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**Moderator — Rev. James Childers, Jr.
Clerk — Rev. Bobby Bowers**

The next annual session will convene at
First Free Will Baptist Church
Una, South Carolina

January 27, 1995

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BOARDS

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

	Term Expires
Rev. David Carter, Director	1999
Rev. David Anders	1998
Mr. Randy Bowers	1997
Rev. James Childers	1996
Rev. Dale McCoy	1995

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Earl Hendrix, Director	1999
Rev. Bobby Bowers	1998
Rev. Donald Seay	1997
Rev. Kenneth Cash	1996
Rev. Danny Keen	1995

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires 1995

Rev. James Childers, Moderator
Rev. David Carter, Asst. Moderator
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Clerk
Rev. William Porter, Treasurer
Rev. Bill Vanderford, Member-at-Large

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Term Expires

Rev. Kenneth Cash	1999
Rev. Paul Reid	1998
Rev. Jimmy Miller	1997
Rev. Earl Hendrix	1996
Rev. Howard Johnson	1995

COMMITTEES

All these committees are to serve through the Annual Session 1995:

Nominating

Rev. Bill Vanderford, Chairman
Rev. Donald Seay
Rev. James Sanders

Resolutions

Rev. Dale McCoy, Chairman
Rev. John Boykins
Rev. Paul Reid

Finance

Rev. William Porter
Rev. Troy Baldwin
Rev. Danny Keen

MEETING PLACES FOR 1994

May 28, 1993 First Free Will Baptist Church, Una, SC
September 24 Gaffney Free Will Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC

Annual Session will be held on Friday, January 27, 1995 — First Free Will Baptist Church, Una, SC.

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 afflicted, 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.

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.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

This Association shall be known as the Beaver Creek Association of Original Free Will Baptist of South Carolina.

Article II

This Association sponsors three (3) meetings per year composed of standing delegates consisting of ordained and licensed ministers and church delegates. 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 and twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per church, payable seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) each meeting. (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 five (5) ordained ministers to rotate one per year.

Only ordained and licensed ministers shall have the privilege to vote on the Ordaining Council's 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 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 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 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, fee and Annual Statistical report or late letter, fee and Annual Statistical Report, in any three (3) consecutive meetings, with notice being given prior to the next Conference.

Article X

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, 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, that will be taken care of by the Associational treasurer.)

Article XI

The Executive Board shall consist of five (5) members which shall be the moderator as he shall be chairman, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer and a member at large.

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 practice of the Original Free Will Baptist shall be used.

Article XIV

The travel expense for all Boards and Committees shall be whatever is allowed by the I.R.S. in that year. This will include all boards and committees driving their cars.

Article XV

The Association shall be guided by 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 at the first sitting of said meeting.

The Association assumes no higher authority than an Advisory Council.

BYLAWS FOR MINISTERS

1. He that desires to be licensed must come with a letter of recommendation from the church where he is a member, 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 counsel 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 counsel 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 will be the first step in his preparation.

d. During his first year of preparation, he will attend all three (3) 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.

(2) A minister that has not been licensed, but has been called to pastor a church, must meet the same requirements for a minister coming under the Ministerial Training Program; he must be licensed and then ordained after receiving license.

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 report in person or by letter to the Ordaining 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 license 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 Ministers' Conference 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, A.D. 1950, 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; 1 Timothy 3:1-2).

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

6. Each minister must 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. 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. A minister in school, college, or who is disabled may be excused with a letter of excuse from his home church signed by the pastor.

7. 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.

8. If a minister makes shipwreck of his life, or brings reproach upon himself or the Association, it shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to

deal with the minister according to biblical principles. No accusation shall be accepted against a minister, unless the charge is properly signed by no less than two (2) accusers (1 Timothy 5:19).

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

10. A minister who is called to pastor a church that is not a member of, or in good standing with the Beaver Creek Association, shall encourage the church to become a member of the Association and offer whatever assistance is necessary.

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

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 one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." — 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

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 the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." — Romans 10:12.

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." — 2 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 plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." — Luke 9:62; 2 Peter 1:5-10; 2 Peter 3:17; Galatians 5:1-4; Galatians 5:19-21 — "Now the works 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." — 1 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." — 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." — 1 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

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

¹² 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."

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.

1 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." 2 Corinthians 7:1; 2 Peter 3:18: "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Hebrews 6:1; 1 John 5:4; Colossians 4:12; Proverbs 4:18; 1 John 1:7, 9; 1 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." 1 Corinthians 10:13: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Job 17:9; Matthew 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Philippians 1:6.

³2 Chronicles 15:2: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him...but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." 2 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; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 6:4-6; 12:15; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Revelation 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:19; 2 Peter 2:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 9:27; Matthew 24:13; Acts 1:15; Revelation 22:19.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL JOB DESCRIPTION

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 articles #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, clerk, treasurer, and member-at-large. 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.

Ordaining Council

It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council:

1. To meet once each quarter on the Saturday prior to the next associational 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.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Conference

April 30, 1993

First Free Will Baptist Church

Greenville, South Carolina

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Bruce Barnes. We were led in prayer by Rev. Doyle Pruitt.

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Rev. Bobby Bowers, and the response was given by Rev. Bill Vanderford.

It was M.S.A. that the program be accepted flexibly.

The devotion was given by Rev. James Childers, Jr. His text was taken from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12.

The session was called to order with the reading of the Rules of Decorum by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Bowers.

The moderator, Rev. James Childers, welcomed delegates and visitors to our conference.

The minutes of the Annual Conference were read and approved as read.

We then heard the roll call of ministers. There were 34 present.

We heard the report of the Ordaining Council.

The Ordaining Council met at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, April 7, 1993, at 10 a.m. Members present were brothers Tim Hackett, Paul Reid, and Kenneth Cash. Those coming before the council were Rev. Dale McCoy, Rev. John Guffey, and Rev. Robert Mace.

Brother McCoy came before the council for the purpose of exchanging papers. He is beginning pastorate at the South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster, South Carolina. He is coming from the Randall Association of North Carolina.

Brother John Guffey was present at the meeting to make up one he had missed last year. He has already been licensed.

Brother Robert Mace came before the council for guidance, examination, and encouragement.

Brother Doyle Pruitt will be leaving our conference for a pastorate in Tennessee, and has requested a letter of recommendation from our Association.

The following are recommendations from the council.

1. We recommend that our Association exchange papers with brother Dale McCoy pending a letter from the Randall Association of North Carolina and a letter from South Avenue Church.
2. We recommend that brother Doyle Pruitt be given a letter of

recommendation from the Beaver Creek Association with our prayers for his continued success in the ministry. He has been a blessing to our conference.

3. We recommend that this Association ordain brother Frank Watford, pastor of Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church, as soon as possible. His church has requested by letter his acceptance into our fellowship.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Tim Hackett, Rev. Kenneth Cash and Rev. Paul Reid. M.S.A.

We heard the report of the Spring Sunday School Campaign given by Rev. Danny Keen. The winners in each division are as follows: Division B — High Point, Division C — First Chester, Division D — Fairview and Division E — Chesnee.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We were blessed with special music from the host church.

Rev. Ron Moore, missionary to the Ivory Coast, brought the message. The subject was, "The Plan of God for Missions."

LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting continued with the congregation singing "At the Cross," led by Rev. Bruce Barnes.

It was M.S.A. that Rev. Bill Vanderford serve as moderator for the remainder of this session.

We heard the report of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board met twice with the Ordaining Council for the purpose of studying the Constitution and Bylaws and the Bylaws for ministers. We recommend that we continue this study until the next meeting at which time we will make some recommendations.

The Executive Board met with the Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, April 21, 1993. Rev. David Carter brought the message after which Rev. James Childers presided over the meeting. The church was asked several questions as to their doctrine and they were given opportunity to ask questions of the Executive Board. We found them to be doctrinally sound, thereby we recommended they be received into our Association. M.S.A.

We heard the Treasurer's Report:

We brought forward from January 2, \$149.94; we received \$1,480.08;

total to account for \$3,630.02; less expenditures \$2,421.44; leaving a balance of \$1,208.58; we received today \$1,050.00. We received from the former Beaver Creek Minister's Conference \$673.40. We received in ministers dues today \$160.00; balance in treasury \$1,883.40.

We heard a report from our Youth Camp Board.

We recommend that we dissolve the Youth Camp Board and encourage our youth to attend the state youth camp. We further recommend that we ask the State Association Nominating Committee to consider a State Youth Camp Board member from the Beaver Creek Association.

We heard the report from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home given by Rev. James Wilhide.

We at the home appreciate what the Beaver Creek Association is doing for the home and we ask that you continue your prayerful and financial support. We would also ask you to pray that the Lord would send us a couple to work in the girls dorm.

Presently we have 17 children in the home and one in college. M.S.I.
M.S.A.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Conference

July 31, 1993

**First Free Will Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina**

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Jack Lassiter. We were led in prayer by Rev. David Anders.

We were welcomed by the host pastor, Rev. Paul Reid, and the response was given by our moderator, Rev. James Childers.

The devotion was given by Rev. Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Spain. His text was taken from Luke 24:46.

The session was called to order by our clerk, Rev. Bobby Bowers, with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

The moderator, Rev. James Childers, then welcomed the delegates and visitors to our conference. We had a number of visitors from the host church. We also had three (3) missionaries visiting with us: Revs. Ron Moore, Lonnie Sparks and Marion Gainer.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

A question was raised concerning the Minister's Dues. The question

was what are they used for since we no longer have a Minister's Conference. After some discussion it was M.S.A. to lay on the table a motion to do away with the Minister's Dues until after we hear the Ordaining Council's Report.

We then heard the Ordaining Council's Report given by Rev. Kenneth Cash.

The Ordaining Council did not meet due to the National Association of Free Will Baptist meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. By way of information we received a letter of good standing from the Randall Association for brother Dale McCoy. We also received a request for a letter of good standing from Midway Association of Free Will Baptist, Morgan, Georgia, for Dr. Joe Wallis who has united with their Association. Rev. Keith Bartlett has accepted the pastorate at North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church and has requested to unite with the Beaver Creek Association. He comes to us from the Wolverine Association in Michigan. The Ordaining Council recommends that our Association exchange papers with him upon receipt of letter of good standing from said association. The report was M.S.A.

The following motions were adopted:

1. That we resolve collecting Minister's Dues.
2. That we refund those who paid retroactive to the April meeting.
3. That we discontinue calling the Minister's Roll.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The Worship Service began with the congregation singing "When I See the Blood," led by Rev. Jack Lassiter.

We were blessed with special music by the host church. Rev. Tryman Messer brought the message. His text was taken from Mark 1:21; the subject was "The Church That Makes a Difference."

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session continued with the congregation singing "I Love to Tell the Story," led by Rev. Bruce Barnes. We were led in prayer by Rev. Dale McCoy.

Credentials Committee Report:

We have reporting 20 churches, 2 missions and 20 lay delegates.

Promotional Secretary's Report:

Brother Gibson gave a brief oral report of the work of the state promotion work stating that we need to work hard at raising funds to pay off the

property we purchased last year for our state promotional office and bookstore which is a good investment for us. I would like to point out that we have a payment due January 15, 1994, in the amount of \$18,500.00. We have at this time \$10,500.00. It was brought to our attention that if we could raise the funds to pay off the property we could put these funds in an interest drawing account and use the interest to help stock the bookstore. The only way we can meet the needs of this office is with your help. Thank you for your support of this office. M.S.A.I.

Brother Gibson gave a brief report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. He passed out a brochure about the home and informed the Association that they had hired a lady to work in the home to help relieve the Wilhide's some. M.S.A.I.

Rev. Ron Moore gave a brief report of his status. We will be leaving the United States in late September to return to the Ivory Coast to continue our ministry. Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry over the years.

Home Mission Report:

Rev. Earl Hendrix gave a brief report of the Benjamin Randall Day. He asked brother Norwood Gibson to share briefly about the trip to New Durham, New Hampshire. He stated that they had opportunity to visit where Randall preached and that the trip was very inspirational.

Brother Hendrix stated that Benjamin Randall Day, in November, is the one day each year when the Home Missions Department makes a strong appeal for our General Fund. Nineteen hundred and ninety-two was by far the best year in gifts we have ever had. Yet less than 20 percent of our churches took an offering for our department on Benjamin Randall Day. Just think what could be accomplished if we could get all our churches to help us on that day.

You could take the trip this year if your church raises the most funds in your division.

Our Beaver Creek Association Missionaries Accounts are in the red and we need to erase these deficit accounts. Please take a quarter folder for each member of your church and ask them to fill them and let's erase these deficit accounts. Thank you for your support of Beaver Creek Home Missions, you have made the Beaver Creek Home Mission one of the best missions work in our denomination. M.S.A.I.

We heard a brief report from Miss Marion Gainer. She stated that she had been in Japan for 15 years as an independent missionary. She has now been hired by the Foreign Missions Department and is soon to return to the field as soon as she raises support. If you would like her to come to your church, please let her know.

Treasurer's Report:

We brought forward \$1,208.58; received \$2,152.30; total to account for \$3,360.88; less expenditures \$624.48; leaving a balance on hand \$2,736.40. M.S.A.I.

We heard a report from Rev. Todd Smith about a Youth Rally that is scheduled for September 18, 1993, at the Whitney Free Will Baptist Church. Bring your youth and come join us.

We heard a brief report of the C.T.S.

Rev. James Sander stated that the C.T.S. work in the Beaver Creek Association has been revived and we are proud of the work of C.T.S. and we encourage all our churches to get involved in C.T.S. Presently we have three churches in the competition.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was M.S.A. that we contribute to Rev. Jack Elders \$500.00 to assist him with his wife's burial.

It was M.S.A. that we give the treasury permission to purchase a new briefcase.

M.S.A. Adjourn.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Conference

October 30, 1994

First Free Will Baptist Church

Inman, South Carolina

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "I Am Bound for the Promise Land." We were led in prayer by Rev. Henry Guyton.

We were welcomed to the conference by the host pastor, Rev. Earl Hendrix. The response was given by Rev. David Carter.

The devotion was given by Rev. Earl Hendrix; his text was taken from Ephesians 1:15-18.

The session was called to order by our clerk, Rev. Bobby Bowers, with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

The moderator welcomed the visitors and seated the delegates to this conference.

The minutes of the July Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read. At this time it was M.S.A. that in the future, the clerk print the minutes and include them when the notification of meeting is mailed out.

The Ordaining Council's Report was given by Rev. Kenneth Cash.

Saturday morning, October 23, 1993, the Beaver Creek Association Ordaining Council met at the Parkway Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of giving instructions and council to brother Robert Mace's last meeting.

1. Brother Robert Mace has completed his four (4) sessions with the ordaining council. We recommend that he be licensed to preach the Gospel.
2. Brother Todd Smith has requested a letter of good standing to send to the Georgia State Association with his resume. We recommend that a letter be given.

Information:

We have received a letter of good standing from the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptist, Troy, Michigan, for brother Keith Bartlett.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Jimmy Miller, Rev. Paul Reid and Rev. Kenneth Cash. M.S.A.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Rev. William Porter. We have reporting 19 churches, 12 delegates and fees of \$850.00.

Executive Committee Report:

The clerk passed out the proposed changes in the Beaver Creek Association Constitution and Bylaws and the Bylaws for Ministers. It was M.S.A. to lay this item on the table until the Beaver Creek Annual Association on January 28, 1994.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. James Wilhide.

We appreciate the Beaver Creek Association churches for being so kind to the home. Your support of the home has been consistent down through the years.

At the present time we have 20 children in the home and 2 who are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. I would like to point out that these two students' education is being paid for by the home and your churches help make this possible.

Recently one of our dorm parents led one of our young ladies to the Lord, and how we rejoice in that.

We would like for you to come and join us for Free Will Baptist Children's Home Day, Saturday, November 6, 1993. We will have old-fashioned singing, preaching and an old-fashioned pig picking. M.S.A.I.

WORSHIP SERVICE

We were blessed with special music by the host church. Rev. David Anders brought the message taking his text from 1 Kings 17:1-7. The subject: "When the Brook Dries Up."

BREAK FOR LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Jesus Saves," led by Rev. Bruce Barnes. We were led in prayer by Rev. Wayne Price.

Rev. Mark Barber, our state home missionary to Aiken, South Carolina, was given time to share his testimony as to how the Lord led him to this place. He expressed his desire to establish a Soul-Winning Free Will Baptist Church in Aiken, South Carolina. He asked for prayer and for the opportunity to come to your church and share his burden. Brother Norwood Gibson is arranging the itinerary. M.S.A.I.

The report of our South Carolina State Association Promotional Office was given by Rev. Norwood Gibson.

It is a joy to be with you today and I would like to first thank you for your faithful support to this office for the past 13 years.

As you know, it is about time for our annual payment on the office property and we need about \$4,000.00 to meet the payment, so we are asking you to do what you can between now and January 1994.

We are ready to begin distribution of our Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature. If you would like to get on the list, I need to know as soon as possible.

We have now opened our bookstore for business and we are available to meet your bookstore needs.

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Pop Willey Offering Day has been moved to correspond with the National Foreign Missions Day. We will share more about this later. M.S.A.I.

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BUSINESS SESSION

1. It was M.S.A. that the body elect a five (5) man study committee to study the subject of Free Masonry from the first to the thirty-third

degree and report back at the annual session January 1994. Those elected to serve are Rev. Tim Hackett, Chairman, Rev. Howard Johnson, Rev. Alston Martin, Rev. Danny Keen and Rev. B.L. Effird.

2. It was M.S.A. that the moderator appoint a committee to draw up a resolution concerning so called Contemporary Christian Rock Music and present it to the body at the annual session in January 1994. Appointed were Rev. Earl Hendrix, Chairman, Rev. Bruce Barnes, Rev. Dale McCoy and Rev. Danny Keen. This committee was further commissioned to consider establishing a grassroot fellowship to preserve the heritage of conservatism within our denomination.
3. It was M.S.A. that the Beaver Creek Association continue the support of Carlisle Hannah that was being paid by the Beaver Creek Minister's Conference.

The dates for the Annual Soul Winning and Bible Conference are March 7-8, 1994. The First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, South Carolina.
M.S.A. Adjourn.

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Annual Conference

January 28, 1994

Gaffney Free Will Baptist Church

Gaffney, South Carolina

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Jack Lassiter. We were led in prayer by Rev. L.H. Clayton. Rev. James Childers gave the devotion; his text was taken from Romans 1:16.

The moderator appointed Rev. Donald Seay and Rev. David Anders to serve on the Nominating Committee for this session in the absence of Rev. Wayne Price and Rev. Tim Hackett.

We were welcomed to the Gaffney church by the host pastor, Rev. Bill Vanderford. The response was given by Rev. David Carter.

The moderator, Rev. James Childers, welcomed the delegates and visitors to this Seventy-First Annual Session of the Beaver Creek Association.

The session was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Bowers, with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the moderator. Appointed were Rev. Earl Hendrix, Chairman, Rev. Troy Baldwin and Rev. James Sanders.

The minutes of the last Beaver Creek Quarterly Conference were approved with the following correction. Please see October quarterly minutes, page 32, under business session Item 2. The last sentence was added.

We heard a partial report of the Credentials Committee. We have 14 churches and 2 delegates reporting with fees of \$975.00.

The program for this session was adopted, flexible.

After a 10-minute break we entered the Morning Worship Service. The congregation was led in singing "Glory to His Name." We were blessed with special singing by Mr. Gary Vanderford. Rev. Bobby Bowers brought the message.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

We entered the afternoon session with the congregation singing "Trust and Obey," led by Rev. Bruce Barnes. We were led in prayer by Rev. Paul Reid and the devotion was given by Rev. Dale McCoy.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Home Missions Board given by Rev. Earl Hendrix.

We want to express our thanks to you for your support of Beaver Creek Home Missions. Thanks to you we have been able to establish churches in cities in our conference area where there were no Free Will Baptist churches. However, there are still other cities that have no Free Will Baptist church and with your continued support we will be able to establish a soul-winning church in these areas. This beautiful church we meet in today came into existence because of your support of this ministry.

The three top contributors this past year were Parkway, New Life and North Spartanburg. M.S.A.

See page 39, appendix 2, for the Annual Financial Report.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute given by Rev. David Carter.

We thank you for your support of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute. Presently we have 62 students enrolled in the school. I would like to encourage you to send us students and support this financially.

See page 39, appendix 2, for the Annual Bible Institute Financial Report.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Church Training Service given by Rev. James Sanders.

At the present we have four churches participating in the C.T.S. program. First Church, Chester, Lockhart, New Life and First Church, Greenville. We have grown from contestants in 13 categories in April 1993 to 49 contestants in 24 categories.

The district C.T.S. will meet April 9, 1994, with the First Church Chester

and the state C.T.S. will also meet with the Chester church in May. M.S.A.

See page 41, appendix 3, for written C.T.S. Report.

We heard the report of the State Promotional Office given by Rev. Norwood Gibson.

Thank you for your faithful and generous financial support of this office. Thanks to you and the churches throughout the state, we were able to get through this past year in good shape. The land payment is on schedule and we have \$1,600.00 on next year's payment. The bookstore is now shipping out the Sunday School literature to 45 churches and 25 percent of the profit goes to the bookstore.

Please make note that the State Association meeting place has been changed from the Parkway church to the First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, due to the water damage to the Parkway church. M.S.A.I.

We heard the report of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College given by Rev. Jack Lassiter. Brother Lassiter pointed out the "Standard," the school newsletter, was in the mail and ought to be received soon. Brother Lassiter states that the school needs five things: students, friends, finances, prayer and the hand of God upon the work. He also pointed out that he will become the full-time promotional man for the school on February 2, 1994. He announced the dates for "Get Acquainted Days" which are April 7-10, 1994.

We heard the report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home given by Rev. James Wilhide.

We want to say thank you to the Beaver Creek Association for your faithful financial support of this ministry. I would like to report to you that we had the opportunity to visit 40 churches this past year and it was a blessing to visit all those churches with our children and have the opportunity to share the ministry of the home. We have hired a part-time secretary that has been a lot of help to us, however, we are still in need of dorm parents. Pray for us and our needs here at the home.

See page 42, appendix 4, for written report.

We heard the final report of the Credentials Committee given by Rev. William Porter.

We have reporting today a total of 16 churches and fees totaling \$1,075.00.

We heard the Ordaining Council's Report given by Rev. Kenneth Cash.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

January 28, 1994

Ordaining Council members present: Paul Reid, Jim Miller and Kenneth Cash.

The Ordaining Council met in Parkway Free Will Baptist Church on January 22, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving letters from our churches requesting that the licensed preachers that attend with them have their license renewed. We had 6 men to show up with letters. Those licensed men that did not show up for this meeting must send a letter to the Ordaining Council with a reason for their absence.

We also met with two ministerial training students for the purpose of council, examination, and a lecture: brother Douglas Varnadore and brother Michael Mims.

Brother Mims came to us with a letter from Laurens Free Will Baptist Church requesting his acceptance into the Ministerial Training Program with a good recommendation concerning his standing and relationship with the church.

We received two letters from former preachers in our Association turning in their credentials: brother Danny Ramey for personal reasons and brother Jackie Cabiness has accepted the pastorate at a Southern Baptist Church in Georgia.

Brother Ricky Walker has requested a letter of good standing be sent to the True Life Conference on his behalf. He has taken the supply pastorate at Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church in Chester, South Carolina, and feels this is necessary for his influence and effectiveness there.

Ordaining Council Recommendations:

1. We recommend that this body receive brother Michael Mims into our Ministerial Training Program.
2. We recommend that this body give permission to the clerk of the Ordaining Council to send a letter of recommendation to the True Life Association on behalf of brother Ricky Walker.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. It was M.S.A. to bring from the table the proposed changes in the Beaver Creek Association Constitution and Minister's Bylaws. The proposed changes were approved. Please see pages 9-14, 1994 annual minutes.
2. We heard the report of the Special Study Committee appointed at

the October Quarterly Conference to study Contemporary Christian Rock Music and to study the possibility of establishing a grassroots fellowship to preserve the heritage of conservatism within our denomination. The committee passed out and the body approved the following resolution.

The committee also passed out an organization letter resolution that was M.S.A. The clerk was instructed not to print the letter in the minutes.

The committee was instructed to continue their work and carry this out. The following are to serve on this committee: Rev. Danny Keen, Chairman, Rev. Earl Hendrix, Rev. Bruce Barnes, Rev. Dale McCoy and Mr. Randy Bowers.

3. The committee to study Free Masonry passed out a synopsis on the subject of Free Masonry. After some discussion the committee was given an extension of time to continue this study of this subject.

The clerk was instructed not to print the synopsis of the study of Free Masonry in the minutes. M.S.A.I.

4. It was M.S.A. to elect a committee to study the possibility of authorizing churches to license and ordain ministers. Elected were: Rev. Bill Vanderford, Chairman, Rev. Earl Hendrix, Rev. James Childers, Rev. David Carter, and Rev. B.L. Effird.
5. Some question was raised about the time and date for meetings and it was M.S.A. that the Executive Board continue to draw up the program and set the meetings' time and date.

Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. William Porter.

See page 43, appendix 5.

Election of officers. See the minutes for those who were elected to serve.

M.S.A. to adjourn.

Appendix I

BEAVER CREEK HOME MISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT

January 25, 1993 Through January 25, 1994

Rev. Earl Hendrix
Director

Rev. Bobby Bowers
Treasurer

Rev. Donald Seay
Member

Churches	Gifts 1993	Quota 1993	Quota 1994
Arcadia	\$ 425.56	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Calvary	135.00	50.00	200.00
Canaan	765.00	.00	800.00
Chesnee	9,739.00	.00	9,800.00
Converse	1,078.48	100.00	1,100.00
Fairview	.00	.00	50.00
1st Anderson	1,000.00	4,300.00	1,100.00
1st Chester	916.40	700.00	1,100.00
1st Enoree	600.00	100.00	700.00
1st Greenville	1,209.32	800.00	1,300.00
1st Greenwood	.00	100.00	50.00
1st Inman	2,050.00	1,000.00	2,100.00
1st Una	1,464.79	200.00	1,500.00
1st Woodruff	.00	50.00	50.00
Gaffney	275.00	200.00	300.00
High Point	.00	50.00	50.00
Hope	.00	50.00	50.00
Laurens	289.70	50.00	300.00
Lesslie	300.00	400.00	400.00
Lockhart	.00	50.00	50.00
New Life	4,205.86	3,400.00	4,300.00
North Spartanburg	3,117.90	2,800.00	3,200.00
Parkway	3,587.64	2,500.00	3,600.00
Pine Grove	.00	50.00	50.00
Southside	.00	50.00	50.00
Trinity	.00	50.00	50.00
Valley Falls	850.00	2,900.00	900.00
Whitney	1,266.00	700.00	1,300.00
OTHER GIFTS:			
Bethany	312.75		
Gilead	1,009.62		

Hillside	45.00
Mt. Ariel	150.00
Mt. Trolley	84.00
Mullins-Marion	50.00
New Town	300.00
Peace	200.10
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Anthony	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Deese	50.00
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Bowers	45.00
Total	35,809.52
Interest	45.51
Previous Balance	380.66
TOTAL	36,190.18
1993 Expenditures	35,614.35
BALANCE	575.83

Appendix II

BEAVER CREEK BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT — 1993

Church	Amount Given
Fairview	\$314.00
Laurens	247.74
Lockhart	631.39
New Life	1,685.38
Valley Falls	200.00
S.C. State Women's Auxiliary	185.00
Balance Brought Forward	\$4,829.22
Received From Churches	3,263.51
Received From Students	3,526.00
Total to Account For	11,618.73
Less Expenditures	7,135.40
Balance 3,483.33	
Interest Earned on Account	39.48
Balance as of January 24, 1994	3,522.81

Expenditures

Rev. David Carter (director fee) (\$450.00 & \$150.00)	\$600.00
Rev. David Carter (teacher 2, 3rd year)	
(\$600.00) (1, 2, 3 \$250.00)	850.00
Sherry Carter (secretary, Valley Falls) (\$165.00 & \$55.00)	220.00
Rev. Joe Wallis (teacher 2, 3, & 4)	400.00
Rev. Bill Vanderford (teacher, 1st year)	750.00
Rev. Tim Hackett (teacher, 4th year)	600.00
Rev. Jack Lassiter (teacher 2, 3, & 4th year)	
(\$800.00) (1, 2 & 3 \$300.00)	1,100.00
Valley Falls custodian	240.00
High Point custodian	240.00
Wayne Eubanks (teacher for 4 weeks)	200.00
Rev. Jimmy Miller (sub. teacher)	50.00
Rev. James Sanders (sub. teacher)	50.00
Books & materials	27.15
Meals for board meeting	23.12
Elaine Lassiter (secretary, High Point) (\$110.00 & \$55.00)	165.00
Postmaster (stamps) (postage and handling)	87.00

Meals for graduates	142.90
Tassels for graduates	53.55
Powers Printing (for 1, 2, 3rd year certificates)	119.18
Advertisement	100.00
Blackston, Inc. (graduates rings)	1,117.50
TOTAL	\$7,135.40

Appendix III

BEAVER CREEK DISTRICT CTS
P.O. Box 1656
Chester, SC 29706
(803) 377-8235

April 17, 1993

We were represented by the Lockhart Church, the Chester Church, the Greenville Church, and the New Life Church with a total of 78 present. There were 25 contestants competing in 13 different categories.

October 9, 1993:

We were represented by the Lockhart Church, the Chester Church, the New Life Church, and the High Point Church with a total of 107 present. There were 40 contestants competing in 20 different categories.

We adopted *The Beaver Creek District CTS Handbook*.

January 8, 1994:

We were represented by the Lockhart Church, the Chester Church, the New Life Church, and the Greenville Church with a total of 113 present. There were 49 contestants competing in 24 different categories.

The final District Convention will be held on April 9, 1994, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chester.

Beginning Bank Balance (1/20/93)	\$184.19
Total Deposits	600.95
Interest	<u>3.70</u>
Sub-Total	788.84
State Fees, District Medals, and Stamps	<u>414.63</u>
Total — 1/20/94	\$374.21

Appendix IV

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL REPORT TO BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION January 28, 1994

Greetings to the Beaver Creek Association from your Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

We want to express our appreciation to the Beaver Creek Association for your support this year. Out of the 24 churches in the Association, 19 were supporters in 1993. Great!!

We visited 5 churches last year in the Beaver Creek and we would love to have the opportunity to visit more in 1994. Please consider having us in your church this year.

These are the churches that contributed to the Children's Home in 1993:

Arcadia	\$ 265.56
Converse	1,168.74
Canaan	234.71
Fairview	309.00
1st Chester	1,500.00
1st Chester Men's SS Class	70.00
1st Enoree	100.00
1st Greenville	981.30
1st Inman	25.00
1st Una	2,944.62
High Point	3,066.63
Laurens	365.48
Lesslie	300.00
Lockhart	3,692.14
New Life	5,056.14
New Life Teen SS Class	300.00
Parkway	3,051.19
Valley Falls	300.00
Whitney Youth	105.25
Total	<u>\$23,835.76</u>

Appendix V

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT January 1994

	Income	Paid Out	Balance
Balance Brought Forward From October 1993			\$1,506.69
James Sanders — C.T.S. Mileage		9.78	1,496.91
Bobby Bowers — Board Meeting		24.95	1,471.96
Paul Reid — Board Meetings		42.00	1,429.96
Interest Received	2.64		1,432.60
Church Quarterly Dues	950.00		2,382.60
F.W.B. Foreign Missions — Ron Moore, Nov. 1993		50.00	2,332.60
F.W.B. Foreign Missions — Carlisle Hanna 4/4		30.00	2,302.60
Bobby Bowers — Clerk Salary 1993		150.00	2,152.60
William Porter — Treasurer's Salary 1993		100.00	2,052.60
Church Quarterly Dues	100.00		2,152.60
Refunded to Ministers		325.00	1,827.60
William Porter — Phone Calls		7.53	1,820.07
Ministers for Retirement	20.00		1,840.07
F.W.B. Board of Retirement		50.00	1,790.07
Interest Received	3.71		1,793.78
Southern Bell — Clerk Phone Calls		9.75	1,784.03
F.W.B. Foreign Missions — Ron Moore, Dec. 1993		50.00	1,734.03
Interest Received	3.33		1,737.36
Totals & Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1993	\$1,079.68	\$ 849.01	\$1,737.36

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Balance Brought Forward From December 31, 1992	\$2,149.94
Income for 1993	5,827.47
Total to Account for	7,977.41
Paid Out in 1993	6,240.05
Balance on Hand December 31, 1994	1,737.36

Appendix VI

NOMINATING COMMITTEES REPORT Elected to Serve

Moderator	Rev. James Childers 351 Mason Rd., Chesnee, SC 29323
Asst. Moderator	Rev. David Carter 8349 Valley Falls Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29303
Clerk	Rev. Bobby Bowers 132 Kathryan Ct., Greenville, SC 29605
Treasurer	Rev. William Porter 42 Danhardt St., Piedmont, SC 29673
Asst. Treasurer	Rev. Howard Johnson 512 Peach Orchard Rd., Union, SC 29379
Chorister	Rev. David Carter 8349 Valley Falls Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29303
Asst. Chorister	Rev. Kenneth Cash 7203 Wood St., Spartanburg, SC 29301
Pianist	

BOARDS

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

Rev. David Carter, Director
Rev. David Anders
Mr. Randy Bowers
Rev. James Childers
Rev. Dale McCoy

Term Expires
1999
1998
1997
1996
1995

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Earl Hendrix, Director
Rev. Bobby Bowers
Rev. Donald Seay
Rev. Kenneth Cash
Rev. Danny Keen

1999
1998
1997
1996
1995

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expires 1995

Rev. James Childers, Moderator
Rev. David Carter, Asst. Moderator
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Clerk
Rev. William Porter, Treasurer
Rev. Bill Vanderford, Member-at-Large

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Term Expires

Rev. Kenneth Cash	1999
Rev. Paul Reid	1998
Rev. Jimmy Miller	1997
Rev. Earl Hendrix	1996
Rev. Howard Johnson	1995

COMMITTEES

All these committees are to serve through the Annual Session 1995:

Nominating

Rev. Bill Vanderford, Chairman
Rev. Donald Seay
Rev. James Sanders

Resolutions

Rev. Dale McCoy, Chairman
Rev. John Boykins
Rev. Paul Reid

Finance

Rev. William Porter
Rev. Troy Baldwin
Rev. Danny Keen

MEETING PLACES FOR 1994

May 28, 1993 First Free Will Baptist Church, Una, SC
September 24 Gaffney Free Will Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC

Annual Session will be held on Friday, January 27, 1995 — First Free Will Baptist Church, Una, SC.

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Church	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Present Membership
Arcadia	5	10	10	125
Canaan	10	85	3	82
Calvary	—	—	—	—
Chesnee	4	18	—	44
Converse	—	—	—	—
Fairview	4	28	2	146
1st Anderson	—	—	—	—
1st Chester	—	9	2	—
1st Enoree	—	—	—	—
1st Greenville	—	4	—	139
1st Greenwood	3	3	3	73
1st Inman	18	27	7	432
1st Una	—	—	—	—
1st Woodruff	—	—	—	—
Gaffney	5	23	—	—
High Point	31	35	—	375
Hope	—	6	2	150
Laurens	—	—	—	—
Leslie	—	—	—	—
Lockhart	8	5	3	—
New Life	—	—	—	—
North Spartanburg	11	19	—	—
Parkway	19	57	7	259
Pine Grove	—	—	—	—
Southside	—	1	1	118
Trinity	10	21	5	45
Valley Falls	9	15	41	500
Whitney	—	—	—	—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. REPORT

Stewardship Information

Church	S.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Value of All Church Property
Arcadia	65	—	\$400,000.00
Canaan	—	—	—
Calvary	—	—	—
Chesnee	—	—	100,000.00
Converse	—	—	—
Fairview	137	25	429,000.00
1st Anderson	—	—	—
1st Chester	—	—	—
1st Enoree	—	—	—
1st Greenville	85	20	375,000.00
1st Greenwood	73	20	460,000.00
1st Inman	525	—	950,000.00
1st Una	100	—	100,000.00
1st Woodruff	—	—	—
Gaffney	—	—	—
High Point	250	—	—
Hope	80	—	150,000.00
Laurens	—	—	—
Lesslie	—	—	—
Lockhart	210	75	—
New Life	—	—	—
North Spartanburg	—	—	750,000.00
Parkway	165	125	750,000.00
Pine Grove	—	—	—
Southside	29	—	—
Trinity	35	—	150,000.00
Valley Falls	200	50	1,000,000.00
Whitney	—	—	—

