

Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina Original Free Will Baptists

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First Free Will Baptist Church
Una, South Carolina
January 27, 1995*

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Seventy-Third Annual Session
Held at
First Free Will Baptist Church
Inman, South Carolina
January 26, 1996*

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

**The next annual session will convene at
First Free Will Baptist Church
Greenwood, South Carolina
January 31, 1997**

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BEAVER CREEK BOARDS

Bible Institute Board

	Term Expires
Rev. David Carter, Director	1999
Rev. David Anders	1998
Rev. Keith Bartlett	2001
Rev. Tommy Bryson	1997
Rev. Austin Martin	2000

Ordaining Council

	Term Expires
Rev. Earl Hendrix, Chairman	2001
Rev. Bill Vanderford	2000
Rev. Kenneth Cash	1999
Rev. Paul Reid	1998
Rev. Austin Martin	1997

Home Mission Board

Rev. Earl Hendrix, Director	1999
Rev. Donald Seay	1997
Rev. Bobby Bowers	1998
Rev. Tim Hackett	2001
Rev. James Sanders	2000

Executive Board

Rev. Danny Keen, Moderator
Rev. Keith Bartlett, Asst. Moderator
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Clerk
Rev. William Porter, Treasure
Rev. Bill Vanderford, Member-at-large

Childrens Home Board Member	Rev. Tim Hackett
C.T.S. Director	Rev. James Sanders
Sunday School Campaign Director	Rev. George Brasington

Committees

(All these committees are to serve through the Annual Session 1998)

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Rev. James Sanders, Chairman
Rev. Howard Johnson
Rev. Stuart Snow

Finance Committee:

Rev. William Porter, Chairman
Rev. John Boykin
Rev. Wray Newton

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Paul Reid, Chairman
Rev. Austin Martin
Rev. Mitchell Davis

Meeting Places for 1996

Landmark Free Will Baptist Church
Anderson, S.C. May 31
Lesslie Free Will Baptist Church Rock
Hill, S.C. September 27

Annual Session January 31, 1997

First Free Will Baptist Church Greenwood,
S.C.

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

Artical I

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

Artical 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.

Artical 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 Artical IX.)

Artical IV

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chorister, assistant chorier, 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.

Artical V

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

Artical 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.

Artical 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.

Artical 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.

Artical IX

The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly. The Association may 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.

Artical X

The Beaver Creek Association may withdraw fellowship from any church whose pastor is not in good standing according to the guidelines set by this Association.

Ararticle XI

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.)

Artical XII

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.

Artical XIII

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.

Artical XIV

The National Treatise of the faith and practice of the Original Free Will Baptist shall be used.

Artical XV

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.

Artical XVI

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

Artical XVII

This constitution may be amended at any annual Association meeting by two-thirds vote of the delegates attending , provided 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.

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; ²Actes 3:19; ³2 Chronicles 15:2

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 to assist churches in licensing and ordaining ministers.

Beaver Creek Association Trimester Conference May 28, 1994 First Free Will Baptist Church Una, South Carolina

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me", led Rev. Wray Newton. We were led in prayer by Rev. Jack Elders. We were welcomed to the conference by the host pastor Rev. Kenneth Cash. The response was given by the moderator Rev. James Childers Jr. The devotion was given by Rev. Calvin Turner, the text was taken from I John 3:1,2.

The session was call to order by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Bowers with the reading of the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of the last conference were approved. The visitors were recognized by the moderator, Rev. James Childers and given a seat in the conference without the privledge of voting.

Special Committees Reports

The **Masons Study Committee** past out their report in print and it was M.S.A. to receive the report as information and that this committee be dissolved.

The **Contemporary Church Movement Committee** past out in print the minutes of their five (5) meetings and it was M.S.A. to receive their report as information.

The **Committee to Study Methods of Licensing and Ordaining Minister** past out the following report.

We, the committee, find both procedures of licensing and ordaining ministers (through the local church or the local association) to be both scriptural and practical.

Therefore, we would like ministers' imput by reading the By-Laws of Ministers and making recommendations for changes or additions by August 15, 1994 and send them to Rev. Bill Vanderford Post Office Box 994 Gaffney, South Carolina 29342-0994 Telephone (803) 489-7708. Please note your preference of Local Church or Association to licensing and ordaining ministers.

We believe that ministers and churches who would endeavor to enter and / or maintain membership within the Beaver Creek Association should be made accountable to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the same. We feel that ministers participating as a member of the association should be required to fill out a trimester report form to be collected during each conference meeting which would also serve as a roll call of ministers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bill Vanderford
Rev. David Carter (absent)
Rev. James Childers Jr.
Rev. B.L. Effrid
Rev. Earl Hendrix

After some discussion it was M.S.A. to implement the Beaver Creek Association Trimester Ministers Report with the following additions. Adding, "or ordained, " and add, "s" to functions.

We heard the **Ordaining Council's Report**

The Ordaining Council met at 10 am Saturday May 21, 1994 at Parkway Free Will Baptist Church to meet with the ministerial training students for the purpose of questioning, instruction and encouragement. All the members of the council were present, Trainees present were brothers Mike Mims and Doug Varnadore. After these men were examined a lecture was given on church administration. At the meeting, the council elected Rev. Earl Hendrix Chairman and Rev. Kenneth Cash Clerk. The report was M.S.A.

We heard a brief oral report of the **Free Will Baptist Children's Home**. Brother James Wilhide reported that thing are going well at the home at this time. One of the young men at the home has answered the call to preach and will be working with the Santee church this Summer and another young man will be working with a church in the lower part of the state. We ask that you continue to pray for the staff and all the children. Thank you again for your financial support. M.S.A.I.

Worship Hour: The service began with the congregation singing, "At Calvary." We were blessed with special music by the host church. Rev. Danny Keen brought the message taking his text from I Corinthians 2:1-5.

Lunch Break.

Afternoon Session: The afternoon session began with the congregation singing, "When We All Get To Heaven," led by Rev. Wray Newton.

We heard the report of **Beaver Creek Home Missions**. The written Financial Report was past out and Brother Earl Hendrix gave a brief oral report of the work of Beaver Creek Home Missions. Rev. Danny Keen has taken the work in Anderson and the work is doing well at this time and we ask that you pray that Brother Keen will get this work self

supporting soon. The Chesnee work is doing great and we truly praise the Lord for the progress there. The Home Missions Board ask permission to withdraw from our savings \$ 8,700.00 to get some work done at the Anderson church and to help erase so deficit accounts. It was M.S.A. the permission be given. It was also M.S.A. the Home Missions Board be given the authority to withdraw as need interest on our savings.

We heard the report of the **Beaver Creek Bible Institute**. The written financial report was past out. Brother David Carter stated that the school has a new curriculum and is going back to a four year program. This years school session begins September 19, 1994 with two branches, we will be sending out more information at a later date. M.S.A.

Business Session:

1. It was M.S.A. that Rev. Austin Martin serve on the Contemporary Christian Rock Music Committee to replace Rev. Bruce Barnes.
2. It was M.S.A. that Rev. Dale McCoy serve on the Home Missions Board to replace Rev. Danny Keen.
3. It was M.S.A. that Rev. Paul Reid serve as the Sunday School Campaign Director replacing Rev. Danny Keen.

We heard the report of the **Beaver Creek Treasurer**. Rev. William Porter past out the written report and gave a brief oral report of the financial status. It was M.S.A. that the association not pay expenses accrue by any board member whose church in current good standing financially with the association. It was also M.S.A. that the Executive Board meet and study the financial status of the association and report back to the association at the next meeting.

We heard the report of the **Resolution Committee**. The following resolution was mail to the clerk.

WHEREAS, Medical assisted suicide has become newsworthy, and

WHEREAS, This hideous act of murder is being proclaimed as merciful, and

WHEREAS, WNAC's magazine, "Co-Laborer" recommended a book entitled "Of Mice and Men", which concludes with a "mercy-killing, and

WHEREAS, Free Will Baptist hold dearly to the Scriptural teachings regarding the sanctity of life,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this association go on record as opposing any and all methods of euthanasia. (mercy-killing)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this association expects the dismissal of the editor, and editor-in-chief, of "Co-Laborer" magazine in light of this blatant disregard for Free Will Baptist strong belief in the sanctity of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Association of Free Will Baptist, and to the office of WNAC.

This resolution was M.S.A.

M.S.A. to adjourn.

**Beaver Creek 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 MSA that in the future, the clerk print the minutes and include them when notification of meeting are mailed out.

The **Ordaining Council 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' 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. MSA

The **Credentials Committee report** was given by Rev. William Porter. We have reporting 19 churches 12 delegates and fee's of \$ 850.00.

The Executive Committee report. The clerk pasted out the proposed changes in the Beaver Creek Association Constitution and By-Laws and the By-Laws for Ministers. It was MSA to lay this item on the table until the Beaver Creek Annual Association 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 fashion singing, preaching and an old fashion pig picking. MSAI.

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. MSAI.

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 book store for business and we are available to meet your book store needs. Benjamin Randall Day is coming soon and the National Home Missions Department is asked each church to receive a special offering on this day for the home missions department general fund. Pop Willey Offering Day has been moved to correspond with the National Foreign Missions Day. We will share more about this later. MSAI.

Miss Mirial Gainer foreign missionary to Japan was given time to give a brief oral report stating that she has been a Free Will Baptist missionary for more that 35 years, serving as an associate self supporting missionary to Japan.

Miss Gainer has now been hired by the foreign missions department as a full time missionary and request prayer as she returns to Japan in January 1994.

Business Session:

1. It was MSA that the body elect a five (5) men study committee to study the subject of Free Masonary 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 MSA 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 January 1994, appointed were Rev. Earl Hendrix Chairman, Rev. Bruce Barnes, Rev. Dale McCoy and Rev. Danny Keen. This committee was commissioned to consider establishing a grassroot fellowship to preserve the heritage of conservatism within our denomination.
3. It was MSA that the Beaver Creek Association continue the support of Carlisle Hannah that was being paid by the Beaver Creek Ministers 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.

MSA Adjourn.

Beaver Creek Association Annual Conference January 27, 1995 Meeting With First Free Will Baptist Church Una, South Carolina

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Standing On The Promises," led by Rev. Kenneth Cash. We were led in prayer by Rev. Wayne Price. Rev. Tim Hackett gave the devotion; his text was taken from Philippians 2.

We were welcomed to the conference by host pastor Rev. Kenneth Cash. Rev. David Carter gave the response. The moderator, Rev. James Childers welcomed the delegates and visitors to this Seventy Second 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 moderator appointed the Committee on Committees. Appointed were Rev. Donald Seay chairman, Rev. James Sanders and Rev. B.L. Effird.

The minutes of the last Trimester were approved.

A question was raised about the ministers report forms. After some discussion it was M.S.A. that the forms be placed into the hands of the Ordaining Council for their examination.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Home Missions, given by Rev. Earl Hendrix. The written financial report was passed out, (see appendix number 1). Brother Hendrix gave the missionaries opportunity to give a brief report of their work.

Rev. James Childers our mission pastor in Chesnee, S.C. stated that 63 have joined the mission church and will become charter members when the church is set in order. He expressed the need for more Sunday School space if the mission is to continue to grow. Please continue to give your support to this work both prayerfully and financially.

Rev. Danny Keen our mission pastor to Anderson, S.C. passed out a written report that stated, inspite of some set backs we have had some good things happening. The offerings have been up averaging over \$500.00 per week, we have had four to join the church. We have knocked on 200 doors thus far this month. We are thankful for your support of this work and we ask for your continued support as we build a good Soul Winning church here in Anderson, S.C.

Rev. Earl Hendrix Director Of Beaver Creek Home Missions, in behalf of the board expressed gratitude for the way the churches in the association have supported our missions work. M.S.A.I.

We heard the **report of the Beaver Creek Bible Institute**, given by Rev. David Carter. He states that we have 60 students enrolled in the institute at two branches, Parkway Free Will Baptist church and New Life Free Will Baptist Church. The written financial report was passed out. see (appendix number 3)

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The following items were laid on the table.

1. It was M.S.A. to lay on the table a motion that ministers who have been licensed for at least five (5) years be ordained. An amendment was offered that when a minister is licensed for one (1) year he be ordained. The amendment was approved.
2. It was M.S.A. to lay on the table a motion that the responsibility of licensing and ordaining ministers be given to the local church under the guidance of the Ordaining Council.
3. It was M.S.A. to lay on the table a motion to move our Trimester meetings from Saturdays to Friday Evenings 7pm.

It was M.S.A. to bring off the table the item concerning the revised By-Laws for Ministers. (The revised version had been passed out at the September Trimester.) After much discussion and several defeated amendments, the revised version was approved.

Break for **worship service**. Rev. David led the congregation in singing, "Leaning on the everlasting arms." We were blessed with special music by the host church. Rev. Jack Elders brought the message, his text was taken from Genesis 11:31. The subject, What will it take to stop you? A good sermon. After the morning service a twenty five (25) year service award was presented to Rev. Belton Laws.

Afternoon Session. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing, "Love Lifted Me," led by Rev. David Carter. Rev. James Childers read from Romans 1:16-18 and led in prayer.

We heard the C.T.S. report given by Rev. James Sanders. The C.T.S. District Convention was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church Chester, South Carolina January 14, 1995 with a total of thirty Nine (39) present representing four (4) churches. We had twelve (12) contestants competing in eleven (11) categories. We have five hundred and fifty seven dollars and twenty five cents (\$557.25) in our treasure. M.S.A.I.

We heard the report of the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home given by Rev. James Willhide. He states that the Beaver Creek Association Churches gave more than thirty four thousand dollars (\$34,000) to the home with the New Life Church being the top contributor. We presently have 19 children in the home and 2 attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. We are grateful for the six thousand dollars (\$6,000) we received from the High Point Church. I would like to mention also that there have been several articles written about the ministry of the home in local publications and we are grateful for that. We are very thankful for the eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) raised by one of our young men who spent time in the home. M.S.A.I.

We heard the **report of the State Promotional Office** given by Rev. Norwood Gibson. Rev. Gibson expressed his appreciation to the Beaver Creek Churches for the way this office has been supported. I have several things to share with you.

1. The property payment has been paid and there are only two remaining in the amount of thirteen thousand (\$ 13,000.00) each.
2. We have remodeled the building giving more room to house the book store. A new heating and air-conditioning system has been installed.
3. We have now had the Sunday School literature for five (5) quarters. If you are not purchasing your Sunday School materials for your state book store please consider doing so, all the profits help support this office.
4. Rev. Carlisle Hanna's account was more than forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) in the red however, the Beaver Creek Association raised more than three thousand dollars (\$ 3,000.00) to help erase the deficit. Brother Hanna will be speaking at the state meeting and a banquet will be held in his honor.
5. There have been many changes in the way the I.R.S. concerning churches and you need to check with your C.P.A. concerning these changes. M.S.A.I.

We heard the Credentials Committee report given by Rev. William Porter. We have 22 churches and 2 missions reporting with fees of two thousand, three hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,390.00). Brother Porter also gave the treasure's report, (see appendix number 3)

for the written report Balance December 31, 1993 one thousand, seven hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty six cents (\$ 1,737.36) received 1994 five thousand, twenty four dollars and twenty one cents (\$5,024.21 giving a total to account for six thousand, seven hundred and sixty one dollars and fifty seven cents(\$ 6,761.57)n less expenditures of five thousand,seven hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty one cents (\$ 5,718.61) leaving a balance in treasure December 31, 1994 of one thousand, forty two dollars and ninety six cents (\$ 1,042.96). M.S.A.I.

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

Rev. Danny Keen gave a brief report of the two ministers meetings that were held to discuss forming a Ministers Fellowship. He passed out in written form some suggested possibilities of how the Ministers Fellowship would work. M.S.A.I.

Business Session: The following tabled motions were taken off the table.

1. It was M.S.A and amended that when a minister is licensed for One (1) year he be ordained.

The tabled motion was discussed for sometime with much debate after which the following amendment was approved. It was M.S.A. that a study committee consisting of moderator as chairman and chairman of the Ordaining Council, and three member elected from the floor, study all the Ministers' By-Laws and study the possibility of having ministers licensed and ordained by the local church and how this would be implemented. Member elected to serve are, Rev. Bill Vanderford, Rev. Danny Keen and Rev. Bobby Bowers to serve with Rev. James Childers modertor and Rev. Earl Hendrix Chairman of the Ordaining Council. This committee is to report at the May Trimester Meeting.

2. It was M.S.A. that we move our Trimester meetings from Saturdays to Friday Evenings 7 pm. This tabled motion was M.S.A.

It was M.S.A. that we make no changes in the Minister's By-Laws until after the study committee has reported.

Election of officers. The following were elected to serve:

Moderator	Rev. James Childers
Asst. Moderator	Rev. David Carter
Clerk	Rev. Bobby Bowers
Treasurer	Rev. William Porter
Asst. Treasurer	Rev. Howard Johnson
Chorister	Rev. David Carter
Asst. Chorister	Rev. Kenneth Cash

Bible Institute Board

Rev. Austin Martin Term expires 2000

Home Mission Board
Ordaining Council

Rev. David Anders Term expires 2000
Rev. Austin Martin Term expires 1997
Rev. Jack Elders Term expires 2000

Committees: All these committees are to serve through the Annual Session 1996

Nominating:

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

Resolutions

Rev. Dale Mc Coy, Chairman
Rev. John Boykins
Rev. Paul Reid

Finance

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

M.S.A. to adjourn.

**Beaver Creek Association
Trimester Conference
May, 26 1995
Canaan Free Will Baptist Church
Lancaster, South Carolina**

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "Are you washed in the blood," led by Rev. David Carter. The opening prayer and devotion was given by Rev. William Porter with the scripture be taken from Psalm 107. The session was called to order by the clerk with the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

We were welcomed to the Canaan church by the host pastor Rev. Dale Mc Coy. The moderator Rev. James Childers welcomed the delegates and visitors to the conference. The minutes of the Annual Association were approved.

It was M.S. A. to seat the delegates to this Trimester Conference.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Association Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council meet on Saturday May 20, 1995 at the Parkway Free Will Baptist Church. The following members were present, Revs. Austin Martin, Paul Reid and Kenneth Cash. We make the following recommendations:

1. That Randy White from the Converse church and Philip Smith from the Valley Falls church enter the Ministerial Training Program.
2. That the Beaver Creek Association call for Rev. Joe Bevil's credentials.
3. That Revs. Paul Smith and Mitchell Edge from the Una church and Scott Cabiness be ordained. It was M.S.A. that this item be tabled until the Special Study Committee makes its final report.

The Ordaining Councils Report was M.S.A.

We heard the **Credentials Committee's Report**. We have at this time 18 churches reporting.

We were blessed with special singing by the host church after which Rev. Earl Hendrix brought the message taking his text from Hosea 14, "Walking in the ways of the Lord."

The moderator announced the date and place for the next meeting. We will meet with the Hope Free Will Baptist Church Spartanburg, S.C. Friday September 29, 1995.

The **Special Study Committee** ask for an extension to continue its study of the Minister's By-Laws and the possibility of churches licensing and ordaining ministers. M.S.A.

Credentials Committee's final report. We have 17 churches and 2 missions reporting with fees of \$1,300.00 M.S.A.I.

Business Session:

1. We heard the **report of the Sunday School Campaign** given by Rev. Paul Reid. The first Free Will Baptist Church Chester and the Lesslie church were first place in their divisions.
2. It was M.S.A. to approved the guide-lines for students enrolled in the Beaver Creek Bible Institute.
3. It was M.S.A. that Rev. Wray Newton serve as our delegate to the National Association and that the Beaver Creek Association contribute \$ 250.00 to help meet his expenses.
4. It was M.S.A. that Rev. Jimmy Sanders serve on the Home Missions Board replacing Rev. David Anders.

A question was raised concerning the Beaver Creek Home Mission Land Loan fund. It was brought to the attention of the body that this fund is used for the purpose of making loans to mission churches to purchase land, however this board operates at the discretion of this association. M.S.A.I.

The date for the next ministers fellowship is June 1, 1995. It was M.S.A. to give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for their hosting the conference in this beautiful church.

M.S.A. to Adjourn.

**Beaver Creek Association
Trimester Conference
September 29, 1995
Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Spartanburg, South Carolina**

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "Standing On The Promises" led by Rev. David Carter. The opening prayer and scripture reading from Deuteronomy 2:1-7 was given by Rev. Bill Vanderford.

The session was call to order by the clerk Rev. Bobby Bowers with the reading of the Rules of Decorum. We were welcomed to the host church by pastor Rev. Belton Laws. The response was given by the moderator Rev. James Childers Jr. after which , delegates seated and visitors were recognized. Visiting with us was Rev. Van Dale Hudson.

The minutes of the May Trimester Conference were approved.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek Association **Ordaining Council's** Report given by Rev. Kenneth Cash. The Ordaining Council met at the Parkway Free Will Baptist church Saturday September 23, 1995 at 10 am. council member present were brothers, Earl Hendrix, Austin Martin, Paul Reid and Kenneth Cash. Brothers Phillip Smith and Randall White, who are in the Ministerial Training Program, met with the council for instructions, examination, and a lecture.

The council also met with Rev. Charles F. Davis, Rev. Marty Cox, and Rev. Leon Simmons for the purpose of exchanging papers. Brother Davis has unite with the First Free Will Baptist Church Greenville, S.C. and is from the Unity Association of Free Will Baptist in Arkansas. Brother Cox has taken the pastorate of New Life Free Will Baptist Church Lancaster, S. C. and is from the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptist. Brother Simmons has taken the pastorate of Parkway Free Will Baptist church Spartanburg, S. C. and is from the Randall Association in North Carolina. Each of these men have a letter of request from the church they have united with and have given permission for us to request a letter of "Good Standing" from their former association.

Recommendations: We, the Beaver Creek Ordaining Council, recommend that the following persons be received into our association upon receiving of letters of "Good Standing" from their former associations. Revs. Charles Davis, Marty Cox and Leon Simmons.

Respectfully submitted on this date September 29, 1995 Revs. Earl Hendrix, Paul Reid, Kenneth Cash, Austin Martin, Jack Elders.

Worship Service: We were blessed with special music by the host church after which Rev. Van Dale Hudson brought a wonderful sermon from Matthew 8:23-27 on the subject, "What Manner of Man."

Credentials Committee Report: We have 19 churches and 12 delegates reporting with Fees totaled \$ 1,481.00.

The Special Study Committee past out final report and it M.S.A. to lay on table until the Annual Beaver Creek Association meeting January 26, 1996.

We heard a brief report from our South Carolina State **Promotional Director** Rev. Norwood Gibson. Brother Gibson stated that a resolution will be drawn up at the National Association and encouraged everyone to attend this meeting and vote your convictions. Brother Gibson stated that he is not retiring, he will only be stepping down from the Promotional Office to take the Book Store. The Book Store is doing well and we encourage you to order your Sunday School materials from us if you are not already doing so. M.S.A.I.

The date for the Beaver Creek Ministers Fellowship is December 14, 1995 at the Inman Free Will Baptist Church.

Business:

1. It was M.S.A. to give Rev. Van Dale Hudson a \$ 200.00 honorarium.
2. It was M.S. that we loan the Chesnee Mission \$ 50,000.00 from our Home Mission Land Loan Fund, After some discussion. It was M.S.A. that this be postponed indefinitely.

Rev. Danny Keen was given time to express his appreciation to the association for the way it has supported the work in Anderson and ask to continue to pray for us and support the work financially.

Rev. Norwood Gibson was given a standing vote of appreciation from the work he has done in our South Carolina State Association Promotional Office.

M.S.A. Adjourn

Beaver Creek Association Annual Session
January 26, 1996
Meeting with
First Free Will Baptist Church
Inman, South Carolina

The Beaver Creek Association registration began at 12:30 pm. The meeting began at 1 P.M. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, " Standing On The Promises Of God," led by Rev. David Carter. Rev. Bobby Bowers read scripture and led in the opening prayer. The session was called to order by the clerk with the reading of the "Rules of Decorum." We were welcomed to the host church by pastor Rev. Earl Hendrix and the response was given by the Assistant Moderator Rev. Bill Vanderford.

We heard a partial report of the **Credentials Committee**: There are 19 churches with fees totaling \$ 1,875.00 and 9 delegates reporting.

We heard the report of the **Beaver Creek Bible Institute**: Rev. David Carter director gave the report stating that this has been a good year. We had a total of 65 students from the two branches. The 1995 written report and financial statement were not available at the printing of the minutes. MSA to receive the report as information.

We heard the report of the Beaver Creek **Home Missions Board** given by Re. Earl Hendrix. We want to thank you for the way you have supported the Home Missions work. We presently have two mission works-- Landmark in Anderson, SC, where Rev. Danny Keen is pastor, and in Chesnee, SC, where Rev. James Childers is pastor. We heard a brief oral report from our two mission pastors. Fairview Church, where Rev. Tim Hackett is pastor, was recognized as the largest contributor to Beaver Creek Home Missions (See financial report.). MSA to receive the report as information.

We heard the report of the **Beaver Creek CTS** given by Rev. James Sanders: We are having an average of 35 attending our district rallies. We have a number competing in Bible, music and fine arts. We had 3 competitors to represent our district at the National and each received a number one rating. The annual District competition will be held at Greenville First FWB Church April 13 and the state competition at First Greenville May 18, 1996. MSA to receive the report as information.

We heard the report of the **Sunday School Campaigns** given by Rev. Paul Reid: The Spring Campaign will be held during the month of March.

We heard the report of the FWB **Children's Home** given by Rev. James Childers: The Lord is truly blessing the ministry of the home. We served 25 children during 1995. We presently have 18 children in the home. We appreciate what the Beaver Creek has done for the home and we ask for your continued prayer and financial support. Rev. Wilhide pointed out that the Home operates under an incorporation and is under the guideline of a board. He stated that their board had instructed him to share the pros and cons of incorporation under the State and to ask for a straw vote to give the view of the Association as to coming under the State's incorporation or to remain as they are. The vote was taken and it was 100% that the Home should come under the State's Incorporation.

We heard the report of the **Ordaining Council** given by Rev. Kenneth Cash: The ordaining council met on January 20, 1996 at Parkway FWB Church, 10 A.M. Saturday morning. Council members present were Bro. Earl Hendrix, Bro. Paul Reid, Bro. Austin Martin, and Bro. Kenneth Cash. Those coming before the council were Brothers Michael Mims, Jack Cotner, Mitchel Edge, Phillip Smith, and Randall White. Brothers Phillip Smith and Randall White, came before council or requested from council to have their license renewed. These two exceptions were there for the purpose of encouragement and counsel during their training process. Rev. Jack Elder sent in his credentials to the ordaining council. We had some that did not show up nor get any information to us about why they were not present at this meeting. These cannot be relicensed until they meet the

requirements of the Association. We propose the following recommendations: (1) We the ordaining council recommend that the Association relicense Brothers Michael Mims, Jack Cotner, Mitchel Edge, Brian Bird, Wray Newton and Scott Cabiness. (2) We the ordaining council recommend that the Association accept the credentials of Rev. Jack Elders. MSA to receive the report and to adopt the recommendations of the council.

We heard the **Promotional Office** report given by Bro. Norwood Gibson: It is a joy to be back in the Beaver Creek. I come with mixed emotions. This will be my last time to give a report of the Promotional Office. Rev. Ron Moore will become the new Promotional Director, if approved by the State body in February. I will remain in the bookstore and will be pastoring the Southoak FWB Church in Florence. I encourage you to use the South Carolina Plan of Support. Every gift goes to whatever ministry you designate it for. I report to you that bookstore is doing well and is debt free. The Pop Willey Missions Offering materials are available and we encourage you to use them to promote foreign missions. MSA to receive report as information.

Rev. Earl Hendrix, moderator of the State Association, announced that the State will be giving a special gift to Bro. Gibson at the State Association and asked each church to receive a gift for him and mail it to Rev. Sherwood Lee as soon as possible. MSA to send a \$300 gift from the Beaver Creek.

Special music for the worship service was provided by Rev. Donnie Seay and Mrs. Pattie Newton. Rev. Charles Davis brought the message from Amos 7.

Business Session continued--old business: MSA to remove from the table the following item concerning churches licensing and ordaining ministers:

Guidelines for the License and Ordination of Ministers

We recommend that the Ordaining Council of the Beaver Creek Association serve as an advisory council to the local church; that the local church license and ordain men called of God to the Gospel ministry; and that the local church use the guidelines drawn up by the Ordaining Council for direction and advice.

We offer the following suggestions to those who feel led of God to preach the Gospel:

1. When a man acknowledges the call of God on his life, he consults his pastor for counsel and direction.
2. The local pastor gives him the suggested questions and steps:
 - a. The candidate submits to his pastor's counsel and guidance on meeting the church's standards and qualifications.
 - b. When the pastor feels that the candidate is ready to proceed, he will have the candidate to meet with him and the Board of Deacons for questions, direction, and advice. (The deacon Board should be given this material ahead of time from the Ordaining Council.)
 - c. After the pastor and Deacon Board meet with the candidate, there should be a

- time of waiting to give time in prayer and direction from the Lord. Perhaps it would be advantageous for the pastor and Deacon Board to meet for prayer and discussion several times.
- d. When the pastor feels the candidate is ready to be licensed, he will recommend him to the church as candidate for ministerial training and licensing.
 - e. The candidate will be under the pastor's counsel and guidance during this remaining period of at least 12 months. (The Ordaining Council will have a list of books that will be recommended. Also, it would be advisable to recommend that he attend the Beaver Creek Bible Institute.)
 - f. When the candidate has shown true substance as a man of God and after 12 months, he is ready, at the discretion of the pastor, to be ordained into the ministry.
 - g. The pastor may want to call the Ordaining Council to assist him in ordination or a list of pastors who are close to the candidate. If a man is ordained, then the pastor should send his name to the Clerk of the Beaver Creek Association and the Chairman of the Ordaining Council.

We offer the following suggested guidelines for the local church:

1. No brother should receive license except he has been a member of the local church and tithed his income for a period of twelve (12) months or more.
2. Any minister from another denomination who desires to become an ordained Free Will Baptist minister must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church and be placed under the watch-care of that church for a period of twelve (12) months after which he will be given ordination papers from said church.
3. No one shall be licensed, ordained or exchange credentials who has two living wives or if the wife has two living husbands.
 - a. **Titus 1:6** *"If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."*
 - b. **I Timothy 3:1-2** *"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach."*
 - c. **I Timothy 3:11** *"Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."*
4. No female, homosexual, person who believes in or drinks alcoholic beverage or person who has a questionable character shall be licensed or ordained by a local church,
5. If a minister makes a shipwreck of his life or brings reproach upon himself or the Church, it shall be the duty of the local church or its leaders to deal with the minister according to biblical principles. No accusation should be accepted against a minister, unless the charge is properly signed by no less than two (2) accusers (**I Timothy**

5:19, "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.")

6. No minister of the Beaver Creek Association shall start a mission work until approved by the Beaver Creek Home Mission Board.
7. It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council of the Beaver Creek Association to assist churches in applying these guidelines.
8. Any minister from another Free Will Baptist Association, Conference or Fellowship who joins a Beaver Creek Church and wishes to be recognized as a licensed or ordained minister must agree in principle with these guidelines and after which said church must receive a letter of good standing from his former Association.

The above recommendations from the special study committee were MSA.

We heard the treasurer's report given by Rev. William Porter:

Balance Dec 31, 1995	2550.02
Rec thru Jan 26, 1996	2006.00
Total to account for	4556.02
Expenditures	251.81
Balance Jan 26, 1996	4304.21

MSAI

New Business

The Association's **Home Missions Board** recommended and asked for approval to borrow \$66,000 from the National Home Missions Department for the Chesnee work which would be added to their present loan, making a total of approximately \$125,000. MSA

It was MSA to transfer our foreign missions monthly support for Ron Moore to Carlisle Hanna.

We heard the report of the Nominating Committee and held the election of officers. MSA that the following serve:

Moderator	Rev. Danny keen
Ass't Moderator	Rev. Keith Bartlett
Clerk	Rev. Bobby Bowers
Treasurer	Rev. William Porter
Asst Treasurer	Rev. Howard Johnson
Chorister	Rev. David Carter
Asst Chorister	Rev. Kenneth Cash

Bible Institute Board:

Rev. Keith Bartlett replacing Rev. Dale McCoy. Term expires 2001.
Rev. Tommy Bryson replacing Mr. Randy Bowers. Term expires 1997.

Home Missions Board:

Rev. Tim Hackett replacing Rev. Kenneth Cash. Term expires 2001.

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Earl Hendrix replacing Rev. Earl Hendrix. Term expires 2001.
Rev. Bill Vanderford replacing Rev. Jack Elders. Term expires 2000.

Executive Board Member-at-Large:

Rev. Bill Vanderford replacing Rev. Bill Vanderford. Term expires 1998.

FWB Children's Home Board Member: Rev. Tim Hackett.

The following committees serve through the 1998 annual session.

Nominating Committee: Reverends James Sanders, Chairman, Howard Johnson, and Stuart Snow.

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Paul Reid, Chairman, Austin Martin, Mitchell Davis.

Finance Committee: Reverends William Porter, Chairman, John Boykin, Wray Newton.

CTS Director, Rev. James Sanders

Sunday School Campaign Director, Rev. George Brasington

Meeting places:

Landmark FWB Church, Anderson, SC--May 31.

Lesslie FWB Church, Rock Hill, SC--September 27.

First FWB Church, Greenwood, SC--Annual Session, January 31, 1997.

MSA to adjourn.

Appendix I

Beaver Creek Home Missions Annual Report

January 25, 1995 - January 25, 1996

Rev. Earl Hendrix, Director

Board Members: Revs. Donald Seay, James Sanders, Kenneth Cash, Bobby Bowers

CHURCH	1995 GIFTS	1995 QUOTA	1996 QUOTA
Arcadia	157.11	500.00	200.00
Canaan	270.00	200.00	300.00
Calvary	831.92	200.00	900.00
Chesnee	12,000.00	9,800.00	1,800.00
Converse	1,724.56	1,100.00	500.00
Fairview	4,787.00	2,500.00	4,800.00
First Chester	908.26	1,100.00	1,000.00
First Enoree	289.75	700.00	300.00
First Greenville	967.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
First Greenwood	160.00	200.00	200.00
First Inman	1,155.00	2,100.00	1,200.00
First Una	713.00	1,500.00	800.00
Gaffney	645.00	300.00	700.00
High Point	201.00	50.00	300.00
Hope	00	50.00	50.00
Lesslie	300.00	400.00	400.00
Landmark	5,400.00	00	5,500.00
Lockhart	00	50.00	50.00
New Horizon	50.00	00	50.00
New Life	2,305.88	4,300.00	2,400.00
North Spartanburg	2,882.97	3,200.00	2,900.00
Parkway	2,890.00	3,600.00	2,900.00
Pine Grove	00	50.00	50.00
Southside	00	50.00	50.00
Trinity	00	50.00	50.00
Valley Falls	1,410.00	900.00	1,500.00
Whitney	1,921.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

Other Gifts:

Peace, Florence	400.00
Gilead	743.67
Calvary, Georgetown	6.00
Camp Branch	100.00

Grace, Lake City-Youth	115.00		Totals	45,955.17
Grace, Lake City-Aux.	743.67	Total Received		5,838.38
Hillside, Florence	100.00	Brought Forward		51,338.55
Wildwood, Nichols	30.00	Total to Account For		50,716.70
State WNAC	817.50	Expenditures		621.85
Rev and Mrs Bobby Bowers	105.00	Balance as of Jan. 25, 1996		

Appendix II

Sunday School and CTS Report

Churches	Sunday School Enrollment		CTS Enrollment	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
Arcadia	-	65	-	-
Canaan	-	-	-	-
Calvary	-	65	-	-
Chesnee	-	-	-	-
Converse	7	-	-	36
Fairview	142	166	30	-
First Chester	-	-	35	-
First Enoree	-	-	-	45
First Greenville	87	90	45	-
First Greenwood	60	35	20	-
First Inman	442	462	-	-
First Una	-	-	-	-
Gaffney	-	65	-	5-
High Point	190	-	-	-
Hope	-	-	-	-
Lesslie	55	-	-	-
Landmark	-	42	-	-
Lockhart	210	-	115	-
New Life	150	150	-	-
North Spartanburg	-	-	-	-
Parkway	120	-	125	-
Pine Grove	48	-	40	-
Southside	29	-	-	-
Trinity	-	-	-	-
Valley Falls	200	200	50	5
Whitney	-	-	-	-

Appendix III

Beaver creek Association Treasurer's Report January 1996

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Balance September 1995			\$1783.93
Van Dale Hudson--Honorarium		200.00	1583.93
Ordaining Council--Sale of books	61.00		1644.93
Church Trimester Dues	1400.00		3044.93
Paul Reid-mileage		33.50	3011.43
Received from Ministers for Retirement	80.00		3091.43
FWB Board of Retirement		120.00	2971.43
Interest Earned	2.74		2974.17
FWB Foreign Missions-Ron Moore		50.00	2924.17
FWB Foreign Missions-Carlisle Hanna		30.00	2894.17
Randall House-Ordaining Council		82.50	2811.67
Interest Earned	4.85		2816.52
Church Trimester Dues	75.00		2891.52
FWB Foreign Missions-Ron Moore		50.00	2841.52
Church Trimester Dues	25.00		2866.52
Bobby Bowers-Clerk 1995		150.00	2716.52
William Porter-Treasurer 1995		100.00	2616.52
Interest earned	4.54		2621.06
FWB Foreign Mission-Ron Moore		50.00	2571.06
Harland Checks		25.00	2546.06
Interest Earned	3.96		2550.02
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Totals and Balance as of Dec 31, 1995	\$1657.09	\$891.00	\$2550.02

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BALANCE BROUGHT FORTH FROM DECEMBER 31, 1994	\$1042.96
INCOME FOR 1995	6049.44
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TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	7092.40
PAID OUT IN 1995	4542.38
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BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1995	\$2550.02

Appendix IV

Church Statistical Report

CHURCHES	Baptisms		Members Added		Members Lost		Present Member-ship
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
Arcadia	0	0	2	7	3	13	246
Canaan	12	14	9	48	3		147
Calvary							77
Chesnee	9		20		1		68
Converse	2	6	7	10	2		188
Fairview	3	9	13	34	3	2	439
First Chester	0		6		2		
First Enoree							
First Greenville							82
First Greenwood	9	3	11	2		1	447
First Inman	21	28	23	35	8	22	145
First Una		7		9		1	102
Gaffney		6		18			240
High Point	4		13		11		
Hope							48
Lesslie	3						48
Landmark	6	20	18	26	2	2	280
Lockhart	5		9		6		300
New Life	20	7	20	33	10	15	
North Spartanburg			2	9	2	1	
Parkway	6		9		3		70
Pine Grove			2				116
Southside		3	10		3	2	
Trinity							
Valley Falls	30	20	25	25		2	500
Whitney		17		14			

