

MINUTES

of the

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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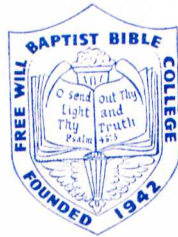
Valley Falls Church, Valley Falls, S. C.

August 7, 8, 9, 1941

The next session will be held with the Goshen Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Belmont, N. C., beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August at 10:00 A. M. Rev. L. S. Gray of Belmont will preach the Introductory Sermon.



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Moderator of Ministers Conference



PROCEEDINGS

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association convened with Valley Falls Church on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The session was opened with a song. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks. The Rev. W. D. Calvert, pastor of the Valley Falls Church, gave us a fine address of welcome.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. J. C. Franks of Saxon S. C. was elected moderator.

The Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar St. Clover, S. C. was elected clerk.

The Rev. L. S. Gray, Belmont, N. C. was elected reading Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Finance—Bro. J. C. Holt, Bro. Loyd Wiggins, Bro. W. T. Keeter.

Resolutions—Bro. Roy Taylor, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. L. M. Pierce.

Periodicals—Bro. L. C. Crowe, Rev. R. P. Sawyer and Rev. H. L. Buckner.

Obituary—Mrs. Lillie Mae Shehan, Bro. A. H. Bowans and Mrs. Lillie Wylie.

Deeper Devotion—Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. Paul Shehan and Rev. L. P. Jordan.

Home Missions—Mrs. Gladys Tothrow, Bro. Claude Eagle and Mrs. Orpha Brooks.

Young Peoples Work—Bro. Thomas Laws, Rev. D. L. Benton and Bro. P. S. Padget.

Ladies Aid—Mrs. Orpha Brooks, Miss Hazel Eliot, Mrs. Gladys Tothrow and all of our pastors.

Sunday School—Bro. Claude Eagle, Bro. Loyd Wiggins and Bro. G. L. Cato.

Evangelism—Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. D. L. Benton, Bro. G. L. Cato.

Foreign Missions—Bro. J. R. Laws, Rev. H. L. Buckner and Rev. W. D. Calvert.

Ministerial Support—Bro. Odell Cox, Bro. F. C. Cogdill and Bro. J. C. Holt.

Temperance—Rev. H. H. Snider, Bro. Vance Hetherington and Rev. T. I. Benton.

Education—Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. H. E. Tucker.

Investigating Committee—Rev. T. I. Benton, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. John Crowe, Bro. Lee McSwain and Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman.

The Association adjourned at 11:00 o'clock for the Introductory sermon by the Rev. L. D. Gray of Belmont, N. C. Rev. Gray read his text from Mt. 16:26 "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose

his soul? or what shall he give in exchange for his soul?" It was a splendid message on the value of the soul. The Rev. stressed the importance of making our 'religion' worth while.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 2 P. M.

Opened with song. Prayer by Rev. A. F. Lawter. Scripture reading by Rev. L. S. Gray from St. John 14th chapter. At this time it was made known that Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage was present with some of the children. They were given a hearty welcome and were invited to a seat in our Association.

Church letters were called for and read as follows:

Rocky Pass—Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1. *Delegates*—J. F. Jackson, G. M. Reynolds, Lewis Holland. *Licensed Minister*—G. M. Reynolds. Received by baptism 6, by restoration 1, total 7, present membership 27, paid pastor \$43.14, paid for revivals \$56.19, church repairs on building \$31.85, value of church property \$625.00. Money taken in \$134.18, paid out \$134.18. Minute funds \$2.00. *Clerk* J. F. Jackson, Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1. *Pastor*—Rev. L. P. Jordan, Marion, N. C. Rt. 1.

Whitney—Whitney, S. C. by letter. *Ordained ministers*—Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. W. D. Calvert, Rev. J. C. Landers. Received by letter 1, total 1, dismissed by letter 1, by death 2, total 3. Present membership 72, paid pastor \$236.50, Missions \$9.89, church expenses \$42.43, for other causes \$16.86. Church repairs or building \$75.45. Value of church property \$3,000.00. Money taken in \$386.00, paid out \$381.04, now in treasury \$4.96. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—E. R. Sawyer, Whitney, S. C. *Pastor*—Rev. J. A. Martin, Marshall, N. C. Rt. 1.

Robinson Creek, Bostic, N. C. *Delegates*—W. T. Keeter, Burley Thomas, M. C. Bradley, B. B. Melton, Buffin Hoyle. *Licensed Ministers*—2, Received by baptism 2, by letter 2, by restoration 7, total 11. Dismissed by death 1, total 1. Present membership 56. Paid Pastor \$50.26, Missions \$7.76, paid for revivals \$55.48, church repairs on building \$15.02. Value of church property \$500.000. Money taken in \$137.60, paid out \$133.52. Now in treasury \$4.08. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—Willard Bradley, Forest City, N. C. Rt. 2. *Pastor*—Rev. J. O. Bradley, Marion, N. C. Rt. 1.

Coles Chapel, Arcadia, S. C. *Delegates*—Melvin Kitchen, John Parton, Ordained ministers 1, Dismissed by letter 1, by death 1, total 2. Present membership 18. Paid pastor \$165.00, money taken in \$465.25, money paid out \$243.26, now in treasury \$18.86. Minute funds \$5.00. *Church Clerk*—Guynell Parton, Inman, S. C. Rt. 1. *Pastor*—Rev. J. C. Franks, Saxon, S. C.

Fairview No. 1, Caroleen, N. C. *Delegates*—Thomas Laws, Hazel Elliott, Luther Duncan. Received by baptism 1, by letter 2, total 3, dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion and erasure 24, total 25. Present memberships 83. Paid pastor \$432.00, paid for revival \$40.00. Value of Church property \$1500.00. Money taken in \$517.65, paid out \$504.00. Now in treasury \$13.63. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—Mrs. Lillie Mae Shehan, Box 55, Caroleen, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. P. J. Shehan, Box 55 Caroleen, N. C.

Goshen Grove—North Belmont, N. C. *Delegates*—L. S. Gray, Loyd Wiggins. *Licensed ministers*—L. S. Gray, C. C. Holtzclaw, R. L. Rikard. Received by baptism 14, by letter 5, by statement 24, total 43. Present membership 366. Paid pastor \$381.30, Missions \$11.35, Orphanage \$20.00. Paid for revivals \$112.00. Church property \$150.00. Value of church property \$3000.00. Money taken in \$882.43, paid out \$700.43. Now in treasury \$73.00. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—E. W. Odell, N. Belmont, N. C. Rt. 1. *Pastor*—L. M. Pierce, Belmont, N. C. Rt. 1.

Valley Falls, Valley Falls, S. C. *Delegates*—J. R. Laws, Odell Cox, G. W. Heatherington. *Licensed ministers* 1, received by baptism 5, by letter 3, total 8. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 2, total 2. Present membership 56. Paid pastor \$224.95. Paid for revival \$46.46. Church repair or building \$127.15. Value of church property \$1500.00. Money taken in \$429.76. Paid out \$417.13, now in treasury \$12.83. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—Fred Gilespie, Valley Falls, S. C.

North Rhyne St. Gastonia, N. C. *Delegates*—Rev. L. D. Gray *Licensed ministers* 2, received by baptism 8, by letter 2, by restoration 7, total 17. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 3, total 3. Present membership 75. Paid pastor \$242.65. Paid for revivals \$95.00 Church repairs or building \$50.20. Value of church property \$2500.00. Money taken in \$517.42. Paid out \$417.40. Now in treasury \$99.94. Minute fund \$3.00. *Clerk*—A. C. Van Dyke, East Gastonia, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. L. D. Gray, North Belmont, N. C.

Cedar Hill, Lockhart, S. C. *Delegates*—F. C. Cogdill, Roy Taylor. *Licensed minister*, G. S. Koone. Received by baptism 2, by letter 2, restoration 1, total 5. Dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion and erasure 3, by deaths 2, total 6. Present membership 91. Paid pastor \$392.38, Orphanage \$20.00. Paid for revivals \$80.00. Value of Church property \$4000.00. Now in treasury \$49.72. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—U. S. Cousins, Lockhart, S. C. Box 78. *Pastor*—L. P. Jordon, Marion, N. C. Rt. 1.

Saxon Ave. Spartansburg, S. C. *Delegates*—L. C. Crowe, C. H. Bowers and Bro. Kimbrell. *Ordained ministers*—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. W. R. Rowland. *Licensed ministers*—Rev. O. C. Knipp. Increased by experience and baptism 1, restoration 4, total 5. Decreased by death 1, total 1. Last year membership 125, present membership 130. Paid pastor \$238, 74. For revivals \$36.15. Charity \$23.83. Money taken in \$504.58. Value of Church property \$1200.00. Paid out \$440.70, now in treasury \$63.88. Minute fund, \$3.00. *Clerk*—J. T. Ballard, 375 Arch St. Spartansburg, S. C. *Pastor*—A. F. Lawter, 383 Farley St. Spartanburg, S. C.

Fairview No. 2, Nebo, N. C. *Delegates*—G. W. Fender, T. E. Fender, H. D. Poole. Received by baptism 4, by letter 3, total 7. Present membership 102. Paid pastor \$175.00. Missions \$70.00, Orphanage \$12.26. Paid for revivals \$60.00. Church repair or building \$26.84. Value of Church property \$1300.00. Money taken in \$407.07. Paid out \$344.10, now in treasury \$62.97. Minute fund \$3.00. *Clerk*—T. E. Fender Nebo, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave. Saxon, S. C.

Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C. Delegates—J. C. Holt, C. E. Eagle, Dexter Benton. *Licensed ministers* 1, recieved by baptism, 22 by letter 2, total 24. Dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 1, total 3. Present membership 131. Paid pastor \$263.57. Orphanage \$28.00. Paid for revivals \$136.63. Church repair on building \$83.71. Value of church property \$3,000.00. Money taken in \$829.79. Paid out \$794.55. Now in treasury \$35.24. Minute fund \$5.00. *Clerk*—Mr. C. M. Carter, 400 Vance St. Kannapolis, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. H. E. Tucker, 214 Leonard St. Kannapolis, N. C.

Arrington Heights, Lexington, N. C. Present membership 46, paid pastor \$75.00. Property \$102.00, other expenses \$33.00. Money taken in \$235.00. Now in treasury \$12.50. Minute fund \$2.50. *Clerk*—Flora Stamy, Erlanger,, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. Charles L. Smith, Box 457, Concord, N. C.

Maple Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. Delegates—G. L. Cates. Received by baptism 6, by letter 6, total 12. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 2, total 2. Present membership 30, paid pastor \$15.00, church repair on building \$250.00. Value of church property \$2500.00. Money taken in \$282.34, paid out \$262.34. Now in treasury \$20.00. Minute funds \$5.00. *Clerk*—Clyde Cox, Kannapolis, N. C. *Pastor*—Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C.

Thomasville—The Thomasville letter seems to have been lost, for which we are very sorry. We do know that this is a new church, and from all reports is doing a fine work. The clerk is Mrs. J. F. Myers. Pastor for the last year was Rev. J. J. Brooks, present pastor is Rev. T. I. Benton 309 Mulberry St. Kannapolis, N. C.

While waiting for other reports to come in we were entertained by a quartette from the Orphanage, and a splendid talk from Rev. James A. Evans on the Work and Progress of the Institution. Following this a request was made by Rev. P. J. Shehan, pastor of the Fairview Church No. 1 of Caroleen, N. C., for permission to sell their church and use the proceeds to help erect another building in a better location. This permission was gladly granted. It was also voted to release the Elwood Lane Church from all ties to this Association and give them our blessings and prayers in their new relation with the Western Association of North Carolina.

Upon request from our Sunday School Convention to buy space in our minutes, it was decided to sell them 2 pages at \$2.00 per page. We are happy to see our Sunday School Convention represented in our minutes and wish to take this opportunity to commend the good work the Convention is doing and hope that every Sunday School in the Association will fall in line and help carry on this great work.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance—We your committee having a total of \$64.50 less \$2.00 granted to our Orphanage Board, leaving \$62.50 for minutes of the Association, do hereby recommend that the Association have some church letter forms and Baptismal Certificates printed along with the minutes, and we also recommend the \$7.50 be raised making a total of \$70.00 for minutes and forms.

J. C. HOLT, *Chm.*

Resolution—We your committee recommend that no church of our Association elect a licensed minister for pastor, as only an ordained minister can properly handle the work. We also recommend that the Deacon Boards of our churches investigate the character and life of ministers coming from any other conference and see that they do not become pastor of our churches until the Association and Minister's Conference approve their credentials.

ROY TAYLOR, *Chm.*

Periodicals—We your committee on Periodicals do submit the following report:

We recommend the Bible and urge our people to read and obey it. We also insist that the parents protest against their children attending worldly amusements, We recommend our Church paper in every home, and our Ayden Free Will Baptist literature for our Sunday Schools.

L. C. CROWE, *Chm.*

Obituary—We the Cedar Hill Church do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Kate Inman, who died February 9th, 1941. Also our hearts were made sad by the departure of Sister Samantha Rash, age 64, who died February 26th, 1941. We the Free Will Baptist church and people do mourn the loss by death of one of our faithful members, Mrs. Viola Jenkins on February 14th, 1941. Age 32 years. A patient wife, a mother of six small children, a true friend and above all a precious Christian. A jewel on earth, a jewel in heaven. How we thank our Heavenly Father for those precious memories of her and their home.

Heaven now retains our treasure
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted sister sleeps.

We the people of Clover mourn the loss by death of one of our oldest members of the Free Will Baptist Church, Sister Rena Goodson, better known as Aunt Rena. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Through all pain at times she would smile,
A smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angels called her home.
She smiled farewell to Earth.

FRED N. TOTHROW

The Whitney Free Will Baptist Church mourns the loss of Sister Lillie Reynolds who was called from this earth to heaven on August the 3rd, 1941. She was taken on her 67th birthday. She leaves an empty pew in our church which will never be filled and leaves a memory with those who knew her that will not soon be forgotten, and we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

W. D. SAWYER

We the Robinson Creek Church do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, B. H. Barnett, who passed away the 16th., 1941. May we ever be ready for the Master's call that we may join Him in the bye and bye.

MRS. LILLIE MAE SHEHAN, *Chm.*

Deeper Devotion—We your committee on Deeper Devotion do recommend that all pastors of our churches preach the word of God as an absolute conviction for sin, in power unto repentance, also that they advocate to the Christians in their flock, a spiritual walk with Christ Jesus.

REV. J. J. BROOKS, *Chm.*

Home Missions—We your committee on Home Missions ask all our churches to be more interested in the welfare of the sick about us, and people who are not attending church, and do our best to go out after those people and bring them in. We also ask the Association to appoint a board of three men or more to work with the Free Will Baptists in other parts of the State toward the establishing of an Orphanage in South Carolina.

MRS. GLADYS TOTHROW, *Chm.*

Orphanage Board—Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave, Saxon, S. C., Rev. W. D. Calvert, Whitney, S. C., Roy Taylor, Lockhart, S. C.

Foreign Missions—We your committee on Foreign Missions ask the Association to set up a Foreign Mission Board and that each Church cooperate with this Board and send a donation for this cause every three months.

J. R. LAWS, *Chm.*

Foreign Mission Board—Rev. W. D. Calvert, Whitney, S. C., Rev. L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C., Bro. J. R. Laws, Valley Falls Mill, Route 1, Spartanburg, S. C. Treasurer. Rev. L. M. Pierce, Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C. *Chm.*

Evangelistic—We your committee on Evangelism do recommend that all churches work out some plan to help in the Evangelistic work in which we have failed in the past.

G. L. CATO, *Chm.*

Marriage and Divorce—This committee has been discontinued with the understanding that we adopt Romans 7:1-3 for our standard, and urge that our pastors read these verses when receiving members and accept no one coming short of this. (Read last years report of this committee).

Ministerial Support—We your committee on Ministerial support wish to urge our pastors to preach tithing as a doctrine, and to practice it as an example. We also urge the delegates to cooperate with the pastors in urging the church to support the ministry.

Young People's Work—We your committee on Young People's Work do recommend that the Association appoint a field man to go to the different churches and try to establish a Free Will Baptist League in every Church. We also urge that each pastor cooperate with him and with the League.

THOMAS LAWS, *Chm.*

Sunday School—We your committee on Sunday School work urge that

Rev. D. L. Benton, 309 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C. was elected Field Secretary. Each Church is urged, especially the ones not having a League, to invite Rev. Benton to your church in the interest of this work, and each church to pay his expenses when he comes to you.

Ladies Aid Society—We your committee on Ladies Aid Society do urge that each Church where there is not a Ladies Aid Society endeavor to organize one and that the pastor give them full cooperation. We realize that the Ladies have played an important part in the church from the first, last at the cross, first at the tomb, and first to tell the story of the Resurrection of Christ.

MRS. ORPHA BROOKS, *Chm.*

Sunday School—We your committee on Sunday School work urge that our Churches use Free Will Baptist literature, published at Ayden, N. C. and that our teachers be Christians. We also urge our pastors and official boards to help carry on this work. We also urge that our adults take more interest in our young people. We also recommend that our Sunday School make a religious survey in their community at least once a year, and that good consecrated persons whose lives are unspotted be used to make this survey. We also urge our Sunday Schools to interest themselves in the Sunday School Convention of our Association, as we believe it is one of the best ways to improve our Sunday Schools.

LOYD WIGGINS, *Chm.*

Temperance—We your committee on Temperance wish to urge all members to abstain from all appearance of evil, not only in intoxicating liquors, but in all walks of life, such as ball games, dance halls, gambling places, and so forth.

G. V. HEATHERINGTON, *Chm.*

Education—We your committee on Education ask that all licensed ministers qualify themselves to the present standard of qualifications. We also recommend that every minister of our Conference take at least one course a year.

REV. J. J. BROOKS, *Chm.*

(This qualification was postponed for one year with the understanding that we try to obtain a F. W. B. Course for our young ministers.)

Sessions—We your committee on time and place recommend that the next Association meet with Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, N. Belmont, N. C. on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1942, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Rev. L. S. Gray to preach the Introductory sermon.

J. C. HOLT, *Chm.*

Investigating—We your Investigating committee recommend that the following churches be received into our Association in full fellowship. Mable Ave. Church, Kannapolis, N. C. Clover Church, Clover, S. C. Thomasville Church, Thomasville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Goshen Grove, Belmont, N. C. Members on roll 136, average attendance 101, money collected this year \$334.36. Paid out \$308.65, now in treasury \$25.61. Kind of literature used, Free Will Baptist, 6 classes. Superintendent, M. T. Sparks, North Belmont, N. C. Secretary, Evelyn Robinson, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Thomasville, Members on roll 37, average attendance 37. Money collected this year \$150.90. Paid out \$150.78, now in treasury 12 cents. Kind of literature F. W. Baptist, 6 classes. Superintendent, John F. Myers, Thomasville, N. C. 217 Pine St. Secretary, Syble Holcomb, Thomasville, N. C. 411 Cannon St.

Fairview F. W. B. No. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Members on roll 125, average attendance 65, money collected for this year \$510.65, paid out \$504.02. Now in treasury \$6.63, Kind of literature F. W. Baptist, 6 classes. Superintendent, James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, A. G. Laws, Caroleen, N. C.

Mt. Zion, F. W. B., Inman, S. C. Members on roll 75, average attendance 40, money collected this year \$7.00, paid out \$4.11, now in treasury \$2.89. Kind of literature F. W. Baptist, 3 classes. Superintendent, Moss Harris, Inman, S. C. Rt. 2, Secretary, Alvin Smith, Inman, S. C. Rt. 2.

Robinson Creek F. W. B. Forest City, N. C. Members on roll 50, average attendance 45, money collected this year \$20.51, paid out \$16.01, now in treasury \$12.28, kind of literature F. W. B. 4 classes. Superintendent, Daniel Owens, Forest City, N. C. Rt. 2., Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Keeter, Forest City, N. C. Rt. 2.

Rhyne St. F. W. B. Gastonia, N. C. Members on roll 72, average attendance 55, money collected this year \$106.92. Paid out \$72.13, now in treasury \$34.79. Kind of literature, F. W. Baptist, 6 classes. Superintendent, W. D. Davis, Smyre Station, Gastonia, N. C. Secretary, Christine Drennon % W. D. Davis, Smyre Station, Gastonia, N. C.

Mt. Zion, F. W. B. Kannapolis, N. C. Members on roll 110, average attendance 83. Money collected this year \$160.44, paid out \$140.00. Now in treasury \$32.42. Kind of literature, F. W. Baptist, 6 classes. Superintendent, C. M. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C. 44 Vance St. Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Tucker, Kannapolis, N. C. 214 Leonard St.

Arrington Heights F. W. B. Lexington, N. C. Members on roll 110. Money collected this year \$34.82, paid out \$28.83. Now in treasury \$5.99. Superintendent, Carl Whittington, Lexington, N. C. Secretary, Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

Fairview No. 2 F. W. B., Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1. Members on roll 85, average attendance 72. Money collected \$51.76. Paid out \$45.04, now in treasury \$9.72. Kind of literature, F. W. Baptist, 5 classes. Superintendent, G. W. Fender, East Marion, N. C. Secretary, Miss Pauline Moody, Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1.

Cedar Hill F. W. B., Lockhart, S. C. Members on roll 159, average attendance 104. Money collected this year \$188.73. Paid out \$147.72. Now in treasury \$41.01. Kind of literature F. W. Baptist, 7 classes. Superin-

tendent, Roy Taylor, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Wilma Allen, Lockhart, S. C.

Goshen, F. W. B. L., North Belmont, N. C. Total enrolled 42, average attendance 30, Total paid in \$19.16. Paid out for literature \$6.57, paid out for Orphanage \$2.15, total paid out \$8.72. In treasury \$10.44. Superintendent, Loyd Wiggins, North Belmont, N. C. Secretary, Frances Scarboro, North Belmont, N. C.

Rocky Pass F. W. B. Marion, N. C. Rt. 1. Members on roll 60, average attendance 45. Money collected this year \$60.83. Paid out \$51.94. Now in treasury \$7.18. Kind of literature F. W. Baptist, 5 classes. Superintendent, G. M. Reynolds, Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1. Secretary, Mrs. Gene Holland, Marion, N. C.

LADIES AID REPORTS

Free Will Baptist Mable Avenue 2. Membership 9, gained this year 3, for church repair \$85.00. Money taken in \$86.00, paid out \$85.00. President, Mrs. W. F. Cox, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C. Rt. 1 Box 77.

Rocky Pass. Membership 15, gained this year 7, church repair \$21.24. Money taken in \$22.77, paid out \$21.52. Now in treasury \$1.25. President, Mrs. G. M. Reynolds, Nebo, N. C. Rt. 1. Secretary, Miss Free Love Jordan, Marion, N. C.

Coles Chapel. Membership 6. For church repairs \$11.15. Money taken in \$11.15, paid out \$11.15. President, Mrs. Violet Holt, Spartanburg, S. C. Rt. 3. Secretary, Mrs. Flossie Franks, Arcadia, S. C.

Rhyme St. Membership 5. For church repair \$54.84. Money taken in \$24.06. Paid out \$16.75. Now in treasury \$7.31. President Hattie Elliott Gastonia, N. C. Victory Station. Secretary, Edna Passmore, Gastonia, N. C. 301 N. Morehead St.

Mt. Zion F. W. B. Kannapolis, N. C. Membership 40, gained this year 20. For charity \$139.95, for church repairs \$83.71. Money taken in \$241.89. Paid out \$223.66. President, Mrs. Etta Norris, Kannapolis, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Tucker, Kannapolis, N. C. 214 Leonard St.

Fairview No. 1, Caroleen, N. C. Membership 23, gained this year 1, paid for charity \$8.00. Money taken in \$22.00, for church repairs \$14.50. Paid out \$22.50. Now in treasury \$29.00. President, Mrs. C. A. Deese, Caroleen, N. C. Box 2. Secretary, Miss Hazel Elliott, Caroleen, N. C.

Arrington Heights, Lexington, N. C. Membership 8, church repair \$36.71. Money taken in \$52.32. Paid out \$52.32. President, Orpha Brooks, Lexington, N. C. 431 Greensboro, St. Secretary, Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

N. Belmont F. W. B. Membership 13, gained this year 5, for church repair \$30.80. For charity \$5.60. Money taken in \$60.55. Paid out \$40.40. Now in treasury \$20.15. We thank God for the work of this Aid. Presi-

dent, Mrs. Fannie Webb, N. Belmont, N. C. Secretary, Miss Novella Propest, N. Belmont, N. C.

THURSDAY 7:30 P. M.

Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans, Supt. of the Middlesex Orphanage. Rev. Evans read a part of the 18th chapter of Acts and his text was taken from the 17th verse, "And Galio cared for none of these things." Subject, Religious Indifference. A wonderful sermon was preached. Following the sermon by Rev. Evans, Rev. Paul Shehan, pastor of Fairview Church, Caroleen, was introduced and gave us a splendid message on the subject "Sin." Text, Gen 4: 7. "Sin Lieth at Door." The spirit of God was with us throughout the service and there was a Christian handshake at the close, with every one spiritually uplifted.

FRIDAY MORNING 9: A. M.

Opened with song. Prayer by Rev. W. D. Calvert. Scripture reading by Rev. Fred N. Tothrow from James 3rd chapter. After reopening the business session, late church reports were called for and the Whitney and Rocky Paths churches reported, also some late Sunday School and Ladies Aid reports were accepted. (All these late reports will be found with the other reports elsewhere in the minutes.)

Adjournment for preaching at 11:00 o'clock A. M. by Rev. H. L. Buckner of Caroleen, N. C. Rev. Buckner read Rev. 2:8. "Write these things unto the Church of Smyrna." Rev. Buckner asked us to bring the question home to ourselves as to whether Christ had somewhat against us. A good message from Bro. Buckner and it seemed that everyone was blessed by hearing it.

At the close of this service Rev. James A. Evans of the Orphanage informed us that he would have to leave us before the afternoon session. We were sorry to have to say good-bye to Bro. Evans, but we are looking forward to the great meeting where there will be no more sad goodbyes.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P. M.

Opened with song, after which we were led in prayer by Rev. O. C. Knipp. Scripture reading by Rev. H. H. Snider of Lexington, N. C. from 10th chapter of St. John. Rules of decorum were read by the Reading Clerk. The Moderator announced the reopening of business session. It was made known that we have in our possession a number of ordination certificates which we have no use for, since we are now using a different form. The body voted to donate these forms to the French Broad Association as they still use them. It was also decided to give the picture cuts in our possession to the individuals, after our minutes have been printed.

The Association also decided to take an offering for the Orphanage, and it was announced that this would be done in the night session. The offering amounted to \$25.00, including \$3.00 turned in to Bro. Evans by individuals.

Rev. J. A. Martin of the French Broad Association who had just arrived

for the afternoon session was introduced and gave us a fine talk. Bro. Martin recalled the time 17 years ago when he came to this section (appointed by the French Broad Association) and organized this Association. He also expressed gratification for the wonderful progress which had been made since that time.

After remarks by many of the brethren a vote of thanks was given to Valley Falls Church for the splendid manner in which they had taken care of the Association. It was decided to adjourn until Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1942 to meet again with Goshen Church, North Belmont, N. C.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

First sermon by Rev. R. P. Sawyer, pastor of Mable Ave. Church, Kannapolis, N. C. Bro. Sawyer's text was taken from Mark 2:3. It was a great message on cooperation.

Second speaker was Rev. H. E. Tucker. Bro. Tucker read the 51st Psalm and brought us a good message on confessing and getting together. The main thought was the fact that the people are not willing to confess their faults, yet so willing to see the faults of others.

Third speaker was Rev. J. J. Brooks, pastor of Mt. Zion Church. Bro. Brooks' text was St. John 12:25. Bro. Brooks told of the many hardships of the Christian life and also of the advantages of sacrificing the pleasures of this life for the happiness that we obtain in pleasing God. A soul-awakening message, after which an old time christian hand shake, the power of God was manifested in a mighty way, a great service for which we praise the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9: A. M.

Ministers conference met with a song, after which we were led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Martin. The moderator, Rev. L. P. Jordan called for the fellowship of the brethren, after which every minister was called around the altar for a prayer of consecration, before going on with the business of the Conference. An old-time hand shake followed, after which the moderator called the conference together for the transaction of business.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. L. P. Jordan, Marion, N. C. Rt. 1.

Clerk—Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clover, S. C. 203 Poplar St.

Reading Clerk—Rev. L. S. Gray, N. Belmont, N. C.

Ordaining Council—Rev. P. J. Shehan, Caroleen, N. C. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C. Rt. 1, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Spartanburg, S. C. 283 Farley St. Rev. J. J. Brooks, Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. J. C. Franks, Saxon, S. C. Case Ave. Chm.

The roll of ministers was called and the following were either present or reported by letter:

Ordained ministers—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. L. M. Pierce, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Rev. J. O. Bradley, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. J. S. Rice, Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. T. I. Benton, Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. L. P. Jordan, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. Chas. L. Smith, Rev. P. J. Shehan, Rev. H. E. Tucker, Rev. W. P. Smith, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. J. C. Franks and Rev. R. P. Sawyer.

Ordained at this time—Rev. H. H. Snyder, Rev. H. L. Buckner, Rev. J. C. Benson, Rev. E. R. Tiner, Rev. D. L. Benton and Rev. G. M. Reynolds.

Licensed at this time—Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. R. L. Rickard, Rev. O. C. Knipp, Rev. Fred Tothrow, Rev. J. H. Laster, Rev. B. B. Milton. The Conference decided that the name of no minister would be placed on our roll who failed to report to the Annual Conference either in person or by letter.

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORT

Rev. A. F. Lawter 383 Farley St. Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of 1 church, professions 33, preached 93 sermons, revivals held 1, baptized 2, married 1, funerals 2, money received \$259.94.

Rev. L. M. Pierce, Belmont, N. C. Rt. 1. Pastor of 1 church, 95 sermons preached, 1 revival, 70 professions, 43 members received, 14 baptized, 1 married, 80 homes visited, funerals conducted 6. Money given \$58.50, money received \$401.30.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Professions 11, sermons 26, homes visited 72, married 3, Sunday School lessons taught 46. Money given \$9.00.

Rev. J. O. Bradley, Marion, N. C. Rt. 1 Box 86. Pastor 1 church, sermons 49, revivals 2, professions 43, members received 7, baptized 2, funerals conducted 1, money given \$20.00. Money received \$56.20.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Clover, S. C. 203 Poplar St. preached 102 sermons, revivals 2, professions 61, members received 5, baptized 5, visited 110 homes, funerals conducted 4, Sunday School lessons taught 39. Money given 67.50, miles travelled 3200. Money received \$23.00. Expenses \$51.40.

Rev. J. S. Rice, Caroleen, N. C. Box 102. Pastor 1 church, revivals 3, conversions 50, sermons 75, members received 10, baptized 7, visited 100 homes, visited sick 50, number of homes prayed in 75, married 1, funerals conducted 6, Sunday School lessons taught 20. Received \$140.00 revival services \$66.00 for other services \$10.00. Amount received during the year \$216.00. Travelled 4000 miles, expenses \$60.00.

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 85 sermons, revivals 4, professions 206, members received 22, baptized 18, married 6, funerals conducted 14, Sunday School lessons taught 36. Money received for church \$314.00. Money given \$92.00.

Rev. L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C. preached 56 sermons, revivals

3, professions 65, married 1, visited 150 homes, funerals conducted 5, Sunday Schools taught 10, money given \$25.00. Money received \$119.79.

Rev. T. I. Benton, 309 Mulberry St. Kannapolis, N. C. Preached 75 sermons, professions 25, visited 100 homes, Sunday School lessons taught 10, Money given \$14.00, travelled 1500 miles, Money received \$10.00. Expenses \$25.00

Rev. Wade Calvert, Whitney, S. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 106 sermons, revivals held 2, professions 35, members received 11, baptized 7, married 4, visited 185 homes, funerals conducted 5, Sunday School lessons taught 42. Money given \$25.00, travelled 2155 miles. Money received \$307.69. Expenses \$66.00.

Rev. L. P. Jordan Rt. Marion, N. C. Pastor 2 churches, preached 116 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 23, members received 7, baptized 4, funerals conducted 3, Money given \$17.65. Travelled 3783 miles. Money received \$288. 69. Expenses \$63.09.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C. preached 20 sermons, professions 7, visited 100 homes, funerals conducted 3, Sunday School lessons taught 25, money given \$25.57, miles travelled 936. Money received \$2.00. Expenses \$10.85.

Rev. Charles L. Smith, Concord, N. C. Arrington Heights. Pastor 1 church, preached 60 sermons, revivals 1, professions 20, members received 12, baptized 3, visited 50 homes. Funerals conducted 1, Sunday School lessons taught 1. Money received as pastor \$75.00. Money given \$20.00 bought 2 lots \$72.00, travelled 3500 miles.

Rev. P. J. Shehan, Caroleen, N. C. Box 55. Pastor 2 churches, revivals 4, members received 18, baptized 10, funerals conducted 8. Money received \$705.00.

Rev. H. E. Tucker, 214 Leonard St. Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 120 sermons, professions 40, members received 26, baptized 22, visited 150 homes, funerals conducted 4, Sunday School lessons taught 20, money received for church \$83.71, money given \$122.90. Miles travelled 3000. Money received \$263.57. Expenses \$75.00.

Rev. W. P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C. Rt. 3. Preached 71 sermons, revivals 3, professions 80, visited 25 homes. Money given \$28.00, Money received \$91.00.

Rev. L. D. Gray, N. Belmont, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 85 sermons, professions 25, members received 17, baptized 8, visited 90 homes. Funerals conducted 2, Sunday School lessons taught 10, money given \$83.05. Miles travelled 2000, money received \$297.84. Expenses \$260.00.

Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave. Saxon, S. C. pastor 2 churches, revivals held 2, professions 32, preached 63 sermons, homes visited 140, married 3, funerals conducted 4. Money given \$43.00, miles travelled 4385. Money received \$430.00. Expenses \$43.00.

Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C. Rt 1. Pastor 1 church, preached 100 sermons, professions 15, members received 12, baptized 6, visited 50 homes, funerals conducted 1, Sunday School lessons taught 30. Money received for church \$282.34, money given \$40.00, money received \$15.00.

ORDAINED THIS TIME:

Rev. H. H. Snyder, Lexington, N. C. member of Arrington Heights church, revivals 2, professions 15, sermons 150, homes visited 75, Sunday School lessons taught 12. Money given \$15.00, miles travelled 4500, money received \$60.00, expenses \$50.00.

Rev. H. L. Buckner, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 35 sermons, revivals 1, professions 6, visited 45 homes, funerals conducted 1, Sunday School lessons taught 23. Money received for church \$40.00. Money given \$6.00, miles travelled 2000, money received \$50.00.

Rev. J. C. Benson, 313 Pine St. Gastonia, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 134 sermons, revivals 1, professions 70, members received 37. Baptized 7, visited 300 homes, Sunday School lessons taught 30. Money given \$42.00. Miles travelled 3000, money received \$16.10. Expenses \$100.00.

Rev. E. R. Tyner, Cramerton, N. C. Preached 50 sermons, revivals 1, professions 36, visited 30 homes, Sunday School lessons 40. Money given \$50.00, miles travelled 2000. Money received \$85.00.

Rev. D. L. Benton, 309 Mulberry St. Kannapolis, He made a good verbal report.

REPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING UNDER LICENSE LAST YEAR

Rev R. L. Rikard, Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C. Radio sermons 14, preached 36 sermons, revivals 1, professions 54, visited 60 homes, funerals conducted 4, Sunday School lessons taught 15, money given \$250.00, money received for church on Radio program \$75.00. Money received \$30.00.

Rev. O. C. Knipp, 6 Front St. Saxon, S. C. Preached 21 sermons, professions 43, baptized 1, Sunday School lessons taught 43.

Rev. Fred Tothrow, Clover, S. C. Rt. 1. Preached 50 sermons, professions 40, visited 150 homes, Sunday School lessons taught 30, money given \$100.00, miles travelled 3500. Money received \$10.80, Expenses \$70.00.

Rev. L. S. Gray, N. Belmont, N. C. 147 Acme. Preached 18 sermons, professions 8, Sunday School lessons taught 48.

At this time all ministers seeking ordination or conference license were asked to retire with the Ordaining Council for examination.

While waiting for the report of the Council we enjoyed some good quartette singing, and some fine remarks by Rev. J. A. Martin of the French Broad Association, and several of the brethren, after which the Council sends in a report that they cannot finish their work before the dinner hour, therefore it was decided to adjourn until after dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2: P. M.

After singing and prayer, the business at hand was resumed and it was decided to hold the next quarterly Conference with the Arrington Heights Church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in November (Nov. 29th) at 10:00 A. M. Rev. J. J. Brooks was appointed to preach at the 11:00 o'clock service.

Work of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council made their report at this time and the following were recommended for license; Rev. J. H. Lancaster, Rev. Fred. N. Tothrow, Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. O. C. Knipp, Rev. B. B. Milton, For renewal of license; Rev. L. S. Gray.

The Conference voted to accept this recommendation and these were given the right hand of fellowship into our Conference.

The following were recommended and accepted for ordination; Rev. H. H. Snyder, Rev. D. L. Benton, Rev. H. L. Buckner, Rev. G. M. Reynolds, Rev. E. R. Tiner and Rev. J. C. Benson

The Conference proceeded with the Ordination, which consisted of the Charge, delivered by Rev. W. S. Rice, using Paul's charge to Timothy, followed with prayer and the laying on of hands. It was decided to adjourn until Nov. 29, 1942 at which time if the Lord tarries to meet with Arrington Heights Church, Lexington, N. C.

A song was called for and an oldtime hand shake, afterwhich we were dismissed greatly blessed for having been together in fellowship.



G. P. Shepherd
President of S. S. Convention



Loyd Wiggins
Secretary of S. S. Convention

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE BEA-
VER CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE
YEAR 1940-1941

On Saturday, July 26th 1941 the Convention met with Saxon Ave. Church at Spartanburg, S. C. and adopted a motion to have a report of the Convention placed in the minutes of the Association.

The Convention meets three time each year, on the last Saturday afternoon and Sunday of April, July and October. No meeting is held during the cold period of the year.

All Sunday Schools of the Association are invited to take part in the Convention, as we feel that it is a great help to all of us having a part in it. It has brought a closer co-operation and friendship between the Sunday Schools that have been in the Convention, and it has helped improve the singing in every school that has been represented.

Following is a brief report of the last three Conventions;

On October 26th and 27th 1940 the Convention met at Whitney F. W. B. Church at Whitney, S. C. with the following Sunday Schools being represented: Whitney, S. C. Saxon Avenue Church, Spartanburg, S. S., Cedar Hill, Lockhart, S. C., Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C., Valley Falls, S. C., North Rhyne St. Gastonia, N. C., Goshen F. W. B. North Belmont, N. C., Rocky Pass, Nebo, N. C., West Gastonia, Gastonia, N. C.

A motion was made to buy new banners for the different contests of

the Convention, and was adopted by an unanimous vote. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and business in general was transacted. Sunday Morning the Convention reopened and we had some very fine singing. At the noon hour a most bounteous dinner was served on the grounds. Then singing was resumed. At the close of the Convention the judge's decision was announced as follows; Valley Falls received the Sunday School banner, Goshen received the Singing class banner and also the quartette banner. The Spirit of the Lord was much in evidence throughout the Convention.

The next Convention at North Rhyne St. Church, Gastonia, N. C. on Saturday and Sunday. April the 26 and 27th 1941. The following Schools being represented, North Rhyne St. Gastonia, N. C., West Gastonia, Gastonia, N. C. F. W. Baptist, Clover, S. C., Valley Falls, Valley Falls, S. C., Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C., Whitney, Whitney, S. C., Cedar Hill, Lockhart, S.C. and Goshen, North Belmont, N. C., Saxon Ave. Spartanburg, S. C.

The business session Saturday afternoon was carried out nicely, and among other business transacted was the decision to have report blanks printed so that all the Sunday Schools could have uniform reports.

Sunday Morning at 10:00 o'clock the singing got under way. The contest for the Sunday School was first on the program. The several classes and quartettes did some fine singing.

At the noon hour a fine dinner was served on the grounds. Singing was resumed at 1:00 o'clock for the class and quartette banners, after that we had some very fine open Convention singing. The judges returned with their decision and the banners were awarded as follows; The Sunday School banner to West Gastonia, Gastonia, N. C. The Class banner to Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C., and the Quartette banner to Whitney, Whitney, S. C. This was a very successful Convention and we praise God for it.

The next Convention met with Saxon Ave. Church at Spartanburg, S. C. on Saturday and Sunday, July the 26th and 27th 1941. The following Sunday schools represented: Cedar Hill, Lockhart, S. C. Whitney, Whitney, S. C., Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C., Valley Falls, S. C., North Rhyne St. Gastonia, N. C., Goshen, North Belmont, N. C., West Gastonia, Gastonia, N. C., and Saxon Ave. Spartanburg, S. C.

The business session was carried out Saturday afternoon in the most beautiful Christ-like spirit that has ever been known in the Convention. Every motion that was put before the house received an unanimous vote. Among other business of the Convention it was decided that each Sunday School send in one dollar with each report, same to be used for the purpose of having this report printed in the minutes of the Association each year and for the printing and mailing expenses of the Secretary of the Convention. The remainder to be kept in the Treasury of the Convention. The Secretary to act as Treasurer and give an itemized statement of money spent and on hand at each Convention.

Sunday morning the singing began at 9:00 o'clock and some very good singing was heard. At the noon hour a very fine dinner was served on the grounds, and was enjoyed by a large crowd. At 1:00 o'clock the singing was resumed and after the contest singing was finished we had some fine open Convention singing in which groups of all Denominations were invited. The judges returned and the banners were awarded as follows: West Gastonia retained the Sunday School banner, Mt. Zion received the Class banner and Goshen received the Quartett banner. This was one of the best Conventions that we have ever had, and we would not forget to give God the glory for it.

Following is a condensed report of all Schools together as reported to the Convention;

Average enrollment per Sunday	-----921
Average attendance per Sunday	-----644
Total Collections reported	-----\$1,998.69
Total paid out	-----\$1,477.78
Total in all treasures	-----\$520.91

The next Convention will meet October the 25th and 26 1941 at Mt. Zion Church, Kannapolis, N. C. All Sunday Schools of the Free Will Baptist faith are invited to attend. You have a most cordial welcome.

G. P. Shepherd, President
Smyre Station,
Gastonia, N. C.

Loyd V. Wiggins, Secretary
North Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that 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 Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session and all reports made by the committees may be adopted by the body.

8. 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 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 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 Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh 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 Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all 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.

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