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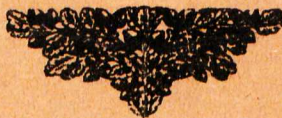
Brief History

OF THE

Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association and Proceedings

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION



**Held With Fairview Church No. 1,
At Caroleen, N. C.,
August 8, 9, 10, 1940**



The next session will convene at the Free Will Baptist Church at Valley Falls, S. C., on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1941. The Rev. L. D. Gray will preach the Introductory Sermon.

CLERK OF ASSOCIATION



H. J. SAWYER

MODERATOR OF THE ASSOCIATION



REV. J. C. FRANKS

PREFACE

Having a just pride in the progress of the Beaver Creek Association, and feeling that the young people who come under the scope of its influence should know something of its history and that our older members would appreciate a record for future reference, I have undertaken to compile a brief history of its organization and activities to date, with the hope that this effort will prove a source of inspiration and encouragement to the Free Will Baptists of present and future. This work is lovingly dedicated to the memory of one who spent a large portion of his life working toward the organization and early development of the Beaver Creek Association, the Rev. R. Neal, who departed this life February 7th, 1925.

Brother, thou are gone to rest,
We will not weep for thee.
For thou art now where oft on earth
Thy spirit longed to be.

Brother, thou art gone to rest,
Thy cares and toils are o'er.
And sorrow, pain and suffering,
Shall never distress thee more.

Through all pain at times he'd smile
A smile of heavenly birth;
And when the angels called him
home,
He smiled farewell to earth.

Happy days we spent together,
How sweet their memory still.
But he has left some aching hearts,
This world can never fill.

REV. H. J. SAWYER

ORGANIZATION

On October 9th, 1924, in Beaverdam Free Will Baptist church near Greer, S. C., a meeting of about 25 persons was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. That call was the beginning of what is known as the Beaver Creek Association of Free Will Baptists. The persons present were ministers and delegates representing the 8 churches which were to constitute the beginning of the organization. The Rev. J. A. Martin, one of the leading ministers of the French Broad Association, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. R. S. Woodson, a well known young minister of the same association, was elected clerk. The 8 churches represented were: Landrum, at Landrum, S. C., Beavercam church near Greer, S. C., Fairview church at Caroleen, N. C., Whitney at Whitney, S. C., Mt. Zion at Kannapolis, N. C., Bessemer City at Bessemer City, N. C., Lockhart at Lockhart, S. C., and Callahan View in Greenville County, S. C. In their first session the brethren decided to organize a Ministers Conference. The Rev. J. A. Martin was elected Moderator and R. S. Woodson, clerk. Our first ordaining council were as follows: The Revs. R. Neal, J. C. Stafford and J. C. Franks. The Rev. Mr. Neal only lived about 4 months after the organization of our association, passing away on February 7th, 1925. There were no ministers ordained at the first session and only three were granted license to preach. They were: E. L. Beachboard, J. W. Gentry and J. S. Rollins. Ordained ministers uniting with the conference were: The Rev. R. Neal, the Rev. J. C. Stafford, the Rev. J. C. Franks, the Rev. W. L. Tucker and the Rev. L. T. Mills.

SECOND SESSION

The second session met with Whitney church September 10th, 1925, electing the Rev. J. C. Stafford Moderator and the Rev. J. E. Bailey, Clerk. Three new churches were admitted membership in the association. They were: Saxon Avenue, of Spartanburg, S. C., Mt. Zion No. 2 near Inman, S. C., and Gastonia at Gastonia, N. C. At this session the need of our young people to organize a Free Will Baptist League in our churches was felt and Brother J. L. Bearden was appointed field secretary to encourage this work. Also in this session a movement was begun to help support our orphanage. Brother J. R. Laws, of Whitney, S. C., was named treasurer.

The Second Ministers Conference was notable for two reasons: First, more ministers were ordained at this conference than at any other conference in its history. Since the Rev. Mr. Neal had died and left only 4 ordained ministers in the conference, they ordained twice their number, the eight being: T. E. Mahaffey, J. E. Bailey, N. D. Heath, J. L. Bearden, J. W. Gaddy, W. K. Sawyer, H. A. Hines and C. C. Byers. Four were licensed: W. R. Roland, W. J. Plemmons, J. R. Rollins and I. W. Plyeer.

Second, a movement was started toward establishing old minister's fund, \$102.50 being donated to this cause. Brother O. C. Kipps, of Spartanburg, was chosen as treasurer.

THIRD SESSION

The third session was held with Saxon Avenue church in Spartanburg, September 10, 11, 12, 1926, with the Rev. N. D. Heath, Moderator and J. E. Bailey, Clerk.

In this session they passed a resolution of regret for the death of Sister Sallie Neal, widow of our departed minister, the Rev. Riley Neal.

The Association elected an evangelist, the Rev. J. C. Franks being chosen for this work. We find in connection with the third annual session of the Ministers Conference that the Rev. J. C. Stafford, who it seems had

been causing some trouble and had been excluded at one of the quarterly conferences, was restored to full fellowship with the conference. In this conference, the Rev. I. W. Plyler was ordained to the ministry and T. A. Leonard, S. L. Martin, J. H. McDonald and Jesse Jackson were granted licenses to preach. For some reason, the conference called for the credentials of the Rev. L. T. Mills for one year with the understanding that if he proved himself worthy they would be restored at the next annual conference.

FOURTH SESSION

The Fourth session of the Beaver Creek Association was held with the Mt. Zion church, Kannapolis, N. C., September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1927. At this session three new churches were received. They were: Spindale, at Spindale, N. C., Clifton No. 2, at Clifton, N. C., and Wadsworth, near Arcadia, S. C. The Rev. E. L. Beachboard was elected Moderator of this session and the Rev. J. E. Bailey was again chosen Clerk. Very notable in this session was the action on marriage and divorce, it being contended that we should not allow our ministers to officiate at any marriage where either of said persons have a living companion. After a lengthy debate the committee won by the help of some others and the following resolution was injected into our minutes, "First, we protest against parents giving their permission for marriage licenses being granted to children under lawful age. Second, we protest against marriage of persons who are mentally or physically unfit to care for a family. Third, as there is no biblical cause for divorce that we guard against our ministers officiating in the marriage where either person has a living companion."

At the Fourth Annual Ministers Conference, the Rev. L. T. Mills was restored to full fellowship as a minister. At this conference three ministers, L. M. Planton, N. D. Heath and J. W. Gaddy were dismissed on charges presented by the association. Also very noticeable in this conference was the licensing of a lady missionary, Sister Minnie Newson was appointed as a missionary to work among our churches. There were also 2 ministers ordained at this conference. They were: E. L. Bennett and E. W. Bridges, and three were granted licenses for one year, L. P. Jordan, G. C. Morrow and Grover Abernathy.

FIFTH SESSION

The fifth session was held with Fairview church at Caroleen, N. C., September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1928. This session was presided over by the Rev. J. C. Franks, who was elected Moderator for the 1st time. The Rev. Mr. Franks since that time has been our Moderator for 4 years, making it a total of 5 years, filling that office for more times than any other save the Rev. E. L. Beachboard, of Caroleen, who also has the same number of years to his credit. The Rev. J. E. Bailey was elected Clerk of this session.

The Association by this time had grown from 8 small churches to 13 churches, some of which had more than doubled in size. For instance, in 1924, Mt. Zion church, at Kannapolis, had 41 members. In 1928 the same church had 80 members. The membership of Whitney church had grown from 40 to 109. Another church had made still greater progress. Fairview church, at Caroleen, had grown during the 4 years from 26 members to 130. The total membership of all our churches had increased from 453 to 769.

Some very constructive work had been done by the Ladies Aid Societies in a number of our churches. For example, the Ladies Aid of Mt. Zion church, Kannapolis, reported: Paid out for sickness \$210. So you see

that early in the life of our Association our people began to see that a life spent in serving others is service to God. "In as much as you did it unto the least of these—you did it unto me."

For some reason the records do not say why, the fifth annual minister's conference had to deal with another of its members. The Rev. E. L. Bennett was excluded from the conference.

This conference was also noted for its ordination work, 6 ministers being ordained in the ministry. They were: Jake Owens, Noel Vance, L. J. Davis, J. M. Reddin, G. C. Morrow and J. H. Revis. 2 were given licenses for the year, their names being John Dixon and S. T. Norton.

SIXTH SESSION

The sixth session, with the Rev. A. B. Lowery, Moderator, and J. E. Bailey, Clerk, was held with the Cedar Hill church at Lockhart, S. C. This session was well attended and it seems that the Lord poured out upon his children a great blessing. Very noticeable in this session was the fact that the work was shared largely by the church delegates and not so much was placed on the ministers. There was hardly a delegate present that was not placed on some committee. No minister was dealt with as to conduct in the Annual Ministers Conference and only one ordained, the Rev. L. P. Jordan. 8 were granted licenses for one year. They were: S. P. Norton, H. N. Benton, Carl Terry, A. W. Graham, T. W. Smart, W. C. Revis, G. C. Reese, and J. H. Dixon. The Rev. A. B. Bowan's ordination papers from another conference were accepted.

SEVENTH SESSION

The seventh session was held with Cole's Chapel church at Arcadia, S. C., August 7, 8, 9, 1930. The Rev. J. C. Franks was again elected Moderator and J. E. Bailey, Clerk. Three new churches were admitted to membership. They were: Pacolet church at Pacolet, S. C., Greer church, at Greer, S. C., and St. Pauls church at Marion, N. C. There were three ministers ordained in the Annual Ministers Conference. They were J. L. Morgan, J. B. Holcombe and Charlie Biggs. Those that were granted licenses for the first time, or had them renewed were: Carl Terry, A. W. Graham, G. C. Reese, C. B. Jones, B. W. Powell, W. P. Smith, John Dixon, and Carl Buckner.

EIGHTH SESSION

The exact date for this session was not placed in the minutes but we know that it was held with Fairview church at Caroleen, N. C., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1931. The Rev. E. L. Beachboard was selected as Moderator and Brother L. C. Crow, Clerk. 2 newly instituted churches, destined to be 2 of our largest and most useful churches, were admitted at this session. They were: Goshen Grove, North Belmont, N. C., with a membership of 32, which has increased to a membership of 232; and Fairview No. 2, with a membership of 25 and now reports 102 members.

The Eighth Annual Ministers Conference restored the Rev. E. L. Bennett to full fellowship. Rev. L. D. Revis was ordained in this conference and the Rev. W. E. Hill was granted license to preach, thus bringing total number of licensed ministers to four, being besides Brother Hill, J. D. Hamblin, W. P. Smith and B. W. Powell. There were also 17 ordained ministers in good standing. The most outstanding report at this conference was that of the Rev. A. B. Lowery, who preached a total of 331 sermons and reported 267 conversions.

NINTH SESSION

The ninth session was held with the Saxon Avenue church, Spartan-

burg, S. C., August 11, 12, 13, 1932, with the Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Moderator and W. D. Sawyer, Clerk. At this session three more new churches were admitted, namely, Robersons Creek, Garriers Chapel and Glenwood, all in or near Rutherford County, N. C. The total membership of all our churches combined had increased from 453 in 1924, to 1088 in 1932. In this session one of our churches had to be dealt with, it being charged that Greer church had not worked in harmony with the association. The body voted to withdraw from the church and its pastor, the Rev. J. H. Revis.

In the Ninth Annual Ministers Conference, the Rev. J. J. Brooks united with us, coming from the Union Free Will Baptist Conference in Tennessee. The Rev. A. T. Conner, by his request, was granted a letter of recommendation from this conference to unite with the French Broad conference. There were no ministers ordained in this conference. Licensed ministers in good standing were, B. T. Melton, W. M. Brown, G. C. Fender, J. O. Bradley and C. L. Scarborough.

TENTH SESSION

The tenth session was held with Gastonia church August 10, 11, 12, 1933, the Rev. J. E. Bailey, Moderator, and W. D. Sawyer Clerk. The question was raised in this session, "Why should we have a Sunday School committee in our association?" This question caused considerable debate, with the result that the body consented to have said committee. There was also considerable debate on the question of temperance. It seems that the committee was in favor of modifying our stand on temperance, but after the fireworks the following resolution was adopted: "We, your committee on temperance, wish to report that it is our conviction that Christian principles solve the problems of temperance. We pledge our support and cooperation with both state and county officials in every effort for strict carrying out and enforcement of the proper laws. Our church stands firmly against strong drink in any form, and we promise to support the anti-saloon league or any other organization to put it down."

The Tenth Annual Ministers Conference seeing the educational deficiencies of some of our ministers, passed a resolution requiring our young ministers to take at least one Bible course from some recognized Bible school and recommended the introductory Bible course from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. In this conference five young ministers were ordained. They were: A. E. Reed, A. I. Hughes, E. L. Rash, and William Sanders, the last a 16 year old boy.

ELEVENTH SESSION

The eleventh session met with Whitney church August 9, 10, 11, 1934, with the Rev. E. L. Beachboard, Moderator and W. D. Sawyer, Clerk. At this session the Association began to show in an active way that they would stand by the ministers in their determination to have a better prepared ministry. They decided to buy a library of books for the benefit of our ministers. The following churches contributed by buying one or more books: Whitney, Balesys Chapel, Caroleen, Belmont, Lockhart, Coles Chapel, Fairview No. 2, St. Pauls, Gastonia, Robertson Creek and Black Mountain. These books to be the property of the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference. At this conference, the Rev. W. G. Pack was ordained and the Rev. A. F. Lawter was granted permission to pastor his church under license for a year while he continued to study for another year preparing for ordination. The Rev. A. M. Jenkins was also sent back for another year and the Rev. C. B. Jones was rejected because of his belief.

TWELFTH SESSION

The twelfth session was held August 8, 9, 10, 1935, with Cedar Hill

church at Lockhart, S. C. The Rev. E. L. Beachboard was Moderator and the Rev. J. J. Brooks, Clerk, in this session. The Mount Zion church at Inman, R. F. D. No. 1, asked for a letter of dismissal from the body due to a misunderstanding in the church. The matter was placed in the hands of the ordaining council and the chairman, the Rev. J. J. Brooks was appointed to visit the church and report at the next annual conference.

At the twelfth annual ministers' conference the Rev. A. F. Lawter was ordained, being the first minister to be ordained under the new qualification requirement. Five other young ministers met the council and began study for ordination. They were: E. L. Waters, M. H. Hand, J. L. Hudson, A. W. Kuykendall and L. H. Clayton.

THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

The thirteenth session convened with Black Mountain church at Black Mountain, N. C., August 6, 7, 8, 1936, with the Rev. J. C. Franks, Moderator and Rev. J. J. Brooks, clerk.

Distinguished visitors in this session were, the Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Moderator of the French Broad Association, and the Rev. J. A. Martin, prominent member of the same association, who also was the moderator who organized our own association. Both seemed to be pleased with its progress. The Rev. Mr. Martin made a wonderful talk on progress, and the Rev. Guthrie brought us a soul-stirring message on "Doing Things".

In this session, one new church was accepted, namely, Arrington Heights, at Lexington, N. C.

Also in this session, the Rev. J. J. Brooks made his report in connection with the Mount Zion church at Inman. The Rev. J. C. Franks and the Rev. J. E. Bailey were appointed to aid the Rev. Brooks in connection with this church.

In the thirteenth annual ministers' conference, 3 young ministers were ordained. They were: the Rev. Paul Sheehan, the Rev. A. M. Plemmons and the Rev. L. H. Clayton.

FOURTEENTH SESSION

The Fourteenth Session was held with Bailey's Chapel at Tryon, N. C., August 6, 7, 8, 1937. The Rev. J. C. Franks was Moderator and J. E. Bailey, Clerk.

At this session it became apparent that the people were becoming divided as to doctrine. A certain faction, led by the Rev. J. E. Bailey and Tryon church, was said to be leaning toward the so-called Pentecostal doctrine. This faction kept causing trouble and it was seen that sooner or later it was going to disrupt the fellowship which had heretofore characterized all our meetings.

In the fourteenth annual conference, 2 young ministers were ordained. They were, the Rev. Paul Jenkins and the Rev. M. N. Hand. 4 were granted licenses to preach. They were: H. E. Tucker, S. L. Evans, D. L. Benton and H. J. Sawyer.

FIFTEENTH SESSION

The fifteenth session was held with Fairview church No. 2, at Nebo, N. C., August 13, 14 and 15, 1938, with the Rev. E. L. Beachboard, moderator and the Rev. J. J. Brooks, clerk.

At this session the need for drawing a line as to doctrine and character of our churches and ministers was keenly felt and a committee, to be known as the Doctrine committee, was elected. The duty of this committee was to investigate all ministers and churches applying for membership in our association and conference, as to their doctrine and character.

This committee has done some very constructive work and has already

shown by their usefulness that the association did a wise thing by putting them on the job. Through their efforts it was learned that one of our former clerks had misplaced some of the minute funds, and as a result of this revelation, the Rev. J. E. Bailey was excluded from the conference. Also in this conference 2 young ministers were ordained. They were: H. E. Tucker and H. J. Sawyer. 7 were licensed: W. D. Calvert, W. A. Fender, B. L. Griffin, L. D. Gray, H. L. Buckner, J. G. Sawyer and J. F. Smith.

In this conference a number of ministers were placed in the hands of the Investigating committee. Besides the Rev. Mr. Bailey, they were: the Rev. J. C. Stafford, the Rev. W. R. Roland, and the Rev. R. P. Sawyer. The Rev. Mr. Sawyer later proved to be all right as to doctrine and was gladly restored to fellowship.

SIXTEENTH SESSION

The Sixteenth Session was held with Mt. Zion church No. 1, at Kannapolis, N. C., August 10-11-12, 1939. The Rev. J. C. Franks was Moderator and H. J. Sawyer, Clerk.

The Rev. B. E. Guthrie, Moderator of the French Broad Association, being present, was asked to preside as moderator.

At this session, a committee was appointed to go to the N. C. State Association. It was made known in this session that a number of our leading ministers had learned that, although a charter was not required to operate as an association in South Carolina, it was necessary to have one to have churches in North Carolina. Accordingly a committee had been appointed to obtain a charter.

The charter was presented by the Rev. A. F. Lawter, who with the help of the Rev. H. J. Sawyer and the Rev. W. D. Calvert had succeeded in securing it. A special collection was taken and the Charter was paid for.

It then became known that some of the ministers who had been giving us so much trouble had organized the so called Upper South Carolina Association. The names of the following were dropped from our rolls: A. G. Pierce, M. G. Gosnell, E. L. Bennett, Edgar Ballew, J. C. Stafford and W. R. Roland.

The Rev. E. L. Beachboard, who also seemed to be giving some trouble was placed under the watchcare of the Investigating Committee.

Any error in this record is unintentional and I hope that this work will be a source of blessing to someone.—Respectfully submitted,

THE REV. H. J. SAWYER

HISTORY OF WHITNEY CHURCH

Whitney church was organized September 11, 1921 in the home of Bro. J. S. Massey, by the Rev. J. A. Martin, of Marshall, N. C., with 19 members. The first pastor was the Rev. J. C. Franks. The church held regular services in Whitney Union church on the second Sunday night and the fourth Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The three churches in the village carried on a union Sunday school together until the spring of 1923, when the Missionary Baptists and the Methodists decided to have separate Sunday schools, the Baptists taking the church and the Methodists taking the school house, leaving the Free Will Baptists out in the cold.

Mr. A. S. Thomas, who was at that time treasurer and general manager of Whitney Mill, and a Presbyterian, with his big open heart, would not allow this to go on, so he prepared us a place of worship by taking the partitions out of a dwelling house. This continued to be our church home until the spring of 1927, when Mr. V. M. Montgomery, who was then trea-

surer of Whitney Mill, made it possible for us to own our own building, by erecting us our present building and only requiring us to pay half the cost. This church now has a membership of 83. —H. J. Sawyer

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FAIRVIEW NO. 1 FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT CAROLEEN, N. C.

up until it became a Free Will Baptist church in the year of 1923. Brother E. L. Beachboard began to conduct prayer meetings at the homes in the village here and while he was conducting these prayer meetings, he and Bro. L. Z. Laws, J. C. Ray, Bro. Frank Amos, C. C. Laws, W. C. Laws, H. L. McDaniel and Lat Duncan, decided that there wasn't a denomination at that time in Caroleen that they could unite with and be satisfied. They heard of the denomination of the Free Will Baptists and they began to search the country for a Free Will Baptist church. In about 7 months after they began to search, a fellow by the name of Baynard told them of a Free Will Baptist church at Beaverdam and told them to see the Rev. J. C. Stafford and he would help them to find the church. Brother E. L. Beachboard went and saw him and they went to Beaverdam church and got brother Rev. R. Neil to come here and organize a Free Will Baptist church. In the year of 1924, Bro. Rev. R. Neil came to Caroleen, March 18th, to W. C. Laws' house and organized Fair View No. 1 Free Will Baptist church. In W. C. Laws' house, sister Laura Smith gave them 2 rooms of her house to hold services in and they held service there 3 months. While Bro. E. L. Beachboard was holding a revival meeting a fellow by the name of Turner came to him and sold them the building they now worship in.

Charter members are: J. C. Ray, C. C. Laws, W. C. Laws, Elva Laws, Ritta Redmon, Frank Amos, E. L. Beachboard, Mr. Winters, H. L. McDaniel. Total 9 members. Bro. R. Neil left the work in the hands of the Rev. E. L. Beachboard. -This short history gotten up by H. L. Buckner, Caroleen, N. C.

HISTORY OF MT. ZION CHURCH

Mount Zion church, Kannapolis, N. C., was organized Nov. 3, 1923 by the Rev. J. J. Brooks. The Rev. Mr. Brooks went to Kannapolis on September 9, of that year and began a meeting in a tent, which he carried on for 2 weeks. This meeting was very successful, there being 291 who made a profession of religion. From this meeting has grown one of our largest and most useful churches. The church was instituted by the Rev. Mr. Brooks Nov. 3, 1923 with 29 charter members. 2 weeks later, Nov. 17, in one service, there were 33 new members taken in.

They started building in the same year. The records show that the building lot was donated by Mr. M. L. Teeter and on Dec. 3, 1923, the first bill of lumber was given by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Brooks, which amounted to \$104.50. The church has steadily grown and now has a membership of over 200. During the 16 years the Beaver Creek Association has been organized, 3 of the former pastors of Mount Zion church have served as moderator of the association. They were: Rev. J. C. Franks, the present moderator, Rev. J. J. Brooks, and Rev. N. D. Heath. Rev. H. L. Tucker is at present pastor of the church. —Thanks to Rev. J. J. Brooks for the information used in preparing this history.

HISTORY OF LOCKHART CHURCH

The Lockhart church was organized on Easter Sunday in 1914 by the Rev. J. A. Martin, assisted by the Rev. Steve Griffin. Both were members of the French Broad Association. The organization was instituted in a dwelling house, which was generously given by the Mill Co. The first dea-

cons were Mr. G. E. Quinton, Mr. Jim Melton and Mr. Joe Kuykendall. There were 15 charter members.

The church grew rapidly from the start. The Rev. J. A. Martin was the first pastor and continued to pastor the church for 10 years. The Rev. J. C. Stafford followed the Rev. Mr. Martin as pastor and served for about 8 months, being followed by the Rev. R. S. Woodson, who was pastor when this association was organized. The church held its services in the Mill house, which the company had permitted them to remodel so it would be suitable for worship. In the year 1922 with the help of the Mill Co., they were permitted to buy the large church building in which they are now holding services. Lockhart church is now known as Cedar Hill church and reports 96 members with a good Sunday school. —This information given by Bro. U. S. Cousins and Bro. I. D. Sealy, both of Lockhart.

HISTORY OF BEAVERDAM CHURCH

Beaverdam church was organized by the Rev. J. W. Willis of the French Broad Association, in the month of April, in the year 1905. The Rev. Willis was assisted by a Rev. Mr. Liner, also of the French Broad Association. The organization was the outgrowth of a revival meeting held by the Rev. Mr. Willis in the home of Mr. R. B. Mills.

The church was instituted with 49 members. The Rev. Mr. Willis was elected for the first pastor and Bro. R. B. Mills, Clerk. The first church building was erected in 1907 on land donated by Bro. R. B. Mills and Mr. W. C. Henson. The church worshiped in this building for about a year and then in some rooms furnished by the Rev. Riley Neil, until the year 1919, when the present building was erected on land given by the Rev. Mr. Neil. The church was pastored by the Rev. J. W. Willis for about a year who was then succeeded by the Rev. L. T. Mills, who also was pastor for one year, after which the Rev. Riley Neil was elected and served as pastor until his death in February of 1925, making a total of about 16 years. The church at this time is scattered about and is not very active. —For this information we are very thankful to the Rev. L. T. Mills.

HISTORY OF LANDRUM CHURCH

Landrum church was organized in the year 1920 by the Rev. L. T. Mills. This church was the outgrowth of a meeting held by the Rev. Mr. Mills in his home at Inman Mills nearby, in 1919.

The church was instituted with about 60 members, in the home of Bro. Kelly Wright, who worshiped there for about 6 months, at which time their building was nearly enough complete for them to use. The Rev. L. T. Mills was elected first pastor and served until the organization of the association and for 3 years after, making a total of 7 years. This church is now a member of what is known as the Upper South Carolina Association. —This information was generously donated by the Rev. L. T. Mills.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BEAVER CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AND MINISTERS CONFERENCE, HELD WITH FAIRVIEW CHURCH NO. 1, AT

CAROLEEN, N. C., AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 1940

First session Thursday, 10 A. M. Opened with song. Prayer by the Rev. W. G. Pack.

The Rev. Paul Sheehan, pastor of Fairview church, delivered a very impressive address of welcome and turned the meeting over to the Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Franks, who proceeded with the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Avenue, Saxon, S. C.
 Clerk, the Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Spartanburg, S. C., Route 3.
 Reading Clerk, The Rev. L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE—Bro. John Allen, Bro. J. C. Holt, Bro. J. R. Laws.

RESOLUTION—Bro. Odell Cox, Bro. A. G. Carigan, Bro. Charley Bentley.

PERIODICALS—Rev. Paul Jordan, Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. R. H. Heatherington.

OBITUARY—Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, Mrs. W. T. Keeter, Mrs. W. P. Smith, Miss Geneva Sawyer.

DEEPER DEVOTION—Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. Charles Smith, Rev. Paul Jordan.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. Barney Griffin, Rev. W. D. Calvert, Rev. R. P. Sawyer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Bro. Clarence Worley, Bro. J. M. Jenkins, Bro. I. D. Sealy.

EVANGELISTIC—Rev. J. C. Landers, Bro. C. B. Mills, Bro. W. T. Keeter.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE—Bro. Odell Cox, Rev. Paul Jordan, Rev. J. C. Benson.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Bro. E. O. Connelly, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Bro. W. S. Winder.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—Miss Geneva Sawyer, Garland Bartlett, Mrs. W. P. Smith.

LADIES AID SOCIETIES—Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, Mrs. W. T. Keeter, Mrs. C. A. Dees.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. James Coffey, Bro. J. C. Holt, Bro. Garland Bartlett.

TEMPERANCE—Bro. G. W. Walker, Rev. L. D. Gray, Bro. J. E. Black.

EDUCATION—Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Bro. D. C. Lawson, Rev. Paul Jenkins.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—Motion being made to discontinue this committee, it was discussed at length by a number of the brethren, as to what was the duty of the committee. The motion was withdrawn by the one who made it. The body voted to retain the committee as it now stands. The body also voted for the clerk to explain the duty of this committee in the minutes.

DUTY OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

To examine or investigate all churches and ministers applying for membership in our association and conference. This does not apply to young ministers who come to the conference through the local churches, unless they have been licensed or ordained by some other denomination.

The Introductory Sermon was by the Rev. W. D. Calvert, of Whitney. Text, II Corinthians 13:5. "Examine Yourselves, Whether Ye Be in the Faith." Bro. Calvert preceded to bring a wonderful and timely message on the importance of examining ourselves, and urged the ministers to be sure to take stock of our own lives.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 P. M.

Opened by song. Prayer by Bro. L. C. Crowe.

After completing discussion and voting on the Investigating Committee, it was reported that Bro. T. A. Lewis, of Marion, N. C., a member of

the committee has departed this life to be with Jesus. After appropriate expression of regret by the body, and accepting the resignation of the Rev. W. P. Smith, the body proceeded to elect Bro. Lee McSwain, of Lockhart, and the Rev. T. I. Benton to fill their vacancies. Committee now composed of Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Rev. T. I. Benton, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. John Crowe, Bro. Lee McSwain, Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman.

SESSION COMMITTEE—First delegate from each church. Bro. C. B. Mills, chairman.

CHURCH LETTERS

Church Letters being called for, the following churches reported and their letters were accepted:

FAIRVIEW NO. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Delegates, chairman, Bro. C. B. Mills, Bro. James Coffey, Bro. Clarence Worley. Licensed minister, H. L. Buckner. Received by baptism, 5. By letter, 1. By restoration, 3. Total, 15. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure, 1. Present membership, 99. Paid pastor, \$190.00. Paid for revivals, \$29.08. Value of church property, \$2,000. Money taken in, \$386.02. Paid out, \$356.76. Now in treasury, \$29.26. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sheehan, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Caroleen, N. C., Box 55.

RHYNE STREET, Gastonia, N. C. Licensed ministers, 4. Paid pastor, \$78.44. Paid for revivals, \$10.22. Value of church property, \$2,000. Money taken in \$225.83. Paid out, \$105.54. Now in treasury, \$104.81. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, A. G. Carrigan, 320 N. Rhyne St., Gastonia, N. C. Pastor, L. J. Davis, Gastonia, N. C.

ELWOOD LANE, Kannapolis, N. C. Delegates, Bro. Everett Conley, Bro. Marvin Jenkins. Received by baptism, 36. By letter 3. Total 39. Dismissed by letter, 10. By expulsion and erasure, 18. By death, 1. Total, 29. Present membership, 73. Paid pastor, \$892.34. Orphanage, \$21.50. Paid for revivals, \$28.57. Church repair or building, \$384.44. Value of church property, \$2,000. Money taken in \$1,326.85. Paid out, \$1,326.85. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, Joe Hailey, 312 Grace Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Route 3, Kannapolis, N. C.

SAINT PAUL, East Marion, N. C. Delegates, Mr. Garland Bartlett, Mr. J. E. Black, Mr. Will Hawkins, Mr. H. P. Gentry. Received by baptism, 1. By restoration, 1 Total, 2. Dismissed by letter, 3. By expulsion and erasure, 3. By death, 1. Total 7. Present membership, 44. Paid pastor, \$17.87. Paid for revivals, \$29.38. Value of church property, \$500.00. Money taken in \$90.30 Paid out, \$90.30. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, Mr. Garland Bartlett, Marion, N. C. Pastor, Rev. W. G. Pack, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

ROBERTSON'S CREEK CHURCH, Bostic, N. C. Delegates, W. T. Keeter, G. W. Walker, M. C. Bradley, Willard Bradley. Received by restoration, 3. Loss by death, 1. Present membership, 46. Paid pastor, \$55.49. Missions, \$3.55. Paid for revivals, \$26.35. Value of church property, \$500. Money taken in, \$88.94. Paid out, \$88.94. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, Willard Bradley, Forest City, N. C., Route 2. Pastor, J. O. Bradley, Marion, N. C., Route 1, Box 86A.

MT. ZION, Kannapolis, N. C. Delegates, J. C. Holt, C. E. Bentley. Received by baptism, 6. By letter, 9. Total, 15. Dismissed by letter, 12. By expulsion and erasure, 26. By death, 1. Total, 37. Present membership, 192. Paid pastor, \$900. Orphanage, \$2.34. Paid for revivals, \$33.89. Church repair or building, \$854.01. Value of church property, \$3,000. Money taken in, \$1,713.42. Paid out, \$1,842.39. Now in treasury, \$21. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, C. M. Carter, 400 Vance St., Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor, H. E. Tucker,

214 Leonard St., Kannapolis, N. C.

GOSHEN GROVE, N. Belmont, N. C. Delegates, L. S. Gray, Roy Rikard. Licensed minister, L. S. Gray. Received by baptism, 45. By letter, 13. By restoration, 51. Total, 109. Dismissed by letter, 14. By expulsion and erasure, 3. By death, 1. Total, 8. Present membership, 341. Paid pastor, \$188.20. Paid for revivals, \$81.99. Church repair or building, \$72.59. Value of church property, \$3,000. Money taken in, \$430.86. Paid out, \$421.83. Now in treasury, \$1.03. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, E. W. O'dell, Belmont, N. C., Route 1. Pastor, Rev. M. Pressley, Belmont, N. C., Route 1.

WHITNEY, Whitney, S. C. Delegates, Miss Geneva Sawyer, Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds. Ordained ministers, Rev. W. D. Calvert, Rev. H. J. Sawyer. Licensed minister, Rev. J. C. Landers. Dismissed by letter, 2. By expulsion and erasure, 1. Total 3. Present membership, 83. Paid pastor, \$217.95. Missions, \$4.23. Value of church property, \$2,500. Money taken in, \$324.64. Paid out, \$319.37. Now in treasury, \$8.86. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, F. R. Sawyer, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin, Route 1, Marshall, N. C.

FAIRVIEW, NO. 2, Nebo, N. C. Delegates, T. E. Fender, G. W. Fender, C. B. Reynolds, H. D. Poole. Received by baptism, 1. Total, 1. Loss by death, 1. Total, 1. Present membership, 102. Paid pastor, \$121.23. Missions, \$38.66. Orphanage, \$23.69. Paid for revivals, \$25.00. Church repair or building, \$209. Value of church property, \$1350. Money taken in, \$444.85. Paid out, \$417.59. Now in treasury, \$27.31. Minute fund, \$4.00. Clerk, L. E. Moody, Nebo, N. C. Pastor, L. P. Jordan, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C. Received by baptism, 1. By letter, 1. Total, 2. Dismissed by letter, 2. By expulsion and erasure, 5. Total, 7. Present membership, 35. Paid pastor, \$114. Paid for revivals, \$40. Value of church property, \$1,500. Money taken in, \$195. Paid out, \$160.95. Now in treasury, \$26.08. Minute fund, \$3.00. Clerk, Mr. John Parton, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS, Lexington, N. C. Delegates, Bro. C. A. Lawson, Bro. Tom Gentry, Bro. D. C. Lawson, Licensed minister, Rev. H. H. Snider. Received by baptism, 14. By letter, 4. Total, 18. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure, 10. Total, 10. Present membership, 40. Paid pastor, \$58.36. For church repair or building, \$140. Value of church property, \$1,500. Money taken in, \$123.83. Paid out, \$122.58. Now in treasury, \$1.25. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, C. A. Lawson, Lexington, N. C., Route 4. Pastor, Rev. H. E. Tucker, 214 Leonard St., Kannapolis, N. C.

CEDAR HILL, Lockhart, S. C. Delegates, Bro. Lee McSwain, Sister Maude McSwain, Bro. Roy Taylor. Ordained ministers, 4. Received by letter, 2. By restoration, 4. Total, 6. Present membership, 96. Paid pastor, \$241.74. Missions, \$2.50. Orphanage, \$20.50. Paid for revivals, \$20.00. Church repair or building, \$246.53. Value of church property, \$4,000.00. Money taken in, \$779.20. Paid out, \$779.20. Minute fund, \$2.50. Clerk, U. S. Cousins, Lockhart, S. C., Box 87. Pastor, L. P. Jordan, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C. Delegates, Mr. Odell Cox, Mr. R. H. Heatherington. Licensed ministers, 2. Received by baptism, 11. By letter, 7. By restoration, 7. Total, 25. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure, 12. Total, 12. Present membership, 70. Paid pastor, \$173.96. Paid for revivals, \$69.53. Value of church property, \$1,000. Money taken, \$259.10. Paid out, \$230.10. Now in treasury, \$32.00. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, Mr. George Roberson. Pastor, Rev. Wade Calvert, Whitney, S. C.

ROCKY PATHS, Nebo, N. C., Route 1. Delegates, G. M. Reynolds, W.

H. Presnell. Licensed minister, Mr. G. M. Reynolds. Received by letter, 1. Dismissed by letter, 1. By death, 1. Present membership, 20. Paid pastor, \$21.03. Paid for revivals, \$14.00. Church repair or building, \$83.11. Value of church property, \$600. Money taken in, \$162.16. Paid out, \$148.97. Now in treasury, \$9.14. Minute fund, \$2.00. Clerk, Miss Free Love Jordan, Nebo, N. C., Route 1. Pastor, Mr. L. P. Jordan, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

SAXON AVE. FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C.
The delegates were: L. C. Crowe Mrs. Tennie Crowe and Mrs. Ethel Bowers. Licensed minister, Clyde Knipps. Received by baptism, 3. By restoration, 1. Total, 4. Dismissed by letter, 1. By expulsion and erasure, 6. Total, 7. Present membership, 131. Paid pastor, \$250.18. Missions, \$50.82. Paid for revivals, \$86.06. Church repairs or building, \$50.00. Value of church property, \$25.00. Money taken in, \$22.02. Paid out, \$290.24. Now in treasury, \$2.73. Minute fund, \$5.00. Clerk, C. H. Jones, 597 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, A. F. Lawter, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF WEST GASTONIA, West Fourth Avenue. Delegates, F. C. Plemmons, Rev. Frank Allen, Rev. B. Y. Gibson. Valuation of church property, \$500. Money collected, \$119.08. Paid out, \$106.38. Balance in treasury, \$12.70. Members received by baptism, 13. By letter, 3. By statement, 6. Paid to pastor, \$40.50. Members excluded, 13. Present membership, 44. For minutes, \$3.00. Moderator, Rev. A. A. Bradley. Church Clerk, F. C. Plemmons, West Gastonia, N. C.

Two new churches were accepted for a year under the Investigating committee, pending the report of said committee. They were North End, at Kannapolis, N. C., and Clover at Clover, S. C. and their reports are as follows:

NORTH END, Kannapolis, N. C. Received by baptism, 4. Total, 4. Present membership, 17. Paid pastor, \$15. Missions, \$10.00. Paid for revivals, \$35.00. Money taken in \$277.28. Paid out, \$250. Now in treasury, \$26.35. Clerk, G. L. Cato, Kannapolis, N. C., Route 3. Pastor, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C., Route 1.

CLOVER, Clover, S. C. Delegate, W. S. Winders. Present membership, 38. Paid pastor, \$18.00. For sick, \$12.64. Church repair or building, \$101. Value of church property, \$590. Money taken in \$131.64. Paid out, \$131.64. Clerk, Thelma Winders, Clover, S. C., 209 Lindon St. Pastor, Rev. C. L. Scarborough, N. Belmont, N. C.

After discussion, the association granted a letter of dismissal to the St. Paul church of East Marion, N. C., to unite with the Jacks Creek association.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. Malley Rice, of the French Broad Association.

First sermon by the Rev. Paul Jenkins, text in Exodus. Subject, "Four Propositions of the Devil". A real sermon was delivered by Bro. Jenkins.

Second sermon was by the Rev. Paul Jordan. Text, 5th verse of 126th Psalm. Subject, "Moving Forward". A good sermon by Bro. Jordan. A few remarks were made by the Rev. Paul Sheehan, and dismissed until Friday a. m.

3RD SESSION, FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Opened with song. Prayer by the Rev. R. P. Sawyer. Scripture reading by the Rev. Mallie Rice, of the French Broad Association, followed again by prayer by the Rev. H. H. Snider.

Entering into conference, the following visitors were welcomed: The Rev. Malley Rice, of the French Broad Association; Bro. J. L. Smith, Rev. E. L. Rush.

Sunday School reports were then called for and the following Sunday Schools reported and were accepted:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

FAIR VIEW, NO. 2. Members on roll, 89. Average attendance, 74. Money collected this year, \$65.59. Paid out, 58.93. Now in treasury, \$6.66. Kind of literature, Free Will. How many classes, 5. Superintendent, Garrett Fender, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C. Secretary, Pauline Moody, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

ROBERTSON CREEK. Members on roll, 46. Average attendance, 35. Money collected this year, \$24.30. Paid out, \$17.69. Now in treasury, \$6.61. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes, 3. Superintendent, M. C. Bradley, Forest City, Route 2. Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Keeter, Forest City, Route 2.

CEDAR HILL. Members on roll, 115. Money collected this year, \$171.07. Average attendance, 99. Paid out, \$167.93. Now in treasury, \$3.14. Kind of literature, Ayden. No. classes, 7. Superintendent, Roy Taylor, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Wilma Allen, Lockhart, S. C.

ROCKY PASS FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 60. Average attendance, 40. Money collected this year, \$29.83. Paid out, \$27.44. Now in treasury, \$2.39. Kind of literature, Ayden. No. of classes, 5. Superintendent, Mr. G. M. Reynolds, Nebo, N. C. Route 1. Secretary, Miss Free Love Jordan, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS. Members on roll, 102. Average attendance, 70. Money collected this year, \$21.27. Paid out, \$16.89. Now in treasury, \$4.38. Paid to orphanage, \$4.30. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. No. of classes, 3. Superintendent, Bro. Silas Lamb, Erlanger, N. C. Secretary, Sister, Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

RHYNE ST., Gastonia, N. C. Members on roll, 95. Average attendance, 100. Money collected this year, \$124.22. Paid out, \$34.29. Now in treasury, \$1.66. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. No. classes, 6. Superintendent, Mr. Willis Davis, Route 3, Gastonia, N. C. Secretary, Miss Christine Drennan, 809 East Davis Street.

SAINT PAUL FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 65. Average attendance, 50. Money collected this year, \$25.75. Paid out, \$18.51. Now in treasury, \$7.24. Kind of literature, Ayden. No. classes, 4. Superintendent, Mr. Garland Bartlette, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Miss Stella Fender, East Marion, N. C.

COLE'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 50. Money collected (4 months report), \$18.91. Paid out, \$18.91. Do you use literature? Yes. No. classes, 3. No. teachers, 3. Superintendent, Dewey Suttles, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. John Parton, Boiling Springs, S. C.

MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 202. Average attendance, 100. Money collected this year, \$114.16. Paid out, \$107.14. Now in treasury, \$7.02. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. No. classes, 6. Superintendent, J. T. Adcock, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, L. M. Hooper, Kannapolis, N. C.

VALLEY FALLS FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 135. Average attendance, 85. Money collected this year, \$116.52. Paid out, \$84.52. Now in treasury, \$32.00. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. No. classes, 5. Superintendent, L. H. Laster, Route 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, George Roberson.

ELWOOD LANE F. W. B. CHURCH. Members on roll, 101. Average attendance, 80. Money collected this year, \$74.64. Paid out, \$74.52. Now in treasury, 12c. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. No. classes, 5. Superin-

tendent, Everette Conley, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, J. M. Jenkins, 601 W. 7th St., Kannapolis, N. C.

WEST FOURTH STREET FREE WILL BAPTIST. Members on roll, 78. Average attendance, 51. Money collected this year, \$43.83. Paid out, \$40.31. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist and Bible. No. classes, 4. Superintendent, Richard Messer, West Gastonia, N. C. Secretary, Juanita Jones, West Gastonia, N. C.

Committee reports called for and the following committees reported and were passed upon:

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We your committee on Ministerial Support wish to recommend plans already adopted and urge our preachers to preach tithing more. E. O. Connelly, Chairman.

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion, do adopt the report in the minutes. We ask the clerk to read the report in the minutes. The Rev. Paul Jenkins, Chairman.

We, the first delegates, met on time and place. The association will meet with the Free Will Baptist church at Valley Falls, S. C., on Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1941, with Bro. L. D. Gray preaching the introductory sermon.

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. We also urge that the elder people take more interest in our younger people. James Coffey, Chairman. J. C. Holt.

We, your committee on Evangelism, do recommend that the present resolution stand as it is, urging that all pastors and laymen put forth a greater effort in cooperation with all evangelists. J. C. Landers, C. B. Mees, W. T. Keeter.

We, your resolutions committee, recommend that the deacon board investigate character and life of preachers concerned coming from another conference. He will not become pastor of said church until association and Ministers conference approve credentials. Odell Cox, C. E. Bentley, A. G. Carrigan.

We, your committee on Education, wish to adopt the report that is in last year's minutes. Also we ask that all parents furnish their children with religious literature in their homes. The Lord said train them up in the way they should go and when they are old they won't depart from it. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, D. C. Lasson, Rev. Paul Jenkins.

We, your committee on Home Missions, wish to adopt the same report of last year, recorded in the minutes. Also we ask all our churches to be more interested in the welfare of the sick about us, and people that are not attending church, and do our best to go out after those people and bring them in. The Lord said go out on the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. Rev. B. L. Griffin, Chairman; Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. W. L. Calvert.

We, your committee on Temperance, wish to urge 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. G. W. Walker, Chairman.

We, your committee on Ladies Aid Societies, seeing the need for the ladies to be of greater help to our churches, wish to urge and our prayer is that our pastors and deacons organize a Ladies Aid Society in every church.

Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, 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". Also, we wish to have all pastors and executive boards to see that a definite program for our young children in all churches is carried out. Miss Geneva Sawyer, Chairman.

We, your committee on Periodicals, do submit the following report to stand as it is in last year's minutes, for we believe that there is no greater book to offer than the Bible. R. H. Heatherington, L. P. Jordan, Lee MacSwain.

We, your committee on Finance, hereby recommend to the association that the minute funds for this, 1940, be used in the usual manner. We further recommend that in the future, or next association, August, 1941, that each church will be told that they will receive minutes in proportion to funds sent to association. Each minute will be 10c, approximately. In other words, if a church wants 50 minutes, let them send \$5.00. We submit the following cash funds for minutes for this year, \$88.00. John Allen, Chairman.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, ask this body to set up a foreign mission board and for every church to set up an individual board at home, and that each chairman of the church board of foreign mission keep contact with chairman of this general mission board, and send an offering each three months to this board and that a clear report be made at each association, of distribution of each offering. Also, we ask that if the body adopts the resolution that every first delegate give name and address so that the chairman can get in touch with each church board. C. R. Worley, chairman.

We, your committee on Marriage and Divorce do recommend all ministers in taking in members, read the 7th chapter of Romans, and nothing shorter than that should come into our churches and if this body will receive this, let this bill never come into the association again, Odell Cox, Chairman.

Preaching was at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Mallie Rice, of the French Broad Association. Bro. Rice read from the 7th Chapter of 1 Cor. Subject, "Time is Short". Being a man of considerable age, he gave expression out of his own heart. Since he realized that he did not by reason of age, have much longer to stay here, many others there at the service realized too that they didn't have long to live.

He spoke of the crosses we have to bear for a short time only, then he assured us that the crown was waiting for all who would be faithful to the end. God's holy spirit was made manifest in the entire body. When he asked for a song and benediction, the service closed with every one present spiritually uplifted.

(For these notes we are very grateful to the Rev. Charles L. Smith.)

4TH SESSION, FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with song. Prayer by the Rev. R. P. Sawyer. Scripture reading Rev. L. M. Pierce, Col. 1:1-13. Moved and seconded to enter conference. The way was opened for the reading of church letters which came in late, Fairview, No. 2, Nebo, N. C. Church letters and Sunday School reports were read and approved.

Resolution offered by West Gastonia church to allow church conference on Sunday. Information was given to the effect that each church is an independent body so far as the conference is concerned.

Discussion concerning discipline and the body reaffirmed their adher-

ance to the old original Free Will Baptist discipline.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Free Will Baptist League reports received as follows, and accepted:

ELWOOD LANE. Membership, 19. Paid out for literature, \$3.00. Money taken in, \$3.12. Paid out, \$3.00. Now in treasury, 12c. President, Mrs. L. H. Witherspoon, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Vertie Lee Linker, Beaver Lumber Co., Kannapolis, N. C.

FAIRVIEW, NO. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Membership, 31. Paid out for literature, \$4.77. Money taken in, \$6.48. Paid out, \$4.97. Now in treasury, \$1.51. President, Mrs. James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Miss Vera Mae Laws, Caroleen, N. C.

SAXON AVENUE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Membership, 18. Gained, 6. Paid out for church repairs, \$213.65. Money taken in, \$218.15. Paid out, \$213.65. Now in treasury, \$4.50. President, John Ballard, Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Paul Rolland, 517 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C.

WHITNEY FREE WILL BAPTIST. Membership, 26. Paid out to missions, \$3.88. For literature, \$10.00. Money taken in, \$13.88. Paid out, \$13.88. President, Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C. Secretary, Miss Aalice Mae Calvert, Whitney, S. C.

Several soul inspiring short talks by Bro. W. D. Calvert, Bro. Roy Rikard, Bro. H. E. Tucker, H. J. Sawyer, Bro. W. P. Smith.

It being made known that there is a Free Will Baptist church building in Rutherford County, and no organization, the body decided to divert minute fund pledges to be sent in later to our Moderator, the Rev. J. C. Franks and send him into the community to take care of this work.

At this time the clerk explained that there was more money on hand than was needed for minutes and moved to turn over to the Rev. Mr. Franks \$13.00 cash and \$1.00 returned P. O. money order, totaling \$14.00, to be used by him in this work. This motion carried.

LADIES AID LETTERS

Ladies Aid letters were now read as follows:

ROCKY PATH. Membership, 8. Money, taken in, \$786. President, Mrs. G. M. Reynolds, Nebo, N. C., Route 1. Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Jackson, Nebo, N. C., Route 1.

We have just organized and haven't had time to do much work.

FAIRVIEW, NO. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Membership, 23. Gained this year, 16. Paid for charity, \$9.43. Money taken in, \$58.05. Paid out, \$28.28. President, Mrs. C. A. Deese, Caroleen, N. C., Box 2. Secretary, Miss Vera Mae Laws, Caroleen, N. C. Now in treasury, \$29.77.

ELWOOD LANE F. W. B. CHURCH. Membership, 16. Paid for church repair, \$127.96. Money taken in, \$130.42. Paid out, \$127.96. President, Mrs. Will Lambert, Route 3, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Eula Allman, Kannapolis, N. C.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS. Membership, 8. Paid to charity, \$4.50. For church repair, \$47.58. Money taken in, \$64.45. Paid out, 63.47. President, Sister Orpha Brooks, 431 Greensboro St., Lexington, N. C. Secretary, Sister Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

NORTH KANNAPOLIS F. W. B. CHURCH. Membership, 7. Gained this year, 2. Money given church, \$5.00. Money taken in, \$38.10. Paid out, \$36.20. President, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C.

MT. ZION F. W. B. Membership, 24. Gained this year, 12. Paid for charity, \$30.75. For church repair, \$291.03. Money taken in, \$185.57. Paid out, \$321.78. President, Mrs. Mary Tripplet, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Tucker, Kannapolis, N. C.

LOCKHART, S. C. Paid for charity, \$24.00. For church repair, \$50.10. Money taken in, \$6.00. Paid out, \$74.10. President, Mrs. Maude McSwain, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Georgia Vanderford, Lockhart, S. C., Box 234.

At this time the body gave Fairview church a unanimous vote of thanks for the splendid way in which they have entertained the Association.

The business for this session completed, the body adjourned to meet again on Thursday before the second Sunday in August of 1941, with Valley Falls church at Valley Falls, near Spartanburg, S. C.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. Gibson led congregation in prayer for all our edification. Bro. Brooks sang "The Rock Amid the Waves". The Rev. L. D. Gray, of Belmont, N. C., first speaker, chose as his subject, "Looking", Heb. 12:1-2. Bro. Gray pointed out necessity of looking in right places at right times for right things. Also he pointed out the foolishness of the wrong direction. Sub-topics, "1. Looking back. 2. Looking Ahead. 3. Rewarded for looking ahead.

The Rev. brought an inspiring message from text Acts 1:8. Subject, "Witnessing for Jesus". Bro. Clayton used the two bible characters, Peter and Paul. Sub-topics, 1. Witnessing at home. 2. To uttermost part of the earth. 3. Witnessing before the brethren. A great message and delivered in a spirit of love.

There was an altar call. Christians made moves to witness for Jesus.

There was a wonderful time for which we praise Him who makes us free.

These notes by Rev. L. M. Pierce.

MODERATOR OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE



REV. L. P. JORDAN

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Ministers Conference opened with song. Prayer by the Rev. H. E.

Tucker. Scripture reading, St. John 3:1-5 by the Rev. H. L. Buckner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. L. P. Jordan, Moderator. The Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clerk. The Rev. L. H. Clayton, Reading Clerk.

All visiting ministers were invited to an advisory seat in the conference. Card of acknowledgement and thanks from the Rev. J. M. Redden for a contribution to him in time of need, was read.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Rev. L. M. Pierce, chairman. The Rev. R. P. Sawyer, and the Rev. Paul Jenkins.

ELECTION OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Rev. J. C. Franks, chairman. The Rev. R. P. Sawyer, the Rev. W. D. Calvert, the Rev. Paul Sheehan, and the Rev. J. O. Bradley.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

The Rev. L. P. Jordan, the Rev. A. W. Graham, the Rev. A. A. Bradley, the Rev. T. I. Benton, the Rev. C. L. Scarborough, the Rev. B. L. Griffin, the Rev. Wade Calvert, the Rev. J. M. Redden, the Rev. P. J. Sheehan, the Rev. Paul Jenkins, the Rev. J. O. Bradley, the Rev. J. C. Franks, the Rev. E. C. Rash, the Rev. A. F. Lawter, the Rev. L. D. Gray, the Rev. J. D. Hawkins, the Rev. H. E. Tucker, the Rev. W. P. Smith, the Rev. R. P. Sawyer, the Rev. Charles L. Smith, the Rev. L. M. Pierce, the Rev. J. S. Rice, the Rev. L. H. Clayton and the Rev. H. J. Sawyer. The following licensed ministers: the Rev. L. S. Gray, the Rev. J. C. Landers, the Rev. H. L. Buckner and the Rev. J. C. Benson.

The request of the Rev. J. N. Redden for a letter of recommendation to the Missionary Baptists was granted.

Moved and carried to renew the license of all ministers present who were licensed last year and not qualified for ordination.



WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Licenses were granted to the Rev. A. G. Carrigan and the Rev. J. C. Benson. The Rev. Mr. Benson was also given permission to pastor Clover church under the watchcare of the ordaining council.

The Rev. J. C. Landers was recommended for ordination. The conference preceded to ordain Bro. Landers. The charge was given by the Rev. Paul Jenkins, followed by prayer and the laying on of hands.

At this time a report of the investigating committee on the case of the Rev. J. J. Brooks was presented. "We, your investigating committee do hereby recommend that since Bro. Brooks has given thorough satisfaction on

his case, and has made full restitution and asks forgiveness of the conference, that he be restored to full fellowship." This recommendation was gladly accepted, and Bro. Brooks was restored.

The Rev. J. S. Rice and the Rev. Charles L. Smith, made applications for membership and were accepted. Bro. Smith comes from another conference and Bro. Rice, being a former member of this conference.

Bro. B. Y. Gibson, whose application for ordination was rejected because of his belief, made us a wonderful talk on being established.

The Rev. E. L. Rush, a Church of God pastor, of Gastonia, N. C., was asked for a talk and gave us a soul-stirring message on fellowship.

The case of the Rev. E. L. Beachboard was placed in the hands of the organizing council for final disposition at our next quarterly conference.

The business of this conference being completed, it was moved and carried to adjourned to meet again with the Saxon Ave. church in Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 28, 1940.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. H. L. BUCKNER, Caroleen, N. C. Preached 30 sermons. Professions, 7. Visited 45 homes. Funerals conducted, 1. Sunday School lessons taught, 35. Money given, \$25.00. Miles traveled, 1,000. Money received, \$8.00.

REV. A. W. GRAHAM, Route 1, Harris, N. C. Preached 10 sermons. Professions, 1. Visited 6 homes. Sunday School lessons taught, 7. Expenses, 2.00.

REV. A. A. BRADLEY, 1312 East Cedar St., Gastonia, N. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 105 sermons. Revivals held, 2. Professions, 27. Members received, 21. Baptized, 14. Visited 25 homes. Funerals conducted, 3. Sunday School lessons taught, 18. Money given, \$14.00. Money received, \$40.00. Expenses, \$15.00.

REV. T. I. BENTON, 309 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C. Preached 50 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Baptized, 4. Married, 1.

REV. C. L. SCARBOROUGH, N. Belmont, N. C. Preached 20 sermons. Professions, 12. Visited 20 homes. Funerals conducted, 1. Sunday School lessons taught, 14. Miles traveled, 300.

REV. B. L. GRIFFIN, Kannapolis, N. C. Preached 65 sermons. Professions, 35. Visited 50 homes. Money given, \$18.00. Money received, \$35.

REV. WADE CALVERT, Whitney, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 149 sermons. Revivals held, 7. Professions, 121. Members received, 35. Baptized, 15. Married 1. Visited 100 homes. Funerals conducted, 4. Sunday School lessons taught, 8. Miles traveled, 4,817. Money received, \$314.25. Expenses, \$131.50.

REV. L. S. GRAY, N. Belmont, N. C. Preached 14 sermons. Professions, 17. Visited 16 homes. Sunday School lessons taught, 8. Miles traveled, 60.

REV. J. M. REDDEN, Nebo, N. C., Route 1. Preached 18 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 45. Visited 40 homes. Money given, \$17.05. Miles traveled, 990. Money received, \$28.75.

REV. P. J. SHEEHAN, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor of 2 churches. Revivals held, 4. Members received, 17. Baptized, 15. Funerals conducted, 5. Money received for church, \$300.00.

REV. PAUL JENKINS, Route 3, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 150 sermons. Revivals held, 3. Members received, 39. Baptized 28. Funerals conducted, 2. Money given, \$104.65. Money received, \$979.34.

REV. J. O. BRADLEY, Box 86A, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 77 sermons. Revivals held, 4. Professions, 37. Members received, 3. Funerals conducted, 3. Money given, \$30.00. Money received, \$79.00. Expenses, \$86.00.

REV. J. C. FRANKS, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C. Revivals held, 5. Professions, 188. Sermons preached, 72. Married 3. Funerals conducted, 3. Money received, \$205.00.

REV. E. C. RASH, Lockhart, S. C. Preached 22 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 3. Visited 104 homes. Funerals conducted, 1. Sunday School lessons taught, 20. Money given, \$20.72. Miles traveled, 2,474. Money received, \$14.00. Expenses, \$11.50.

REV. A. F. LAWTER, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 98 sermons. Professions, 42. Baptized 9. Married 3. Money received, \$253.38.

REV. L. D. GRAY, North Belmont, N. C. Preached 65 sermons. Professions, 50. Visited 40. Sunday School lessons taught, 30. Miles traveled, 578. Money received, \$14.00.

REV. J. D. HAWKINS, Lockhart, S. C. Preached 14 sermons. Professions, 7. Visited 120 homes. Funerals conducted, 1. Sunday School lessons taught, 48. Money given, \$8.00.

Rev. H. E. TUCKER, 214 Leonard St., Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 120 sermons. Professions, 45. Members received, 18. Baptized, 14. Visited 200 homes. Sunday School lessons taught, 10. Miles traveled, 8,000. Money received, \$41.45. Expenses, \$150.00.

REV. W. P. SMITH, Spartanburg, S. C., Route 3. Preached 147 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 78. Visited 63 homes. Funerals conducted, 2. Sunday School lessons taught, 12. Money given, \$65.06. Money received, \$49.70.

REV. R. P. SAWYER, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 55 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 25. Members received, 4. Baptized, 9. Sunday School lessons taught, 23. Money given, \$47.25. Money received, \$15.00. Organized one church.

REV. CHARLES L. SMITH, P. O. Box 457, Concord, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 15 sermons. Visited 50 homes. Funerals conducted, 2. Sunday School lessons taught, 5. Money given, \$20.00. Miles traveled, 1,000. Money received, \$10.00. Expenses, \$30.00.

REV. L. M. PIERCE, Belmont, N. C., Route 1. Preached 40 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 30. Baptized, 7. Married 2. Visited 47 homes. Funerals conducted, 2. Sunday School lessons taught, 20. Money given, \$15.00. Money received, \$30.00.

J. S. RICE, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor of 1 church. No. of revivals conducted, 2. Conversions, 60. No. of sermons preached, 75. No. of members received, 2. No. Baptized, 4. No. homes visited, 100. Marriages performed, 2. Funerals conducted, 4. Sunday School classes taught, 12. Amount received for pastoral services, \$140.00. Amount received for revival services, \$30. Amount received for all other services, \$10.00. Total amount during year, \$180.00. No. miles traveled, 3,000. Expenses, \$80.00.

REV. L. H. CLAYTON, East Marion, N. C. Preached 68 sermons. Professions, 93. Married, 1. Funerals conducted, 13. Sunday School lessons taught, 2. Money given, \$219.80. Money received, \$275.55.

REV. L. P. JORDAN, Nebo, N. C., Route 1. Pastor of 3 churches. Revivals held, 2. Professions, 8. Sermons preached, 114. Members received, 6. Baptized, 1. Funerals conducted, 2. Money raised for church, \$139.00. Money given, \$22.31. Miles traveled, 5,154. Money received, \$375.17. Expenses, \$92.16.

REV. J. C. LANDERS, Chesnee, S. C., Box 161, Evangelist. Preached 45 sermons. Revivals held, 2. Professions, 20. Funerals conducted, 3. Visited

cd 50 homes. Sunday School lessons taught, 20.

REV. H. J. SAWYER, Drayton, S. C. Preached 67 sermons. Revivals held, 1. Professions, 31. Visited 88 homes. Funerals conducted, 1. Sunday School lessons taught, 12. Money given, \$64.41. Miles traveled 1,340. Money received, \$21.22. Expenses, \$46.33.

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 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

1. 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.
9. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.
10. 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 member 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 infalliable 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 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 sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. for Godly sorrow

worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah 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 finally be 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 unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord's 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.

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.



OBITUARIES

The Elwood Lane church of Kannapolis, do mourn the departure of Mrs. Cora Eller, who died July 20, 1940. She was 62 years of age and was a faithful member of our church. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.—Rev. Paul Jenkins.

We, the church at Roberson Creek, do mourn the death of our beloved sister L. I. Russ, who died March 11, 1940.—J. O. Bradley., Bostic, N. C.

We, the St. Paul Free Will Baptist church of East Marion, the people and friends, do mourn the loss by death of our dear beloved brother, T. A. Lewis, who died the 7th day of Dec., 1939.—Rev. J. O. Bradley, Rev. L. H. Clayton.

We, the church of Fairview, at Nebo, N. C., mourn the departure of our deceased brother, E. J. Gardner, who departed this life last autumn. He was a deacon of our church.

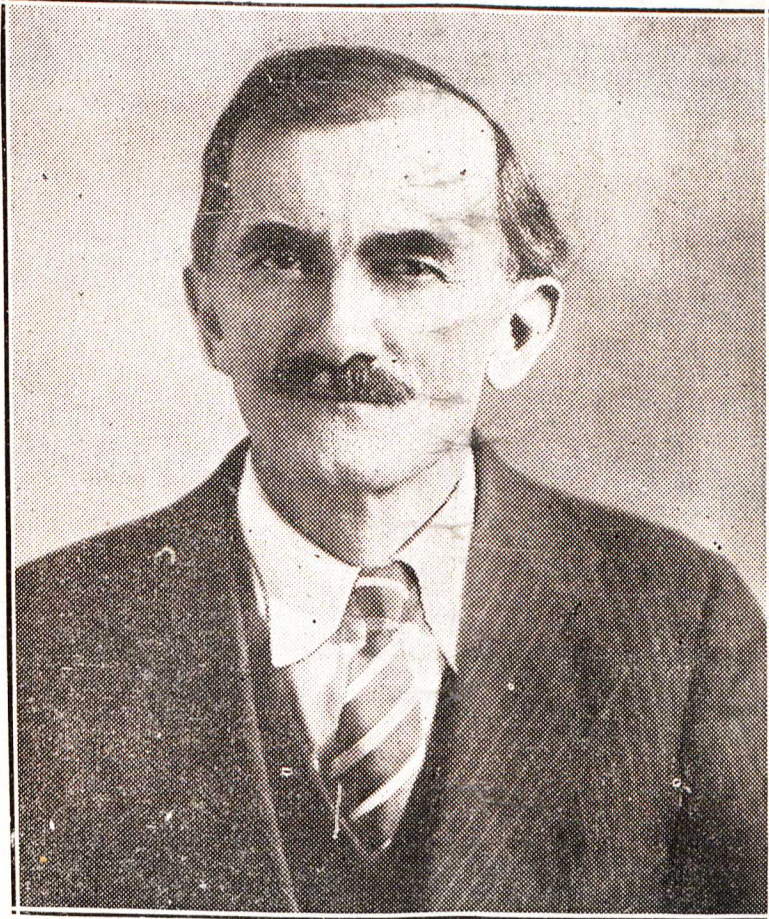
His work is over, his race is run,

He's living now above the sun.

His loving smile and outstretched hand,

Will welcome us to that fair land.

—Clyde Fender

A PICTURE OF THE REV. J. A. MARTIN**THE REV. J. A. (UNCLE JAKE) MARTIN, of Marshall, N. C.**

Brother Martin has been preaching the gospel for 37 years, and is widely known and dearly loved by all who have known him. He is the oldest minister in the French Broad Ministers Conference that was in the conference when he joined. Through his ministry more than 14,000 have become acquainted with his Christ. His humble life and unselfish support has been an inspiration to many young ministers. That Brother Martin will be spared to us for many more years and that our young ministers will continue to pattern their lives after his, is the humble prayer of his brothers in the ministry.

REV. H. J. SAWYER

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