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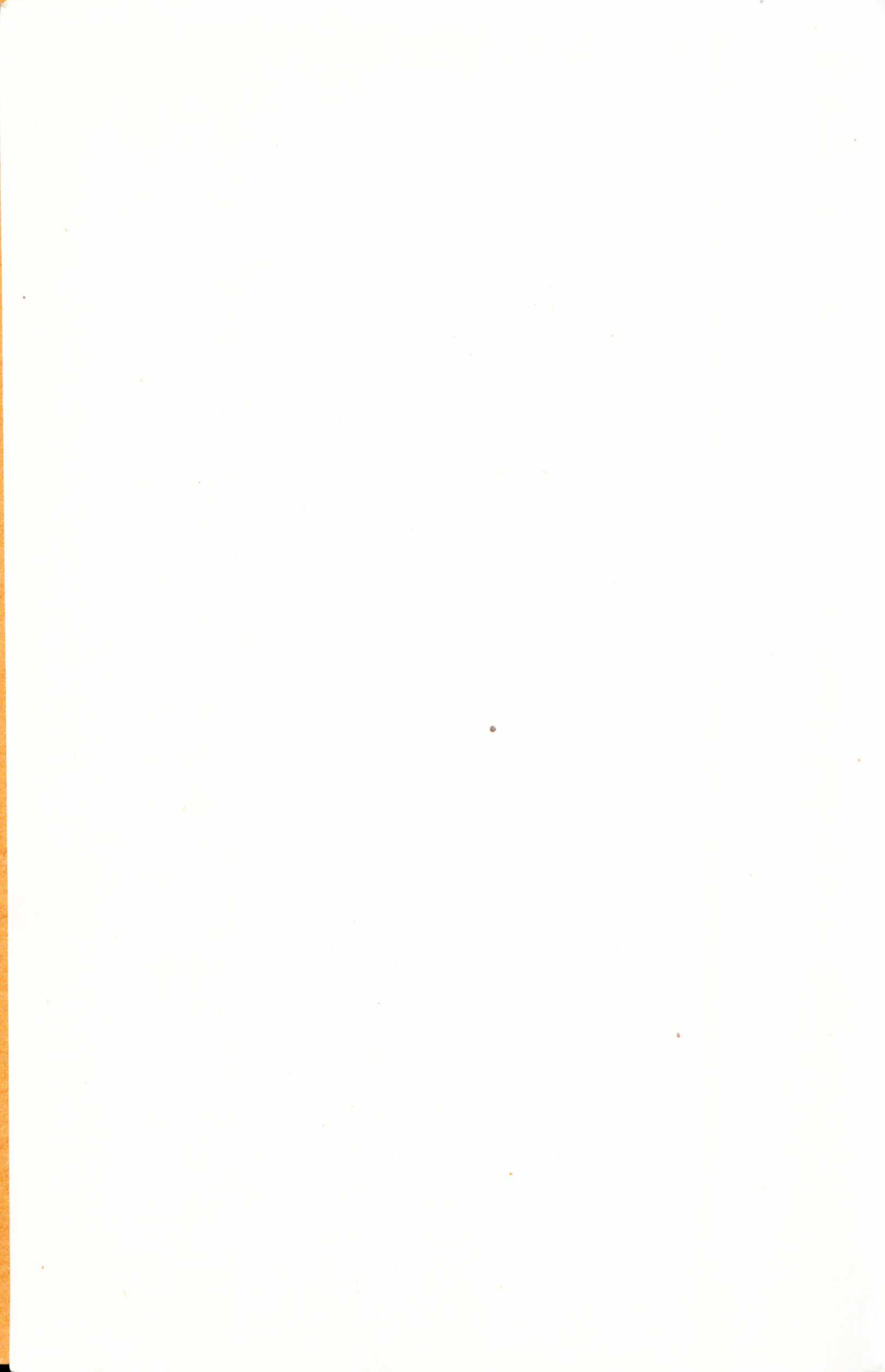
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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association opened at 10:00 A. M. August 5, 1948, with song and prayer.

Address of welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Paul J. Sheahan, Saxon Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C.

At this time a welcome address was given to the visitors and a seat granted in the association by the moderator, Rev. J. C. Franks, Black Mountain, N. C.

Visitors with us at this time: Rev. Wade Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C.; Rev. J. D. Starns, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. H. L. Buckner, Lancaster, S. C.; Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Black Mountain, N. C.; Rev. Herman Jentry, Leicester, N. C.

Officers for the Beaver Creek Association were elected as follows: Rev. J. C. Franks was elected Moderator; Rev. A. F. Lawter elected Clerk; Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Reading Clerk.

Appointment of Committees:

Finance—W. D. Sawyer, J. R. Laws, I. D. Sealey.

Missions—Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Jim White, Rev. G. Y. Burgin.

Sunday School—Juanita Henson, Hester Ballard, Lillie Mae Sheahan.

Young People's Work—Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. H. L. Buckner.

Temperance—Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Rev. Paul Sheahan, W. D. Sawyer.

Ladies Aid—Beulah Martin, Lula Guy, Frank Cousin.

Evangelism—Rev. A. F. Lawter, Dee Hunsucker, Rev. Paul Sheahan.

Deeper Devotion—I. D. Sealey, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. Lucus Gray.

Education—Rev. Paul Sheahan, W. D. Sawyer, Rev. Jim White.

Resolution—Rev. H. T. Hatcher, W. J. Meredith, A. H. Banks.

Ministerial Support—Fred Seabolt, W. D. Sawyer, J. R. Laws.

Periodical—Rev. E. C. Rash, Frank Cousin, George Candler.

Obituary—Geneva Sawyer, Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Virginia Polard.

Moved to adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11:00 A. M. by the Rev. Wade Calvert, using the eighth chapter of St. Luke, and the 34th verse, "What is Jesus Worth to You?"

Everyone enjoyed the message.

After opening in regular form, church letters were called for and the following reported:

SAXON AVENUE, Spartanburg, S. C.—Delegates: L. C. Crowe, C. G. Banks, Lula Guy. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 7. By restoration 18. Total 25. Dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion and erasure 8; total 9. Present membership 75. Foreign Missions \$21.65. Paid pastor \$1,703.75. Missions \$41.00. Paid for revivals \$259.60. Value of church property \$7,500. Money taken in \$2,416.34. Paid out \$2,416.34. Minute fund \$16.25. Clerk, John Ballard, phone 5346-W, 375 Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul J. Sheahan phone 3987-J, Whitney, S. C.

HIGH POINT, Lancaster, S. C.—Delegates: Clyde Lee, Coleman Pate, Sam Plifer. Licensed minister, none. Present membership 25. Paid pastor \$378.71. Missions \$10.00. Orphanage \$12.00. Paid for revivals \$83.35. Value of church property \$3,000. Money taken \$1,177.01. Paid out \$948.14. Now in treasury \$68.87. Minute fund \$9.50. Clerk, Minnie Belle Lee, Lancaster, S. C. R. F. D. 4. Pastor, Rev. H. L. Buckner, Lancaster, S. C., R. F. D. 4.

VALLEY FALLS—Delegates: J. R. Laws, H. T. Hatcher. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 16, by restoration 4, total 20. By death 1, total 1. Present membership 45. Paid pastor \$424.02. Missions \$16.00. Orphanage \$15.91. Paid for revival \$261.00. Church repair \$156.43. Value of church property \$2,000.00. Money taken \$1,288.48. Paid out \$996.96. Now in treasury \$41.00. Minute fund \$11.25. Clerk, Frank Laws, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C., Box 143.

CLOVER—Delegates: W. S. Frady, W. L. Meredith. Report of eight months. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 21, by letter 7, by restoration 16, total 44. Dismissed by letter 1, total 1. Present membership 49. Paid pastor \$316.89. Paid for revivals \$150.00. Church repair or building \$54.36. Value of church property \$2,500. Money taken \$521.33. Paid out \$521.33. Minute fund \$11.50. Clerk, William S. Frady 221 Hampshire Lane, Clover, S. C.. Pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray,, McAdenville, N. C.

WHITNEY—Delegates: Mrs. Emma Person, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sheahan, Mrs. Beulah Martin, Mr. W. D. Sawyer. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 12, by letter 5, total 17. Dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion and erasure 1, by letter 2, total 4. Present membership 102. Paid psator \$1,475.00. Missions \$84.01. Orphanage \$5.00. Paid for revival \$98.00. Church repair or building \$271.53. Value of church property \$10,000. Money taken in \$3,377.21. Paid out \$3,372.10. Minute fund \$25.50. Paid on parsonage \$377.81. Given to Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., \$120.00. Paid on loan \$605.00. Other church expense \$335.77. Clerk, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul J. Sheahan, Whitney, S. C.

MOUNT CARMEL—Delegates: Ed Mason, Virgil Wood. Received by baptism 5, by restoration 1, total 6. Dismissed by letter 1, total 1. Present membership 36. Paid pastor \$80.28. Missions \$3.08. Paid for revivals \$35.24. Church repair or building \$13.21. Value of church property \$1,200. Money taken in \$265.75. Paid out \$117.38. Now in treasury \$48.36. Minute fund \$9.00. Clerk, Bessie Mason, Sharon, S. C. Pastor Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C., P. O. Box 46.

COLES CHAPEL—Delegates, F. A. Sawyer, M. W. Kitchen. Received by baptism 6, total 6. Dismissed by letter 4, by expulsion and erasure 12, total 16. Present membership 21. Paid pastor \$587.23. Missions \$37.00. Orphanage \$35.88. Paid for revivals \$100.00. Church repair or building \$357.57. Value of church property \$4,000. Money taken in \$1,570.68. Paid out \$1,627.68. Now in treasury \$87.59. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk, W. D. Burke, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. B. F. Cousin, Spartanburg, S. C.

UNA—Delegates: Juanita Henson, Virginia Pollard. Licensed minister 1. Received by baptism 4, by letter 2, total 6. Dismissed by letter 4, total 4. Present membership 40. Paid pastor \$417.33. Paid for revivals \$25.43. Church repair or building \$50.43. Value of church property \$3,000. Money taken in \$292.10. Paid out \$288.97. Now in treasury \$3.13. Minute fund \$10.00. Clerk, Virginia Pollard, route 3, box 222, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. J. M. White, route 2, Spartanburg, S. C.

CEDAR HILL CHURCH—Delegates: George Candler, I. D. Sealey, Connie Lawter. By letter 2, total 3. Present membership 98. Paid pastor \$2,510.00. Missions \$30.61. Orphanage \$23.75. Paid for revivals \$100. Church repair or building \$558.76. Value of church property \$5,000. Money taken in

\$2,263.91. Paid out \$3,178.76. Now in treasury \$178.29. Minute fund \$24.00. Clerk, J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C., box 46. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, box 308, Lockhart, S. C., phone 2811.

It was moved to adjourn until Friday morning, August 6, 1948.

Thursday Night Service

The Rev. G. Y. Burgin, Black Mountain, N. C., brought the first message, taken from the twelfth chapter of Hebrews. Subject: "Run the Race with Patience," and truly a wonderful message was heard by Bro. Burgin.

Bro. J. B. Starns, pastor of Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C., followed, using the Scripture Acts eighth chapter, 29th verse. Text, "He preached unto him Jesus." A great message was brought at this time.

Friday Morning, August 6

After regular form, the association was opened for business.

Committee reports were called for and the following were received:

MISSIONS—We, your committee, do recommend that each pastor preach at least one sermon on missions each year, and that an offering be taken during the year for both home and foreign missions. We further recommend that since our National foreign mission treasury is short of funds and has launched an extensive program that our state field worker be invited to speak on missions in each church, and an offering be taken at such a time for this cause.

REV. WADE CALVERT

REV. JIM WHITE

REV. G. Y. BURGIN

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee, do recommend that our officers and teachers be Christians, that they might be able to train up a child in the way that it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it; and we also recommend that we use Free Will Baptist literature.

JUANITA HENSON,

HESTER BALLARD,

LILLIE MAE SHEAHAN

EDUCATION—We, your committee on Education, submit the following report: First, we ask all of our ministers and forthcoming applicants to the ministry to study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth—II Tim. 2:15. Second, due to the fact that our Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., now has a campaign to raise one hundred thousand dollars, we ask all of our

churches to raise 25 cents per member, one half of this amount to be sent to the School and one-half to be kept in the treasury to help our boys entering the ministry to go to school. Third, that we urge our Ordaining Council to examine all applicants to the ministry on their ability to read and explain the Word of God, and also encourage our young ministry to prepare for the work before them.

W. C. BANKS

REV. PAUL SHEAHAN

LADIES AID—We, your committee, do urged the pastors of all the churches to organize a Ladies Aid, and we feel they should have full support of the pastors and lay members, as we feel it would be a great help to the church.

BEULAH MARTIN

LULA GUY

FRANK COUSIN

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—We, your committee on Young People's work, do urge all churches to organize a Free Will Baptist League, if it so be that there isn't one that is experienced in that kind of work, we recommend that the Association appoint one for that work.

REV. E. C. RASH

REV. H. L. BUCKNER

PERIODICALS—We, your committee on Periodicals, do urge that our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature, and be examined by the pastors and superintendents and teachers quarterly.

REV. E. C. RASH

REV. B. F. COUSIN

REV. G. M. CANDLER

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We, your committee on Ministerial Support, submit the following: that the pastor tithe and that he preach tithing to his church, and we believe that this is the only way to support our churches and pastors.

FRED SEABOLT

J. R. LAWS

W. S. FRADY

DEEPER DEVOTION—We, your committee on Deeper Devotion, wish to submit the following: That we, the Free Will Baptists adhere to the teaching of Paul in Titus, second chapter, 11th and 12th verses, "for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; and showing good fidelity, we may adorn the doctrine of our God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I. D. SEALEY

REV. L. S. GREY .

REV. E. C. RASH

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following: That our ministers and lay members not only teach and preach temperance, but a total abstinence. Abstain from all appearance of evil, and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved—I Thess. 5:22-23.

REV. H. T. HATCHER

W. D. SAWYER

REV. PAUL SHEAHAN

EVANGELISM—We, your committee on Evangelism, wish to submit the following: That we accept Eph. 4:11, and he gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers. We believe each and everyone has his place in the church. Mark 16:15—Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We all have work to do; the field is ripe.

D. D. HUNSICKER

PAUL SHEAHAN

A. F. LAWTER

RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following: That under no circumstances should a church be allowed to call a pastor who is not in good standing and show evidence to that effect and that no pastor be allowed to fill his pulpit with any preacher who does conform to the fundamental doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and that no church shall violate this clause, and that all licensed ministers be in charge of the Ordaining Council.

H. T. HATCHER

W. J. MEREDITH

OBITUARY

WHITNEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, William Calvert, Sr., who departed this life April 12, 1948.

Tomorrow may come with its sickness and death,

And I may be called to relinquish my breath,

But that makes me happy, because I am secure;

My soul with the Lord will be sweetly sure,

But faith takes the word as its own proper range,

And looks not for death, but that wonderful change

From weakness and sickness to vigor and might,

From evil and darkness to beauty and light.

We do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, Grant Searsey, who departed this life June 23, 1948. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

VALLEY FALLS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, Herman Laws, who departed this life December 21, 1947.

SAXON AVE. FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH do mourn the loss of our

beloved brother, Joe Clark. He was not a member of the church, but he was a member of the Sunday School, also pianist for the church. I cannot say, and I will not say that he is dead. He is just away.

HIGH POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH do mourn the loss of our beloved brother, the Rev. J. T. Sinclair, one who was loved and respected by everyone that knew him. For many years he preached the gospel of love and pointing the way to a better place to go after this life is over. He believed it. He lived it. He preached it, and now his soul is reaping life everlasting on heaven's shore.—Virginia Pollard, Nellie Bailey, Geneva Sawyer.

At this time a move was made to adjourn until 2 P. M.

Friday evening the Association was opened for business after the regular form of song and prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

LOCKHART SUNDAY SCHOOL—Members on roll 145. Average attendance 135. Money collected this year \$1,836.97. Paid out \$1,658.68. Now in treasury \$178.29. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes, 9. Superintendent, Lee McSwain, Lockhart, S. C.

CLOVER SUNDAY SCHOOL—Members on roll 107. Average attendance 52. Money collected this year \$119.50. Paid out \$80.83. Now in treasury \$38.32. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes, 5. Superintendent, William S. Frady, 221 Hampshire Lane, Clover, S. C.

HIGH POINT SUNDAY SCHOOL—Members on roll 50. Average attendance 30. Money collected this year \$92.08. Paid out \$55.80. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes, 4. Superintendent, Sam Plyler, Lancaster, S. C. Secretary, Minnie Belle Lee, Rt. 4, Lancaster S. C.

JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT—Lockhart: Membership 30, gained this year 5, for literature \$1.80, for church repair \$10.30, money taken \$20.63, paid out \$17.50, paid for socials \$4.70. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawler, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, William Sealy, Lockhart, S. C.

CLOVER—F. W. B. League: number on roll 28. Average attendance 15. How many classes 2. Money taken \$17.94. Paid out \$14.34. Now in treasury \$3.60. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. President, William Frady, Clover, S. C. Secretary, Robert Gray, McAdenville, N. C.

WHITNEY LEAGUE REPORT—Membership 24. Given for missions \$15.53. Vacation Bible School \$14.26. For literature \$8.200. Money taken in \$64.26. Paid out \$37.75. Now in treasury \$21.03. President, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Secretary, Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.

WHITNEY LADIES AID—Membership 17. Gained this year 4. Love gifts \$48.56. For charity \$1.65. Money taken in \$63.51. Paid out \$50.56. President, Mrs. Ethel Reed, Whitney, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Martin, Whitney, S. C.

CLOVER LADIES AID—Membership 14. Gained this year 14. Money taken \$6.54. Paid out \$3.55. President, Mrs. L. S. Gray, McAdenville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Meredith, York, S. C.

Rev. Paul Sheahan, Rev. Jim White, Rev. A. F. Lawter, who who went to the National Association, which was held at Pocahontas, Arkansas. Rev. Sheahan gave a splendid talk on the progress of the work of the Free Will Baptists, followed by Rev. Lawter and Brother Sawyer. Brother Calvert of the Piedmont Association, also gave a wonderful talk on the work.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE—At this time a bill on marriage and divorce was brought to the floor by the Rev. E. C. Rash, that no church should accept a member in the body if they had two living companions, as the seventh chapter of Romans condemns it. It was moved and seconded, and passed by the Association to be printed in the minutes each year.

At this time the Association elected W. D. Sawyer, Whitney, S. C., treasurer for the Home Mission Board.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. E. C. Rash, J. R. Laws, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Chairman.

The Association ruled that each church send 25 cents per member for printing the minutes of the Association.

The Association voted that Rev. Jim White have 1,000 disciplines printed. Each church gave \$5.00 for this work.

It was ruled by the Association that each church pay each delegate's way to the Association and during the time there.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—We, your finance committee, wish to submit the following report: Money collected for minutes \$125.25. W. D. Sawyer, J. R. Laws, I. D. Sealey.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church, Lockhart, S. C., Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1949.

Friday Night Service

The Rev. Carl Shook preached the first sermon, taken from the third chapter of St. Matthew. Subject, "He came Preaching."

The Rev. Herman Gentry, Black Mountain, N. C., followed with the subject, "Light, Darkness, Fellowship." The Lord did pour out his Spirit and bless his people as in the days of old and truly we could say it was good for us to be there.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, AUGUST 7, 1948 SAXON AVE. CHURCH, SPARTANBURG, S. C.

Conference opened at 10 A. M. with song and prayer by the Rev. Mc-Falls of Black Mountain N. C.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—

Moderator Rev. A. F. Lawter

Clerk Rev. E. C. Rash

Reading Clerk Frank Laws

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. Jim White, Rev. Paul J. Sheahan, chairman.

Ministers' reports were called for at this time and received.

Rev. Paul J. Sheahan, Whitney, S. C., telephone 3987-J. Pastor of two churches. Revivals 4. Money given \$360.50. Money received \$3,605.00.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C., box 143. Pastor one church, professions 19. Baptised 17. Homes visited 52. Funerals conducted 2. Money given \$107.27. Miles traveled 4875. Money received \$403.07. Expenses \$132.00.

Rev. H. T. Hatcher Valley Falls, S. C. Preached 43 sermons. Professions 6. Homes visited 42. Sunday School lessons taught 28. Money given \$126.00. Miles traveled 948. Money received \$23.00. Expenses \$21.95.

Rev. J. M. White route 2, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor one church. Preached 150 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 18. Baptised 3. Homes visited 238. Funerals conducted 4. Sunday School lessons taught 2. Money received for church \$417.35. Money given, the Tenth. Miles traveled 3800. Money received \$135. Expenses \$114.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C., Box 46. Phone 2813. Pastor of one church, preached 37 sermons, professions 8. Members received 6. Baptised 5. Married 5. Homes visited 35. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 7. Money given \$46.00. Miles traveled 493. Money received \$180.28. Expenses \$37.00

Rev. L. D. Revis, Lockhart, S. C. Sermons preached 18. Professions 22. Homes visited 110. Money received \$52.00. Money given \$88.50. Box 52. Lockhart, S. C.

Rev. B. F. Cousin, box 602, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 90 sermons. Revivals 1. Professions 39. Members received 12. Money given \$247.60. Money received \$615.96.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, box 283, Rock Hill, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 121 sermons. Revivals held 2. Professions 29. Members received 28. Baptised 17. Homes visited 57. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 26. Money given \$217.00. Miles traveled 7,300. Money received \$415.30. Expenses \$186.91.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., phone 2811. Pastor of one church. Preached 114 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 17. Members received

3. Married 3. Funerals conducted 5. Sunday School lessons taught 48.
Money received \$2,510.00. Money given \$251.00.



After due examination, the Ordaining Council recommended that the Rev. B. F. Cousin and the Rev. H. T. Hatcher were fully qualified and ready to be ordained. The conference voted and passed upon them and they were ordained at this time.

The Rev. Carl Shook was given conference license and given permission to pastor the Cole Chapel Church under the Ordaining Council and to be ordained at a future date.

We, the Ordaining Council find in the case of Rev. L. D. Revis, that he promised to work with and cast his influence toward the betterment of the Beaver Creek Association, that he be given another chance, and that he preach under the watchcare of the Ordaining Council for one year.

We, the Ordaining Council, ask that the Ministers Conference withdraw fellowship from the Rev. Neal Vance and the Rev. J. S. Rice on the grounds of casting their influence against the Beaver Creek Association. It was approved by the Ministers Conference.

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Rev. Fred Barnett be given conference license and when he gets any work to do that the Ordaining Council will ordain him.

The next annual Conference will be at Lockhart, S. C., before the second Sunday in August, 1949.

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 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 delegates 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 as 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 motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

10. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.

13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Timothy 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 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 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 the 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 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."—II 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 conditions of salvation as they are and what doth the Lord require of thee, O man, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."—Mich. 6:8.

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

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

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

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

12. FEET WASHING—We believe that washing of the saints' feet was a command of the 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."—I Cor. 9:14.

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