

**1956**  
**MINUTES**  
**State Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptist**

*14th*

*Annual Session*

*Central Conference*

*Little Bethel, Little Star Church*

*1957*

*Association*

*Nov. 13, Happy Home Church*

*Nov. 14, Williams Hill Church*

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1956

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the  
South Carolina State Association of Original

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

November 15, 16

*Walter Jernigan, Moderator*

*Rufus Coffey, Clerk*

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The 1957 State Association will meet November 13 with the Happy Home Church (5 miles northeast of Andrews on Highway 41). The Friday Session, November 14, will meet with the Williams Hill Church (5 miles east of Hemingway on Highway 51). A sign will be posted.

## DIRECTORY FOR STATE ASSOCIATION

### STATE OFFICERS

President	Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Timmons ville, S. C.
First Vice-Pres.	Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.
Second Vice-Pres.	Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.
Corresponding Sec.	Rev. H. L. Player, Darlington, S. C.
Recording Sec.	Rev. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.
Treasurer	Joe Lynch, Rt. 1, Box 38, Scranton, S. C.
Reading Clerk	R. C. Baggett, Manning, S. C.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Fred Powers, Timmons ville, S. C.	1957
Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemmingway, S. C.	1958
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1959
Mr. C. V. Ward, Johnsonville, S. C.	1960
Mr. Lonnie Brown,	1961

### STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1957
Mr. C. V. Ward, Hemingway, S. C.	1958
Mr. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.	1959
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C.	1960
Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.	1961

### HOME MISSION ADVISORY BOARD

Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1957
Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C.	1958
Mr. S. J. Jones, Pamplico, S. C.	1959
Rev. Floyd Ard, Johnsonville, S. C.	1960
Mr. Marion C. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.	1961

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Tracy Williams, Hemingway, S. C.	1957
Mr. Arris L. Powell, Johnsonville, S. C.	1958
Rev. S. A. Branch, Chester, S. C.	1959
Rev. Monroe Harrell, Turbeville, S. C.	1960
Rev. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.	1961

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.	1957
Rev. David Philbeck, Clover, S. C.	1958
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C.	1959
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.	1960

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Fred Powers, Timmons ville, S. C.	1957
Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C.	1958
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C.	1959
Mr. Louis Bass Hanna, Johnsonville, S. C.	1960

### PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C.	1957
Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmons ville, S. C.	1958
Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C.	1959
Rev. Ronald Creech, Florence, S. C.	1960
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C.	1961

### FIELD DIRECTORS

HOME MISSIONS	Rev. Fred Powers
FOREIGN MISSIONS	Rev. L. A. Holliday
SUPERANNUATION	Rev. Clarence Lambert
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Rev. Ronald Creech
SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Rev. Carroll Alexander
PUBLICITY	Rev. Bev Ballard
PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY	Rev. Reedy Saverance
CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES	

Central Conference	1 yr. Mr. C. V. Ward
	Mr. Louis B. Hanna

Beaver Creek Association	2 yrs. Rev. Carl Shook
	Rev. A. F. Lawter

S. C. Conference	3 yrs. Rev. Julius Vause
	Mr. N. P. Coker
	Mr. Walker Miles

Eastern Conference	4 yrs. Rev. Hoyt Powell
	Mr. Weldon Poston

Rev. H. W. Richburg	Children's Home Superintendent
Rev. Ronald Creech	National General Board (elect) 1957-1959

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR CONFERENCE YEAR

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Tracy Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.
Rev. Carroll Alexander, Johnsonville, S. C.
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C.
Rev. William Morris, Timmons ville, S. C.
Rev. James Earl Raper, Arcadia, S. C.

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Timmons ville, S. C.
Rev. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.

#### PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY COMMITTEES

Rev. Ronald Creech, Florence, S. C.
Rev. Eddie Corn, Turbeville, S. C.
Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C.

## DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

### BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

#### PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

Creston Hollified, Converse, Converse
Sherman Branch, 94 White Oak St., Chester, Chester

James E. Raper, Box 28, Arcadia, Arcadia  
 David Philbeck, 307 Valley Ave., Clover, Clover  
 Carl Shock, Rt. 4, Lancaster, High Point  
 A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, Lockhart  
 Arson Dixon, Lowell, N. C., Mt. Carmel  
 James R. Miller, Valley Falls, Mt. Zion  
 Eddie Bennett, Rt. 1, Inman, Una  
 Paul Shehan, Box 104, Whitney, Whitney  
 Donald Seay, 255 Brenton Ave., Spartanburg, Valley Falls  
 H. H. Moore, Jr., Valley Falls, Beaver Dam  
 Coleman Pate, 1010 Tenth St., Lancaster, Rock Hill

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

B. F. Cousin, Box 602, Spartanburg  
 Howard Hatcher, Rt. 6, Spartanburg  
 J. D. Hawkins, Box 46, Lockhart  
 Harold Haynes, 1504 15th St., Lancaster  
 E. C. Rash, Box 143, Lockhart  
 L. C. Revis, Box 120, Union  
 William, (Sealy) Lockhart, S. C.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Roy Catoe, Rt. 1, Union, S. C.  
 G. W. Mason, Sharon, S. C.

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

##### PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

Carroll Alexander, Johnsonville, West Side  
 J. A. Hucks, Rt. 3, Conway, White Sanannah, Oak Grove  
 L. P. Brown, Rt. 4, Conway, Little Bethel, Little Star  
 E. B. Hyman, Georgetown, Mt. Trolly, Antioch

##### ORDAINED MINISTERS

M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City  
 G. C. Jones, Loris  
 G. E. Todd, Lake City  
 E. B. Edwards, Loris  
 W. H. Guyton, Conway  
 W. F. Jones, Conway  
 J. D. Lyrely, Johnsonville  
 LICENSED MINISTERS  
 Daniel Jordan, Conway  
 Otto Williams, Conway

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

Coy Housand, Tabor City, N. C., Pee Dee  
 Malcolm Harrelson, Red Springs, N. C., Williams Hill, New Prospect  
 Bryant Hyman, Georgetown, Happy Home  
 H. E. Powell, Pamplico, Saint John

##### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arthur Williams, Hemingway

Jack Evans, Johnsonville  
 LICENSED MINISTERS  
 Reedy Graham, Rt. 2, Conway

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

##### FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

##### PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

J. A. Frier, Apt. B2, Gonzales Garden, Columbia, 1st Church  
 Myrtis Carnes, 14 Dunway, Sumter, First Church  
 Clarence Lambert, 104 Fleming, Darlington, South Side  
 Rufus Coffey, Box 441, Darlington, First Church  
 Roy Player, 346 Orange St., Darlington, Temple  
 Arthur Frier, Gen. Del., McColl, First Church  
 W. L. Jernigan, Rt. 3, Timmons ville, Bethany  
 Ed C. Gaskins, Box 603, Lancaster, First Church  
 William Broome, Rt. 6, Lancaster, Piney Plains  
 Ronald Creech, 158 Queens Rd., Florence, First FWB  
 William Morris, Rt. 3, Timmons ville, Bay Branch  
 Reedy Saverance, 204 Keitt St., Manning, First FWB  
 William Kirkley, Rt. 2, Jefferson, Pine Grove; Almeta  
 Foster Elliott, Rt. 1, Box 245, Lancaster, Oates  
 Melvin Adams, Lancaster, Hartsville

##### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Raymond Lowery, Rt. 3, Pageland

##### LICENSED MINISTERS

Thomas Holmes, General Delivery, Columbia  
 E. L. Martin, 1809 Barnwell St., Columbia  
 T. M. Frier, Rt. 2, Box 41C, Laurinburg, N. C.  
 Leonard Williams, 214 S. Homestead, Florence

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

##### SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

##### PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

Fred Powers, Timmons ville, High Sill, Sandhill  
 H. W. Richburg, Turbeville, Tabernacle  
 M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, Salem, Camp Branch, Gilead  
 Monroe Harrell, Turbeville, Horse Branch  
 O. M. Hilburn, 105 Milling St., Darlington, Lebanon  
 Edison Kirby, Lake City, Popular Hill  
 L. B. Ballard, Rt. 3, Box 25, Florence, East Side  
 Julius Vause, Pamplico, Beulah  
 John E. Moehlman, Columbia Bible College, Liberty  
 Floyd G. Ard, Johnsonville, Bethel; Black River  
 Thomas Mellette, Turbeville, New Town  
 Dale Burden, Columbia Bible College, Mt. Elon  
 Clarence Poston, Johnsonville, Mother Church  
 ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. L. Powell, Rt. 3, Florence, Hillside  
 L. A. Holliday, Manning  
 Lowell Hyman, Florence  
 E. P. Kirby, Cades  
 R. T. Moore, Turbeville  
 J. B. Oliver, Lake City  
 W. H. Thigpen, Cades  
 C. J. Parker, Hemingway  
**LICENSED MINISTERS**  
 Henry Hicks, Scranton  
 Hugh Baker, New Zion  
 Jimmie Lee, Cowards  
 McSwain Welsh, Turbeville  
 Edward Miles, Mount Olive, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

### 1956 STATE ASSOCIATION—

The fourteenth session of the State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Little Bethel Church in the Central Conference Nov. 15, 1956. Rev. Hoyt Powell conducted the morning devotions after the singing of a hymn led by Rev. Carroll Alexander, the song leader for this association. Rev. J. A. Hucks led in prayer. The subject of the devotion was "To Whom Shall We Go?"

The moderator, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, called this association to order. The welcome address was given by Rev. L. P. Brown and the response by Rev. Carl Shook. The resignation of the clerk, Mr. Bass Hanna, was accepted by the body. Rev. Rufus Coffey was in turn elected to serve for this conference.

The moderator's message was delivered. (cf Appendix I)

The visitors were recognized and a motion was sustained to give a seat and voice and all privileges except that of voting.

A motion was adopted that the chair appoint the various committees necessary. The committee on committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rev. Carl Shook. A finance committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Marion Todd, Mr. Roy Brown, Mr. Ollie Mims.

The conference letters were called for and the delegates were enrolled.

A motion to lay on the table certain constitutional amendments and alterations until Friday's session was adopted. Another motion was adopted to list all ministers and licensors in the minutes, and their addresses. A further constitutional amendment was proposed and laid on the table for a 24 hour waiting period before disposal. A Home Mission Committee report was read and by motion it was laid on the table until the afternoon business session.

The Committee on committees made their report and it was adopted in its entirety.

Resolutions. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Rev. L. P. Brown, Rev. L. B. Ballard Sunday School and Lit. Sherman Branch, Rev. Otto Williams, Mr. Page Skipper Nominating: Rev. M. H. Mellette, Mr. Lewis Bass Hanna, Rev. Clarence Lambert

Publicity: Rev. Hoyt Powell, Mr. Arris Powell, Rev. Carroll Alexander

League: Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Monroe Harrell, Mr. Tracy Williams

Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Sherman Branch, Mrs. Julius Vause, Mrs. Reedy Saverance

### MORNING WORSHIP

A hymn was sung and Rev. L. A. Holliday led in prayer. Rev. James Miller the representative from the Bible College was introduced and brought a most inspiring message from I Cor. 15:1-20, on "The Power of the Gospel." As the manner and message of Paul's preaching was presented, our souls were stimulated. The conference adjourned for lunch after the message.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A hymn was sung and Rev. Carl Shook spoke from Mark 16:15 emphasizing in his devotional message the responsibility and power of the gospel to transform lives. Rev. Pickett Kirby led in prayer.

A report of the Bible College in general and the building program in particular was given by Rev. James Miller. Blank checks were distributed to make contributions from each local church.

Mr. Dan Eaddy rendered special music with a vocal solo.

The report of the National Superannuation work was given by the Promotional Secretary, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

In the business session a motion to adopt the Home Mission Committee report was sustained by a majority vote after discussion and amendments. (Appendix II.)

The report of the Mt. Olive Education Committee was given as information. The Temperance committee reported on their work for the past year and was given by Ronald Creech. (cf appendix III).

The Children's Home printed report was distributed by the Superintendent, Rev. Eddie Corn. (cf appendix IV) The Promotional Secretary, Rev. Carl Shook, made his report. (cf Appendix V).

The conference adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning at Little Star Church. We were dismissed by prayer.

### THURSDAY NIGHT

The worship service was conducted by Rev. K. V. Shutes, National Promotional Secretary of Superannuation. He spoke from II Tim. 4:2 on the subject "Preach the Word." This time of worship and prayer was very inspiring and proved a blessing to those who attended.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The Conference opened at the Little Star Church with singing "At The Cross". Rev. M. S. Todd led in prayer. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Monroe Harrell. His message centered around the woman at the well taken from John, Chapter 4.

The committee appointments were reread. The visitors were recognized and a motion was adopted that they be seated and given every privilege except for voting. Rev. Jackson was present from the Assembly of God church, and our missionaries, Miss Volena Wilson, India, and Miss Lucy Wisehart, Cuba.

The report of Christian Education was adopted. (cf Appendix VI).

The minutes of the Conference on Thursday were read and adopted.

The late churches were requested to report. A motion was sustained to have the Beaver Creek and South Carolina Conference Letters mailed to the clerk. The South Carolina Conference turned in its' dues of twenty dollars.

A verbal report of Foreign Missions was given by Rev. Ronald Creech. He informed the conference we had over subscribed our quota by more than \$600 in ten months.

Special music was given in the form of a record being played of our missionary Carlisle Hanna singing. Miss Volent Wilson led in prayer, asking God's blessings upon him and our other missionaries.

The report of the resolution committee was adopted. (cf. App. VII).

Motion was adopted to take from the table the proposed recommendation of the Thursday morning session. These recommendations and constitutional changes were adopted item by item after due discussion. (cf. appendix VIII).

The League committee report was adopted. (cf Appendix IX.)

The Conference recessed for the morning worship period.

The morning worship consisted of a Mission program. The missionaries present participated and Rev. Raymond Riggs, National Foreign Mission Secretary, brought a most challenging message on missions. His subject was taken from Ecc. 11:1 "Cast they bread upon the waters". A special mission offering was taken before we dismissed for lunch.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

We began the afternoon meeting by singing "Bringing in the Sheaves". Rev. Pickett Kirby conducted the Memorial Service, in memory of all the deceased brethren during the past year. Special tribute was paid to Rev. Willie Johnson of Turbeville. (cf. Appendix X).

The report of the Woman's Auxilliary was received by proper motion. A motion was sustained to print the Woman's State Auxilliary Minutes in the State Association Minutes. (cf. Appendix XVII.)

The Publicity Committee report was adopted by proper motion. (cf. Appendix XI).

An offering was taken to defray the expenses of Rev. K. V. Shutes who visited our association.

The report of the State Superannuation Director was adopted. (cf. Appendix XII). The committee was named as requested. (cf Directory).

The report of the State Home Mission Director was adopted. (cf. Appendix XIII).

The Publicity Committee as requested by motion, was appointed.

The Sunday School and Literature Committee report was adopted. (cf. Appendix XIV).

The Finance Committee gave their report and upon motion they were released. (cf. Appendix XV).

A verbal statement was given by Rev. Edison Kirby concerning the Treasurer's report. The treasurer was absent but his report was to be mailed to the clerk. (cf. Appendix XVI).

The delegates to the National Association were elected. A motion was adopted to empower the state president or the General Board member to assemble the delegates at the National Association next July.

A committee was appointed to define the duties of the Promotional Secretary after such motion was adopted. (cf. Directory)

The Nominating Committee reported and it was adopted as amended. (cf. Directory).

A Board of Education was elected. (cf. Directory).

A Sunday School State Director and Advisory Board was elected. (cf. Directory).

Rev. Ronald Creech was elected to the General Board of the National Association to represent the state. He will succeed Rev. Fred Powers next July.

A motion was adopted to stand in appreciation for the hospitality of the host churches.

The next State Association will meet in the Eastern Conference. The clerk was to be notified which church would entertain.

The minutes of Thursday's session was read and adopted.

Miss Volena Wilson was given time to speak concerning the work in India and bring to the conference special greetings from the Carlisle Hanna's. Miss Lucy Wisehart sang a beautiful solo.

The Conference adjourned upon motion and all shook hands as we sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

### STATISTICAL REPORT BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

Membership:

Membership at beginning of year:	1057
Total increase this year	217

Present membership 1274

## Finances:

Total receipts for the year	\$40,004.41
Expenditures for the year	
Children's Home	\$1,409.37
Foreign Missions	250.26
Home Missions	95.26
Revivals & Pastors	23,425.78
Building & Repair	2,629.55

## Property:

Total number of churches	15
Rev. James Earl Raper, Clerk	
Box 28	
Arcadia, S. C.	

## SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

## Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	3239
Total increase this year	202
Present membership	3442

## Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$9,154.24
Total receipts for the year	89,662.38
Grand total	\$98,816.62

## Expenditures for the year:

Children's Home	\$5,921.59
Christian Education	1,433.87
Charity	1,116.12
Foreign Missions	2,907.06
Home Missions	1,308.41
Superannuation	398.50
Revivals	3,266.33
Pastor's Salaries	29,741.42
Building and repair	15,445.74
Convention Fees	1,155.59

## Property:

Number of churches	34
(25 full time, 9 half time)	
Value of churches	\$450,000.00
Number of parsonages	7
Value of parsonages	75,000.00
Rev. Edison Kirby, Clerk	
Lake City, S. C.	
Rev. Fred Powers, moderator	
Timmons ville, S. C.	

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

## Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	470
Total increase this year	41
Present membership	511

## Finances:

Balance Brought Forward	\$13,384.90
Total receipts for the year	14,280.06
Grand total	\$27,664.96

## Expenditures for the year:

Building and repair	\$17,600.03
Charity	234.09
Children's Home	472.88
Christian Education	106.47
Missions	438.23
Operating Expenses	1,097.62
Pastor's Salaries	4,276.40
Revivals	1,052.25
Superannuation	216.66
Total	\$25,519.63
Balance in all Treasuries	3,534.03

## Property:

Number of church property	10
(1 full time, 7 half time, 2 quarter time)	
Value of church property	\$83,000.00
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Moderator	
Rt. 3, Conway, S. C.	
Mr. Marion C. Todd, Clerk	
Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.	

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	407
Total increase for the year	3
Present membership	410

## Finance:

Balance on hand	\$3,407.56
at beginning of year	
Total receipts for year	9,760.70
Total paid out	6,393.50
Balance in all treasuries	3,367.20

## Property:

Number of churches	6
Value of church property	\$36,700.50
Rev. T. A. Williams, Moderator	
Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.	
J. M. Williams, Clerk	
Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.	

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX I PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Forward - Genesis 14:15

Dear brethern, sisters, and esteemed friends, it has pleased the Lord to spare us once again to gather in the South Carolina Association, to transact such business as may pertain to the Kingdom of God, and it's advancement, in as much as the Association being human may enter into such a noble work.

As your moderator I shall endeavor to do my best to serve you as I would like that you serve me if I were in your place and you were in mine. I believe in fairness to all and special privileges to none. If we should get into a long discussion on some trivial matter that can easily be observed as insignificant, and of no importance, I shall feel free to call a halt to such discussion. Please let's observe this simple rule if you wish to make a motion then wait until it has been duly seconded before you start discussing it. To second a motion you may remain seated unless you are too far away from the chair to receive proper recognition. Now you be nice to me, and I will be nice to you.

If you are put on a committee, you will please do the work assigned to you just as early as possible, and have it ready to hand in when called for, otherwise we might bypass you.

If you are a minister, officer or delegate to this association, you are supposed to stay in this house during the entire session unless you are excused by the moderator.

Let's remember this is the Lord's business, and it should claim our very best attention. So let's keep our heads cool and our feet on the floor, and be led by the Spirit in all that we do and say.

Now I call your attention to three thoughts:

The forward look.

The forward march.

The forward reception.

It is from these points that I want to briefly speak in connection with the different phases of our work. First, let's think in terms of the local church, second, the Quarterly Conference, and third, the Annual District Conferences, all of which constitute the State Association.

The local congregation must be concerned in the work in general in order to stimulate the minds of it's parishoners. Then in the Quarterly Conference when the brethern come together there is further stimulation because of the communion and fellowship of

kindred minds. This inspiration still pressing it's desired effect in the Annual District Conferences. All of which is brought to it's climax in this body, to return in it's power to the local church.

With this spiritual concept we may take the forward look, as it relates to our educational program, our mission program both home and foreign, our Children's Home and our supernnuation program.

First, what is your attitude toward our schools, and how far does your individual commitment take you? Is our schools worthy to house our students going from our churches? Is it fair to our work in general to rob our schools, and send the students to other schools? You be the judge and jury. How do you react toward missions, home and foreign in the light of the command of Jesus recorded in Matt. 28:19, 20. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching tem to observe all tings whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Isn't it true that we should dive right in without further ado, and carry out this commission to the very best of our ability, the Spirit leading us?

Is your conscience clear with respect to our Children's Home? Have you done your best? Jesus said "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." What about our Ministers who are retiring from the field? With no income to buy the necessities of life. Can they depend on you? Or is it true that they will soon be singing over the hills to the poor house, I wander alone there to die. Now to march forward aright, we must do it with all of the foregoing in toe. Assured of the fact of the presence of the Lord every step of the way. In crossing of the deep red sea of severe trials, the wilderness of yet unknown difficulties, and obstacles.

The mountains of doubt, dissapointment, misgivings, misunderstanding and fear, even on down to the crossing of the Jordan, and the entrance of the promised land. To do this we must ever and always maintain a consecrated life, a loveable disposition, a pleasant attitude, and a fighting spirit, with a firm conviction that we can, and will win in His Name.

Shall we now examine briefly the forward reception? It is understood by all that we would not hope to receive anything by backward glances. So we look forward to receiving from our schools qualified, inspired, hard working men and women in all walks of life, from the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the various other vocations of repute and honesty.

From the mission fields will come the thousands of converts, who will take up the work in their own native land, and otherwise, doing like the Etheopian Eunich did when Phillip baptized him "going on their way rejoicing" and winning the lost to Jesus.

From our Children's Home will come the well trained and



mannerly children that will rise up some day to call us blessed, as they take their various stations of prominence, and service among us.

From our way worn, brow beaten, tired and weary ministers will come the sweet, pleasant smiles of thankfulness that cheer and fill our hearts to overflowing, as we talk over with them their fond memories of the past and their pleasant thoughts of the future.

Last but by no means least, from our Blessed Lord will come the eternal reward of a well spent life.

May I say in conclusion, since we have been purchased by His blood, and commissioned to fight in His cause, our song should ever be "Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of esus going on before." Until at last we come to His presence, and help the innumerable host to crown Him Lord of all.

## **APPENDIX II**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD DUTIES AND BY-LAWS**

The South Carolina State Home Mission Board is a council of the State Association of Free Will Baptist for the expansion of the Kingdom of God through the Free Will Baptist Denomination in this state.

#### **PURPOSE**

It shall be the primary purpose of this board to promote evangelism in our churches and state. It shall promote the organization of Free Will Baptist Churches wherever it deems advisable, revivals; and the re-organization of disorganized congregations.

#### **PERSONNEL**

The officers of the Home Mission Board shall include a director and an advisory board composed of one representative from each quarterly meeting.

#### **PROVISIONS**

The State Home Mission Board shall serve as a medium of contact and disbursement of benefits received from the National Home Mission Board. It shall work in accord with the standards, principles and goals of the National Home Mission Board. It shall promote any cause or enterprise for the mutual benefit of all our churches, or would be churches. It shall not have any authority not expressly delegated by the State Association.

#### **BY-LAWS**

1. The treatise shall be the guiding rule for the board and church organization.

2. This board should give approval to every new church organized before it unites with any Quarterly Meeting.

3. The State Home Mission Director shall investigate every prospect of a new Free Will Baptist Church. After consulting the Ad-

visory Board for their approval, he is authorized to launch a campaign for church organization. He shall call all board meetings and preside. He shall be bonded for \$2500 and the books audited each year.

4. The Advisory Board shall work in full co-operation with the director using sound judgment and divine wisdom in making decisions. Each member shall be elected upon recommendation from his respective Quarterly Conference. The Board shall meet regularly each quarter and it is subject to call anytime by the State Director.

The Board members shall receive 5c per mile travel expense. The director shall receive personal travel expense plus 5c car mileage. All disbursements from the treasury shall be approved by the board and a written treasury report given each year at the State Associational meeting.

6. The State Home Mission Board shall not have any regulations contrary to the Spirit of the National Home Mission Board. It shall promote the National work and work in conjunction with the recommendation of that body.

7. These duties and regulations as defined herein may be altered or amended by a vote of the State Association.

Signed: Rufus Coffey

Julius Vause

Fred Powers

## **APPENDIX III**

### **REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your Temperance Committee, contacted each church in the state advising them to purchase and erect anti-liquor signs on the Burma Shave fashion. The churches were furnished with a picture of the signs, along with price list and address from which same could be ordered.

Signed: Ronald Creech, Sec.

## **APPENDIX IV**

### **CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT**

The Free Will Baptist Home for Children was first started at the Sunday School Convention, Sept. 1922, at Bal Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Timmons ville, S. C. After the meeting at Bay Branch Church money began to come in to the convention ear marked for this purpose. The main building was built in the summer of 1949. It was completed by September of the same year. The building was dedicated and opened with four children the first day of October, 1949.

The Home owns approximately 68 acres, having 6.9 acres of tobacco and 4 acres of cotton. Also 4 milch cows, 45 laying hens, a

number of hogs, one tractor, one truck, one Station Wagon and one mule.

The Home has one main building with girls and one dormitory which has boys up stairs and a large dining hall on the ground floor which serves both boys and girls. The boys and girls are trained to do the work in the home and on the farm.

We can adequately care for 20 children but at the present have 22 children under care. The Home employs 4 employees. One Superintendent, one farmer, one dietician and one House Mother.

We wish to express our appreciation to each of you who gave gifts and offerings to our Home during the past year. May God bless you and help you to give more as He see fit. REMEMBER our CHILDREN are depending on YOU.

We purchased a thirty five acre farm in the month of January for the sum of twelve thousand dollars. We owe three thousand dollars on the loan now. We want to pay off this amount soon. If you have not given on this Loan, please do so now.

#### CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward, Oct. 1, 1955		\$10,091.86
Receipts		
Beaver Creek Conference	\$1,409.37	
Central Conference	572.14	
Eastern Conference	1,113.03	
South Carolina Conference	5,921.59	
F. W. B. Singing Convention	266.00	
Sale of Farm Products	629.86	
Sale of tobacco	4,422.02	
Sale of Cotton	408.56	
Savings Bonds Cashed	4,836.85	
Tenant Children Social Security	454.40	
Refund, Coupons, interest	84.52	
Individual Donations	1,291.46	
Loan to buy farm	3,000.00	
Grant Total		\$34,501.56
Disbursements		
Farm Bought	\$12,000.00	
Groceries	2,054.32	
Repairs to Buildings	1,673.39	
Doctor & Drugs	439.46	
Salaries for four	3,545.00	
Equipment repair & expense	1,582.74	
Farm expense & upkeep	2,612.28	
Home equipment, supplies & expense of children		
Total	\$29,440.48	\$29,44.48
Malance Sept. 30, 1956		

Building Fund	\$2,505.80
General Fund	2,111.28
Farm Fund	444.00

Edward Corn, Supt.

## APPENDIX V

### REPORT OF STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Your State Promotional Secretary submits the following: We have never learned the complete duties of this office, therefore, we have failed to accomplish very much this year. We have promoted and encouraged the Lord's work in every way possible and in all phases of the work such as Auxiliary work, Leagues, Foreign and Home Missions, and the Sunday Schools. We are now working with a group of people who desire to organize a new work in Fort Mill, S. C. This we hope will be accomplished in the near future. We have been willing to assist all who have needed our services and pray God's richest blessings upon our feeble efforts.

The financial report is the following:

Received from former Secretary	\$71.10
Money Paid Out	
Now in treasury	\$71.10
Respectfully submitted,	
Rev. Carl Shook	

## APPENDIX VI

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Education is more than obtaining book knowledge and filling the intellect with wordly wisdom. Education is the preparation and equipping of the individual for life that his mental powers, dynamic of personality, and possession of talents will be utilized in making Christ known throughout the whole world. It is therefore important that we avail ourselves of every medium of personal development.

We believe that our people ought to be made aware of the facilities available for individual education. Our Bible College in Nashville is worthy of our whole hearted support as it is fundamental, true to the Bible and faithful to the Fee Will Baptist Doctrine. The Mount Olive Junior College also offers training in the field of fine arts. Especially we call your attention to the Correspondence Courses offered by our Bible College in Nashville. Also new Daily Vacation Bible School Material will be made avaiable from our press in Ayden, N. C. next spring.

In continuing to promote the various phases of education in a more efficient manner it is recommended that the motion to elect a Board of Education, as laid on the table yesterday, be adopted.

Rufus Coffey, Director of Education

## APPENDIX VII

### REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Whereas we are firm believers in abstinence as taught in the Holy Word of God-

And, whereas we see the need for a more concentrated effort in this state to limit the usage of liquors, beers, wines and other intoxicating beverages-

Therefore, be it resolved that the State Association of Original Free Will Baptists go on record favoring the movement now being spearheaded by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of S. C. to ban all advertising of liquors and intoxicating beverages in this state, and a similar move in the Federal Government.

Signed: L. Beverly Ballard

L. A. Holiday

## APPENDIX VIII

### MOTIONS

I move that the following motions lay on the table until the business session tomorrow morning when they shall be discussed.

1. That an advisory board of education be elected, one from each quarterly conference to serve with the State Director. This board will make recommendations and offer help to each local church, not only in college work but Daily Vacation Bible Schools, literature, etc. This board shall also hold in trust the "Poston-Baggett Memorial Funds" and submit to this body for approval a detailed plan of operation for the board to follow in supervising these funds.

2. That a Sunday School Field Secretary and an Advisory Board, and a Superannuation Advisory Board be elected at this association.

3. That the name of the "Temperance" committee be changed to the broader term of "Public Morals" and that the present committee continue as listed in the minutes of 1955 with their term of office alternating at 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 years.

4. That the following constitutional changes be adopted.

1. Article 3, Sec. 2 the phrase "Each Association or Conference" be changed to read "Each Annual Association and Quarterly Conference."
2. Article 3, Sec. 3. The last clause be changed to read, "And each church shall send a contribution of \$10.00 or more."
3. Article 4 The words "appointed by the moderator" be changed to "elected by this body."

## APPENDIX IX

### REPORT OF LEAGUE COMMITTEE

The F. W. B. League is the training service of our church. Many have been the people who could not pray publicly nor speak before others, but started both as a direct result of the League training. It is a sad commentary but true that some F. W. B. preachers will not even attend the League. We encourage all the preachers to attend the League in their churches. If you do not have a League, we further recommend that you contact our State Pres., Rev. James Earl Raper, about organizing one.

The Youth Camp at Camp Forest, Cheraw, S. C. was a great success this year. Under the able leadership of the Camp director, Rev. Rufus Coffey, some 140 young people were instructed. Many were saved, several rededicated their lives to Jesus and one answered the call to preach.

Pray for the leagues in S. C.

For Greater Leagues,  
Ronald Creech  
Monroe Harrell  
T. B. Williams

## APPENDIX X

### OBITUARY

Our dear Heavenly Father has taken from our midst this year one of our ministers, namely Brother Willie Johnson. We are never in doubt, nor inclined to question what our Lord does, for we know He doeth all things well. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Brother Willie was born June the 16th, 1933, and died June the 4th, 1956. He joined Horse Branch Free Will Baptist Church in September 1946.

He was licensed to preach the gospel October, 1952, and entered the old South Carolina Union as a licensed minister in November, 1952. He was ordained May the 30th, 1953, and received in the South Carolina Conference in October, 1953, and was received into the State Convention of South Carolina in November, 1953.

May the Good Lord who watches the sparrow fall, watch, keep and guide us until we come to the end of the journey and go to join Willie in that fair land where partings never come. Good night Willie, we will see you in the morning.

W. L. Jernigan

## APPENDIX XI

### REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We hereby propose to this association the following in connection with Church Publicity for our churches in the South Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptist:

(1) That the association set up a committee as an advisory group to follow through and oversee the organization of a Church Publicity Board in the state of South Carolina for our denomination.

That said board be made up of a director to be named by this association and one co-laborer from each quarterly conference in the state.

That this board of six men handle all church publicity for our churches in getting same to both the Contact and the Free Will Baptist publications and other mediums available including state and local newspapers and radio stations.

(2) We further recommend that these (co-laborers of chairmen of publicity from the conferences) submit all news to the director and that this director then re-write such releases and channel to proper media.

We propose that L. B. Ballard (Florence) be named as director of this committee to work with those named by the quarterly conferences and the advisory group from this body.

That this board be given authority to act on any long range planning for better publicizing the work of the Original Free Will Baptists in the State of South Carolina and the furthering of the work of our Lord and Saviour in this state.

We feel that in so arranging this network of publicity for our churches, we can truly see our cause furthered and our churches grow. We feel that the proposed man to direct this movement is capable and can do so with his regular duties as pastor and as church editor of one of our state newspapers located in Florence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carroll Alexander  
A. L. Powell

## APPENDIX XII

### REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION FIELD SECRETARY-TREASURER

Receipts:	
Money received from former Treasurer	\$686.50
First quarterly meeting of S. C. Conference	\$45.52
Second quarterly meeting of S. C. Conference	41.52
Liberty Church	52.00
First Church, Florence	24.78
Mt. Elon Church	45.15
Manning Church	44.21
High Hill Church	50.00

New Town Church	25.00
South-Side Church	25.00
South-Side Church (ear marked for insurance on pastor)	53.67
S. C. Conference (ear marked for Rev. W. H. Thigpen)	40.00
Total Receipts for the year	\$446.83
Grand Total for the year	1,135.87

#### Disbursements:

To Rev. K. V. Shutes, pro. Sect of Nat'l. Board, for insurance on South-Side Church's pastor, (as ear marked for same	\$53.67
Rev. O. M. Hilburn (in need)	10.00
To Rev. K. V. Shutes, Nat'l. Board 25% of Receipts	72.79
For car expense, stationary, postage, etc	12.00
To Rev. W. H. Thigpen (ear marked for same from S. C. Con)	40.50
Total Disbursements for the year	\$188.96
Balance in Treasury in Citizens Bank of Darlington, Nov. 6, 1956 —	\$946.91

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Clarence E. Lambert

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE SUPERANNUATION WORK: RECOMMENDATION No. 1

That an Advisory board be set up to work with the Superannuation Director of the State Association, and that they be empowered to take applications, study them, and to render help to aged preachers: when the preacher is actually in need, his past work in the denomination will be considered, and his present standing. Also the small amount of money in the State Superannuation Treasurer will have to be considered when help is to be given.

#### RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

That each conference in the State of S. C. which will support the State Superannuation program, and encourage their churches to support it, have one man on this board, and the aged preachers of all supporting conferences, and churches be eligible for consideration, and help as circumstance will permit.

## APPENDIX XIII

### STATE HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, Dec. 1, 1955		\$1,315.72
Receipts from churches	\$785.22	
Receipts in Transit		
National Office	307.02	
Charleston Mission	332.22	
Total		\$2,740.55
Disbursements		
National office	\$52.03	
State expense	82.63	

Piney Plain Church	100.00	
Sumter Church	100.00	
McCall Church	50.00	
Westside Church	100.00	
Kershaw Church Mortgage	561.23	
Total		\$1,730.13
Balance in Treasury		\$1,010.42
Assets:		
Mortgage Kershaw Church	\$561.23	
Supplies	7.25	
Total		\$568.48
Total accounted for		\$1,578.90

## APPENDIX XIV

### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School and Literature Committee, recommend:

(1) That each pastor of the state lead a Sunday School in a week of Vacation Bible School.

(2) We further recommend the use of the six-point record system in all churches, and that our Free Will Baptist Literature be used in our Sunday Schools.

(3) We recommend that each Sunday School officer and teacher be a Christian, faithful to their church, and faithful to the Word of God.

Signed: Sherman Branch  
Otto Williams  
Page Skipper

## APPENDIX XV

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### RECEIPTS

S. C. Conference	\$20.00
Individual Churches	115.00
Eastern Conference	10.00
Individual Churches	35.00
Individual Churches	35.00
Beaver Creek Association	10.00
First Church, Chester	10.00
Central Association	10.00
Special Missionary Offering	\$51.50
Special Offering for	
Individual Churches	40.00
Rev. K. V. Shutes	7.90
Grand Total	\$309.40
Total	\$250.00

Signed: Roy L. Brown

Marion C. Todd  
Ollie Mims

## APPENDIX XVI

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### South Carolina State Association

Total receipts for State Associational year 1956 404.10

Received from Rev. Thomas Mellette 11-10-56 75.75

Total receipts to Nov. 12, 1956 \$479.85

#### Disbursements:

Rev. Fred Powers (refund of loan to  
Promotional Secretary) \$100.00

Rev. Carl Shook (balance of Promotional  
Secretary's fund) 71.10

News and Press printers (for minutes 141.33

Clerk fee 50.00

Telegram and postage 4.26

National Association 50.00

Total \$416.69

Balance in treasury \$63.16

#### Poston Baggett Memorial Fund

#### Receipts:

Rev. Edison Kirby, an 19, 1956 \$173.59

Rev. Edison Kirby, Oct. 26, 1956 36.52

Rev. Elro Driggers, Oct. 23, 1956 (on loan) 40.00

Rev. Elro Driggers, Nov. 10, 1956 (on loan) 80.00

Rev. Thomas Mellette, Nov. 10, 1956 588.75

Total \$918.86

Joe Lynch, Treasurer

## APPENDIX XVII

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held with the High Hill F. W. B. Church, October 13, 1956. There were twenty auxiliaries reporting. Three from Beaver Creek District; two from Central District; eleven from South Carolina District; four from Eastern District. The total membership is 615. There are seventeen G. T. A.'s; thirteen Y. P. A.'s; four B. A.'s. The total membership is 285.

The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help the church teach and support missions. We invite all ministers to meet with us in our local, district, and state auxiliaries, and to give their whole-hearted co-operation to the work.

Signed: Mrs. Sherman Branch

Mrs. J. B. Vause

Mrs. Reedy Saverance

**MINUTES OF THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S  
AUXILIARY HELD WITH HIGH HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH, SCRANTON, S. C.**

**October 13, 1956**

The Convention was opened with a hymn "We've A Story To Tell" led by Mrs. Norman Ard. Devotions and welcome was given by the High Hill Auxiliary. Prayer by Rev. Fred S. Powers.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Rufus Coffey was asked to serve as President for the day. Her message was from Isaiah 6 "Here Am I Send Me."

The minutes of the last session was read and the roll called. Twenty Auxiliaries represented. Twenty-nine Auxiliaries reported, with a total membership of 615. Thirteen YPA's reported with a membership of 153. Seventeen GTA's reported with a membership of 132, and four BA's reported.

The Delegates were seated, and the visitors and ministers were welcomed.

Special music by Mrs. Myrtis Carnes, Sumter, "Here Am I Send Me."

Mrs. Coffey gave the highlights of the W. N. A. C. meeting in Huntington, W. Va. She told of the new resolutions, of our literature department, about the Declamation and Essay Contestants. (Miss Barbara Allen, Florence, was the second place winner of the GTA Declamation and Mr. Larry Denham, Timmons ville, was first place winner of the YPA Essay Contest). The National Project for this year is an aluminum tent to be used by National Home Mission Board. The quota is \$2,000. Our part of this quota is \$160.

A talk "Here Am I To Enlist" was given by Mrs. Ronald Creech. This was ideas concerning enlistment of new members and of keeping our present members. Mrs. Ard led the congregation in another hymn after which an offering was taken in the amount of \$22.96. The morning message was brought by Mrs. John Moehlman, the scripture she choose was Luke 10:38-41, and John 11:21-35. We adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. M. Hilburn. A delicious lunch was served by the host church.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon service began with the devotional given by West Side Auxiliary of Johnsonville. Mrs. Moehlman sang a solo. An interesting and inspirational missionary playlet "The Lord Will Work It Out" was given by the Beulah Auxiliary.

A special offering was taken for our part of the WNAC's project for the year. The offering amounted to \$141.10. Beaver Creek Association said they would send the other \$19. Making our quota of \$160.00.

The resolutions were read and approved with one amendment. They are as follows: Be it resolved that:

1. That this convention send Carlisle and Marie Hanna \$20.
2. This convention give our speaker of the morning, Mrs. John

Moehlman, \$10.00.

3. This convention pay the traveling expenses of the Executive Committee- (5c per mile-planning meetings, organizational meetings, etc).
4. This convention pay the expenses of the corresponding secretary.
5. This convention pay \$30 each to the State YPA and GTA Declamation Contest winners each year. Amendment: That the distance be considered and if further ask each local and district to help.
6. This convention subscribe for one year to the Young Ambassador, a Christian paper, for the State YPA and GTA Essay Contest winner and that the 1956 winner, Larry Denham, be included.
7. Our ministers be urged to attend our Convention. We welcome their counseling and prayers.
8. The new list of officers and copy of resolutions be mailed to each auxiliary.
9. We extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the splendid hospitality shown this Convention and for Mrs. Coffey who has acted as our President today.

The Financial Committee gave the following report:

Received as Convention Dues

South Carolina District Convention	\$51.00
Special offering for T. H. Willey, Jr.	26.20
Special offering for propector for Cronks	75.55
Beaver Creek District Convention	10.00
From other auxiliary	25.50
Little Star Church Convention Dues	3.50
Central Conference	14.00
S. C. District Convention	63.60
Eastern Conference	16.00
Brought Forward from last year	83.74
Received for Foreign Missions	168.12
Received for National Home Missions	10.00
Received for Home Missions	128.84
Received for Co-Laborer Fund	149.53
Total amount received	\$825.68

Paid out in the year 1955-56

To the propector for the Cronks	\$75.55
Special Offering to Thomas Willey, Jr.	26.20
For printing programs	5.75
For National Convention Dues	32.80
Girls Expenses to National Convention	60.00
To Foreign Missions	188.12
To National Home Missions	10.00
To Home Missions	128.84
To Co-Laborer Fund	149.53

On Check charges	.50	
Total Paid Out	\$677.29	
Balance in Treasurer		\$148.39

Moved and carried to accept this report.

Moved and carried that each District send a donation to help pay the expenses of the President to the National Auxiliary Convention.

Moved and carried that we add \$25 from the State Treasurer for the Presidents expenses to the National Convention.

Moved and carried that the Convention's Officers and addresses be sent to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the W. N. A. C.

The next Convention will convene with the Una Church in Spartanburg.

Moved and carried to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. Reddy Saverance, President

Mrs. L. C. DeFee, Recording Sec't.

## 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 co-operate 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, Superannuation, 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 Annual Association and Quarterly Conference may represent in this Association on the basis of two delegates for each Association or Quarterly 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, and each church shall send a contribution of \$10.00

or more.

**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 elected by this body each year for a five year term, to act officially in the even 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.

These officers shall 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 the 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 nor 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 provide 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 in to the Association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the Association and to promote the work it undertakes.

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

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

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 on 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 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 the 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.