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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Proceeding of the Minister's Conference of the Beaver Creek Association of the Free Will Baptist, August 9, 1951, Una Free Will Baptist Church, Una, S. C.

Conference opened by Prayer and Song.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator -----	Rev. Arthur Lawter
Clerk -----	Rev. Paul Roland
Ass't Moderator -----	Rev. P. J. Sheehan
Reading Clerk -----	Rev. B. L. Shook

ORDAINING COUNCIL ELECTED AT THIS TIME:

Rev. L. S. Gray
Rev. A. F. Lawter
Rev. P. J. Sheehan
Rev. Carl Shook
Rev. B. L. Shook

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

Rev. James Robert Miller, Valley Falls, S. C. Preached 50 sermons. Professions 60. Visited 50 Homes. Sunday School lessons taught 10. Money given \$50.00. Miles traveled 600. Money received \$13.00. Expenses \$50.00.

Rev. Roy L. Gosnell, 416 Temple Street, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 120 Sermons. Revivals held 3. Professions 104. Members received 38. Baptized 15. Married 0. Visited 50 Homes. Funerals conducted 2. Sunday School lessons taught 25. Money received for church \$2,017.14. Miles traveled 8,580. Money received \$389.50. Expenses \$485.00.

Rev. Paul Roland, 457 Wolfe Street, Spartanburg, S. C., Preached 12 sermons. Professions 8. Visited 30 homes. Money received \$ 18.00

Rev. B. L. Shook, Valley Falls, S. C., Pastor of 1 church. Preached 150 sermons. Revivals held 5. Members received 85. Baptised 49. Married 3. Funerals conducted 5. Money given Tithes and Offerings.

Rev. R. P. Terry, Lancaster, S. C., Preached 54 sermons, visited 61 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 30. Miles traveled 4000. Money received \$ 6.00. Expenses \$ 50.00

Rev. B. F. Cousin, P. O. Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C. Phone 5922. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 68 sermons. Revivals held 0. Sunday School lessons taught 20. Money received for church \$ 365.11. Money given \$ 125.00. Money received \$ 5.53.

Rev. James E. Revis, Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C., Preached 8 sermons. Visited 10 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 16. Money given \$ 850.00. Miles traveled 300. Expenses \$ 5.00.

Rev. James D. Beheler, Valley Falls S. C., Preached 4 sermons. Professions 3. Visited 25 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 15. Miles traveled 30.

Rev. W. W. Morris, Enoree, S. C., Pastor of 1 church. Preached 80 sermons. Members received 4. Baptised 3. Visited 99 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 16. Money received for church \$ 1.00. Money given \$ 309.22. Miles traveled 1,743. Money received \$ 206.00 Expenses \$ 185.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Box 46, Preached 9 sermons. Professions 8. Baptised 8. Married 1. Visited 76 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 1. Money given \$ 125.00.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary met Aug. 9, 1951 with Una, Free Will Baptist Church. Opened with Song ---- "To The Work" Prayer ----

Rev. Paul Shehan

Devotion -- By Mrs. L. S. Gray her Subject--Working together with God.

Welcome---- By Mrs. Arthur Lawter

Response---- By Mrs. Ruth Shook

Business Period---- Reports of Vice-Presidents called for and accepted

Three new Auxiliares were accepted--Enoree--Riverside and Chester.

Report on Cragmont---- By Mrs. Arthur Lawter

Officers elected as following:

(1). 1st.Vice President ----- Mrs. L. S. Gray

(2.) 2nd Vice President ----- Mrs. A. F. Lawter

(3.) 3rd. Vice President ----- Mrs. Hazel Shook

(4) 4th. Vice President ----- Mrs. Ruth Shook

(5.) 5th. Vice President ----- Mrs. Hazel Rhodes

Field Worker ----- Miss Jeneva Sawyer

Treasurer ----- Mrs. Lizzy Clark

Secretary ----- Mrs. Lillie Mae Shehand

Report of Treasurer, Money taken in all Auxiliaries \$2009.84

Paid out for Church work and charitiy \$1803.00

Study Courses conducted 9, Tithers 201

Money paid to orphanage \$42, 25, Comotives to orphanage 120 cans of food. Moved and Second to meet 3rd Sunday in July 1952 with Arcadia Church. Time 2:30 P. M.

Message---- By Mr. Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C.

Subject--Making the Best of What We Have, Text--2nd. Kings 1-7 verses.

Moved and second to adjourn

Prayer---- By Mrs. Harold Ellis

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty Eighth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Association opened at 10:00 A. M. August 10, 1951, with song and prayer by Rev. Carl Shook.

Address of welcome was given by Rev. W. E. Cothran.

Rev. L. S. Gray was elected moderator of association at this time.

Visitors with us at this time were: Rev. Loyd Gray, Rev. Hursey, Rev. J. F. Floyd, Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Connley, Rev. Jernington, Rev. Mellet, Rev. Ervin Saluda.

Officers for the Beaver Creek Association were elected as follows: Rev. Johnnie Bullman elected association clerk, Rev. B. L. Shook elected reading clerk, Rev. L. S. Gray elected moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

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

Missions: Rev. Tyner, Rev. Russell, Brother Glenn, Brother Scott.
Sunday School: Brother Herman Taylor, Sister Hazel Shook, Sister Hazel Clubb.

Temperance: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Roy Gosnell, Rev. Paul Roland.
Ladies Auxiliary: Sister Connie Lawter, Sister Ruth Shook, Sister Cody.

Evangelism: Rev. B. L. Shook, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. B. F. Cousins.
Deeper Devotion: Brother Roy Revis, Brother J. Scott, Brother Charlie Dameron.

Education: Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Rev. W. E. Cothran, Sister Myrtle Ellis.

Resolution: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Brother Elliott.
Young People: Rev. James Beheler, Sister Sawyer, Rev. Robert Miller.

Ministerial Support: Brother Moss, Brother Edwards, Brother Terry.
Periodical: Sister Ruth Scott, Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Pearson.
Obituary: Sister Connie Lawter, Rev. Painter, Rev. James Revis.

Rev. Carl Shook assistant moved with second to adopt program, passed in majority, twenty to eighteen.

Rev. B. L. Shook, reading clerk moved with second for any church coming into the association to have a voice in the association. Passed by majority.

Church letters brought to enter association at this time.

Churches coming into the association were: The Highpoint Free Will Baptist Church at Lancaster, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. R. Tyner. Clover Free Will Baptist Church, Clover, S. C., Pastor, Rev. Henry Russell.

Voted and passed by majority.

At this time a letter of apology was read by reading clerk, Rev. B. L. Shook, from the Piedmont Association. Letter accepted.

Report of orphanage by Brother Vause.

Offering taken up for Orphanage, \$33.16.

Message by Rev. B. L. Shook, Scripture reading Matt: 16-18, subject "How the Gates of Hell Prevail," a wonderful message by Brother Shook.

Moved to adjourn.:

August 10, 1951, Evening Service opened with song and prayer by Rev. Carl Shook. Devotion, Rev. Smith, Home Mission, Rev. Bullard, Sunday Schools by Brother Herman Taylor. F. W. B. League by Sister Sawyer, Ladies Auxiliary, Sister Cody.

Business Period:

Free Will Baptist Church of Enoree, S. C., and Chester, S. C., came into the Association at this time.

Moved to adjourn:

August 10, 1951, Night Service opened with song and prayer by Herman Taylor, Devotion, Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Offering taken up for Home Mission, \$10.52. Message by Rev. Roy Gosnell. Scripture reading Heb: 11-16; Luke 11; John 3-16, subject "God's Greatest Revelation." Message by Rev. E. R. Tyner. Scripture reading Luke 22, subject "Calvary."

Moved to adjourn:

August 11, 1951, Saturday A. M. opened with song and prayer by Rev. Carl Shook. Devotion, Rev. Robert Miller.

House declared in order for business by Moderator.:

Church letter read by reading clerk Rev. B. L. Shook, at this time, Enoree Church, Enoree, S. C.

Delegates: Brother J. D. Soltan, Sister Ruby Seay, Sister Hazel Rhodes. Received by baptism 37, by letter 2, total 39. Dismissed by letter 3, by expulsion and erasure 16, resigned 5, total 24. Present membership, 33. Paid pastor \$389.50, Missions \$5.00, Orphanage

\$50.00. Paid for revivals \$150.00, Paid out \$1,955.73, Church repair or building \$129.00, Value of church property \$3,000.00, Money taken in \$2,017.14, Now in treasury \$51.41, Minute fund \$3.25.

Clerk: Mrs. R. L. Gosnell, 416 Temple St., Arcadia, S. C.

Pastor: Roy L. Gosnell, 416 Temple St., Arcadia, S. C.

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Valley Falls, Valley Falls, S. C.

Delegates: Rev. James Beheler, Rev. Robert Miller, Mr. Frank Laws, Mr. Paul Pruitt, Mr. J. R. Laws. Licensed Minister 2, Received by baptism 45, by letter 36, Total 85. Dismissed by letter 4, Total 4. Present membership 140. Paid pastor \$1,750.00, paid for revivals \$300.00, value of church property \$10,000.00, money taken in 3,762.54. Paid out \$3,662.54, Now in treasury \$100.00, Minute fund \$15.00. Clerk Mrs. B. L. Shook, Valley Falls, S. C., Pastor, Rev. B. L. Shook, Valley Falls, S. C.

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Whitney, Whitney, S. C.

Delegates, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Mrs. Emma Pearson, Miss Geneva Sawyer. Received by Baptism 4, by letter 4, by Restoration 1, total 9, Dismissed by letter 2, by erasure 1, by death 1, total 4, present membership 85, value of church property \$10,000.00 paid to Pastor \$2,659.82, paid to missions \$73.73, paid to orphanage \$399.64 paid to, revivals \$230.45 paid on loans \$524.00, other expenses \$380.68, total paid out \$4268.52, total collected \$4418.32, on hand \$150.00, minute fund. \$12.50. Clerk: W. H. Ayers Whitney, S C. Pastor Rev. Paul J. Sheehan, Whitney, S C

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Coles Chapel, Arcadia, S. C.

Delegates: Mr. John H. Painter, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Mrs. Hazel Shook, Mr. Paul Brown. Licensed Minister 0, received by baptism 21, by letter 3, by restoration 24, total 48. Dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 4, by death 1, total 7, Present membership 133. Paid pastor \$2,600.00, missions \$94.00, Orphanage unknown .Paid for revivals \$198.00. Church repaid or building \$734.00, Value of church property 9,000.00, Money takep in \$4887.20, Paid out \$4565.14. Now in treasury \$322.06, Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk: Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor: Rev. Carl Shook, P. O. Box 28 Arcadia, S. C.

Una Church, Una, S. C.

Delegates: G. V. Heatherington, Lillie Smith, Zudie Pearson. Licensed Minister 0, by restoration 6, total 9, Dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 0, by death 0, Total 2, Present membership 21. Paid Pastor \$333.34, Orphanage \$48.46, Paid for revivals \$55.72, Church repair or building \$536.29, Paid out \$1055.26, Now in treasury \$31.40, Minute fund 5.25, Special Collections for charity \$51.46, Clerk: G. V. Heatherington, Inman, S. C., Rt. 1, Pastor: Rev.: E. C. Rash, Sharon S. C.

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New Hope Church, Rt. 2, Woodruff, S. C.

Delegates: Mr. Johnson Teague, Miss Joyce Littlefield, Miss Polly Teague, Mrs. Maggie Pike, Mrs. Erlise Robertson. Licensed Minister 1, Received by baptism 3, by letter 1, by restoration 0, Total 4. Dismissed by letter 0, by expulsion and erasure 0, by death 0, Present membership 29. Paid Pastor \$206.00, Missions \$11.25, Orphanage 0, Paid for revivals \$3500, Church repair or building \$790.20, value of church property \$4,000.00, Money taken in \$1077.60. Paid out \$1039.35. Now in treasury \$38.25. Minute fund \$7.25. Clerk: Mrs. Maggie Pike, Rt. 2 Woodruff, S. C. Pastor: W. W. Morris, Enoree, S. C.

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Chester Free Will Baptist, Chester, S. C.

Delegates, D. C. Revis, Toy Revis and James Revis. Licensed Minister 0, received by Baptism 14, by letter 15, by statement 13, total 42. Dismissed 0, Death 0. Paid Pastor for six months \$445.00, Paid for revival \$35.00. Value of Church property when finished \$10,000.00, money taken in \$2,771.12, money paid out \$2,292.60, Money now in treasury \$478.52, Minute fund \$5.00. Pastor, none, Clerk: J. E. Revis, Box 67, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C.

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Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

Delegates, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, Mrs. L. S. Gray, Mrs. Francis Hawkins, Mrs. Hazel and Miss Noblett. Licensed Minister 1, Received by baptism 5, by letter 6, by restoration 10, Total 21. Dismissed by letter 12, by expulsion and erasure 10, by death 2, total 14. Present membership 119. Paid pastor \$2,600.00 missions \$18.58, Orphanage 0, paid for

revivals \$266.63, Church repair or building 0, value of church property \$15,000.00, money taken in \$5,320.56, Paid out \$4,955.58, now in treasury \$364.43, minute fund \$12.50, clerk John Ballard, 375 Arch St., Spartanburg, S. C., Pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray, Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

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Clover Free Will Baptist Church, Clover, S. C.

Delegates, Brother Gus Moss, Brother Maca Stacey, Rev. J. H. Sams, and Brother Adams. Licensed ministers 3, received by baptism 32, by letter 28, total 60. Dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 15, by death 0, total 17. Present membership 80. Paid pastor \$2176.44, church repair or building \$1000.00, value of church property \$9,000.00, money taken in \$3585.00, paid out \$125.00, now in treasury \$274.00, minute fund \$4.00. Clerk, Mrs. Jo Ann Russell, Box 174, Belmont, N. C.
Pastor, Rev. Henry G. Russell. % Free Will Baptist Church, Clover, S. C.

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Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Campobello, S. C.

Delegates, Ruth Scott, John Scott, and Charlie Dameron. Licensed Minister 0. received by baptism 9, by letter 2, by restoration 12, total 23. Dismissed by letter 3, by expulsion and erasure 15. by death 0, total 18. Present membership 48. Paid pastor \$486.91, missions 0, Orphanage 0, Paid for revivals \$104.70. church repair or building \$1,214.46. value of church property \$3,000.00, money taken in \$1,707.33, paid out \$1,701.37. Now in treasury \$5.96, minute fund \$5.00.

Clerk, Wilbur Scruggs, Rt. 1, Campobello, S. C.

Pastor, Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church, Sharon, S. C.

Delegates: Brother Jess Mayberry and Sister Edith Mayberry. Licensed Minister 1, received by baptism 0, by letter 0, by restoration 1, total 1, Dismissed by letter 0, by expulsion and erasure 0, missions 0, Orphanage 0, paid for revival 0, church repair or building 254.36 value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$365.11, paid out \$254.36, now in treasury \$130.00, minute fund \$7.50.

Clerk: Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Box 315, Sharon, S. C.

Pastor: Rev. B. F. Cousin, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C.

High Point Free Will Baptist Church Lancaster, S. C.

Delegates: Bro. Coleman Pate, Bro. Shealy Eubanks, Bro. Foster Elliot, Bro. C. C. Lee, Bro John Newell. Ordained ministers Rev. J. A. Cannon. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 51, by letter 5, by restoration 0, by statement 47, total 103. Dismissed by letter 13, by expulsion and erasure 58, by death 3, total 74. Present membership 280. Paid pastor \$3,835.00, missions 75.00, orphanage 0, paid for revival \$170.00 church repair or building \$2,878.23, value of church property \$10,000.00 Money taken in \$8,654.12, now in treasure \$172.00 Minute fund 12.50.

Clerk Margaret Pate, 514th St. Lancaster, S. C.

Pastor Rev. E. R. Tyner, R. F. D. 4 Lancaster, S. C.

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Miller Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, name of church be changed to Riverside Free Will Baptist Church.

Business period:

Moved and passed by majority that young ministers be put under conference license upon recommendation from their church for a period of one year and to be ordained after he is called to a work.

Moved to adjourn:

Opened with song and prayer by Brother Herman Taylor. Moved and passed by the majority that licensed Ministers pass required examination before being ordained.

Committee appointed to get program for next Association were: Rev. P. J. Sheehan, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. L. S. Gray. These men to go the finance committee to get money to print programs.

Moved and passed by majority that Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. B. L. Shook, Rev. Carl Shook act as trustees for association.

Moved and passed to use the treatise and discard the Blue Back Manual. These may be ordered from Aiden, N. C., Free Will Baptist Press for 35 cents.

Finance Committee report on hand at this time 122.25. Passed by majority for each large church to send in \$12.50 and each small church to send in \$7.50 minute fund each year.

Voted and passed for Association to be at different churches each year. At this time Rev. W. E. Cothran was appointed by the body to visit each church in this Association at least twice a year but not over

one time in three months period for the purpose of taking up offerings for the home mission and his expense is not to exceed 7½ cents per mile. Rev. Cothran can be reached at 457 Wolfe St, Spartanburg, S. C. Telephone No. 3-6262.

Moved and passed for the following delegates to attend the National Association. Brother W. D. Sawyer of Whitney, South Carolina, Brother T. D. Sealy, Lockhart, South Carolina, Brother C. C. Lee, Lancaster, South Carolina. Sister Connie Lawter, Lockhart, South Carolina, Sister Lizzie Clark, Whitney South Carolina.

The next Association will meet at the Highpoint Free Will Baptist at Lancaster, South Carolina, Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1952.

Voted and passed by majority to pay clerk of Association 30.00. Rev. F. J. Sheehan is to make an appointment at different churches for Brother Hanna from the orphanage.

Voted and passed by the body to grant conference license to the following ministers.

Rev. James Beheler

Rev. Robert Miller

Rev. W. E. Cothran

Rev. Johnny Bullman

Voted on and passed to ordain Rev. James Gosnell when he returned from Alabama with the National Guards. At this time the body voted to ordain Rev. Paul Roland. The Ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. A. F. Lawter at this time.

Scripture reading was taken from the fourth chapter of Second Timothy. All ordained Ministers were called to the alter to ordain Rev. Roland. A very interesting talk was enjoyed by everyone from Rev. Paul Roland after the ordination.

Moved to adjourn until next session.

MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions do recommend that our churches push home missions especially as the fields are white to harvest in our State and that our churches co-operate with our State director of Foreign Missions.

Rev. E. R. Tyner
J. T. Scott

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the 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 Baptist literature and that our minister take more interest in our Sunday Schools and young folks.

Mrs. Herman Taylor
Mrs. Hazel Clubb
Mrs. Carl 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." 2 Timothy 2: 15. Second, due to the fact we have the Free Will Baptist School in Nashville, Tenn., we ask all 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, we urge our Ordaining Council to examine all applicants to the ministry on their ability to read and explain the work of God and to encourage our young ministers to prepare for the work before them. Fourth, that each church take an offering twice a year for the Free Will Baptist Bible School. How shall they know except they be taught?

Rev. Johnnie G. Bullman
Rev. W. E. Cothran

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 member, as we feel it would be a great help to the church. We urge all Auxiliaries to use manuals,

also send delegates to our convention, we urge all churches to organize a Go-Tell Auxiliary. This is a great training work for the future Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Katherine Cody
Mrs. A. F. Lawter
Mrs. B. L. Shook

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

We, your committee on Young People's Work do urge all churches and pastors to encourage and help organize a Free Will Baptist League and encourage at least one Auxiliary for the girls and one for the boys. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6, train our young people today for our church tomorrow.

J. R. Miller
J. D. Beheler
Geneva Sawyer, Field Worker

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 and superintendent and that it be ordered on time.

Lillie Smith
Zudie Persion
Ruth Scott

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. 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. E. C. Bosh
Rev. B. L. Shook
Rev. B. F. Cousin

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. A. F. Lawter
Rev. Howard T. Hatcher
Foster Elliott

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; 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.

We, the Saxon Ave. Church do mourn the death of our Brother, the Rev. J. C. Stafford, age 79, who passed away last June. He was a charter member and a former pastor.

We the High Point Church do mourn the death of our Sister, Alma Lowery who departed this life Nov. 2 1950; also, Brother Paul Broughton who passed away this life Nov. 2, 1950; also, Brother Cagle who left this life Feb. 22, 1951. Sister and Brother, we loved you, but Jesus loved you more and he gently called you to yonder shore; where we will meet to part no more.

We, the Lockhart church do mourn the loss of our beloved Brother, A. C. Cogdwell, age 74, who departed this life Jan. 22, 1951. Also, Sister Bertha Brown, age 56, who departed this life last May 1951. Also, Sister Mary Ruth Vanderford, age 24, who departed this life Jan 25, 1951.

We, the Arcadia Church do mourn the passing of our Brother John Hensley who died Aug. 4, 1951; also, Brother E. L. Laster, who departed this life July 2, 1951; and Sister H. D. Hamby, Feb. 10, 1951.

We, the Whitney Church do mourn the death of our Sister, Settie King, age 83. She was a charter member of our church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

VALLEY FALLS:

Members on roll 140. Average attendance 95, Money collected this year \$3762.54. Paid out \$3662.54, now in treasury \$100.00. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, Classes 7. Supt., Alvin A. Burrell, Secretary Elbert Laws.

SAXON AVE:

Members on roll 153. Average attendance 62, Money collected this year \$671.98. Paid out \$371.98. Now in treasury none. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes 8. Superintendent, Mr. Vernon Wilson, Secretary, Virginia Pollard.

LOCKHART:

Members on roll 175, Average attendance 153. Money collected this year \$4,001.07. Paid out \$377.87. Now in treasury \$313.28. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, classes 9. Superintendent, Mr. Lee McSwain, Secretary Mrs. Ray Crocker.

NEW HOPE:

Members on roll 38. Average attendance 25. Money collected this year \$1,077.60. Now in treasury \$38.25. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. Classes 4, Superintendent, Clyde Littlefield, Secretary, Miss Pauline Teague.

REVERSIDE:

Members on roll 50. Average attendance 45. Money collected this year \$323.38. Paid out \$314.29, Now in treasury \$9.09. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. Classes 4, Superintendent, Joe W. Johnson, Secretary Miss Clara Jenkins.

ENOREE:

Members on roll 33, Average attendance 40, Money collected this year \$333.04, Paid out \$324.54, Now in treasury \$8.50. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, classes 4, Superintendent, Mr. James Seay, Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Seay.

HIGH POINT:

Members on roll 178, Average attendance 142, Money collected this year \$1,159.03, Average collections \$22.28, In treasury, united budget, Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, classes 6, Superintendent, Brother John Jewell, Secretary, Minnie Bell Lee.

CLOVER

Members on roll 105, Average attendance 85, Money collected this year \$208.00, paid out \$95.00, Now in treasury, United Budget, Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, Classed 4, Superintendent, Brother Ted Gibson, Secretary, Brother Gwendle King.

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LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

COLES CHAPEL:

Membership 28, gained none, Paid out to orphanage none, for church repairs none. For literature, \$9.25, Money taken in \$21.13, Paid out \$9.25, Now in treasury \$11.88, President, Mrs. Earnest Shook, Secretary, Miss Nell Cody.

VALLEY FALLS:

Membership, 52, gained 4, Paid out to orphanage none. For church repairs none, For literature \$5.00, Money taken in \$10.00, Paid out \$17.00, Now in treasury \$4.00. President, Cleatus Stevens, Secretary Ross Chapman.

The Free Will Baptist District Auxiliary was organized August 27, 1950 at the Whitney Free Will Church. Five local auxiliaries were present. 1. Coles Chapel, Arcadia, S. C. 2. Saxon Ave., Saxon, S. C. 3. Lockhart, 4. Whitney, 5. Valley Falls. We have a total of 149 members. We had three new auxiliaries to join our District in this Association. 1. Enoree, 2. River Side, 3. Chester, making a total of 8 local Auxiliaries. Money taken in \$2068.74. Money paid out \$1634.38. Total in Treasury \$434.36. Taken in Treasury for our District work \$14.50. We gave \$7.04 to Mrs. Carter to help bear her expenses. We had 5 Go-Tell Auxiliary Reports. One member from each local Auxiliary was appointed to be delegate to our State Auxiliary which meets at Lockhart in October.

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HOME MISSION REPORT

On hand last report \$163.65, Received from Rev. Hardee \$50.82, total \$214.47, Paid out, Rev. L. S. Gray for printing \$5.15, Rev. R. Hardee expenses \$26.25, total \$31.40. In Treasury \$183.07, W. D. Sawyer, Treasurer.

WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Voted and passed on for young ministers to be under conference license and serve one year under ordaining council and after that year if a call to a work and a recommendation from the church to the ordaining council for ordination.

Rev. L. S. Gray
Rev. A. F. Lawter
Rev. P. J. Sheehan
Rev. Carl Shook
Rev. B. L. Shook



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 joy and sorrow, 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 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.
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 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 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 necessity, that those who have faith will do work 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." 1 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." 1 Cor. 9:14

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