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Moderator	Rev. L. S. Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.
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Rev. Henry G. Russell	Clover, S. C.

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed to serve during this session of the Beaver Creek Association;

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bro. C. C. Lee, Bro. Russell Gibson, and Bro. Wilcey Whitmire.

MISSIONS

Chairman: Rev. E. C. Rash, Sister Hazel Shook and Rev. Paul Shehan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITERATURE

Chairman: Bro. Walter Bryson, Sister John Robertson and Sister Beulah Martin.

TEMPERANCE

Chairman: Rev. Henry G. Russell, Rev. G. W. Mason, Sister Lillie Mae Shehan.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Chairman: Sister Hazel Clubb, Sister Geneva Sawyer, Sister Lillie Smith.

EVANGELISM

Chairman: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. Roy Calvert.

DEEPER DEVOTION

Chairman: Bro. John Gosnell, Bro. John Robertson, Sister Dillard Cody.

EDUCATION

Chairman: Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. J. E. Revis.

RESOLUTION

Chairman: Sister Lillie Mae Shehan, Sister Hazel Shook, Sister Beulah Martin.

PERIODICALS

Chairman: Bro. James A. Thomas, Sister Minnie Liles, Sister L. S. Gray.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Chairman: Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. C. C. Lee.

MINISTERS' SUPPORT

Chairman: Sister R. A. Heatherington, Sister Alice Ledford, Sister June Rivera.

OBITUARY

Chairman: Sister Beulah Martin, Sister Hazel Clubb, Rev. Henry G. Russell.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met with Chester Free Will Church at Chester, S. C., in its Thirtieth Session on Thursday, August 6, 1953, at 9:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. F. Lawter. The welcome was given by local church.

The reports were called for and accepted without being read.

Names and addresses of Ordained Ministers

Rev. E. R. Tyner	R. F. D. No. 4, Phone 4480, Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. Carl Shook	P. O. Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. L. S. Gray	680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Paul Sheehan	Box 104, Whitney, S. C.
Rev. Henry G. Russell	326 Valley Ave., Phone 3225, Clover, S. C.
Rev. James E. Revis	Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C.
Rev. Roy Calvert	Rt. 6, Phone 36910, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Howard T. Hatcher	Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Rash	Rt. 1, Sharon, S. C.
Rev. B. F. Cousin	Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. James D. Beheler	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. R. P. Terry	Lancaster, S. C.

Licensed Ministers

Rev. Harold Haynes	8 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. Howard Broome	Rt. 6, Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. J. D. Hawkins	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. J. R. Miller	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Lester Hoag	Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C.
Rev. Frederick S. Russell	12 South 3rd St., Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Ralph Smith	Box 201, Arcadia, S. C.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rt. 4, Phone 4480, Lancaster, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 100 sermons. Professions 80. Members received 64. Baptised 25. Married 2. Visited 75 homes. Funerals conducted 2. Sunday School lessons taught 2. Money received for church \$4,645.00. Money given \$610.00. Miles traveled 20,000. Money received \$100.00. Expenses \$500.00.

Rev. Carl Shook, P. O. Box 28, Arcadia, S. C. Preached 190 sermons. Revivals held 6. Professions unknown. Members received 20. Baptised unknown. Married 5. Visited unknown homes. Funerals conducted 5. Money received for church unknown. Money given, Tithes. Miles traveled unknown. Money received \$4,575.00. Expenses unknown.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 170 ser-

mons. Revivals held 3. Sunday School lessons taught 52. Money given \$450.00. Money received \$4,420.00.

Rev. L. S. Gray, 683 Saxon Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 164 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 27. Members received 42. Baptised 11. Married 2. Visited unknown homes. Funerals conducted 4. Sunday School lessons taught 38. Money given \$447.00. Miles traveled unknown. Money received \$3,640.00. Expenses unknown.

Rev. Paul Shehan, Box 104, Whitney, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Members received 10. Money given tenth. Money received \$3,459.52.

Rev. Henry G. Russell, Phone 3225, No. 326 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 126 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 85. Members received 15. Baptised 12. Visited 65 homes. Funerals conducted 3. Sunday School lessons taught 40. Money given \$450.00. Money received \$2,860.00.

Rev. James E. Revis, Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 120 sermons. Professions unknown. Members received 34. Baptised 14. Visited unknown homes. Funerals conducted 4. Sunday School lessons taught 24. Money received for church \$1,284.10. Money given Tithes and offerings.

Rev. Roy Calvert, Phone 36910, Route 6, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of one church. Preached 130 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 21. Members received 19. Baptised 5. Married 4. Visited 100 homes. Funerals conducted 5. Sunday School lessons taught 30. Money given \$78.47. Money received for church \$1,170.00. Miles traveled 1,000. Money received \$11.00. Expenses \$45.00.

Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Route 6, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 142 sermons. Revivals held 2. Professions 31. Members received 2. Married 1. Visited 82 homes. Money given \$99.00. Miles traveled unknown. Money received \$976.74. Expenses unknown.

Rev. E. C. Rash, R. F. D. No. 1, Sharon, S. C. Pastor of 1 church. Preached 92 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 11. Members received 17. Baptised 3. Visited 121 homes. Funerals conducted 3. Sunday School lessons taught 43. Money given \$95.50. Miles traveled 4,225. Money received \$592.06. Expenses \$180.50.

Rev. B. F. Cousin, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C. Preached 21 sermons. Revivals held 1. Professions 7. Homes visited unknown. Sunday School lessons taught 8. Money given \$185.00. Miles traveled unknown.

Rev. James D. Beheler, Valley Falls, S. C. Preached 100 sermons. Revivals held 3. Professions 40. Married 1. Visited 50 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 25. Money given unknown. Miles traveled 1,000. Money received \$75.00. Expenses \$89.00.

Rev. R. P. Terry, Lancaster, S. C. Preached 63 sermons. Professions 2. Sunday School lessons taught 32. Miles traveled 800. Money received \$63.53. Expenses \$42.75.

LICENSED MINISTERS REPORTS

Rev. L. Harold Haynes, 8 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C. Preached 15 sermons.

Professions 7. Visited 40 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 45. Money received for church \$10.00. Money given \$282.95. Miles traveled 500. Expenses \$10.00.

Rev. W. Howard Broome, R.F.D. 6, Lancaster, S. C. Preached 25 sermons. Professions 5. Visited 50 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 5. Money received for Church \$20.00. Money given \$270.00. Miles traveled 3,000. Expenses \$60.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Preached 11 sermons. Professions 5. Visited 165 homes. Funerals conducted 1. Sunday School lessons taught 6. Money given \$125.00. Miles traveled 120. Money received \$18.00. Expenses \$9.00.

Rev. J. R. Miller, Valley Falls, S. C. Preached 15 sermons. Professions 9. Visited 20 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 16. Money received for church \$200.00. Money given \$100.00. Miles traveled 50. Expenses \$10.00.

Rev. Lester Hoag, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C. Preached 6 sermons. Visited 37 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 18. Money given \$82.50. Miles traveled 310. This report for five months.

Rev. Fredrick S. Russell, No. 12 South 3rd St., Belmont, N. C. Preached 25 sermons. Professions 10. Sunday School lessons taught 1. Money received for church \$2.00. Money given Tithes and Offering. Miles traveled 2,000. Money received \$1.00.

Rev. Ralph Smith, Box 201, Arcadia, S. C. Preached 25 sermons. Professions 20. Visited 38 homes. Sunday School lessons taught 2. Money given Tithes. Miles traveled 1200. Expenses unknown.

One dollar was handed in with each report.

It was suggested that from now on each minister give a complete address with report when handed in, and also give your phone number if you possess one. This is so that if a minister is needed to assist another that he will be contacted more easily.

The message was brought by Rev. Roy Calvert of Spartanburg, S. C. He took his Scripture reading from I Corinthians 13th chapter. Subject was "Putting Away Childish Things." Which we all need to do and grow up.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon, August 6, 1953

The Free Will Baptist District Auxiliary convened at Chester, S. C., with the Beaver Creek Association. Message by Mrs. Sanders of Florence, S. C. Theme: "The Light of Truth Shines Through the Woman's Auxiliary to Various Fields."

The Auxiliary met with nine Auxiliaries represented. With three young Ladies Auxiliaries and one F. W. B. League. Total of 80 members.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Dillard Cody,	Arcadia, S. C.
1st Vice President—Mrs. L. S. Gray	Spartanburg, S. C.
2nd Vice President—Mrs. A. F. Lawter	Lockhart, S. C.
3rd Vice President—Mrs. Carl Shook	Arcadia, S. C.
4th Vice President—Mrs. Beulah Martin	Whitney, S. C.
5th Vice President—Mrs. James Revis	Chester, S. C.
Field Worker—Mrs. Lillie Smith	Una, S. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark	Whitney, S. C.
Secretary—Mrs. Paul Shehan	Whitney, S. C.

The following were elected to go to the State Auxiliary: Mrs. L. S. Gray, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Beulah Martin, and Mrs. Paul Shehan.

The District Auxiliary is composed of ten churches: Lockhart, Una, Clover, Saxon, Chester, High Point, Arcadia, Whitney, Riverside, and Enoree.

Total members 117. Taken in treasury \$2,451.90. Paid to orphanage \$90.00. Paid for charity \$120.27. For church repairs \$1,351.89. Total money in treasury \$211.90. Total money in district treasury \$62.10.

The reports were received.

The dues for each member to be sent with report at next District Auxiliary meeting, next year still remains at 30 cents.

Paid to Mrs. Sanders for traveling expenses \$12.95.

Go-Tell Reports or Young Girls Auxiliary:

Whitney Girls Auxiliary. Members 17. Money taken in \$23.70. Paid out \$32.61. In treasury \$18.82. President—Lovenia Griffin. Vice President—Faye Johnson. Secretary—Mary Dell Reid. Treasurer—Irene Easler.

Lockhart—Members 13. Gained 4. Paid to orphanage \$4.00. For charity \$4.00. For church repairs \$280.80. Money taken in \$313.80. Paid out \$288.80. President—Mrs. Hermon Taylor, Union, S. C. Secretary—Miss Loretta Childress, Union, S. C., R.F.D. 5.

Saxon Avenue—Members 10. Gained 3. For church repairs \$15.00. Money taken in \$43.31. Paid out \$42.59. President—Betty Gray. Secretary—Judy Shultz, 361 College St., Spartanburg, S. C.

Ladies' Auxiliary Reports:

Lockhart—Members 32. Gained 3. Paid to orphanage \$50.00. For charity \$89.00. For church repair \$323.90. Dues sent \$9.60. Money taken in \$493.61. Paid out \$532.88. President—Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. James Cook, Lockhart, S. C.

Una—Members 23. Gained 6. Paid to orphanage \$30.00 (in canned goods). For charity \$15.00. For church repairs \$55.68. Money taken in \$172.72. Paid

out \$161.22. President—Lillie Smith, R.F.D. 1, Inman, S. C. Secretary—Virginia Pollard, R.F.D. 3, Spartanburg, S. C.

Clover—Members 20. Gained 12. Money taken in \$50.00. Paid out \$12.30. President—Mrs. Henry G. Russell, 326 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. Bernice Adams, 207 Flat Rock St., Clover, S. C.

Saxon Avenue—Members 20. Gained 6. Paid out for charity \$16.27. For church repairs \$273.95. Money taken in \$465.38. Paid out \$411.51. Sent in for dues \$6.00. Balance in treasury \$53.87. President—Mrs. L. S. Gray, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. Myrtle Ellis, 480 Arch Street, Spartanburg, S. C.

Chester—Members 19. Gained 9. Money taken in \$168.33. Paid out \$168.33. President—Mrs. Mildred Revis Box 67, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. Sam Roof, Box 17, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C.

High Point—Members 15. Paid to orphanage \$10.00. For church repairs \$125.00. Money taken in \$212.42. Paid out \$217.14. President—Mrs. Jeanette Sims, R.F.D. 4, Lancaster, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. Ernestine Haynes, 106 W. Confederate St., Lancaster, S. C.

Coles Chapel, Arcadia—Members 13. Paid out for church piano \$284.86. Money taken in \$353.63. Paid out \$287.36. President—Mrs. Grace Shook, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary—Mrs. Dillard Cody, Box 8, Arcadia, S. C.

Whitney—Members 9. Gained 1. Paid for church rug \$240.00. Money taken in \$240.00. Paid out \$240.00. President—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Whitney, S. C., Box 86. Secretary—Mrs. Paul Shehan, Box 104, Whitney, S. C. Delegate—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark.

Riverside—Members 6. Paid out for church repairs \$47.50. Money taken in \$297.62. Paid out \$282.67. President—Myra Jenkins, R.F.D. 1, Campobello, S. C. Secretary—Lois Dameron, R.F.D. 1, Campobello, S. C.

The Ladies Auxiliary asked that if there was any group of members wanted to help feed the officers of the National Association of next year (1954) to send their contributions to Spartanburg, S. C., where it is to meet. They also ask the help of each Auxiliary to help in accomplishing a nursery at Spartanburg, S. C., for use during the National Association. The help needed will be donations to get a girl to attend to the nursery during the time of the Association, and if any of you have any nursery furniture which can be used to bring it or send it and it will be returned after the meeting is over. The purpose of the nursery is for keeping the little ones so the parents can enjoy the Association.

Adjourned.

Thursday Night

Congregational singing.

Devotion—Rev. James Beheler.

Message—Rev. B. L. Shook.

Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist, held with Chester Church, Chester, S. C., August 7th and 8th, 1953.

Morning Session

The Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met with Chester Church, Chester, S. C., in its thirtieth session on Friday and Saturday, August 7-8, 1953, at 9:303 o'clock.

The Moderator, Rev. L. S. Gray, called the meeting to order and the opening song was "Standing On the Promises."

Visitors were given a seat, and visiting ministers were recognized; they were all given a vote of welcome.

Visiting minsters were: Rev. A. O. Connaly, Carolene, N. C.; Rev. Julus Vause, Turbeville, S. C.; Rev. Sherman Branch, Stanley, N. C.; Rev. Mitchell Davis, Lowell, N. C.; Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.

Program was adopted at this time.

The following officers were elected:

Association Clerk, James Haynes. Reading Clerk, Rev. James Revis.

Devotion was given by Rev. H. T. Hatcher.

Prayer by Rev. H. T. Hatcher. Moderator's message by Rev. L. S. Gray, and it was an inspiring one.

Business Period

House declared in order for business at this time by Moderator. All church letters were called for at this time.

The question was asked, what was meant by larger church and smaller church? To define the question, Rev. A. F. Lawter put a move on the floor that churches with members up to fifty to pay \$7.50 minute fund; above fifty to one hundred, \$10.00; and above one hundred members the minute fund will be \$12.50. Second by Rev. Robert Miller. Voted on and passed.

Appointment of committees by moderator:

Finance: C. C. Lee, Gibson, Wilcie Whitmire.

Missions: Rev. E. C. Rash, Sister Hazel Shook, Rev. Paul Shehan.

Sunday School: Walter Bryson, Sister Beulah Martin, Sister Robertson.

Temperance: Rev. Henry G. Russell, G. W. Mason, Sister Paul Shehan.

Ladies' Auxiliary: Sister Hazel Clubb, Sister Geneva Sawyer, Sister Lillie Smith.

Evangelism: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. Roy Calvert.

Deeper Devotion: John Gosnell, John Robertson, Sister Dillard Cody.

Education: Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. James Revis.

Resolution: Sister Lillie Mae Shehan, Sister Hazel Shook, Sister Beulah Martin.

Ministers Support: Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Bro. C. C. Lee

Young People: James A Thomas, Sister Minnie Liles, Sister L. S. Gray.

Periodicals: Sister R. A. Heatherington, Sister Alice Ledford, Sister June Rivera.

Obituary: Sister Beulah Martin, Sister Hazel Clubb, Rev. Henry Russell.

Adjourned for five minutes recess.

Devotion by Rev. Mitchell Davis, Lowell, N. C.

Message, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Text was taken from 2nd Corinthians 4th chapter, beginning with the eighth verse reading the remainder of chapter. Subject: "Building for Eternity." He brought forth a wonderful message. The points were brought forth that we should work to build our Association. He also brought out the building for Eternity. The message was food for the soul.

Adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opened by singing a congregational song. Devotion by Rev. A. O. Connally, Carolene, N. C.. Text: 1st Cor. 13th chapter. Prayer by Rev. A. O. Connally

Moderator declared house in order for business

Home Mission Report was called for and was given by Rev. Paul Shehan in the absence of Mr. W. D. Sawyer (due to sickness).

At this time a rising vote of appreciation to the Womans Auxiliary of Chester was given for the nice, good meals which were served. An offering of \$34.00 was made up and given to the Auxiliary to show the appreciation of their kindness.

The following reports were called for and accepted:

Sunday School Reports:

LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 190. Average attendance

171. Money collected this year \$4,945.81. Paid out \$4,708.71. Now in treasury \$237.10. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes 8. Superintendent, Edward Gibson, R.F.D. No. 5, Union, S. C.. Secretary, James Cook, Box 358, Lockhart, S. C.

HIGH POINT FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 176. Average attendance 171. Money collected this year, Unified. Paid out, Unified. Now in treasury, Unified Budget. Kind of literature, Bible. How many classes 6. Superintendent, Bro. James A. Thomas, 14 Catawba St., Great Falls, S. C. Secretary, Bro. Thomas Bryson, City Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 160. Average attendance 137. Money collected this year \$2,357.54. Paid out \$2,357.54. Now in treasury, Unified Budget. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes 9. Superintendent, Mr. Ernest Shook, Box 245, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary,, Miss Joyce Bailey, Glendale, S. C.

CLOVER FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 86. Average attendance 115. Money collected this year \$642.26. Paid out \$25.00. Now in treasury, Unified Budget. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes 5. Superintendent, Mr. Elmer Ledford, R.F. D. No. 2, Clover, S. C. Secretary, Gwendale Ledford, R. F. D. No. 2, Clover, S. C.

SAXON AVE. FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 156. Average attendance 76. Money collected this year \$913.56. Paid out \$913.56. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist and David C. Cook. How many classes, 8. Superintendent, Mr. David Anders, 502 Brawley St. Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Clubb, 497 Forest St., Spartanburg, S. C.

VALLEY FALLS FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 160. Average attendance 81. Money collected this year \$1,105.42. Paid out \$1,105.42. Superintendent, John Gosnell. Secretary, Cecil Splawn.

RIVERSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST—Members on roll 30. Average attendance 24. Money collected this year \$128.83. Paid out \$128.83. Now in treasury, 0. Kind of literature, Free Will Baptist. How many classes, 3. Superintendent, Guy Henderson, R.F.D. No. 3, Chesnee, S. C. Secretary,, Betty Jenkins, Campobello, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Report of F. W. B. League given by Mrs. Paul Shehan:

WHITNEY FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—Members 40. Gained this year 18. Paid for church table and Bible School \$45.15. Paid out for literature \$5.00. Money taken in \$51.81. Paid out \$45.15. Now in treasury \$2.66. President, Mr. John Taylor, Whitney, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Whitney, S. C.

Report of Home Missions was given by Rev. Seldon Bullard. He gave a partial report and said he would have a more complete one at the State Association. He gave out information towards anyone planning on going to the Free Will Baptist College in Tennessee. Bro. Bullard said anyone wanting blanks or information on this to get in touch with him and he would be glad to furnish them with either or both.

Rev. Bullard gave out some forms to the clerk to be distributed out to each pastor to fill out and bring to the State Association. He said he wanted more churches represented this time from the Beaver Creek Association. Each church send a delegate and five dollars.

Report on the Orphanage Home at Turbeville S. C., was given by Superintendent Rev. Julius Vause. This that he gave was a partial report. He said he would have a more complete one at the State Association.

All church letters were accepted.

Church Letters:

LOCKHART CHURCH, Lockhart, S. C.—

Delegates: Bro. Lee McSwain, Bro. I. D. Sealey, Bro. Russell Gibson. Received by baptism, 10. By letter, 1. Total 11. Dismissed by death 1. Membership 167. Paid pastor \$4,420.00. Orphanage \$99.80. Paid for revivals \$141.75. Church repair or building, \$8,105.45. Value of church property \$32,000.00. Money taken in \$14,194.02. Paid out \$14,264.42. Now in treasury \$1,114.31. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, J. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

HIGH POINT CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—

Delegates: James Haynes, Bro. C. C. Leee, Bro. Howard Taylor, Bro. Walter Bryson, Bro. James A. Thomas, and Bro. Thomas Bryson. Alternate, Bro. Woodrow Gardner. Licensed ministers 2. Received by baptism 37. By letter 3. By statement 24. Total 64. Dismissed by letter 1. By expulsion and erasure 52. By death 1. Total 54. Membership 219. Paid pastor \$4,645.00. Orphanage \$73.29. Paid for revivals \$110.00. Church repair or building \$3,000.00. Value of church property \$30,000.00. Money taken in \$10,683.92. Paid out \$10,686.65. Now in treasury \$51.83. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, James Haynes, 106 W. Confederate St., Lancaster, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. R. Tyner, R. F. D. 4, Lancaster, S. C.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB, HIGH POINT CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—

Membership 29. Lost 5. Paid for church repairs \$100.00. Money taken in \$551.99. Paid out \$564.57. Now in treasury \$6.33. President, Rev. Harold Haynes, No. 8 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C. Secretary, James Haynes, 106 W. Confederate St., Lancaster, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL CHURCH, Arcadia, S. C.—

Delegates: Mrs. Minnie Lewis, Sister Hazel Shook, Sister June Rivera, Sister Dillard Cody, Bro. Wilcey Whitemire. Licensed ministers 1. Received by baptism 17. By letter 3. Total 20. Present membership 205. Paid pastor \$3,975.00. Missions \$44.62. Foreign Missions \$11.54. Orphanage \$25.00. Paid for revivals \$175.00. Church repair or building \$5,395.47. Value of church property \$30,000.00. Money taken in \$7,479.00. Paid out \$7,511.26. Now in treasury \$473.97. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Box 8, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Carl Shook, P. O. Box 28, Arcadia S. C.

SAXON AVE. CHUURCH Spartanburg, S. C.—

Delegates: Sister L. S. Gray, Bro. John Robertson, Sister John Robertson, Sister Hazel Clubb. Received by baptism 18. By letter 12. By restoration 12. Total 42. Dismissed by letter 7. By expulsion and erasure 8. By death 1. Total 16. Membership 141. Paid pastor \$3,569.00. Orphanage \$35.00. Paid for revivals \$357.50. Church repair or building \$609.87. Value of church property \$15,000.00. Money taken in \$5,659.27. Paid out \$5,523.90. Now in treasury \$135.37. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Bro. Vernon Wilson, 594 North Center St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.

Delegates: Bro. Luke Alexander, Bro. Elomer Ledford, Sister Alice Ledford, Bro. Sam Collins. Licensed ministers 2. Received by baptism 12. By letter 3. By restoration 10. Total 25. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 6. Present membership 63. Paid pastor \$2,860.00. Foreign Missions \$19.87. Orphanage \$29.00. Paid for revivals \$125.00. Value of church property \$9,000.00. Money taken in \$4,999.59. Paid out \$4,773.08. Now in treasury \$226.51. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Sister Bernice Adams, 207 Flat Rock St., Clover, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Henry G. Russell, 326 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C.—

Delegates: Sister Geneva Sawyer, Sister Lillie Mae Shehan, Sister Beulah Martin. Received by baptism 2. By letter 4. By restoration 4. Total 10. Dismissed by letter 1. Membership 113. Paid pastor \$3,459.52. Missions \$252.83. Foreign Mission \$36.25. Orphanage \$26.98. Paid for revivals \$105.00. Church repair or building \$131.00. Value of church property \$24,000.00. Money taken in \$4,579.54. Paid out \$4,557.28. Now in treasury \$22.26. Minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Bro. W. H. Ayers, Whitney, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Shehan Whitney S. C.

CHESTER CHURCH Chester S. C.—

Delegates: Sister Sarah Revis, Bro. Arthur Wyatt, Bro. Sam Roof, Bro. Henry Seally, Bro. Edward Hyatt, Bro. W. L. Hollifield, Jr. Licensed ministers 1. Received by baptism 17. By letter 5. By restoration 10. Total 32. Dismissed by death 1. Membership 83. Paid pastor \$1,284.10. Missions \$5.00. Orphanage \$5.00. Paid for revivals \$150.00. Value of church property \$15,000.00. Money taken in \$3,002.23. Paid out \$2,903.19. Now in treasury \$99.04. Clerk, Bro. Sam Roof, Box 17, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C. Pastor, Rev. James E. Revis, Box 67 Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C.

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

Delegates: Rev. Robert Miller, Bro. John Gosnell, Bro. Junior Moore. Received by baptism 5. By letter 14. Total 19. Dismissed by letter 5. Membership 72. Paid pastor \$1,170.00. Missions \$4.78. Foreign Mission \$3.59. Orphanage \$6.37. Paid for revivals \$92.79. Church repair and building \$1,671.00. Value of church property \$7,000.00. Money taken in \$2,790.12. Paid out \$2,829.84. Now in

treasury \$100.00. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Cecil Splaun, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Roy Calvert, R. F. D. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Campobello, S. C.—

Delegates: Bro. Wilbur Scruggs, Bro. Guy Henderson, Bro. Charlie Damerson. By restoration 3. Dismissed by expulsion and erasure 2. Membership 30. Paid pastor \$976.74. Paid for revivals \$11.00. Church repairs or building \$661.33. Value of church property \$4,500.00. Money taken in \$1,670.14. Paid out \$1,638.07. Now in treasury \$32.07. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Bro. Wilbur Scruggs, R.F.D. 1, Campobello, S. C. Pastor, Rev. H. T. Hatcher, R.F.D. 6., Spartanburg, S. C.

UNA CHURCH, Una S. C.—

Delegates: Sister Lillie Smith Bro. Oscar Smith, Sister R. H. Heatherington. Licensed ministers 1. Received by baptism 3. By letter 3. Restoration 14. Total 20. Membership 56. Paid pastor \$592.06. Missions \$4.75. Foreign Mission \$10.75. Orphanage \$84.11. Paid for revivals \$46.00. Church repair or building \$585.15. Value of church property \$6,000.00. Money taken in \$1,383.24. Paid out \$1,372.01. Now in treasury \$11.23. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Sister Virginia Pollard, R.F.D. 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, Sharon, S. C.—

Delegates: Rev. G. W. Mason Sister Cora Mason, Bro. Jerry West. Received by baptism 2. By restoration 2. Present membership 33. Paid pastor \$162.85. Orphanage \$15.00. Paid for revivals \$49.00. Value of church property \$2,500.00. Minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Sister Cora Mason, R.F.D. 1, Sharon, S. C. Pastor, Rev. C. L. Scarborough, North Be'mont, N. C. Now in treasury \$73.79. Paid out \$68.13. Fruits and vegetables to orphanage, 74 quarts.

The National Conference will convene at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954, and every church of the Association is urged to give all the support necessary in having the best National Conference yet.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Association, which will convene at Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville, S. C., November 12-13, 1953: Bro. C. C. Lee and Bro. I. D. Seally, and Sister Connie Lawter as an alternate.

"It is to be impressed upon everyone's mind that we should back up everything that we belong to, to have anything worth boasting about."

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 o'clock Saturday morning.

Friday Night

Special singing from Lockhart, S. C.

Prayer—Rev. Paul Shehan.

Message—Rev. Carl Shook; text, Matthew 16th chapter, verses 13-18. Subject, "Why These People Thought Jesus was John the Baptist, Elias, or Some Other Prophet."

Saturday Morning Session

Song—"I Am Resolved" by congregation.

Devotion by Rev. Paul Shehan. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Brooks. Solo by Sister Hazel Clubb, "Why Should He Love Me So." Solo by Rev. J. J. Brooks, "Roses Are Blooming in Heaven."

Moderator declared house in order for business.

The reports of the committees were called for and read. They were voted on and received.

MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, do recommend the pastors and churches to recognize our mission workers. That they (the pastors) accept their visitations to our churches at the mission workers' convenience and each church and pastor stress mission work, and support the five point program.

REV. E. C. RASH

REV. PAUL SHEHAN

SISTER HAZEL SHOOK

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School recommend that our teachers be Christians and use F. W. B. literature. We urge all our churches to stand by their pastors, and teach and practice tithing.

BRO. WALTER BRYSON

SISTER BEULAH MARTIN

SISTER JEANEITE ROBERTSON

EDUCATION

We your committee on Education submit the following report: First, that ministers, old and young, study to prepare themselves for the ministry of the Gospel, and do ask that our pastors and churches support and encourage our Free Will Baptist School program.

REV. H. T. HATCHER

REV. PAUL SHEHAN

REV. J. E. REVIS

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 Conventions. We urge all churches to organize a Go-Tell Auxiliary. This is a great training work for the future Ladies Auxiliary.

SISTER HAZEL CLUBB
SISTER GENEVA SAWYER
SISTER LILLIE SMITH

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. Also that we try to provide some kind of clean recreation that we may win and hold our Young People.

BRO. JAMES A. THOMAS
SISTER MINNIE LEWIS
SISTER L. S. GRAY

PERIODICALS

We your committee on Periodicals suggest that there be a monthly meeting to discuss improvements. This should be done by officers and teachers including Pastor that he might know what business is transacted and accomplishments made.

We urge that the secretaries be on your toes concerning the ordering of literature, have it ordered and in church when new literature is needed.

SISTER R. A. HEATHERINGTON
SISTER ALICE LEDFORD
SISTER JUNE RIVERA

EVANGELISM

We your committee on Evangelism submit the following: Seeing the fields are white unto harvest, and the great possibilities for the Free Will Baptist and the desire of the people for the Gospel we preach and believe, we urge all our pastors and young ministers to cooperate together fully to evangelize our state for him who loved and gave himself for us. Furthermore, we recommend that each church try the taking of a church census in the community where their church is located, because we feel in doing so we may contact people who have moved from some other town or state who would like to come to our church.

REV. CARL SHOOK
REV. E. R. TYNER
REV. ROY CALVERT

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. LILLIE MAE SHEHAN
MRS. HAZEL SHOOK
MRS. BEULAH MARTIN

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 (I Peter 1:6).

MRS. HENRY RUSSELL
MRS. G. W. MASON
MRS. PAUL SHEHAN

DEEPER DEVOTION

We your committee on Deeper Devotion submit the following: That we study our daily Bible readings as listed in our literature.

That we establish and encourage daily family prayers.

Also, we recommend having spiritual Bible School to train our youth in the way they should go.

MR. JOHN GOSNELL
MR. JOHN ROBERTSON
MRS. DILLARD CODY

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We your committee on Ministerial Support wish to submit the following: Believing that no church can do its best unless its members are tithers and willing to support their pastor, we urge that all our ministers preach and practice tithing, setting an example to their flock.

REV. E. R. TYNER
REV. CARL SHOOK
MR. C. C. LEE

OBITUARY

We your committee on Obituary wish to submit the following: 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 (II Cor. 1:6-8).

We the Saxon Ave. Church do mourn the loss of our beloved Sister Lillie Crowe,

a Christian, who has departed this life to meet her reward.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness (Prov. 31:26-2).

We the High Point Church do mourn the loss of our dearly beloved Brother W. J. Flowers. A man that was deeply loved and welcomed at all times.

Blessed are they 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. BEULAH MARTIN

MRS. HAZEL CLUBB

REV. HENRY RUSSELL

FINANCE

..... We your committee on Finance do humbly submit unto you. Balance brought forward from 1952 Association \$6.49. Turned in for minute fund for 1953 Association \$112.50. Received of donation \$7.00. Total in treasury \$125.99.

BRO. C. C. LEE, Chairman and Treasurer

BRO. R. S. GIBSON

BRO. WILCEY R. WHITMIRE

At this time the Ordaining Council's report was called for and received. Old business that had been transacted in the portion of years 1952 and 1953.

The Ordaining Council wish to submit the following. We met in Council November 1, 1952, at Valley Falls, S. C. We recommend exchange of Ordination Certificate with Rev. James Mitchell and to Rev. Otis Hawlbroom conference license.

The Ordaining Council met with Coles Chapel, Arcadia, S. C., February 25, 1953. Granted ordination papers to Rev. James Revis. Granted Conference license to Rev. Roy D. Moore and Rev. Lester Hoag. Ordained Rev. Roy Calvert. Withdrew fellowship, and picked up papers from Rev. Jess Cannon.

The Ordaining Council met at High Point Church, April 25, 1953. Voted to refer Bro. Edward Hyatt until May 2, 1953 at Coles Chapel, Spartanburg, S. C. Voted to withdraw fellowship from Rev. Paul Roland on grounds he failed to live up to the standards of the Conference and Ordaining Council, and to pick up his papers.

The Ordaining Council met with Coles Chapel May 2, 1953. Granted license to Rev. Edward Hyatt.

We your Ordaining Council have received credentials of the following:

1. Rev. James Gosnell who united with the Methodist Church.
2. Rev. Roy Gosnell—backslide.
3. Rev. Lonnie Moore—backslide.
4. Rev. Johnnie Bullman—couldn't find.
5. Rev. Jess Cannon—for not supporting his church and causing trouble in the church.
6. Cary Ayers—turned in his papers to Ordaining Council—backslide.

The Ordaining Council met with the Chester Church August 6, 1953. Voted to refer Bro. G. W. Mason until next Ministers Conference, which meet at Riverside Church, Spartanburg, S. C., October 31, 1953. Agreed to grant Conference license to Rev. W. Howard Broome. Granted exchange of ordination papers with Rev. Cranton Hollifield.

REV. L. S. GRAY
 REV. PAUL SHEHAN
 REV. E. R. TYNER

Moved by Rev. A. F. Lawter that the Association take the proper procedure in claiming the land, and church building, and anything thereon according to deed of New Hope Church which is located between Spartanburg, S. C., and Whitney, S. C. Second by Rev. Henry G. Russell. The body voted to do so as quickly as possible. In accordance to deed the land belongs to the Beaver Creek Association.

A letter was received from New Hope Church that they had called in a Missionary Baptist preacher to pastor their church and that they wished to withdraw from the Association.

Rev. E. R. Tyner asked that every minister and delegate to stand if they would back up the move to take action against New Hope. The majority stood.

At this time the moderator presented Rev. W. Howard Broome with his Conference License.

Moved and second that we let what's left of the balance in treasury from having Minutes printed and paying for State Minutes be paid to clerk for services. Voted that this be done. This is just for this year.

Rev. E. R. Tyner suggested that we take up an offering for the minute fund. The offering was \$7.00.

Moved and second that we receive State Covenant. Voted and received.

Election of Officers:

Moderator—Rev. L. S. Gray. Assistant Moderator—Rev. Paul Shehan. Treasurer to Home Missions—Bro. W. D. Sawyer.

Ministers Conference will convene at Riverside Church, Spartanburg, S. C., October 28, 1953.

Fellowship meeting at Carolene, N. C., October 3, 1953.

The moderator asked that the first delegate of Saxon Ave. Church to read a letter of resolution. Read by Mrs. L. S. Gray.

Letter of Resolution

Spartanburg, S. C., August 2, 1953

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Beaver Creek Association.

We, the Saxon Ave. Church, have found cause to bring to your attention the fact that some of our churches and ministers are not endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, by receiving members without a letter, who are not in full fellowship with the church to which they belong.

We, the Saxon Ave. Church, having met in regular conference, do hereby submit the following resolution, that all churches in our Association keep the practice of the Free Will Baptist in good faith, to remain in good standing with our Association.

Vernon Wilson, Clerk

Rev. L. S. Gray, Pastor

Suggested that Clerk notify each and every minister with addresses of each and every Ministers Conference, State Association, Fellowship Meetings ten days ahead.

The Board of Trustees was elected: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.; Rev. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.; Rev. E. R. Tynen, Lancaster, S. C.; Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C.; Rev. L. S. Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.

It was voted that the program committee to be in the hands of the Ordaining Council

Rev. Paul Shehan suggested that in place of being Ministers' Conference to be changed to quarterly Conference.

This was moved by Rev. Howard Broome, second by Rev. Carl Shook. Voted and accepted. Meetings will be Ministers in the morning, Association in the evening. Each church is asked to send their reports and one dollar, and a delegate.

At this time a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality paid to the Association was given to the Chester Church.

Moved by Bro. Howard Taylor, second by Rev. Howard Broome, and voted that we adjourn until next session in 1954.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Paul Shehan.

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

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

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

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

