

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Clerk regrets very much the Printers Error in the Composition of this Minute, however, if you will please follow the instructions given below I feel sure you will be able to get the proceedings in order.

Seldon Bullard, Clerk

The 1st part of Thursdays Session will be found on pages 14-15-16, This part of the proceedings should have come between the 1st and 2nd lines on page 6 immediately following the Prisedents Message.

The Program for 1950 appears on page 12-14 while it should have appeared on page 25.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
1949



HELD WITH
Horse Branch Church Near Turberville, S. C.
November 18-19, 1949



The next Session will be held with Tabernacle Church
near Coward, S. C., November 16-17, 1950
Rev. T. G. Hamilton to preach the Introductory Sermon

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President	Rev. L. A. Holliday
Vice President	Rev. P. J. Shean
Secretary	Rev. Seldon Bullard
Reading Clerk	Rev. L. B. Hannah
Treasurer	Rev. Seldon Bullard



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.	1953
Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rt. 1, Turbeville, S. C.	1952
Rev. M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.	1951
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rt 3, Conway, S. C.	1950
Mr. F. A. Sawyer, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C.	1949



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. V. Ward	1953
Rev. J. E. Shehan	1952
Mr. J. E. Thigpen	1951
Mr. Julius Vause	1950
Mr. J. G. Williams	1949



FIELD SECRETARIES

Orphanage Work	Rev. J. A. Hucks
Christian Education	Rev. M. H. Mellette
Missions	Rev. H. J. Sawyer
Mission Treasurer	Rev. H. J. Sawyer



PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AND EVANGELIST

Rev. L. A. Holliday	Manning, S. C.
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A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tx. 2 Timm. 2:2

It is by the Grace and love of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ that we have been given this privilege of meeting once again as the South Carolina State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist. Jesus has tarried prolonging His Glorious appearing when He shall call forth His Bride the Church for the great marriage Feast, thus giving the Bride (The Church) time to be ready to meet Him.

Reviewing briefly the work of the past Associational year, there are some note worthy accomplishments, for which we thank God and you who have been used by Him.

The spirit of cooperation and sympathetic understanding prevails among our brotherhood in greater proportions than ever before. We're united in purpose and prerogative and motivated by an impelling power that is certain to continue to bring forth evidence of the Blessings of our Lord. We're not wondering aimless about, but we have definite aims and objectives for which we're striving and to attain our goal we recognize the indispensable need for whole hearted cooperation. The secret for the wonderful success of the early Christian Church is revealed in the often repeated phrase found in Acts "of one accord."

They were of one accord as to the great Bible Doctrine. They were of one accord as to the program and purpose of the Church, that being the winning of lost Souls to Christ.

The chief business of the Church is to lead lost Souls to Christ that they might be saved from their sins and to be used of Him in the General spread of the Gospel. As important as other matters nothing is to have preeminence over this life stream, the fountain head, the power house, the everything to the believer. There is a danger of our putting our Church Program ahead of its very objective - Winning the lost - There is a danger of stressing organization and forgetting Salvation. There is danger

of driving Church attendance and failing to give those who attend the bread of life. We could be guilty of preaching giving to orphans, building funds, Educational program, Missions etc., and fail to teach that we're to worship God with our tithes and offerings and by our so doing these and other enterprises of the Church are to be maintained.

The world has never needed the Preaching of the Gospel more than today. It has never been that man, when brought to see the folly of His sinful and God-less living has discovered the need of God. Man kind is fast approaching such a time and the Church should be ready to meet that need with the Gospel of peace and hope for a troubled and hopeless world. The people are restless, comfortless, disturbed, distorted and wonderers and in need of Christ the Prince of Peace.

This is no time for the Church to compromise with the world, but to stand firm upon the principles of truth and righteousness. We're a "Peculiar People" a "Separated People" not a compromising, fence straddling, luke warm, lizzard type, do as you please, modernistic, pleasure loving people, ignorant of the New Birth, the Spirit-filled life, the power of God to transform, and make a new creature out of the drunkard, the harlot, the pleasure willed person. That's the kind of Salvation Free Will Baptist believe in. That's the kind of Salvation this old war torn, pleasure loving, doubting, hating, ungodly, world needs to hear about. What a horrible sin it is to keep it under a bushel, to fail to preach it, teach it, establish it in our town and villages, highways and byways to the lands of China, India, South America, Japan, and into all the world. Hearts are yearning for the Gospel as we believe and teach it.

The greatest threat to this Country is not the Atomic Bomb with its destructive qualities, but rather it is to be found in the false teachings that threatens and would destroy the bulwarks of our Christian Faith. When you have caused the youth to question the inspiration of the Bible, deny the Virgin birth, do away with the blood a-

tonement, the new birth, and other basic teachings of the word of God you have taken from that person just about everything that is worth while.

It is becoming evident that the Church that is to meet the spiritual need must remain spiritual, not make believe but by giving evidence of having been with the Lord. We're not opposed to some emotional manifestation which comes forth from a heart that overflows with inward joy, but we believe that there is an abiding blessing that will manifest itself even when the shouting has passed. Paul possessed it even in prison, on the stormy waters in the courts of prosecutions, Stephen found this Power when He was being stoned to death, John retained it when He was made to lay His head upon the chopping block there to die the death of a martyr.

Friends this is our day, thank God for it, may we go forward under the power of almighty God to lead souls to Christ, that they be not eternally lost.

As Moderator of this Association, I Prayerfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration.

I: I call upon Free Will Baptists of South Carolina to continue their fight against "public enemy number one" whiskey, wine and beer, to oppose it's being advertised and to support local option, or any other plan to hinder the sale and use.

II: To better unite our Ministers in our doctrine, our program and for spiritual development. I suggest a Minister's meeting for a period of one week each year, the meeting to be well planned for classes in Church Doctrine Church program and other matters that will contribute toward a more cooperative ministry for our Denomination in this State.

III: A well planned and directed Home Mission program, with the view of establishing Churches in communities not now being served by our Church. That capable ministers be secured with the view of making each meeting as near self-sustaining as possible, but the Pastors and Churches giving their support by attending as much as practical and giving financial help if and when

a Church is established.

South Carolina Conference Churches Represented

Salem, Delegate, Brothers Joe Lee and J. T. Leach, Associational expenses \$31.20. M. H. Mellette, pastor, Turbeville, S. C., C. J. Lynch, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

Mt. Elon, Delegates, Brothers Fletcher Hyman and J. C. Hutchison. We send \$25.00 budget fund. Paul K. Ketterman, Pastor, Pamplico, S. C., Alma H. Weatherford, Clerk, Pamplico, S. C.

Lebonon, Delegates, Mrs. Wilburn Haynes and Mrs. Norwood Turner. We send \$5.00 for Associational expenses, L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., P. T. Kirby, Clerk, Effingham, S. C.

Liberty, Delegates, R. C. Baggette and C. N. Ridgeway. We send for Foreign Missions \$54.53, for Christian Education \$45.00 and for Associational expenses \$5.00. T. H. Hamilton, Pastor, CBC, Columbia, S. C., W. S. Richburg, Clerk.

Bay Branch, Delegates, Brother Lee Hudson and Sisters Mary Welch and Myrtle Denham. We send \$20.00 for Christian Education and \$5.00 for Associational expenses. Rev. G. C. Vause, Pastor, Timmons ville, J. H. Welch, Clerk, Timmons ville, S. C.

High Hill, Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and Mrs. Robbie Moore. We send as Associational Funds \$5.00. B. F. Richburg, Pastor, Foreston, S. C., J. H. Moore, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

Camp Branch, Delegate, Brother W. E. Godwin. We send as Associational expenses \$5.00, Christian Education \$15.00. Rev. M. H. Mellette, Pastor, Turbeville, S. C., Mrs. Victoria Webster, Clerk, Lake City, S. C.

Beulah, according to the Records of the Clerk the Delegates did not appear. However, this letter could have been lost. This church turned in \$105.00. M. H. Mellette, Pastor, Turbeville, S. C., F. L. Bazen, Clerk.

Horse Branch, Delegates unknown. We send as Associational Funds \$5.00 and \$30.79 for Foreign Missions. G. C. Vause, Pastor, Timmons ville, S. C., N. C. Gibbons,

Clerk, Turbeville, S. C.

New Town, Delegates Munell Young and Ulon Miles. We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses. J. B. Oliver, Pastor, Lake City, Rt. 1, S. C., W. N. Thornbrew, Clerk, Lake City, S. C.

Poplar Hill, Delegates, unknown. We send as Associational expenses \$5.00. B. F. Richburg, Pastor, Foreston, S. C.

Sand Hill, Delegates unknown. We send as budget fund \$10.00. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., Dalton McKay, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

First Church of Darlington, Delegate K. W. Carter. We send as Associational expenses \$10.00. Seldon Bullard, Pastor, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C., L. E. Strickland, Clerk, Cleveland St. Darlington.

Sand Hill, Delegates, Troy Brown and Edna Purvis. We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., Lona Defee, Clerk, Florence, S. C.

Manning Church, Delegates, Brother and Sister Wilcy Johnson. We send as Associational expense fund \$5.00. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C.

Gilead, Delegate, Brother Sam McCutcheon. We sent \$10.00 to the Orphanage and \$5.00 to the Associational fund. Sam McCutcheon, Deacon, Lake City, S. C.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

November 11th, 1949

To the State Association of the Free Will Baptists of South Carolina to convene with Horse Branch Church at Turbeville, S. C.

We The Central Association of the Original Free Will Baptist send as delegates our beloved Brethern, C. V. Ward and Clyde Cooper. Whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Dismissed and Died	18
Members received	54
Total Membership	714

Paid out for Pastoral work from all churches. Grand

Total \$2,314.67
 Paid out for revivals and visiting preachers. Grand
 Total \$1,254.79
 Budget funds sent in by churches to the Central Association \$83.23
 Missions funds as found by the Finance Committee. \$85.05
 Orphan Funds \$710.84
 We the Central Association send \$50.00 to the State Association to be used as budget fund.
 We are sending our Foreign money to the National Treasurer amount unknown to me.
 \$25.00 sent to our school at Nashville, Tenn.
 \$20.10 sent to Rev. Charlie Hanna who is in school at the Free Will Baptist college.
 Building and repairs \$1,117.00
 Value of church property building and land estimated value \$24,000.00
 We have drawn on our Home Mission Treasurer to send our budget fund to the State Association and to our school small amount left on hand.

List of Churches, Clerks and their postoffices:
 Oak Grove, Rudy E. Johnston, Conway, S. C.
 Little Bethel, L. L. Cole, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Mt. Trolley, Mrs. Lydia Dorman, Galavants Ferry, S. C.
 Mt. Ariel, Jessie Norris, Conway, S. C.
 Oak Grove No. 2, Curtis Doudy, Eastover, S. C.
 Happy Home, W. F. Fulton, Andrews, S. C.
 White Savannah, J. O. Edge, Conway, S. C.
 New Home, Mrs. Katie Jordan, Andrews, S. C.
 Every Green, J. L. Holt, Conway, S. C.
 Little Star, L. B. Hanna, Lake City, S. C.

List of Ministers and Post Offices
 Rev. M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.
 Rev. T. D. Lyarly, Hemingway, S. C. Rt. 4
 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. Rt. 3
 Rev. Malcolm Harrelson, Conway, S. C. Rt. 3
 Rev. L. R. Brown, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. H. E. Powell, Hyman, S. C.

Rev. G. C. Jones, Loris, S. C.
 Rev. D. G. Powell, Hyman, S. C.
 Rev. G. E. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Rev. C. G. Hyman, Georgetown, S. C. Star Rt. 1
 Licentiate
 Rev. J. E. Wilson, Eastover, S. C.
 Moderator, Rev. H. E. Powell
 Clerk, M. C. Todd, Lake City, Rt. 3, Box 136

Local Churches from Central Conference representing Little Star Church, Lake City, S. C. Delegates Brothers L. J. Gaslins and Louis B. Hannah. Sent for Associational expense \$7.00. Rev. L. P. Brown, Pastor, Louis B. Hannah, Clerk.

At this time a very timely message was delivered by Rev. H. E. Powell on Free Will Baptist League Work. Rev. Powell used as his text Deut. 6:4-9, and Joshua 8:35, pointing out the great need of training the Youth of our Church.

Following Rev. Powell's message we had the Report of the State Convention of Womens Auxiliary, this report may be found at the close of these minutes.

It was moved and properly sustained that this Association give to the Womens Auxiliary Convention space for their minutes without charge, this was passed upon favorably by the Association.

At this time Rev. Henry Melvin of The Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., gave a good report on our Bible College.

Rev. Melvin pointed out that the College was in its eighth year, and at this time we have 66 men and women in school preparing for full-time service either here or on the foreign Fields. The Student body represented 15 States and one foreign native from Cuba. At this time we have 43 young men and 23 young women enrolled.

In keeping with the great need of the Halls of Higher Learning, Rev. Melvin who is business manager of The Bible College assured the Association that the College was strictly fundamental in its teachings, also that the Doctrine of our Church was being taught.

At the opening of the next semester which opens in September, the College plans to open with a three year course, offering an extra year to all students who care to take it.

Rev. M. H. Mellette who is Chairman of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Board of South Carolina presented the Orphanage. Brother Rollins Miles the Superintendent presented the children, who rendered a special program that was enjoyed by all. Rev. Mellette assured us that the Orphanage was striving to train our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, also in Christian Service.

Following the fine program Brother Jessie Williams of the Eastern Conference presented the Orphanage with a check for \$100.00 in honor of Rev. Luther Smith. This fine contribution was given by Rev. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Ester S. Avent, and is to be used to purchase furniture for the matrons room.

At this time the Moderator presented to the Association a letter that was sent to this body by the First Baptist Church of Darlington, offering their facilities, church and Sunday School Department and offices for the National Association to be held in July, 1950, providing we can prevail upon that body to meet with us. A copy of the letter is printed below.

Darlington, S. C.
November 17, 1949

To the Association of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina. Greetings!

The Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Darlington, S. C., in their monthly meeting, Nov. 6th last, authorized me to extend to your body the use of our Church building, offices, Sunday School building and all of its facilities, etc, for the week of July 18, 1950. It is our understanding that, at this time, you hope to have the National Association meeting with you.

We earnestly hope that you can prevail upon the National Association of Free Will Baptists to accept your in-

itation to meet with you at that time in Darlington. We, of Darlington, and especially our Church would be very pleased to have this body meeting in our city. We believe that the Spiritual contribution that such a meeting would have upon our city and State would be inestimable.

It is my personal belief that all the citizens of Darlington and its environs would do all in their power to help make such a meeting a large success. We earnestly hope that your State Association shall deem it wise to invite your National Association to meet with you, and us, in Darlington at the above mentioned time.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be and abide with your Association while you are now in session and may the Holy Spirit use you in a wonderful way as you minister to a lost world.

Yours in His service,
William S. Jones, Pastor, First Baptist
Church, Darlington, S. C.

We adjourned at 4:30 P. M. until Friday morning.

Eastern Conference

We the Eastern Conference send the following delegate to sit with you in council, Brother J. G. Williams. We have 4 churches with about 300 members, 4 ordained ministers and 1 licensed minister. We send for Associational expenses, \$10.00. T. A. Williams, Moderator, J. M. Williams, Clerk.

Eastern Conference Churches represented, Williams Hill, delegate, B. G. Lamm. We send \$2.50 Orphanage fund, Associational expenses \$5.00, Rev. J. L. Smith, Pastor, B. G. Lamm, Clerk.

Black River Church, Delegates Brother G. R. Benton and Sister Lula Benton. We send for Orphanage fund \$31.48 and Associational expenses \$5.00. Rev. T. A. Williams, Pastor, Oscar F. Powell, Clerk.

New Prospect, Delegates, Brother and Sister Joe Powell. We send for Associational funds \$5.00. T. A. Williams, Flemingway, S. C. W. R. Stone, Clerk Johnsonville, S. C.

South Carolina Conference

To The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist. Greetings:

We the South Carolina Conference send Brother Walter Richburg and Brother Duffie Lynch as delegates to represent us in your Honorable body.

We have 21 Churches in our Conference with a membership of 2663. We have received 125 new members during this year. We also have received three Ordained Ministers, three Licensed Ministers, and have five Ministerial students in school in The Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. We have 19 Ordained Ministers, Six Licensed Ministers, and Five Students.

All our Churches are in good working condition. There has been raised by our people during the Conference Year \$40,276.80 plus a large amount raised by Sunday School and Womens Auxiliary which would total approximately \$50,000.00, out of this amount our Pastors received \$12,157.00. We sent to Missions \$1,198.27 for Christian Education \$150.20, Orphanage \$5,856.03. Revivals \$3,229.98 the remainder was used for promotional improvements on our buildings. We have had one new Church organized in Manning, S. C. They have a membership of sixty members and have bought a building to worship in valued at \$5,000.00.

We send the following contributions to the Association:

For expense of Association	\$10.00
Christian Education	75.00
Missions	\$75.00
Students in Bible College	50.00
Total	\$210.00

L. A. Holliday, Moderator, M.H. Mellette, Clerk.

PROGRAM FOR 1950 SESSION

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1950

- 10:00 a. m. Devotion by Tabernacle Church
- 10:15 a. m. Welcome Address by Rev. T. A. Williams host Pastor
- 10:25 a. m. Response by Rev. Malcomb Harrelson, Rt. 3 Conway, S. C.
- 10:35 a. m. Moderators Message
- 10:55 a. m. Welcoming of Visitors
- 11:00 a. m. Recess
- 11:10 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. T. G. Hamilton
- 12:00 Noon

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 p. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. Myrtice Carnes of Florence, S. C.
- 1:40 p. m. Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers
- 2:10 p. m. Sermon on Young Peoples Work by Rev. Paul J. Kettelman
- 2:40 p. m. Report of Orphanage Work by Rev. J. A. Hucks
- 2:50 p. m. Report of College Work by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Mgr.
- 3:10 p. m. Presentation of Woman's Auxiliary Work by Mrs. L. A. Holliday
- 3:25 p. m. Report on Foreign Mission Work by Rev. H. J. Sawyer
- 3:45 p. m. Presentation of Our Orphan Children and a Program to be arranged by the Supt.
- 4:25 p. m. Announcements
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment until 7:30 P. M.
- 7:30 p. m. Devotion by Local Church.
- 8:00 p. m. Evangelistic Sermon by Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION NOV. 17, 1950

- 9:00 a. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. H. E. Powell
- 9:15 a. m. Report of Promotional Secretary
- 9:30 p. m. Report of National Association by Rev. Paul Shean

9:45 a. m. Short talks by chance Visitors
 10:00 a. m. Resolutions
 10:30 a. m. Unfinished business
 11:00 a. m. Recess
 11:10 a. m. Message and Report on Our Foreign Mission-
 ary Work in India by Miss Laura Bell Barnard, Gen-
 eral Director
 12:00 Noon

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. J. B. Oliver
 1:40 p. m. Report of Christian Education by Rev. M.
 H. Mellette
 2:10 p. m. Election of Officers
 2:40 p. m. Invitations for the next session
 2:50 p. m. Report of Finance Committee
 3:00 p. m. Report of Home Mission Treasurer
 3:15 p. m. General Business.
 Adjournment

THURSDAY MORNING

The seventh annual session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist convened with Horse Branch Church near Turbeville, S. C. Nov. 18th and 19th, 1949 beginning at 10:00 A. M.

The Session was opened with a devotional conducted by the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Lawter, of Lockhart, S. C.

In the absence of the local Pastor Rev. G. C. Vause, Rev. M. H. Mellette gave the welcome address, which was responded to in an able manner by Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Following this the Moderator Rev. L. A. Holliday of Manning, S. C. gave his message to the Conference body, using as a text 2 Timm. 2:2. This was a very timely message and may be found on the opening pages of this minute. This was a great message and I feel sure you will profit much by reading it carefully and prayerfully.

At this time our visiting ministers were given a wel-

come into our session and granted all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Listed below is the names of the visiting Ministers.

Rev. W. L. Jerigan, of Bladenbore, N. C. and Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Also Rev. Archie Williams of the S. C. Con. Pentecostal Holliness Church.

At this time Rev. Seldon Bullard was elected Clerk in the absence of the Association Clerk Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Rock Hill, S. C. who was unable to be with us.

Committees appointed as follows:

Finance, Rev. George E. Todd, Rev. Monroe Harold, and W. D. Sawyer. Obituary, Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. H. E. Powell and Rev. A. F. Lawter. Resolution, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. Clyde Hyman and Clyde Cooper. Reading Clerk, Louis Bass Hannah.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Seldon Bullard, who read 2 Chrn. 7:14, and used as a Text Daniel 12:8. "What shall be the end of these things." He used as a Subject - The Great Question Of Today.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. W. L. Jerigan of Bladenboro, N. C. led the Devotional, using as his Text John 14:31. Brother Jerigan gave a very timely talk on the "Challenge to go Forward."

Ministers in attendance was as follows:

From The Beaver Creek Assoc. Rev. Nathan Holt, 680 Saxton Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C., and Rev. P. J. Shehan of Whitney, S. C. From the Central Assoc. Rev. M. S. Todd, Lake City, Rt. 3 Rev. G. E. Todd, Rt. 3, Johnsonville, S. C., Rev. H. E. Powell, Rt. 1, Hyman, S. C. Eastern Conference Rev. T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemmingway, S. C.

South Carolina Conference. Rev. Seldon Bullard, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C.; Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.; Rev. H. W. Ritchburg, Fareston, S. C.; E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.; Paul J. Kettelman, Pamplico, S. C.;

Rev. Clyde Hyman, Rt. 1, Cowards, S. C.; Rev. Monroe Harrell, Pamplico, S. C.; Rev. C. J. Parker, Hemmingway, S. C.; Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C.; Rev. G. C. Vause, Timmons ville, S. C. Rt. 2; Rev. H. H. Hicks, Rt. 1, Cowards, S. C.

At this time the president read a telegram from Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Rock Hill, S. C.

REPORTS

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

We the Beaver Creek Association send greetings to the S. C. State Association which convenes with Horse Branch Church, Nov. 17 - 18, 1949.

We have nine Churches with 583 members and four Parsonages.

Clover Church, Clover, S. C. Pastor - Rev. L. S. Gray, York, S. C. Rt. 4; Mt. Carmel Church, York, S. C. Pastor - Rev. H. T. Hatcher, Valley Falls, S. C.; Lockhart Church Lockhart, S. C. Pastor - Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. Saxton Avenue Church, Spartanburg, S. C. Pastor Rev. N. W. Holt, Saxton Ave, Spartanburg, S. C. Whitney Church, Whitney, S. C. Pastor - Rev. P. J. Shehan, Whitney, S. C. Valley Falls Church, Valley Falls, S. C. Pastor - Rev. H. H. McFalls, Chesnee, S. C. Una Church, Una, S. C. Pastor - Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Box 283, Rock Hill, S. C. Coles Chapel Church, Arcadia, S. C. Pastor - Rev. Carl Shook, Arcadia, S. C. New Hope Church, near Woodruff, S. C. Pastor - Rev. B. L. Shook, 733 Beaumont Ave. Ext. Spartanburg, S. C.

(This is a new work and is growing in a great way)

Missions	\$272.46
Orphanage	216.43
Pastor's Salary	10,502.50
Value of Church Property	58,850.00
Paid for Revivals	1,575.02
Associational expenses	20.00
Total paid out	\$71,436.41

Delegates: W. D. Sawyer and I. D. Sealy

FRIDAY 9:00 A. M.

After proper Devotions the Association began its Friday morning session.

At 9:30 A. M. a report on Christian Education was made by Rev. M. H. Mellette who is Secretary of Christian Education in South Carolina. Rev. Mellette pointed out that the greatest need of our Church is to KNOW. Stating that the reason that our Church has suffered as it has, and the enemy has taken our wells is because of a lack of knowledge.

We need to know that when God calls a man into the Ministry He is to STUDY in order that He may be able to defend the cause He represents, and to defend his work and property.

We need to know that God has called upon the Christian Church to care for innocent children, who have been orphaned and abandoned by the tragedies of this life.

Our preachers and christians need to learn that we are in business for God, and we have no time to lose.

Our preachers need to know they have a man's job and they have no time for secular work.

We need to know how to advertise our Church - and our work - and when we do this we will be able to save our boys and girls from the movies and other worldly amusements offered by satan and his forces. We need to "Cry Aloud" by preaching, supporting the College, Orphanage and the Missionary cause etc.

ORPHANAGE FUNDS

It was pointed out by Rev. Mellette that some of our Churches had been sending funds to the wrong Treasurers.

All funds for the Orphanage should be sent direct to R. C. Baggett, Manning, S. C.

Louis B. Hannah gave a report on the last session of the National Association.

At this time a vistor from the Missionary Baptist Church was recognized Rev. Will Barnhill, of Gallants Ferry, S. C.

Rev. J. A. Hucks gave a report on Orphanage work, reporting \$700.00 from the Central Association. Stating that the Central Association was fully behind the Orphanage work.

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Jan. 30, 1949 - Nov. 15, 1949	EXPENSES
Collected and paid to Treas. \$750.00	Letter Heads \$19.50
For H. M. Ex. (Manning Church) 2,460.00	Memograph machine and supplies 22.25
Dir. to Orp. Treas. 210.35	Stationery & Stamps 18.50
To Treas. since above figures Computed 80.00	Telegrams & Phone calls 3.85
Total Funds Raised \$3500 35	Cuts for Printers 6.50
	Travel 96.50
	Salary 525.00
	Check given on Hosp Ex. 75.00
	Total Expenses 767.10

P. S. Because of division as to how and where to send funds this report is far from accurate. L. A. Holliday, Promotional Sec.



RESOLUTIONS

BELOW ARE THE RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE HANDED TO THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE AND WERE PASSED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO BY THIS ASSOCIATION.

In as much as South Carolina has never entertained the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and we believe that it would be of great advantage and interest to our Church and State as a whole for such meeting to convene in the State.

Be it Resolved:

That we at this Session of The State Association of Free Will Baptist of South Carolina, ask for the National Association of Free Will Baptists to convene with us in Darlington, S. C. at the First Baptist Church (Missionary) in 1951, and that the State Association arrange to take care of all advertising etc., that would be necessary for such a meeting.

Seldon Bullard

At this time we called off for the Morning Service:
The Message was brought by Rev. T. A. Williams. He used as his subject "Little Things". His Text was Exodus 4:2. "What is that in thine hand". His was a very timely message, pointing out that "Any Little Thing That God Has Is Much."

We then adjourned for the social hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Devotion was led by Rev. George Todd of the Eastern Conference by singing "Have Thine Own Way." Prayer by Rev. H. H. Hicks after which Rev. Todd brought a short message from John 21:3.

We then took up some business that had been deferred until the afternoon session.

The first matter was that of a Resolution offered by Mr. R. C. Baggett concerning the Radio Program known as "The Voice of The Original Free Will Baptist" and conducted by Rev. Seldon Bullard and Rev. L. A. Holliday over station WJMX in Florence, S. C.

This Resolution was passed upon by the Committee and also by the State Association, but was turned down when it reached the Executive Board that met at the Orphanage Dec. 9, 1949.

To the Resolution Committee:

Be it Resolved that this Association set up a Superannuation Board in order that our Ministers and their loved ones may be cared for when the Minister is no longer able to be active.

Seldon Bullard

The Board of Superannuation was set up with the following officers: Rev. Seldon Bullard, Sec. Board Members as follows, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, and Rev. L. A. Holliday.

The Association voted to ask for the National Association in 1950 to meet with the Darlington Church in 1951, and for the State Association to assume the expenses that would be necessary for such a meeting.

Delegates to the National Association to meet in Richland Cal., in July, 1950. Brother R. C. Baggett, Mrs. Seldon Bullard, Mrs. Thamos Hamilton, Miss Joan Hamilton, Mrs. Paul She-

han, Miss Pearl Roberson, Mrs. George Denham, and Brother C. B. Ward of Hemmingway, S. C.

At this time the Chairman of the Orphanage Board announced that any Minister may spend as much as one night at the Orphanage with meals without charge.

Brother J. G. Williams was re-elected to the Board of Trustees.

At the request of the Central Association Mr. C. V. Ward was elected as one of The Board Members in the place of Mr. G. W. Shelby whose time expires in 1953.

Brother F. A. Sawyer was re-elected as a member of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer was instructed to allocate funds for the Delegates to the National Association.

Each of the Recommendations made by the Moderator in the President's Message in the first part of this Minute was passed upon and accepted.

Seldon Bullard was elected Clerk for this year.

It was moved and passed upon that the work of the Promotional Secretary be continued for another year and that the Promotional Secretary to meet with the Executive Board Dec. 9, and a plan be worked out to pay said Secretary on the basis of service rendered.

It was left in the hands of the Executive Committee as to where the Association meet in 1950.

It was moved and passed that all funds be sent direct to Seldon Bullard of Darlington, S. C. who is the State Association Treasurer. (Orphanage Funds accepted.)

Next was the Report of the Obituary Committee. No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We your finance committee wish to make the following report:

Total received during this association	\$1,488.81
To be disbursed as follows:	
Orphanage	723.34
Foreign Mission	80.79
Home Mission	25.00
Christian Education	125.00

Clerk's Fee	50.00
Total	\$1004.13

Balance in Treasure	\$469.68
G. E. Todd, Monroe Harold, W. D. Sawyer	

Note: At the close of this session, Mr. Sam McCutchen, delegate from Gilead Church turned in to the treasurer \$15.00 not included as above. \$10.00 to be paid to the orphanage and \$5.00 as Associational expense.

Associonational Clerk

HOME MISSION SECRETARIAL REPORT

To the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes with Horse Branch Church November 17-18, 1949. Greetings in Christ;

I regret very much that due to illness I shall have to miss this session of the association, and ask your prayers that I may soon be able to get back into the work that lies so heavily on my heart.

I have been unable to present the cause of missions as much as I wanted to, but appreciate the measure of cooperation.

We have learned that several churches have been organized over the state, and work has been started in other places where I feel sure organizations will soon be set up.

Following is a report of Home Mission Funds:

On hand last association	\$552.51
Received at last session	138.68
Received during year	325.11
Total	\$1016.30

Paid Out:

To Rev. Malcomb Harrelson	\$70.00
To Rev. L. P. Brown	59.00
To Rev. L. J. Sawyer	56.00
To Rev. L. A. Holliday (Salary and Expenses)	722.10
To Rev. L. A. Holliday (Hospital Expenses)	54.00
Total paid out	\$961.10
Balance in Treasure	55.20

I would urge that our churches get more solidly behind our promotional secretary and let us go forward in the work of getting our church program before the people.

May God bless us in the years to come is the prayer of your secretary of Home Missions.

H. J. Sawyer, Box 283, Rock Hill, South Carolina

Note: There is a difference showing in the promotional secretary's report and the Home Mission Secretary's report due to the expenses of organizing and purchasing new church properties in the city of Manning.

Associational Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The State Executive Committee of the State Association met at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Turbeville, South Carolina, December 9, 1949.

The following business was taken up:

The report of the possibilities of establishing a church in Florence was taken up and decided that we have our promotional secretary to visit there and secure a place and begin to organize a church.

Moved and carried that we instruct the mission board to assist any minister that can organize a church to pay said minister a sum not exceeding \$35.00 per week during the time he is engaged in said organization.

The question of continuing the radio program and after some discussion and by motion of Rev. L. A. Holliday the program was discontinued as a project of the State Association, and the Chairman was authorized to inform Brother R. C. Baggett of said action.

There being no further business the board adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT

ORPHANAGE BUILDING FUND

NOVEMBER 16, 1949

CASH ON HAND, reported September 17	\$5,201.21
Received since	7,302.14
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$12,503.35

PAID OUT

Petty Cash	\$100.00
Farm Expense	89.45
Kitchen Utensils	59.84
Home Furnishings	378.75
Hen House & Poultry Wire	284.93
Misc. Expense	32.88
Clothing for the Children	120.43
Elec. Range, Refrigerator, W. Machine	487.29
Tables, Benches & Chairs	28.83
Venetian Blinds	142.00
Oil Heater	80.28
Field Fence & Post	209.05
Garden Tools	14.25
Tiling the Floors	233.34
	\$2,261.32

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Chicken Feed	\$15.60
Seed Oats & Rye Grass	18.70
Floor Wax	16.00
Mileage, R. Miles 997	69.79
Salaries	125.00
Groceries	92.36
Milk	35.80
Medical	5.25
Fuel Oil	42.36
Misc.	5.17
Total Operating Expenses	\$426.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,687.35
Balance Cash On Hand In Bank	\$9,816.00

ASSETS:

Cash In The Bank of Clarendon	\$9,816.00
U. S. Bonds In Safety Deposit Box (Cost)	3,422.86
	\$13,238.86
Farm And Farm Buildings	2,795.58
New Buildings and Equipment	16,732.36
Total Cash, Bonds, Buildings and Equipment	\$32,766.80

We have a building under construction at this time to be used as a garage, storage for provisions, laundry and the upstairs to be finished for extra bedrooms when ever they are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Baggette, Secretary



The business of this session being finished the body was favored with a very timely but brief message by Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton on the subject "Go Forth in Thy Love of God."

Truly this was a great session in the history of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina, it is true that our organization as a State Association is young, being only six years old, during this time we have made great progress as a Denomination of which we praise God for.

May we go forward into a greater work for the Master in the year ahead and regather again Nov. 16-17, 1950 expecting a great blessing from above.

The next Session will meet with Tabernacle Church in Cowards, S. C. Nov. 16 - 17, 1950.

L. A. Holliday, Moderator, Manning, S. C.
Seldon Bullard, Clerk, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C.

MINUTES OF STATE CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF S. C.

The Women's Auxiliary State Convention met with Saxon Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C. Oct. 8th, 1949. The program began at ten o'clock. Mrs. Bessie Hines of Darlington, S. C. had charge of the devotional Welcome address by Mrs. R. A. Gosnell and Rev. N. W. Holt, (Host pastor.) Response by Mrs. Lester Wise of Hyman, S. C. We then recognized the Ministers and visitors.

A short talk was given by the state president, Mrs. L. A. Holliday of Manning, S. C.

Finance committee was appointed as follows, Mrs. Mary Brewer, Mrs. Lester Wise, Miss Geneva Sawyer.

Minutes were read and approved. We then had the roll call of Auxiliaries.

The following Vice Presidents then reported: First Vice-Pres. Miss Geneva Sawyer, Second Vice-Pres. Mrs. Lester Wise, Fifth Vice- Pres. Mrs. Bell Hayes.

Report of Orphanage work by Mrs. M. H. Mellette in the absence of Rev. Mellette who is the chairman of our Orphanage work. The report was accepted and is to be mailed to our national paper for publication.

Other committees appointed were as follows: Resolution - Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Shehan, Petitions - Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Shook.

Rev. L. A. Holliday from Manning, S. C. brought the Convention message.

Adjourned for Social Hour.

We began the afternoon session with devotionals led by Mrs. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C.

The Field Worker, Mrs. M. H. Mellette gave her report, also the fourth Vice- President, Mrs. Julious Vause. Mrs. J. C. Griffin from New Bern, N. C. gave a short talk on the Manual.

The finance committee then gave their report as follows: Orphanage, \$165.00, State work, \$51.00, Dues \$28.00. Total \$244.00

Resolution committee - Resolve that we elect officers every three years. That we strive to be an A-1 Auxiliary. Also that each Conference organize a District Convention and let it make up the State Convention. That we take part in the Declamation

Contest at the National Association. Petition - That we meet with Liberty Church, Manning, S. C. next year, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, which will be the 7th of October, 1950.

Mrs. Dillard Cody was elected as third Vice-President, Mrs. Lee Poston as sixth Vice President.

Mrs. Paul Shehan, Mrs. Seldon Bullard and Mrs. Julius Vause were appointed as delegates to the National Association. To send \$10.00 as budget fund and ten cents per member dues.

We then adjourned until next year.

REPORT OF AUXILIARIES REPRESENTED

Whitney — Paid in \$115.00; Paid out \$110.00; In Treas \$5.00 On roll - 13.

Saxon Ave. — Paid in \$166.88; Paid out \$136.45; In treas. \$29.92. On roll - 16.

Arcadia — Paid in \$59.43; Paid out \$48.35; On roll - 21.

Bethany — State convention \$11.00; Orphanage \$165.00; Missions \$12.00. On roll - 25.

Beulah — Paid out \$179.00. On roll - 25.

Darlington — Paid in \$290.00; Paid out \$277.00. In treas. \$13.00. On roll - 25.

St. John — Paid in \$150.00. On roll - 9.

Go-Tell Auxiliaries represented

Whitney Go-Tell — Paid in \$63.68; Paid out \$13.90; in Treas. \$49.78. On roll - 11.

Darlington Go-Tell — Amount took in not reported. On roll - 15.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

Preamble: We, the officials, ministers and delegates, of this the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, while in session at Una Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 13-14, 1946, do accept and adopt the foregoing constitution and by-laws:

Article One: This body shall be known henceforth as the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

Article Two. It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the National Association in its efforts to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League and Ladies Auxiliary Work, and for the extension of the kingdom of God in general.

Article Three. Section One. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the church or organization to represent, and ordained and licensed Free Will Baptist Ministers, who are of good repute in the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and who reside in South Carolina, or hold membership in, or pastor a church in South Carolina.

Section Two. Each Association or Conference, may represents in this Association on the basis of two delegates for each Association & Conference of one thousand members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional thousand members or fractions thereof.

Section Three. Any local church that desires to may send an additional delegate, provided said church sends a contribution for Association expenses of not less than \$5.00.

Article Four. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, composed of ordained ministers and lay members in good standing in the Association, one to be appointed by the Moderator each year for a five year term, to act officially in the event any case may arise in this Association, when, and only when it is deemed necessary or expedient for the best interest of the cause of the church in general.

Article Five. The officers of this Association shall be a president, first, second and third vice- presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence and a treasurer.

Section Two. These officers are to be elected by the Association to serve a term of two years.

Article Six. All officers of this Association, all mem-

bers of its committees and boards, all its secretaries, missionaries, and agents appointed by the Association, or by any of its boards, shall be members of regular Free Will Baptist Organizations in South Carolina, cooperating with this Association.

Article Seven. All missionaries, teachers and Christian workers approved, appointed, or supported by this Association must be fundamental in their views of the Bible and its teaching, and in harmony with the doctrines of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. They must also give evidence of genuine Christian piety, for fervent zeal in the service of Christ, and of ability to do the work for which they are considered.

Article Eight. This Association shall hold its meetings annually on Thursday and Friday of the week between the second and third Sundays in November, beginning at 10:00 a. m., unless, or until, some change of the time of the year shall be thought best.

Article Nine. These Articles may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1.—A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

This is to be done by the President, or someone appointed by him.

2.—The President or Vice President shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the Program Committee.

When neither the President or the Vice-President is present, the Recording Secretary shall call the Association to order and a President Pro Tem shall be elected by the body, who shall preside for that session of the Association.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to enroll the delegates of the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Secretary shall compose the Association.

4.—Each organization represented in the Association shall send into the Association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the Association and to promote the work it undertakes.

5.—On the first day of the Association Meeting the President shall appoint a Resolution Committee to consist of three members, all resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and committees shall be referred to this committee, which shall report on all resolutions referred to it, with or without recommendation.

6.—The officers of the Association, the departmental Secretaries, the Executive Committee, and all boards shall be elected by the Association. All other committees may be either appointed by the President or elected by the body.

In the election of officers, boards, or committees, the votes may be by ballot if preferred, or by any other method agreed upon by the body.

7.—In the event of a standing Executive Committee, the members shall be elected for a term of five years except the first four elected, who shall serve a period of one, two, three and four years respectively.

8.—The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows: 1.—To act for the Association in matters that demand its consideration between the regular annual sessions of the Associations. 2.—To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of the Association with the authority to change, if necessary, the time and place of meeting. 3.—To fill vacancies in the Association that may be caused of death, resignation, etc., between the regular sessions of the Associations.

9.-It shall be required of all members of the Association to remain throughout the entire session, unless they are excused by a majority vote of the body.

10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President, and shall wait until he is recognized before speaking further.

11.-The President shall not allow discussions that are unchristian in spirit and that tend to create envy and strife among the brethren, and anyone resenting the ruling of the President in such matters shall be liable to censure of body.

12.-No one shall be allowed to speak more than 15 minutes or more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

13.-It shall be the duty of the President to have his annual message so prepared and arranged that it can be handed to the Secretary for publication in the minutes of each session of the Association.

14.-The officers of this Association, except that of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee, shall be for a term of two years.

15.-These By-Laws may be altered at any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.



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Rev. T. G. Hamilton to preach the Introductory Sermon