

Beaver Creek Association of Original Free Will Baptist Churches of South Carolina

*Proceedings
of the Sixtieth Annual Session
Held at
Whitney Free Will Baptist Church
Spartanburg, South Carolina
January 21, 22, 1983*

Moderator — Rev. Earl Hendrix
Clerk — Rev. Bobby E. Bowers

The next annual session will convene
at Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church
Valley Falls, South Carolina
January 27, 28, 1984

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OBITUARY

REV. CARL SHOOK, RETIRED MINISTER

SPARTANBURG — The Rev. Carl Franklin Shook, 66, retired Free Will Baptist minister, died Thursday, March 11, 1982, at Spartanburg General Hospital.

Born in Spartanburg County, he was a son of the late John Washington and Effie Campbell Shook.

The Rev. Mr. Shook was former pastor of Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church, Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church of Spartanburg and High Point Free Will Baptist Church of Lancaster. He was former president of Beaver Creek Bible Institute, former moderator of Beaver Creek Conference, former chairman of the Ordaining Council of Beaver Creek Association and former promotional state secretary of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina. He was also a former executive board member of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Turbeville, and a recipient of an honorary doctor's degree of theology from Beaver Creek Bible Institute.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hazel Grimsley Shook; two sons, Donald Franklin Shook of Lancaster and Harold Norman Shook of Rock Hill; a daughter, Miss Patricia Louise Shook of Greenville; three brothers, the Rev. Boyd Shook and John Dewey Shook of Selma, N.C., and J. Arthur Shook of Spartanburg; a sister, Mrs. Eunice Burch of Spartanburg; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and two great-stepgrandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

J.F. Floyd Mortuary was in charge.

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Arcadia	Arcadia, S.C.	Donald Seay	Gail Bennett	Box 348, Arcadia, S.C. 29320
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Rev. Paul Reid, Director
Rev. David Carter
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1985
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YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Bobby Bowers, Director
Rev. Bill Vanderford
Rev. Steve Pryor

Term Expires
1986
1985
1984

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Rev. L. H. Clayton

Term Expires
1986

C.T.S. Director Rev. J. B. Smith
Foreign Missions Director Rev. Clyde Nations
Sunday School Campaign Director Rev. David Anders

COMMITTEES

These committees are to serve through the Annual Session 1984.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. William Porter, Chairman
Rev. Belton Laws
Rev. Norris Hawkins

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. David Carter
Rev. Clyde Nations
Rev. David Anders

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. L. H. Clayton, Chairman
Rev. Bill Vanderford
Rev. Earl Hendrix

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Norris Hawkins
Rev. Earl Hendrix
Rev. Bill Vanderford

MEETING PLACES FOR 1983

April 23 — Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Union, S.C.
July 30 — Converse Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C.
October 22 — Fairview Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. There shall not be any 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 than 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. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
9. On motion made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
10. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member provided the chair is filled.
11. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
12. No less than nine churches shall constitute a quorum.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of Peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the af-

flicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian Principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

This Association shall be known as the Beaver Creek Association of the (original) Free Will Baptists of South Carolina.

Article II

This Association sponsors a quarterly meeting composed of standing delegates, consisting of ordained and licensed ministers, and church delegates. Church delegates are elected quarterly. Each church may be represented with five (5) delegates.

Article III

This Association is supported with an annual representation fee.

The annual representation fee is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per church, payable fifty dollars (\$50.00) each quarter. (For proper action in case of violation, see Article IX.)

Article IV

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chorister, assistant chorister, pianist, assistant pianist, elected annually, and an ordaining council.

The Ordaining Council shall consist of three (3) ordained ministers to rotate one (1) member per year.

Only ordained and licensed ministers shall have the privilege to vote on the Ordaining Council report.

Article V

The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the Association has been called to order.

Article VI

Any visiting minister or delegate may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, without the right to vote, and his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article VII

The moderator 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.

Article VIII

New churches, or churches coming from other denominations to this Association, will be carefully and satisfactorily examined, as to doctrine, by the Executive Board before being received as members of this Association.

Article IX

The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly. The Association will automatically withdraw from any church that fails to represent with letter and fee or late letter and fee, in any four (4) consecutive Quarterly Conferences, with notification being given to those churches of their status each quarter. (For sample of letter to be sent out see minutes of Quarterly Meeting October 1981, Page 24.)

Any church wishing to be reinstated may petition the Executive Board.

Article X

The Association assumes no higher authority than an Advisory Council.

Article XI

The Executive Board shall consist of three (3) members which shall be the moderator as he shall be the chairman, vice-moderator, and clerk.

Article XII

The Association will encourage a sound ministry such as presents 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.

Article XIII

The National Treatise of the faith and practices of the original Free Will Baptists shall be used.

Article XIV

A church may ask assistance of the Executive Board for any purpose, upon written request properly signed by pastor and clerk of said church.

The Executive Board acts only as an Advisory Board.

The travel expense which has been set at twenty (.20) cents per mile,

per board member, as well as any and all other expenses incurred shall be borne by said church. (If the church is not financially able to bear these expenses they will be taken care of by the Association treasury.)

Article XV

The Association shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Order.

Article XVI

This constitution may be amended at any annual Association Meeting by two-thirds vote of the delegates attending, providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first sitting of said meeting.

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's one God and mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time — 1 Timothy 2:5.

2. **The Holy Scriptures.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine of 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 Apostasy.** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that 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 of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." — Genesis 3:6.

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 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. — Romans 1:12.

6. **Repentance.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, 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." — II Corinthians 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. Romans 6:16: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

We do not believe, under the Gospel Dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but those who by faith and preservation 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; II Peter 1:5-10; II Peter 3:17; Galatians 5:1-4; Galatians 5:19-21 — "Now the words of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

8. **Good Works.** We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them." — Matthew 7:19-20.

9. **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 as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." — Romans 6:4.

10. **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 to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." — I Corinthians 11:28-29.

11. **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 our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." — St. John 13:14.

12. **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 Corinthians 9:14.

APPENDIX

Adopted July 1969

1. We believe that salvation is a present possession by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he has this possession. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that salvation depends on human works or merit.

2. We believe that a saved individual may, in freedom of will, cease to trust in Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that a believer may not again be lost.

3. We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") must be judged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those who suggest that pernicious doctrine that a man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim Heaven as his eternal home.

4. We believe that any regenerate person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner") and in whose heart a desire arises to repent may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those who teach that when a Christian sins he cannot repent and be restored to favor and fellowship with God.¹

¹II Peter 1:4-10: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE STATEMENT ON PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support;² but their future obedience *and final salvation are neither determined nor certain*, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in *danger of falling*; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make *shipwreck* of their faith and be lost.³

²Acts 3:19: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Hebrews 4:2; 11:6; Romans 9:31, 32; Acts 13:38, 39.

I Thessalonians 5:23: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Corinthians 7:1; II Peter 3:18: "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Hebrews 6:1; I John 5:4; Colossians 4:12; Proverbs 4:18; I John 1:7, 9; I Peter 1:16.

Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Romans 8:38, 39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I Corinthians 10:13: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye may be able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." II Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Job 17:9; Matthew 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Philippians 1:6.

³I Chronicles 15:2: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him . . . but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." II Peter 1:10: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." Ezekiel 33:18: "When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby." John 16:6; I Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 6:4-6; 12:15; I Chronicles 28:9; Revelation 2:4; I Timothy 1:19; II Peter 2:20, 21; I Corinthians 9:27; Matthew 24:13; Acts 1:25; Revelation 22:19.

BYLAWS FOR MINISTERS

1. He that desires to be licensed must come with a letter of recommendation stating that he has tithed to said church for a period of twelve (12) months, signed by the pastor and church treasurer.

a. When a man first acknowledges his call into the ministry, the following steps should be taken:

1) He should submit to his pastor's council and guidance on meeting the church's standards and qualifications.

2) When the pastor feels that the candidate is ready, he will recommend him to the church as a candidate for ministerial training.

3) The candidate will then be under the pastor's council and guidance as to when he is ready for his first meeting with the Ordaining Council.

b. When a candidate comes before the council for the first time and he is approved by council, he will be given a Ministerial Certificate.

SAMPLE: This is to certify that _____ has been approved by the Beaver Creek Association to enter into counsel, guidance, and preparation for licensing and later ordination into the Gospel Ministry.

c. Completion of the first year of our Bible Institute (Christian Growth) will be the first step in his preparation.

d. During his first year of preparation, he will attend all four (4) Ordaining Council meetings where he will receive counsel, encouragement, and instruction on the call, duties, responsibilities and rewards of the ministry.

e. When the above steps have been satisfactorily completed, he will be given a licensing examination by the Ordaining Council and recommended to the Association for license to preach the Gospel.

1) In the event that it is impossible for the candidate to attend the Bible Institute or the regular meetings of the Ordaining Council, he will be allowed to meet with one of the members of the council on a regular basis (at a time convenient to both), until his preparation is completed.

f. From this day forth our license will be dated and will be issued for only one (1) year.

1) All licensed ministers are to come back before the council each year until ordained.

2) When appearing before council each year, the licensed minister must have a letter of recommendation from his pastor.

No pastor or church shall send a man to council for the purpose of licensing or ordination if his hair is below the top of his ears or below the top of his shirt or coat collar.

2. No brother shall receive credentials except he has been a

member of the said church, in good standing in said conference for a period of twelve (12) months or more. He shall be ordained upon being called to pastor a church, or be called as a full-time salaried associate. To be ordained as an evangelist, a minister must run at least twenty (20) revivals in a twelve (12) month period.

3. Any minister desiring to unite with the Beaver Creek Association who is ordained by any other denomination must first unite with a Free Will Baptist church, and upon recommendation from said church must be placed under the watchcare of conference for a period of twelve (12) months before exchanging ordination papers. If called to a church he may pastor the church, under the watchcare of said conference until the twelve (12) months have expired.

4. From this the Lord's Day, February 22, 1950 A.D., the Ordaining Council shall not recommend for license, or to be ordained, or accept anyone who has two (2) living wives or if the wife has two (2) living husbands (Scripture: Titus 1:6; I Timothy 3:1, 2).

5. The dues for ministers are five dollars (\$5.00) per minister, paid annually in January.

6. Any minister in high school, college, or Armed Forces, or who is 65 or retired, shall be exempt from paying ministerial dues.

7. Each minister should report in person to each Quarterly Conference, but in case of an emergency he has one (1) week from date of the conference to send excuse, by letter or contact Ordaining Council Clerk. All ministers must report at least once a year in person to the Association, or the Ordaining Council. If any minister fails to conform with this rule the Ordaining Council Clerk is to inform him to go before the Ordaining Council and show reason why he should keep his credentials.

8. Any minister breaking bylaw #7 for failing to appear before the Ordaining Council after being informed by the clerk, or reason is not satisfactory to the Ordaining Council, shall surrender his credentials when called for. The clerk is to put a statement in his hometown paper that he is no longer a minister of or in good standing with the Beaver Creek Association.

9. Any minister who makes a shipwreck of his life, or brings reproach upon himself or the Association, the accuser shall present a written charge properly signed to the Ordaining Council. If proven guilty, he shall surrender his credentials until being reinstated by the Ordaining Council.

10. No minister of the Beaver Creek Association shall start a mission until approved by the Home Mission Board.

11. These bylaws may be amended by a Revision Committee, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any regular Association.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS

MODERATOR

1. Preside over the quarterly meetings and the annual meeting.
2. Chairman of the Executive Board.
3. Public relations director for the total associational outreach:
 - a. Promote attendance for all meetings.
 - b. Sit in with any board or committee that he feels needs encouragement or directions. (He can make recommendations only, without voting power.)

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

1. Take charge in the absence of the moderator.
2. Assist the moderator in carrying out his duties as requested.
3. A member of the Executive Board.

CLERK

1. Record the minutes of all business meetings.
2. Preserve the associational records for historical purposes.
3. A member of the Executive Board.
4. Send out report blanks and announcements of all meetings.
5. Have minutes printed for distribution.

TREASURER

1. Maintain a balanced checking account, and make a printed, itemized report quarterly.
2. Preserve the associational financial records for historical purposes.
3. All financial records are to be open to the Executive Board.
4. Pay all associational bills promptly to maintain a good testimony.
5. A member of the Executive Board.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

1. Take over for treasurer in his absence.
2. Assist the treasurer in any way requested.

3. Be approved at the bank to sign checks.

CHORISTER

Direct the music at all associational meetings.

ASSISTANT CHORISTER

Direct the music in absence of chorister.

PIANIST

Play the piano as needed at all associational meetings.

ASSISTANT PIANIST

Play the piano in absence of pianist.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Church Training Service Director:

1. To organize and promote the C.T.S. program within the Beaver Creek Association.
2. To plan the competitive activities within the Association.
3. To assist local church C.T.S. directors.
4. To coordinate the Beaver Creek C.T.S. with the state and the National Church Training Service program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Sunday School Director:

1. To organize and promote a Sunday School Campaign annually, involving as many churches as possible.
2. To keep records of reports from various churches and give a general report of the campaign at the April Quarterly Conference, recognizing the winners in each division.

FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Foreign Mission Director:

1. To keep updated information on all our missionaries from the National Foreign Missions Department.
2. To keep the National Foreign Missions Department informed of Beaver Creek Association Foreign Missions Director's name, address and phone number.
3. To be aware as to when and what missionaries are in our area.
4. To organize itinerants within the Beaver Creek Association and plan missionary services in our Beaver Creek Association churches.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

It shall be the responsibility of the committee to:

1. Receive all representation fees at all associational meetings along with the church's report and to report amount of fees received from each church.
2. Report the number of churches represented.
3. Keep records of churches represented and report those that are delinquent in annual fees.
4. Report all statistics, amount of income, and any other pertinent information.
5. Report any delinquent churches to the clerk and the associational body for proper action. (See article #3 and #9.)
6. The treasurer shall serve as chairman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It shall be the responsibility of this committee:

1. To make recommendations for all electable offices.
2. This committee shall consist of a chairman and two members.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Committees:

1. To nominate the following committees to serve the Association the following year, through the Annual Associational Meeting: Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, and Resolution Committee.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

It shall be the duty of the Resolution Committee to deal with any resolution concerning current, moral, doctrinal, constitutional or political issue that affects Free Will Baptists.

BOARDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. This Board will consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, and the clerk. Each one is to be elected or re-elected each year.
2. Serve in official capacity for the Association out of session.
3. They may out of necessity change the place or date of the regular meeting, or call a special meeting if needed.
4. Examine new churches, or churches coming from other denominations as to sound doctrine.
5. Meet once at the beginning of the new associational year with all standing boards: to coordinate, unify, give directions, encouragement and make plans for a successful year.
6. Draw up program for Association and ministers' conference.

BEAVER CREEK BIBLE INSTITUTE

Responsible for the oversight, planning, and direction of the Institute:

- a. Plan curriculum.
- b. Approve meeting places.
- c. Hire and dismiss teachers.
- d. Approve salaries.
- e. Raise funds for total program.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Responsible for oversight, planning, and direction of all Home Mission churches, and missionaries in the Beaver Creek Association.

- a. Approve new cities for new Home Mission projects.
- b. Approve new missionaries.
- c. Approve salaries.
- d. Approve temporary meeting places and permanent building sites.
- e. Approve all building plans for all missions while they are under the board.

- f. When borrowing funds in the name of the Beaver Creek Association, the board must first get approval from the Association.
- g. Responsible for reputation, behavior, and actions of all missionaries under the board.
- h. Raise all funds for the total program.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHILDREN'S HOME

- 1. Elected by the Beaver Creek Association and recommended to the State Association for approval.
- 2. To look after and serve the Beaver Creek Association's interest in the home.
- 3. Make current status reports to Beaver Creek Association meetings in absence of the superintendent of the home.

CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- 1. Responsible for formulating plans for the development of the campgrounds:
 - a .Draw up blue prints.
 - b .Plan fund-raising campaigns.
- 2. Before borrowing funds for development first have it approved by the Association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council:

- 1. To meet once each quarter on the Saturday prior to the Quarterly Meeting.
- 2. To examine, instruct and make recommendations to the Association for licensing and ordaining young ministers.
- 3. To investigate ministers coming from other Conferences and Denominations and make recommendations to the Association.

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

It shall be the duty of the Youth Camp Board:

- 1. To organize Beaver Creek Youth Camp.
- 2. To recruit, employ and lead the activities.

3. The duty of the director is to direct same.
4. The duty of the assistant director is to assist in all of the above.

BEAVER CREEK QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

April 24, 1982

Meeting with Arcadia Church

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "There Is Power in the Blood," led by Rev. David Carter, which was followed by prayer by Rev. Clyde Nations. The devotion was given by Rev. Earl Hendrix in the absence of Rev. Steve Pryor. The Scripture text was taken from Romans 1.

The session was called to order by the clerk with the reading of the rules of decorum.

The visitors were recognized and welcomed to the session.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to accept the program flexible.

The Credentials Committee Report:

We had 13 churches present and 2 missions. We received \$325.00 in fees.

Along with the report, Rev. William Porter read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Carl Shook in response to the love offering received for she and Bro. Shook.

Beaver Creek Bible Institute Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

This past year has been a wonderful year. We praise the Lord for the blessing and abundant victory because of your support. The Bible Institute has caused the Beaver Creek Association to gain national recognition among Free Will Baptists. We appreciate the fact that you are behind it. The GREAT need is students. M.S.A.I.

The Sunday School Campaign Report: Rev. Bill Vanderford

The winners in the Spring Campaign were announced and the plaques were given to the winners.

Division E: First, Greer

Division D: Hope

Division C: New Life

Division B: First, Chester

Division A: Valley Falls

M.S.A.I.

C.T.S. Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

The winners in the Beaver Creek C.T.S. District were announced. These young people will represent the district in the state competition in May at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church. This has been a wonderful year, and we are looking for even a better year next year. Please pray for the leaders.

It was M.S.A. that the Beaver Creek Treasurer give each state winner \$30.00 to help on their expenses to the National.

Home Mission Report: Rev. Earl Hendrix

A brief report was given. The financial report was distributed.

Women's Auxiliary Report: Mrs. Gwen Hendrix

The Beaver Creek Women's Auxiliary had a tremendous year. This year we gave \$3,018 to Foreign Missions and \$3,052 to Home Missions.

The date for the Bobby Poole Call-A-Thon is May 30, 1982. Call the Inman Church and report your offerings on that date. M.S.A.I.

BREAK

Morning worship service began with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." Special music was by the host church. The message was delivered by Rev. Donnie Seay, using the text of Mark 8:34-38. The subject was "Why I Can't Lay Down the Cross," a very timely message.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," and prayer followed by Rev. Danny Grey.

Bro. Earl Hendrix gave a brief report of the benefit available to us through the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

The Ordaining Council was given time to give their report.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. William Porter

The written report was distributed; we have 16 churches represented today. We received \$325.00 today. M.S.A.I.

Foreign Missions Report: Rev. John Clendenin

I have called Nashville to get some information on the mission work. The Poole Call-A-Thon is scheduled for May 30, 1982. M.S.A.I.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. It was M.S.A. to make a loan to the Ministers' Conference in the amount of \$300.00 to be repaid at the next quarterly meeting.
2. It was M.S.A. that the ministers not be responsible for paying their part of printing the minutes this year.
3. After much discussion concerning the finances of the Association, it was M.S.A. that the moderator appoint a committee to study the finances of the Association and how we can financially meet the need of the work of the Association. He appointed Revs. James Childers, Dave Nobles, and Bobby Bowers. This committee is to report back at the next meeting.
4. It was M.S.A. that we continue to print the job descriptions in the minutes.
5. It was M.S.A. to authorize the Home Mission Board to purchase 3½ acres of land in Anderson, S.C. at \$17,500, to be paid for on monthly installments of \$292.03 for 5 years.

6. It was M.S.A. to move the July meeting up one week to July 31, 1982.
- ✓ 7. It was M.S.A. to adopt the following resolution:
Whereas the Free Will Baptist denomination has, for years, believed and taught that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is a sin, and Whereas our Free Will Baptist covenant condemns the use of alcoholic beverages, and Whereas the Bible condemns the consumption of alcoholic beverages, Be it resolved that we affirm our belief in the position that Christ neither made nor drank fermented wine, but rather forbade and discouraged its use, and Be it further resolved that no denominational institution or agency teach or advocate any other position than the one stated above.
8. A rising vote of thanks be given to the Host Church.
9. Time was given to express appreciation to the faithful service rendered to the Association by our deceased brother, Rev. Carl Shook.

ADJOURNED

BEAVER CREEK QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
July 31, 1982
Meeting with
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Mill, S.C.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance," led by Rev. J. B. Smith; prayer followed by Rev. Danny Gray. The devotion was given by Rev. Robert Travis. The Scripture was taken from II Chronicles 2:3-7.

The session was called to order by the clerk with the reading of the rules of decorum.

The visitors were recognized and welcomed to this session.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive the program flexible.

The Credentials Committee Report: Rev. William Porter

We have 21 churches reporting today with fees totaling \$575.00

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home Report: Rev. J. B. Rice

The written report was distributed to all present showing that there are presently 21 children being taken care of at the home; both dormitories are now being used. It was brought to our attention that the home belongs to us and that our support is needed to keep it open. M.S.A.

The morning worship service began as Rev. J. B. Smith led the congregation in singing "Glad Reunion Day." Rev. Edward Faulkner brought

the message; the text was taken from Luke 23:31. The subject was "Calvary."

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a recommendation from the Executive Committee, it was M.S.A. to receive the Grace Free Will Baptist Church into our Association.

C.T.S. Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

The written report was distributed. The names of those who competed at the National Youth Conference were listed. There were 7 from the Beaver Creek Association. Bro. Smith asked each church in the Beaver Creek Association to make a contribution to the district C.T.S. in the amount of \$50.00 to help pay the expense to the National Youth Conference for those who win the state competition from the Beaver Creek Association.

Youth Camp Development Board Report: Rev. Paul Reid

Nothing has been done as far as developing the campground is concerned. However, we hope to erect road signs giving directions to the campground in the very near future.

Youth Camp Report: Rev. Bill Vanderford

The dates for youth camp this year are August 16-20, 1982, at Paradise Valley, S.C.

Beaver Creek Bible Institute Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

The financial report was distributed.

The new school year is just around the corner. We are looking forward to the Fall semester of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute. In order for the Institute to be a success, we need to have students. Pastors, can we depend on you to encourage your people to attend the school? We will have branches at the Chester Church and at Fairview.

Home Missions Report: Rev. Earl Hendrix

The written financial report was distributed. The Home work is progressing. We now have the mobile chapel on the property in Anderson. There is a great deal of work to be done to get it in good shape. We ask that you continue to pray for the work and continue to support it financially. It was M.S.A. that the Home Mission Board be the Custodial Care for all tables and chairs owned by the Association.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. William Porter

The written report was distributed. It was brought to our attention that we are about \$2200.00 short in funds to meet our payment on the campground. We received today \$600.00 in fees giving us a total in the treasury of \$1,594.38. M.S.A.I.

Foreign Missions Report: Rev. John Clendenin

To date Carlisle Hanna's account is \$3,600.00 in the red. Some of the other missionaries' accounts are doing fairly well, but we need to get behind the foreign missions program and get these accounts out of the red. The dates for the Spartanburg area missionary conference are August 15-25. The total received in Beaver Creek for the Poole Call-A-Thon was \$13,000.00.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. At the April Association, a committee was elected consisting of Revs. James Childers, Dave Nobles, and Bobby Bowers to discuss the financial structure of this conference.

Since the structure of our conference in essence separates us into both an association of churches and a conference of ministers;

since this also separates funds and produces duplications in some areas;

since the cost of maintaining the conference because of inflation has become more than twice what the present income is, requiring the raising of the dues to at least twice the present rate just to meet present expenses, making dues rather high;

since we are in actuality one body and not two as we are now set up, we recommend that:

1. The Beaver Creek Minister's Conference and the Beaver Creek Association of Free Will Baptists be combined into one body.
2. That all funds be placed in one treasury, allowing all boards and committees to be paid for by the Association as prescribed by the body.
3. That each minister represent with a \$5.00 annual fee to be paid in January at the annual meeting to cover the cost of the card given to show good standing.
4. That ministers be required to be present for at least one of the four meetings each year to be considered in good standing.
5. That a committee of six consisting of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk from the Ministers' Conference be set up to work out all constitutional changes and any details for proper and smooth transition.
6. That this committee report back at the October meeting allowing the matter to be then tabled for voting and proper enactment in the January meeting.

It was M.S.A. to receive the report, and after much discussion, the following was adopted:

1. It was M.S.A. as information to receive the recommendation from the Ministers' Conference to combine the Minis-

ters' Conference and the Association into one body.

2. It was M.S.A. that the fees be raised for the October and January meetings from \$25.00 per church per quarter to \$46.50 and that all churches be notified prior to the October meeting.
3. After several amendments, the following was adopted: that a committee of six consisting of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk from the Ministers' Conference be established to work out all constitutional changes and any details for the proper and smooth transition and to study how to get the necessary funds for the Ministers' Conference to maintain financial stability if the bodies choose to stay separate.
4. It was M.S.A. that we extend the loan of \$300.00 to the Ministers' Conference until January. They are to pay \$150.00 today.

✓ **Resolutions Committee:** Rev. Danny Gray

1. Whereas, the controversy surrounding the issue concerning Jesus making, drinking, and giving to others to drink fermented wine was not considered openly on the floor of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Fort Worth, Texas, and

Whereas, much misunderstanding and doubt still prevails among many churches, pastors and delegates as to the official position of our denomination, seeing that our position as printed in our treatise is clouded by the recent refusal of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to voluntarily clarify and restate our separatist position, and Whereas, the Resolution Committee of the National Association refused to bring to the body the resolution from the state of South Carolina, choosing rather to ignore our intent of having it read to the body, but proposing to defer it to a study committee,

Be it therefore resolved our Beaver Creek Association in our Minutes state our disappointment in the two-thirds vote to not consider the resolution regarding Jesus and wine in Fort Worth, Texas, and

Be it further resolved that since much misunderstanding and doubt exists in our ranks that our pastors be encouraged to prayerfully consider the rejection of the subtle, divisive, and erroneous view that says it is an acceptable biblical view that Jesus made and drank fermented wine, and encourage at every opportunity this to be our denomination's official position, and

Be it further resolved that since the National Resolution Committee

deferred from bringing to the National body the resolution from South Carolina concerning the afore mentioned material, as well as resolutions from California, Virginia, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Alabama, that our district clerk be instructed to write a letter expressing extreme disappointment to our National Clerk, Moderator, Executive Committee, and Resolutions Committee for not bringing the resolution to the National body; also expressing disappointment that the National Resolutions Committee would not properly view the statement as officially from our state of South Carolina, reprimanding them for slighting our state.

2. Whereas, the National Association of Free Will Baptists voted in 1972 to dissolve our association with the National Association of Evangelicals and

Whereas, that vote has been vindicated by the continued liberalism clearly evident in the NAE and

Whereas, a reaffirmation of our position opposing the liberal trends of NAE was defeated this year in Fort Worth seeing that some states and churches are openly supporting the NAE and our National Publications give favorable coverage to the NAE and

Whereas, this may appear to be a desire to endorse the NAE, Be it therefore resolved that this body go on record as opposing the liberal trends in the NAE and

Be it further resolved that our denominational publications not give favorable coverage to the NAE or any affiliates and that these publications seek to educate our churches and people of the dangers of the ecclesiastical and spiritual compromise of the NAE.

The next Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church, York, South Carolina, on Saturday, October 23, 1982.

M.S.A. to adjourn.

BEAVER CREEK QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
October 23, 1982
Meeting with
Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church, York, S.C.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name," led by Rev. David Carter. The devotion was given by Rev. Rick Jagers, using Hebrews 11 as his text.

The session was called to order by the clerk with the reading of the rules of decorum. The Minutes of the last Quarterly Conference were read and accepted as read.

The Executive Committee report was given as follows. The Executive

Committee met October 11, 1982; the program for the October meeting was planned. The Executive Committee recommends that the Association purchase a cassette recorder and equipment to be used by the clerk for recording the Minutes. This equipment will cost approximately \$100.00. It was M.S.A. that we take this up during the business session.

It was M.S.A. to receive the Executive Committee report.

Home Mission Report: Rev. Earl Hendrix

We want to express our appreciation to those churches who have been faithful during the past quarter. We received \$3,201.76 from 14 churches and the Beaver Creek Women's Auxiliary. Expenditures were \$4,177.01 as a result of all the work done on the mobile chapel. We appreciate the work of the Anderson Mission; we ask that you pray for the board and Bro. Hawkins as we lead in this work. M.S.A.

Bible Institute Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

At the present time we have a total of 142 students with 53 attending at the Fairview Church and 89 at the Chester Church. We want to thank the pastors that have encouraged their people to attend the Institute. We ask that you remember to pray for the school and we definitely need your financial support. M.S.A.

Free Will Baptist Children's Home Report: Rev. Paul Reid

The following letter was read:

Just a line to say that I will not be at the Beaver Creek Meeting. The children are doing well. We now have 24 children. Most of them are doing well and making it in school. Five children were saved, baptized, and joined the Horse Branch Church recently.

We have gotten most of the painting done on the buildings; a few more things need fixing up. Give our blessing to the Association and express our appreciation for the support.

Thanks,
J. B. Rice

M.S.A.I.

Youth Camp Development Board Report: Rev. Paul Reid

Within a month, direction signs will be erected.

A complete report with recommendations to develop will be presented at the annual meeting in January, 1983.

We also would like for the Minutes to be corrected adding the name of Rev. Mike Messer to the Youth Camp Development Board. M.S.A.

Church Training Service Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

We praise the Lord for the C.T.S. We have picked up some new churches and that is a good sign.

The Beaver Creek District Rally was held at the High Point Church

October 16, 1982. There were 3 churches present: First Chester, South Avenue, and High Point. The attendance was 162.

We would like to ask the churches in the Beaver Creek Association to consider putting the C.T.S. in your church budget to help get our participants to the National Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio, in July. We had two churches that sent donations this quarter: First, Inman and First, Chester. M.S.A.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. William Porter

We have 16 churches reporting with fees of \$46.50 with 2 promising to send theirs later. We have a total of 18 present totaling \$747.50 in fees.

Foreign Missions Report:

The Spartanburg Area Missionary Conference was very successful. We want to express our appreciation to all those who participated.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. William Porter

We received \$825.00 from churches this quarter. We paid out \$1,172.81 leaving a balance in the treasury of \$646.57. We received in the Tabernacle Fund \$1,639.28. We have a total of \$5,432.16 in the treasury. M.S.A.

Ordaining Council Report: See Ministers' Conference Minutes.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus," which was followed by prayer by Rev. Wayne Price. Special music was provided by the host church. Rev. Marshall Nichols brought the message, using the Scripture text of Acts 4:31.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

We were led in singing "Trust and Obey," which was followed by prayer by Rev. Danny Gray.

State Executive Secretary's Report: Rev. Norwood Gibson

Thank you so very much for all the support you have given this office the past quarter. We also appreciate the way the Beaver Creek Association supported the Poole Call-A-Thon. Bro. Gibson also distributed folders and asked each pastor to take as many as they can use to help raise support for the Carlisle Hanna account. M.S.A.I.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was M.S.A. that all boards serve as they are now until January, 1983, and then all boards be dissolved and re-elected or elected to have only three (3) members per board.

It was M.S.A. to purchase a tape recorder for the clerk's office.

1. The report of the Executive Committee concerning the Ministers'

Conference and the Association merger was given. After much discussion, it was M.S.A. to lay it on the table until January.

2. It was M.S.A. to lay on the table a motion that we have a general board consisting of all officers, Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, and one member-at-large. The Executive Committee will consist of the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. This was laid on the table until the annual meeting in January, 1983.

It was M.S.A. to send the following resolution to the State Executive Committee:

We the Beaver Creek Association, realizing the pressing matters that confront our state work, appreciate the Executive Committee in handling matters that arise, properly, and within the confines of our State Constitution and Bylaws.

M.S.A. to adjourn.

**BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION
Sixtieth Annual Session
Meeting with
Whitney Free Will Baptist Church
January 21-22, 1983**

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus," which was led by Rev. David Carter. The devotion was given by Rev. Steve Pryor, who used the text of II Timothy 3. We were led in prayer by Rev. J. B. Smith.

The session was called to order with the reading of the rules of decorum by the clerk.

The visitors were recognized and given a seat in the conference without the privilege of voting. Visiting with us were Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rice and Mrs. David Anders.

The moderator's message was preached by Rev. Earl Hendrix. His text was taken from John 4:1-12, using the topic of "The Permanency of Our Work."

It was M.S.A. that the moderator appoint someone to serve as assistant moderator for this session. Rev. L. H. Clayton was appointed to serve.

The moderator explained to the body that the constitutional changes that had been discussed and distributed at the last quarterly meeting must be taken off the table for final approval.

The following business was taken off the table and acted upon.

1. It was M.S.A. to merge the Beaver Creek Ministers' Conference

and the Beaver Creek Association with the following constitutional changes:

- a. It was M.S.A. that all boards and committees consist of no more than three members and that travel expenses be paid at the rate of 20 cents per mile per board member.
- b. It was M.S.A. that the name General Board be dropped from the table business and that the Executive Board serve in that capacity.
- c. It was M.S.A. that all boards rotate with one member rotating off each year or re-elected for a three year term.

With no objection the moderator declared that this session concludes the separate meeting of the Ministers' Conference and the Association. The Ministers' Conference will dissolve at the conclusion of this session today.

It was brought to the attention of the body that two members of the Nominating Committee were not present. Two men were elected to serve in the absence. Revs. Bill Vanderford and David Carter are to serve with Bro. Ken Brooks as chairman.

The appointment of the Committee on Committees: appointed were Revs. Donnie Seay, James Childers, and Clyde Nations.

Children's Home Report: Rev. J. B. Rice

We had a big year at the home this past year, taking in 23 children, while 10 returned home during the year. We presently have 25 children ranging in age from 3½ to 13 years. At this time we have 5 full-time employees. We received in financial support from the Beaver Creek Association churches \$16,682.18. We appreciate your support. M.S.A.I.

C.T.S. Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

The written report was distributed which listed the names of the winners in the district C.T.S. We had two rallies this past time, one in the east at the Chester Church and one at the Hilltop Church. This has been a good year with much stiff competition.

We would like to encourage all pastors to begin working with your young people in the C.T.S. program. The Annual C.T.S. Rally will be held with the Chester Church on Saturday, April 19, 1983, at 9:15 a.m.

Youth Camp Development Board Report: Rev. Paul Reid

Bro. Reid brought to the attention of the body that we could, with donated labor and materials, construct a camp for approximately \$140,000. It was also M.S.A. that the name of the campground be the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Campground.

Beaver Creek Bible Institute Report: Rev. J. B. Smith

The financial report was distributed. We brought forward \$4,397.18; we received \$1,794.77 which made a total to account for \$6,191.69. Expenditures were \$1,201.96 which left a balance of \$4,991.69.

We had one of the greatest years ever in the history of the school. When you consider the number of students and the financial support, we will have to say this has been a good year.

This past year we had 61 students in the East Branch and 32 in the West Branch. The graduation exercise will be March 25, 1983, at 7 p.m. at the Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church.

State Promotional Secretary's Report: Rev. Norwood Gibson

Bro. Gibson distributed copies of the proposed revised State Association Constitution and Bylaws that are to be acted upon at the state meeting. He also explained the reason it is necessary to raise the state fees. Bro. Gibson also thanked the Association for their support, and gave an oral report of his work the past year.

BUSINESS SESSION

The following items were adopted:

1. It was M.S.A. that henceforth we print in the Minutes the obituary of any Beaver Creek minister who passes away during the year, and that we print the obituary of Rev. Carl Shook who went to be with the Lord recently.
2. It was M.S.A. that the Executive Committee study the job descriptions and report back at the next quarterly meeting.
3. It was M.S.A. that we change the Youth Camp Committee to the Youth Camp Board.

Committee on Committees Report:

The following committees are to serve through the annual session 1984:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. William Porter, Chairman
Rev. Belton Laws
Rev. Norris Hawkins

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. David Carter
Rev. Clyde Nations
Rev. David Anders

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. L.H. Clayton
Rev. Earl Hendrix
Rev. Bill Vanderford

M.S.A. to recess until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, JANUARY 22, 1983

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me," led by Rev. David Carter. The devotion was given by Randy Bowers from Proverbs 5.

The visitors were recognized and given a seat in the conference without the privilege of voting. Visitors were Don and Ray Rochester of the

Rochester Insurance Agency.

Women's Auxiliary Report: Mrs. Gwen Hendrix

Mrs. Hendrix brought a very good oral report of the work of the district auxiliary. They assisted the State Promotional Secretary in several projects and raised \$7,058.00 for missions. M.S.A.I.

Southeastern Bible College Report: Rev. Bobby King

Rev. Bobby King gave an oral report using Numbers 14:8 as a text. He gave the purpose, progress, prospects, promise, and the personnel of the school. Rev. Randy Cox is President. All support should be sent to Rev. Willie Justice in Florence, S.C.

Mr. Ray Rochester was given time to share with us ways his agency could save us money on fire and liability insurance on our church property. He will be here throughout the day to answer any questions and set up appointments.

Treasurer's Report: Rev. William Porter

We have 20 churches reporting with fees. We received today \$1,343.42. The annual financial report was distributed.

The balance brought forward from 12/31/81 was \$1,315.82. \$3,247.45 was received in 1982, leaving a total of \$4,563.27 to account for. Expenditures were \$3,215.77 which left a balance of \$1,347.50 on 12/31/82. We received \$7,032.67 in the Tabernacle Fund. M.S.A.

Sunday School Campaign Report: Rev. David Carter

The Spring Enlargement is "Always Abound." The campaign is for the month of March.

Home Mission Report: Rev. Bobby Bowers

The work has been finished on the mobile chapel and it looks good. The work is progressing, and we appreciate those of you who give faithfully to keep this work going. The financial report was distributed. We had on hand at the beginning of the year \$1,529.92; we received \$16,519.61, transferred from savings \$7,000.00, giving a total to account for of \$25,049.53. Expenditures were \$22,524.02 leaving a balance of \$2,525.84.

BREAK

MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

The congregational song was "I Must Tell Jesus," led by Rev. David Carter. Prayer followed by Rev. Bob King. Special music was provided by the host church. The message was by Rev. Dale McCoy and was a very good sermon.

Nominating Committee Report: Mr. Ken Brooks

Moderator: Rev. J. B. Smith

Assistant Moderator: Rev. James Childers

Clerk: Rev. Bobby Bowers

Treasurer: Rev. William Porter

Assistant Treasurer: Rev. James Childers
 Chorister: Rev. David Carter
 Assistant Chorister: Rev. Dale McCoy
 Pianist: Roger Anders

Executive Board: Rev. J. B. Smith, Rev. Bobby Bowers, Rev. James Childers.

Bible Institute Board: Rev. J. B. Smith, Rev. William Porter, Rev. David Carter

Home Mission Board: Rev. Earl Hendrix, Director; Rev. Bobby Bowers, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. Bill Vanderford

Campground Development Board: Rev. Paul Reid, Chairman; Rev. David Carter, Rev. Steve Pryor.

C.T.S. Director: Rev. J. B. Smith.

Children's Home Board Member: Rev. L. H. Clayton.

Sunday School Campaign Director: Rev. David Anders.

Foreign Missions Director: Rev. Clyde Nation

Youth Camp Board: Rev. Bobby Bowers, Director; Rev. Bill Vanderford, Rev. Steve Pryor.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Norris Hawkins, Rev. Bill Vanderford, Rev. Earl Hendrix.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was M.S.A. to continue sending Bro. Carlisle Hanna \$30.00 per quarter.

The next meeting is April 23, 1983, at Calvary Church, Union, S.C.

It was M.S.A. to wait until after the April meeting to print the Minutes.

ADJOURNED

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Church	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Present Membership
Arcadia	16	9	12	300
Bethel	—	—	4	32
Bright Light	—	—	—	—
Calvary	5	20	6	88
Converse	3	—	—	—
Fairview	25	44	14	208
Faith Temple	—	—	—	—
1st Anderson	6	11	8	24
1st Chester	28	8	17	345
1st Greenville	5	8	5	131

1st Greenwood	—	8	1	66
1st Greer	—	—	—	—
1st Inman	—	—	—	—
1st Rock Hill	—	—	—	—
1st Una	10	14	7	126
1st Woodruff	14	24	6	155
Heron Circle	—	—	—	—
High Point	33	50	2	393
Hilltop	—	—	—	—
Hope	16	20	60	192
Lockhart	—	—	—	—
New Life	26	115	116	255
North Spartanburg	10	22	4	398
South Avenue	25	42	20	442
Southside	—	—	—	—
Valley Falls	50	84	12	483
Whitney	—	—	—	—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. REPORT

Church	Number of Classes	Number of Departments	Average of 1982 Attendance	Total Enrollment	C.T.S. Av. Attn.
Arcadia	13	—	140	187	—
Bethel	4	—	27	35	—
Bright Light	—	—	—	—	—
Calvary	9	—	68	—	41
Converse	5	—	80	88	—
Fairview	12	2	170	200	—
Faith Temple	—	—	—	—	—
1st Anderson	3	1	26	29	—
1st Chester	13	2	170	271	75
1st Greenville	7	1	71	65	35
1st Greenwood	7	2	30	59	26
1st Greer	—	—	—	—	—
1st Inman	—	—	—	—	—
1st Rock Hill	—	—	—	—	—
1st Una	6	3	73	74	—
1st Woodruff	4	4	60	75	—
Heron Circle	—	—	—	—	—
High Point	12	3	170	210	98
Hilltop	—	—	—	—	—
Hope	8	8	75	125	—
Lockhart	—	—	—	—	—
New Life	8	3	160	195	—
North Spartanburg	13	1	98	136	—
South Avenue	12	—	165	175	75
Southside	—	—	—	—	—
Valley Falls	22	8	261	237	70
Whitney	—	—	—	—	—

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Church	Paid Pastor	Outside Causes	Building & Repairs	Total All Expenditures	Total Receipts From Tithes & Offerings
Arcadia	11,600.00	4,824.54	4,432.00	42,578.26	48,695.21
Bethel	5,200.00	539.00	—	10,852.34	11,218.02
Bright Light	5,100.00	3,054.00	—	21,676.03	26,510.53
Calvary	—	—	—	—	—
Converse	—	—	—	—	—
Fairview	—	—	—	—	—
Faith Temple	—	—	—	—	—
1st Anderson	10,514.00	—	3,800.00	23,830.00	25,731.00
1st Chester	12,000.00	3,550.00	15,000.00	60,000.00	65,000.00
1st Greenville	9,620.00	3,500.00	10,000.00	33,000.00	36,000.00
1st Greenwood	8,975.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	20,999.85	20,328.48
1st Greer	—	—	—	—	—
1st Inman	—	—	—	—	—
1st Rock Hill	—	—	—	—	—
1st Una	6,195.00	—	3,196.00	21,145.00	23,135.00
1st Woodruff	—	—	—	—	—
Heron Circle	—	—	—	—	—
High Point	13,816.20	—	—	60,530.58	—
Hilltop	—	—	—	—	—
Hope	14,000.00	—	7,000.00	31,500.00	50,000.00
Lockhart	—	—	—	—	—
New Life	11,440.00	—	15,500.00	76,500.00	83,000.00
North Spartanburg	16,950.00	—	400.00	59,551.00	48,043.00
South Avenue	—	—	—	—	—
Southside	—	—	—	—	—
Valley Falls	14,300.00	15,223.98	19,969.68	—	146,239.87
Whitney	—	—	—	—	—

CHURCH PROPERTY REPORT

Church	Value of Parsonage	Value of All Property	Indebtedness
Arcadia	—	400,000	—
Bethel	—	86,000	—
Bright Light	—	—	—
Calvary	—	120,000	7,193.36
Converse	—	—	—
Fairview	20,000	145,000	7,000
Faith Temple	—	—	—
1st Anderson	—	20,000	12,000
1st Chester	20,000	200,000	—
1st Greenville	—	350,000	20,000
1st Greenwood	—	125,000	—

1st Greer	—	—	—
1st Inman	—	—	—
1st Rock Hill	—	—	—
1st Una	—	65,000	2,000
1st Woodruff	—	44,000	—
Heron Circle	—	—	—
High Point	50,000	500,000	—
Hilltop	—	—	—
Hope	—	100,000	37,000
Lockhart	—	—	—
New Life	45,000	200,000	—
North Spartanburg	—	280,000	—
South Avenue	50,000	305,000	—
Southside	—	—	—
Valley Falls	67,500	425,000	139,448.28
Whitney	—	—	—



**BEAVER
CREEK
MINISTERS'
CONFERENCE**

**BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
July 31, 1982**

The Beaver Creek Ministers' Conference met at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Fort Mill, S.C., on Saturday, July 31, 1982, at 9:15 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. James Childers, Moderator.

Singing was led by Bro. Bobby Bowers.

Conference Bylaws were read by the clerk, Rev. Billy Vanderford.

The Moderator, Rev. James Childers, welcomed the visitors. There were many visitors present due to the fact that the Association meeting was to follow the Ministers' Conference meeting.

The Ministers' Roll was called and dues were received. There were 30 ministers present.

Rev. Dave Nobles gave the Ordaining Council Report. It was M.S.A. to accept the report. (This report is given in its entirety on a separate page.)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. Dave Nobles.

Items of Business were:

1. Bro. Dave Nobles, Chairman of the Ordaining Council, presented a recommendation by the Ordaining Council for the Ministers' Conference to merge with the Beaver Creek Association thereby having one governing body instead of two separate bodies. It was moved, seconded and adopted. We will now petition the Association with this plan.

2. M.S.A. for clerk to notify one minister in each county represented in the Conference upon the death of a member of the Ministers' Conference so that everyone will be informed as soon as possible.

**REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JULY 24, 1982,
AT LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT 10:00 A.M.**

1. George Brasington, the newly-elected pastor of Faith Temple Free Will Baptist Church, appeared before the Ordaining Council for ordination. He was asked to come back at the next meeting with ordination examination completed.

2. Brother Jimmy Ghant, having completed one year of watchcare, came before us. We recommend that we exchange papers and welcome him into full fellowship upon the acceptance of his church into the Beaver Creek Association.

3. We discussed the issue on the changing or doing away of the Ministers' Conference and our recommendations are as follows (see attached

paper).

4. Ministerial Trainee present for training program was Lonnie Taylor. Norris Hawkins gave a two hour lecture on "How to Prepare a Sermon."

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Nobles, Chairman
Billy Vanderford
Ansel Smith
Norris Hawkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETING
HELD APRIL 17, 1982,
AT LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AT 4:00 P.M.**

1. Joe Miller and Clyde Nations came to exchange papers. Pending letters of recommendation, we recommend that they be put on watchcare of the Ministers' Conference for a period of twelve months, since coming from another denomination, according to Bylaw #5.

2. The following men came before us requesting, as required by Bylaw #9, reinstatement. We have dealt with them and are satisfied that they be reinstated as of this meeting. They are: Paul Childers, Perry Faile, Tony Broome, and Ray Hollifield.

3. The following men have been examined for the purpose of exchanging papers. We recommend, pending the receiving of appropriate letters of recommendation, that these men be accepted into our fellowship. They are: Robert Travis, Steve Pryor, Calvin Barber, and Mike Messer.

4. Ministerial Trainees present for training program were Lonnie Taylor and James Green. Billy Vanderford gave an hour class on "The Great Doctrines of the Bible."

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Nobles, Chairman
Allen Lemons
Billy Vanderford
Norris Hawkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL,
WHICH MET SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1983,
AT LOCKHART, S.C. 10:00 A.M.**

Members of the Board present: Rev. Billy Vanderford and Rev. Norris Hawkins.

1. Bro. Mike Ramsey from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C. came before the council for the purpose of being licensed. The procedure for licensing was explained to him, as well as questioning him about his practices and doctrine. We recommend he be put into the ministerial training program and enter the Beaver Creek Bible Institute for the one year course of Christian Growth. Bro. Mike Ramsey has consented to meet these requirements as stated by Bylaw #3.

2. Bro. Dale McCoy met with the council for the purpose of renewing his license according to Bylaw 3-F-2.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Billy Vanderford
Rev. Norris Hawkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 16, 1982,
AT THE LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
AT 10:00 A.M.**

Members of the Board present: Rev. Bill Vanderford and Rev. Norris A. Hawkins.

1. Rev. John Clendenin came before us to complete the exchange of papers. We recommend exchange of papers since Bro. Clendenin has met the requirements of Bylaw #5.

2. Ray Hollifield and Jimmy Ghent came before the Ordaining Council for the purpose of renewing license according to Bylaw #3-F-2.

3. Lonnie Taylor came before Ordaining Council for the purpose of licensing. We recommend him to be licensed since he has completed all the requirements of Bylaw #3.

4. George Brasington came before Ordaining Council to be ordained. Bro. Brasington has been called to pastor Faith Temple F.W.B.C. in Rock Hill and has met all the conditions of Bylaw #4. We recommend him to be ordained. Ordination to be held at Faith Temple F.W.B. Church, Rock Hill, S.C., Sunday, October 31, 1982, at 7 P.M. Rev. Billy Vanderford and Rev. Steve Pryor are to preach the charge.

5. Ordaining Council discussed having some nicer License and Ordination Papers made up.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Billy Vanderford
Rev. Norris Hawkins

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