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Proceedings

The Beaver Creek Association of Original Free Will Baptist Churches met with the Arcadia church at Spartanburg, S. C., in its Thirty-Second session on Thursday, August 11, 1955, at 9:30. The meeting was called to order by the moderator; the welcome was given by the local church.

The reports were called for and approved as read.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. William H. Broome	Rt. 6, Lancaster, S. C.
Rev. Creston Hollifield	Converse,, S. C.
Rev. Frank Cousin	Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. James E. Revis	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. David E. Philbeck	307 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C.
Rev. Howard T. Hatcher	Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.
Rev. Carl J. Shook	Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Rash	Rt. 1, Sharon, S. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. James D. Beheler	Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Paul J. Shehan	Whitney, S. C.
Rev. J. D. Hawkins	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. James Earl Raper	Box 4713 Bob Jones Univ., Greenville, S. C.
Rev. Homer Savage	Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
Rev. Roy Gosnell	Box 87, Arcadia, S. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. H. H. Moore, Jr.	76 Back St., Valley Falls, S. C.
Rev. Marshal Costner	235 Gayle Mill, Chester, S. C.
Rev. Paul Brewer	104 Calhoun St., Clover, S. C.
Rev. Eddie Bennett	12 Main St., Arkwright, S. C.
Rev. Ralph Smith	Box 201, Arcadia, S. C.
Rev. Millus Childers	Lockhart, S. C.
Rev. William Sealsey	Lockhart, S. C.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. WILLIAM H. BROOM, Rt. 6, Lancaster, S. C.—Pastor 1 Church, preached 90 sermons, held 2 revivals, professions 18, baptised 13, visited 25 homes, conducted 1 funeral, Sunday School Lessons taught 35, money given tithe and offerings, miles traveled 5,000, money received \$75.00, expenses \$350.00.

REV. CRESTON HOLLIFIELD, Converse, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, professions 25, baptised 7, conducted 3 funerals, money given, tithe and offering, money received \$1,077.57.

REV. FRANK COUSIN, Box 602, Spartanburg, S. C.—Preached 14 sermons, Sunday School Lessons taught 6, money given \$33.75, money received \$6.00.

REV. JAMES E. REVIS, Lockhart, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 130 sermons, revivals held 3, professions 23, members received 25, baptised 14, married 6, conducted 12 funerals, Sunday School Lessons taught 52, money received for church \$2,883.00, money given, tithe and offerings.

REV. DAVID E. PHILBECK, 307 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C., Phone 9249.—Pastor 1 church, preached 125 sermons, revivals held 2, professions 40, members received 21, baptised 8, married 6, visited 75 homes conducted 3 funerals Sunday School Lessons taught 45, money given \$301.40, money received \$2,061.51.

REV. HOWARD T. HATCHER, Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S. C.—Preached 63 sermons, professions 28, visited 67 homes, conducted 2 funerals, Sunday School Lessons taught 8, money given, tithe.

REV. CARL J. SHOOK, Box 28, Arcadia, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 119 sermons, revivals held 2, members received 40, baptised 5, married 3, conducted 4 funerals, Sunday School Lessons taught 6, money given tithe, miles traveled 20,000.

REV. E. C. RASH, Rt. 1, Sharon, S. C.—Preached 32 sermons, revivals held 1, married 1, visited 45 homes, conducted 1 funeral, Sunday School lessons taught 8, money given \$34.50, miles traveled 1400, money received \$97.38, expenses \$53.00.

REV. A. F. LAWTER, Lockhart, S. C., Phone 2331—Pastor 1 church, preached 161 sermons, held 2 revivals, professions 52, married 5, conducted 7 funerals, Sunday School Lesson taught 52, money given \$456.00, miles traveled 30,000, money received \$4,420.00.

REV. JAMES D. BEHELER, Valley Falls, S. C., Phone 2-1485—Pastor of 1 church, preached 125 sermons, revivals held 1, members received 4, married 14 visited 75 homes, conducted 1 funeral, money received for church \$1,791.08, money given \$148.72, miles traveled 3,000, money received \$525.00.

REV. PAUL J. SHEHAN, Whitny, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, revivals held 6, members received 37, baptised 28, money received \$3,162.00, money given tithe.

REV. J. D. HAWKINS, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 13 sermons, married 2, visited 75 homes, money given \$197.55, miles traveled 214.

REV. JAMES EARL RAPER, Box 4713, Box Jones University, Greenville, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 200 sermons, revivals held 8, professions 50, total members received 41, money given tithe, miles traveled 10,000, money received \$1,800.00.

REV. HOMER SAVAGE, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.—Pastor 1 church, preached 84 sermons, professions 10, revivals held 1, members received 5, conducted 1 funeral, money given \$529.95 miles traveled \$9,360, money received \$828.21.

REV. ROY L. GOSNELL, Box 87, Arcadia, S. C.—Pastor 1 church, money given tithe.

REV. WILLIAM SEALEY, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 10 sermons, professions 1, visited 15 homes, Sunday School Lessons taught 15, money given \$55.00

REV. MILLUS CHILDERS, Lockhart, S. C.—Preached 36 sermons, professions 3, Sunday School Lessons taught 7, money given \$188.00.

REV. RALPH SMITH, Box 201, Arcadia, S. C.—Preached 150 sermons, revivals held 3, professions 50, visited 45 homes, conducted 1 funeral, Sunday School Lessons taught 10, miles traveled 500, money given tithe.

REV. EDDIE BENNETT, 12 Main St., Arkwright, S. C.—Preached 150 sermons, revivals held 3, professions 77, visited 63 homes.

REV. PAUL BREWER, 104 Calhoun St., Clover, S. C.—Preached 45 sermons, revivals held 1, professions 23, visited 60 homes, Sunday School Lessons taught 30, money received for church \$50.00, money given \$125.00, miles traveled 350, money received \$30.00, expense \$20.00.

REV. MARSHAL COSTNER, 235 Gayle Mill, Chester, C. C.—Preached 15 sermons, money given, tithe.

REV. H. H. MOORE, 76 Back Street, Valley Falls, S. C.—Sermons preached, unknown, professions 3, Sunday School Lessons taught 48, money given, tithe.

THE BEAVER CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT WOMEN'S Thursday Afternoon, August 11, 1955

The Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary convened at Arcadia, S. C., with the Beaver Creek Association (Theme: "Giving Our Time and Talents").

The Auxiliary met with six Auxiliaries represented and two Girls Auxiliaries. The following officers were elected:

President	Miss Geneva Sawyer, Whitney, S. C.
First Vice President	Mrs. Hazel Shook, Arcadia, S. C.
Second Vice President	Mrs. James Revis, Lockhart, S. C.
Third Vice President	Mrs. W. A. Bowers, Rt. 5, Spartanburg, S. C.
Fourth Vice President	Mrs. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.
Fifth Vice President	Mrs. Lorene Bowers, Arcadia, S. C.
Secretary	Mrs. Connie Lawler, Lockhart, S. C.
Treasurer	Miss Minnie Lewis, Arcadia, S. C.
Field Worker	Mrs. Lillie Smith, Rt. 1, Inman, S. C.

The following delegates were elected to go to the State Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Ayers.

Total members 134, members gained 19, money taken in \$1,116.64. Total paid out \$869.72.

GO TELL REPORT OR GIRLS AUXILIARY:

LOCKHART GO-TELL AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Effie Taylor, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Miss Joyce Capps, Union, Rt. 4. Members on roll 15, new members gained 2, average attendance 10, personal visits made 75, missions \$10.00, money sent to orphanage \$25.00, clothing \$15.00, baskets and trays to sick 6, one

subscriber to the Free Will Baptist Paper. Tithers 1, total taken in \$65.00, total spent \$65.00, now in treasury \$14.75.

WHITNEY GO-TELL AUXILIARY—President: Frances King, Whitney, S. C. Secretary: Mary Reid, Whitney, S. C. Members on roll 12, total taken in \$94.10, total paid out \$65.10, now in treasury \$29.00, capita due sent \$3.60.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—President: Mrs. Grace Shook, Arcadia, S. C. Secretary: Mrs. Catherine Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Delegates: Mrs. Minnie Lewis, Mrs. Hazel Shook. Members on roll 12, personal visits made 10, clothing sent to orphanage \$25.00, tithers 12, total taken in \$283.44, total paid out \$271.68, now in treasury \$11.76, capita dues \$3.60.

UNA AUXILIARY—President: Mrs. Lillie Smith, Rt. 1, Inman, S. C. Secretary: Mrs. Parlie Anders, 376 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C. Delegates: Mrs. Heatherington, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Mrs. Charlotte Ayers, members on roll 20, new members gained 3, personal visits made 3, cards sent 12, clothing to orphanage \$25.00, commodities \$50.00, baskets and trays to sick 6, tithers 10, total taken in \$160.34, total spent \$133.57, now in treasury \$26.77, capital dues sent \$5.40.

WHITNEY AUXILIARY—President: Mrs. Addie McKenny, Whitney, S. C. Secretary: Mrs. Flora Millwood, delegates: Mrs. Geneva Sawyer, Mrs. Lizzy Clark, Mrs. Youone Tipton. Members on roll 18, new members gained 9, average attendance 18, cards sent 75, commodities \$230.00, baskets and trays sent 23, total spent \$24.90, now in treasury \$56.19, capita dues sent \$3.90.

CHURCH LETTERS

ENOREE, Enoree, S. C.—Delegates: Wade Seay, Watsel Sullivan, Lawrence Smith. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 5, by letter 2, by restoration 4. Present membership 44. Paid pastor \$680.88, orphanage \$81.00, paid for revivals \$125.00, church repair \$277.04, value of church property \$4,000, money taken in \$1,448.20, paid out \$1,545.21, now in treasury \$15.43, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Mrs. G. G. Harrison. Pastor, Rev. Homer Savage, Lowell, N. C.

CHESTER, Chester, S. C.—Delegates: D. C. Reis, Joyce Sealy. Licensed ministers 2, received by baptism 14, by letter 9, restoration 2, dismissed by letter 7, by erasure 5, by death 2, present membership 117. Paid pastor \$2,883.00, Home Missions \$6.57, Foreign Missions \$28.86, orphanage \$104.00, paid for revivals \$90.95, church repair \$525.84, value of church property \$17,500, money taken in \$4,891.68, paid out \$4,874.81, now in treasury \$16.87, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Mrs. Imogene Rollings. Pastor, Rev. James Revis, Lockhart, S. C.

LOCKHART, Lockhart, S. C.—Delegates: I. D. Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swain, Florence Childers, Connie Lawter. Licensed ministers 1, received by baptism 4, by letter 4, erasure 3, by death 1, present membership 174, paid pastor \$4,520, missions \$30.00, orphanage \$286.80, paid for revivals \$374.00, money taken in \$6,657.08, paid out \$7,740, now in treasury \$272.97, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, I. D. Hawkins, Lockhart, S. C. Pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart S. C., Phone 2331.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

LOCKHART—Members on roll 190, average attendance 156, money collected this year \$5,409.37, paid out \$5,259.37, now in treasury \$150.00. Supt., Edward Gibson. Secretary, James Cook, Lockhart, S. C.

CLOVER—Members on roll 86, average attendance 90, money collected this year \$1,398.85, now in treasury \$100.00. Supt., John Kinkins, Clover, S. C. Clerk, John Woods.

RIVERSIDE—Members on roll 77, average attendance 34, money collected this year \$159.14. Supt., Joe W. Johnson, Route 2, Inman, S. C. Clerk, Mrs. Lorene Oliver, Route 1, Campobello, S. C.

UNA—Members on roll 120, average attendance 97, money collected this year \$2,416.27, paid out \$2,102.84, now in treasury \$313.43. Supt., David Anders, 376 Farley St., Spartanburg, S. C. Clerk, Juanita Henson, 370 College St., Spartanburg, S. C.

ENOREE—Members on roll 73, average attendance 31, money collected this year \$78.96, paid out \$78.96. Supt., J. R. Suttles, Route 1, Enoree, S. C. Secretary, Peggie Harrison, Route 2, Enoree, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Members on roll 225, average attendance 160. Supt., Clyde Taylor, Converse, S. C. Clerk, Joyce Bailey, Converse, S. C.

F. W. B. LEAGUE

LOCKHART—Membership 20, gained 3, gave to orphanage \$5.10, for literature \$8.50, money taken in \$15.00, paid out \$23.60, in treasury \$14.00. Secretary, Mary Brannon, Lockhart, S. C.

AUXILIARY

LOCKHART—Membership 40 gained 3, gave to orphanage \$15.00 for church steps \$572.00, money taken in \$785.57. President, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart. Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Cook, Lockhart, S. C.

CHURCH LETTERS

WHITNEY Whitney, S. C.—Delegates: John Ballard, Frank Blackwell, W. D. Sawyer. Licensed ministers 2. Received for baptism 23, by letter 14, total 37. Dismissed by letter 8. Present membership 168. Paid pastor \$3,102.00, missions \$192.33, paid for revival \$200.00, church repair \$905.81, value of church property \$25,000.00, money taken in \$5,633.99, paid out \$5,294.24, now in treasury \$446.91, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk Mrs. Youone Tipton, 230 California Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Paul Shehan, Whitney, S. C.

VALLEY FALLS, Valley Falls, S. C.—Delegates: Junior Moore, Mrs. Doris Raper. Licensed ministers 1, received by letter 1, dismissed by letter 14, by death 1, present membership 74. Paid pastor \$1,440.00. Foreign Missions, orphanage \$16.36, paid for revivals \$58.00, value of church property \$7,000, money taken in \$1,852.19, paid out \$1,790.19, now in treasury \$167.00, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Cecil Splawn, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor, Rev. James E. Raper, Box 4713, Bob Jones Univ., Greenville, S. C.

COLES CHAPEL, Arcadia, S. C.—Delegates: Clyde Taylor, Hazel Shook, Nellie Bailey, Minnie Lewis, Lorene Bowers. Licensed ministers 1. Received by baptism 5, by letter 35, dismissed by letter 12, present membership 235. Paid pastor \$3,490.00, missions \$125.00, church repair \$1,803.45, orphanage \$176.90, paid for revivals \$125.00, value of church property \$30,000, money taken in \$6,308.45, paid out \$6,208.23, now in treasury \$100.63, minute fund \$12.50. Clerk, Mrs. Dillard Cody, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C.

UNA, Una S. C.—Delegates: Lillie Smith, Charlotte Ayers, J. C. Hall. Licensed ministers 0, received by baptism 9, by letter 11, dismissed by letter 4, membership 94. Paid pastor \$1,060.00, orphanage \$148.00, paid for revival \$34.53, church repair \$277.82, money taken in \$2,416.27, paid out \$2102.84, now in treasury \$313.43, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Virginia Pollard, Route 3, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Creston Hollifield, Converse, S. C.

RIVER SIDE, Campobello, S. C., route 1—Delegates: Myra Jenkins, Wilbur Scruggs, Mary Padgett. Licensed ministers 1. Received by letter 4, present membership 45. Paid pastor \$510.00, orphanage \$5.00, for revival \$50.00, church repair \$838.98, value of church property \$6,000. Money taken in \$1,791.85, paid out \$1,541.23, now in treasury \$149.85, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Wilbur Scruggs, route 1, Campobello, S. C.

MT. CARMEL, Sharon, S. C.—Delegates: Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Mason. Dismissed by letter 2, present membership 31. Paid pastor \$164.39, orphanage \$23.50, church repair \$169.47, value of church property \$2,500, money taken in \$135.21, paid out \$169.47, now in treasury \$224.41, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Mrs. Cere Mason, Sharon Route 1. Pastor, Rev. C. L. Scarbourh, North Belmont, N. C.

CLOVER, Clover, S. C.—Delegates: Mrs. D. E. Philbeck, C. L. Adams. Received by baptism 8. Licensed ministers 1. By letter 13, by death 1, present membership 75. Paid pastor \$261.51, orphanage \$16.75, paid for revivals \$90.00, church repair \$800, value of church property \$13,000, money taken in \$3,146.88, now in treasury \$40.00, minute fund \$7.50. Clerk, Hubert Burton. Pastor, Rev. David E. Philbeck.

LOCKHART AUXILIARY—President, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Cook, Lockhart, S. C. Delegates: Connie Lawter, Florice Childers. Members on roll 36, new members gained 5, members lost 5, average attendance 18, personal visits made 752, cards sent 32, sent to Bible College \$3.00, bed linen sent to orphanage \$15.00, clothing \$50.00, commodities \$20.00, baskets and trays sent to sick 25, subscribers to manuel 6, missions \$6.50, subscribers to Free Will Baptist paper 39, tithers 11, total taken in \$213.57, total spent \$195.47, now in treasury \$25.98, capita dues sent \$7.20.

RIVERSIDE AUXILIARY—President: Mrs. Myra Jenkins, Rt. 1, Campobello, S. C. Secretary, Mrs. Mary Padgett, Rt. 1, Campobello, S. C. Delegates: Mrs. Lorene Oliver, Mrs. Mary Padgett, Mrs. Myra Jenkins. Members on roll 11, average attendance 11, money taken in \$122.00, paid out \$122.00, capita dues sent \$3.85.

Combined treasury report: dues sent in \$27.55, sent to home missions \$25.00, sent to orphanage \$25.00, state dues \$10.00, balance in treasury \$20.90.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11, 1955

Devotions by the local church.

Special singing by the Una Trio, Mrs. Lawter, and Rebecca Lawter.

Message by Rev. L. H. Clayton, Kannapolis, N. C. Text: I Timothy 4:1, The Seducing Spirits of the Latter Days. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 1955

Devotions by the local church.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Carl Shook.

The rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

Visitors were welcomed and given a seat and voice in the conference save that of voting.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk. A motion was made and carried that the letters be approved as read.

A move was made and carried that each church is assigned the responsibility of appointing the committee assigned to it, to submit its report at the next annual association. The churches responsible are as follows:

The Chester Church	Young People
The Lockhart Church	Home Missions
The Clover Church	Evangelism
The Arcadia Church	Education
The Whitney Church	Ministerial Support
The Una Church	Deeper Devotions
The Enoree Church	Temperance
The Riverside Church	Periodicals
The Mt. Carmel Church	Resolutions
The Valley Falls Church	Sunday School
The Lockhart Auxiliary	Ladies Auxiliary

The committee on Obituary was given to the following: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. E. C. Rash, Rev. Milus Childers.

Message by Rev. James Beheler, Valley Falls, S. C. Topic: "Opening the Windows of Heaven." Text: Malachi 3:10.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 12, 1955

Session was opened with prayer and devotion.

Business was called for.

Rev. A. F. Lawter and Rev. Carl Shook were appointed to represent the Beaver Creek Association on the Orphanage Board.

A move was made and carried that the clerk write a resolution to the Mod-

erator of the State Association requesting that the annual State Minutes be compiled, printed, and sent to the various churches within 90 days from meeting date.

A letter stating the desire of the Saxon Avenue Church to withdraw all affiliation from the Beaver Creek Association was read, a move was made and carried that their request be granted.

A move was made and carried that the request of the Riverside Church concerning the returning of their deed of property be withheld for investigation.

A letter was presented and read from Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church requesting admittance into our conference. A motion was made and carried that the Ordaining Council investigate the church's standing in the community, its doctrines and practices, and a report be made in writing to our next annual conference.

A move was made and carried, that Rev. David E. Philbeck be one of our Trustees; replacing Rev. L. S. Gray.

A move was made and carried that Rev. James Revis act as proxy for this session, replacing Rev. Paul Shehan.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12, 1955

Devotions by local church.

Special singing by the Una Trio.

Message: Rev. B. L. Shook,, Kenly, N. C. Topic: "And I Heard a Great Voice." Text: Revelation 21:3.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1955

Congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Shook.

Devotions: Rev. David E. Philbeck.

Business was called for

A move was made and carried that we receive Rev. James Earl Raper into our fellowship

A move was made and carried that the minute fund be raised \$2.50. Churches with a membership less than 100 will now pay \$10.00 instead of \$7.50; churches with a membership of over 100 will pay \$15.00 instead of \$12.50.

A move was made and carried that the sum of \$18.00 be given to the treasurer of the association from the ministers' fund to assist in the printing of the minutes.

A move was made and carried that we insert into our minutes the rules concerning the licensing and ordaining of our ministers. Rule No. 1—They are to serve one year under license as previously stated in Paragraph No. 1, page 17, in the minutes of session as convened with the Una Church in the year of our Lord 1951. Rule No. 2—After having served one year under license, and having made a public profession of his call as an evangelist, be ordained to preach the Gospel of Christ.

A move was made and carried that the following delegates be sent to the

State Association which convenes at Chester in November, 1955: Mrs. David E. Philbeck, Mrs. Hazel Shook, Mrs. Minnie Lewis, Mrs. G. W. Mason, Mr. Lee McSwain, Mrs. Lee McSwain, Mrs. Connie Lawter, Mr. Donnie Revis, Miss Joyce Sealy.

The following committee reports were submitted and accepted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, 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. B. literature and that our young ministers more interest in Sunday School and young folks, that the churches take more interest in our Sunday School conventions.

JAMES BALLARD, REV. JAMES BEHELER, REV. JAMES E. RAPER

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.

MRS. JAMES REVIS, REV. ROY GOSNELL.

PERIODICALS

We, your Committee on Periodicals, suggest that there be a monthly meeting to discuss improvement. This should be done by the officers and teachers including pastors, that they 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.

HAROLD ELLIS, FRANK COUSIN.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We, your Committee on Womens Auxiliary, feel our work is one of the greatest of the church. We visit the sick and shut-ins, the ones who are in deep sorrow, and help those who are in need. We urge the pastors to help encourage the Y. P. A. work.

MRS. LILLIE SMITH, MRS. NELLIE PHILBECK, MRS. W. H. AYERS

YOUNG PEOPLE

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, do urge all churches and pastors to encourage and help organize F. W. B. League, and encourage at least one League for boys and girls. 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. CARL SHOOK.

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 the Home Mission Board chairman.

JUNIOR MOORE, MR. BLACKWELL.

EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism, do submit the following: That we urge our pastors and young ministers to cooperate together fully to evangelize our State for Him who gave Himself for us, seeing the fields are white unto harvest and the great possibilities for F. W. B. and the great desire of the people for the gospel we preach and believe. We recommend that each church take census in their community, we feel that in doing so we contact people who have moved from some other town or state, who would like to come to our church..

JOYCE SEALY, CLYDE TAYLOR, HOMER SAVAGE

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, do submit the following: That we 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).

REV. DAVID PHILBECK, MRS. BOBBY CHILDRESS.

DEEPER DEVOTIONS

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JOYCE SEALY, CLYDE TAYLOR, HOMER SAVAGE

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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 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 committee 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 with 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 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 Timothy 2.5.

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for 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 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. REPENANCE. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made to sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing: for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death"—I 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 conditions 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"—Romans 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.

