

MINUTES
OF THE
Tenth Annual Session
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
of Original Free Will Baptist Churches
1952

HELD WITH
New Prospect Church
Hyman, South Carolina
NOVEMBER 13 - 14, 1952

The next Session to be held with Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville, S. C., in the Central Association, November 12 - 13, 1953. Reverend Irvin Hyman to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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Director of Home Missions _____ Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.
Director of Foreign Missions _____ Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.

COMMITTEES

The following Committees were appointed to serve during this session of the State Association.

Resolution Committee

Rev. Clifton Styron, Rev. A. F. Lawter, and Rev. R. L. Sanders, Chairman.

Temperance Committee

Bro. T. V. Williams, Rev. Julius Vause, and Rev. E. P. Kirby, Chairman.

Sunday-School and Literature

Rev. R. L. Sanders, Iris Powell, and Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, Chairman.

Free Will Baptist League

Rev. Irvin Hyman and Rev. R. L. Sanders.

Finance Committee

J. M. Williams, Theador White, and Rev. W. L. Jernigman, Chairman.

Special Committee

Special Committee to locate meeting place for the National Association in South Carolina in 1954.

Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. Seldon Bullard, and Rev. M. H. Mellette.

Christian Education

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. M. H. Mellett, Turbeville, S. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning, November 13, 1952

The Association was called to order by the President Rev. L. A. Holliday at ten fifteen.

The Association was opened with proper devotions with Rev. P. J. Shehan of Whitney, leading in prayer and Rev. O. M. Hilburn of Darlington, reading the Scripture lesson; a selection from 1 Cor. 1: 1-16, Rev. Hilburn then selected the 10th verse for a text and brought a very timely message pointing out that we ought to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment, having one purpose of heart, and one desire, and that we all speak the same thing. That we be not divided, or separated in our views, calling upon the entire Association to profit by the admonition of the apostle Paul in order that we might accomplish much for the glory of God.

The Welcome address was given by Rev. T. A. Williams, a former pastor of the host Church and Moderator of the Eastern Conference.

The response was given by the Moderator of the Central Association, Rev. J. A. Hucks of Conway, S. C.

During the Welcome Address and also the Response, the Assistant President, Rev. Paul Shehan, presided, and at the close of the Response he called for the President's Message.

Rev. Holliday, the President read for his Scripture lesson the 1st 13 verses of the 4th Chapter of Acts, and used as a Text 1st Cor. 2:2.

Rev. Holliday brought a great message that challenged everyone present to live a more consecrated, and Spirit-led or Spirit-filled life. This message in the thinking of the writer was truly a masterpiece, and one that could be appreciated by all.

At the close of the President's Message, we then recessed for ten minutes.

At 11:00 o'clock we re-assembled for the Introductory message which was brought by Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C.

The Service was opened by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" under the direction of Rev. Fred Powers, with Rev. Wendell Bobcock at the piano, Rev. H. W. Richburg led in prayer.

Rev. Lawter brought a great message using as a Text St. John 20: 19-21. His subject was "The Upper Room Experience."

His message was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

We then recessed for lunch to meet again at 1:30 for the evening session.

Thursday Afternoon Session, November 13th

The Association re-assembled promptly at 1:30 by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" under the direction of Rev. Irvin Hyman, with Rev. Wendell Babcock at the piano.

Rev. Irvin Hyman led in Prayer after which Rev. T. A. Williams read a portion of Scripture, selected from 1st John Chapter 1: and brought some inspiring thoughts that were appreciated by all.

The first item of business was that of seating the Delegates and Ministers and calling the Roll, by the Associational Clerk.

South Carolina Conference

Upon learning that the Conference had failed to appoint delegates to the State Association, Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the S. C. Conference appointed the following to represent the said Conference:

Brother Clarence Bazen, Mrs. Paul Kettelman, and Brother Ivey Coward.

Ministers Present	15
Conference Delegates	3
Delegates Appointed By Churches	10
Total	28

Beaver Crook Association

Ministers Present	2
Associational Delegates	3
Delegates appointed by Churches	1
TOTAL	6

Eastern Conference

Ministers present	3
Conference Delegates	1
Delegates appointed by Churches	4
TOTAL	8

Central Association

Ministers present	5
Associational Delegates	2
Delegates from Churches	3
TOTAL	10

At this time a motion which was properly sustained was made and passed to give all visiting Brethren a seat and voice at the South Carolina Conference.

LETTER FROM SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The letter from the S. C. Conference was then called for, whereupon, we learned that it had not been prepared and the delegates was given until the next day to prepare it, however this letter was never received by the clerk.

Since we did not receive the Conference letter, we have taken the letters from the 13 Churches that reported and compiled as best we could a letter from these reports.

The following is a combined report of the 13 Churches that reported from the S. C. Conference.

Statistical Report

Membership at beginning of year	1896
Received by letter	41
Received by Baptism	172
Received by Statement	28
Total received during this year	241
Dismissed by Letter	21
Died	20
Membership gain for the year	262

Financial Report

Cash on hand at beginning of Year	\$ 5,132.29
Total receipts for year	56,560.03
Grand Total Receipts for year	61,692.32
Building and repair	\$23,588.69
Charity	1,624.80
Children's Home	2,301.04
Christian Education	1,773.50
Convention Dues	1,128.17
Foreign Mission	1,923.78
Home Mission	1,078.45
Operating Expenses	5,790.19
Pastor's Salaries	17,684.19
Radio Ministry	823.00
Revivals	2,451.92
Spperaunation	186.25
TOTAL	62,201.66

Balance in all Church Treas.	\$ 6,109.75
Value of Church property	\$170,000.00

Condition of above church Auxiliaries:

	Good	Fair	Poor	None
Prayer Meetings _____	7	6		1
Sunday Schools _____	9	4		
F. W. B. Leagues _____	7	5		1
Womans Auxiliary _____	8	3		1
Ordained Ministers belonging to the above Churches _____				17
Licensed Ministers _____				7
TOTAL _____				23

We have 8 Churches on full-time.
 6 Churches on Half-time.
 1 Church on Quarter-time.

LETTER FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Statistical Report

Membership at beginning of year _____	354
Received by letter _____	27
Received by Baptism _____	15
Received by Statement _____	1
Total Received during year _____	43
Dismissed _____	6
Total increase for the year _____	37
Total on Roll at close of year _____	391

A Summary Report of Church Finance

Cash on hand at beginning of year _____	\$ 992.86
Total Receipts for the year _____	5,492.17
Grand Total for the year _____	\$6,450.03

Disbursements

Building and Repair _____	\$1,540.58
Children's Home _____	2,890.35
Quarterly Dues _____	66.75
Total expenditures for the year _____	\$4,809.25
Balance in all Church Treas. _____	\$1,640.78

Church Equipment Report

Total value of all church property and equipment _____	\$20,670.00
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Conditions of Auxiliaries

Each of our churches have good Sunday Schools, Free Will Baptist Leagues, Prayer Meetings, and Womans Auxiliaries.

We have five churches in the Eastern Conference and each of them are on half-time.

We have five Ordained Ministers and two Licensed, making a total of seven.

REV. T. A. WILLIAMS, Moderator J. M. WILLIAMS, Clerk
 Route 2, Hemingway, S. C. Route 2, Hemingway, S. C.

LETTER FROM THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Members on Roll at beginning of year _____	427
Received by Baptism _____	16
Total Received _____	443
Died _____	3
Total Dismissed _____	39
Total number of Members at end of year _____	404

A Summary Report of Church Finance

Total receipts for the year _____	\$6,069.91
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Disbursements

Building and Repair _____	\$1,178.08
Charity _____	120.65
Children's Home _____	470.88
Foreign Missions _____	202.34
Home Missions _____	92.17
Operating Expense _____	210.80
Pastor's Salary _____	2,302.48
Revivals _____	738.17
Total Expenditures _____	\$5,115.57
Balance in all Church Treas. _____	\$ 954.34

Church Property Report

Value of all Church Property and Equipment _____	\$45,700.00
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Condition of Church Auxiliaries

Four of our Churches have Prayer Meetings; Seven have Sunday Schools; Four have Free Will Baptist Leagues, and Two have Woman's Auxiliaries.

Three of our Churches are on Half-time and Four are on quarter-time.

We have ten Ordained Ministers.

REV. J. A. HUCKS, Moderator, MARION C. TODD, Clerk,
 Route 3, Conway, S. C. Route 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

LETTER FROM THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Total on Roll at beginning of year	694
Received by letter	32
Received by Baptism	184
Received by Statement	104
Total received during year	320
Dismissed by Letter	27
Dismissed by Expulsion	213
Total Dismissed	246
Increase in Membership	74
Total on Roll at close of year	768

A Summary Report of Church Finance

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 8,130.11
Total receipts for the year	28,366.38
Grand Total for the year	\$36,496.49

Disbursements

Building and Repair	\$ 6,100.34
Children's Home	466.97
Quarterly Dues	10.00
Home Missions	267.26
Pastor's Salaries	25,858.78
Revivals	1,673.53
Total expenditures for the year	\$34,376.88
Balance in Church Treas.	2,119.61

Church Property Report

Total value of all Church Property and Equipment	\$151,000.00
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Condition of Church Auxiliaries

We have 13 churches, with 13 Prayer meetings and 13 Sunday Schools, 1 Free Will Baptist League, and 11 Womans Auxiliaries.

Number of churches on full-time 13. We have 16 Ordained Ministers, and 6 Licensed, making a total of 22 in all.

The Beaver Creek Association wishes to endorse the National Association to come to Spartanburg, in 1954, and petition the State Association to petition for said National Meeting in 1953 to meet with us in 1954 in Spartanburg.

REV. L. S. GRAY, Moderator MRS. PAUL SHEHAN, Clerk
108 Saxton Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Box 104, Whitney, S. C.

Motion that we Petition the National Association of Free Will Baptist to meet with us in the City Auditorium in Spartanburg, S. C., in 1954.

This motion was unanimously carried and quite a bit of interest shown in the prospect of getting the National meeting to convene with us in our State.

At this time a very timely message was enjoyed by the entire Association on "Victory Through Youth" by Rev. Clifton Styron, Pastor of Liberty Church near Foreston, S. C.

His Scripture Lesson was selected from 17th Chapter of 1st Samuel, and beginning with the 38th verse and reading through verse 47.

Truly this was a great message and a great challenge to the entire Free Will Baptist Denomination, and we feel sure we will profit much by it.

Christian Education Report

The Report on Christian Education was called for at this time, and was to be made by Rev. M. H. Mellette, Field Secretary. However, Rev. Mellette relinquished his allotted time in favor of Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Mellette introduced Dr. Johnson who brought to us a very inspirational message that was full of information concerning our Bible College in Nashville.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that there had been a great Revival among Free Will Baptist for the past ten or fifteen years, this Revival has caused an awakening among our people in regards to Orphanage, Foreign Mission, Home Missions, Aged Ministers, and an Educational Institution for the purpose of educating our youth.

He praised our State for the part we have had in maintaining the Institution that has educated hundreds of young people during the past ten years.

He said that ten years ago we had been in operation for about two months in an-educational program, with about ten or twelve students, and at this time we have 157 young men and women from 17 States and Cuba registered in the Bible College.

Truly the Bible College has grown more rapidly than any of us had expected. God has been with us.

At the close of Dr. Johnson's message Rev. Mellette made a special appeal to the pastors and delegates to appeal to the Churches they represent for support of the Bible College and the \$6,500.00 campaign.

At this time a free-will offering was received for the Bible College in the amount of \$76.50 and turned over to Dr. Johnson.

Womans Auxiliary Report

By Mrs. Helen Kettelman

Some very interesting information was given concerning our Women's Work. It was reported that there was three District Conventions represented at the State Convention which met with St. John Church in the Eastern Conference, also that the Women of the Central Association plan to organize in January of 1953.

Report On National Association

By Rev. P. J. Kettelman

Rev. Kettelman reported that there was many good reports concerning our National work, and a greater interest shown in the overall program of our National Association.

Report On Foreign Missions

By Rev. L. A. Holliday, Director

Rev. Holliday reported great interest in the cause of Foreign Missions had been manifested during the past year in South Carolina. Our State having raised approximately \$500.00 more than our quota for 1951-52.

He reported that campaigning for Foreign Missions was no longer necessary, which is to be greatly appreciated, due to the expense involved.

He also highly commended the Womans Auxiliary for their part in this great effort, and made special mention of Sister Marie Taylor of Darlington for her work.

The quota for the Associational year 1952-1953 has been raised to \$3500.00.

We adjourned for the day to meet Friday morning at nine o'clock, at which time the ladies of the Church spread lunch for the entire group.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn of Darlington brought the evening message.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session was opened promptly at nine o'clock with singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Rev. Wendell Babcock of Timmons ville had charge of the devotions, he read from Col. 3:1-17, and brought a very interesting message.

The first matter to claim our attention was that of re-reading the list of Committee assignments.

Children's Home Report

By Rev. Julius Vause, Supt.

F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME

October 1, 1951 — October 15, 1952

RECEIPTS AND COST OF OPERATIONS

Cash Receipts:

South Carolina Association	\$4,717.23
Central Association	987.62
Eastern Association	550.65
Beaver Creek Association	547.00
S. C. State Association	40.00
F. W. B. Singing Convention	434.82
Individual Donations	440.84

Paxville M. E. Ch. Mis. Society	5.00
Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.	250.00
Brown's Chapel	15.75
Barrineau Holiness Church	29.63
Bethel Baptist Church	53.91
Lee's Penticostal Chapel	40.12
Florence County Singing Convention	
Turbeville M. E. Church	29.87
From Showing Bible Film	95.50

Total Cash Donations \$8,237.94

Farm Receipts:

Sale of Crops	\$2,409.21
Sale of cows and hogs	1,261.46
From children's work	690.93

4,361.60

Total Cash Receipts for period \$12,599.54

Deduct, Expenses:

Groceries	\$1,262.35
Clothing	276.60
Misc. Supplies	384.92
Lights and Fuel	577.33
Medical Expenses	143.58
School Supplies	126.09
Feed	355.03
Pasture	371.66
Farm Supplies	913.88
Tobacco sticks	25.75
Miscellaneous	17.17
Car and Truck Expense	627.24
Repairs to buildings	155.40
Net Cash Increase Over Operations (for'd)	\$4,325.96

OTHER EXPENDITURES:

Insurance	56.58
Salaries	3,000.00

Total Operating Expense 8,273.58

Net Cash Increase Over Operations (for'd) \$4,325.96

Other Expenditures:

Livestock and Equipment:	
Mule	\$ 125.00
Milk cow	225.00

Fence Post _____	189.26	
Wire _____	161.20	
Corn sheller _____	5.75	
Chick brooder _____	50.06	
2-Book cases _____	77.00	
Coal heater _____	25.23	
Deposit on telephone _____	10.00	
	<u>\$ 868.50</u>	
Tractor and equipment _____	\$1,950.00	
Truck _____	2,175.00	2,175.00
		<u>4,993.50</u>
Buildings:		
Tobacco barn _____	502.20	
Building No. 4 _____	384.68	
Building No. 5 _____	1,060.43	1,947.31
		<u>6,940.81</u>
Total equipment and buildings _____		\$2,614.85
Net decrease in cash for the period _____		
Cash Standing:		
Balance in Bank of Clarendon _____	\$1,538.66	
Balance in Citizens Bank _____	4,711.83	
	<u>\$6,250.49</u>	
Total cash in banks _____		
U. S. Bonds in Safety Deposit Box _____	3,422.86	
	<u>\$9,673.35</u>	
Total Available Cash _____		
Cost of Operation:		
Expenses paid in cash _____	\$8,273.58	
Commodities donated:		
S. C. Association _____	\$ 901.60	
Central Association _____	102.60	
Eastern Association _____	84.20	
Beaver Creek Association _____	160.45	
Individuals _____	135.45	
W. Lee Flowers Co. _____	96.00	1,480.30
		<u>\$9,753.88</u>
Total cost of operations _____		
Cost per child per day \$1.31, per month \$479.46. This cost does not include depreciation on equipment and buildings.		

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. COKER & R. C. BAGGETTE, Com.

Home Missions Report

By Seldon Bullard

The last Conference year was the most successful year we have ever had according to my knowledge in Home Mission Work in South Carolina.

We have been unable to get an accurate report from over the field, however we have learned of some very good results in this efforts.

We have had at least two churches organized in our State. Then we found another church near McBee, S. C., with six Sunday School rooms.

Great interest is being manifest over the entire field in Home Missions for which we praise the Lord.

Last year we raised a total sum of \$1,017.15, including the amount brought forward from the year before, which was disbursed as follows:

Total Raised _____	\$1,017.15
Paid to National Home Missions _____	\$ 536.46
Paid out in State Work _____	134.48
	<u>\$ 670.94</u>
Total paid out _____	

Balance brought forward _____	\$ 346.21
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Recommendations made and accepted:

1. That in keeping with the National Home Mission Boards plan, we designate the month of April as National Simultaneous Revival Month.

2. That March 24 be designated as Prayer Day for all Free Will Baptist in our State.

3. That every Church in our State try to arrange a Revival in the Month of April with emphasis placed on Home Missions, also that a free will offering be received for Home Missions and sent to the State Director.

4. That every Church set up a budget for the following Association year and include every phase of our work, and a check be sent to the Director of Home Missions, each month, to promote the cause here in the state.

5. That half of the receipts be reserved for the National work, and the remainder used here in our State.

6. That we endeavor to meet the quota for National Home Missions between now and April in order that we may be able to draw upon the National Board for help in organizing work in our State when they meet in Nashville, Tenn., in April.

7. That all funds be sent directly to the Director of Home Missions rather than to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

8. That a complete mailing list of membership of our churches be given to the Home Mission Director.

Report On Olanta Church

By Rev. Julius Vause

Rev. Vause reported that the Southern Baptist Church in Olanta had built a completely new Church and was offering to sell us the Old Church building; whereupon a committee was appointed to investigate the project, and also titles to property and if after proper investigation, and finding it worthwhile visiting our Churches in an effort to raise funds to purchase same.

The following brethren was appointed to this committee: Rev. Fred Powers and Rev. Julius Vause.

At this time Louis Holliday, Jr., of Manning brought a message in song entitled "The Love of God" which was enjoyed by all. Then the congregation stood and sang "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story."

Rev. Paul J. Kettelman introduced Rev. J. B. Chism, pastor of Horse Branch Church near Turbeville, S. C., who brought the 11:00 o'clock message, using as his Text Rev. 3:7-13.

At this time Rev. Paul J. Kettelman led in a round table discussion of Denominational Headquarters in South Carolina.

Many took part in this discussion, and expressed their interest in such a project.

We feel that much good was accomplished.

We then called off for lunch which was served by the ladies of the Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled promptly at 1:30. The Devotions was led by Rev. Clifton Styron of Manning, who also is pastor of Liberty Church.

The Congregation stood and sang, "To The Work," then Rev. Fred Powers led in Prayer.

Rev. Styron's Text was selected from Eph. 6:10-19.

The first item of business to claim our attention was that of the Superaunation Report by Rev. Paul Kettelman.

Report on Superannuation

By Rev. Paul J. Kettelman

Nov. 15, 1952 In Treasury	\$166.38
Womans Auxiliary Convention Nov. 23, 1951	28.38
State Association Nov. 24, 1952	40.00
Darlington Church Feb. 2, 1952	10.00
Darlington Church April 9, 1952	10.00
Quarterly Conference (S.C.) April 12, 1952	11.90
Darlington Church May 1, 1952	5.00
Darlington Church June 2, 1952	5.00
S. C. Quarterly Conference June 17, 1952	16.75
Darlington Church July 1, 1952	5.00

S. C. Quatterly Conference July 19, 1952	6.25
S. C. Quarterly Conference July 19, 1952	10.64
Darlington Church August 1, 1952	5.00
Darlington Church Sept. 1, 1952	5.00
S. C. Quarterly Conference Sept. 5, 1952	10.50

Total in Treas.	\$335.80
Paid out during year	3.00

Balance left in Treas.	\$332.80
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Motion made by Rev. Kettelman that Report be received and that the Treasurer be instructed to send 25 percent of the above amount to the National Treasurer. This Motion passed unanimously.

Temperance Report

By Rev. Julius Vause

Seeing the moral decadence of our day, we, your Temperance Committee, make these recommendations:

1. That we pledge ourselves to adhere strictly to paragraph two of our church covenant which reads as follows: "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 sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

2. That we use our influence and votes against the election of representatives and senators to our state and national legislative bodies and any other public officials who advocate the use or sale of strong drink.

Temperance Committee

Report On Sunday School and Liteurature

By Paul J. Kettelman, Chairman of Committee

We your Committee on Sunday School and Liteurature make the following report.

It is our opinion that the work of our Sunday Schools generally speaking is inefficient. Therefore we would recommend that the Pastors of the South Carolina State Association acquaint themselves thoroughly with the methods and ways of growing and strengthening our Sunday Schools.

We would urge that all our Sunday Schools support the work of the National Sunday School Convention. That each Sunday School in the State send representatives to the National Sunday School Convention.

We urge the organizing more District Conventions and a State Convention.

We recommend that a teacher training Program of at least one week duration be conducted by each Church of this Association.

We also recommend that the Teachers be selected rather than elected. The Pastor and Official Board to serve as a nominating or "Selection" Committee.

Passed

Free Will Baptist League Report

By Rev. R. Luther Sanders

The State League Convention was organized at Horse Branch Church near Turbeville, S. C. then we later had a meeting at Whitney Church near Spartanburg. The Convention was well attended, and from all indications the State League Convention is going to be a great success. We have several projects that we hope to work to. The District League Convention of the S. C. Conference plan a League Camp and voted to arrange for all the Leagues in the State to have a part in the Camp arrangements.

After the planning board meets, each of the corresponding Secretaries will be notified when and where this League Camp will be.

Each of the Church Leagues were urged to send a representative to the State Convention.

Financial Report

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Chairman

Received from Churches in South Carolina Conference	\$150.00
No Record	25.00
Total	\$175.00
Less for Student Loan Fund	25.00
Balance	\$150.00

Eastern Conference and Churches

Churches	\$ 15.00
Eastern Conference	55.00
Total	\$ 70.00

Central Association and Churches

Churches	\$ 15.00
Central Association	13.09
Total	\$ 28.09

Beaver Creek Association and Churches

Churches	\$ 10.00
Beaver Creek Association	10.00
Total	\$ 20.00
Grand Total received during this State Association	\$293.09

Treasurer's Report

Seldon Bullard, Treasurer

Paid Out:

For President's Expenses	\$ 20.00
Telephone Call To Manning	1.25
Clerk Hire	50.00
Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund	25.00

Total Paid Out	\$ 96.25
Received at this Association	\$293.09
Paid Out	96.25

Balance in Treas. \$196.48

(The printing of minutes and other expenses will be deducted from the last figure above).

General Business

Motion that we pay the President a Honorarium of \$10.00 and 5 cents per mile one way to the State Association. Passed.

A Free Will Offering was then received for Brother Jammie Young to help Him on the expenses to the National Association, the offering amounted to \$10.75.

Motion that each Church be asked to represent next year with not less than \$10.00. Passed.

Motion that we give a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown this Association during this session. Passed.

Delegates To National Association

Delegates to the National Association which will meet in Mt. Vernon Ill. next year.

Mrs. R. Luther Sanders, Mrs. Seldon Bullard, Mrs. W. L. Jernigan, Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Mrs. Paul Kettelman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ward.

Delegates from the other Associations and Conferences have not been received as yet.

Motion that each Quarterly Meeting be empowered to appoint Delegate to National Association since the Annual Meeting of some failed to through a mistake.

Motion that the Clerk be empowered to name alternates for Delegates who fail to appear at the National Association. Passed.

Motion that all Delegates who find they are unable to attend the National Association notify the Associational Clerk not later than two weeks before the National meeting. Passed.

Motion that we adjourn until next year. Passed.

Rev. Fred Powers directed us in singing, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again", after which he pronounced the Benediction.

Note: Following the Benediction the table was spread and everyone invited to have their evening meal before going home.

**Program For 1953 Session To Be Held With Little Bethel Church
Located Near Johnsonville, S. C., and In the Central Association,**

Morning Session

- 10:00 A. M.—Devotional by local Church
- 10:15 A. M.—Welcome address by Local Pastor
- 10:25 A. M.—Response by Rev. L. S. Gray
- 10:35 A. M.—President's Message
- 10:50 A. M.—Recess
- 11:00 A. M.—Key Note Message by Rev. Irvin Hyman.
- 12:00 Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 1:30 P. M.—Devotional by Rev. Malmcum Harrelson
- 1:40 P. M.—Enrollment and seating of Delegates and Ministers
- 2:00 P. M.—Charge to Delegates, Ministers and Committees.
- 2:00 P. M.—Charge to Delegates, Ministers and Committees by President.
- 2:10 P. M.—Appointment of Committees.
- 2:25 P. M.—Welcoming of all Visitors by President.
- 2:30 P. M.—Call for Associational and Church letters.
- 2:50 P. M.—Everybody Sings.
- 3:00 P. M.—Report on Bible College by Dr. L. C. Johnson, President.
- 3:30 P. M.—Report of Christian Education by Rev. M. H. Mellett, Secy.
- 3:40 P. M.—Presentation of Womans Auxiliary by Mrs. L. H. Holliday, President.
- 3:50 P. M.—Report on National Association by Mrs. R. L. Sanders.
- 4:00 P. M.—Report on Foreign Missions by Rev. L. A. Holliday, Promotional Secretary.
- 4:15 P. M.—Announcements.
- 4:20 P. M.—Congregational Hymn.
- 4:40 P. M.—Recess.
- 7:30 P. M.—Devotional by local Church.
- 8:00 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Ed. Tyner, pastor of High Point Church in Lancaster, S. C.

Friday Morning Session

- 9:00 A. M.—Devotion by Brother Jessie Williams of the Eastern Conference.
- 9:15 A. M.—Seating of Delegates and Ministers.
- 9:20 A. M.—Charge to Delegates and Minister by President.
- 9:25 A. M.—Call for Churches that have not reported.
- 9:30 A. M.—Unfinished Business.
- 9:50 A. M.—Report of Resolution Committee.
- 10:00 A. M.—Report on Home Missions by Seldon Bullard.
- 10:15 A. M.—Temperance Report.
- 10:30 A. M.—Report on Sunday School and Literature.
- 10:45 A. M.—Report on Free Will League by Rev. R. L. Sanders, Pres.

- 10:55 A. M.—Recess.
- 11:05 A. M.—Devotions.
- 11:20 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Hucks.
- 12:00 Noon—Recess.

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:30 P. M.—Devotions by Rev. Reedy Servants.
- 1:15 P. M.—Report on Superannuation by Rev. P. J. Kettelman.
- 1:30 P. M.—Report of State Association Treas.
- 1:40 P. M.—Report of Finance Committee.
- 1:50 P. M.—Election of Officers.
- 2:15 P. M.—Invitation for next Association. (S. C. Conference).
- 2:30 P. M.—Vote of Thanks to local Church.
- 2:40 P. M.—Report of Obituary Committee.
- 2:50 P. M.—General Business.

Adjournment.

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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction 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 the 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 seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 the Missions, the success

of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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 Womans 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 organizations to represent, and ordain and licensed Free Will Baptists 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 represent in this Association on the basis of two delegates for each Association and Conference of one thousand members or less, and one 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-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence.

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 members 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 teachings, 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 meeting 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. 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 committee 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 Association. 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 by death, resignation, etc., between the regular sessions of the Association.

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. 1. 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.