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Proceedings

The Beaver Creek Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met with the Valley Falls Church at Valley Falls, S. C., in its Thirty-First Session on Thursday, August 5, 1954, at 9:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. A. F. Lawter. The welcome was given by the local church.

The reports were called for and accepted without being read.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers

Rev. Carl Shook	Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter	Phone 2331, Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. L. S. Gray	680 Saxon Ave, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Paul Shehan	Box 104, Whitney, S. C.
Rev. James E. Revis	Phone 2925, 116 Dewey St., Chester, S. C.
Rev. Roy Calvert	Phone 36910, Rt. 6, 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.
Rev. J. D. Hawkins	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. David Philbeck	326 Valley Ave, Clover, S. C.
Rev. Creston Hollifield	Converse, S. C.
Rev. Homer Savage	Lowell, N. C.
Rev. Howard Broom	Rt. No. 6, Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. J. E. Ehrwood	Valley Falls, S. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Ralph Smith	Box 201, Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. Millus Childers	Lockhart, S. C.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. Homer R. Savage, Lowell, N. C. Pastor 1 church, preached 67 sermons, professions 10, members received 10, baptised 6, money given \$532.50, miles traveled 3500, money received \$259.25.

Rev. E. C. Rash, Rt. 1, Sharon, S. C.—Preached 17 sermons, professions 4, baptised 1, homes visited 38, funerals 1, Sunday School Lessons taught 10, money given \$42.00, miles traveled 1,552, money received \$51.35, expenses \$23.25.

Rev. Howard Broom, Rt. 6 Lancaster, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 96 sermons, revivals held 2, professions 17, members received 15, baptised 8, homes visited 30, Sunday School lessons taught 45, money given tithe, miles traveled 10,000, expenses \$200.00.

Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 18 sermons, professions

5, homes visited 60, Sunday School lessons taught 1, money given \$156.00.

Rev. Howard T. Hatcher, Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.—Preached 84 sermons, professions 26, homes visited 82, funerals 2, money given \$42.65, money received \$340.50.

Rev. Millus Childers, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 10 sermons, professions 1, homes visited 12, money given \$40.00.

Rev. Creston Hollifield, Converse, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 106 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 7, members received 24, baptised 7 married 3, funerals 4, Sunday School lessons taught 16, money received \$1,006.80, money given tithe.

Rev. L. S. Gray, 683 Saxon Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 208 sermons, revivals held 2, professions 2, members received 8, baptised 2, married 5, funerals held 4, Sunday School lessons taught 41, money received \$2,259.80, money given \$307.80.

Rev. Roy Calvert, Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.—Preached 91 sermons, revivals held 3, professions 17, baptised 6, married 5, visited 21 homes, funerals held 10, money received \$396.00, money paid out \$300.00.

Rev. Paul Shehan Box 104, Whitney, S. C., phone 33262—Pastor 1 church, married 8, funerals held 15, money given tithe, money received \$3,142.00.

Rev. B. F. Cousin, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C.—Preached 22 sermons, professions 3, Sunday School lessons taught 8, money given \$125.00, money received \$23.50.

Rev. James E. Revis, 116 Dewey Street, Chester, S. C., phone 2925—Preached 130 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 35, members received 26, baptised 19, married 2, funerals 15, Sunday School lessons taught 50, money received \$2,615.00, money given tithe, pastor 1 church.

Rev. Carl Shook, Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.—Preached 150 sermons, revivals held 6, members received 7, married 4, funerals 5, money given tithe.

Rev. James D. Beheler, Valley Falls, S. C., Phone 21485—Pastor 1 church, preached 90 sermons, revivals held 1, married 1, visited 50 homes, funerals 1, Sunday School lessons taught 25, money received \$177.00, money given tithe.

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., phone 2331—Pastor 1 church, preached 154 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 20, married 6, funerals 7, Sunday School lessons taught 52, money received \$6,402.14, for church, for salary \$4,420.00, money given \$452.00.

Rev. R. P. Terry, Lancaster, S. C.—Preached 81 sermons, Sunday School lessons taught 42, homes visited 200, money received \$75.00, money given \$47.00.

Rev. David E. Philbeck, 326 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 95 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 35, members received 7, baptised 6, married 1, homes visited 70, Sunday School lessons taught 16, money given tithe, miles traveled 800, money received \$640.00, expenses \$100.00, phone 2249.

The message was brought by the Rev. Wayne Smith of Swannanoa, N. C., "My Church and What I Want It To Be" Matt 16:18.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

BEAVER CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Thursday Afternoon, August 6, 1954

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary convened at Valley Falls, S. C., with the Beaver Creek Association (Theme: "His Command My Task").

The Auxiliary met with nine Auxiliaries represented and three Girls Auxiliaries. The following officers were elected:

President	Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.
1st Vice President	Mrs. L. S. Gray, Whitney, S. C.
2nd Vice President	Mrs. James Revis, Chester, S. C.
3rd Vice President	Mrs. M. C. Conner, Spartanburg, S. C.
4th Vice President	Mrs. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.
5th Vice President	Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Whitney, S. C.
Field Worker	Mrs. Lillie Smith, Una, S. C.
Treasurer	Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Whitney, S. C.
Secretary	Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

The following were elected to go to the State Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.; Mrs. James Revis, Chester, S. C.; Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Whitney, S. C.; Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.

Total members 198; taken in treasury \$1,628.65; paid to orphanage \$32.00; paid for charity \$219.27; for church improvement \$548.17; for Home Missions \$520.00; total money in district treasury \$83.35.

Co-Tell Report or Girls' Auxiliary

Whitney Girls Auxiliary—Members 17, money taken in \$20.45, paid out \$35.22, in treasury \$14.75, convention dues \$4.10. President, Loxenier Griffin; Secretary, Mary Reed.

Lockhart Auxiliary—Members 16, taken in \$80.20, paid out \$60.13, now in treasury \$10.40. President, Mrs. Effie Taylor; secretary, Loretta Childers.

Saxon Avenue Auxiliary—Members 9, gained 4, money taken in \$105.00, paid out \$101.00. President, Mrs. Carolyn Reed, 381 College St., Spartanburg, S. C.; secretary, Brenda Gray, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

Lockhart Ladies Auxiliary—Members 37, new members 6, number of children adopted for clothing 5, bed linen for orphanage \$22.00, paid for charity \$32.00, for church repair \$175.00, total

paid out \$230.75, dues sent to convention \$7.20. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.; secretary, Mrs. James Cook, Lockhart, S. C.

Una Auxiliary—Members 18, gained 6, for charity \$37.24, for church repair \$67.50, money taken in \$189.57, paid out \$119.57. President, Mrs. Lillie Smith; secretary, Virginia Pollard, route 3, Spartanburg, S. C.

Chester Auxiliary—Members 16, paid for church repairs \$200.00, money taken in \$228.42, paid out \$215.75. President, Mrs. James Revis, 116 Dewey St., Chester, S. C.; secretary, Mrs. Rachel McMahan, Chester, S. C.

Riverside Auxiliary—Members 10, gained 5, for church repair \$85.67, money taken in \$110.51, paid out \$105.14. President, Mrs. Myra Jenkins, route 1, Campobello, S. C.; secretary, Betty Jenkins, Campobello, S. C.

Saxon Avenue Auxiliary—Members 11, gained 5, money taken in \$211.05, paid out \$203.73. President, Mrs. L. S. Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Clubb, 497 Forest St, Spartanburg, S. C.

Whitney Auxiliary—Members 10, taken in \$654.03, paid out \$654.03, paid on property for church \$13.03, home mission \$520.00. President, Mrs. Beulah Martin; secretary, Mrs. Lillie Shehan; treasurer, Mrs. Clark.

Dues for each member to be sent with report at next District Auxiliary Convention next year still remains 30c per member.

Report of the District Woman's Auxiliary expense of entertainment of the National Convention in Spartanburg, S. C.:

Entertainment of Children \$22.71, banquet expense \$136.55, flowers \$3.50, ribbons, badges, and banner \$35.32, total \$198.03.

We appreciate the fine cooperation of the women of this district and also the donations from the State Woman's Convention and from the S. C. District Convention. Committee of Entertainment.

Mrs. A. F. Lawter
Mrs. L. S. Gray
Mrs. J. E. Revis
Mrs. Lillie Smith

CHURCH LETTERS

CHESTER CHURCH, Chester, S. C.—Delegates: Henry Sealey, Elbert Hopper. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 19, by letter 6, dismissed by letter 2, by expulsion and erasure 2, by death 2, total 6, membership 102, paid pastor \$2,615.00, foreign mission \$10.40, orphanage \$23.25, paid for revivals \$135.00, church repair or building \$55.00, value of church property \$17,000.00, money taken in \$4,076.69, paid out \$4,076.59, now in treasury \$56.55, minute fund \$12.00. Clerk, Mrs. Sam Roof, Box 17, Baldwin Sta., Chester, S. C. Pastor, Rev. James Revis, 116 Dewey St., Chester, S. C., phone 2925.

LOCKHART CHURCH, Lockhart, S. C.—Delegates: I. D. Sealey, William Belk, Connie Lawter, Florice Childers. Licensed ministers 1. By baptism 1, by letter 4, by death 1, total 3, membership 170, paid pastor \$4,420, orphanage \$145.52, paid for revivals \$244.00, value of church property \$35,000.00, money taken in \$5,179.90, paid out \$4,879.80, now in treasury \$300.10, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Rev. J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C., phone 2331.

SAXON AVE. CHURCH, Spartanburg, S. C.—Delegates: Loretta Connor, Hazel Clubb, Mattie Jones, Effie Mosley, Palmer Smith. Received by baptism 2, by letter 3, by restoration 3, total 8, dismissed by letter 25, by death 1, total 26, present membership 92, paid pastor \$2,259.80, orphanage \$64.00, paid for revivals \$126.15, value of church property \$15,000, money taken \$2,893.00, paid out \$2,893.00. Clerk, Mrs. Robert Gray, 506 Belmont St., Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. L. S. Gray, 689 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

CLOVER CHURCH, Clover, S. C.—Delegates: Clarence Adams, Millie Philbeck. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 22, by letter 7, total 29, dismissed by letter 3, by expulsion and erasure 19, total 22, present membership 69, paid pastor \$2,359.08, paid for revivals \$125.00, value of church property \$10,000, money taken \$2,460.03, paid out \$3,847.00, now in treasury \$45.31, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Marshall Nichols, route 2, Clover, S. C. Pastor, David E. Philbeck, 326 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL CHURCH, Arcadia, S. C.—Delegates: Alvin Bowers, Mrs. A. P. Hope, Clyde Taylor, Dillard Cody, Lucille Taylor. Licensed minister 1, by letter 7 total 7, dismissed by letter 1, by death 2, total 3, membership 207, paid pastor \$3,975.00, missions \$95.00, orphanage \$10.00, paid for revivals \$100.00, church repair or building \$1,746.00, value of church property \$30,000.00, money taken in \$6,116.00, paid out \$6,016.00, now in treasury \$100.00, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C.

WHITNEY CHURCH, Whitney, S. C.—Delegates: Lizzy Clark, Geneva Sawyer, Charlotte Ayers. Received by baptism 2, by letter 6, total 8, dismissed by

letter 5, by death 1, total 6, present membership 125, paid pastor \$3,142.00, orphanage \$65.00, paid for revivals \$12.51, church repair or building \$13.68, value of church property \$108.16, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Mrs. Yvonne Tip-ton, 230 California Ave., Spartanburg,, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul J. Shehan, Whitney, S. C.

UNA CHURCH, Una, S. C.—Delegates: Bob Gosnell, Lil'ie Smith, Juan'a Henson Essie Pollard, Virginia Pollard. Received by baptism 7 by letter 8, by statement 9, total 24, dismissed by letter 1, death 2, total 3, membership 77, paid pastor \$1,068.00, orphanage \$51.25, paid for revivals \$85.13, church repair or building \$470.61, money taken in \$1,419.31, paid out \$1,409.60, now in treasury \$9.71, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Virginia Pollard, route 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Creston Hollifield, Converse, S. C.

HILL TOP CHURCH, Lancaster, S. C.—Delegates: Lewis Stevenis, Frances E. Broome. Received by baptism 9, by letter 3, by restoration 3, total 15, membership 15, value of church property \$375.00, money taken in \$371.63, paid out \$99.77, now in treasury \$271.86, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Frances E. Broome, Lancaster S. C. Pastor, Rev. W. M. Broome, Route 6, Lancaster, S. C.

ENOREE CHURCH, Enoree, S. C.—Delegates: J. R. Suttas, J. W. Sullivan, J. P. Seay. Licensed ministers 2, received by baptism 6, by letter 3, by restoration 3, total 12, by expulsion and erasure 1, total 1, present membership 33, paid pastor \$258.25, orphanage \$13.00, paid for revivals \$50.00 church repair or building \$422.00, value of church property \$4,000, money taken in \$950.00, paid out \$942.00, now in treasury \$7.50, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, G. G. Harrison, Route 2, Enoree, S. C. Pastor, Homer Savage, Lowell, N. C.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Campobello, S. C.—Delegates: Will Tesenier, Mary Padgett, Myra Jenkins. By letter 4, by restoration 13, total 17, dismissed by letter 5, by death 1, total 6, present membership 41, paid pastor \$670.00, church repair or building \$166.00, value of church property \$4,750.00, money taken in \$1,282.23, paid out \$836.00, now in treasury \$446.24, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Wilbur Scruggs, Route 1, Campobello S. C. Pastor, Rev. James Beheler, 69 Church St., Valley Falls, S. C.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, Sharon, S. C.—Delegates: G. W. Mason, Cara Mason, Sharon Route 1, S. C. By restoration 2, total 2, by death 1, total 1 membership 33, paid pastor \$267.00, orphanage \$15.50, paid for revivals \$22.04, church repair or building \$1,882.00, value of church property \$2,500.00, money taken in \$249.78, paid out \$1,882.00, now in treasury \$1,319.6, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, G. W. Mason, Route 1 Sharon, S. C. Pastor, C. L. Scarborough, North Belmont, N. C.

VALLEY FALLS CHURCH, Valley Falls, S. C.—Delegates: Helen Laws, Alvin A. Bunell, Lemar Arledge. Licensed minister 1, received by baptism 4, by letter

4, total 8, dismissed by letter, 2 by death, 1, total 3, membership 93, paid pastor \$1,390.00, orphanage \$8.85, paid for revivals \$191.00, church repair or building \$200.00, value of church property \$7,000, money taken in \$2,268.22, paid out \$2,343.82, now in treasury \$25.00. minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Cecil Splawn, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, J. E. Ehrwood, Valley Falls, S. C.

THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 5, 1954

Congregational singing.

Devotions: We need a Revival, "Why," by Ralph Smith.

Message—"The Suffering of the Cross," by Rev. A. F. Lawter.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1954

Devotions, "Christ Being Lifted Up," by Rev. David E. Philbeck.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. L. S. Gray.

Report of the Home Missions was called for and was given by the Rev. Fred Powers. Scripture, Acts 1:8-9. S. C. quota for Home Missions is \$1,200.00. A wonderful talk was made by Bro. Powers for the need to organize new churches.

Foreign Missions report was called for and was given by Rev. James Revis in the absence of Rev. L. A. Holliday. Scripture, Matt. 28:18-20.

Moved by Bro. Lawter and second by Bro. Shook that church letters be handed in and to omit the reading. Then voted and accepted. Adjourned for message. Prayer by Rev. Carl Shook.

Song: Congregational, "At The Cross." Prayer by Rev. L. W. Driggers.

Message by Rev. Paul Brown, Rockingham, N. C.

Scripture reading: Matt. 18:19, Text: "The Power of Working Together."

A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed. Prayer by Rev. Nathan Holt.

Adjourned until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 6, 1954

Song: "Amazing Grace."

Prayer, Rev. Bennett.

Devotions by Rev. James Beheler. Topic: "Christ Supreme."

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary was read by the President, Miss Geneva Sawyer. Report of the Orphanage was given by Mr. Edward Miles, Supt. of the S. C. F. W. B. Childrens Home at

Turbeville, S. C. Mr. Miles accepted the Superintendent's position March 15, 1954. We urge that the churches of the Beaver Creek district support the Childrens Home wholeheartedly. Rev. Lawter made a move that we split the Home Mission Board fund for the Orphanage at Turbeville. Sec. Bro. W. D. Sawyer. The report of the Home Mission finances was read by Bro. Sawyer and moved and seconded to accept.

The resolutions of the Foreign Missions was put before the body to accept the plan of putting it in the minutes. Moved to adopt by Bro. Lawter, second by Bro. Sawyer. The move was voted and accepted. A motion was made by Bro. Sawyer that the Moderator appoint them. The Moderator appointed as Chairman, Rev. Revis, Rev. Lawter, and Rev. Carl Shook.

News letters for churches were called for. A move to accept the Hill Top Church was made by Rev. Lawter and seconded by Rev. Revis, the motion was carried. A letter of request of deed to the property of the Una Church from the Beaver Creek Association was submitted. A motion was made by Bro. Lawter that the deed be given to them provided they pay the fee of changing same, the motion was seconded by Bro. Savage; the motion was voted on and passed.

The Enoree Church asked for their deed also; a move was made by James Revis that the deed be submitted, the motion was carried.

A move was made by Rev. Carl Shook that we appoint a committee to make plans for a camp meeting; seconded by Creston Hollifield. The move was voted on and carried. A committee was named, Rev. Carl Shook, Chairman, committeemen: Rev. James Revis, David E. Philbeck. A move was made to adjourn by Bro. Lawter, seconded by Bro. Beheler. Prayer by Mr. Edward Miles.

FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 6, 1954

Congregational singing.

Devotion: Rev. Homer Savage. Scripture, Prov. 29:18. Subject, "A Greater Vision." Prayer by Bro. Nathan Holt.

Special singing: Connie Lawter and Hazel Clubb.

Message by Fred Powers. Scripture, Hebrews 9:11, Text: "The Power of the Blood." This was a wonderful sermon and was enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1954

Congregational Singing.

Prayer by Rev. Branch.

Devotions by Rev. Foster Elliott, "The Joy of Following Jesus."

Committee reports called for. A move was made to accept them one at a time. A second was given, voted and passed. The first report of the committee to be accepted was the Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee, do recommend that all officers and teachers be Christians, that they might train a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it. We also recommend that we use F. W. Baptist literature, and that our ministers take more interest in Sunday School and young folks.

Rev. James Beheler, Rev. Millus Childers, Mrs. Juanita Henson.

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: That ministers old and young do study to prepare themselves for the ministry of the Gospel, and according to their ability to support and study the rules and doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Churches.

Rev. E. R. Tyner, Rev. Fred Powers

PERIODICALS

We, your Committee on Periodicals suggest that there be a monthly meeting to discuss improvement. This should be done by officers and teachers including pastors that they might know what business is transacted and accomplishments made. We urge that the secretaries be on their toes concerning the ordering of literature. Have it ordered and in church when new literature is needed.

Rev. James Revis, Mr. James Haynes, Mrs. Taylor.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We, your Committee on Ladies Auxiliary, do feel the need of the Auxiliary work in our churches. We urge the Pastors to help and encourage the Y. P. A. This is a great work and training for the young folks. We urge all Auxiliaries to use manuals and send delegates to our conventions.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, Mrs. Ethel Bowers, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark.

YOUNG PEOPLE

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, do urge all churches and pastors to encourage and help organize a F. W. B. League, and encourage at least one Auxiliary for Girls and one for boys. Train up a child in the way it should

go, and when it is old it will not depart from it. (Prov. 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.

Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Mrs. Hazel Clubb, Mrs. Florice Childers.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, do recommend that all churches do cooperate with our Home Mission Board by receiving an offering one Sunday out of every quarter to be sent to our Home Mission Board chairman.

Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Frank Cousin, Mrs. Frances Broom.

EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism, do submit the following: seeing the fields are white unto harvest and the great possibilities for F. W. Baptist and the desire of the people for the Gospel we preach and believe. We urge our pastors and young ministers to cooperate together fully to evangelize our State for Him who loved and gave himself for us. Further 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 contact people who have moved from some other town or state, who would like to come to our church.

Rev. J. E. Ehrwood, Rev. David E. Philbeck, Rev. A. F. Lawter

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, do submit the following; that we as followers of Christ abstain from all alcohol as a beverage, and that we abstain from worldly amusements such as theatres, ball games, mixed swimming pools, etc., and that we abstain from reading ungodly literature and indecent dressing, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. I Peter 1:6.

Dahl Evans Rev. N. W. Holt, Rev. J. E. Ehrwood.

DEEPER DEVOTIONS

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotions, submit the following: that each pastor ask his church to read a part of the Scripture at least once a day, also we recommend having a spiritual Bible school to train our youth in the way they should go.

Rev. Homer Savage, Sherman Branch, Mr. I. D. Sealey.

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, and that the ordaining council be in charge of all licensed ministers.

Rev. G. W. Mason, Rev. Palmer Smith, Sister Loretta Connor

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 ministers preach and practice tithing setting an example to their flock, and that every church clerk keep a record of all licensed ministers finance in the church that he is a member of, and send it to the annual Association.

, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. J. E. Ehrwood, Mr. Clarence Adams.

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to submit the following report: we know that if this earthly house of tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We, the Whitney Church, mourn the loss of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, Sr. Little Ralph, Jr., was born Oct. 2 and died Oct. 5, 1953. Budded on earth to bloom in heaven. Also the loss of our beloved sister Amanda Ayers who departed this life January 29, 1954, aged 73 years. Our sister in Jesus is a great loss and is missed by all who knew her. Our loss is heaven's gain. Also our Bro. Curtis Sawyer, who departed this life June 17, 1954, age 49. We miss our Brother very much. Our loss is heaven's gain.

ARCADIA—They opened their mouths with wisdom and in their tongues is the law of kindness. Mrs. Lena Green, Mrs. Laura Suttles.

SAXON AVE—We do mourn the loss of our sister, Laura Boyde, and Sister Minnie Gosnel.

UNA—We of the Una Church mourn the death of our Bro. Gifton Banks, who passed away December of 1953. Also Bro. Sam Justice, who passed away at the same time. Also our beloved Sister Susan Heatherington, age 86, who passed away April 8, 1954. A place is vacant in our homes, and also her church she loved so well.

LOCKHART—We, the Lockhart Church, do mourn the loss of our Brother, Sam Howell. He served as a deacon for 18 years and was a faithful member of our church. Our loss is heaven's gain.

CHESTER—We regret the death of our Bro. Clarence Roof, who departed this life to meet his reward in heaven.

LANCASTER—We do mourn the loss of our sister in Christ, Mrs. Lola Craig.

Committee: Mrs. Lucille Taylor, Mrs. James Revis, Mrs. A. B. Hope.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, do humbly submit the amount of \$122.00 for minute fund.

Rev. E. R. Tyner, Mr. W. D. Sawyer, Rev. Paul Brewer.

Additional business. See front page for new officers.

Delegates for the National Association were appointed, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hopper, Mrs. James E. Revis, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell.

Delegates to the S. C. State Association, Mr. I. D. Sealey, Connie Lawter, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark. Alternate, Mr. W. D. Sawyer. The State Association convenes November 18, 19, 1954, with the New Town Church, near Turbeville, S. C.

Suggested that each church fill out a church letter and send to the State Association, also send one delegate and ten dollars.

Rev. E. R. Tyner asked for his letter of recommendation. Moved and seconded to give him his letter, motion passed.

Foster Elliot and delegates asked for the High Point Church letter. A move was made and seconded and passed to grant same.

A standing vote of thanks to the Valley Falls Church for their fine hospitality was given by all.

Move made by James Revis and seconded by Carl Shook to pay Clerk \$30.00 for services rendered. Move was carried.

A move was made by Carl Shook and seconded by Howard Broom that the ordaining council be given the authority to use the balance of the ministers treasury as the need arises concerning legal matters. The motion was carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

ENOREE—Members on roll 73, average attendance 39, money collected this year Unified, paid out, Unified, now in treasury Unified, literature F. W. Baptist, classes 4, Supt., James P. Seay, Box 3, Enoree S. C. Secretary, Peggy Harrison, Rt. 2, Enoree, S. C.

CLOVER—Members on roll 118, average attendance 89, money collected this year \$450.00, now in treasury \$29.35, Supt. J. D. Nivens, Classes 5, Secretary, Richard Stiles Rt. 1, Clover, S. C.

LOCKHART—Members on roll 190, average attendance 172, money collected \$6,402.14, now in treasury \$700.80, literature F. W. Baptist, classes 7, Supt. Edward Gibson, Rt. 5, Union, S. C. Secretary, James Cook, Box 358, Lockhart, S. C.

SAXON AVE.—Members on roll 81, average attendance 68, money collected this year \$776.32, paid out \$755.36, now in treasury \$20.96, literature F. W. B., classes 7, Supt., Mrs. Robert Gray, Belmont Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Club, 497 Forrest St., Spartanburg, S. C.

UNA—Members on roll 120, average attendance 88, money collected \$1,419.31, paid out \$1,409.60, now in treasury \$19.71, literature F. W. B., classes 7, Supt.,

Charlie Rowland, 100 William St., Spartanburg, S. C. Secretary, Juanita Henson, 370 College St., Spartanburg, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia—Members on roll 207, average attendance 128, money collected this year \$1,530.00, paid out \$1,530.00, now in treasury Unified, literature F. W. B., classes 7. Supt., Mr. R. C. Silvey, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary, Mr. Clyde Taylor, Arcadia, S. C.

HILL TOP—Members on roll 39, average attendance 30 money collected Unified, literature F. W. B., classes 4. Supt., Lewis Stevens. Secretary, Wilma Stevens, Rt. 3, Lancaster, S. C.

LEAGUE REPORTS

LOCKHART—Members 18 for literature \$4.00, money taken in \$11.10, paid out \$7.10. President, James Cook, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Mary Brannon.

CHESTER—Members 67, new League, literature \$15.24, money taken \$37.62, paid out \$32.48, now in treasury \$5.14. President, Paul Roof, Woodward, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Sam Roof, Baldwin Station, Chester, S. C.

WHITNEY—Amount collected \$51.05, paid out \$36.00, Home Missions \$25.00. Church repairs \$9.00, literature \$2.00, total in treasury \$15.05. President, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark. Secretary, Miss Barbara Worley.

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 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 Scripture. "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 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.

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