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REV. J. C. FRANKS,

Saxon, S. C., moderator of the
Association.

Rev. Franks is pictured at right.



Pictured at left is

REV. CHARLES L. SMITH

evangelist of 522 Bruns
avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
We wish to state that we
have had the pleasure of
having the above minister
in our pulpits and we were
highly pleased. Also, the
congregation got an in-
spiration out of his mes-
sages.

Rev. L. P. Jordan

Rev. L. M. Pierce

Rev. J. J. Brooks.



Thursday, August 6, 1942

Services opened at 10:00 A. M. by song and prayer by Rev. Wade Calveret, of Whitney, S. C. The house then proceeded to elect officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. J. C. Franks, of Saxon, S. C., was elected moderator; Rev. J. J. Brooks, of Kannapolis, N. C., was elected clerk; Rev. L. S. Gray of Belmont, N. C., was elected reading clerk.

At this time the moderator asked that the rules of the decorum be read, and admonished the house to strictly observe the same. On motion the house granted a seat of welcome to all visitors.

Unfinished Business

Rev. H. J. Sawyers called attention to the Qualification Bill which was tabulated from last years work. On motion it was deferred until later in the day.

Appointment of Committees

FINANCE: C. C. Holtzclaw, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Bro. J. C. Holt.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. J. O. Bradley, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Bro. C. V. Rollins, chairman.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Berniece Hunsucker, Rev. L. M. Pierce, Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, chairman.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Rev. S. F. Whitside, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. Wade Calvert, chairman.

HOME MISSIONS: Bro. Floyd Skidmore, Bro. James Stancil, Bro. Roy Taylor, chairman.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK: Rev. J. B. Starnes, Bro. D. D. Hunsucker, Rev. D. L. Benton, chairman.

LADIES AID: Mrs. Desree Tyner, Mrs. D. D. Hunsucker, Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. J. E. Mason, Bro. Claude Eagle, Rev. J. S. Rice, chairman.

EVANGELISM: Rev. E. R. Tyner, Bro. Holtzclaw, Bro. L. M. Hooper, chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Bro. O. H. Beasley, Bro. W. H. Bright, Rev. J. H. Laister, chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Rev. Wade Calveret, Bro. Floyd Skidmore, Bro. L. M. Hooper, chairman.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. L. M. Pierce, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Bro. C. G. Banks, chairman.

EDUCATION: Rev. Sherman H. Oaks, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. L. M. Pierce, chairman.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: This is a standing committee, and is not subject to re-election, and is authorized to serve until set aside by the body.

Rev. P. J. Shehan offered his resignation from the Investigating Committee, and, in view of this fact Rev. L. M. Pierce asked the body to adopt the following bill: That each committeeman wishing to resign from this committee, "must" express his desire to the chairman of the same, stating his reason; and his request will be considered by the entire committee. The bill was approved.

Due to the fact that our Bro. Rev. T. I. Benton has deceased this life, and had been faithful in his service on this committee, the Rev. L. M. Pierce was elected to fill this vacancy.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: Rev. L. M. Pierce, Rev. P. J. Shehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. John Crowe, Bro. Lee McSwain, and Rev. J. C. Franks, chairman.

The Association adjourned to meet back for business at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

Services 11:00 A. M.—Thursday

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. S. Gray of Belmont, N. C. Text: "Having a Form of Godliness, but Denying the Power Thereof: From Such Turn Away." 2 Tim. 3:5.

This was, indeed, a wonderful message, and was enjoyed by the entire assembly. Rev. Gray pointed out the church in form, but, without the power. He earnestly urged that we obtain the power, and having power, we would have peace, joy, and light. Rev. Gray climaxed his message with this thought, that complete obedience to the will of God would endow the church with power. May each of us obey God.

2:00 P. M.—Thursday

The Association was opened by song and prayer by Rev. J. S. Rice. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. R. P. Sawyer.

At this time the body had special prayer for Sister Smith, the prayer was led by Bro. J. C. Holt.

On motion the house entered into business, and the rules of the decorum was read.

The house finished the appointment of committees. Church letters received and read. You will find a complete table of this work elsewhere in this book.

On motion it was granted that we omit the reading of the Sunday School and Ladies Aid report, since you will find a table of the Sunday School work and Ladies Aid work in the back of this book.

Unfinished Business

The Qualification Bill which was tabled from last years work was discussed at this time. It was voted that this bill stand, unchanged, as it was at first. The clerk was asked to insert this bill in this minute, and give an explanation of the same. You will find this bill in the "Twelfth Annual Session," 1935, page 18. It requires that all ministers desiring to become members of this conference, are required to take a course represented by the Moody Bible Institute before they can be ordained. The course required is know as "The Introductory Bible Course."

On motion it was granted, since the house had tabled this bill last year, that no minister should be barred from ordination because of this bill. I might say, only one was ordained, that was Rev. J. H. Laister of Valley Falls, S. C., and I thank God for him. He had his diploma.

The Association adjourned to meet Friday morning, 9:30 A. M.

Evening Services 8:30 P. M.—Thursday

The evening services was in charge of the Consort class from our Free Will Baptist Orphanage located at Middlesex, N. C. The program presented by the class was greatly enjoyed, and a contribution of \$65.45 was made to the orphanage. We shall never forget these little friends and their manager.

—Miss Faustina Sharon.

Morning Services 9:30 A. M.—Friday

The Association was opened by song and prayer by Bro. Fred Freemon of Marion, N. C. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. L. P. Jordan.

A visiting minister, Rev. Dewey Bailey of Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church was granted a seat in our assembly.

The house called for the church letters that had not yet been turned in.

At this time we had a song period led by Rev. L. P. Jordan, after which we had a wonderful address by the Rev. J. B. Lewis of the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist church in Kannapolis.

Report of Committees

FINANCE: We, your committee on finance, do submit the following report: We have a total of \$92.13 for the printing of our minutes and other expenses. We recommend that each church get minutes in proportion to the money they sent in, and that the clerk have \$5.00 for traveling and mailing expenses. C. C. Holtzclaw, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, J. C. Holt, chairman.

RESOLUTIONS: We, your committee on resolutions, after much prayer and deliberation desire to submit to the Association the following report: That under no circumstances no church should be allowed to elect a pastor who is not in good standing with the Beaver Creek Association or some other Free Will Baptist Association, and that he be able to produce evidence to that effect. Rev. L. P. Jordan, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Bro. C. V. Rollins, chairman.

PERIODICALS: We, your committee on periodicals, wish to submit the following resolution: That our churches provide a circulating library of religious books and literature for the people of our churches, especially the young people. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. L. M. Pierce, D. D. Hunsucker, chairman.

Obituary

We, the Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved Brother G. R. Gilland. Our hearts were made sad by his departure, but we are made happy to know that in heaven he is at rest.

We, the Thomasville Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved pastor, Rev. T. I. Benton, who died May 22, 1942. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord.

We, the Saxon Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, O. C. Knipps, who departed this life July 24, 1942. How we thank our Heavenly Father for those precious memories of him.

We, the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church of Caroleen, N. C., do mourn the loss of our brother, H. L. McDaniels.

We, the Fairview Church at Nebo, N. C., do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Mrs. Maggie C. Toney who departed this life June 17, 1942. She was the wife of Brother Edd Toney, age 66 years and had been a member of Fairview church since it had been an organization.

We, the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary L. Carter, age 58, died April 10, 1942. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

A friend we loved from earth has gone,
To live among the angel band;
She's free from sorrow, pain and care,
Up there on Heaven's golden strand.

Her troubles o'er, her trials past;
She's anchored safe at home at last;
With loving smile and outstretched hand;
She'll welcome us to that fair land.

—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Rev. L. M. Pierce, Sister Minnie Lee Reynolds, chairman.

DEEPER DEVOTION: We, your committee on deeper devotion, do submit the following report: That we submit the last year's report, and that we live up to the same. We recommend that all our pastors preach the word of God as a conviction of sin, in power unto repentance, as that they advocate to the christians in their flocks, a spiritual walk with Christ Jesus. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. W. F. Whiteside, Rev. Wade Calveret.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee on home missions, do submit the following report: We ask that the ministers go deeper in the preaching of giving, and to the support of our orphanage, and to assist in building an orphanage in South Carolina. Floyd Skidmore, James Stancil, J. C. Taylor, chairman.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK. We, your committee on young peoples' work, do submit the following report: We do ask that the Association to have a convention organized for the young peoples' league. Rev. J. B. Starnes, D. D. Hunsucker, Rev. D. L. Benton, chairman.

LADIES AID: We, your committee on ladies aid, do submit the following report: We 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 aid has played an important part in the church. Mrs. Desree Tyner, Mrs. D. D. Hunsucker, Miss Minnie Lee Reynolds, chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your committee on Sunday School report, urge that our Sunday School superintendent use the Free Will Baptist literature printed at Ayden, N. C., and our teachers shall be christians. We, also, urge that our adults take more interest in young people. We recommend, not only that our parents send their children to Sunday School, but go and take them. We recommend that our Sunday Schools attend the Sunday School convention. C. E. Eagle, J. E. Mason, Rev. J. S. Rice, chairman.

EVANGELISM: We, your committee on evangelism, do report the following: That all our churches do help in the evangelistical work, and recommend that Rev. Charles L. Smith of 522 Bruns Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., assist in our evangelistic work. In view of the fact that this work has fell short in the past, we ask all churches that could use Brother Smith to drop him a card.

FOREIGN MISSION: We, your committee on foreign missions, ask that the churches designate each fifth Sunday to be set aside and all collections taken on that Sunday be donated for that purpose. O. H. Beasley, W. M. Wright, Rev. J. H. Laister, chairman

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: We, your committee on ministerial support, do wish to submit the following resolution: That all members and ministers be taught tithing. That no man be licensed or ordained that does not practice tithing to his church for the support of the gospel and its ministry. Rev. Wade Calvaret, Floyd Skidmore, L. M. Hooper, chairman.

TEMPERANCE: We your committee on temperance, wish to submit the following resolution: That each minister and lay member adhere to the scriptures given herein. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." I Cor. 9:25. That we be temperate in our every day walk. James 3, 12 tells us, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren these things ought not to be." May only form of speech issue from christians. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. L. M. Pierce, C. G. Banks, chairman.

EDUCATION: We, your committee on education, do submit the following report: That we adhere strictly to the study course adopted. The "Introductory Study Bible Course" for our young ministers before ordination, and after ordination be given twelve months in which to complete a study in homiletics, then receive a diploma. And, that this course apply to all ministers now on roll. Rev. Sherman H. Oaks, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. L. M. Pierce, chairman.

At this time the Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

Services 11:00 A. M.—Friday

A wonderful sermon was brought to us by the Rev. P. J. Shehan of Caroleen, N. C., using for his text, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Gen. 4, 7. This message should be an inspiration to each of us as ministers, should we not make progress in our ministerial work, may we look around our door for the hindering cause. Rev. Shehan pointed out, that many of us ministers in the spirit of pride, wished to out class our brother, if we could not in this respect, we would do something to bar the progress of our fellow minister, or kill his influence. Let us say here, it was a message ably delivered, in a most needed occasion.

2:00 P. M.—Friday

The Association was opened by song and prayer by Rev. H. H. Snider. Scripture lesson by Rev. H. J. Sawyer.

The reading of committee reports continued.

At this time, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, our former clerk, called the body's attention to the fact, that there was left in the treasury \$2.20 from last year's minute fund. The Association voted that he hold this, and use it for postage, in his work for the South Carolina orphanage.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer was elected treasurer of the South Carolina orphanage fund. Bro. John Jenkins of Clover, S. C. was elected to serve with him as trustee. Sister Minnie Lee Reynolds was elected secretary.

Good news from Cedar Hill Free Will Baptist Sunday School. It reports a total collection for the South Carolina orphanage of \$113.15. We should give them a hand.

Board elected of the South Carolina orphanage was Rev. J. H. Laister, Bro. R. F. Taylor, Rev. H. J. Sawyer.

Special, Don't Miss It!

You will note that the qualification bill was revived and put into full force for young ministers seeking ordination. Also, there was a course of study set up for the ministers already ordained. If we older ministers wish to pass the examining board next year, we must have a diploma from this course. Get busy. The nature of this course is a "Homiletic" course. For further information write Rev. L. M. Pierce, N. Belmont, N. C.

Delegates

GOSHEN GROVE: Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Floyd Skidmore, C. C. Holtzclaw, R. L. Rikard.

VALLEY FALLS: J. R. Laws, C. V. Rollins, J. H. Laister.

FAIRVIEW NO. 2: G. W. Fender, J. B. Barnhardt.

SAXON AVENUE: W. M. Bright, C. G. Banks, S. W. Laister.

ROBBINSONS CREEK: W. T. Keeter, Burley Thomas, R. R. Hoyle.

CLOVER: W. S. Winders, Ody Winders, George Dernell.

MABLE AVENUE: James Stancil.

WHITNEY: Minnie Lee Reynolds.

THOMASVILLE (Not Represented)

FAIRVIEW NO. 1: C. B. Mills.

ROCKY PATH: J. H. Jackson, Claude Queen, Lewis Holland.

CEDAR HILL (Not Represented)

NORTH RHYNE: Charlie Melton, E. L. Justice, H. C. Kilpatrick.

COLES CHAPEL: Melvin Kitchen, Barnet Absher.

WASHINGTON STREET: J. T. Davis, D. E. Bailey, F. C. Plemmons, Mrs. Essie Davis, Mrs. H. Z. Jones.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: O. H. Beasley, Pearl Beasley.

MT. ZION: J. C. Holt, C. E. Eagle, L. M. Hooper.

NEW CHURCHES

MT. CARMEL: S. F. Whiteside, James E. Mason.

UNA: W. O. Lawter.

BEN AVENUE: D. D. Hunsucker, E. B. Sides, M. L. Farrington, J. B. Lewis.

Church Clerks

GOSHEN GROVE	M. T. Sparks, Belmont, N. C.
VALLEY FALLS	C. V. Rollins, Spartanburg, S. C., Rt. 5
FAIRVIEW NO. 2	Tonie Fender, Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
SAXON AVENUE	W. M. Bright, Spartanburg, S. C., 17th St.
ROBBINSON CREEK	R. R. Hoyle, Bostic, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 64
CLOVER	John H. Jenkins, Clover, S. C., 108 Linder St.
MABLE AVENUE	D. W. Tilley, Kannapolis, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 495
WHITNEY	W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C.
THOMASVILLE	Mrs. John F. Myers, Thomasville, N. C., Pine St.
FAIRVIEW NO. 1	James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C.
ROCKY PATH	J. F. Jackson, Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1
CEDAR HILL	U. S. Cousins, Lockhart, S. C., Box 87
N. RHYNE	A. G. Carrigan, Gastonia, N. C., 1406 E. Airline Ave.
COLES CHAPEL	Louise Hambey, Arcadia, S. C.
WASHINGTON ST.	F. C. Plemmons, West Gastonia, N. C.
ARRINGTON HEIGHTS	Pearl Beasley, High Point, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 334-B
MT. ZION	C. M. Carter, Kannapolis, N. C., 400 Vance St.
MT. CARMEL	Alice Henson, York, S. C., Rt. 1
UNA	Jodie Wilson, Drayton, S. C.
BEN AVENUE	D. D. Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C., 308 W. E. St.

Sunday School Reports

FAIRVIEW NO. 1, Caroleen, N. C.: On roll, 85; average attendance, 45; money collected, \$630.59; paid out, \$558.24; in treasury, \$72.35; literature; F. W. B. classes, 6; superintendent, Mrs. Zenobia Allen; secretary, A. G. Laws, Caroleen, N. C.

ROBBINSON CREEK: On roll, 39; average attendance, 35; money collected, \$42.70; paid out, \$36.73; in treasury, \$5.97; literature; F. W. B. classes, 4; superintendent, David Owens, Forest City, N. C., Rt. 2; secretary, R. R. Hoyle, Bostic, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 64.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.: On roll, 47; average attendance, 31; money collected, \$195.51; paid out, \$146.90; in treasury, \$45.61; literature; F. W. B. classes, 3; superintendent, John F. Myers, 217 Pint St., Thomasville, N. C.; secretary, Mrs. Mary Cranford, 609 Fish Fery St., Thomasville, N. C.

FAIRVIEW NO. 2: On roll, 120; average attendance, 75; money collected, \$75.11; paid out, \$53.17; in treasury, \$21; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 5; superintendent, G. W. Fender, Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1; secretary, Pauline Moody, Nebo, Rt. 1.

MT. ZION: On roll, 130; average attendance, 105; money collected, \$195.50; paid out, \$192.50; in treasury, \$3.89; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 7; superintendent, Floyd Tucker, Kannapolis, N. C.; secretary, F. P. Lapish, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: On roll, 86; average attendance, 65; money collected, \$65.22; paid out, \$61.58; in treasury, \$3.64; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 3; superintendent, T. H. Brooks, Earlander, N. C.; secretary, Pearl Beasley, High Point, N. C., Rt. 3 Box 334-B.

MABLE AVENUE: On roll, 79; average attendance, 45; money collected, \$188.54; paid out, \$179.60; in treasury, \$7.67; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 5; superintendent, James Cox, Kannapolis, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 181; secretary, Mrs. Bera Cox, Rt. 2, Box 181.

SAXON AVENUE: On roll, 150; average attendance, 83; money collected, \$270.17; paid out, \$262.43; in treasury, \$7.47; classes, 6; superintendent, Charlie Roland, Spartanburg, S. C., 100 William St.; secretary, Sarah Anington, 322 Green St.

WHITNEY: Average attendance, 60; money collected, \$315.45; paid out, \$281.80; in treasury, \$33.65; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 6; superintendent, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C.; secretary, Alice Mae Calveret.

CEDAR HILL: On roll, 130; average attendance, 115; money collected, \$279.64; paid out, \$279.98; in treasury, \$22.68; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 7; superintendent, F. C. Cogdill, Lockhart, S. C.; secretary, Rubye Rash, Lockhart, S. C.

BEN AVENUE: On roll, 88; average attendance, 47; money collected, \$134.41; paid out, \$124.29; in treasury, \$10.12; literature, David C. Cook; classes, 5; superintendent, D. D. Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C., 308 W. E St.; secretary, Mabel Lewis, Rt. 2, Box 87, Concord, N. C.

COLES CHAPEL: On roll, 30; average attendance, 23; money collected, \$74.65; paid out, \$49.96; in treasury, \$8.34; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 3; superintendent, Barnett Absher, Una, S. C.; secretary, M. W. Kitchen, Box 1045, Spartanburg, S. C.

ROCKY PATH: On roll, 65; average attendance, 46; money collected, \$42.50; paid out, \$36.63; in treasury, \$5.77; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 5; superintendent, Freeman Pratt, Nebo, N. C., Rt. 1; secretary, Nannie Lee Haynes, Marion, N. C., Rt. 1.

MT. CARMEL: On roll, 42; average attendance, 32; money collected, \$12.50; paid out, \$15.69; in treasury, \$1.39; literature, F. W. B.; classes, 4; superintendent, James E. Mason, Rt. 1, York, S. C.; secretary, Roy C. Henson, Rt. 1.

Ladies Aid Report

GOSHEN GROVE: Members, 9; new members, 1; paid orphanage, \$65.89; church repair, \$42.44; money collected, \$110.33; paid out, \$108.33; president, Fannie Webb, N. Belmont, N. C., Box 14; secretary, Novella Propst, Rt. 1.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: Members, 8; charity, \$4.00; church repair, \$20.60; money collected, \$29.25; paid out, \$29.25; president, Opha Brooks, Lexington, N. C., 431 Greensboro St.; secretary, Flora Stamey, Erlanger, N. C.

MABEL AVENUE: Members, 15; new members, 6; charity, \$10.92; money collected, \$81.67; paid out, \$77.04; president, D. V. Steele, Kannapolis, N. C., 517 8th St.; secretary, Mrs. James Cox, Rt. 2, Box 81.

MT. ZION: Members, 50; new members, 10; charity, \$86.10; church repair, \$210.38; money collected, \$210.76; paid out, \$195.48; president, Mrs. J. C. Holt, Kannapolis, N. C., 420 Chestnut St.; secretary Annie Benton, 309 Mulberry St.

THOMASVILLE: Members, 10; new members, 1; church repairs, \$27.00; money collected, \$57.04; paid out, \$56.71; president, Mary Cranford, Thomasville, N. C., 609 Fisher Ferry St.; secretary, J. F. Myers, 217 Pine St.

RHYNE ST.: Members, 6; charity, \$6.00; money collected, \$32.77; paid out, \$32.77; president, Hattie Elliollet, Gastonia, N. C., Victor Sta.; secretary, Edna Passmore, Morehead St.

MT. CARMEL: On roll, 12; new members, 12; for church repair, \$5.00; money collected, \$11.70; paid out, \$4.69; president, Mrs. Carrol, Rt. 1, York, S. C.; secretary, Alice Henson, Rt. 1.

Young Peoples League Report

MT. ZION: Members, 41; new members, 15; literature, \$23.35; money collected, \$32.26; paid out, \$29.85; in treasury, \$2.41; president, D. L. Benton, 309 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.; secretary, F. P. Lapish, Rt. 1, Box 336.

REPORT OF REV. D. L. BENTON, FIELD SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLES LEAGUE

No. calls, 3; No. calls responded to, 3; organized, 3; study courses given, 3; No. pupils, 59; miles traveled, 118; money received, \$2.00; expenses, \$4.90.
Rev. L. D. Benton, Field secretary.

Examining Board for the "Homiletic" Course

Rev. Sherman H. Oaks, Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. L. M. Pierce, chairman.

At this time we had an address by Rev. E. L. Beachboard, asking that we assist the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist church. As a result of this address, Rev. J. H. Sawyer, Rev. J. S. Rice pledged \$2.00 each per month to this work.

Committee On Time and Place

We, your committee on time and place, do recommend that the Association meet with the Free Will Baptist church in Clover, S. C., beginning on Thursday morning at 10:00 A. M., before the second Sunday in August, 1943. We further recommend that Rev. J. S. Rice preach the introductory sermon. The first delegates, J. C. Holt, chairman.

A vote of thanks was extended by the Resolution Committee to the members and other friends of Goshen Grove Free Will Baptist church for the nice way that they have taken care of the Association. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. L. P. Jordan, Bro. C. V. Rollins, chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned until the 1943 session to be held in Clover, S. C.

Services 8:30 P. M.—Friday

At this time the Rev. L. P. Jordan of Marion, N. C., presented to a large congregation, the most needed message of today. Text: "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he is." James 1: 23-24. Rev. Jordan in connection with this text used a very appropriate subject, "The Lost Vision." He pictured the contrast between the church of the early age and the church of today, stating that many of us had lost our vision of the Christ. He climaxed this wonderful message, exhorting the church to have an eye single to the vision of Christ on Calvary.

This message was followed by Rev. J. J. Brooks, clerk of the Association. "Text: "There is death in the pot." 2 Kings 4:40. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

The Beaver Creek Ministers' Conference

Saturday, August 9, 1942; 9:00 A. M.

The ministers conference opened with song and prayer by the Rev. R. P. Sawyer. The scripture lesson by Rev. Chas. L. Smith.

Election of Officers

Moderator Rev. L. M. Pierce, N. Belmont, N. C.
Clerk Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.
Reading Clerk Rev. L. S. Gray, N. Belmont, N. C.

On motion the house was set in order for business. Election of the Ordaining Council: Rev. J. P. Shehan, Rev. Charles L. Smith, Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. J. J. Brooks. Rev. Brooks was elected chairman of the ordaining council.

At this time the conference granted Rev. Paul Jenkins of the Western Conference, and Rev. J. W. Alford from the Eastern Conference and Rev. Everett Conley from the Western Conference to a welcome seat in our conference

The Ordaining Council was set in order for examination of ministers applying for license and ordination.

Ministers' Reports Received and Past Upon

At this time we had a number of addresses from the ministering brethren. We also had an interesting discourse from Rev. Paul Jenkins and Rev. J. W. At this time the conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M.—Saturday

The house was called to order by song and prayer by Bro. L. H. Hooper.

The moderator called for the report of the ordaining council.

The report was read by the chairman, Rev. J. J. Brooks, and recommended that Rev. J. H. Laister of Valley Falls, S. C., be ordained.

And did recommend that the conference license the following: Rev. Fred Freemon of Marion, N. C., Rev. C. C. Holtzclaw of Belmont, N. C., Rev. L. S. Gray of Belmont, N. C., Rev. J. B. Lewis of Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. J. B. Starnes, Rev. Edd Reece, Rev. W. D. Tillie of Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. B. B. Melton of Caroleen, N. C., Rev. O. H. Beasley of Lexington, N. C., Rev. S. F. Whiteside of York, S. C., and Rev. Roy Rikard of Belmont, N. C.

At this time the conference ordained Rev. J. H. Laister of Valley Falls, S. C. The charge being delivered by the Rev. P. J. Shehan of Caroleen, N. C.

Special to Every Minister Affiliated With This Conference

Brethren don't fail to observe and consider the following bill past by the Association and Conference:

1. That all licensed ministers must study the "Introductory Bible Course" and have a diploma from the Moody Bible Institute before being ordained.

2. That all the ministers now carrying credentials from this conference must take a "Homiletic Course" and have a diploma of the same. For further information write the moderator of the conference, Rev. L. M. Pierce, N. Belmont, N. C.

3. That all ministers pay tithes, and preach the same to their flocks, and to license no young preacher who does not believe in the same and practice it.

4. That no pastor of a church allow any one elected to a church office that don't believe and practice the same, especially deacons of a church.

On motion the conference was duly closed.

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 strive to amplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

Constitution

The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a chairman and secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

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

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

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of 'Brother'.
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

Articles of Faith

1. **GOD:**—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:**—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTACY:**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw 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 with her and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

4. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

5. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Rom. 10:12.

6. **REPENTANCE:**—We believe that repentance in sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that showed thee O man what is good and what the Lord required of thee, but do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mich. 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

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

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

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

MINUTES

of the

BEAVER CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION



Our first convention in this report was held at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Kannapolis, N. C., Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, 1941. Nine Sunday Schools were represented in this convention. This was the time to elect officers and the following were elected: G. P. Sheppard and Floyd Wiggins, clerk and treasurer. It was decided in this convention to elect officers for a period of nine months thus making our election come just ahead of the Association next year.

Brother Evans, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, was present at this convention and had with him a group of children from the orphanage. Brother Evans made us a very fine talk and the children did some very fine singing. An offering was taken for the orphanage and \$26.40 was received. There were some very fine contest singing and also some fine convention singing by visiting groups, and an excellent dinner was served. At the conclusion Sunday evening the judges made known their decisions and Belmont was awarded the singing class banner. North Rhyne Street at Gastonia was awarded the quartet banner and Belmont was awarded the Sunday School banner. This was a very fine convention and those who did not attend it missed a treat as well as a blessing. Money in treasury at this time was \$11.09. As we do not have a mid-winter convention the next one was held at Goshen Free Will Baptist Church at Belmont, N. C., Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, 1942. Eleven Sunday Schools were represented at this convention and in the business session Saturday afternoon there was a splendid spirit of cooperation and

many short talks were made which were very interesting. Sunday brought fourth some excellent singing both in the contest groups and the open convention singing and a wonderful dinner was served by the Ladies of the church. Rev. Oaks, a visiting minister of another association, made a splendid talk on Sunday School work. The judges awarded all three banners this time to the Goshen Sunday School at Belmont, N. C.

Amount in treasury, brought forward	\$11.09
Paid out	.67
Left in treasury	10.42
Received at this convention	7.00
TOTAL	\$17.42

It was decided to hold the next convention at a new church located near the railroad shops at Spartanburg, S. C. So the next meeting was with Una Free Will Baptist Sunday School at Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26, 1942. This was time to elect officers for the ensuing year and Brother E. W. Odell of Belmont was elected president and Lloyd Wiggins was re-elected clerk. Upon his refusal to accept the office of treasurer again, Brother Mark Coleman of Belmont was elected to fill that place. Brother Cousins of Whitney, S. C., was elected vice-president. There were twelve Sunday Schools represented in this convention and we had some fine contest singing and also an abundance of open convention singing which was very fine by visiting groups including the Ruby Quartette from Gastonia, N. C., and the Hub City Quartette of Spartanburg, S. C. The ladies of the Una Sunday School are to be commended for the bountiful dinner which was served after a day of blessings and enjoyment in the Lord the announcements were made.

The next convention will be held at Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church in West Gastonia, N. C., the last Saturday and Sunday in October, 1942. The judges decisions were as follows: Goshen at Belmont received the Sunday School banner and Washington Street, West Gastonia, received the singing class banner and and also the quartette banner.

Our deceased brother in Christ and one of our best leaders was truly missed in this last convention. Namely, Bro. Olyde Knipps. He will always be missed and his vacant place in our convention will always be a memorial to him.

Money sent in this convention with reports	\$ 7.00
Brought forward	17.42
Total now in treasury	\$24.42

Following is a condensed report of all Sunday Schools represented in these minutes combined:

Money taken in	\$2,696.05
Paid Out	2,045.70
In Treasury	\$ 650.35
Total Enrollment	2182
Average Attendance	1551

We invite all Sunday Schools of the Beaver Creek Association to meet with us. The convention is doing a great work and needs your help. It is a part of the Free Will Baptist work and is indorsed by the Association. If you think that is not all that it should be we invite you to come and help us make it better.

Respectfully yours,

E. W. Odell, President, Belmont, N. C., Rt. 1.
Lloyd Wiggins, Clerk, Box 26, North Belmont, N. C.



Statistical Report of Our Churches, The Beaver Creek Association

Name of Church	Location	Received By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	TOTAL	Dismissed By Letter	By Expulsion and Erasure	By Death	TOTAL	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	For Revivals	Church Repair, or Building	Value of Church Property	Money Taken In	Paid Out	Now In Treasury	Minute Fund
Goshen Grove	N. Belmont, N. C.	10	2	7	19	5	9	1	15	316	\$ 744.30	\$ 16.70	\$ 25.00	\$125.26	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,346.63	\$ 1,331.25	\$ 15.38	\$ 5.00
Valley Falls	Valley Falls, S. C.	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	7	52	265.93									
Fairview	Nebo, N. C.	1	5		6						129.31									
Saxon Ave.	Spartanburg, S. C.	12	3	4	54	4	14	1	19	156	846.96	61.10	10.54	55.20	7.02					
Robbison Creek	Bostic, N. C.	8	2	2	12	2			2	25	86.38		81.87	55.00	76.65	1,500.00	633.21	507.49	125.72	5.00
Clover	Clover, S. C.	1	4		5	1			1	48	32.03	25.24			260.18	1,300.00	395.20	382.06	13.14	3.00
Mable Ave.	Kannapolis, N. C.	4	6		10					38	132.80			49.74	100.00	2,000.00	1,251.34	1,222.01	29.33	5.00
Whitney	Whitney, S. C.		1		1	1	2		10	78	207.00	50.00	10.00	31.00	87.00	500.00	239.12	239.12		3.00
Thomasville	Thomasville, N. C.	1			1	2			2	11	160.04	5.00	31.97	50.00	125.00	500.00	147.47	154.67	2.77	3.00
Fairview No. 1	Caroleen, N. C.							1		73	432.00			39.42	30.35	3,000.00	454.00	452.00	2.00	5.00
Rocky Path	Nebo, N. C.	8		4	12						134.55			34.69		3,000.00	461.52	334.63	126.89	7.00
Cedar Hill	Lockhart, S. C.	4		3	7		5		5	93	339.00	32.76	37.96			2,500.00	197.73	197.73		2.00
N. Rhyne St.	Gastonia, N. C.	7	3		10	1	7		8	64	178.50	25.39	22.00	15.60	28.25	1,000.00	1,779.29	1,200.00	579.29	7.00
Coles Chapel	Arcadia, S. C.			2	2			1	1	20	79.36			50.00	416.84	4,000.00	795.34	795.34		5.00
Washington St.	W. Gastonia, N. C.				11					56	67.60			118.25	617.80	2,000.00	788.60	952.43	11.17	3.00
Arrington Heights	Lexington, N. C.			3	3	2	32		34	23	1,000.00									5.00
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis, N. C.	21	9	1	30					191						1,000.00				3.25
TOTAL		77	35	26	194	18	96	7	106	1350	\$4,837.66	\$240.44	\$276.34	\$726.34	803.89	1,250.00	47.60		47.60	4.50
New Churches Uniting With Our Association At This Session																				
Mt. Carmel	York, S. C.	14	14	2	30	2	7		9	21	\$ 47.00	\$ 74.00	\$							
Una	Spartanburg, S. C.		2		2		3		3	28										
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis, N. C.	5	4		9					21										
GRAND TOTAL		96	45	28	235	20	106	7	118	1420	\$4,954.08	\$244.44	\$300.08	\$897.36	\$3,833.01	\$36,950.00	\$12,760.91	\$12,378.78	\$1,122.82	\$76.25
											69.42			\$ 75.02	\$ 108.81	\$ 150.00	\$ 334.66	\$ 304.83	\$ 29.83	\$ 3.00
												23.74			510.15	1,500.00	512.11	510.15	1.96	3.00
													96.00		261.80	2,000.00	609.14	597.38	11.78	5.00

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Thursday Morning, Aug. 5th, 1944

The Association opened with a Song and prayer at 10 o'clock, after which the body proceeded to elect officers as follows: Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Moderator; Loyd V. Wiggins clerk; Rev. L. M. Pierce, reading clerk — The officers took charge at this time and the moderator asked that the rules of decorum be read and asked that everyone abide by the rules thereof. On motion the house granted a seat of welcome to all visitors, after which the various committees were appointed.

Appointment of Committees

FINANCE: Bro. L. M. Hooper, Rev. J. J. Brooks, Bro. Willis Davis.

RESOLUTIONS: Bro. C. A. Lawson, Bro. Mitchell Davis, Mrs. Loyd Wiggins

OBITUARY: Bro. E. L. Justice, Mrs. Mae Parrot, Bro. Carl Whittington.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Bro. P. S. Padgett, Bro. D. D. Hunsucker, Bro. Roy Rikard.

HOME MISSIONS: Bro. Buck Lawing, Bro. Seldon Bullard, Bro. Wade Talbert.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Bro. D. D. Hunsucker, Bro. J. B. Starnes, Bro. Mitchell Davis.

LADIES AID: Mrs. Loyd Wiggins, Mrs. Mae Parrot, Mrs. Belle Cox.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. M. L. Farrington, Bro. E. L. Justice, Bro. F. F. Whitesides.

EVANGELISM: Bro. J. H. Lassiter, Bro. Roy Rikard, Bro. Kenneth Hicks.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. J. J. Brooks.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: Bro. W. A. Romaine, Bro. H. E. Tucker, Bro. Kenneth Hicks.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. J. C. Benson, Bro. Willis Davis, Bro. M. L. Farrington.

EDUCATION: Bro. Floyd Skidmore, Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. J. J. Brooks, Rev. O. M. Hillburn.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE: This is a standing committee and is not subject to re-election and is authorized to serve until set aside by the Association. The names of this committee will be found at another place.

PERIODICALS: Bro. Ed Hunsucker, Bro. E. R. Tyner, Bro. L. D. Gray.

Due to the fact that Rev. J. S. Rice was delayed, a motion was made and so ordered that Rev. O. M. Hillburn, a visiting minister, preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Hillburn is moderator of the Rock Fish Association.

The Association adjourned to meet back for business at 2:00 P. M.

Services 11:00 A. M. —Thursday

The preaching service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Wade Calvert. Bro. Hillburn's text was Matthew 16:13-20. His subject, "The Triumphant Church." He pointed out that we as different denominations were merely small pieces of broken rock endeavoring to be builded on that Solid Rock which is Christ Jesus. So as to form the Triumphant Church that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. He climaxed his sermon with the Triumphant escape of Jesus from the grave and His preaching to those held captive and leading a multitude of the Saints. Thus the gates of hell could not prevail against it.

At the conclusion of the service all visitors and delegates was assigned places for dinner.

2:00 P. M. Thursday

The Association was opened with a song and prayer by Rev. Paul Shehan. At this time the recording secretary of the South Carolina orphanage was asked to read his report to the Association. The recording secretary is Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar St., Clover, S. C. Church letters were then called for and read. On motion they were received. Motion was then made that all other reports such as Sunday School and Ladies Aid be accepted together. So ordered.

New Business

A request was made for a letter of dismissal from this Association by Fairview No. 2, Nebo, N. C., to join the Jack's Creek Association. On motion the request was granted. There being no other business at this time, the reports of committees were called for. Some were ready, and these were read and adopted. There was much discussion on the report on education. Bro. Pierce asked to be excused Friday morning and Bro. J. J. Brooks was appointed to fill his place. Conference adjourned until Friday morning at 9:30 A. M.

Evening Services 8:30 P. M.

The service was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Paul Jenkins. Then following a few words by the moderator, the Victory Quartet rendered two very fine songs. The concert class from the orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., were very welcome visitors, and at this time proceeded to put on a very fine program. The oldest child in the class was only eight years old. Miss Sherron, the manager of the class made a short talk concerning the individual members. Then a collection was taken, amount \$40.00. Miss Sherron then told about the workings of the orphanage and the history of it in condensed form. Then followed a Congregational Song and then the Rev. Paul Sheehan proceeded to bring a very fine message. His text was the 11th chapter of Romans and his subject was, "God will not cast off his people." He climaxed his sermon with God's promise not to forsake us but to be with us all the way. At the conclusion of the sermon the moderator made sure that everyone was placed for the night and we were dismissed by Brother J. D. Starnes.

Friday Morning 9:30 A. M.

Conference opened with song, Blessed Assurance, and prayer by Rev. Sherman Oaks. Scripture lesson 1st John 4th Chap., was read by Bro. Ray Allman, followed by the reading of the rules of decorum. On motion the body entered in conference. Church letters were again called for and read. Motion was made that they be received. So ordered. The committees who had not already turned in their reports were asked to do so at this time. The reports were read and accepted with the exception of the report on Ministerial Support, which was in conflict with the Home Missions bill which had been adopted previously. On motion the Committee was asked to redraw the bill. A motion was made to elect a field secretary for young people's work. This was so ordered and Rev. J. B. Starnes was elected with permission to appoint co-workers in the different sections of the association.

The committee on place of next Association which consists of the first delegate from each church made their report at this time. The next Association will meet with North Rhyne St., Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, N. C., on Thursday, before the second Sunday in August, 1944. As Rev. J. S. Rice did not get to preach the introductory sermon at this Association, it was decided that he preach the introductory sermon at the 1944 Association Report accepted and Conference was recessed for the preaching services.

Preaching Service 11 A. M.

Services were opened with song, Amazing Grace, and prayer by Rev. E. R. Tyner. The Rev. Bullard brought the message using as his text Matt. 27, beginning at the 39th verse and using the remainder of the chapter. Subject: "He Saved Others, Himself, He Cannot Save." Bro. Bullard brought out the fact that the statement made by the Jews, "He Saved Others," was a direct admission that Christ was the Saviour. The sermon was closed with an altar call and after the prayer, the visitors were placed for dinner and the congregation was dismissed by Rev. M. Pressley.

Friday 2:30 P. M.

Conference opened with song, "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Prayer by Rev. Wade Calvert. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Paul Jordon. Motion was made that the body enter into Conference. So ordered. The committee on Ministerial Support presented their report at this time, and again it was in conflict with a report already adopted. Motion was made that committee reconsider the latter clause of the report and some members of the committee refused to cooperate and on motion a new committee was appointed as follows: Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. E. R. Tyner, and Rev. J. J. Brooks. While this committee was out there was an explanation about the S. C. State Association in relation to the Beaver Creek Association. There was much discussion on this subject. The above committee reported that it could not agree and a motion was made that the body adopt the bill as first read with the exception of the latter clause which had caused the confusion. It was brought to a vote and so ordered.

The Rev. Sherman Oaks was nominated to prepare the course mentioned in the report on education. After some discussion it was brought to a vote and so ordered. Cost to be \$10.00. The Finance Committee made their report and a motion was made that the Conference adjourn. After a very brief talk by the Moderator the Conference was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks.

Friday Night Services 8:00 P. M.

Services were opened with a song by the class and prayer by Rev. Wade Calvert. The first part of the service was conducted by the Townsend family, musical evangelists. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Townsend and their three daughters. This group sang a number of soul stirring songs and Mrs. Townsend made a short but heart touching talk on being true and faithful until Jesus comes, singing that splendid old song, "Hold The Fort." A very impressive part of the program was the singing of "Heartaches" by the seven-year old daughter, with the story of how this song softened the heart of an aged criminal about to be executed and caused him to repent and come to Christ.

The Rev. J. C. Franks then brought the message, using as his text 1st Cor. 15:58. He spoke from the subject "Steadfastness." The message was very ably delivered with power and conviction. Surely everyone felt greatly blessed. There was much shouting and praising God.

Reports of Committees

FINANCE: We your Committee of Finance report that we have received \$84.50 Minute Fund. (There was no name signed to this report.)

RESOLUTIONS: We, your Committee on Resolutions, agree that we cannot add anything to the report of last year that we have in the minutes.

—C. A. Lawson, Chairman.

PERIODICALS: We your committee on periodicals wish to submit the following: That our churches encourage the reading of more religious literature, such as good books and our Free Will Baptist Paper and where possible that churches provide a religious library. L. E. Hunsucker, chairman.

Obituary

Matilda Cousins, age 73 years, died Dec. 29th, 1942. Rachel Shaw, age 66 years, died March 11th, 1943. Rev. G. W. Quinton, age 69 years, died July 9th, 1943, and a Mrs. Fisher, age unknown.

The friends we loved, from earth has gone,
To live among the Angel band.
They're free from sorrow, pain and care,
Up there on Heaven's Strand. (No name signed.)

DEEPER DEVOTION: We your committee on deeper devotion submit the following: We submit the last year's report and recommend that we live up to it and walk as men filled with the Spirit of God, and not as men of the world. Rev. Roy Rikard, chairman.

HOME MISSIONS: We, your committee adopt last year's report on home missions and in addition recommend that each local minister be allowed to use his tithes in organizing mission work. We also recommend that each church decide on some plan to raise money for home mission work. Rev. Seldon Bullard, chairman.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: We, your committee, submit the following: We urge that each pastor encourage young people's work and try to get a League organized. D. D. Hunsucker, chairman.

LADIES AID: We, your committee on Ladies Aid, think that every church should have a Ladies Aid and that our pastors should back it. Our Ladies Aid is a great work in a great cause. —Mrs. Loyd Wiggins, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your committee on Sunday School, recommend that all teachers take a study course and that all ministers be more mindful of children in Sunday School, and we submit the same resolution as prescribed by the out-going committee. —M. L. Farrington, chairman.

EVANGELISM: We, your committee on evangelism, do submit the following: That all our churches help in evangelistic work and also help support it, and each church should have one or two revivals each year.

—Rev. Roy Rikard, chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: We, your committee, do ask that each pastor urge his people to help support this great cause. —Rev. J. C. Franks, chairman.

TEMPERANCE: We, your committee on Temperance, wish to submit the same resolutions as prescribed by the out-going committee, and we urge that all ministers and laymen teach Temperance more strongly.

—M. L. Farrington, chairman.

EDUCATION: We, your committee on education, recommend that we hold to our present bill of qualification for young ministers, namely, require them to complete the Introductory Bible course before being ordained. Also, we recommend that the Association appoint someone to prepare a simplified course in Homeletics by correspondence and place it within reach of our ministers who are ordained and that we raise the money to pay for same, and require the ministers taking this course to pay the postage both ways on each lesson.

H. W. Skidmore, Chairman
O. M. Hillburn
H. J. Sawyer
J. J. Brooks

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: This is the subject that two committees failed to agree upon. Therefore, there was no report turned in. The body voted to adopt practically the same report as last year except that a minister could tithe to his mission work if he had one, otherwise, he must tithe to the church.

Church Letters

MT. ZION: Licensed ministers 3, received by baptism 20, by letter 5, restoration 2, total 27. Dismissed by letter 10, by expulsion 0, death 1. Total 11. Present membership 232. Paid pastor \$1,396.35, orphanage \$225.00, revivals 0. Church repair \$1,092.97. Value of church property \$4,592.97. Money taken in \$2,955.05. Paid out \$2,738.15. Now in Treasury \$217.90. Minute fund \$5.00. Miss Myrtle Baker, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 350, Kannapolis, N. C.

GOSHEN: Licensed ministers 3, received by baptism 13, by letter 5, restoration 23, total 41. Dismissed by letter 4, expulsion and erasure 67, death 1, total 72. Present membership 285. Paid pastor \$1,199.63. Missions \$35.00. Orphanage \$60.00. Revivals \$161.67. Church repair \$256.34. Value of church property \$5,500.00. Money taken in \$2,198.46. Paid out \$2,126.72. Now in treasury \$71.74. Minute fund \$5.00. Loyd V. Wiggins, Clerk; Box 26, North Belmont, N. C. Rev. Wade Calvert, pastor, North Belmont, N. C.

SAXON AVE: Received by baptism 10, letter and statement 10, restoration 10, total 30. Dismissed by letter 5, expulsion 8, death 1, total 14. Present membership 156. Paid pastor \$935.50. Missions \$150.00. Orphanage \$70.00. Other purposes \$500.00. Value of church property \$3,000. Money taken in \$1,655.50. Paid out \$1,655.50. Now in treasury 0. Arthur Wyatt, Saxon, S. C., clerk. Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C., pastor. Minute fund \$5.00.

WASHINGTON STREET: Members received by baptism 5. Statement 15. Total 20. Present membership 66. Paid pastor \$800.65. Repair \$35.00. Evangelistic work \$25.96. Other expenses \$132.18. Total taken in \$1,792.32. In treasury \$855.00. Value of church property \$1,500.00. Minute Fund \$5.00. F. C. Plemmons, West Gastonia, N. C., clerk. Rev. Sherman Oaks, Kings Mountain, N. C., pastor.

CEDAR HILL: Present membership 86, dismissed by expulsion 11, death 3, total decrease 14. Paid pastor \$303.13. Missions \$62.00. Orphanage \$20.00. Church repair \$25.00. Money taken in this year \$391.54. Paid out \$416.44. In treasury \$2800. Minute fund \$5.00. Value church property \$5,000. U. S. Cousins, Box 87, Lockhart, S. C., clerk. Rev. D. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C., pastor.

ROCKY PASS: Present membership 36. Value of church property \$750.00. Paid pastor \$74.25. Paid evangelist \$58.95. Paid orphanage \$47.50. Repair \$95.75. Other expenses \$79.25. Minute fund \$2.50. Total paid out \$352.20. J. F. Jackson, Nebo, N. C., clerk. G. M. Reynolds, pastor.

FAIRVIEW No. 1: Licensed minister's 1. Received by baptism 1, letter 2, total 3. Dismissed by letter 4, by death 2, total 6. Present membership 71. Paid pastor \$432.00. Missions \$93.28. Orphanage \$19.00. Value of church property \$1,000. Money taken in \$617.13. Paid out \$549.28. In treasury \$67.80. Minute fund \$5.00. Vera Louis, Box 163, Caroleen, N. C., clerk. Rev. Paul J. Sheehan, Caroleen, N. C., pastor.

UNA: Received by letter and statement 11. Present membership 39. Decrease this year 5. Value of church property \$2,000. Paid pastor \$260.86. Money taken in \$502.31. Paid out \$501.57. In treasury \$74. Minutes fund \$5.00. Chalmers H. Jones, 597 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C., clerk. Rev. A. F. Lawter, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C., pastor.

VALLEY FALLS: Received by baptism 2. Otherwise 3. Total 5. Total membership 47. Value of church property \$1,500.00. Paid pastor \$382.55, orphanage \$22.10. Revival \$124.20. Pastor's work \$42.50. Minute fund \$5.00. C. V. Rollins, Rt. 5, Spartanburg, S. C., clerk. Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C., pastor.

COLES CHAPEL: Received by restoration 2. Dismissed by death 1. Present membership 21. Paid pastor \$111.39, Orphanage \$55.00. Value of church property \$1,000. Money taken in \$222.47. Paid out \$193.14. In treasury \$29.33. Minute fund \$5.00. M. W. Kitchen, Rt. 2, Spartanburg, S. C., clerk. Rev. J. H. Laster, Rt 5, Spartanburg, S. C., pastor.

ROBERSON CREEK: Received by baptism 6. Dismissed by letter 2. Present membership 30. Paid pastor \$41.35. For revivals \$18.06. Church repair \$50.20. Value of church property \$500.00. Money taken in \$50.20. Paid out \$50.20. Minute fund \$5.00. R. R. Hoyle, Bostic, N. C., Rt. 2., clerk. Rev. B. B. Melton, Rt. 2, Bostic, N. C., pastor.

CLOVER: Present membership 48. Paid pastor \$5.00. Orphanage \$12.13. Revivals \$12.00, church repair \$60.00, money taken in \$233.41, paid out \$215.50. In Treasury \$17.97, minute fund \$3.00. Value of church property \$750.00, John H. Jenkins, Clover, S. C., clerk.

MT. CARMEL: Licensed ministers 1. Received by restoration 3. Dismissed by letter 5. Expulsion 1, total 6. Present membership 26. Paid pastor \$104.40. Orphanage \$15.00, revivals \$90.00, church repairs \$61.00. Value of church property \$150.00, money taken in \$214.44, paid out \$170.40, in treasury \$146.99. Minute fund \$3.00. Mrs. Alice Henson, Rt. 1, York, S. C., clerk. Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar St., Clover, S. C.

THOMASVILLE: Present membership 18. Paid pastor \$187.90. Revivals \$25.25, church repair \$8.00, value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$238.43, paid out \$238.43, minute fund \$2.00. J. F. Myers, 217 Pine St., Thomasville, N. C., clerk. Rev. L. M. Pierce, Thomasville, N. C., pastor.

MABLE AVE: Present membership 36, dismissed by letter 1, excluded 4, total 5. Money taken in \$546.94. Paid out \$511.94, in treasury \$35.00. Paid pastor \$220.08. Minute fund \$5.00, Katherine Collins, Kannapolis N. C., clerk. Rev. L. D. Gray, North Belmont, N. C., pastor.

NORTH RHYNE ST.: Licensed ministers 3, received by baptism 7, letter 2, restoration 8. Total 17. Dismissed by letter 4, death 1, total 5. Present membership 76. Paid pastor \$260.00, Missions \$64.95, revivals \$96.13, church repairs \$248.70, value of church property \$3,000, money taken in \$728.36, paid out \$669.78, in treasury \$58.58, minute fund \$5.00. E. L. Justice, 402 N. Rhyne St., Gastonia, N. C. Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Avon St., Gastonia, N. C.

BEN AVE: Licensed ministers 3, received by baptism 18, letter 23, restoration 1, total 41. Dismissed by expulsion 1. Present membership 62. Paid pastor \$290.00, Orphanage \$36.67, revivals \$160.00, church repair \$1.26.01. Value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$1,633.98, paid out \$1,512.68, in treasury \$121.30, minute fund \$5.00. D. D. Hunsucker, 518 Mills Ave., Kannapolis, N. C., clerk. Rev. E. R. Tyner, pastor.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: Licensed ministers 3. Paid pastor \$318.73. Paid visiting ministers \$18.01, minute fund \$5.00. Rav Snider clerk, Erlanger, N. C., Rev. J. C. Benson, 313 Pine St., Gastonia, N. C., pastor.

WHITNEY: Received by baptism 1, letter 1, total 2. Dismissed by letter 1, death 1, total 2. Membership 78. Money taken in \$740.80, paid pastor \$300.00, Foreign Missions \$10.00. Home Missions \$50.55, Orphanage \$97.82, other expenses \$113.67, total paid out \$572.04, in treasury \$295.63, minute fund \$5.00. W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C., clerk, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Caroleen, N. C., pastor.

FAIRVIEW No. 2: Received by baptism 4, restoration 1, letter 2, total 7. Dismissed by letter 0. Erasure 1, death 1, total 2. Present membership 111. Paid pastor \$244.67, chairity \$53.15. Orphanage \$36.34, revivals \$21.87, church repair \$105.79, total paid out \$461.82, money taken in \$512.89, in treasury \$50.97. Minute fund \$2.00. Value of church property \$1,300.00, Clyde Fender, Nebo, N. C., clerk. Rev. E. L. Beechboard, pastor.

One new church was admitted to the Association. The Ridgeway church was organized as an outgrowth of a revival meeting conducted by Rev. L. P. Jordon, and Rev. G. M. Reynolds. Following is the report of Ridgeway church: Located at Glennwood, N. C.: Received by baptism 7, letter 5, total 12. Present membership 27. Paid pastor \$47.24, charity \$35.92, church repair \$244.05, value of church property, \$1,000, money taken in \$318.58, paid out \$251.70, in treasury \$66.88, minute fund \$2.00. Gardis McKinney, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C., clerk Rev. L. P. Jordon, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C., pastor.

Upon their request the Fairview No. 2 Church was granted a letter of dismissal to units with the Jack's Creek Association.

Notice

The qualification bill remains the same as last year, for young ministers, but is slightly changed for ministers already ordained.

The tithing bill remains the same as last year except that a minister may use his tithes in Mission work if he is established in this kind of work, otherwise, he must preach, teach and practice tithing to his church before he can be ordained.

Sunday School Report

MT. ZION: On roll 160, average attendance 90, money collected \$429.07, paid out \$363.04, in treasury \$120.93, kind of literature. Free Will Baptist, classes 8, Supt. G. A. Greoble, Kannapolis, N. C.; Secretary, F. P. Lapish, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C.

GOSHEN: On roll 178, average attendance 117, collections \$1,227.62, average collections \$27.16. Paid out \$648.99, in treasury \$636.15, given to orphanage, one \$100 war bond and \$89.00 cash. Given to S. C. orphanage committee \$12.00, classes 8. We use F. W. B. literature. Supt. E. W. O'Dell, Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Mae Parrot, Rt. 1, Box 24, Belmont, N. C.

MABLE AVE: On roll 60, average attendance 50, collections \$221.77, average collections \$4.26. Paid out \$174.68, in treasury \$47.09. Classes 5. F. W. B. literature. Supt. James Cox, Rt. 2, Box 181, Kannapolis, N. C.; Secretary, Billy Cox.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: On roll 68, average attendance 45, collections \$135.94. Paid out \$86.25, in treasury \$49.69. F. W. B. literature. Supt. Thomas Brooks, Erlanger, N. C.; Secretary, Essie Bivins, Erlanger, N. C.

NORTH RHYNE ST.: On roll 84, average attendance 66, collections \$680.06, paid out \$578.53, in treasury \$101.53. F. W. B. literature, classes 7, Supt. W. D. Davis, Smyre Sta., Gastonia, N. C.; Secretary, Hattie Elliott, Victory Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

VALLEY FALLS: On roll 65, average attendance 40, money collected \$210.93, paid out \$195.11, in treasury \$57.07. F. W. B. literature, classes 5. Supt. C. V. Rollins, Rt. 5, Spartanburg, S. C.; Secretary, Annie Ora Cox, Valley Falls, S. C.

BEN AVE: On roll 143, average attendance 76, collections \$207.33, paid out \$101.20, in treasury \$106.13. Kind of literature, David C. Cook. Classes 6, Supt. D. D. Hunsucker, 518 Miller Ave, Kannapolis, N. C.; Secretary, Betty McClamrock, 516 Miller Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

ROCKY PASS: On roll 65, average attendance 40, collections \$62.50, paid out \$48.90, in treasury \$13.60. F. W. B. literature, classes 4, Supt., Lewis Holland, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Mary Gregory, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.

FAIRVIEW No. 1: On roll 85, average attendance 45, collections \$617.13, paid out \$549.28, in treasury \$67.85. F. W. B. literature, classes 4. Supt., Criston Hollifield, Caroleen, N. C.; Secretary, Vera Laws, Box 165, Caroleen, N. C.

COLES CHAPEL: On roll 50, average attendance 33, collections \$74.66, paid out \$48.60, in treasury \$26.06, F. W. B. literature, classes 3. Supt., Rewey Suttle, Arcadia, S. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Almon, Arcadia, S. C.

RIDGEWAY: On roll 70, average attendance 40, collections \$60.19, paid out \$55.49, in treasury \$11.62, F. W. B. literature, classes 5. Supt., N. Z. Leakey, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Gordia McKinney, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.

FAIRVIEW No. 2: On roll 120, average attendance 75, collections \$64.75, paid out \$41.30, in treasury \$23.45, F. W. B. literature, classes 5. Supt., G. W. Fender, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.; Secretary, Pauline Moody Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.

Ladies Aid Reports

GOSHEN: On roll 10, paid to orphanage \$53.66, charity \$11.05, collections \$100.82, paid out \$74.71. President Mrs. Fannie Webb, North Belmont, N. C.; Secretary, Novella Propst, North Belmont, N. C.

NORTH RHYNE ST: Just organized, on roll 14, collections \$19.50, paid out \$5.50. President, Mrs. Annie Mae Davis, Rt. 3, Gastonia, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Boyd McGill, Smyre Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

UNA: On roll 17, collections \$113.55, paid out \$100.00, in treasury \$13.55, President, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Rt. 4, Spartanburg, S. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Connie Lawter, 383 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C.

BEN AVE: On roll 13, collections \$56.62, paid out \$27.46, president, Mrs. Lessie McManus, Ben Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, 518 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.

RIDGEWAY: On roll 8, collections \$74.59, paid out \$66.19. President, Bertha Greer, Rt. 1, Marion, N. C.; Secretary, Gordia McKinney, Rt. 1, Marion, North Carolina.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: On roll 12, collections \$41.16, paid out \$29.16. President, Mary Kirby, Rt. 4, Lexington, N. C.; Secretary, Edith Brooks, Er-langer, N. C.

MABLE AVE: Collections \$71.49, paid out \$61.57. (Officers names not signed.)

F. W. B. L. Report

GOSHEN: On roll 35, paid to orphanage \$6.00, church repair \$21.25, literature \$14.75, total paid out \$42.00, collections \$48.51, in treasury \$6.51, Secretary, Mrs. Mae Parrot, Rt. 1, Box 24, Belmont, N. C.

Delegates

MT. ZION: L. M. Hooper, B. L. Lawings, W. E. Talbert.

GOSHEN: Loyd Wiggins, Mrs. Loyd Wiggins, Mrs. Mae Parrot, Floyd Skidmore.

SAXON AVE: C. G. Banks, Lonnie Moore, Claud Milwood.

BRIDGEWAY: Rev. L. P. Jordon, W. A. Romine.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: C. A. Lawson, Carl Whittington, Bill Everhart.

MABLE AVE: D. W. Tilley, W. F. Cox.

NORTH RHYNE ST.: W. D. Davis, E. L. Justice, Mitchell Davis.

BEN AVE.: M. L. Farrington, L. E. Hunsucker, D. D. Hunsucker.

MT. CARMEL: D. F. Whitesides.

COLES CHAPEL: Ed Laster.

ROBERSON CREEK: W. G. Keeter, B. B. Melton, R. R. Hoyle.

VALLEY FALLS: C. M. Ledford, P. S. Padgett.

FAIRVIEW NO. 1: L. H. Duncan, Bill Mills.

ROCKY PASS: J. F. Jackson, Howe Pressley.

THE BEAVER CREEK MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 8th, 1943

Conference opened with song, and prayer by Rev. L. D. Gray. Officers elected as follows: Rev. Wade Calvert, North Belmont, N. C., Moderator; Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar St., Clover, S. C., clerk; Rev. L. M. Pierce, Thomasville, N. C., reading clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. A. F. Lawter, chairman; Rev. J. C. Franks, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. Paul J. Sheehan, Rev. L. D. Gray. The qualification of young ministers was explained by the Council. Then the minister's reports were called for and read. A total of \$11.00 for minute fund was received with the reports. Under new business a letter of recommendation was presented by Rev. Sherman Oaks and was accepted. Rev. Oaks comes to us from the Rockfish association. Upon his request a letter was granted to Rev. L. M. Pierce to unite with some other association. Also a letter was granted Rev. O. H. Beasley.

Work of the Ordaining Council

Rev. Mitchell Davis and Rev. Buck Lawing were referred back to their churches for local license.

Rev. L. C. Conwell, Wade Talbert, and Kenneth Hicks were granted Conference license for one year.

The Conference license of Rev. C. C. Holtzclaw, Rev. D. W. Tilley, and Rev. Roy Rikard was renewed for another year.

Rev. Creston Hollifield, who had been ordained by the Missionary Baptist Church was accepted.

The following brethren made application for ordination: Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. B. B. Melton, Rev. J. B. Starnes, and Rev. J. B. Lewis. The Conference proceeded to ordain these brethren, the charge being delivered by Rev. L. D. Gray, using Paul's charge to Timothy, followed by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Rev. Kenneth Hicks was granted permission to pastor Rocky Pass church under the watch-care of Rev. G. M. Reynolds until he can qualify for ordination. After adopting the following resolution the Conference was adjourned until Saturday, before the second Sunday in August, 1944, 10 A. M., at North Rhyne Street Church, Gastonia, N. C.

Resolution

We, the Beaver Creek Association, as a body, offer to Mable Ave. Church, and to the people of Kannapolis, N. C., our sincere thanks for the splendid manner in which they have taken care of the delegates and ministers of this Association.

We especially convey our wholehearted appreciation of the kindness of the family next door to the church for water and other conveniences afforded us.

We ask that this message be conveyed to them by incoming pastor in person.

Investigating Committee

Rev. J. C. Franks, Chairman; Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. J. R. Laws, Bro. John Crowe, Bro. Lee McSwain.

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 strive to amplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

Constitution

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. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church can become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of 'Brother.'
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

Articles of Faith

1. **GOD:**—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—1st Tim. 2:5.

2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:**—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTACY:**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw 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. 3:16.

4. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

5. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." Rom. 10:12.

6. **REPENTANCE:**—We believe that repentance in sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made to sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that sheweth thee O man what is good and what the Lord required of thee, but do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." Mich. 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

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

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

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



MINISTER'S REPORT

NAME	ADDRESS														
Pastor of Churches	Sermons Preached	Reveries Held	Professions	Members Received	Baptised	Married	Homes Visited	Funerals Conducted	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Received for Church	Money Given	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expenses	
Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Gastonia, N. C.	1 140	1 36	3	2	0	50	2	12	0	\$386.76	1000	\$487.36	\$150.00		
Rev. G. M. Reynolds, Rt. 1, Nebo, N. C.	2 36	3 52	25	6	0	157	2	6	\$329.25	\$110.34	2743	\$417.40	\$116.73		
Rev. L. H. Clayton, East Marion, N. C.	0 50	0 75	0	1	0	150	5	20	\$50.00	\$30.00	0	\$300.00	0		
Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 203 Poplar St., Clover, S. C.	1 117	1 17	3	1	0	60	3	14	0	\$141.60	3200	\$119.40	\$119.30		
Rev. J. J. Brooks, R. 1, Box 350, Kannapolis, N. C.	1 184	1 66	27	16	5	0	8	0	\$1,396.30	\$174.63	0	\$1,596.30	0		
Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Box 55, Caroleen, N. C.	2 0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	\$80.92	0	0	0	0		
Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., Saxon, S. C.	1 95	2 35	6	0	5	156	6	0	0	0	0	\$494.87	0		
Rev. J. H. Laster, R. 5, Spartanburg, S. C.	1 81	0 8	2	2	0	60	1	11	0	\$108.88	390	\$67.88	0		
Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.	1 80	1 4	0	1	0	55	0	30	0	\$70.75	3500	\$56.37	\$43.85		
Rev. Wade Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C.	1 163	5 167	42	13	4	0	7	5	\$200.00	\$139.00	0	\$1,318.62	\$175.00		
Rev. L. D. Gray, N. Belmont, N. C.	1 112	0 22	17	7	0	100	5	25	\$10.00	\$115.00	2600	\$300.00	\$195.00		
Rev. E. R. Tyner, Cramerton, N. C.	1 100	1 50	41	18	1	0	1	6	0	\$262.46	6630	\$320.65	\$82.90		
Rev. L. P. Jordon, R. 1, Marion, N. C.	1 100	1 30	8	4	0	0	2	0	\$47.20	\$27.90	417	0	\$17.68		
Rev. A. F. Lawter, 383 Farley St., Spirt'burg, S. C.	1 114	2 20	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	\$96.93	0	\$260.86	0		
Rev. J. S. Rice, Box 102, Caroleen, N. C.	1 102	0 52	30	10	2	0	8	45	0	\$150.00	6000	\$959.40	0		
Rev. J. C. Benson, 313 Pine St., Gastonia, N. C.	1 108	1 37	14	1	0	400	1	20	\$318.73	\$112.00	6336	\$318.73	\$167.23		
Rev. B. B. Melton, R. 2, Bostic, N. C.	1 75	1 10	6	6	0	150	0	0	0	\$50.00	0	\$41.35	\$100.00		
Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C.	0 91	1 22	0	2	5	48	4	0	0	0	1500	\$388.00	\$142.00		
Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C.	0 14	0 8	0	0	0	62	0	33	0	\$16.00	0	0	0		
Rev. C. L. Smith, 522 Bruns Ave, Charlotte, N. C.	0 12	0 0	0	0	0	30	0	0	\$18.00	\$202.00	250	\$18.00	\$20.00		
Rev. H. E. Tucker, 214 Leonard St., Kannap., N. C.	0 80	0 35	0	0	0	100	0	10	0	\$50.00	1000	0	\$100.00		
Rev. C. L. Scarborough, Box 102, N. Belmont, N. C.	0 25	0 20	0	0	0	30	0	35	0	0	1500	0	0		
Rev. L. S. Gray, R. 1, Belmont, N. C.	0 40	1 32	0	0	0	0	4	48	0	\$620.80	5000	\$500.25	0		
Rev. R. L. Rikard, R. 1, Belmont, N. C.	0 100	1 75	0	0	0	0	5	17	0	\$350.00	6000	\$600.50	\$950.50		
Rev. O. H. Beasley, Erlanger, N. C.	0 120	2 50	0	0	0	48	1	12	0	\$70.00	2000	\$80.00	\$150.00		
Rev. J. B. Lewis, R. 1, Box 228, Concord, N. C.	0 24	0 4	0	0	0	30	0	40	0	\$164.85	1000	\$8.00	\$40.00		
Rev. H. H. Snyder, Erlanger, N. C.	0 75	1 10	0	2	1	30	0	10	0	\$45.00	368	\$60.00	0		
Rev. J. B. Starnes, R. 3, Box 101, Kannap., N. C.	1 50	0 0	0	0	0	25	0	10	0	\$53.00	2956	\$187.90	\$68.20		
Rev. Mitchell Davis, R. 3, Gastonia, N. C.	0 13	0 5	0	0	0	30	0	48	0	\$95.00	500	\$5.50	\$75.00		
Rev. D. S. Benton, R. 3, Box 248A, Kannap., N. C.	0 8	0 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rev. L. C. Conwell, 302 N. Rhyne St., Gastonia	0 45	1 15	0	0	0	50	0	45	0	\$100.00	540	\$15.00	\$35.00		
Rev. J. C. Landers, Box 161, Chesnee, S. C.	0 0	0 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rev. S. F. Whitesides, Not given	0 40	1 3	0	0	0	1000	0	4	0	0	2000	\$3.00	\$3.00		
Rev. D. W. Tilly, Not given	0 30	0 0	0	0	0	50	0	48	0	\$128.00	500	\$8.00	\$50.00		

