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ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Rev. Paul Jordan, Moderator. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk.

First session Thursday 10 A. M. Meeting called to order by Rev. J. J. Brooks, pastor Mt. Zion Church. Song and prayer by Rev. J. A. Martin. Address of welcome by Rev. J. J. Brooks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Moderator of the French Broad Association to serve as moderator for this session. Rev. J. C. Franks was elected as moderator for the next year.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Drayton, S. C., was elected Clerk.

Rules of decorum was read and explained by the moderator.

Visitors welcomed were as follows: From the State Association Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. Tripp. From the Jacks Creek Association: Rev. G. C. Fender. From the French Broad Association, Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Rev. J. A. Martin, Bro. Plato Worley.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE: J. R. Laws, Chairman, Valley Falls, S. C. C. E. Bentley, J. E. Black.

RESOLUTIONS: J. J. Brooks, Chairman, Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. Paul Shehan, Bro. Luther Rikard.

PERIODICALS: Rev. L. P. Jordan, Marion, N. C., Chairman. Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Rev. W. P. Smith.

OBITUARIES: Mrs. Hollie Lunsford, Kannapolis, N. C., Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Holt, Mrs. W. P. Smith.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. A. F. Laughter, Spartanburg, S. C., Chairman; Rev. J. A. Martin, Bro. Roy Rikard.

HOME MISSION: Rev. W. D. Calvert, Whitney, S. C., Chairman; Mrs. Pink Stiles, Bro. F. C. Cogdil.

FOREIGN MISSION: Rev. L. D. Gray, Belmont, N. C., Chairman; Rev. J. C. Landers, F. C. Plemons.

EVANGELISTIC: Rev. L. M. Pierce, N. Belmont, N. C., Chairman; Bro. E. A. Pearson, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Rev. Roy Taylor, Lockhart, S. C., Chairman; Bro. J. H. Laster, Rev. L. P. Jordan.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Rev. J. J. Brooks, Chairman, Bro. Floyd Plemons, Rev. L. D. Gray.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Mrs. W. P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C., Chairman; Bro. John Allen, Bro. Claude Queen.

LADIES AID SOCIETY: Mrs. Maude McSwain, Chairman, Mrs. Mary Triplett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. F. C. Cogdil, Lockhart, S. C., Chairman; Bro. Dewey Suttle, Bro. J. P. Stiles.

TEMPERANCE: Bro. D. E. Mashburn, Spartanburg, S. C., 811 Whitlock Street, Chairman; Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. G. C. Fender.

EDUCATION: Rev. J. O. Bradly, Nebo, N. C., Chairman; Rev. J. G. Sawyer, Bro. J. C. Holt.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE: Moved to make this committee a standing committee. Carried by his own request, Rev. J. J. Brooks was released from duty on this committee and Rev. A. F. Laughter was elected to fill his place. This committee now is composed of the following: Rev. A. F. Laughter, Rev. W. P. Smith, Rev. Paul Shehan, Bro. J. R. Laws, John Crow, T. A. Lewis and Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman.

COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND PLACE: Consists of the first delegate of each Church.

At this time the session adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock sermon by Rev. A. F. Laughter. Text, St. John 17:4. Subject: "Faith of the Fathers."

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Session called to order by the Moderator. Opened by song and prayer. After which reading clerks were appointed, Rev. L. H. Clayton and W. D. Calvert.

The following church letters were read and their report accepted.

CHURCH REPORTS.

MT. ZION, Kannapolis, N. C. Delegates J. C. Holt, E. F. Hooper. Increased by baptism 22, by letter 8, total 30. Decreased by letter 3, by expulsion 6, by death 1. Total 10. Present membership 201. Paid pastor \$848.70, Orphanage \$17, church repair and building \$286.32, Value church property \$3,000.00. Money taken in \$2,047.21; Paid out \$2,047.21. Minute funds \$5. Clerk C. M. Carter, 400 Vance St., Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor, J. J. Brooks, Kannapolis, N. C.

WEST GASTONIA, Gastonia, N. C. Delegates Floyd C. Plemmons. Increased by baptism 9. By letter 4. Total 13. Decreased by death 1. Present membership 38. Paid pastor \$10. Missions \$30. Church repair on building \$98.91. Value church property \$500. Money taken in \$199.01. Paid out \$199.01. Minute funds \$3. Clerk Floyd C. Plemmons, West Gastonia, N. C. Pastor Rev. A. A. Bradly, 605 Davis St., Gastonia, N. C.

ROBERTSONS CREEK CHURCH, Bostic, N. C. Delegates G. W. Walker, W. T. Keeter, M. C. Bradly, David Owens. Increased by baptism 10, by restoration 9, total 19. Decreased by expulsion and erasure 3, by death 1, total 4. Present membership 44. Paid pastor \$82.36. Value of church property \$500. Money taken in \$96.09. Paid out \$96.09. Minute funds \$5. Clerk G. W. Walker, Forest City, N. C. Pastor J. O. Bradly, Marion, N. C.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, East Marion, N. C. Delegates Mrs. Gar-

land Bartlette, T. A. Lewis, P. H. Girby and J. E. Black. Licensed minister W. A. Fender. Increase by baptism 13, by letter 1, total 14. Decrease by letter 1, by death 3, total 4. Present membership 51. Paid pastor \$142.05. Missions \$36.60. Church repairs \$9.47. Value of church property \$500. Money taken in \$491.22. Paid out \$491.22. Paid orphanage \$16.50. Minute fund \$5. Garland Bartlett church clerk, Marion, N. C. Rev. L. H. Clayton, pastor, East Marion, N. C.

GASTONIA CHURCH, N. Rhyne St., Gastonia, N. C. Delegates J. P. Styles, Mrs. J. P. Styles, Arthur Corrigan. Licensed ministers A. M. Hinson. Increased by baptism 24, total 24. Decreased by letter 1, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 90. Paid pastor \$147.46. Orphanage \$6.26. Value church property \$2,000. Money taken in \$259.71. Paid out \$256.38. Now in treasury \$3.33 Minute fund—. Clerk A. G. Corrigan, No. 320 N. Rhyne St., Gastonia, N. C. Pastor L. J. Davis, Gastonia, N. C.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C. Delegates J. H. Laster, J. R. Laws, W. F. Gillespie. Licensed Ministers, J. F. Smith. Increased by letter 1, total 1. Decreased by letter 2, by death 1, total . Present membership 57. Value church property \$1,000. Money taken in \$23.30. Paid out \$16.49. Now in treasury \$6.81. Minute fund \$3. Clerk, Frank Laws, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, M. G. Gosnell, Valley Falls, S. C.

MT. ZION, Inman, S. C. Represented by letter. Reestablished 2nd Sunday in June. Membership 20. Paid pastor \$12. Minute fund \$3.05. Clerk Homer Smith, Inman, S. C. Rt 1. Pastor, W. D. Calvert, Whitney, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C. Delegates E. A. Pearson. Ordained Ministers, H. J. Sawyer. Licensed Ministers, W. D. Calvert, J. G. Sawyer, J. C. Landers. Increased by baptism 8, by letter 7, total 15. Dismissed by letter 6, total 6. Present membership 86. Paid pastor \$242.55. For missions \$34.69. For revivals \$60.46. Other purposes \$85.17. Church repairs \$51. Value church property \$3,000. Money taken in \$487.13. Paid out \$479.87. Now in treasury \$7.26. Minute fund \$5. Clerk, F. R. Sawyer, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, J. A. Martin, Marshall, N.C.

FAIRVIEW, NO. 2, Nebo, N. C. Delegates G. C. Fender, G. W. Fender, J. B. Burkhardt. Licensed ministers, Horace Poole, Clyde Fender. Increased by baptism 16, by letter 2, total 18. Present membership 102. Paid pastor \$107.38. Missions \$68.20. Value church property \$1,350. Money taken in \$633.06. Money paid out \$578.58. Now intreasury \$54.48. Minute fund \$5. Clerk, L. E. Moody, Nebo, N. C., Rt 1. Pastor, L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C.

GOSHEN GROVE, North Belmont, N. C. Delegates L. D. Gray, Roy Rikard, Luther Rikard. Licensed ministers, L. S. Gray, L. D. Gray. Increased by baptism 4, by letter 8, total 12. Decreased by letter 1, by expulsion 11, total 12. Present membership 232. Paid pastor \$243.98. Church repair and building \$270.67. Value of church property \$2500. Money taken in \$514.65. Paid out \$502.80. Now in treasury \$11.85. Minute fund \$5. Clerk, E. W. Odell, N. Belmont, N. C. Pastor, C. L. Scarborough, N. Belmont, N. C.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Lexington, N. C. Delegates Bro. C.

A. Lawson, Bro. Tom Gentry. Increased this year, by experience and baptism, total increase 20. Present membership 32. Paid pastor \$67.97. Church building and repairs \$485.04. Value of church property \$1,200. Money taken in \$491.04. Money paid out \$485.04. Now in treasury \$6. Minute fund \$5. Clerk C. A. Lawson, Lexington, N. C. Pastor, Rev. H. E. Tucker, No. 212 Leonard St., Kannapolis, N. C.

CEDAR HILL, Lockhart, S. C. Delegates Bro. Roy Taylor, Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. F. C. Cogdil. Increased this year by experience and baptism 8, by letter 1, by restoration 1. Decreased by expulsion 13, by death 2, total decrease 15. Present membership 108. Paid pastor \$226.21. Missions \$22.87. Orphanage \$2.50. Church repairs \$46.50. Value of church property \$4,000. Money taken in \$500.84. Paid out \$485.84. Now in treasury \$15. Minute fund \$5. Clerk, U. S. Cousins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor L. P. Jordan, East Marion, N. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C. Delegates Dewey Suttles, Rev. W. P. Smith. Increased by letter and statement 6, total increase 6. Decreased by expulsion 3. Present membership 34. Paid Pastor \$139.05. Value of church property \$500. Money taken in \$147.06. Money paid out \$142.01. Now in treasury \$5. Minute fund \$2. Clerk, W. D. Burke, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C.

FAIRVIEW, NO. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Delegates C. B. Mills, John Allen, H. L. McDaniel. Licensed Ministers, H. J. Buckner. Decrease this year by letter 1, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 86. Paid pastor \$63.98. Missions \$23.30. Value church property \$1,000. Money taken in \$146.64. Money paid out \$142.46. Now in treasury \$4.18. Minute fund \$5.

ELWOOD LANE, Kanapolis, N. C. Delegates Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. Barney Griffin. Licensed Ministers, Rev. Barney Griffin. Increase by baptism 6, by letter 2, by restoration 1, total 9. Decreased by letter 5, by expulsion 4, total 9. Present membership 65. Paid pastor \$864.36. Orphanage \$18. Old ministers fund \$2.40. Church repair \$205.58. Value church property \$2,000. Money received \$1,072.10. Paid out \$1,069.94. Now in treasury \$2.16. Minute fund \$5. Clerk, Mr. Joe Hailey, Kanapolis, N. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Jenkins, No. 601 W. 7th St.,

ROCKY PATH CHURCH, Nebo, N. C. Delegates C. G. Queen, H. W. Pressnell. Licensed ministers, Rev. G. M. Reynolds. Increased by baptism 7, by restoration 1, total 8. Decreased by letter 1, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 23. Paid pastor \$46.23. Missions \$5.63. Church repairs \$99.63. Value church property \$500. Money taken in \$169.99. Paid out \$169.99. Minute fund \$3.50. Mrs. Grover Anderson Church Clerk, Nebo, N. C. Rev. L. P. Jordan, pastor, East Marion, N. C.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C. Delegate D. E. Mashburn. Increased by baptism 6, by letter 14, total 20. Decrease by letter 4, by expulsion 1, by death 3, total 8. Present membership 128. Paid pastor \$199.33. Church repairs \$28. Value church property \$2,000. Money taken in \$236.56. Paid out \$227.88. Now in treasury \$9.78. Minute fund \$5. D. E. Mashburn. Clerk, 811 Whitlock St., Spartanburg, S. C. A. F. Lawter, Pastor, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Question of dismissing churches discussed and carried over

until Friday morning. Question of becoming a member of the State Conference was also carried over until Friday.

REPORT OF SESSIONS COMMITTEE.

Report of Sessions Committee was as follows:

We, your committee do hereby submit the following report: That our next Association will meet with Fairview Free Will Baptist Church at Caroleen, N. C. on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1940. Rev. W. D. Calvert will preach the introductory sermon.

The session adjourned until Friday A. M. at 9 o'clock. Preaching Thursday night 7:30 o'clock by Rev. L. P. Jordan. Text, John 1:12. Subject "Steps to Success in a Christian Life."

Rev. J. A. Martin followed with a sermon from Job 22:21. Subject: "Soul Acquaintance".

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Session called to order by the Moderator. Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. L. H. Clayton.

First delegate of each church instructed to meet with the Doctrine Committee during intermission. We had a few remarks by a visiting minister, Rev. Charles L. Smith, Concord, N. C., Box 457.

Session adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock.

Service opened with song by congregation. Prayer by Rev. J. O. Bradley. A very fine education address by our visiting Bro., Rev. Tripp, of the Eastern Conference, followed by a soul stirring message from Rev. J. C. Griffin, of Newbern, N. C., also of the Eastern Conference, from texts Eph. 5:18 and 6:18. Subject: "The Spirit Filled Life."

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with song and prayer by Rev. L. H. Clayton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

We your committee on Sunday School Work urge that our churches use F. W. B. Literature, published at Ayden, N. C., and that our teachers be Christians. Also we urge our pastors to help carry on this work. F. C. Cogdil, Chairman.

We your committee on Ministerial Support recommend that all members tithe so that the pastors may be supported. We also urge that the ministers set the example by tithing. Rev. J. J. Brooks, Chairman.

We your committee on Evangelism wish to urge that our ministers that are free of any charge to devote as much time as possible to evangelistic work, so that churches may be established in communities where needed, and that pastors give every possible support. John 4:35 "Lift up Your Eyes and Look on the Fields, for They are White Already to Harvest." Rev. L. M. Pierce, Chairman.

We your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following report. Be it resolved that our teachers all be consecrated Christians, and that we prohibit all ministers from supplying in our pulpits without the consent of the pastors. We also urge that our pastors do not recommend any preachers not licensed or ordained. Rev. J. J. Brooks, Chairman.

We your committee on Education do ask that all ministers study to make themselves approved, a workman in God's hands.

Rev. J. O. Bradley, Chairman.

We your committee on Home Missions wish to urge all churches to send the orphan home an offering each 5th Sunday. W. D. Calvert, Chairman.

We your committee on Temperance wish to urge that all members abstain from appearance of evil, not only in beverages but in all walks of life, such as ball games, dance halls, public swimming pools, liquor stores, filthy jokes and all worldly amusements. D. E. Mashburn, 811 Whitlock St., Spartanburg, S. C.

We your committee on Ladies Aid, seeing the need for the ladies to be of greater help to our churches, wish to urge our pastors to organize a Ladies Aid in every church. Mrs. Lee McSwain, Chairman.

We, your committee on Young People's Work do submit the following: That all pastors and church leaders make a greater effort to encourage the young people in their League work, especially the Juniors, because the children of today are our future leaders. "Bring up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." Mrs. W. P. Smith, Chairman.

We your committee on Periodicals do submit the following report: We recommend the Bible and urge our people to read and obey it. We insist the parents protest against their children attending worldly amusements and we recommend our church papers to every home and our Ayden literature for our Sunday School. Rev. L. P. Jordan, Chairman.

We your Finance Committee wish to recommend that our pastors urge the churches to send a liberal amount of Minute Funds to the Association each year. We acknowledge receipt of \$61.55 for Minutes this year. J. R. Laws, Chairman.

We your committee on Foreign Missions do hereby present, recommend and resolve: That a board of as many members as the Association may see fit to select from the churches in the Beaver Creek Association for the purpose of getting all churches interested in giving for the benefit of Foreign Missionaries, that they may be able to go forward and do a greater work than is now being done. L. D. Gray, Chairman.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God, therefore we urge our ministers to deeper spirituality. The Holy Spirit in his office work does a complete work. If we are submissive we must be anointed by the Holy one. So to undertake to preach without this power is to be disobedient and our preaching will prove fatal and disastrous, (Luke 24:49.) We believe it would be better to remain silent although the congregation should be disappointed, than to undertake to preach when the Holy Spirit does not speak in us. We know that the Bible teaches a religion that is separate from the world.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Chairman.

Question as to Church Letters being read that are offered with reservations. Motion not to consider any church letter not offered in good faith, carried.

Bro. Griffin gave us a very hearty invitation to send a delegation to N. C. State Convention. Moved and carried to send delegation as visitors, to obtain information, and report to our next Association. Committee, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. L. P. Jordan, Rev. J. C. Landers, Rev.

J. C. Franks. Each church is asked to contribute \$1. for expense of this trip

Selection of Foreign Mission Board: Rev. Paul Jenkins, Bro. G. W. Fender, Bro. John Allen, Rev. W. D. Calvert, Rev. L. D. Gray, Chairman.

Request by Elwood Lane, Mt. Zion No. 1, of Kannapolis and Arlington Heights, of Lexington, for letter of release from this Association was tabled to be considered at the 1940 session.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

Rev. L. P. Jordan was elected Moderator for the next year. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk. Rev. B. E. Guthrie was asked to preside over present session.

Ordained Ministers Reports read and passed upon as follows:

Rev. A. W. Graham, Harris, N. C., Rte 1. Sermons 65, professions 1, homes visited 78, funerals 1, Sunday School lessons taught 18, money given \$4.00, expenses \$7.85, miles traveled 85.

Rev. A. A. Bradley, Gastonia, N. C., pastor of one church. Revivals held 3, professions 36, sermons preached 108, members received 11, baptised 6, married 4, homes visited 91, funerals conducted 3, Sunday School lessons taught 14, money raised for church \$80., money given \$15., money received \$11, expenses \$35.

Rev. L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C., pastor of two churches. Revivals held 2, professions 231, homes visited 100, baptised 26, sermons preached 140, members received 32, married 3, funerals 6, S. S. lessons taught 5, money given \$27., miles traveled 2,000, money received \$269.90, expenses \$25.

Rev. J. M. Redden, Rte 1, Nebo, N. C. Revivals held 6, professions 133, sermons preached 62, baptised 1, homes visited 50, funerals 1, money given \$4.35, miles traveled 2,591., money received \$500.20, expenses \$14.40.

Rev. Paul Shehan, Caroleen, N. C., pastor one church. Revivals 3, professions unknown, sermons preached unknown, members received 40, baptised 17, married 1, funerals conducted 2, S. S. lessons taught 25, money raised for church \$650., money received \$349.49.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Drayton, S. C. Professions 47, sermons preached 60, members received 4, homes visited 50, funerals 2, S. S. lessons taught 30, money given \$47., miles traveled 1,100, money received \$9.

Rev. Paul Jenkins, 601 W. 7th St., Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor of one church. Revivals held 2, professions 30, sermons preached 115, members received 8, baptised 9, funerals 1, S. S. lessons taught 40, money raised for church \$30., money given \$80.32, miles traveled 7,000, money received \$864.36, expenses \$75.

Rev. W. P. Smith, Rte 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Sermons 30, professions 25, homes visited 25, funerals 2, money given \$38., money received \$18.

Rev. J. O. Bradley, Marion, N. C., Rte 1. Pastor one church. Revivals 2, sermons 104, professions 65, members received 19, baptised 12, funerals 3, money received \$82.36.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C. Revivals 7, married 6.

Rev. L. P. Jordan, East Marion, Marion, N. C. Pastor two churches. Revivals 2, sermons 128, professions 47, members received 25, funerals 3, money raised for church \$40., money given

\$13.74, miles traveled 4,776, money received \$272.31, expenses \$76.08.

Rev. T. I. Benton, 309 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C. Married 1.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C. Sermons 11, professions 12, homes visited 127, married 1, funerals 1, S. S. lessons taught 42, money given \$20.28, miles traveled 2,435, expenses \$3.50.

Rev. C. L. Scarborough, North Belmont, N. C. Sermons 60, professions 35, received into church 12, money received \$114., money given \$25., prayer services conducted 12, homes visited 55, traveling expenses \$75., S. S. lessons taught 35, pastored one church, baptised 5.

Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor two churches. Held 2 revivals, sermons 169, professions 107, members received 14, baptised 4, homes visited 69, married 2, funerals 4, S. S. lessons taught, 18, money given \$16.88, miles traveled 7,000, money received \$305., expenses \$168.50.

Rev. M. Pressley, N. Belmont, N. C. Pastor one church. Sermons 115, professions 20, members received 24, baptised 10, married 1, funerals 3, S. S. lessons taught 15, money raised for church \$120.44, money given \$14., miles traveled 1,266, money received \$147.44.

Rev. H. E. Tucker, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor one church. Held 1 revival, sermons 93, professions 63, members received 20, baptised 2, homes visited 102, funerals 2, S. S. lessons taught 5, money given \$133.25, subscriptions for paper 1, miles traveled 4,605, money received \$67.95, expenses \$101.75.

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor one church. Held 5 revivals, sermons 203, married 4.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, 472 Burnett St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor one church. Sermons 105, professions 54, members received 20, baptised 9, homes visited 50, married 7, funerals 3, money raised for church \$520., miles traveled 3,500, money received \$199.35.

Rev. B. L. Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C. Sermons 100, professions 40, homes visited 50, S. S. lessons taught 40.

Rev. W. A. Fender, East Marion, N. C. Sermons 27, professions 3, S. S. lessons taught 33, money given \$25., miles traveled 25, expenses \$5.

Rev. L. D. Gray, North Belmont, N. C. Sermons 36, professions 10, homes visited 30, S. S. lessons taught 20.

Rev. H. L. Buckner, Carolén, N. C. Sermons 43, professions 15, homes visited 75, S. S. lessons taught 45, money given \$20., miles traveled 500, money received \$3.50.

Rev. W. D. Calvert, Whitney, S. C. Sermons 72, professions 59, homes visited 25, revivals 2, S. S. lessons taught 1, money raised for church \$30, money received \$17, expenses \$23.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Opened by song. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Landers.

Election of ordaining council: Rev. Lawter, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. J. O. Bradly, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman.

After discussion, moved and carried to drop from our roll the following ministers: Rev. A. G. Peace, Rev. M. G. Gosnell, Rev. E. L. Burnett, Rev. Edgar Ballew, Rev. J. C. Stafford, Rev. W. R. Roland, since they have gone out from us and organized the so-called Upper-Carolina Association.

Upon statements by a number of our ministers, Rev. E. L.

Beachboard was placed under the Doctrine Committee for 1 year.

Request of Rev. Charles Smith, of Concord, to come into our conference, and verbal appeal of Rev. R. P. Sawyer to the conference for reconsideration of his case. Both were sent to the Doctrine Committee.

Absentee Ministers. Passed upon and approved, Rev. J. M. Redden, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. A. M. Graham, Rev. L. J. Davis Rev. L. D. Revis.

Work of Doctrine Committee: Rev. Charles Smith was told to first unite with a church of this Conference and bring a recommendation from them next year.

Rev. R. P. Sawyer was referred back to Elwood Lane church of which he was formerly a member.

Rev. J. C. Landers was recommended to the Council for license.

Since Rev. L. M. Pierce left us in good faith and united with another denomination and came back the same way, he was restored back just as he was.

WORK OF ORDAINING COUNCIL.

After due examination we find the following ministers worthy for license: Rev. D. L. Benton, Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. J. C. Landers, Rev. J. G. Sawyer, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. W. A. Fender, Rev. H. L. Buckner and the following ready for ordination:

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Barney Griffin, Rev. W. D. Calvert.

The Council proceeded with their ordination. The charge was delivered by Rev. J. A. Martn, using Paul's charge to Timothy, followed by prayer by Rev. L. P. Jordan and laying on of the hands of the Council.

It was decided to have the next Conference at the St. Paul's Church, at Marion, N. C., on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior 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 in 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 Savior, 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. 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.



REV. J. C. FRANKS
Moderator of Association



REV. L. P. JORDAN
Moderator Ministers Conference

Obituary

The church at Rocky Path, East Marion and Clinchfield Community do mourn at the departure of our deceased Brother, Rev. S. L. Evins. Died July 26, 1939. Brother Evins was a faithful member of the said church and was loved by all the people.

St. Paul Church at Marion does mourn at the departure of our deceased Brother, Mr. Poole. He was a faithful member of said church and was loved by all the people.

St. Paul Church at Marion does mourn at the departure of our deceased Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan. She was a faithful member of said church and was loved by all the people.

We the members of Whitney Free Will Baptist church do mourn the loss of our beloved Brother, T. C. Duncan, aged 52 years, who departed this life July 19, 1939. Gone but not forgotten. —H. J. Sawyer.

Cedar Hill Church, Lockhart, S. C. God has taken from our midst Brother Jim Shaw, who died June 23, 1939. He was a loyal deacon of our church.

Brother Monroe Allen, Cedar Hill church, Lockhart, S. C., died Feb. 14, 1939, aged 49 years. May we ever be ready for the Master's call.

We the church of Robertson's Creek do mourn the loss of our dearly beloved Brother, L. F. Russ, who died March 11, 1939. Gone but not forgotten. Bostie, N. C. —J. O. Bradley, Pastor.

Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church, Kannapolis, N. C. We mourn the loss of Sister Besie Bolick and also Brother Silas Ruddisil and Sister Mattie Saunders.

We the members of Valley Falls church do mourn the loss of our beloved Sister, Sarah Quillen, aged 52 years, who died Nov. 24, 1938. —Frank Laws, Clerk.

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 to 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.

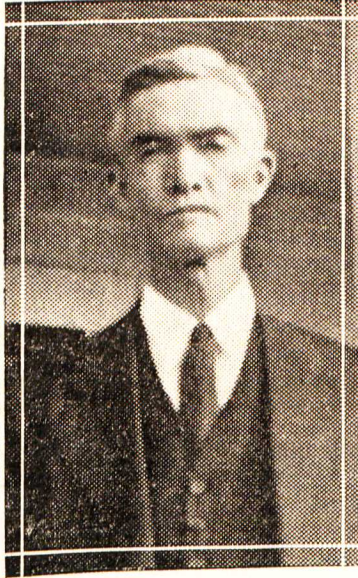
11. THE LORD'S SUPPER:—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and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

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

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



REV. J. H. SAWYER
Clerk



REV. B. E. GUTHRIE
Acting Moderator

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

COLES CHAPEL. Members on roll 50, money collected this year \$47.06, paid out \$36.65, now in treasury \$10.41. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 3, teachers 3, superintendent, Dewey Suttle, Rte 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary W. D. Burne, Arcadia, S. C.

GASTONIA, WEST END. Members 80, money collected this year \$45.38, paid out \$43.72, now in treasury \$1.66. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 5, teachers 5. Superintendent Floyd C. Plemmons, West Gastonia, N. C. Secretary Gaynells Reagon, 1708 N. 2nd Ave., W. Gastonia, N. C.

MT. ZION, Kannapolis, N. C. Members 138, money collected this year \$41.13, paid out \$39.39, now in treasury \$10. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 4, teachers 4. Superintendent C. E. Bentley, Wallps St. Secretary C. M. Carter, 400 Vance. Kannapolis Orphanage home \$17.00.

ELWOOD LANE. Members 96. Money collected this year \$111.96, paid out \$106.32, now in treasury \$5.64. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 5, teachers 5. Superintendent Mr. M. L. Knowles, Rte 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

MT. ZION, Inman, S. C., Rte 1. Members 40, Money collected this year \$5.30, paid out \$3.40, now in treasury \$2.10. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 4, teachers 4. Superintendent, B. Underwood, Chesnee, S. C. Secretary Alvin Smith, Inman Rte 1.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. Members on roll 58, Money collected this year \$16.52, paid out \$14.75, now in treasury \$1.77.

Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 3, teachers 3. Superintendent Grady Hinkle, Erlanger, N. C. Secretary Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

ST. PAUL. Members on roll 80. Money collected this year \$51.34, paid out \$47.67, now in treasury \$3.67. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 4, teachers 4. Superintendent, Mr. Garland Bartlette, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Brisco Hill, East Marion, N. C.

FAIR VIEW NO. 2, Nebo, N. C. Members on roll 119. Money collected this year \$72.66, paid out \$50.72, now in treasury \$21.94. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 5. Teachers 10. Superintendent Mr. C. B. Reynolds, East Marion, N. C. Secretary Miss Timia Holland, Marion, N. C. Rte 1.

VALLEY FALLS. Members on roll 100. Money collected this year \$50.69, paid out \$50.69. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 4, teachers 4. Superintendent J. R. Laws, Valley Falls. Secretary J. H. Laster, Spartanburg, S. C., Rte 3.

GOSHEN GROVE. Members on roll 177. Money collected this year \$133.88, paid out \$121.16, now in treasury \$12.72. Do you use literature? Yes. Classes 6, teachers 6. Superintendent C. C. Holtzclaw, North Belmont, N. C. Secretary, Miss Novella Propst, North Belmont, N. C.

LADIES AID.

Ladies Aid, Saxon Ave., Church. Members 15. Gained 3. Given to charity \$18.53. Money taken in \$41.30. Paid out \$34.50. Now in treasury \$6.80. President, Mrs. Effie Mosley, Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Selma Garrett, Spartanburg, S. C.

Ladies Aid, Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C. Member 25. Gained this year 25. Given to repair church \$37. Charity \$3.50. Money taken in \$20. Paid out on piano \$20. Now in treasury \$103.75. President, Miss Myrtle Baker, Kannapolis, N. C., Secretary, Mrs. Mary Triplett, Kannapolis, N. C.

Elwood Lane. Members 20. Gained 9. Given for church repair \$77.44. Charity \$22.75. Money taken in \$107.30. Paid out \$100.19. Now in treasury \$7.11. President, Mrs. Paul Jenkins, 601 W. 7th St., Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Mack, Powel R. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

Arlington Heights. Members 18. Gained 2. Given to repair church \$57.09. Charity \$3. Money taken in \$61.79. Paid out \$60.09. Now in treasury \$1.70. President, Orpha Brooks, Lexington, N. C. Secretary, Flora Stanly, Erlanger, N. C.

Lockhart. Members 15. Gained 5. Given to repair church \$3.90. Money taken in \$54.55. Paid out \$26.10. Now in treasury \$20.05. President, Maude McSwain, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Georgia Vanderford, Lockhart, S. C. Box 234.

YOUNG PEOPLES LEAGUE, Saxon Ave. Church. Members 12. Gained 2. Money paid for literature \$1.90. Money taken in \$54.12. Paid out \$26.65. Now in treasury \$38.56. President Chalmer Jones, Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Runion, Spartanburg, S. C.

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