

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Beaver Creek Association
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
AND
Ministers' Conference
HELD WITH
COLES CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ARCADIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 1950

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The next session will convene with the Una Free Will Baptist Church, Una, S. C. on Thursday before the Second Sunday in August, 1951.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty seventh Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association opened at 10:00 A. M. August 10, 1950 with Song and prayer.

Address of welcome was given by the pastor Rev. Carl Shook of Arcadia, S. C.

At this time a welcome of address was given to the visitors and a seat granted in the Association by the Moderator Rev. J. C. Franks.

Visitors with us at this time were: Rev. Noah Brown of Route one Rockingham, N. C. and the Rev. Wade Calvert of Belmont, N. C. also others whose names were not submitted to clerk.

Officers for the Beaver Creek Association were elected as follows: Rev. Johnnie Franks elected Moderator, Rev. Boyd L. Shook elected clerk, and the Rev. Frank Cousin elected reading clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance: W. D. Sawyer, I. D. Sealy, W. R. Laws.

Missions: Rev. Roy Gosnell, Rev. Workman Morris, and Rev. Jesse Mayberry.

Sunday School: Mrs. Bulah Martin, Mr. L. C. Crowe, Mrs. Ruth Shook,

★ Temperance: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Workman Morris.

Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Maggie Pike, Mrs. Corine Price.

Evangelism: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Bill Cothran, Rev. J. M. White.

Deeper Devotion: Rev. L. S. Grey, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. Paul SheeHan.

Education: Rev. Julius Sawyer, Rev. Howard Hatcher, Mr. John Ballard.

Resolution: Mr. Frank Laws, Rev. Harley Buckner, Rev. Wade Calvert.

Ministerial Support: Mr. Ed. Mason, I. D. Sealy, Ralph Smith.

Periodical: Miss Francis Painter, T. W. Miller, Mrs. Hazel Shook.

Obituary: Mrs. Laura Cookson, Mrs. Lily Smith, Mrs. L. S. Grey, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, Miss Joyce Littlefield.

The introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 A. M. by the Rev. Noah Brown of Rockingham, N. C. taken from the Epistle of the Colossians Second Chapter, Verses Three thrus Seven.

Topic: "How did we receive Him."

The message was greatly enjoyed by everyone and brought to memory the great choice we made when we received Christ as our Saviour.

The afternoon Session was opened by Song and Prayer, Scripture lesson by the Rev. L. S. Grey taken from the 12 chapter of Romans verses 1 thru 11.

Rules of Decorum read at this time.

The following Business was transacted at this time:

Young Peoples Work: Miss Joyce Littlefield, Mrs. Lizzes Clark, Mrs. Ruth Shook.

A unanimouse vote was made to change Church Letter Form.

The Miller Memorial Free Will Baptist Church was excepted into the Beaver Creek Association under the watch care of the ordaining council for a period of Twelve Months.

It was voted that the Ladies Auxiliary be given Thursday afternoon of each conference for the promotion of their work.

It was also voted to retain same Scriptural reading on Mairrige and Divorce and that said Scripture be adopted as permanent and that the Question of Marriage and Divorce be not brought to the floor for discussion any more in our Conferences.

At this time Church letters were called for and the following reported:

Saxon Avenue: Spartanburg, S. C.

Delegates: Mr. John Ballard, Rev. Roy Gosnell, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis. Licensed Ministers, 2, received by baptism 8, by letter 2, by restoration 23, Total 33, dismissed by letter 5, by expulsion and crasure5, by death 0, total 10, present membership 119. Paid Pastor \$1,980.00 Missions \$18.00, Orphange \$25.00, paid for Revivals \$388.62, paid out \$3,718.00, now in treasure \$79.82 minute fund \$30.00. Clerk: John Ballard 375 Arch Street Spartnburg, S. C. Pastor Rev. Paul J. Sheehan, Whitney, S. C.

Coles Chapel, Arcadia, S. C.

Delegates: Ralph Smith, Miss Francis Painter, Dillard Cody. Licensed Ministers 1, received by Baptism 20, by letter 0, by restoration 15, total 35, dismissed by letter 0, present membership 75, paid pastor \$2,340.00, missions unknown, Orphanage unknown, paid for revivals \$235.00. Building \$10,008.70 value of Church property \$8,000.00 money taken in \$3,771.68, paid out \$3,730.02, now in treasure \$41.66, minute fund \$18.75, Clerk, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor Rev. Carl Shook.

Whitney: Whitney, S. C.

Delegates: Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Bulah Martin, Lillie Mae Sheehan. Received by Baptism, 4, by letter 2; by statement 8, dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion 1, by death 2, total 4. Present membership 80, paid pastor \$1,492.19, missions \$111.30, Orphanage \$88.25, Church repair \$295.56, Church expenses \$266.24, money paid on loan \$650.00 minute fund \$15.00 Total paid out \$2918.54, Total collected \$3018.54 now in treasure \$100.00 Pastor Rev. Paul J. Sheehan Clerk, W. H. Ayers.

Valley Falls: Valley Falls, S. C.

Delegates: J. R. Laws, Frank Laws, Rev. B. L. Shook, received by baptism 2, by letter 2, Total 4, Dismissed by letter 3, by expulsion and erasure 13, Total 16, present membership 35. Paid Pastor \$450.00, Missions \$14.53, orphanage \$24.00, paid for revivals \$128.45 value of Church property \$2500.00, money taken in \$684.08, paid out \$772.73, in treasure \$69.26, minute fund \$8.75, clerk, James Gossett, 53 Hub City Courts. Pastor Rev. McFalls, Black Mountain, N. C.

Cedar Hill Church: Lockhart, S. C.

Delegates: Lee McSwain, I. D. Sealy, Maude McSwain, Connie Lawter, Laura Cookson.

Received by Baptism 44, by letter 2 by restoration 2, Total 48, dismissed by letter 2, Total 2, present membership, 142, paid pastor \$3,470.00, missions \$17.38 orphanage \$60.10, paid for revivals \$265.00 building fund \$2,702.00, value of church property, \$20,000.00 money taken in \$7516.85, paid out \$4,591.38, now in treasure \$250.76, minute fund \$15.00, Clerk J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Mount Carmel Church: Sharon, S. C.

Delegates: James Mason, Jesse W. Mayberry, Licensed minister 1, received by Baptism, 18, by letter 2, by restoration 1, Total 21, Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 6, total 33, paid pastor \$159.00, missions \$2.60, orphanage \$110.00, paid for revivals \$100.70, building or repair \$194.00, value of church property \$2,000.00 money taken in \$340.58, paid out \$336.20, now in treasure \$4.38, minute fund \$3.25. Clerk Jesse W. Mayberry, Route one, York, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Valley Falls, S. C.

Una Church Una, S. C.

Delegates: Mrs. Bessie Lawter, Mrs. Oscar Smith. Received by letter 4, Total 4, dismissed by expulsion and easure 24, total 24, present membership 15, paid pastor \$131.91, missions \$4.50 orphanage \$12.00, value of church property \$3,00.00 money taken in \$167.97, paid out \$143.91, now in treasure \$24.06, minute fund \$3.75. Clerk J. V. Heatherington route one Inman, S. C. Pastor Rev. E. C. Rash Route one Sharon, S. C.

New Hope Church: Woodruff Route 2

Delegates: Rev. W. W. Morris, Mrs. Maggie Pike, Miss Joyce Littlefield, Miss Ethylene McMahan, Miss Pauline Teague. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 12, by letter 13, Total 25, dismissed one, present membership 25, paid pastor \$100.00, paid for revivals \$43.00, Church building \$849.00 value of Church property, \$3,000.00, money taken in \$995.23 paid out \$995.49, now in treasure, \$46.23, minute fund \$6.25, 11 candidates for baptism. Clerk Mrs. Maggie Pike, Route 2 Woodruff, S. C. Pastor Rev. Boyd L. Shook, 773 Beaumont Ave. Ext. Spartanburg, S. C. phone 8524.

This Church was newly organized since last September by above named pastor, after a revival meeting was held in the community under the gospel tent. Many souls were saved during this revival and after organization of church about 2 acres of land was given by one of the members. Members and non-members of the church volunteer to cut down and log out approximately 10,000 feet of timber which was generously given by members and friends of the church. With the fine spirit of giving in this community and donations given by the Mill officials of Woodruff, S. C. The Church was soon started,

after patient labor by friends and members of the church and much Prayer The Church was elected in about eleven months, all that is lacking in the completion of the church is ceiling inside, up to this date the church does not owe anything on the building. We believe that the sincere babes in Christ of this Church will go forward because they have succeeded in a defeating Sin and Satan and giving Victory for our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Miller's Memorial Church: Route 1 Campobello, S. C.

Delegates: W. E. Cothran, Will Tessinior, Ruth Scott, Edith Blackwell, Ruth Arrington. Licensed Minister 1, received by baptism 20, Total membership 66, paid pastor \$125.00, paid for revivals \$72.76, building new Church. Value of church property, \$300.00, money taken in \$554.75, paid out \$523.97 now in treasure \$30.78, minute fund \$16.50. Clerk Ruth Arrington, route 1 Campobello, S. C. Pastor Rev. Paul Roland, Spartanburg, S. C. Route 6.

This also is a Newly organized church and are winning souls almost every service, is steadily going forward for the Lord, we as the Association are glad to see these new churches coming and uniting with us.

Timber Branch Church Route 2 Camden, S. C.

This is a newly organized church which came into the Association at this time with a total membership of 21, Clerk Mrs. T. W. Hinson, pastor, Rev. R. P. Terry, we also are glad to have this new church unite with us which give one more victory for Jesus.

We wish to let the young minister's of our Association know that we appreciate the initiative, hard work, and the interest they have taken in the fields that are already ripe for the Harvest.

Clover

Delegates: W. S. Frady, W. J. Meredith. Received by baptism 11, by letter 18, total 29, present membership 72, paid pastor \$1689.00 paid janitor \$45.00 amount taken in \$3779.41, amount paid out \$3737.05 amount taken in on New Church \$1976.93, orphanage \$6.21, Amount in treasure \$42.36, poor and needy \$10.18, visitors and singers \$12.10, revivals \$58.28 Clerk W. S. Frady, 221 Hampshire Lane, Clover S. C. Pastor Rev. L. S. Gray.

It was moved to adjourn until Friday morning August 11, 1950.

Thursday Night Service

The Rev. Wade H. Calvert of Belmont N. C. brought the first message taken from Romans first chapter, verses 1 thru three. Topic: "What I Believe". A wonderful message was brought at this time.

Rev. W. B. Carter delivered the following message taken from the book of Job chapter 16 verse 16. Topic: "What I want in my Record."

A very inspiring message was heard at this time and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Friday Morning, August 11, 1950

After regular form, the Association was opened for business.

Committee reports were called for and the following were received:

MISSIONS

We your committee on missions recommend the following—that each pastor accept date appointed by Home missions worker and that the old resolution still be in affect.

REV. ROY L. GOSNELL

REV. W. W. MORRIS

REV. J. W. MAYBERRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, do recommend that our officers and teachers be Christians; that they might train a child in the way that it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it. We also recommend that we use Free Will literature, and that our ministers take more interest in our Sunday Schools and our Young folks.

MR. L. C. CROWE

MRS. BULAH MARTIN

MRS. BOYD SHOOK

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 Timothy 2:15. Second, due to the fact that 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 ministers to prepare for the work before them. Fourth, that each church take twice a year an offering for the Free Will Baptist School.

H. J. SAWYER
H. T. HATCHER
J. L. BALLARD

LADIES AUXILIARY

We, your committee on ladies Auxiliary, do urge the pastors of all Churches to organize a Ladies Auxiliary as 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. We urge all Auxiliaries to use Auxiliary Manuals also send delegates to our convention We urge all churches to organize a girl' Go-Tell, this is a great training work for the future Ladies Auxiliary.

CONNIE LAWTER
CORINE PRICE
MAGGIE PIKE

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

We, your committee on Young People's Work do urge all churches and pastors to help organize and encourage a Free Will Baptist League, a Go-Tell for girls and a King's Messenger for boys. We also recommend F. W. B. literature. Miss Geneva Sawyer of Whitney, S. C. the state leader of this work and will assist in any new work.

LIZZIE CLARK
RUTH SHOOK
JOYCE LITTLEFIELD

PERIODICALS

We, your committee on Periodicals do urge that our churches use Free Will Baptist Literature, and that each quarterly be examined by the pastor, superintendent and teacher.

HAZEL SHOOK
FRANCES PAINTER
T. W. MILLER

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, submit the following report, according to the teaching of the Bible, the church is under

obligation to support the ministers. Malachi 3:8 (will a man rob God) yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. We believe if our churches would stop robbing God and bring their tithes to the store house, we could support our pastors.

ED MASON
I. D. SEALY
RALPH SMITH

DEEPED DEVOTION

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion wish to submit the following: That we, the Free Will Baptist adhere to the teaching of Paul in Titus. "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.

REV. L. S. GRAY
REV. A. F. LAWTER
REV. P. J. SHEEHAN

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: That we as followers of Christ abstain from all use of alcohol as a beverage, and that we abstain from all worldly amusements, such as theaters, ball games, mixed swimming pools etc. That we abstain reading ungodly literature, indecent dressings, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

REV. CARL SHOOK
REV. W. W. MORRIS
REV. A. F. LAWTER

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 teaching. 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. That each church with their pastor work in harmony with young preachers to evangelize and organize new fields, giving spiritual and financial support. (we believe in action on this resolution instead of talk) "By their fruits shall ye know them."

REV. W. E. COTHRAN
REV. J. M. WHITE
REV. CARL SHOOK

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.

That all licensed ministers be in charge of Ordaining Council, and that no church grant a letter to any member who is not in full fellowship with the church.

REV. HARLEY BUCKNER
REV. WADE CALVERT
FRANK LAWS

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them". Rev. 14:13

Dad, we loved you,
but Jesus loved you more
and he gently called you,
to yonder shore;
where we will meet
to part no more.

Whitney Free Will Baptist church do mourn for the loss of our dear brother W. J. Johnson who passed away Sept. 18, 1949. And also of our dear sister Mrs. Lola Thompson who passed away March 16, 1950.

Miller Memorial FreeWill Baptist Church regrets the death of our dear brother in Christ, Mr. Smith Dameron who passed away July 28, 1950, He is truly missed by all.

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church do mourn the passing of Johnnie Pike who was killed, March 31, 1950. His absence has grieved the hearts of many who knew him.

MRS. L. S. GRAY
MYRTLE ELLIS
LILLIE SMITH
JOYCE LITTLEFIELD
LAURA COOKSON

At the eleven O'clock service the Rev. Workman Morris brought the following message. Topic: God's Army, taken from Ephesians 6:10.

Truly we can say that it was good for us to have been there.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At this time the Rev. Roy Gosnell was elected Home Mission worker and Mrs. Rupert Price as his assistant.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

SAXON AVE:

Members on roll 119. Average attendance 105. Money collected this year \$770.28. Paid out \$770.28. Now in treasure none. Kind of literature F. W. Baptist. Superintendent, James Gosnell. Sec. Flora Ballard.

LOCKHART:

Members on roll 175, average attendance 162, Money collected this year \$481.85, paid out \$4591.33, now in treasure \$214.47. Supt. Lee McSwain. Sec. Francis Crocker.

MOUNT CARMEL :

Members on roll 49, average attendance 42, money collected this year \$51.46, paid out \$67.95, now in treasure \$3.50. Superintendent James E. Mason, Sec. Barbara Mayberry.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

LOCKHART:

Members 30, gained this year 5, paid to orphanage \$35.15, for charity \$14.02, building fund \$916.15, money taken in \$1001.70, paid out \$959.27. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Sec Mrs. Frances Brassington.

SAXON AVE:

Members 18, gained this year 12, paid orphanage \$32.00, for charity \$43.00, for church repair \$45.00, money taken in \$267.94, paid out \$124.00. President Mrs. Juanita Henson, Sec. Mrs. Hester Ballard.

COLES CHAPEL:

Membership 16, gained this year none, paid to orphanage none, for charity \$60.35, Money taken in \$64.37, paid out \$60.35. President Mrs. Grace Shook Sec. Mrs. Dillard Cody.

VALLEY FALLS:

Membership 8, newly organized. President Mrs. Boyd Shook, Sec. Mrs. Atalee Ellis.

WHITNEY:

Membership 21, gained this year 9, money taken in this year \$50.61 paid out \$88.04, now in treasure \$10.50; President Fay Griffin, Sec. Hazel Sanford.

LOCKHART GO-TELL:

Member 23, gained this year 7, paid to orphanage 48 cans food, 8 cakes of soap, for charity \$18.50, building fund \$205.46, paid for literature \$2.74, money taken in \$237.02, paid out \$226.50. Leader Mrs Mellie Dabbs. Sec Guynita Sink.

LOCKHART JUNIOR LEAGUE:

Members 24, gained this year 4, paid for literature \$2.40, for church repair \$2.30, money taken in \$6.08, paid out \$4.70. President Mrs. A. F. Lawter. Sec. William Sealy.

BROTHERHOOD OF MOUNT CARMEL:

Members 7, services in homes 16, professions 4, homes visited 56, minute fund \$1.75. President Jesse W. Mayberry, Sec. Virgil Wood.

We, the Home Mission board wish to report the following:

Collected by Home Mission worker \$165.50, by last year worker \$50.00. Total \$215.50, paid out to orphanage \$33.00, To Home Mission Worker \$20.00, Total paid out \$53.00, now in treasure \$162.50.

REV. A. F. LAWTER, CHAIRMAN

REV. ERNIE RASH

L. A. LAWS

W. D. SAWYER, TREASURE

I. D. Sealy and W. D. Sawyer were elected as delegates to the State Association and \$11.09 received to bear their expense.

FRIDAY NIGHTS SERVICE

The speakers for the evening service were Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. Johnnie Franks.

Inspiring messages were brought by both speakers and the service was enjoyed by all.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Proceedings of the Minister's Conference of the Beaver Creek Association of the Free Will Baptist, August 12, 1950, Coles Chapel Arcadia, S. C.

Conference opened by Prayer and Song.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator

Rev. A. F. Lawter

Clerk

Rev. B. L. Shook

Ass't Moderator

Rev. L. S. Gray

Reading Clerk

Rev. Frank Cousin

Ordaining council elected at this time.

Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Chairman.

Rev. A. F. Lawter

Rev. C. F. Shook

Rev. L. S. Grey

Rev. H. T. Hatcher

Ministers reports called for at this time, received, read, and excepted.

Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Whitney, S. C. Phone 3-3237, Box 104. Pastor of 2 churches. Revivals held 11, Professions 142, Members received 10, baptised 42, married 4, Funerals conducted 13, money given \$250.00, money received \$2,500.00.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Route 1 Sharon. S. C., Pastor of 1 church. Preached 32 sermons. Profession 3, Baptised 29. Married 1. Visited 38 homes. Funerals conducted 4. Sunday School lessons taught 14, money given \$90.40. Miles traveled 2319. Money received \$81.29. Expenses \$54.75.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Phone 2331. Pastor of one church. Preached 205 sermons. Members received 48. Married 10. Funerals conducted 13. Sunday School lessons taught 52. Money received for church \$7,316.85. Money given \$375.00 Money received \$3,470.00

Rev. Boyd L. Shook, 733 Beaumont Ave. Ext. Pastor of one church. Preached 176 sermons. Revivals held 4. Professions 56. Members received 38. Baptised 20. Married 1. Visited 105 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 6. Money received for church \$949.50. Money given \$310.00. Miles traveled 15,000. Money received \$100.00. Expenses \$411.84.

Rev. Roy Gosnell, Temple St. Arcadia, S. C. Preached 50 sermons. Revivals held 4. Professions 14. Visited 150 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 25. Money given \$250.00. Miles traveled 5001. Money received \$145.00. Expense \$90.00.

Rev. Carl Shook, P. O. box 28, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 135 sermons. Revivals held 3. Professions unknown. Members received 35. Baptised 13. Married 1. Funerals conducted 4. Money received from church \$2,340.00. Money given \$234.00.

Rev. B. F. Cousin, P. O. Box 602 Spartanburg, S. C. Phone 5922. Preached 14 sermons. Profession 2. Sunday School lessons taught 44. Money given \$86.75.

Rev. Jesse W. Mayberry, Route 1, York, S. C. Preached 16 sermons. Professions 4. Visited 25 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 28. Money given \$25.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Preached 5 sermons. Married 1. Visited 120 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 26. Money given \$76.00.

Rev. Paul Roland, R. F. D. 6, Spartanburg, S. C., Pastor of one church. Preached 44 sermons. Revival held 2. Professions 37. Members received 67. Baptised 20. Visited 100 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 35. Money given \$55.00 Miles traveled 15,000. Money received 177.87. Expenses \$35.00.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Box 283 Rock Hill, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 79 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 11. Members received 5. Baptised 4 Visited 80 homes Sunday School lessons taught 9. Money received for church? Money given \$201.40. Miles traveled 6460. Received \$216.80. Expenses \$161.40.

Rev. W. E. Cothran, 457 Wolfe St. Spartanburg, S. C. preached 14 sermons. Professions 7. Visited 16 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 11. Money received for church \$85.00. Money given \$20.00. Miles traveled 700. Money received \$7.00. Expenses \$32.50.

Rev. J. M. White, Route 2, Spartanburg, S. C. pastor of 1 church. Preached 80 sermons. Revivals held 3. Professions 90. Members received 26. Baptised 16. Married 2. Visited 75 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 3. Money received for church \$200.00. Money given \$30.00. Miles traveled 500. Money received \$100.00.

Rev. R. P. Terry, Route 3, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 262 sermons. Professions 24. Members received 24 baptised 9. Visited 73 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 32. Money given \$5.00. Miles traveled 950. Money received \$20.00. Expenses \$10.00.

Rev. L. D. Revis, P. O. Box 222, Union, S. C. Visited 188 homes. Money given for charity and the cause of Christ \$288. 60.

Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 165 sermons revivals held 2. Professions 72. Members 20. Baptised 18. Married 2. Visited 132 homes. Money given \$62.95. Miles traveled 5562. Money recieved \$347.65. Expenses \$205.80.

THE WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend to the Beaver Creek Association and the Minister's Conference:

1. That all young men that are called into the ministry wishing to come into our Conference be given liberation papers by their church for the period of one year, if he proves himself the church will grant him church license for one year, if he proves himself the church will recommend him to the Ordaining Council for Conference License. If he then proves himself the church where he holds membership will recommend him to the Ordaining Council for Ordination.

2. No Liberated or Church Licensed Minister shall pastor a church.

3. No Conference Licensed Minister shall pastor a church without being recommended by the Ordaining Council.

Signed by the Ordaining Council of 1948 and 1949.

REV. PAUL J. SHEEHAN

REV. H. J. SAWYER

REV. J. M. WHITE

REV. A. F. LAWTER

REV. E. C. RASH

The Conference voted that the Minister's Conference be held every three months, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Oct. 28, 1950.

Next Conference will be held at Saxon Ave. Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church, and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the greater 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 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 delegate or not, may be invited to 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 partical 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 Associatin 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. Therè 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 with drawn by the person who made it.
7. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
8. On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
9. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
10. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
11. 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 Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God 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 reproofs 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 unto salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:3-10.

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 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.

