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MINUTES

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION

Of Original Free Will Baptist Churches

1953

HELD WITH

Little Bethel Church

Johnsonville, S. C.

NOVEMBER 12 - 13, 1953



The next Session to be held with New Town Church, Route 1,
Lake City, S. C. (in the South Carolina Conference) November
18, 19, 1954. Reverend Sterling Tucker to bring the keynote
message.



**ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
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Mr. F. A. Sawyer, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C. _____ 1954
 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. _____ 1955
 Rev. M. S. Todd, Lake City, S. C. _____ 1956
 Rev. Fred S. Powers, Route 3, Timmons ville, S. C. _____ 1957
 Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. _____ 1958

Home Mission Advisory Board

Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmons ville, S. C. _____ 1954
 Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. _____ 1955
 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. _____ 1956
 Rev. R. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. _____ 1957
 Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C. Director

Board Of Trustees

Mr. C. V. Ward, Hemingway, S. C. _____ 1953
 Mr. J. G. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. _____ 1954
 Mr. Julius Vause, Turbeville, S. C. _____ 1955
 Mr. J. E. Thigpen _____ 1956
 Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockheart, S. C. _____ 1957

(Note: This is for the State Association rather than for the Orphanage)

Field Secretaries

Christian Education _____ Rev. Sterling Tucker, Timmons ville, S. C.
 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:

Resolutions: Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rev. F. G. Ard, Rev. H. E. Powell.
 Temperance: Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Auti Lee, Rev. J. A. Hucks.
 Sunday School and Literature: Rev. Seldon Bullard, J. B. Brewer, and Dr. Floyd Cherry.
 Free Will Baptist League: Rev. R. Luthers Sanders.
 Finance Committee: Rev. Ed Tyner, A. Williams, Rev. E. P. Kirby.
 Christian Education: Rev. M. H. Mellette, Dr. Floyd Cherry.
 Obituary: Rev. W. L. Jernigan.
 Children's Home: Rev. J. B. Vause, R. C. Baggett, and Jessie Williams.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning, November 18, 1953

The Association was opened by the host pastor, Rev. J. A. Hucks, with proper devotions.

The congregation stood and sang "The Kingdom is Coming." Prayer was then offered by Rev. Paul J. Ketteman of Pamplico, and Rev. Hucks gave the Welcome address. Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart gave the response.

The Association was then called to order by the President, Rev. L. A. Holliday.

A Motion was then made that the program be adopted with whatever changes necessary to be made by the President.

Brother Lavern Hanna was then elected as pianist for this session. The President then called for a song, and we sang, "Trust and Obey", then he read the 1st Chapter of 1st Cor., and spoke from the third verse of the second chapter, where Paul said, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him Crucified". Rev. Holliday pointed out that, the answer, the solution, and the secret of the success of this great apostle was found in the words of the Text above, and called upon the Ministry of the Free Will Baptist church in South Carolina to never depart from the "Great Determination of the Apostle Paul." Truly, this was a great message, which was enjoyed by all.

We then recessed for fifteen minutes.

We then re-assembled for the introductory message which was brought by Rev. Irvin Hyman of Charleston, S. C.

Rev. Fred S. Powers the Choirster led the congregation in singing, "Marching On."

The Moderator led in prayer and introduced the speaker, who called upon Rev. Reedy Saverance who sang as a Solo, "Rescue the Perishing".

Rev. Hyman read for his Scripture lesson and Text Matt. 28:19, and James 5:20 and used as a subject, "The Sin That The Christian Seems to Forget."

Rev. Hyman brought a very forceful and powerful message declaring that the greatest need for the Free Will Baptist Church in these dark days of sin is to heed the commandment of Christ and go forth and convert the world for Christ. Pointing out also that if we fail to take a stand in these days we shall be ultimately swallowed up in the Satanic forces of Modernism.

In the opinion of the clerk who is also Rev. Hyman's pastor, this was one of the great messages brought during the Association.

Following the keynote message we then recessed for the noon hour to re-assemble for the afternoon session at 1:30.

Thursday Afternoon Session, November 12th

The Devotions was led by Rev. Julius Vause. We sang "Heavenly Sunlight". Prayer was offered by Rev. Arthur Williams of Hemingway.

Rev. Vause spoke briefly on Matt. 5:1, and brought an interesting message.

At this time the Delegates and Ministers was seated.

South Carolina Conferene

Ministers Present _____	12
Conference Delegates _____	2
Delegates appointed by Churches _____	18
Total _____	32

Beaver Creek Association

Delegates from the Association _____	3
Delegates appointed by Churches _____	3
Ministers Present _____	6
Total _____	12

Central Association

Ministers Present _____	8
Associational Delegates _____	2
Delegates appointed by Churches _____	5
Total _____	15

Eastern Conference

Ministers Present _____	3
Conference Delegate _____	1
Delegates appointed by Churches _____	4
Total _____	8

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE REPORT

Statistical Report

Membership at beginning of year _____	3288
Received during year _____	85
Total membership at close of year _____	3373

Financial Report

Cash on hand at beginning of year _____	\$ 7,727.87
Total receipts for the year _____	84,334.67
Grand Total for the year _____	\$92,062.54

Disbursements

Building and Repairs _____	\$29,520.58
Children's Home _____	3,387.10

Christian Education _____	1,857.19
Charity _____	2,062.03
Convention Dues _____	1,709.33
Foreign Missions _____	1,537.34
Home Missions _____	841.29
Operating Expenses _____	9,670.81
Pastor's Salaries _____	17,684.19
Radio Ministry _____	884.00
Revivals _____	2,451.92
Superanuation _____	124.30
Total _____	\$82,830.01

Balance in all Church Treas. _____ \$ 8,348.53

Church Property Report

Value of Churches and Equipment _____	\$233,250.00
Value of Parsonages and Equipment _____	52,000.00
Total value of all property and equipment _____	\$285,250.00

Condition of Auxiliaries

Number of Prayer Meetings _____	21
Sunday Schools _____	25
Free Will Baptist Leagues _____	20
Woman's Auxiliaries _____	20
Number of Churches Organized this year _____	4
Number of Churches on Full-time _____	11
Number of Churches on half-time _____	7
Number of Churches on Quarter-time _____	3

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Moderator
Turbeville, S. C.

Rev. Edison Kirby, Clerk
Route 1, Box 96,
Lake City, S. C.

LETTER OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Statistical Report

Membership at the beginning of the year _____	316
Received by letter _____	7
Received by Baptism _____	24
By Restoration _____	4

Total received during year _____ **351**

Dismissed by letter _____	8
Died _____	2

Total lost _____ **10**

Total on Roll at close of year _____ **341**

Summary Report of Church Finances

Cash on hand at beginning of year _____ \$1,457.87
 Total Receipts for the year _____ 4,432.98

 Grand Total for the year _____ \$5,809.85

Church Property Report

Total value of all Church property and equipment _____ \$20,331.17

Condition of Auxiliaries

Number of Prayer Meetings _____ 5
 Number of Sunday Schools _____ 5
 Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues _____ 4
 Number of Women's Auxiliaries _____ 4

We have 5 Churches on half-time, and 8 Ministers belonging to our Conference.

Rev. T. A. Williams, Moderator
 Route 2,
 Hemingway, S. C.

J. M. Williams, Clerk
 Route 2,
 Hemingway, S. C.

LETTER FROM CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Members on Roll at beginning of year _____ 381
 Received by Baptism _____ 34
 Received by Statement _____ 23

Total received during year _____ 57
 Dismissed _____ 15

Total gained _____ 42
 Total on Roll at close of year _____ 423

Report of Church Finance

Total Cash Expenditures for the year _____ \$ 5,732.80
 Value of Churches and Equipment _____ \$60,000.00

Condition of Auxiliaries

Number of Prayer Meetings _____ 7
 Number of Sunday Schools _____ 9
 Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues _____ 4
 Number of Woman's Auxiliaries _____ 2
 Number of Churches Organized this year _____ 1

We have 4 churches on half-time and 5 on quarter-time.
 Number of Ministers belonging to our Association: Ordained 11; Licensed 11.

Rev. J. A. Hucks, Moderator
 Route 3,
 Conway, S. C.

M. C. Todd, Clerk
 Route 2,
 Johnsonville, S. C.

LETTER FROM THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Total on Roll at beginning of year _____ 1018
 Received by Letter _____ 58
 Received by Baptism _____ 123
 Received by Statement _____ 69

Total received _____ 250
 Total dismissed _____ 86
 Total on Roll at end of year _____ 1182
 Total increase for the year _____ 164

Summary Report of Church Finance

Total Receipts for the year _____ \$56,441.07

Disbursements:

Building and Repairs _____ \$20,160.17
 Children's Home _____ 399.55
 Quarterly Dues _____ 100.00
 Foreign Missions _____ 76.00
 Home Missions _____ 317.98
 Pastor's Salaries _____ 27,114.27
 Revivals _____ 1,363.04

Total expenditures for the year _____ \$49,531.01
 Balance in all Church Treasuries _____ \$ 6,910.06

Church Property Report

Total value of all Church property and equipment _____ \$158,400.00

Condition of Auxiliaries

Number of Prayer Meetings _____
 Number of Sunday Schools _____ 13
 Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues _____ 3
 Number of Womens Auxiliaries _____ 9
 Number of Fellowship Clubs _____ 1

We have 14 Ordained Ministers and 8 Licensed to preach.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Beaver Creek Association
 Rev. L. S. Gray, Moderator
 680 Saxton Ave.,
 Spartanburg, S. C.

James Haynes, Clerk
 106 W. Confederate Street
 Lancaster, S. C.

Note: The reports of the various Conferences and Associations are incomplete as much of the information asked for on the letter blank was not given to the Clerk).

Brother D. J. Granger of Charleston was seated as a delegate from the New Mission in Charleston.

Motion: That Section Three of the Constitution and By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

"Any local Church that desires may send an additional delegate, provided said church sends a contribution of not less than \$10.00."

Motion tabled for a period of twenty-four hours.

At this time Rev. M. H. Mellette introduced Dr. Floyd Cherry, Editor of The Free Will Baptist, and also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., who brought a report on the Bible College and on the Press in Ayden, N. C.

Report On Christian Education

By Rev. M. H. Mellette

Rev. M. H. Mellette made the report on Christian Education and made a special appeal to our people to support the Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and also the Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund (student-loan-fund) in order that our boys and girls will be able to attend our College as the Lords directs them to prepare for the work of the church.

Report of National Association

By Rev. P. J. Ketteman

Rev. Paul Ketteman of Pamplico, S. C., who is Clerk of the National Association brought a very good report on the National Association and the work of the National body, encouraging everyone who possibly could make arrangements to attend the National meeting in order that we may have a better informed people.

Motion: That a Special Committee be appointed to see about planning for the National Association to convene in Spartanburg next July.

Those appointed to this Committee was: Rev. Paul Ketteman, and Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Motion: That we adjourn until Friday morning at 9:30, with the regular Evangelistic Service to be conducted tonight at 7:30 by Rev. Ed. Tyner of Lancaster, S. C.

Friday Morning Session, Nov. 13, 1953, 9:30 A. M.

The Friday morning session of the State Association was opened

by singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name", led by the Associational Choir Director, Rev. Fred Powers, with Mr. Laverne Hanna at the piano.

Mr. Jessie Williams conducted the devotional and led the congregation in the opening Prayer.

Motion: That to increase the committee on planning the National Association at Spartanburg to three and that Rev. Seldon Bullard be elected to serve as the third member of the committee.

Adopted.

Motion: To move up the Report of Superaunation to the Morning Session.

Adopted.

Home Mission Report

By Rev. Seldon Bullard, Director

The past year brought a Revival in the field of Home Missions, for which we Praise the Lord.

For many years we have recognized the need of a workable plan for Home Missions in our state, and from the past years report it would seem that we have begun to do something about it.

The total receipts for the entire year was as follows:

Cash on hand at the beginning of the year _____ \$ 566.00
Total receipts during the year _____ 801.39

Total _____ \$1,368.39
Disbursements _____ 594.00

Balance left in Treasury _____ \$ 774.39

Churches Organized This Year Receiving Assistance From Home Mission Board

Calvary, Kershaw, S. C., with 27 Charter Members.

South Side, Darlington, S. C., with 32 Charter Members.

East Side, Florence, S. C., with 17 Charter Members.

First, Columbia, S. C., with 23 Charter Members

Antioch, Andrews, S. C., with 26 Charter Members.

Free Will Baptist Mission, Charleston, S. C., with 51 enrollment.

First, Lancaster, S. C., with 31 Charter Members.

Pine Grove Church near Lancaster, S. C., with an enrollment of nearly 250 members was brought into the S. C. Conference from the Piedmont Association of N. C.

We also run our National Radio Broadcast known as the Voice of Original Free Will Baptist over Radio Station WJMX of Florence throughout the month of April in the interest of Home Missions.

Recommendations:

1. That a Home Mission Board be set up to raise funds and promote the work of H. M. in S. C. (lost)
2. That we endeavor to raise \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00 to be kept in our State for promotional work, and \$1,000.00 for National H. M. work.
3. That we recommend a H. M. Director to the National Home Mission Board which meets in Spartanburg, S. C., in July of 1954, said Director to serve from July 1954 until July, 1955.

Motion: That the Home Mission Board be empowered with authority to set up and promote a Church Finance System if possible to assist in building or providing for suitable facilities of worship for new Churches that might be organized.—Passed.

Motion: That an advisory board be elected, consisting of one member from each Conference or Association, composing the S. C. State Association to labor with the Director of Home Missions, each members term of office to be staggered as indicated in the Directory; it is to be understood that the Director is to be ex-officio member and also Chairman of the Board. (This Motion takes the place of Recommendation number one).

At this time the Motion pertaining to a constitutional change placed on the table yesterday was lifted and placed before the house and voted upon.—Passed.

Motion: To adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

Rev. A. J. Hucks, Moderator of the Central Association brought the Morning message. This truly was a great message and enjoyed by many.

Afternoon Session, Friday, Nov. 13

Devotions was opened by singing "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes."

Rev. Sterling Tucker, Pastor of Bay Branch Church near Timmons-ville led the devotions; he read the first four verses of the third Chapter of Col. and led in prayer.

The first business taken up was the Superintendent report of the Orphanage Home at Turbeville, S. C., this report is by Conferences and Associations and includes cash and commodities.

ORPHANAGE REPORT
By Rev. J. B. Vause, Supt.

Central Association
Little Bethel Church

Cash	_____	\$214.05
Donated Commodities	_____	90.70
Paid on stove	_____	10.00
Sunday School Convention	_____	10.00
Total	_____	\$324.75

White Savannah Church

Cash	_____	\$11.32
Commodities	_____	39.50
Total	_____	\$50.82

Happy Home

Cash	_____	\$52.19
Commodities	_____	29.70
Total	_____	\$81.89

Mt. Ariel

Cash	_____	\$24.90
Commodities	_____	37.90
Total	_____	\$61.90

Evergreen

Commodities	_____	\$69.50
Central Associational Quarterly Meeting	_____	\$143.49
Making a grand total for Central Association	_____	\$732.35

South Carolina Conference
Beulah Church

Cash	_____	\$101.96
Commodities	_____	74.61
Clothing	_____	20.00
Paid on stove	_____	15.75
Total	_____	\$ 212.32
Calvary	_____	15.00
Bethel Church	_____	20.00
Manning Church	_____	5.00
Gilead	_____	77.91
Bethany, Cash and Commodities	_____	1,214.38
Bay Branch	_____	115.00
Mt. Elem, Cash, Commodities, paid on stove	_____	460.73

Horse Branch, Cash, Commodities, paid on stove _____	859.11
Liberty, Cash, Commodities _____	104.21
Sand Hill, Cash, Commodities, paid on stove _____	251.80
Camp Branch, Cash, Commodities _____	443.24
First Darlington, Cash, Commodities _____	187.31
Sumter, Cash _____	55.56
New Town, Cash, Commodities, clothing _____	463.41
Haven, Cash, Commodities _____	82.00
High Hill, Cash, Commodities _____	603.80
Lebanon Cash _____	86.77
Poplar Hill, Cash, Commodities _____	171.05
Salem, Cash, Commodities _____	423.50
Tabernacle, Cash _____	248.47
Pine Grove, Cash _____	65.95
Hebron Community _____	55.00
Pee Dee _____	10.35
Total _____	\$6,231.87
South Carolina Conference _____	86.50
Grand Total _____	\$6,318.37

Eastern Conference

Sunday School Convention, Cash _____	\$ 146.45
Williams Hill, Cash, Commodities _____	399.26
New Prospect, Cash, Commodities _____	181.26
Black River, Cash, Commodities _____	247.07
Total _____	\$ 827.59

Beaver Creek Association

Lockhart, Cash, Commodities, paid on stove _____	\$140.60
Saxton Ave. Cash, Commodities _____	60.08
Clover, Cash Commodities _____	47.66
Mt. Carmel, Commodities _____	12.90
Chester, Cash, Commodities _____	42.30
High Point, Cash, Commodities, Stove _____	38.60
Una, Cash _____	65.34
Total _____	\$407.48

Report of National Home Missions Work

By Rev. Damond Dodd, Promotional Secretary

Rev. Dodd brought some valuable information in regards to the National Home Mission Board and their work, the needs of the financial support by our people in order that we will be able to reclaim much of our work in the North and West that was captured by the Northern Baptist in the years of 1910 and 1912. It was interesting to

learn that much of this work has already been taken care of, and many of our Churches that we lost have already been reclaimed.

National Home Missions is comparatively a new work, and for the last three or four years it has become one of the most important phases of our work, as a result, the National Home Mission Department has enjoyed the greatest increase of any department of our work.

Last year the National Home Mission Board matched the financial assistance of the State Home Mission Boards in organizing 16 new Churches, this does not include many churches organized by the State Board alone, or those organized by individuals.

It will be interesting to note that the National Home Mission quota for this year is \$25,000.00, if this amount is raised, then we plan to ear-mark \$10,000.00 to go into a fund to be loaned to Churches to build with.

We are trusting that every state will be able to meet their quota during this year in order to promote this work. May God bless you as you pray and work to this end. Rev. Dodd, spoke of going up to Nebraska some weeks ago, where we at one time had a thriving work. There he contacted Brother Wolf, who introduced him to several churches in that State of which we plan to bring back into our work.

Resolutions Committee's Report

Number 1

We understand there is a difference of opinion prevailing among our Brethern relative to the essentiality of Baptism.

Be it resolved that we believe, that Baptism as taught in the New Testament is essential to our Righteousness or Justification, Christ told John "suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Matt. 3:15.

Therefore, we recommend that no Minister be allowed to do Pastoral work in none of our Free Will Baptist Churches who have not been Baptized by emersion, or, who do not believe in Baptism by emersion.

Number 2

That any Church who knowingly excepts a Minister as Pastor, who do not believe in the Doctrine of Baptism as taught in the Scriptures be liable to censure.

Rev. J. A. Hucks,

We recommend that the same be passed.

Rev. M. H. Mellette,

Rev. H. E. Powell,

Rev. F. G. Ard, Resolution Committee

Adopted.

Resolution Number 2

Conscious of the danger of strong drink prevailing in the midst of our young people, we want to voice our opinion against it.

Therefore, we urge that each Church in the State petition the Ways

and Means Committee in each County for local option giving our full strength and support against all alcoholic beverages. Isa. 28:1-8; Habakkuk 2:15.

Rev. M. H. Mellette,
Rev. H. E. Powell,
Rev. F. G. Ard, Resolution Committee

Temperance Report

We your committee on temperance wish to submit the following report:

1. That we congratulate our faithful ministers, and laymen who have taken a stand against intemperance in any form, and advise that you keep up the fight.

2. That we pledge ourselves to use our influence in our respective places of labor to keep those with whom we come in contact warned of the danger of living intemperate lives. That we point out the advantages of consistent Christian living so effectively until our people will seek to do no other than the will of our God as it relates to their lives.

A. R. Lee,
Rev. J. A. Hucks,
Rev. W. L. Jernigan,
Temperance Committee

Adopted.

An Obituary of Rev. G. C. Vause

Another church year has passed and we have observed our blessings to be many. We have also observed that there has been a note of sadness sounded in our midst. We find that it was the pleasure of our Lord to remove from our number one of our brethren, namely Rev. G. C. Vause. Those of us who knew him best readily say that he was a loving husband, a dutiful father, a devout Christian, and a faithful minister. We do not believe that the little mound of earth where his body lies marks the destiny of his life. We believe that his faithful ministry among us will live on, and only eternity may reveal the extent, and force of his life. We ask that this congregation stand for a moment in silent prayer quietly saying in our hearts good night Brother Vause, we will see you in the morning.

W. L. Jernigan, Committee

Adopted.

**Auditing Committee's Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home,
Turbeville, S. C.**

October 15, 1952 to October 15, 1953

Cash Receipts:		
Churches of S. C. Conference _____		\$4,403.80
Churches of Beaver Creek Conference _____		308.86
Churches of Central Conference _____		479.30
Churches of Eastern Conference _____		483.95

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Individual Donations _____		1,585.63
In Memorium _____		118.50
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Total Churches and Individuals _____		\$7,380.04
Commodities, cows and hogs sold _____	\$2,088.75	
Less, purchases _____	424.42	
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Net Commodities, etc. _____		1,664.33
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Total receipts and commodities _____		\$9,044.37
Deduct operating expenses _____		7,928.77
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Donations received over operating expense _____		\$1,115.60
Add other income:		
Farm sales _____	\$4,474.67	
Less, farm expenses _____	1,001.38	
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Net farm receipts _____	\$3,473.29	
Wages from children's labor outside _____	238.10	
Refund on fire insurance _____	2.80	
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Total other income _____		3,714.19
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Net receipts over operation expense _____		\$4,829.79
Deduct Other Expenditures:		
Truck body _____	\$ 206.91	
Barn and cow shed _____	98.60	
Water pump _____	139.75	
Building No. 2 _____	205.80	
Stairway _____	68.13	
Dairy barn, incomplete _____	243.52	
Tractor harrow _____	200.00	
Deposit on Cooperative telephone _____	40.00	
Corn barn sheds _____	153.13	
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Total other expenditures _____		1,355.84
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Total net increase in cash _____		\$3,473.95

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Baggette,
N. P. Coker,
Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report For Board of Superannuation, November 13, 1953

Balance brought forward November 15, 1952 _____	\$ 332.80
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Receipts

South Carolina Conference November 22, 1952	\$ 28.00
Mount Elon Church December 3, 1952	6.38
South Carolina Quarterly Meeting Dec. 18, 1952	11.31
South Carolina Quarterly Meeting April 4, 1953	21.23
South Carolina Sunday School Convention July 1, 1953	5.00
South Carolina Quarterly Meeting June 2, 1953	14.63
Mount Elon Church September 19, 1953	10.03
South Carolina Conference November 4, 1953	30.00
Total Receipts for the Year 1952-1953	\$ 126.58

Disbursements

Travel Expense in Board Meetings, December 13, 1952	\$ 8.50
To J. O. Fort, National Superannuation Treasurer November 22, 1952	83.95
Total Disbursements	\$ 92.45
Increase in Cash Assets for the Year	\$ 34.07
Balance in Treasury November 13, 1953	\$ 366.87

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Ketteiman, Treasurer

Suggestion Of Election and Term Of Officers Of This Association

It is suggested that our people think seriously of the term of the Officers of this State Association as some of our people think they should be elected every year rather than for a two year term.

Reason for carrying this suggestion in the minutes is in order to get it before our people.

Foreign Missions Report

Rev. L. A. Holliday, Director

I am sorry that we failed several hundred dollars reaching our goal last year. I believe that part of the responsibility for our failure is the fact that the cause of Foreign Missions have not been kept before our people as it should be, and I certainly take my share of the blame for that, I have not had time, neither did I think it advisable to spend money that was being given by our churches to visit or hire someone to visit our churches, and after all it largely depends upon the Pastors in keeping the cause of Foreign Missions before their people.

I can't bring the accusation on the people of S. C. that they are not interested in Foreign Missions, I believe that if there is one single cause in our Church that our people are whole-hearted behind it is the cause of Foreign Missions. The accusation that Free Will Baptist is not Mission minded is certainly without any foundation and is untrue. But I think that there has been a laxity in presenting and keeping before our people this cause as it should be, therefore, I am making this Recommendation:

1. That in addition to electing a state worker for Foreign Missions, that this body elect from each Association or Conference represented here making up the State Association, one additional worker and create a Board with the State Director having the supervision or general direction over this Board and that they work together for this cause. I would advise also that the term of the Directors office go through the next Associational year which begins next July, also that we take our recommendation to the National Association as to the man we want for this work.

Recommendation Adopted.

The Recommendation was voted upon and the following was elected to serve in keeping with the above suggestion:

Rev. L. A. Holliday, Director through July, 1955

Bro. Z. G. Tanner, Eastern Conference, Conway, S. C.

Rev. James E. Revis, Beaver Creek Association, Chester, S. C.

Bro. L. M. Miller, Central Association, Johnsonville, S. C. Rt. 2

Rev. H. W. Richburg, S. C. Conference, Foreston, S. C.

(It is the opinion of the clerk that each of these elected as co-workers with the Director is to serve until the next State Association, as there was nothing said about the length of their term of office.)

Election of Officers For The Next Two Years For The State Association

President, Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.

Vice-President, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.

Secretary Christian Education, Rev. Sterling Tucker, Timmonsville, S. C.

Board of Trustees to remain as is, at present.

(Clerk offers to try to straighten out the matter of the Board of State Association and that of the Orphanage with the assistance of each of the Boards and that of the Executive Committee before the next Association, this offer was excepted and each of the Boards was left as appears in the minutes of 1953).

Executive Board

Rev. T. A. Williams was re-elected to this board to serve until November, 1958.

Sunday School and Literature

Rev. Seldon Bullard

We, your committee on Sunday School and Literature 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 Officials Board to serve as a nominating or "Selection" Committee.

Passed.

Report of Finance Committee

Rev. E. P. Kirby, Chairman

We your Finance Committee make the following report:

We find in Treasury _____ \$ 22.48

We received from the following Associations and Conferences as indicated below:

S. C. Conference _____ 210.00

Beaver Creek Association _____ 25.00

Central Association _____ 60.00

Eastern Conference _____ 55.00

Total _____ \$372.48

Rev. E. P. Kirby,
Rev. E. R. Tyner,
Rev. Authar Williams,
Committee.

Motion:

That the expenses of this Association, consisting of Clerk hire, Minute Printing, and Moderator's expenses be deducted and the balance of money received at this Association be applied to the expenses of entertaining the National Association. Passed.

Motion:

That the 4th Sunday in January, 1954 be set aside to raise funds for National Association, and all of our churches be asked to do their best in this effort. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Brought forward from last year (Minute Fund) _____ \$ 22.48

Baggette — Poston Memorial Fund _____ 371.00

Home Missions _____ 774.50

Funds for National Association meeting _____ 150.00

Total received at this meeting _____ 372.48

\$1,689.96

Rev. Seldon Bullard, Treas.

Motion:

That all funds above that it will take to clear up our current expenses be placed at the disposal of our committee of arrangements for our National meeting next July. Passed.

Delegates To The National Associational

Mr. Jessie Williams, Hemingway, S. C.; Mr. Laverne Hannah, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.; Mr. R. C. Baggett, Manning S. C.; Mr. L. M. Miller, Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.; Mr. C. C. Lee, Rt. 4, Lancaster, S. C.

Motion:

That if any Delegate finds they are unable to attend the National Association, that the Moderator and the Clerk be clothed with power to name a substitute delegate from those of the laity of our Church that is present. Passed.

Motion:

That we give Little Bethel Church and the community a vote of rising thanks for the magnificent way in which we have been entertained during this State Association. Passed.

League Report

By Rev. Paul Ketteman

The Free Will Baptist League of this state enjoyed its most profitable year since the State Convention was organized, most of our Churches have good Leagues, and those that haven't as yet organized are being urged to do so, also the League Convention has made arrangements to help them get organized.

This year we had our first Youth Camp, the Camp was held up at Cheraw Beach at Camp Forrest. We had splendid attendance among our young people. A number was saved, and much good was accomplished. Next year we hope to have many more to meet with us.

Various subjects was taught by the best teachers that we were able to secure, and all in all we feel that those who attended was greatly benefited. The Camp was attended by 140 Leaguers, and there was 40 conversions. The next Camp will be conducted in August of next year.

Motion:

That we adjourn to meet with New Town Church, Route 1, Lake City next November 18, 19, 1954. Passed.

Program For 1954 Session To Be Held With New Town Church Located On Lake City Route 1 In the South Carolina Conference

Morning Session

10:00 A. M.—Devotion by Local Church

- 10:15 A. M.—Welcome address by Host Pastor
- 10:25 A. M.—Response by Rev. L. S. Gray
- 10:35 A. M.—Enrollment and seating of Ministers and Delegates
- 10:50 A. M.—Appointment of Committees — *Home Miss. Bd*
- 11:05 A. M.—Recess
- 11:15 A. M.—Keynote Message by Rev. Sterling Tucker of Timmons ville
- 12:15 A. M.—Noon

Afternoon Session

- 1:15 P. M.—Devotion by Rev. James D. Beheler
- 1:30 P. M.—President's Message
- 2:00 P. M.—Charge to Delegates, Ministers and Committees, and Welcome to Visitors *Bodd*
- 2:15 P. M.—Call for Associational, Conference and Church Letters
- 2:35 P. M.—Everybody sings
- 2:45 P. M.—Report of Bible College by Dr. L. G. Johnson, President
- 3:15 P. M.—Report of Christian Education by Rev. Sterling Tucker, Field Secretary — *Mellite*
- 3:35 P. M.—Report of Foreign Missions by Rev. L. A. Holliday, Director
- 3:55 P. M.—Presentation of Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Helen Kette-man, State Field Worker
- 4:10 P. M.—Announcements
- 4:15 P. M.—Congregational Hymn
- 4:20 P. M.—Recess
- 7:30 P. M.—Devotional by Local Church
- 8:00 P. M.—Message by Rev. T. A. Williams

Friday Morning Session

- 9:00 A. M.—Devotion by Rev. J. H. Hucks
- 9:15 A. M.—Seating of Delegates and Ministers
- 9:30 A. M.—Charge to Delegates and Ministers by President
- 9:45 A. M.—Call for Churches having not reported
- 9:55 A. M.—Unfinished Business
- 10:25 A. M.—Report of Home Missions by Seldon Bullard, Director
- 10:45 A. M.—Temperance Report
- 10:55 A. M.—Report on Sunday School Literature
- 11:05 A. M.—Recess
- 12:15 P. M.—Message by Rev. James Revis

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:30 P. M.—Devotion by Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- 1:45 P. M.—Report on Free Will Baptist League by Rev. R. L. Sanders, President
- 2:00 P. M.—Report of Superaunation by Rev. Paul J. Kettelman
- 2:20 P. M.—Report of State Association Treasury, Rev. Seldon Bullard
- 2:40 P. M.—Report of Finance Committee

- 2:50 P. M.—Report of Resolution Committee
- 3:30 P. M.—Report of Obituary Committee
- 3:40 P. M.—Invitation for next Association (Beaver Creek Association)
- 3:50 P. M.—Vote of Thanks to Local Church
- 3:55 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 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 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 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 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 OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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 Leagues and Woman's 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 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 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 may send an additional delegate, provided said church sends a contribution of not less than \$10.00.

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 offices 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. 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.

**MINUTES OF THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HELD WITH
LIBERTY CHURCH, FORESTON, S. C.
OCTOBER 10, 1953**

The Convention began with the host Church having charge of the Devotions. The President then gave a short talk after which we entered into the business period.

The Minutes of the last session was then read and the roll called. Sixteen Auxiliaries reported and one Y. G. A.

The Delegates were then seated, and the visitors and Ministers were welcomed.

The Secretary then gave a statistical report of the work done during the year.

Statistical Report

Number of Woman's Auxiliaries in the State _____	32
Go-Tills Auxiliaries in the State _____	15
Y. P. A.'s in the State _____	10
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Total Auxiliaries in State _____	57

Total Woman's Auxiliaries Membership _____	576
Go-Tills membership _____	125
Y. P. A.'s Membership _____	214

Total _____	915
Auxiliaries having a directed personal service activity each month _____	32
Auxiliary members engaged in personal service in local communities each month _____	247

Total offering to denominational causes:

Foreign Missions _____	\$ 376.44
Home Missions _____	67.79
Orphanage _____	535.59
College _____	231.53
Ministerial Fund _____	56.00
W. N. A. C. Per Capita Dues _____	57.60
Local Church Projects _____	1,823.37

Total _____	\$3,148.32
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At this time special music was rendered by Lockheart church.

Mrs. J. B. Chism brought some inspiring thoughts on the subject, "What Are We Going To Do In 1954."

The Declamation contest was under the direction of Mrs. Paul Ketteman, of Pamplico, only one contestant represented, Miss Dorothy Gibbs.

Mrs. R. Luther Sanders gave a short talk on "What Does Stewardship Mean To Our Church."

Then the Choir sang our National Auxiliary Theme, "Co-Laborers."

The Convention message was brought by Miss Zalene Lloyd, a returned Missionary from India. She used as a subject, "Together With God."

We then recessed for the noon hour.

Afternoon Session

We began the afternoon session with Mrs. Verna Stone from Little Bethel Church bringing the devotions.

Talks were given by the Delegates that attended the National Convention, Mrs. Luther Sanders and Mrs. Helen Ketteman telling of the growth of our work.

At this time the Finance Committee made their report as follows:

Received at this Convention _____	\$ 87.20
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It was moved and carried that we use this money to help on the expenses of the National Auxiliary Convention that meets in Spartanburg next July.

Treasurer's Report

In Treasury at beginning of year for general funds _____	\$ 64.05
Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund _____	50.00

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Received from State Convention in 1952	53.00
Tabernacle Church	29.50
St. John Church	13.50
From the District Treas. Mrs. O. M. Hilburn	74.60
For Co-Laborers Band Fund	94.50
Home Missions	6.69
Bible College Organ Fund	118.15

Disbursements

Mrs. Helen Sanders for Programs	\$ 5.50
National Dues	57.60
Co-Laborers Band	94.50
Home Missions	6.69
Bible College Organ Fund	118.15
Balance in Treasure	71.52
Plus Student-Loan Fund	50.00

Moved and seconded that we give \$50.00 Student-Loan-Fund to our State Association Treasurer, to be applied to the Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund.

At this time a Committee was appointed to plan the entertainment of the W. N. A. C., which is to be held in Spartanburg, July 1954.

Mrs. Dillard Cody of Arcadia was named Chairman of this committee and given authority to name the other members to serve with her.

It was decided to name the Delegates to the National Convention when said meeting convenes.

A Nominating Committee was then appointed as follows: Mrs. Ivenell Hanna, Mrs. Lester Wise, Mrs. Ruby Lee Severance, Mrs. A. F. Lawter and Mrs. L. A. Holliday.

An offering of \$25.05 was received to help pay the traveling expenses of Miss Zalene Lloyd.

It was then decided to take enough out of the Treasurer to make out \$50.00.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host Church for the fine way in which they entertained the Convention.

The Ladies of Mt. Elem and Haven churches gave a play entitled, "The Spirit of Missions."

After singing, "Bless Be The Tie" we were dismissed by Rev. Sterling Tucker.

The next Convention will meet with Little Bethel Church in the Central Association Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1954.

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