

MINUTES
of the
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
and
Ministers' Conference
Held With
HIGH POINT CHURCH
LANCASTER, S. C.
OCTOBER 7-8-9, 1952



The next session will convene with Chester Free Will Baptist
Church, Chester, S. C., Thursday before the Second
Sunday in August, 1953

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist, met with High Point Church at Lancaster, S. C., in its Twenty-Ninth session on Thursday Morning, October 7th, 1952, at 9:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order and the welcome was by Rev. Harold Haynes of Lancaster, S. C. He read from the 12th chapter of Romans. The response was given by Rev. James Beheler of Valley Falls, S. C.

Election of Officers:

Moderator	Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C.
Clerk	Mrs. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.
Reading Clerk	Mrs. Harold Ellis, Spartanburg, S. C.
Treasurer	Rev. L. S. Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.

It was moved and seconded to accept and adopt our program.

Ordaining Council was elected at this time.

Chairman, Rev. L. S. Gray, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. P. J. Shehan.

The reports of the Ministers were called for. It was moved and seconded to accept the reports without being read.

Rev. Carl Shook	Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. B. F. Cousin	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Paul Roland	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. J. G. Bullman	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Harold Haynes	Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. L. S. Gray	Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. H. J. Hatcher	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Henry G. Russell	Clover, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Rash	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. E. R. Tyner	Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. J. D. Hawkins	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. James E. Revis	Chester, S. C.
Rev. James D. Beheler	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Paul J. Shehan	Whitney, S. C.

Ministers absent but reports accepted:

Rev. Lonnie G. Moore	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. R. P. Terry	Andrews, S. C.
Rev. James W. Gosnell	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Gary Ayers	Whitney, S. C.
Rev. L. D. Revis	Union, S. C.
Rev. Fredrick G. Russell	Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Walter Russell	Belmont, N. C.

Ministers' Reports

REV. JAMES W. GOSNELL, 94 Hill St., Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 120 sermons. Professions 13. Members received 12. Baptised two. Married one. Visited 55 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 10. Money received for church \$6.50. Money given \$235.00. Money received \$624.00.

REV. GARY AYERS, Whitney, S. C. Preached seven sermons. Money given \$4.30. Miles traveled 294. Money received \$43.00. Expenses \$8.00. This report is for seven months.

REV. J. D. HAWKINS, Lockhart, S. C. Preached 18 sermons. Professions four. Visited 130 homes. Sunday School lessons taught five. Money given \$115.00. Miles traveled 230. Money received \$30.60. Expenses \$15.00.

REV. R. P. TERRY, Andrews, S. C. Preached 61 sermons. Sunday School lessons taught eight. Money received \$80.00. Money given \$25.00. Miles traveled 4,000.

REV. A. F. LAWTER, Lockhart, S. C., Phone 2331. Pastor one church. Preached 170 sermons. Revivals held three. Baptised 17. Married eight. Funerals conducted nine. Sunday School lessons taught 52. Money received \$4,545.00.

REV. JAMES D. BEHELER, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor one church. Preached 64 sermons. Revivals held one. Profession 30. Members received three. Visited 50 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 10. Money received \$5.00. Money given, tithes and offerings. Miles traveled 300. Money received \$195.00.

REV. B. F. COUSIN, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor one church. Preached 88 sermons. Revivals held one. Professions four. Members received three. Money received for church \$501.92. Money given \$285.00. Miles traveled 7,000. Money received \$140.36.

REV. CARL SHOOK, Box 28, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor one church. Preached 165 sermons. Revivals held five. Married three. Funerals conducted four. Money given, tithes of all income.

REV. PAUL ROLAND, 704, Fairfax St., Spartanburg, S. C. Preached 22 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 8. Married 1. Visited 35 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 5. Money received for church \$32.00. Money given \$60.00. Miles traveled 1,000. Expenses \$15.00.

REV. HAROLD HAYNES, Licensed Minister. Sermons preached 30. Professions 20. Sunday School lessons taught 40. Homes visited 50. Money given \$140.90.

REV. HENRY G. RUSSELL, Clover, S. C. Pastor 1 church. Preached 95 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 79. Members received 52. Baptised 24. Married 1. Visited 70 homes. Funerals conducted 5. Sunday School lessons

taught 15. Miles traveled 5,000. Money received \$2,860.00. Expenses \$367.00.

REV. E. R. TYNER, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor 1 church. Sermons preached 150. Professions 165. Sunday School lessons taught 25. Funerals conducted 2. Married 4. Money given \$458.00. Money received \$4,000.00. Visited 75 homes. Miles traveled 15,000. Expenses \$300.00.

REV. JAMES E. REVIS, Chester, S. C. Preached 50 sermons. Visited 20 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 25. Revivals held 1. Professions 16. Money received \$78.22.

REV. HOWARD T. HATCHER, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor 1 church. Preached 162 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 62. Members received 8. Baptised 2. Visited 63 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 6. Money given \$104.24. Money received \$505.20.

REV. L. S. GRAY, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor 1 church. Preached 84 sermons. Revivals held 2. Professions 56. Members received 21. Baptised 5. Married 2. Funerals conducted 6. Sunday School lessons taught 18. Money received \$3,510.00. Money given \$351.00.

REV. L. D. REVIS, Box 222, Union, S. C. Sermons preached 66. Pastor one church. Money received \$420.00. Money given, Tithes and offerings. Married 4. Miles traveled 4,000.

REV. E. C. RASH, Route 1, Sharon, S. C. Pastor 1 church. Preached 101 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 3. Members received 20. Visited 85 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 20. Money given \$81.35. Miles traveled 5,125. Money received \$431.39. Expenses \$120.50.

REV. LONNIE G. MOORE, 102 Williams St., Spartanburg, S. C. Preached 10 sermons. Professions 1. Visited 6 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 12. Money given \$78.00. Miles traveled 70. Expenses \$8.00.

One dollar was turned in with each Ministers Report, making \$18.00 in treasury. \$10.00 was paid to clerk for services leaving a total of \$8.00 in treasury.

The 11:00 o'clock devotional was opened by singing "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" and "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer by Rev. L. S. Gray of Spartanburg, S. C.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Connie Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., Mrs. Myrtle Ellis and Mrs. Frances Hawkins of Spartanburg, S. C.

Message by Rev. Carl Shook. He read from the book of Mark the 3rd chapter, 14 verses. Subject, "The Evidences of Being Called to Preach." This was indeed an inspiring and encouraging message to the Ministers. Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon, August 7, 1952

The Free Will Baptist District Auxiliary convened at Lancaster, S. C., with the Beaver Creek Association. Opened with song, and a prayer by Miss Geneva Sawyer. Devotion by Mrs. Connie

Lawter. She read the 8th chapter of Luke, the 43rd verse. The theme was, "The Hour Is Come."

Welcome by Mrs. E. R. Tyner. Response by Mrs. Paul Sheehan.

In the place of our president's message a playlet, "Wake Up," was given by several Auxiliary members.

At this time the reports of the Vice Presidents were read and accepted.

The District Auxiliary is composed of nine churches, Arcadia church, Lockhart, Saxon, Una, High Point, Whitney, Chester, Enoree and River Side.

Total members, 112. Taken in treasury, \$721.55. Paid to orphanage, \$125.00. Paid for Charity, \$111.98.

For Church Repairs, \$236.07. Total money in treasury, \$28.80.

The following officers were elected: 1st Vice President, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C.; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. L. S. Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Hazel Shook, Arcadia, S. C.; 4th Vice President, Mrs. Beulah Martin, Whitney, S. C.; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, Spartanburg, S. C.; Field Worker, Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Whitney, S. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Sheehan.

It was moved and seconded for each local auxiliary to send 30 cents per member with their report to the District Auxiliary next year.

GO-TELL REPORTS OR YOUNG GIRLS' AUXILIARY

Saxon Church—Members 12. Money taken in \$59.82. Paid out \$59.82. Leader, Mrs. Alma Wilson.

Lockhart Church—Member 11. Paid for charity \$8.00. For church building fund \$140.00. Money taken in \$145.00. Paid out \$148.00. President, Mrs. Effie Taylor.

Whitney Church—Members 23. Money in treasury at beginning of year \$33.65. Taken in \$31.76. Paid out \$37.68. Total in treasury \$27.73. President, Mrs. Fay Johnson.

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORTS:

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church—Membership 7. For charity \$11.50. Money taken in \$60.98. Paid out \$57.00. President, Mrs. P. R. Mahan, Woodruff, S. C., R.F.D. 2. Secretary, Frances Morgan, Woodruff, S. C., R.F.D. 2.

Note: We have had only 7 meetings, we are just getting started and hope we can continue to grow.

Una Free Will Baptist Church—Organized July 6, 1952. Meetings 2. Membership 17. Money taken in \$12.10. Suppers for bereaved families 2. President, Lillie Smith. Secretary, Virginia Pollard.

Whitney, S. C., Free Will Baptist Church—Membership 16. For charity

\$36.00. Money taken \$70.97. Paid out \$59.00. Total in treasury \$11.97. President, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Whitney. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Sheehan, Whitney, S. C.

Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church—Membership 24. Gained this year 7. For charity \$22.19. Money taken in \$36.17. Paid out \$28.61. President, Mrs. Grace Shook, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Box 8, Arcadia, S. C.

Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church—Membership 34. Gained this year 8. Paid to orphanage \$40.00. For Charity \$30.19. For church repair \$166.65. Money taken in \$196.81. Paid out \$196.84. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.. Secretary, Mrs. Ray Crocker, Lockhart, S. C.

Saxon Ave. Free Will Baptist Church—Membership 14. Gained this year 6. Paid to orphanage \$85.00. For charity \$31.67. For church repair \$69.42. Money taken in \$344.52. Paid out \$342.81. President, Mrs. L. S. Gray, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg. Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, 480 Arch St., Spartanburg.

Elected the following to go to State Auxiliary: Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Frances Hawkins, Mrs. Little Mae Sheehan.

Song—Prayer by Rev. Johnnie Bullman.

Trio sang, "The Old Time Preacher Man."

Message by Mrs. Hazel Shook. Psalm 2:8. Theme, "Missionary Work at Home, Then to All Parts of the World."

Song.

Prayer—Rev. Paul Sheehan.

Adjourn.

Thursday Night

Song, "Oh, What Singing."

Altar prayer.

Special music by Faith Trio.

Solo, sung by Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, "I'd Like to Talk It Over With Jesus."

First message was delivered by Rev. Johnnie Bullman. Scripture text, Exodus 20th chapter. Subject: "Keeping the Commandments of God."

Second message by Rev. Paul Sheehan. Text, Proverbs 18:24. Subject, "There is a Friend."

The Minister Conference will convene at the Valley Falls church the 25th of October, 2:30 'oclock.

It was voted to buy new ordination papers and license certificates.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Noah Brown of Rockingham, N. C.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTIST, HELD WITH HIGH POINT CHURCH, LAN-
CASTER, S. C., AUGUST 8-9, 1952.**

Morning Session

The Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met with High Point Church, Lancaster, S. C., in its twenty-ninth session on Friday and Saturday, August 8-9, 1952, at 9:30 o'clock. The Moderator, Rev. L. S. Gray, called the meeting to order and the opening song was, "I Feel Like Traveling Home." Prayer by Rev. Mitchell Davis of Lowell, N. C. Welcome by Foster Elliott

Devotion—Rev. Paul Roland, Text, Romans 11:31.

Response, Rev. James Gosnell.

The following visiting ministers were given a vote of welcome: Rev. Oswalt, Columbus, Georgia; Rev. Boyd Shook, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. L. D. Gray, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. Toy Pethal, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. M. W. Davis, Lowell, N. C.; Rev. Newton, Belmont, N. C.; Rev. Sherman Branch, Stanley, N. C.; Rev. G. W. Mason, Sharon, S. C.; Rev. Roy Rickard, Belmont, N. C.; Rev. L. H. Clayton, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. Wade Calvert, Belmont, N. C.; Rev. Julius Vause, Turbeville, S. C.; Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.

The following officers were elected: Association Clerk, Mrs. Paul Sheehan; Reading Clerk, Mrs. Hazel Shook.

Orphanage report given by Rev. Julius Vause, Superintendent of the Orphanage Home at Turbeville, S. C.

While Brother Foster Elliott led a song, an offering was taken up for the Children's Home. Received \$43.31, which was turned over to Rev. Vause. Home Mission Report of the Beaver Creek Association treasurer, W. D. Sawyer.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION TREASURER, W. D. SAWYER

Money received to date	\$288.42
Money taken in this year	None
Money Paid Out	\$108.40
Balance on hand	\$180.02

A National Home Mission report was given by Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C. It was voted to accept the recommendation given by Rev. Bullard, that Home Mission be placed on the budget of each church and each church send a monthly check.

Moved and seconded to adopt our program.

Business Period.

Declared the house in order for business at this time.

Appointment of committees by the Moderator:

Finance: Foster Elliotte, chairman and treasurer of Association;
I. D. Sealy, Bro. Gregory.

Mission: Rev. E. C. Rash, Foster Elliotte, Rev. Paul Sheehan.
Sunday School: Rev. James Gosnell, Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Rev.
Paul Roland.

Temperance: Sisters Lizzie Clark, Beulah Martin, Mrs. L. S.
Gray.

Ladies' Auxiliary: Sister Geneva Sawyer, Mrs. L. S. Gray, Mrs.
Mason.

Evangelism: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. E. C. Rash.
Deeper Devotion: Toy Revis, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Rev. H. T.
Hatcher.

Education: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Sisters Hazel Shook, Lillie Mae
Sheehan.

Resolution: Mrs. L. S. Gray, Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Bro. Lee.

Ministerial Support: Rev. E. R. Tyner, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Rev.
Johnnie Bullman.

Young People: Rev. James Beheler, James Haynes, Lee Mc-
Swain.

Periodical: Mrs. Paul Sheehan, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Miss Agnes
Sealy.

Obituary: Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Hazel
Shook.

All church letters were called for at this time.

Moved to adjourn until 11:00 o'clock message.

Song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer, Rev. Boyd Shook, Kannapolis, N. C.

Message, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Kannapolis, N. C. Text, Ecclesi-
astes 1:7. Theme: "Three Major Rivers." 1. River of youth run-
ning into sea of age; 2. River of Life running into sea of death;
3. River of Time running into sea of eternity. He closed his touch-
ing and inspiring message by asking us as a denomination to stay
on the altar and grow in God's service, striving to make our de-
nomination the greatest in the world.

Prayer, Rev. Roy Rickard, Belmont, N. C.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opening by singing, "Glory to His Name."

Devotion, Rev. E. C. Rash. Text. 2 Peter, 1st chapter.

Prayer

Prayer, Rev. H. T. Hatcher.

Talk on Superannuation by Rev. O. M. Hilburn of Darlington, S. C. He asked our Association to rally to the care of our old ministers.

The following reports were called for and accepted:

Sunday School Reports

CLOVER FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 84, average attendance 75, money collected this year \$681.79, paid out \$72.00, kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, how many classes 5, Superintendent, J. P. Styles, Clover, Route 3. Secretary, Richard Styles, Clover, Route 3.

RIVER SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH—Members on roll 44, average attendance 36, money collected this year \$71.10, paid out \$69.79, now in treasury \$1.31, kind of literature Free Will Baptist, how many classes 3, Superintendent, Charlie Danneron, Campobello, S. C., route 1. Secretary, Lorraine Scott, Campobello, S. C., route 1.

LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH—Members on roll 190, average attendance 169, money collected this year \$5,385.45, paid out \$5,152.51, now in treasury \$232.96, kind of literature Free Will Baptist, how many classes 8, Superintendent Lee McSwain, Lockhart, S. C., Secretary James H. Cook, Box 358, Lockhart.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH—Members on roll 78, average attendance 61, money collected this year \$1,746.04, paid out same, kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, how many classes 6, Superintendent John Gosnell, Valley Falls, S. C., Secretary, Cecil E. Splaun, Valley Falls, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL CHURCH, Arcadia, S. C.—Members on roll 160, average attendance 148, now in treasury, have combined treasury, kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, how many classes 9, Superintendent, Mr. Ernest Shook, Arcadia, S. C., Secretary, Miss Joyce Bailey, Glendale, S. C.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH—Members on roll 145, average attendance 80, money collected this year \$844.39, paid out \$844.39, how many classes 8, Superintendent, Vernon Wilson, 594 North Center St., Spartanburg, S. C., Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Clubb, 497 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C.

HIGH POINT CHURCH—Members on roll 167, average attendance 146, money taken in this year \$1,667.12, average collection \$32.06, kind of literature, Free

Will Baptist, and Bibles, classes 6, Superintendent, Coleman Pate, 514 5th street, Lancaster, S. C. Secretary, Minnie Bell Lee, Lancaster, S. C.

ENOREE CHURCH—Members on roll 53, average attendance 39, money collected \$85.77, paid out \$73.44, now in treasury \$12.33, kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, Superintendent, Mr. W. A. Gregory, Enoree, S. C., Secretary, Miss Margarette Ellison, Enoree, S. C.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—Members on roll 58, average attendance 36, money collected this year \$232.33, paid out \$13.20, now in treasury, combined treasury, kind of literature, Free Will Baptist, how many classes 3, Superintendent, Mr. George Morgan, Enoree, S. C., Secretary, Sister Ethelene McMahan, Woodruff, S. C.

Report of F. W. B. League: Given by Miss Geneva Sawyer.

Whitney F. W. B. League report: enrollment 42, attendance 22, new members 10, paid out for literature \$8.50, paid for Missions \$12.55, paid out for Orphanage \$5.00, paid for Bible School \$10.00, paid for State Convention \$33.00, taken in for the year \$75.70, paid out \$69.05, now in treasury \$6.65, President, Mr. John Taylor, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Clark.

Report of Auxiliary given by Mrs. Paul Sheehan.

At this time the State and National visitors were given a vote of welcome: Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C., Rev. and Mrs. Julius Vause, Turbeville, S. C.

Report on Foreign Mission was given by Rev. Seldon Bullard in the absence of our Foreign Mission treasurer, Mr. Floyd Sawyer. Moved and seconded to elect Rev. Johnnie Bullman as Home Mission Field Worker, and Rev. Paul Roland as Foreign Mission Field Worker.

Our Moderator urged each church to cooperate with the young people's field worker by giving them the opportunity to work in their church. Miss Geneva Sawyer was elected to the Young Peoples Field Work.

Moved and passed to accept all church letters without being read.

Church Letters:

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Four Miles North of New Prospect—

Delegates: Brother John Scott, Brother Earl McElrath, Sister Annie McElrath. Received by baptism 2, by letter none, by restoration 6, total 6, by expulsion and erasure, present membership 33, paid pastor \$409.27, value of church property \$4,000, money taken in \$623.24, paid out \$453.54, now in treasury \$168.70, minute fund \$7.50, clerk, Juliette Ivie, Chesnee, S. C., pastor, Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Spartanburg, S. C.

CHESTER CHURCH, Chester, S. C.—

Delegates: Sam Roof., Henry Sealy, D. C. Revis, Toy Revis. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 13, by letter 6, by statement 4, total 23, dismissed by letter 1, by expulsion and erasure 1, by death 0, total 9, present membership 52, paid pastor \$432.00, missions 0, value of church property \$10,000.00, money taken in \$1,823.62, paid out \$1,764.86, now in treasury \$58.76, minute fund \$10.00, clerk, Sam Roof, Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C., pastor Rev. L. D. Revis.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C.—

Delegates: Brother Cecil Splaun, Bro. Robert Miller. Licensed minister, Rev. James D. Beheler. Received by baptism 2, by letter 1, by restoration 2, total 5. Dismissed by letter 5, present membership 58, paid psator \$1,769.65, orphanage \$7.85, paid for revivals \$80.38, church repair or building \$1,332.06, value of church property \$8,000.00, money taken in \$2,974.37, paid out \$3,212.56, now in treasury \$138.19, minute fund \$7.50, clerk, Brother Cecil E. Splaun, Valley Falls, S. C., pastor, Rev. James Beheler, Valley Falls, S. C.

LOCKHART CHURCH, Lockhart, South Carolina—

Delegates: Brother Lee McSwain, Bro. T. D. Sealy, Bro. Russ Gibron. Received by baptism 16, by letter 2, total 18. Dismissed by expulsion 2, by death 1, total 3. Present membership 157. Paid pastor \$4,545.00, Orphanage \$71.18, paid for revivals \$268.70, church repair or building \$129.21, value of church property \$22,000.00. Money taken in \$6,158.95, paid out \$5,667.28, now in treasury \$569.46, minute fund \$12.50, clerk, Brother J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C., pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, Woodruff, S. C.—

Delegates: Bro. George Morgan, Bro. Felix Strickland. Received by baptism 3, by letter 7, by restoration 2, total 12, dismissed by letter 1, total 1, present membership 39, paid pastor \$624.00, missions \$16.50, paid for revivals \$90.00, church repair or building \$216.60, value of church property \$3,000.00, money taken in \$1,648.58, paid out \$1,538.63, now in treasury \$109.95, minute fund 0, clerk, Sister Frances Morgan, Enoree, S. C., pastor, Rev. James W. Gosnell, Valley Falls, S. C.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, Sharon, S. C.—

Delegates: Bro. George Mason, Sister Cora Mason. Received by restoration 3, total 3, dismissed by expulsion and erasure 3, present membership 29, paid pastor \$140.36, orphanage \$32.00, paid for revivals \$25.93, church repair or building \$283.25, value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$501.92, paid out \$489.00, now in treasury \$12.89, minute fund \$7.50, clerk, Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Sharon, S. C., pastor, Rev. B. F. Cousin, Spartanburg, S. C.

ENOREE CHURCH, Enoree, S. C.—

Delegates: Mr. W. A. Gregory, Mr. Oscar Wilson, Mr. James Mitchell. Received by baptism 6, by letter 0, total members 27, value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$1,013.41, money paid out \$987.12, now in treasury \$26.29, minute fund \$7.50, clerk, Mrs. Dorcas Gregory, Enoree, S. C. Church without a pastor at this time.

HIGH POINT CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—

Delegates: Carol Sullivan, Bro. C. C. Lee, Bro. Foster Elliott. Received by baptism 68, by statement 41, total 110, dismissed by letter 10, by expulsion and erasure 150, total 160, present membership 209, paid pastor \$4,000.00, paid for revivals \$220.00, money taken in \$8,001.03, paid out \$7,706.30, now in treasury \$294.73, clerk, James Haynes, Lancaster, S. C., pastor, Rev. E. R. Tyner Lancaster, S. C. Minute fund \$12.50.

Fellowship Club, High Point Church, Lancaster, S. C.—Organized with 33 members November 1, 1951. Taken in \$404.78, paid out \$385.93, paid on piano \$125.00, paid out on church \$30.00, in treasury \$18.85, present membership 34.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C.—

Delegates: Mrs. L. S. Gray, Mrs. Lula Guy, Mrs. Myrtle Ellis. Licensed ministers 2, received by baptism 5, by letter 8, by restoration 48, total 61, dismissed by letter 8, by expulsion and erasure 5, by death 1, total 14, present membership 115, paid pastor \$3,510.00, orphanage \$31.41, paid for revivals \$290.00, church repair or building \$486.26, value of church property \$15,000.00, money taken in \$5,935.89, paid out \$6,200.37, now in treasury \$100.00, minute fund \$12.50, clerk, Mr. Vernon Wilson, Spartanburg, S. C., pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray Spartanburg, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.—

Delegates: Mr. Gus Moss, Mr. Ted Gibson, Mr. Author Wilson, licensed minister 2, received by baptism 24, by letter 8, statement 23, total 52, dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 52, dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 79, by death 1, total 82, present membership 53, paid pastor \$2,860.00, missions \$8.38, paid for revivals \$168.29, church repair or building \$30.00, value of church property \$9,000.00, money taken in \$4,742.16, paid out \$4,719.43, now in treasury \$22.73, minute fund \$5.75, foreign mission \$5.13, clerk, Sister Sally Styles, Clover, S. C., pastor, Rev. Henry G. Russell, Clover, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C.—

Delegates: Mrs. Beulah Martin, Mrs. Paul Sheehan, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, members on roll last year 85, gained this year 19, present members 104, paid pastor \$3,297.11, paid orphanage \$80.55, paid for church repairs \$562.42, for missions \$37.25, minute fund \$12.50, paid out \$4,997.55, taken in \$4,858.02, clerk, W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C., pastor, Rev. Paul J. Sheehan Whitney S. C.

COLES CHAPEL CHURCH, Arcadia, S. C.—

Delegates: Mrs. Hazel Shook, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Mr. William Neely, licensed minister 1, received by baptism 45, total 52, by death 2, present membership 185, paid pastor \$3,840.00, missions \$200.00, orphanage \$100.00, paid for revivals \$472.43, church repair \$2,700.00, value of church property \$13,000.00, money taken in \$9,500.00, paid out \$8,899.00. Now in treasury \$601.00. Minute fund \$12.50, clerk, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C., Pastor, Rev. Carl Shook Arcadia, S. C.

UNA CHURCH. Una, S. C.—

Delegates: Mrs. Lillie Smith, Mr. Oscar Smith, Mrs. Essie Pollard. Received by letter 7, by restoration 1, total 12, present membership 36, paid pastor \$431.39, orphanage \$100.67, paid for revivals \$57.78, church repair or building \$360.54, now in treasury \$16.92, minute fund \$7.00, clerk, Miss Virginia Pollard, Spartanburg, S. C., Route 3, pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash, Sharon, S. C.

The Beaver Creek Association wishes to endorse the National Conference to come to Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954. Moved and passed to send a petition to the State Association that they send petitions to the National to convene at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954. The following was elected as delegates to the State Association which will be held at Hyman, S. C., November 13 and 14, 1952. Mr. T. D. Sealy, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Paul Sheehan.

It was voted to send \$10.00 to the State Association with the delegates. Each church is urged to send one delegate with \$5.00 to the State Association.

Adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Friday Night

Song, "I Know I'm Saved."

Prayer, Rev. Carl Shook.

Special singing by the "Satisfied Trio" of the High Point Church at Lancaster, S. C.

First message by Rev. Julius Vause, text Isaiah 15th chapter, theme, "Cry Loud and Warn the People of Their Sins." Subject, "Help Me Fight Sin." After the message all the delegates and ministers pledged their support to God and the Children's Home in the coming year in an old-time handshake with Rev. and Mrs. Vause.

Second message by Rev. A. F. Lawter, text, Exodus 14:15, subject, "Speak Unto the Children of Israel, That They Go Forward." He preached an instructing message to the ministers. We can truly say "It was good to be here."

Saturday Morning Session

Song, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Devotion by Rev. H. T. Hatcher. Prayer by Rev. James Gosnell.

Business period. The reports of the committees were accepted and read:

MISSIONS

We, your committee on missions, do recommend the pastors and churches do recognize our mission workers. That they (the pastors) accept their visita-

tions to our church at the mission worker's convenience, and each church and pastor stress mission work.

REV. PAUL SHEEHAN
REV. E. R. RASH
FOSTER ELLIOTT

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, recommend that our teachers be Christians, and use F. W. B. literature. That all pastors take an interest in Sunday School work. We further recommend that our teachers be members of the F. W. B. denomination, and that they teach and practice tithing.

REV. JAMES GOSNELL
REV. JOHNNIE BULLMAN
REV. PAUL ROLAND

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 of 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 word 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. A. F. LAWTER
MRS. LILLIE MAE SHEEHAN
MRS. HAZEL SHOOK

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 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.

MISS GENEVA SAWYER
CORA MASON
MRS. L. S. GRAY

YOUNG PEOPLE'S 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. D. BEHELER
LEE McSWAIN
JAMES HAYNES

PERIODICALS

We, your committee on Periodicals, do urge that all pastors meet with the teachers and officers monthly to discuss improvements. That we study our F. W. B. literature and have it ordered on time.

MRS. PAUL SHEEHAN
MRS. DILLARD CODY
MISS AGNES SEALY

EVANGELISM

We, your committee on Evangelism, submit the following: Seeing the fields white unto harvest, and the great possibilities for the Free Will Baptist, and the desire of people for the Gospel which we preach and believe. We urge all our pastors and young ministers to cooperate together fully to evangelize our State for Him that loved and gave Himself for us.

REV. E. R. TYNER
REV. E. C. RASH
REV. CARL SHOOK

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following: That under no condition shall a church be allowed to call a pastor who is not in good standing, and show evidence to that effect. That the Ordaining Council be in charge of all licensed ministers.

MRS. L. S. GRAY
MR. C. C. LEE
REV. HOWARD T. HATCHER

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: That we as followers of Christ abstain from all of alcohol as a beverage and that we abstain from worldly amusements such as theaters, ball games, mixed swimming pools, etc. That we abstain from reading ungodly literature, indecent dressings, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. (1 Peter 1:6).

MRS. LIZZIE CLARK
BEULAH MARTIN
LULA GUY

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your committee on Deeper Devotion, submit the following report: We do ask our pastors and churches to provide more spiritual literature for our young people. We do recommend that each church will have at least one week Bible

School or more each year, and that we as leaders live a more spirit-filled life.

REV. H. T. HATCHER

TOY REVIS

PAUL J. SHEEHAN

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, wish to submit the following: According to the word of God as recorded by Paul in First Corinthians 9:14, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." We urge all our churches to fully support their pastors so they can devote their time fully to the ministerial duties in keeping with the word of God.

REV. E. R. TYNER

REV. JOHNNIE BULLMAN

OBITUARY

"We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Therefore, we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be present with the Lord"—2 Cor. 1:6-8.

We, the Saxon Ave. Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved Sister, Ellie Wilson, one whom everyone loved. Our loss is heaven's gain.

We, the Lockhart Church, do mourn the death of our sister, Mrs. Minnie Broom.

"She went up to the celestial gardens,

Where angels watch, and seraphs are the wardens."

We, the Coles Chapel Church, do mourn the death of Brother Millwood.

"He saw a hand you could not see,

Which beckoned him away;

He heard a voice you could not hear,

Which would not let him stay."

We, the Una Church, extend our deepest sympathy to our Brother and Sister Jimmie Carver in the loss of their baby, Charles Carver, age 9 months.

We the Coles Chapel Church, mourn the loss of Johnnie Wayne Sprouse, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sprouse.

"Jesus has taken a beautiful Bud out of the garden of love, and bore it away to that beautiful home, home of the angels above."

"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.

MRS. A. F. LAWTER

MRS. LIZZIE CLARK

MRS. CARL SHOOK

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

We, the committee on marriage and divorce, do recommend Matthew the 19th

chapter, verses 1 through 12, that each church do follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Since there is a difference of opinion on this subject, it was voted not to bring it up in the Association again.

REV. PAUL J. SHEEHAN
REV. CARL SHOOK
BRO. I. D. SEALY

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, do humbly submit unto you: Received for foreign missions from Clover Church \$5.13; received for Minute fund, \$13.25; paid out to Clerk for services \$30.00; total in treasury, \$83.25.

BROTHER FOSTER ELLIOTT, Chairman and Treasurer
REV. CARL SHOOK
BRO. I. D. SEALEY

Rev. L. S. Gray was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees in Rev. B. L. Shook's place.

Program Committee elected: Rev. L. S. Gray, P. J. Sheehan, A. F. Lawter.

Rev. L. S. Gray was elected Moderator. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Assistant Moderator.

The next Association will convene at Chester, S. C., Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in August.

The Ordaining Council's report was read and accepted by the Association. Old business that has been transacted since the year 1951 and 1952.

The Ordaining Council wish to submit the following: We met in Council March 30, 1952. We granted conference license to Rev. Harold Haynes, Rev. Ralph Smith, and Rev. James Revis. Rev. Paul Roland's license was called in.

The Ordaining Council met at Clover Church November, 1952. Gary Ayers, Whitney, S. S., Walter Russell, Clover, S. C., and Patrick Russell, Clover, S. C., were issued Conference License.

We, your Ordaining Council, wish to submit the following: At Saxon Ave. Church, June 28, 1952:

1. Gave license to Bro. Lonnie Moore, Spartanburg, S. C.
2. Exchanged Ordination papers with Rev. Charlie Gosnell.

New business transacted at High Point Church, Lancaster, S. C., August 7, 8, and 9, 1952:

Rev. L. S. Gray, Moderator, presented license to Bro. Robert Miller.

Ordination papers returned to Rev. Paul Roland.

Ordination papers given to Rev. James Beheler.

Brother Mason was referred back to his church for a recommendation for license.

Song: "I Feel Like Traveling Home."

Ordination sermon delivered to Rev. James Beheler by Rev. Paul Sheehan. Text, Philemon 1:1-18. Theme, "Be Partners Together."

Altar prayer of ordination led by Rev A. F. Lawter

At this time the Association gave the High Point Church a rising vote of thanks Especially to the mothers of this church for their wonderful welcome Also a rising vote of thanks was given to our officers.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Johnnie Bullman until next session

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do 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 abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.
2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the

church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.

3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.

5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother."

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD:**—We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time—1st Tim. 2:5.
2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:**—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.
3. **ORIGINAL APOSTACY:**—We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband with her and he did eat" Gen 3:16.
4. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him" John 3:36.
5. **FREE GRACE:**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him" Rom. 10:12.
6. **REPENTANCE:**—We believe that repentance in sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made to sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing; for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death" 2nd Cor. 7:9-10.
7. **FREE AGENCY:**—We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the condition of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He hath showed thee O man what is good and what the Lord required of thee, 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 righteousness while

those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them" Matt. 7:19-20.

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

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

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

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

