-25, Titus 1, 8:2-4.

Sunday School

We, your committee on Sunday School, do agree to accept and adopt the same report in the minutes of last year. The first delegate from each church, with Bro. L. D. Gray, Chairman.

Education

We, your committee on education, wish to submit the following report, that we the Free Will Baptist use our influence to get christian teachers for our schools. Also we believe that spiritual education is experience with God, and that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

1 Cor. 3-19, 2 Cor. 1-12, James 1-5.

Rev. H. L. Clayton, Rev. W. G. Pack, and Rev. G. C. Fender, Chairman.

Finance

We, your committee on finance, wish to report that we have five hundred copies of our minutes printed, and send each church an equal amount, and that the clerk have all the funds left for his services.

J. E. Bailey, E. L. Beachboard and Rev. L. D. Revis, Chairman.

Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, adopt the same article in our present minutes. Rev. J. C. Stafford, Rev. A. W. Lawter and Rev. J. S. Rice, Chairman.

Periodicals

We, your committee on periodicals, wish to adopt the same that we have in the minutes of last year.

Rev. H. M. Hand, Rev. Paul Sheahan and Bro. L. D. Gray, Chairman.

Deeper Devotion

We, your committee on deeper devotion, adopt your last year's report, and if we live up to this report, our churches will be more spiritual in the years to come. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Bro. R. W. Allmon and Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Chairman.

Missions

We, your committee on missions, wish to submit the same in our present minutes.

Rev. A. W. Lawter, Bro. L. C. Crow and Bro. Earl White, Chr.

Evangelistic

We, your committee on evangelistic work, ask that this assembly appoint and send forth an evangelist or field man. The first delegate from each church with Bro. L. D. Gray, Chairman.

Sessions

We, your committee on sessions, do agree for the next association to convene with Baileys Chapel, Tryon, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1937, 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. Paul Jenkins will preach the introductory sermon.

The second delegate from each church with Bro. Allmond, Chr.

Marriage and Divorce

We your committee on marriage and divorce, wish to ask since we hold that our churches are an independent body, that each pastor be governed by the spirit in regard to this question.

Rev. L. D. Revis, Rev. E. L. Beachboard and Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Chairman.

Ladies' Aid Society

We, your committee on ladies' aid, wish to recommend that each church in this association organize a ladies' aid and that all church officials assist them. Sister Tennie Crow, Sister J. C. Holt and Sister Maggie Lewis, Chairman.

Young Peoples' Work

We, your committee on young peoples' work, do ask that all churches organize a young peoples' league. We ask that all our pastors and official boards see that this is done, and urge our young people to greater heights in christian life.

The Bible says to train our children when they are young and when they are old they will not depart from it. Bro. Curtis Lamberth, Rev. R. P. Sawyer and Bro. Swin Stanley, Chairman.

Ministerial Support

We, your committee on ministerial support, recommend that all our churches support their pastors, and we urge all members that have been negligent and inconsiderate in the years past to pledge themselves to pay tithes of all they possess, in order that we might be a glorious church, and evangelize our country. Also, any minister lowering the standard be considered by the church and set down twelve months, and in order to qualify our deacons must tithe and teach the church to follow. Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. J. E. Bailey, Chairman.

The Moderator Welcomes Visiting Brethren From Frenchbroad Association

The assembly at this time was blessed with the presence of Rev. B. E. Guthrie (moderator of the Frenchbroad Association); also Rev. J. A. Martin, member of the Frenchbroad. We feel it a treat to have our brothers with us.

We had an inspiring lecture on marriage and divorce by both Rev. J. A. Martin and Rev. B. E. Guthrie. They contended that it was too deep for man to solve and that we should not set the standard, but leave it in the hands of God.

2 O'Clock P. M. Friday

The assembly opened by song and prayer by Rev. E. L. Waters of Spartanburg, S. C.

The Committee Presents Report on the Selection of Field Man

The house accepted the report and by a unanimous vote, the house appointed Rev. J. J. Brooks of Lexington, N. C., as field man. Each church agreed to pay one dollar each per month to Bro. Brooks as traveling expenses. It was understood that the duty of the field man was to visit each church throughout the year and to assist the pastor in the up-keep of the spiritual condition of the church; that he pay as much as one visit to our orphans home a year; that he look after the welfare of the young church; that he visit other associations and conferences and represent us there.

At this time Rev. E. L. Beachboard presents the request of the body in regards to squandered money in connection with the "old ministers fund." A committee was appointed to see that this was paid. Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. J. C. Stafford and Rev. J. C. Franks were appointed. It was granted that when the money in question was collected that it be paid to Rev. J. C. Franks on his hospital treatment.

Insertion By the Clerk

Friends, a fact that possibly was overlooked at our association, was the misplaced minute funds, and I was appointed to look after the collection of this money. I just wish to say that our Bro. Bailey has complied in every respect with the request of the body. The Williams Printing Co., of Spartanburg, has informed me that he has settled in full.

I am praying that God will bless Bro. Bailey and he will present a greater report next year. Thank you.

BROOKS.

Rev. B. E. Guthrie gave a wonderful discourse on "doing things." He greatly compliments the work of the association on its standard of qualifications.

Rev. J. A. Martin comments on the wonderful progress of the organization. Bro. Martin is the founder of this association, although he now holds membership with the Frenchbroad. We really appreciate the presence of these good brethren.

7:30 P. M. Friday

A wonderful sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Stafford of Spartanburg, S. C. Bro. Stafford pictured the life of a perfect man, basing his oration on James' view of pure and undefiled religion. Let us strive to live in harmony with this.

The above discourse was followed by Rev. L. M. Pierce of Belmont, N. C. The Reverend brought a wonderful discourse on the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist, using for a foundation Paul's statement, "I have heard that there is divisions among you and I partly believe it." The Rev. affirmed that few of the ministers of the assembly really knew the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist. We feel very grateful for these good brethren.

Obituaries



Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13.

Committee: Sis. Myrtle Baker, Sis. Mamie Gregory
and Sis. Clara Smith, Chairman

CEDAR HILL, Lockhart, S. C.

We mourn the loss of Bro. Edd Revis who died April the 10th 1936, he was a loyal deacon in our church. Yet we feel that our loss is Heavens gain.

COLES CHAPLE, Arcadia, S. C.

God has taken from our midst, Mrs. Florence Gowans McCracken, she was a faithful member of our church and we shall always miss her here, but let us join her there.



MT. ZION, Kannapolis, N. C.

.....Our hearts were made sad by the departure of Mrs. Nellie Oconnop Messimer who was born July 11th 1878 died November 8th 1935.

She leaves eleven children, and a host of friends to mourn for her.

Sister Messimer was a charter member of our church which was organized here November 3, 1928. Since that date she has been a diligent worker, and greatly assisted in building our church. She was the first president of the Ladies Aid, and should each one that she

has helped in the struggle of life, lay one flower upon her grave she would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Bro. R. P. Odell also called to rest was a very consecrated member of our church.

Little Johnie Hombriaer, the son of Bro. Henry Hombriaer who is a deacon of our church fell asleep in Jesus. May we ever be ready for the master call that we may join them by and by.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that is all things we will strive to amplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

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 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 means 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 in 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 that showed thee O man what is good and what the Lord required 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 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 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 unworthy 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.



REV. J. J. BROOKS

Moderator of the Ministers Conference, Clerk of the Ass'n.,
Chairman of the Ordaining Council, Field Man and
Pastor of 1st and 2nd Church at Kann, N. C.

MY PREACHER BRETHREN OF THE BEAVER CREEK MINISTERS CONFERENCE: I can indeed smile with gratification, when I consider the distinction in your records of 1935 and 1936. I notice that in your 1935 record that only a small sum went to the support of our orphanage in Middlesex, N. C. In the record of 1936 this sum was almost multiplied by 15, and why not smile upon the ministers that have worked so faithful to the support of one of God's institutions, as you have this year.

I am sure that you will be pleased to find my efforts in bringing to you the institution of which you have helped to support, which you will find in figures 6 and 7.

But let us not retreat here, feeling that we can do no more this year than we have in the year past and gone. Friends, there are greater things to be accomplished for our Savior, we have the same command that our Lord gave to Simon Peter: "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Luke 5:4. The opportunity is yours, the shore is well fished, it is into the deep that we need to go. Near the shore our lines are inclined to become entangled with other lines, causing crosses and conflict in our Christian living.

Paul one time in writing to the Christians at Rome whom he had never seen, said I have made it my aim to preach the gospel where no one yet has gone. It is out into the deep we need to go, there are many souls there that have never been near a gospel net.

Do we want more and greater blessings in the year of '37 than we have received in '36? If you do there is a sure way to get them, the same method we used in '36 will work fine in '37, do more for God's cause and kingdom, preach more, pray more, help our orphanage more, invest more money in God's cause. You did this last year, and what results we find; our churches rallied to the support of our orphan home, our ministers' salaries, in a lump sum, were nearly three times as large as they were last year. In the year of '35 death claimed thirteen of our loyal workers from this district; this year only six have gone. Many things too numerous for me to mention here, I will ask you to consider.

I shall never forget your generosity to me, this I know was the path that led us all to our magnanimity. I have often been made to wonder whether or not a moderator has ever enjoyed the kindness and support that I have from you good people.

As I look again I see the most astonishing fact, my friends who once misunderstood the "qualification bill" for young preachers, are today supporting that bill (they are investing their money there). Brethren, I am proud of each of you. Do you remember the remarks made by Bro. Guthrie and Bro. Martin of the French-board Association, about your progress? Did you consider what brought it about? I hope you did.

As I stood by the door of exit after conference adjourned, there I had the noble privilege of shaking the hands of those who had made my burden light and my yoke easy. I grasped there the hands of those who had toiled for their daily bread, hands that had done God's biddings, hands that had handled God's word and supported His church. Did the rulers of a nation ever enjoy such pleasures?

When my arms are at last too short to reach you, your work at last is done, my prayers are at sunset of life, my Saviour will shake your hand at the gate and you will hear that glad welcome, "well done." Thank you.

BROOKS.

The following ministers were found present:

Rev. E. L. Beachboard.....	Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. W. P. Smith.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. J. O. Bradley.....	R. 1, Marion, N. C.
Rev. R. P. Sawyer.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. L. P. Jordan.....	Marion, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Franks.....	Saxon, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Stafford.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. L. D. Revis.....	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. L. M. Pierce.....	Belmont, N. C.
Rev. M. Pressley.....	Belmont, N. C.
Rev. M. G. Gossnell.....	Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. J. E. Bailey.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. A. G. Peace.....	Landrum, S. C.
Rev. J. S. Rice.....	Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Brooks.....	Lexington, N. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. T. I. Benton.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. W. G. Pack.....	Marion, N. C.
Rev. A. W. Graham.....	Caroleen, N. C.

Licensed Ministers Present

Rev. P. J. Sheahan.....	Caroleen, N. C.
Rev. Stanley Page.....	
Rev. Lawrence Edgar Ballew.....	Tryon, N. C.
Rev. Horace Poole.....	
Rev. L. H. Clayton.....	Marion, N. C.
Rev. A. M. Plemmons.....	Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. Paul Jenkins.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. H. G. Noland.....	Nebo, N. C.

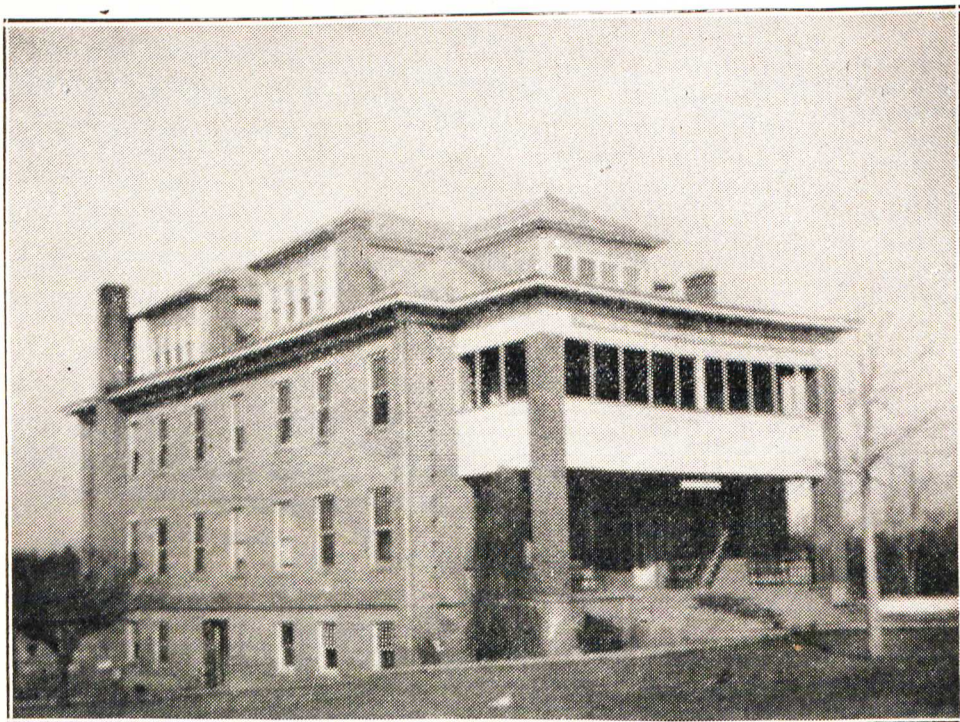
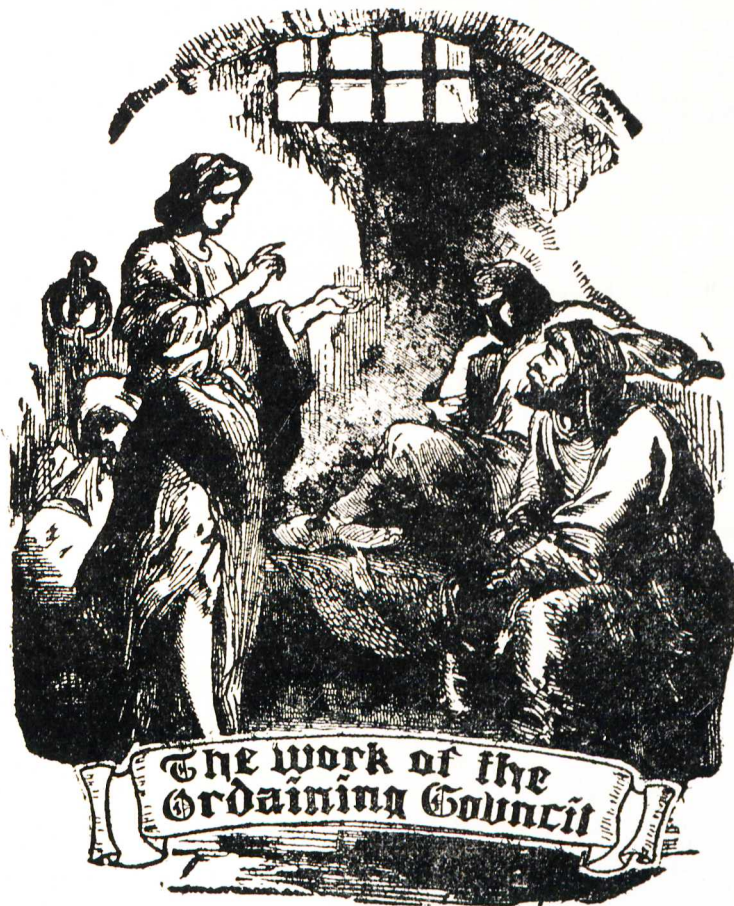


Fig. 7. Administration Building of the Free Will Baptist,
located at Middlesex, N. C. Rev. M. E. Tyson, Supt.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Year	Where Held	Moderator	Clerk
1924	Beaver Dam	Rev. Jake Martin	Unknown
1925	Whitney	Rev. J. C. Stafford	Rev. J. E. Bailey
1926	Saxon Ave.	Rev. L. D. Heath	Rev. J. E. Bailey
1927	Lockhart, S. C.	Rev. J. C. Franks	Rev. J. E. Bailey
1928	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Rev. J. E. Bailey
1929	Cole's Chapel	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Rev. J. E. Bailey
1930	Caroleen, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Bro. L. C. Crow
1931	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Bro. L. C. Crow
1932	Saxon Ave.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Bro. W. D. Sawyer
1933	Whitney, S. C.	Rev. J. E. Bailey	Bro. W. D. Sawyer
1934	Whitney, S. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Bro. W. D. Sawyer
1935	Lockhart, S. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Rev. J. J. Brooks
1935	Lockhart, S. C.	Rev. J. J. Brooks Mod. Ministers Conference	Rev. L. M. Pierce
1936	Black Mount'n, N. C.	Rev. J. C. Franks	Rev. J. J. Brooks
1936	Black Mount'n, N. C.	Rev. J. J. Brooks Mod. Ministers Conference	Rev. L. M. Pierce



Rev. R. P. Sawyer
Rev. J. C. Stafford

Rev. E. L. Beachboard
Rev. L. P. Jordan

REV. J. J. BROOKS, Chairman

The council was set for the examination of ministers wishing to be ordained. The following ministers met the board: Rev. L. P. Sheahan, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. A. M. Plemmons, Rev. E. L. Waters, Rev. M. H. Hand, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. A. W. Kuykendall, Rev. Edgar Ballew, and Rev. Horose Poole.

The council after the examination reported to Rev. J. J. Brooks, the chairman, the following names that were found qualified for ordination: Rev. P. J. Sheahan, Rev. A. M. Plemons, and Rev. L. H. Clayton.

The other ministers were required to serve under license for another year.

Charge Delivered By Rev. E. L. Beachboard

Each member of the board wishes to thank Bro. Beachboard for the wonderful charge to the newly ordained ministers. The Rev. Beachboard expounded to them his experience as a minister. Then he brought to us Paul's charge to Timothy.

At this time the council proceeded to ordain those who were found qualified.

The conference adjourned.

REV. J. J. BROOKS, Moderator
REV. L. M. PIERCE, Clerk.

The Ordaining Council Set In Order

Rev. Paul Jordan of Marion, N. C., was elected to the ordaining council in the absence of Rev. L. D. Revis.

The Moderator Addresses the Ordaining Council

Rev. J. J. Brooks charges the ordaining council in view of the discipline, the bible and the law of the body. Then he called the council together and prayed with them asking that God in this hour of great caution, lend to them His guiding hand, asking His divine blessings upon their work. Then he sends them forth to do their duty.

Ministers' Reports Called For and Read

Ministers' reports were read and passed upon by the body. The particulars of the reports will be found in the table on ministers' reports.

Unfinished Business

Rev. J. J. Brooks explained to the conference the matter in connection with the Mt. Zion Church at Inman, S. C. The report of Bro. Brooks was accepted.

New Business

Moved and seconded that Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. J. C. Franks, and Rev. J. E. Bailey act as committees on further investigation of the Mt. Zion Church.

We are indeed thankful to realize that the period spent last year in accusing our brethren was spent this session in singing the old song entitled "The Sweet Bye and Bye." Our Lord at this time wonderfully blessed Bro. Brooks, who brought to us a short and inspiring message.

Bro. W. G. Pack Permitted to Speak

Rev. W. G. Pack, who at last session expressed his desire for a letter of dismissal from this conference to unite with the "Jacks Creek Conference," brought us a wonderful message of love. We are very thankful for Bro. Pack.

The Moderator Wishes to Commemorate the Deceased

Rev. Brooks informs the body that there will be a memorial service at the opening of the next ministers' conference, with respect to those who have fallen asleep in our Lord. He at this time sings the song, "Roses, Sweet Roses," in memory of those who are taking their rest in Christ Jesus, our Lord. The divine spirit wonderfully blessed.

Conference recessed until the ordaining council makes its report.



Fig. 6. The Boys' Dormitory of the Free Will Baptist located at Middlesex, N. C. Rev. M. E. Tyson, Supt.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We the Free Will Baptist Church of _____
 at _____ send Christian greetings
 to the beaver Creek Association. We send the following
 messengers to sit in council with you _____

Licensed Ministers _____

Increased this year _____ Present membership _____
 By experience and

baptism _____ Paid the pastor _____

By letter and statement _____ Missions _____

By restoration _____ Orphanage _____

Total increase _____ Christian education _____
 this year _____ Old ministers fund _____

Present membership _____ Church rep. or

Decrease this year _____ building _____

By letter _____ Do you own your place of
 worship? _____

By expulsion and erasure _____ Value of church property _____

By death _____ Do you have a parsonage _____

Total decrease _____ Money taken in _____

this year _____ Money paid out _____

Total decrease _____ Now in treasury _____

this year _____ Minute funds _____

_____ Church Clerk

Address _____ Pastor _____

Address _____ This the _____ day of _____

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REV. J. C. FRANKS

Moderator of the Beaver
Creek Association

I was born in Macon County, N. C., in the year 1890, Oct. 29th.

I assisted in organizing the Beaver Creek Association at Beaver Dam, S. C. Have been a member of the ministers Conference ever since. Chairman of the ordaining council more than six years; have pastored six churches, and it has been a great pleasure to do what little I have done.

I wish to give you a little sketch of how God has dealt with my life. The year I was twelve years old God convicted me of my sins, and led me to an altar of prayer. At this place I became willing to give up all this world, but when the voice whispered "you must preach," I said "NO." I immediately left the church, and one month from that day I took my bed. A voice seemingly whispered to me, "I called you to preach and you have refused." Without walking one step I remained four years in bed—a sweet voice still speaking often to me, "I've called, you have refused." But through the mercies of, God whom I now serve, He restored my health and gave me another trial. Yet for years I wrestled on through conviction running from the call, until one week before my conversion I was passing the place where a revival meeting was in progress. God in His own way arrested me and caused me to step, there I heard a number of people call my name in prayer, but through it all I resisted and went on home and went to bed and intended to sleep it off. That night the Lord of Glory, in a dream, showed me the future home of both the good and the bad. I saw the people who had rejected God in the lake of fire gnashing their teeth one upon another. I also saw the redeemed of God standing on the shores of sweet deliverance. I then made up my mind and began to count the cost, as to which place I would choose—that being on Wednesday night. On Saturday night following, God repeated to me my dream. So after a while at the altar I decided for all time to come the "Better Way" and truly found Jesus precious to my soul.

I have decided with my Brother Psalmus who said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." I hope all who reads this will think very seriously of what the scripture says: "He that knoweth his fathers will and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes."

REV. J. C. FRANKS,
Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.



Middlesex, N. C.

I was born and reared in Green County, eastern part of North Carolina. Reared and worked on the farm—am 35 years of age, married and have a family. Attended school at Eureka College, Ayden, N. C. (Free Will Baptist School) and Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C. (Missionary Baptist School) I entered the Ministry and was ordained in November 1921. Since that time have been doing pastoral and evangelistic work. Am a member of the North Carolina Central Conference and Assistant Moderator. I was installed as Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., February 1, 1935.

REV. M. E. TYSON
Supt. Free Will Baptist Orphanage

It might be of interest to you and your people to note that since the date of my installation, I have watched the indebtedness of the Home decrease from that of \$10,767.00 to \$2,180.63. In addition operating expenses and current bills have been met and some more than 2,100.00 has been invested in improvements, new furniture and repairs. Our present slogan is "A CLEAN SHEET BY THANKSGIVING" Please pass it on to your folks.

We are at present taking care of 86 children coming to us from various parts of North Carolina from the mountains to the coast throughout the Free Will Baptist Church. Judging from the progress made in the past, we are predicting sufficient progress will be made to enable us to double our capacity within a few years.



MISS MYRTLE BAKER

President of the Ladies Aid Society of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Kannapolis, N. C.

This cut is presented and financed by the Ladies Aid of Kannapolis, N. C. We wish to, in our minutes of this year express to her our appreciation for her unfaltering services rendered in the building of our new church here.

Sister Baker is of the type of soldier that the Bible represents, "Endure the hardness of a soldier," she knows not how to retreat, she, with her good friends of the Aid entered the front lines in the battle of our financial need, they have never shirked regardless of the sum needed. We cannot say too much in her behalf, may the Lord ever bless her and we are sure she will live long in the minds of the people of Kannapolis.

8 O'Clock A. M., Saturday, Aug. 8, 1936

The ministers conference was opened by song and prayer by Rev. J. C. Stafford.

Opening Address

The opening address was delivered by Rev. J. J. Brooks, thanking his Brother ministers for their faithfulness and loyalty in the past year.

Election of Moderator

Rev. J. E. Bailey arose, taking the sentiment of the body as to who they chose for their moderator in the coming year. Rev. J. J. Brooks was elected.

Rev. J. J. Brooks in his acceptance speech, thanked the assembly for their unfaltering confidence, although we have come through the storm, and at times we possibly have misunderstood each other but this morning with the difficulties that confront us, you have shown your unfailing friendship and brotherhood to the end.

Clerk

At the request of Rev. Brooks, the body re-elected Rev. L. M. Pierce as clerk. It was not only the request of the moderator, but we feel that it was the sentiment of every member of the conference, since Rev. Pierce had rendered unquestionable service in the past year. We are thankful for him.

The Ministers Roll Called

TABLE OF MINISTERS ANNUAL REPORTS

Name	Postoffice	Money Raised for Church										Money Given	Sub. for Paper	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expenses	Churches Organized
		Pastor Chs.	Revivals	Professions	Sermons	Members Re.	Baptised	Homes Visited	Married	Funerals	S. S. L. Taught						
Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Caroleen, N. C.	2	2	2	10					2	\$ 500.00	\$			\$ 500.00		
Rev. J. C. Franks	Saxon, S. C.	1	5	69	98	125	2	3						1,524	371.53		
Rev. W. P. Smith	Spartanburg, S. C.	1	1	102	100	307	3	12			66.00	12.00			48.00	42.00	
Rev. C. L. Scarborough	Belmont, N. C.			10	38	18		48				14.35					
Rev. L. P. Jordan	Marion, N. C.	1	2	75	171	11	8	150	4	5	10	30.27		200	257.32		
Rev. J. E. Bailey	Spartanburg, S. C.		4	310	263			4			200.00		3,000		263.00		
Rev. L. M. Pierce	Belmont, N. C.	1	1	80	95	43	15	75	1	7		25.00			102.50		
Rev. A. F. Lawted	Spartanburg, S. C.	1	1	75	88	2		1							91.40		
Rev. J. O. Bradley	Marion, N. C.		5		85					18		20.00			6.25		
Rev. M. Pressley	Belmont, N. C.	1	2	109	105	64	42	60	1	3	42	45.00	35.00	1,665	32.45		1
Rev. R. P. Sawyer	Kannapolis, N. C.	1		15	61	9	13	15	1	4	22						
Rev. E. E. Rash	Lockhart, S. C.			2	2			88		2	44	14.24		817			
Rev. J. S. Rice	Caroleen, N. C.	2	3	40	100	5	4	100	1	5	10	25.00		1,900	121.00	40.00	
Rev. L. D. Davis	Lockhart, S. C.	2	3	40	142		8	197	6	12		107.00		5,070	714.20		
Rev. J. C. Stafford	Spartanburg, S. C.	1	2	125	18	18			3		100.30			1,500	85.00	52.00	
Rev. A. G. Peace	Tryon, N. C.										0.50	5.00		600	5.20		
Rev. J. M. Redden	Marion, N. C.		2	39	42	8	17	1	5			16.10		369	1.32	5.70	
Rev. T. I. Benton	Kannapolis, N. C.		2							1		Unknown					
Rev. M. G. Gosnell	Arcadia, S. C.	1	1	61	82	35	6	56	1	3	15	25.00		1,000	7.00		
Rev. J. D. Hawkins	Lockhart, S. C.			64	56	2		140	1			5.00			5.00		
Rev. J. W. Gentry	Gaffney, S. C.	1	1		36	40	10	25			16.00	39.00		1,000			
Rev. J. J. Brooks	Linwood, N. C. R. 1, Bx 209A	1	103	88	21	4	260		3	15	650.00	96.15	1	13,500	461.50	79.33	1

CHURCH OFFICIAL TABLE, WITH DELEGATES AND CLERKS

Name of Church	Pastor	Post Office	Delegates	Clerk
Beaver Dam	Rev. W. P. Smith	789 Haynes St., Spartanburg, S. C.	Mr. and Mrs. Gregroy	Lillie Clayton
Saxon Ave.	Rev. J. C. Franks	Saxon, S. C.	J. W. Crom, L. C. Crow	J. L. Ballard
St. Paul	Rev. L. P. Jordan	Marion N. C.		W. J. Loumgord
Goshen Grove	Rev. L. M. Pierce	Belmont, N. C.	Susin Stanley, L. D. Gray Curtis Lambeth	E. W. O'Dell
Cedar Hill	Rev. L. D. Revis	Lockhart, S. C.	L. D. Revis	W. S. Cousins
Black Mountain	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	Caroleen, N. C.	W. B. Hudgins	Mrs. W. B. Hudgins
Bailey Chaple	Rev. A. G. Peace	Tryon, N. C.	A. W. Kuydendall, Edgar Ballard	Ida Kuywendall
Fairview No. 2	Rev. J. S. Rice	Nebo, N. C.	Horace Poole	G. C. Fendes
Gastonia	Rev. M. Pressley	Belmont, N. C.	3 Delegates.	A. L. Clubb
Coles Chaple	Rev. A. F. Lawter	472 Burnett St. Spartanburg S. C.	2 Delegates	R. L. Gilliland
Mt. Zion	Rev. J. J. Brooks	Lexington, N. C.	Myrtle Baker, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hold, John Kite	Mrs. J. C. Holt
Fairview No. 1	Rev. L. D. Revis	Lockhart, S. C.	Jane Goody, Paul Shehan	E. J. Kuykendall
Landrum	Rev. A. W. Kuykendall	Landrum, S. C.	Stanley Page	Mollie Tucker
Kannapolis No. 2	Rev. R. P. Sawyer	Kannapolis, N. C.	W. C. Gentle, Ray Aldmon	W. C. Gentle
Valley Falls	Rev. M. G. Gossnell	Arcadia, S. C.	E. J. Wyatt	Odell Hand
Rockypath	Rev. G. C. Fender	Nebo, N. C.		H. G. Noland
Mt. Zion	Rev. J. W. Gentry	Gaffney, S. C.		Homer Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Members on Roll	Money Collected this Year	Paid out	Do You Use Literature?	How Many Classes	How Many Teachers
72	63.31	45.95	7.97 NO	6	6
101	68.75	56.66	14.31 YES	6	6
154	110.98	106.74	4.24 YES	4	4
139		19.00	YES	6	6
466 \$	242.94 \$	207.35 \$	45.51	22	22

Church	Place	Pastor	Secretary	Superintendent
Fairview	Caroleen, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Beachboard	W. C. Laws	A. G. Laws
Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. M. Pressley	A. L. Clubb	Zetta Hall
Mt. Zion Goshen Grove, N. C.	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. J. J. Brooks	J. W. Greer	Mrs. Mary Kite
	Belmont	Rev. L. M. Pierce	L. D. Gray	Leatha E. Grayson
			Total	

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

Church	Place	Pastor	President	Secretary	Members gained	Paid to Orphan Home	Given to Repair Church	Paid for Literature	Money taken in	Money Paid Out	Now in Treasurer
Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. M. Pressly	A. M. Plemons	Zetta Hall	35	5	\$	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.67	\$ 2.58	\$ 1.09
Saxon Avenue	Saxon, S. C.	Rev. J. C. Franks	Clyde Kniffs	Flora Hawkins	24	5	66.00	2.49	73.51	73.29	.22
Jr. League, Saxon Ave.	Saxon, S. C.	Rev. J. C. Franks	J. C. Stafford, Jr.	Sue Mae Franks	23			3.60	5.05	3.75	1.30
			Total		82	10	\$ 66.00	\$ 8.59	\$ 82.23	\$ 79.62	\$ 2.61

Name of Church	Location	Increase this year	By Experience and Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase this Year	Present Membership	Decrease this Year	By Letter	By Expulsion and Erasure	By Death	Total Decrease This Year	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Old Ministers Fund	Church Repair or Building	Do You Own Place of Wor.	Value of Church Property	Do You Have a Parsonage	Money Taken In	Money Paid Out	Now in Treasurer	Minute Funds	PASTOR
Beaverdam	Beaverdam, S. C.						18	1				1	17	\$ 48.00					\$ 6.00	Yes	\$ 500.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Rev. W. P. Smith	
Saxon Ave.	Saxon, S. C.	9	5	4		9	133						133	367.98		4.25				Yes	2,000.00	437.43	435.81	1.62	5.00	Rev. J. C. Franks	
St. Paul	Marion, N. C.	11	8	3		11	77	2	2	20		22	55	242.32	7.00	10.00				Yes	1,000.00	286.43	283.21	3.21	5.00	Rev. L. P. Jordan	
Goshen Grove	Belmont, N. C.	43	15	28		43		6	1	5		6	163	72.50		20.25				No	150.00	356.90	211.64	155.26	5.00	Rev. L. M. Pierce	
Cedar Hill	Lockhart, S. C.		4			6	97	2	2		1	3	95	434.20				120.00	Yes	1,000.00	343.96	329.60	14.36	3.00	Rev. L. D. Revis		
Black Mountain	Black Mountain, N. C.						56	2		2		2	56	319.73				145.93	Yes	4,000.00	475.20	475.20		1.50	Rev. E. L. Beachboard		
Baileys Chaple	Tryon, N. C.	2		2	39	2	74	2	1		1	2	74	56.31					Yes	2,000.00	468.61	465.46	3.15	2.00	Rev. A. G. Peace		
Fairview No. 2	Nebo, N. C.						44						44	45.25				25.00	Yes	1,000.00	68.20	50.20	5.00	3.00	Rev. J. S. Rice		
Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	55	42	4		55	99	50	4	50	1	51	99	132.45					Yes	1,000.00	86.84	80.54	6.30	1.50	Rev. M. Pressley		
Coles Chaple	Arcadia, S. C.	2	2		1	3	76	7	6		1	7	76	140.00		11.50			Yes	1,500.00	83.00	77.55	3.72	5.00	Rev. A. F. Lawter		
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis, N. C.	30	2	19	9	30	68				2	2	68	201.89		80.98		509.12	Yes	1,800.00	710.61	710.61		12.50	Rev. J. J. Brooks		
Fairview	Caroleen, N. C.	3	3	4			7						4	100				65.00	Yes	1,000.00					3.00	Rev. L. D. Revis	
Landrum	Landrum, S. C.	13				13	35		2				35	5.65				13.00	Yes	500.00	18.65	18.65			Rev. A. W. Kuykendall		
Kanapolis No. 2	Kannapolis, N. C.	9	8	2		9	18	2		2		2	18			13.00		52.00	No		249.93	134.75	115.21	5.00	Rev. R. P. Sawyer		
Valley Falls	Valley Falls, S. C.	35	4	31		35	35						35	7.00					No	100.00	67.50	21.38	46.12	3.00	Rev. M. G. Gossnell		
Rockypath	Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1	2		1			17	1	1			1	17	12.00					Yes	700.00	134.60	117.14		2.00	Rev. G. C. Fender		
Mt. Zion	Inman, S. C.	4	2	2			27							4.50					Yes	500.00	10.00	10.00			Rev. J. W. Gentry		

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Clerk

REPORT OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Church	Place	Pastor	President	Secretary	Members	Paid to Orphanage Home	Gained this year	Given to Repair Church	Given to Charity	Money Taken in	Money paid out	Money in Treasury
St. Paul	Marion, N. C.	Rev. L. P. Jordan	Mrs. Browning	Mary Guinn	12	\$	\$	\$	9.22	\$ 23.43	\$ 9.22	\$ 14.21
Goshen Grove	Belmont, N. C.	Rev. L. M. Pierce	Mrs. L. M. Piege	Mrs. Ella Scarboro	9			10.00	5.50	25.36	27.56	3.80
Kannapolis No. 2	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. R. P. Sawyer	Mrs. R. P. Sawyer	Mrs. Pearl Jenkins	6			5.14	3.00	15.85	8.14	7.71
Saxon Avenue	Saxon, S. C.	Rev. R. P. Sawyer	Mrs. Pearl Alexander	Mrs. J. C. Franks	10			14.75	6.00	42.33	33.95	8.38
Valley Falls	Valley Falls, S. C.	Rev. J. C. Franks	Mrs. M. G. Gossnell	Eva Gillispie	9	9			1.00	14.00	10.35	4.25
Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. M. G. Gossnell	Mrs. Hall	Miss Lizzie Mitchem	17				14.13			14.13
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. M. Pressley	Miss Myrtle Baker	Mrs. G. E. Triplet	28	15	5.00	319.13	125.00	444.13	431.74	12.39
		Rev. J. J. Brooks		Total	91	24	\$ 5.00	\$ 349.02	\$ 163.85	\$ 565.10	\$ 520.96	\$ 64.87