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State Association of (Original) FREE WILL BAPTIST

13th ANNUAL MEETING

CHESTER, S. C. November 17, 18

> A. F. LAWTER, Presiding RUFUS COFFEY, Clerk

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the South Carolina State Association of Original FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Held With

Chester F. W. B. Church CHESTER, S. C.

November 17, 18, 1955

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS President _ _____Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Timmonsville, S. C. _____Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. _____Rev. M. H. Mellette,Turbeville, S. C. First Vice-Pres.__ Second Vice-Pres.___ Corresponding Sec.____Rev. H. L. Player, Darlington, S. C. Recording Sec._____Louis B. Hanna, Johnsonville, S. C. Treasurer_____Joe Lynch, Rt. 1, Box 38, Scranton, S. C. Reading Clerk______R. C. Baggett, Manning, S. C. EXECUTIVE BOARD Rev. M. S. Todd, Lake City, S. C. Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmonsville, S. C. 1956 1957 Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. * Mr. C. V. Ward, Johnsonville, S. C. 1958 1959 1960 STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES Mr. J. E. Thigpen, Lake City, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. 1956 1957 Mr. C. V. Ward, Hemingway, S. C. 1958 Mr. J. G. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. 1959* Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C. 1960HOME MISSION ADVISORY BOARD 1956 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. 1957 Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C. 1958 * Mr. S. J. Jones, Pamplico, S. C. 1959 * FIELD SECRETARIES Director of Home Missions Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmonsville, S. C. Director of Foreign Missions Rev. Eugene Waddell, Timmonsville, S. C. Director of Superannuation Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C. Director of Christian Education Rev. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C. Promotional Secretary Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C. CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Eastern Conference	1 yr. Rev. Hoyt E. Powell Mr. J. G. Williams
Central Conference	2 yrs. Mr. C. V. Ward Mr. Louis B. Hanna
Beaver Creek Conference	3 yrs. Rev. Carl Shook Rev. A. F. Lawter
S. C. Conference	4 yrs. Rev. Julius Vause Mr. N. P. Coker Mr. Walker Miles

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed to serve during the coming year for some specific purpose designated in the minutes. HOME MISSIONS:

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. Fred Powers EDUCATIONAL (Mt. Olive Junior College).

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Rev. Fred S. Powers, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Mr. Walker Miles PROGRAM:

Rev. Eugene Waddell, Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Rufus Coffey PUBLICITY:

Rev. Bev. Ballard, Florence, S. C. c/o "Morning News" PERMANENT COMMITTEE

TEMPERANCE:

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chm., Rev. Ronald Creech*, Rev. Clarence Lambert, Rev. Fred S. Powers, Rev. E. C. Rash* Elected at this Association

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The meeting began with the host pastor, Rev. S. A. Branch, leading in the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Vive-President, called the meeting to order. Rufus Coffey was then elected clerk for this session on a motion by Rev. M. H. Melette.

Rev. A. F. Lawter spoke briefly to the Conference and explained that the president, Rev. L. A. Holliday, was absent because of illness, and confined to the hospital. Rev. M. H. Mellette made a motion that the clerk send a telegram to the president expressing our condolences.

The visiting ministers were recognized and by motion of Rev. M. H. Mellette they were given a seat and voice without voting privileges. Rev. S. A. Smith, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. Roy Rickhard, Rev. B. L. Shook were present. It was moved that the Mt. Olive Junior College representative and the Free Will Baptist Press representative be given an opportunity to speak during the afternoon session.

It was moved and passed that the chair appoint the committees for this associational meeting. FINANCE:

Rev. Walter Jernigan, J. G. Hawkins, Joe Lynch **RESOLUTION:**

Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rev. E. C. Rash DEVOTIONAL:

Rev. S. A. Branch

The committee appointed at the 1954 State Association Meeting for the improvement of the Children's Home Organization made the following report:

The Committee appointed in the 1954 session of the State Association for the purpose of making provision in the Constitution of the Children's Home for a staggered trustee board of nine reports as follows:

After a study was made by this committee, we found that the Children's Home did not have a Constitution and By-Laws. We do hereby submit to you a new Preamble, Constitution and By-Laws for the Children's Home.

(The Constitution was read. See Appendix - I)

We as a Committee make a motion that the Preamble. Constitution, and By-Laws be adopted in this session of the State Association.

Signed:

M. H. Mellette Ed Miles J. G. Williams

In accord with the Constitution a motion was made to lay this matter on the table until Friday morning, when it would be discussed for action.

The morning session was then recessed for the morning preaching service. The afternoon session was to begin at 1:30.

Rev. B. L. Shook of Kenly, N. C. brought the morning message. His subject was "The Spirit of the Cross," based upon the Scripture Luke 23:14; Acts 7:59-60.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Revive Us Again." Rev. Eugene Waddell conducted the devotion based upon 1 Sam. 12:23.

Rev. Eugene Waddell was appointed temporary clerk, and the following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, S. J. Jones, R. B. Jones, Rev. S. A. Branch

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE:

Judson Osborne, Lewis Hanna, T. B. Williams, Rev. Carl Shook

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Rev. Edison Kirby, Mrs. C. V. Ward, Rev. C. J. Poston, Connie Lawter

OBITUARY:

Rev. E. P. Kirby, Carl Evans, T. B. Williams, T. G. Hawkins WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

Mrs. Clarence Lambert, Mrs. C. V. Ward, Mrs. T. B. Williams, Mrs. Bobby Childers

NOMINATING:

Rev. Fred Powers, Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rev. Edison Kirby (R. S. Gibson replaced Rev. Jernigan on the Finance Committee)

The Letters from the churches were presented at this time to the Clerk without being read. (c/f: Statistical Reports)

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, delegate from N. C. State Association, spoke in behalf of his association and asked that a delegate be sent to their State Association next year. He spoke concerning the F. W. B. Press and extended an invitation to each to visit the press at Ayden, N. C.

Rev. Fred S. Powers, on motion by Rev. M. H. Mellette, was elected as delegate to the N. C. State Association next year.

Rev. S. A. Smith of Mt. Olive, N. C. gave a report from Mt. Olive Junior College, of which he is Business Manager.

Rev. M. H. Melette spoke and took an offering for the Mt. Olive Junior College. (Amount of offering, \$41.55.)

Rev. R. N. Hinnant spoke again on the aims and objectives of the college to become accredited academically.

It was moved by R. C. Baggett and adopted that the State Foreign Mission Director send a written report to the clerk to be recorded in the minutes. (c/f; Appendix - II)

Rev. S. A. Smith spoke briefly on Orphanage work. Rev. Edward Corn, Children's Home Superintendent, then gave the following report: (c/f Appendix - III)

Further Reports given were:

STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY:

This report was mailed to Rev. Rufus Coffey from Rev. W. A. Hales. It was read by the clerk and on motion it was received as corrected. (c/f: Appendix - IV) SUPERANNUATION:

This report was mailed to Rev. Rufus Coffey from Rev. Paul Ketterman. It was read by the clerk and on motion it was received. (c/f: Appendix - V)

HOME MISSIONS:

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This report was given by the State Director, Rev. Fred Powers. and upon motion it was received. (c/f Appendix - VI) TREASURER'S REPORT:

This report was mailed to Rev. L. A. Holliday by Rev. Thomas Mellette and relayed to the Conference. It was read by the clerk and upon motion it was received. (c/f: Appendix - VII)

It was moved that we adjourn the business until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

The Devotional Committee announced that Rufus Coffey was to bring the evening message at 7:30.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Following the song service led by the host pastor, Rev. S. A. Branch, Rufus Coffey spoke from the ninth chapter of 1 Corinthians. His subject was "Castaway" from 1 Cor. 9:27.

FRIDAY MORNING

This session began by singing "Bringing in the Sheaves." Rev. Ronald Creech conducted the Devotion. He used as a basis for his message Titus 2:11-15.

Minutes were read from the Thursday sessions by the Clerk, and they were adopted.

The churches who did not report Thursday submitted their reports.

It was moved by Rufus Coffey that a committee be appointed to make new report blanks. This committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Rev. Eugene Waddell, Rev. S. A. Branch.

A letter from Rev. Raymond Riggs, National Promotional Secretary for Foreign Missions, was read in which he sent greetings to our association.

Proposed recommendations were submitted for the Home Mission Department by the committee appointed in the S. C. Conference. Upon proper motion these were adopted. (c/f: Appendix -VIII)

Rev. Eugene Waddell spoke concerning the National League Convention to be held in Greenville, N. C. next June. He encouraged pastors and delegates to encourage the young people from their separate churches to make plans to attend this convention.

The following committees reported.

OBITUARY:

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A verbal report was given stating that no information had been received relating to any deaths in the state. TEMPERANCE:

This report was given verbally and accepted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

This report was read and accepted. (c/f: Appendix - IX) FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE:

This report was read and received. (c/f: Appendix - X) SUNDAY SCHOOL:

This report was read and received. (c/f: Appendix - XI)

The Conference recessed for fifteen minutes so that the rest of the committees could complete their reports.

The Conference reassembled at 10:30 and upon motion the Children's Home Constitution (c/f: Appendix - I) was taken from the table for discussion. Mr. Mellette spoke in behalf of this constitution. Discussion ensued. Rev. W. L. Jernigan moved that the constitution be referred back to the committee who originated it for further consideration. This motion was seconded by Brother T. B. Williams. Rev. M. H. Mellette spoke against such a proposal and offered an alternate motion that question and privilege of discussion be left to the body for debate. Further discussion ensued. Finally a third alternate motion was submitted to table the discussion until 1:30. This motion was adopted.

A motion was made that we recess briefly before the morning preaching service and that Rev. Julius Vause would speak.

Rev. Julius Vause brought a very stirring message on the subject "Fight a Good Fight," from the Scripture 1 Tim. 4:1-8.

The session was adjourned for lunch.

Revivals 4.160.98Pastor's Salaries 38.117.01 Building & Repair 19,294.14 Operating Expense 11.576.68Convention Fees 1.572.16Church Property: Number of churches 27 (17 full time, 9 half time, 1 quarter time) Number of parsonages 6 Value of churches & equipment \$380,395.00 Total Value of all property & equipment \$443,726.50 Value of parsonages & equipment 63,331.50 Rev. Fred S. Powers, Moderator Rev. Edison Kirby, Clerk Timmonsville, S. C. Rt. 1, Lake City, S. C. EASTERN CONFERENCE Membership: At beginning of year 373 Total increase for the year 13Present Membership 386 Total ministers 9 Finance Balance on hand 1,091.26Total receipts for year 10,184.23 Total paid out 6,776.67 Balance in all treasuries 3,407.56Church Property: Number churches 5 Value of church property 15.750.00 Rev. T. A. Williams, Moderator J. M. Williams, Clerk R. F. D. 2, Hemingway, S. C. R. F. D. 2, Hemingway, S. C. CENTRAL CONFERENCE Membership: At beginning of year 400 Total increase for the year 49 Present Membership 449 Number of Ministers 15(Ordained, 14: Licensed, 1) Finance: Balance on hand \$ 2,925.52 Total receipts for the year 13.075.41Balance in all treasuries 3.177.30Disbursements: Building and repairs \$10.522.58 Charity 407.56 Children's Home 426.56Christian Education 184.92 Foreign Missions 236.60 Home Missions 96.50Operating Expense (Fuel, Lights, etc) 535.89 Pastor's Salaries 2.631.70 Revivals 1,088.88 Superannuation

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Church Property: Number of churches (3 full time, 8 half time Value of church property

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\$60,000.00

Rev. J. A. Hucks, Moderator Conway, S. C. Rev. Seldon Bullard, Clerk Kannapolis, N. C.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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The afternoon session began by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. F. Lawter using Prov. 2:18-21 for his Scripture. Ed Miles led in prayer.

Business was called for and a motion was made to resume debate on the Children's Home Constitution. Brother Williams withdrew his second from the motion Mr. Jernigan had made in the morning session. Rev. M. H. Mellette withdrew his motion of the morning session.

The motion was then made by Rev. Fred Powers that the Constitution be adopted in its entirety as submitted by the committee. This motion was carried. This Constitution is to become ϵ ffective November 25, 1955.

(Rev. Hardy Richburg was substituted for Rev. Fred Powers on the Nominating Committee.)

A motion was made and sustained that a committee of three be appointed to work with the Mt. Olive Junior College in carrying out the plan suggested by their representative to this body.

Rev. Fred Powers, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Mr. Walker Miles were named to serve.

A committee for defining the duties and formulating By-Laws of the State Home Mission Board was appointed.

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. Fred Powers

The Woman's Auxiliary Committee made their report and it was received. (c/f: Appendix - XII)

A motion was made that the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary work for the year be included in the minutes. Motion sustained. c/f: Appendix - XV)

A special committee appointed at this session to make recommendations for new report blanks submitted their report. (c/f: Appendix - XIII). This report was adopted except for section two. This, of necessity, must lay on the table until next year, because it is a Constitutional change.

The report of the resolution committee was received and adopted. (c/f: Appendix - XIV)

A motion was made that a committee be appointed to work cut a program for the State Association next year. The committee included: (c/f: Directory)

The nominating committee reported. Each nominee was voted upon separately and elected as listed in the directory.

The finance committee reported that \$233 had been received at this session: \$145, S. C. Conference; \$10 Eastern Conference; \$40 Beaver Creek Conference; \$30 Central Conference; \$8 Misc. This report was accepted.

A motion was made and sustained that a Publicity Committee be elected with Rev. Bev Ballard as chairman and a Publicity man from each conference to be elected who will in turn relay the news to Brother Ballard. The delegation for the National Association was discussed. It was moved and sustained that the delegation be made up of those present at the National Association in Huntington, W. Va., July 10-12, 1956. A further motion was sustained that the Moderator, W. L. Jernigan, should be in charge of enrolling the delegates and in his absence, Rufus Coffey will assume this responsibility.

It was moved that a telegram be sent to Rev. Paul Shehan to express our best wishes during his illness.

It was moved and sustained that the Conference should meet in the Central Conference next year, November 15, 16. The Conference will meet the first day at Little Bethel Church and the second day at Little Star Church.

Upon motion the Conference was adjourned.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE		
Membership: Membership at beginning	g of vear: 946	
Total Increase for the ye		
Present Membership:	1057	
Number of Ministers:	22	
(15 ordained, 7 licensed)		
Finances: Cash on hand at h	beginning of year:	\$ 1,837.92
Total receipts for the year		34,281.80
Disbursements for the y		34,372.22
Balance in all treasuries		\$ 1,747.50
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C	'hildren's Home	841.56
F	'oreign Missions	354.06
P P	'astor's Salaries	18,171.78
	levivals	1,147.45
	perating Expense	13,857.37
Church Property: Number of	churches 10	
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Value of churches & eq		\$150,000.00
Rev. Carl Shook, Moderator	Mrs. A. F. Law	ter, Clerk
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Rev. Carl Shook, Moderator Rt. 4, Lancaster, S. C. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE	Mrs. A. F. Law Box 308, Lockha	ter, Clerk
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APPENDICES.

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APPENDIX I

CHILDREN'S HOME CONSTITUTION

For the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of South Carolina operating as the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Turbeville, South Carolina.

PREAMBLE

This institution shall be known and designated as the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, and shall be maintained for white children only, and shall be governed and controlled by the original Free Will Baptist Churches of South Carolina, operated under a charter of the state of South Carolina and will ever be governed by the constitution and By-Laws adopted by the original Free Will Baptist State Association of South Carolina. The said constitution may be altered or changed by two thirds vote of the state association in conference. Any change offered shall have a twentyfour hour period before any action.

ARTICLE I

The management and control of the Free Will Baptist Home For Children, Inc., shall be vested in a board of nine trustees, two of which shall be members of the Eastern Conference and two of which shall be members of the Central Conference and two of which shall be members of the Beaver Creek Association and three of which shall be members of the S. C. Conference in good standing of churches within their respective conference or association.

ARTICLE II

The board of trustees shall be elected by the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist while in regular session upon recommendation of their respective conference or association. The said board shall have the power to remove any of their number for improper conduct, of which they shall be the judges; provided further, the accused shall have thirty days notice of such procedure, and a majority of two thirds of the members of the board shall be necessary to effect such removal. The said board shall elect their chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer, and all other officers of the Home. The secretary and treasurer shall be a member of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, but not necessarily a member of the board of trustees.

The members of the board of trustees shall be elected for a four year term with the following exceptions:

1. The Eastern Conference members elected at the 1955 session of the South Carolina State Association to serve for one year.

2. The Central Conference members elected at the 1955 session of the South Carolina State Association to serve for two years.

3. The Beaver Creek Association members elected at the 1955 session of the South Carolina State Association to serve for three vears.

4. The South Carolina Conference members elected at the 1955 session of the South Carolina State Association to serve for four years.

ARTICLE III

The board of trustees shall meet quarterly at times specified by the board, at the Home, and also at the place of the state association. The Chairman shall call special meetings when requested to do so by two members of the Board or by the superintendent.

The board of Trustees shall have the power to adopt such By-Laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary to properly carry cut its objects, and may make, alter, amend or rescind such By-Laws by a vote of a majority of all the Trustees.

ARTICLE IV

The board of Trustees shall annually report to the state association at each regular session, their proceedings, the number of inmates, expenses, condition of property and inmates and furnish with said report an inventory of all property belonging to the Home together with any recommendation they may deem necessary or advisable to make to the State Association.

ARTICLE V

A majority of the board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

The Trustees shall elect a Superintendent and an assistant Superintendent and such other officials as they deem necessary, all of whom may reside on the campus. Said Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and other officials shall hold their office during the pleasure of the board of Trustees and shall be responsible for all property of every description that may come into their hands or into any building controlled by the Institution.

ARTICLE VII

All salaries shall be fixed by the board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII

Each Trustee shall be entitled to receive six cents per mile traveling expense when attending board meetings or upon committee assignments, with the exception of an annual meeting held in connection with the State Association.

ARTICLE IX

The secretary shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the board and shall furnish the Chairman of the board and the Superintendent of the Home with copies and shall perform all other duties connected with the office.

ARTICLE X

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The treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds of the institution and pay all salaries and all bills. He shall make a full financial report at each regular meeting of the board and mail copies of the report to all pastors and church clerks in the state of South Carolina. The Treasurer shall be bonded at all times for the sum of not less than \$10,000 for which sum the chairman of the board shall be custodian. He shall implicity obey all orders and instructions of the board of Trustees and carry in good faith any system of operations which they direct.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1

The management of the Home in all its departments is committed into the hands of the Superintendent. Subordinate officers shall report to the Superintendent any negligence of persons employed in the Home, or disobedience of inmates. Section 2

The Superintendent shall direct the intellectual, moral and religious instructions of the pupils, and shall visit the classes in all the departments, and shall give attention to the health and comfort of the pupils. He shall require the pupils to respect and obey the different instructors when in the exercise of their respective duties, and to pay to them on all occasions the respect and attention that is indispensable for successful training. Should any difficulty arise between instructor and pupil which cannot be settled by him or her, it shall be his or her duty to bring it to the notice of the Superintendent, who, if further action is needed. shall report to the board of Trustees in quarterly session. Section 3

He shall frequently inspect the buildings and grounds and enforce neatness, and from time to time examine the stores and meals of the pupils, see that they are supplied with wholesome food. and that same is properly prepared and in purchases for the Home the most rigid economy consistent with the comfort of the pupils and property of the Home shall be observed. Section 4

He shall keep or have kept a register of the names, ages and parents if any; residence and date of admission of each child with their history as far as practicable. He shall also keep or have kept a record in book form all contributions given directly to the Home, with the name of the donor; and shall publish same monthly in Free Will Baptist paper. The assistant Superintendent shall assist the Superintendent in the performance of his duties, under his supervision and in his absence shall assume full responsibility of the Superintendent.

ARTICLE XII

No plays or games having a tendency toward gambling or cther immorality shall be permitted, nor will the use of tobacco or spirituous liquors in any form be allowed to the children.

ARTICLE XIII

No one connected with the Home shall entertain company at the expense of the institution nor dispose of any of its supplies without accounting for same. This section however does not prevent relatives of the inmates from visiting the Home for such length of time as may be determined by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XIV

The treatment of the children in the Home shall be uniform, gentle and kind. No employee or subordinate officer shall inflict corporal punishment except by permission of the Superintendent, but shall report extreme cases of discbedience to him.

ARTICLE XV

Kindness and politeness among employees and children is strictly enjoined. No rudeness or violent language shall be tolerated from any person under any circumstance. Section 1

Persons admitted to the Home not complying with the rules established for its government or whose personal habits and conduct may be such as to disturb the peace and comfort of other occupants and endanger the discipline of the Institution must be discharged and if such person be an inmate of the Home, they shall be returned to the local church or person from whom they came.

ARTICLE XVI

There shall be prayer and devotions held daily in the buildings where the children sleep, the same to be arranged in time by person in charge of said building.

ARTICLE XVII

Any person desiring to secure the admission of a child into the Home will address the Superintendent asking for a form of application which must be carefully filled out. Applications will be examined by the Board of Trustees and, if approved, filed for admission of applicant.

ARTICLE XVIII

No child shall be admitted to the Home who has within reach adequate means of support, or whose father or mother if living, is able to support and educate said child. Under no circumstances shall any person be admitted who is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. No child shall be admitted into the Home who has not been approved by some church in conference, and signed by pastor and clerk of said church.

ARTICLE XIX

The Superintendent shall have discretionary power at any time to place any child out of the Home in keeping with the State laws governing child care in Institutions.

ARTICLE XX

Boys and girls must occupy separate sleeping apartments, one responsible adult person must reside in each building where the children sleep. Home also. I have received no salary, and made no charge for postage for the few letters I have sent out. Our report is as follows:

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RECEIPTS

Received from the State Treasurer (Brother Mellette)\$ 40.00Received from Rev. Fred S. Powers200.00Received from the First District Quarterly Meeting25.00Total Receipts\$265.00

EXPENDITURES

One trip to the Executive Committee Meeting in Nashville, Tenn \$ 43.90

Two trips to the Beaver Creek Association30.00Five trips to the Childrens Home (Board and Committee Meetings)20.00

Total Expenditures

Respectfully submitted.

\$93.90

W. A. Hales

APPENDIX V

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

South Carolina State Association In Session November 17-18, 1955

Please find enclosed my report as Treasurer of the State Association of Free Will Baptist Superannuation Board for your State: Balance on hand at the beginning of the year \$522.00 Receipts from Southside Church, Darlington for premium on their pastor's insurance 33.08 Total Money to be accounted for \$690.95

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. J. O. Fort, Treasurer of Nat'l Board for premium on
Clarence Lambert's Insurance\$33.08To Rev. K. V. Shutes, Pro Sect. of Nat'l Board for 25% of
State Income to National42.47Total Disbursements75.55Balance in Treasury (Mailed by Check to Rev. Coffey)\$615.40Balance herewith submitted\$171.10

Respectfully Submitted.

By undeposited	checks (to	Rev.	Coffey)		71.10
Total Monies se	nt to Rev.	Rufus	Coffey Nov. 1	2, 1955	\$686.50

Respectfully submitted, Paul J. Ketteman, Treasurer

APPENDIX VI

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Home Mission Board enjoyed a good year. Several works were organized and other churches were helped. An itinerary for the National Home Mission Board brought in \$525.09.

Total receipts for the year	\$ 2,540.91
Total disbursements for the year	1,225.19
Accounts receivable	,
Loaned to East Side Church	50.00
Loaned to Promotional Dept.	100.00
Total	150.00
Total assets fixed	86.64
Balance total of assets in cash	\$ 1.552.36

APPENDIX VII

TREASURER'S REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION

Balance Brought Forward Receipts:	\$ 200.07
State Association Collection for Temperance Total	25.89 \$225.96
Disbursements: Rev. W. A. Hales (Expense for trip to National Board Meeting as Promotional Secretary, Fee to National Association * Print of 200 Minutes Total Disbursements Balance now in Treasury * (Note: The printing of the 200 Minutes cost \$ the State Association Fund was not sufficient amount, it was necessary to draw from the Pos Memorial Fund the amount of \$70.04.) Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Thomas M. Mellette, Tre	50.00 110.21 \$ 200.21 \$ 25.75 5180.25. Since to pay this ston-Baggette
POSTON BAGGETTE MEMORIAL FUND REI Balance brought forward	91.55 \$91.55
Receipts: Elro I. Driggers (On Note) South Carolina Quarterly Conference Turned over by Committee which checked throu former books	150.00 24.56 ugh
	393.08
Total Deductions: Fund drawn on for balance on State Association Minutes Total Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Thomas M. Mellette, Tr	659.19 70.04

ARTICLE XXI

The discharge age, unless otherwise provided, shall be eighteen years of age.

BY LAWS ARTICLE I

Requirements of Personnel

A. The Superintendent must possess business executive ability. He must be a Christian with tender love and kindness for children. He must be a member of the original Free Will Baptist Church.

B. Attendants and other employees in the home must be trained or experienced in child welfare and must possess necessary qualities to best perform their duties.

All employees must be of sound mind and good health and must furnish the board of Trustees with a health certificate from the county or state health physician. No person will be employed who has a handicap or is intoxicated in any way to make them unfit to carry out their duties. All employees must be of Protestant faith.

ARTICLE II

Admittance of Children

A. All applications must be accompained by a health certificate together with recommendations from a pastor and the Welfare department. Any applicant who has one or both parents living, or a guardian or is a ward of the state, in either case the one responsible must enter into an agreement with reference to the custodian and management and control of the child satisfactory with the board of Trustees before admittance. Any abandoned child shall be eligible for admittance, provided some church or civic organization shall recommend the child.

B. No white child shall be denied on account of religious or political affiliations, however, the board of Trustees shall have the right to pass upon all applications and accept or reject as they may deem best for the institution.

APPENDIX II

STATE FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

As your State Director for Foreign Missions I wish to express my sincere regrets for not having been able to attend this session of the State Association, this being the first one that I have missed since its organization thirteeen years ago.

Our Churches as a whole have contributed generously to the cause of missions during the past Associational Year. I want to thank each Pastor and Church for their cooperation during the time that I have served in this place. The Association has selected a fine young man to fill this place. Give him your cooperation.

I sincerely hope that South Carolina Free Will Baptist will reach our quota for the 1955-56 Associational year. The needs are becoming greater and we must give more.

L. A. Holliday

Director Foreign Missions - S. C.

APPENDIX III

REPORT

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

The following is a condensed form of the financial status of the Children's Home for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1955.

Balance brought forward Oct. 1, 1954	\$ 2,359.89
Total receipts for 1955	19,302.82
Total disbursements for the year 1955	11,570.86
Bank Balance Sept. 30, 1955	\$10,091.86
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This balance is divided into three funds.

Building Fund	\$ 2,448.70
Farm Fund	1,430.20
General Fund	6,212.96
	\$10,091.86

APPENDIX IV

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the 1955 Session Of The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist. Greetings In The Name Of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

The report of your Promotional Secretary for this year is far from what we have hoped and prayed for it to be. Please bear in mind the fact, that this is the first year the office has been in operation, and that we had to start from the stump with no specific duties outlined or funds with which to operate.

You will remember that the Executive Committee was instructed to meet early in the year to outline the duties of the office, and arrange for a salary on a part time basis and also provide funds with which to get the work started. Your President (Brother Holliday) did call for a meeting to be held at the Children's Home in Turbeville, the first of the year, however, Brothers Holliday, Fred Powers and myself were the only ones to attend, and since a guorum was not present the Board could not function.

At this meeting however, Brother Powers, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board was asked for a loan of \$100.00 and a gift of another \$100.00 in order that the work might get under way. In the meantime, another meeting was to be called at an early date to outline the duties of the Secretary, but for some reason this meeting never did materialize. To my knowledge, therefore, we have been able to do but very little.

We made one trip to Nashville, Tenn. to represent our Association in a meeting of the Executive Board of the National Association, and two trips to the Beaver Creek Association in the interest of our state work. We have also attended two meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Childrens Home. We met three times with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee appointed by the Association last year. These meetings were held at the Children's

APPENDIX VIII

The committee appointed in the S. C. Conference to submit recommendations to this body for the Home Mission Department submits the following report:

We hereby recommend:

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- 1. The Home Mission Director shall have authority to investigate the prospects of a new F. W. Baptist Church. Upon consulting the Advisory Board for their approval, he shall have the power to proceed to launch a campaign for such an organization.
- 2. That the State Association empower the Home Mission Board and its Director to obtain legal help in the organization of a "Church Finance Corporation".
- 3. That a Committee be appointed to work with the Home Mission Board, to define the duties and formulate By-Laws for the State Home Mission Department.
- 4. That the Home Mission Treasurer be bonded for \$2500.

Signed: Rufus Coffey Julius Vause Judson Osborne W. L. Jernigan

APPENDIX IX

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Rev. S. A. Smith, Mt. Olive, N. C., gave a very inspirational talk on Christian Education. We encourage the older ministers to try to influence the young ministers to try to enroll in a Free Will Baptist School. We praise our state for the part we have had in maintaining the institution that has educated hundreds of young people during the past eleven years. Truly the Bible College has grown more rapidly than any of us had expected. God has been with us. An offering for Education was taken in the amount of \$45.55 and turned over to the Rev. S. A. Smith for the Mt. Olive College.

Signed: Mrs. C. V. Ward Mrs. A. F. Lawter C. G. Poston

APPENDIX X

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

We, your committee on League work, make the following report:

With more of our churches and pastors realizing that the F. W. B. League is a necessary and helpful organization.

When we consider the many temptations that our youth have to face every day, are we not moved to encourage our young folk to attend all our League services, including our League camp at Cheraw. The League being the training union of our church, we should put our best in it. For the League of today will be the church of tomorrow.

Respectfully	submitted:
T. B. Willian	ms
J. H. Osborn	е
Carl Shook	

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION CAMP FOR SUMMER OF 1955

Balance on hand at beginning of 1955 s	eason	\$ 300.84
Receipts:		
Canteen Receipts	\$ 190.19	
Registration & Camp Fees	1065.00	
Total Receipts		\$1,255.19
TOTAL MONEY to be accounted for		\$1,556.03
Disbursements:		
Campers Insurance	52.20	
Camp Rental and Deposit	268.52	
Film Rental		
Groceries and Meats	382.44	
Ice	170.00	
Labor	170.00	
Medical Supplies	4.57	
Milk and Ice Cream	64.20	
Miscellaneous (Postage, etc.)	10.74	
Printing	4.68	
Projector and Screen Rental	12.50	
Refunds (Registration fee to counselor)	2.00	
Soft Drinks for Canteen	60.80	
Travel Expense	120.95	
Total Disbursements		\$1,177.15
Balance on hand September 24, 1955 (To	J. B. Chism, Jr.)	
Checks still out according to records:	, .	
No. 59	10.95	
No. 74	7.00	
No. 75	57.20	
No. 83	7.00	
No. 101	35.92	
Total amount of checks out according to	records	\$118.07
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Balance shown on Guarantee Bank Statement September 19, 1955 \$494.95

Paul Ketterman, Director

APPENDIX XI

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITERATURE

We recommend that we readopt the report of last year found on page eleven in our last year's minutes.

Signed: W. L. Jernigan

R. B. Jones S. A. Branch It is as follows:

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Realizing the urgent need for better Sunday Schools in all our churches, and, the need for better trained workers, we recommend that each pastor in the state lead his Sunday School in a training program, holding at least one week of an Officer-Teacher Course each year.

We recommend that all Sunday Schools, as much as possible, use our own Free Will Baptist literature. And we further recommend that each School use the "Six Point Record System."

We urge all our Sunday Schools to give full support to the work of the National Sunday School Convention and its Promotional Secretary, and that each Sunday School in the State send delegates to the National Convention. We also recommend that our Sunday School workers in the local churches take more interest in the District and State Conventions.

Recognizing the importance of rightfully dividing the Word of Truth, we strongly urge our Sunday School Officials and pastors to prayerfully select from their constituency the most spiritual and best qualified persons for teachers.

APPENDIX XII

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held with the Beulah Church. There were 28 auxiliaries reporting.

Ten from the Beaver Creek District Four from the Central District

Four from the Eastern District

Twenty from the S. C. District

The total membership is approximately 753, with 20 G $\,$ T.

A.'s.

We, your committee on Auxiliaries, feel our work is one of the greatest of the Church. We visit the sick and shut-ins, and the ones in deep sorrow and those in need. We urge pastors to encourage the woman's auxiliary work, and also the Girl's Auxiliary Work.

> Signed: Mrs. A. F. Lawter Mrs. T. B. Williams Mrs. C. V. Ward

APPENDIX XIII report blank committee

We recommend that:

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- 1. The clerk carry out the motion passed by the last association concerning new forms (page 12; 3rd motion) and send a form to each church before the next Association.
- 2. Article three, section three of the constitution be amended to request each church to send \$10 with its delegate.

3. This body instruct the clerk to mimeograph the minutes instead of printing them in order to reduce expense of minutes.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. Jernigan

S. A. Branch

R. Eugene Waddell

APPENDIX XIV

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your resolution committee, submit the following:

- 1. We hereby recommend that a publicity committee be elected annually (a representative from each conference) to gather the news relative to our Denominations and our local churches, and that it be sent to a chairman who would in turn give the news to the various news agencies.
- 2 We also recommend that a program committee be appointed to prepare our programs for our next session and that this be done one month before.
- 3. We also call to your attention article four of our constitution and item six of our By-Laws contradicting each other as to the appointing or electing of our executive committees and we do recommend this be attended to today.

Signed: Carl F. Shook

H. E. Powell E. C. Rash

APPENDIX XV s. c. state auxiliary convention

The S. C. State Auxiliary Convention met with the Beulah F W. B. Church in Pamplico, S. C. on October 8, 1955. The Convention opened with a hymn led by Mrs. Julius Vause, and was followed by prayer. The Beulah church was in charge of the

devotional and welcome. In the absence of the president, Mrs. L. A. Holliday, and the Vice-President, Miss Geneva Sawyer, Mrs. J. B. Chism, the corresponding secretary, was asked to preside. For her message to the convention she spoke on "Can a Woman Serve God". This was iollowed with the recognition of the various auxiliaries, ministers, district conventions, delegates, ministers and visitors. A nomination committee was nominated and elected from the floor to nominate persons to fill the offices vacant at this time and, also, to nominate all officers to be elected at the State Convention next year. This committee was composed of Mrs. Julius Vause, Chairman, Pamplico, S. C., Mrs. Clarence Poston, Johnsonville, Mrs. Vernie Stone, Lake City, Rt. 3, Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, Mrs. O. M. Hilburn, Darlington, S. C.

At the request of Mrs. Murdock Stone, Youth Auxiliary Chairman, her resignation was accepted due to the fact that her church does not at this time belong to any conference. It was mentioned at this time that our State President's church, also, does not belong to a conference. The motion was made and seconded that the nomination committee investigate this and if it be true that we, also, accept her resignation and that the committee appoint some person to preside at the next convention until a new president could be elected.

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The minutes and reports of the last convention were read by the secretary and accepted. The reports for both last year and this year were read. This year's report is as follows:

Special music was rendered by a Female Quartet from Bethany Church after which Mrs. Ruby Lee Severence gave a talk on "Prepare to Tell by Training our Youth." Special music was given by Rev. Tommy Willey, Jr., a student at Columbia Bible College and son of our missionaries in Cuba after which he brought the morning message. A love offering was taken for him.

We adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Eugene Waddell. A delicious lunch was served by the host church.

The Afternoon Session began with the devotional by Little Bethel. An interesting and inspirational playlet was given by the Horse Branch Auxiliary entitled "Bifocals Needed."

A talk, "Equip to Tell" was given by Miss Margaret Vause. This included information on the W. N. A. C. Project to buy equipment for the Cronks and Hannas to use in India. A poster entitled "Visual Aid Convoy" was placed at the front of the church and each auxiliary or individual having a gift for this fund was asked to come forward and place a small boat with the amount of their gift and their name written on it on the poster. The total amount of the gifts was: \$123.05.

Group singing was then enjoyed.

The Woman's State Auxiliary Convention was discussed. This discussion was led by Mrs. Rufus Coffey.

The Treasurer's report which was as follows was given and accepted:

accepted.	
Balance brought forward from 1954	21.12
Total receipts for 1955	205.45
Total received for Co-Laborer fund	155.44
Total received for Home Missions	12.67
Total received for Foreign Missions	74.95
Total receipts	469.63
Disbursements for 1955 \$	385.89
Programs	7.50
National Convention	39.00
Charge on check deposit	.10
To Josephine Stevens	116.23
To Co-Laborer Fund	155.44
To Home Missions	12.67
To Foreign Missions	74.95
Balance in Treasury	83.74
St. John	11.50
Total received for Co-Laborer	\$155.44

Received for Home Missions Received for Foreign Missions:	\$ 12.67
Little Star Auxiliary	18.00
Beulah Christmas Gift to Hannas	16.00
Beulah Week of Prayer	15.20
Sand Hill Week of Prayer	5.75
Eastern District Convention	20.00
Total received for Foreign Missions	74.95
Paid out Year 1955	
For Programs	7.50
To National Convention	39.00
Charge on check deposit	.10
To Stevens	116.23
To Co-Laborer Fund	155.44
To Home Missions	12.67
To Foreign Missions	54.95
Total amount received	\$ 469.63
Total amount paid out	385.89
Balance in Treasury	\$ 83.74
Miscellaneous Business was as follows:	
Nomination committee report:	

For Field Worker: Mrs. W. C. Clearman, Pamplico, S. C. For Youth Chairman: Mrs. Vernie Stone, Lake City, Rt. 3

(Central Conference)

For Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Lee Severance, Timmonsville, S. C. 35

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Those elected were:

Field Worker: Mrs. W. C. Clearman

Youth Chairman: Mrs. Vernie Stone

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C.

It was decided that the Youth Chairman in each district contact each church in her district in regard to the declamation on "Missions" and the essays on "The Family Altar." A winner from the G. T. A. and one from the Y. P. A. is to be selected in each district for the declamation on contest. These district winners will compete at the Y. A. Rally to be held at Darlington next February and the state winner will be selected there. The district Youth Chairman is also to receive and judge the essays for her district, and send them to the State Youth Chairman not later than April 1st. The State Chairman will then select the best essay from the G. T. A. and the best one from the Y. P. A. and send them to the National Youth Chairman by May 1st.

We received two invitations for the next convention: High Hill Church and St. John Church. It was voted to meet at High Hill since St. John had had it not too long ago.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church and, also, to Mrs. Chism for presiding.

Miss Margaret Vause was song leader for the day, and Mrs. Rufus Coffey served as pianist.

We adjourned with prayer led by Rev. W. C. Clearman.