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STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MINUTES**

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Rev. Lewis Holliday, Moderator

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Clerk

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South Carolina State Association of Original

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Proceedings of the State Association

THURSDAY MORNING

Pastors, delegates, and visitors assembled November 16, 1961, at 10:00 at the New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. This Nineteenth Annual Association of the South Carolina Original Free Will Baptists began with the singing of the hymn "Love Lifted Me." The Rev. Paul Shehan read Scripture from Acts 12 and commented briefly on Peter's experience of deliverance from prison. The Rev. David Hutchinson led in prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. L. A. Holliday, called the association to order and gave some pertinent remarks relative to conducting the business in a Christian manner, and according to basic parliamentary procedure. The Rev. Hoyt Powell gave the welcome address, and the Rev. Edison Kirby gave the response.

The Moderator's message was given. (cf Appendix I)

The clerk proceeded to enroll the delegates from the various conferences and churches. Reports were received from each of the conferences except the S. C. Annual Conference. This was to be mailed in. A total of 40 churches represented with 25 from the S. C. Conference, 10 from the Central Conference, and 5 from the Eastern Conference.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Fred Kirby, Evangelist; Rev. Sherman Branch, Stanley, N. C.; Rev. Woodrow Byrd, Whiteville, N. C. Other lay visitors were present.

MSA* that the Moderator appoint all committees for this session. MSA that the Nominating Committee be composed of representatives from each conference. MSA to recess ten minutes before the morning message.

The morning message was given by Rev. Roger Tripp on the subject "The Challenge of the New Church Year" from the Scripture verses II Peter 1:13, 3:1. He emphasized very forcefully the problems that confront our nation and church. The solution to our dilemma is found only in Christ, he pointed out. Our hearts were blessed through this servant of God. Following the message, we recessed for lunch which was served by the host church.

*Note—(MSA—Motion, Seconded, and Adopted)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The association reassembled after lunch and a hymn was sung. The devotional message was given by Rev. Jack Millwood. He spoke from Acts 15:28 on the subject "Necessary Things." The Moderator read the following appointments: Resolutions Committee: Mr. Ben Staten, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Mr. Tracy Williams, Rev. Paul Shehan; Nominating Committee: Rev. J. A. Hucks, Mr. Lexie Hutchinson, Rev. Arthur Lawter, Rev. Noah Brown.

The State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Reedy Saverance, gave his report. (cf Appendix II)

The Clerk read a letter from Rev. Homer Willis which sent his greetings, and expressed his appreciation for all contributions to the National Home Mission Board. Greetings from Mt. Olive Junior College and a verbal report was relayed to the body by the Moderator, who also stated that Dr. Burkette Raper was unable to attend.

A report of the Children's Home was given by the Superintendent, Rev. H. W. Richburg. MSA to receive this report, (cf Appendix III). Because of the splendid job that Bro. Richburg is doing at the Children's Home, a motion was adopted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the salary of our superintendent be increased \$50 a month and retroactive to Oct. 1, 1961.

Rev. Charles Brown reported on the progress of the mission work in Che-raw. He requested trees to be given for their building. Two men offered trees.

A report of Christian Education was given by the Field Director, Rev. Kenneth Faison. MSA to adopt this report. (cf Appendix IV)

The State Sunday School Field Director, Mr. Lavern Hanna reported. MSA to accept this report. (cf Appendix V)

The Superannuation Field Director, Rev. Tyler Watford, reported on the need of doing more for this phase of work, and gave a financial report. MSA to accept this report. (cf Appendix VI)

Discussion developed concerning the State Home Mission Director's full time activities, and the basis of his employment. MSA to table discussion until the Home Mission Board reported.

A report of the Public Morals Committee was given by Rev. A. J. Blackwelder. MSA to accept this report. (cf Appendix VII)

MSA to lay on the table an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution to change the time of meeting. MSA to stand in appreciation for the hospitality received from the host church during the day. MSA to recess until Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association opened with a song. Scripture from I Cor. 13 was read and prayer offered by Rev. Reedy Saverance. The Moderator expressed his appreciation for the unity and harmony that prevailed and expressed his desire that we continue in the same spirit throughout the day. Several late churches reported and the delegates were enrolled.

A report of the league work was given by Rev. Bennie Turner. MSA to receive this report as information. (cf Appendix VIII)

Mr. Joe Lynch gave the Treasurer's Report. MSA to receive it. (cf Appendix IX)

A report of the State Woman's Auxiliary work was read. MSA to receive this report as information. (cf Appendix XIV)

The State Home Mission report was given by Rev. Julius Vause. MSA to accept this report. (cf Appendix X)

MSA that the President of our State Association be made an ex-officio member of all boards.

The conference recessed before the morning mission service. Rev. Bob Rogers was in charge of this service. After giving his report as State Foreign Mission Director (cf Appendix XI), he led the body in prayer for all of our missionaries. Rev. Fred Hersey, our returned missionary from Japan, was introduced. He brought a stirring message on the thought of our being an instrument and voice of God to proclaim the message of salvation to all the world. A missionary offering was taken in the amount of \$62. The conference recessed for lunch, which was supplied by several churches in the conference.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Dean Dobbs gave some devotional thoughts from Psalm 126:5, 6.

MSA to receive the Foreign Mission Report. MSA to authorize the Foreign Mission Director to pay his actual expenses in promoting Foreign Mission work within the state.

MSA that all state officers, board members, and anyone acting in official capacity for the state association be paid six cents per mile for expense.

The Resolutions Committee reported. Each resolution was read and acted on individually. One resolution was referred back to the committee for clarity of expression. (cf Appendix XII)

The Home Mission Board reported. MSA to adopt this report. (cf Appendix XIII)

The Finance Committee reported that \$476 had been received at this association. MSA to receive this report.

The Nominating Committee read the nominations. MSA to receive this report, and vote on each one individually. They were elected as indicated by a star in the Directory. MSA to accept the resignation of Rev. Julius Vause from the Board of Trustees at the Children's Home with a standing vote of appreciation. Mr. Creighton Gibbons was elected to fill this unexpired term.

The revised report of the Resolutions Committee was read and adopted. MSA that the program next year be completed and published in the denominational papers ahead of the meeting. MSA to give a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality received in the host church and in this conference.

A motion was adopted that the clerk be empowered to panel the delegates to the National Association when it meets in Nashville in July, 1962.

The 1962 Association is invited to the following churches:

Thursday, Nov. 15—Bethany, Timmons ville

Friday, Nov. 16—Bay Branch, Timmons ville

MSA to adjourn.

Statistical Report

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Membership:

Membership at the beginning of the year	1894
Total increase this year	288
Present membership	2182

Ministers:

Ordained	34
Licensed	3

Finances:

Expenditures for the year:	
Children's Home	\$ 1,299.31
Foreign Missions	349.45
Home Missions	437.47
Pastors	38,340.53
Revivals	2,126.21
Building and Repairs	40,396.29
Total	\$82,947.26

Property:

Total number of churches	21
Value of Church property	\$311,520.91

MODERATOR: Rev. Arthur Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

CLERK: Rev. Paul Reid, Rt. 2, Greer, S. C.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Membership:

Membership at the beginning of the year	398
Total increase this year	19
Present membership	417

Ministers:

Ordained	6
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Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 9,941.93
Total received for the year	14,480.09
Grand total	\$ 23,921.02
Total expenditures for the year	9,888.69
Balance in all treasuries	\$ 14,032.22

Property:

Value of church property	\$ 26,229.00
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MODERATOR: Mr. Z. G. Tanner, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

CLERK and TREASURER: J. M. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Membership:

Membership at beginning of the year	500
Total increase this year	30
Present membership	530

Ministers:

Ordained	15
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Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 3,968.13
Total receipts for the year	16,227.85
Grand total	\$ 20,195.98
Expenditures for the year:	
Building and repair	\$ 681.12
Charity	490.10
Children's Home	634.44
Christian Education	60.00
Foreign Missions	1,153.17
Home Missions	207.95
Operating Expenses (fuel, lights, etc.)	1,549.51
Pastor's Salaries	5,376.13
Revivals	1,513.47
Superannuation	101.28
Total expenditures for the year	\$19,763.17
Balance in all treasuries	\$ 4,452.78

Property:

Number of churches	10
Value of church property	\$ 82,305.00
Value of parsonages	10,000.00

MODERATOR: Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rt. 3, Box 34, Conway, S. C.

CLERK: F. E. Powell, Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Membership:

Membership at beginning of year	3653
Total increase this year	172
Present membership	3825

Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 15,576.64
Total receipts for the year	153,845.44
Total	\$178,658.03
Expenditures for the year:	
Children's Home	\$ 5,742.14
Christian Education	2,733.02
Charity	2,086.01
Foreign Missions	9,369.61

Home Missions	4,976.98
Superannuation	573.11
Revivals	6,303.78
Pastor	54,551.81
Building and Repair	33,996.58
Operating Expenses	26,061.69
Convention Fees	1,656.22
Total expenditures for the year	\$173,917.00
Balance in Treasuries	16,984.18

Property:

Number of churches	31
Value of churches	\$714,601.00
Number of parsonages	10
Value of parsonages	\$ 96,000.00

MODERATOR: Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Turbeville, S. C.

CLERK: Rev. Thomas Mellette, Cades, S. C.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Never before in my entire ministry have I come before a congregation with a more sincere desire to speak the right words. My prayer is Psalm 19:4 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Never before in my entire ministry have I faced an assignment whose responsibilities rested more heavily upon my heart than this nineteenth session of the State Association of Original Free Will Baptist of South Carolina. The year of our Lord nineteen hundred sixty-one is a crucial year among Free Will Baptist everywhere. I believe that when a Christian faces a problem he should pray and not panic. Now I do not stand here before you alone. I have the witness because of the prayerful support given me by you who are present and others that have this meeting at heart. You have prayed for this meeting and upon this initial move we're in agreement. Both you and I have prayed to God — the only true and living Lord. All true praying seeks the will of the Lord Jesus to be done.

Eph. 6:6, 7 "Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." V. 7, "With good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not to men."

To me it seems a short nineteen years since that first meeting held with Whitney Church, Whitney Village, Spartanburg. The date was Sept. 10, 1943. The organization had been set up at a previous meeting held a few months earlier. This meeting was held in Darlington with the Darlington Church. At this first regular session held at Whitney Church, the minutes list five associations having represented and seventeen churches. Among those I remember that we had one Indian, the Rev. D. O. Oxeudine. He represented

the St. Anna Association. This was a small beginning if you determine its size by the figures I have given you. From the last paragraph of my brief address to that first meeting I quote, "We believe that with our interest and efforts united we shall 'GO FORWARD' in the Name of the Lord," (The 1943 Minutes of S. C. State Association).

You have been kind to me in giving me everything you could have given anyone. When I think of your kindnesses it always calls for my very best. When you gave me this assignment 19 years ago I accepted it as your servant under God. Today I feel as I did then. I humbly accept my responsibilities to my church here in the state of my nativity. With the exception of my college years I have lived here. I love my church—I am happy when I think of her growth and I am unhappy when I see attempts to remove the ancient landmarks. I am satisfied with its doctrines and discipline. I am dissatisfied with the disturbances and dissensions. If I have appeared to be unkind — determined and uncompromising, it is due to my love and loyalty to the church that has blessed my life through its builder Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. It is my sincere belief that we've generally agreed upon these matters I have touched upon. If I am correct in this assumption, we're ready to join hands and hearts and move forward together.

Ahead of us we see a hill — they call it Golgotha. Upon this hill is a cross. Nailed to this cross is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. We hear Him agonize. As we draw nearer we see the blood dripping from His body, and splattering on the ground beneath. LOOK at those eyes—they're focused on us. What is meant by this look of love and understanding?

Can it be that this "Holy One," This One "Altogether Lovely," This One so good—yes, can it be that He must die? Yes, it's true. We remember He said when He was yet with us that He must needs suffer for all mankind. **What Love** — indescribable — unlimited — limitless love. **What Grace** — unmerited — unlimited and unwanted. **What Mercy** — Full and complete. Oh, my brother ministers, delegates, and visitors. Lift up your heads and behold the Christ of Calvary.

APPENDIX II

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

During the past year, one copy of THE POST was mailed to 365 laymen and pastors of our state, and to 17 missionaries, both home and foreign. I attended the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference once. Very little has been done in the line of Promotional work other than this.

The First Church of Florence and South Side of Darlington are the only churches supporting the state promotional work with regular monthly contributions. However, contributions from others have been received. For all these helps we are grateful.

Financial Report:

Brought forward in bank	\$51.69
Brought forward by cash	3.49
Total brought forward	\$ 55.18
Total relieved as per list	131.32
Total before expense	\$186.50

Expense

Postage for POST	\$7.71
Memo ink	5.10
Stamped envelopes	1.00
Total expense	\$ 13.81
Total Balance	\$172.69
Balance in Pee Dee State Bank, Nov. 16, 1961	\$169.20
Balance in Cash	4.49
	\$173.69

Gift Receipts as per List:

First Church, Florence	\$72.17
South Side Church, Darlington	17.30
Beaver Creek Ministers Conference	8.45
First District Quarterly Conference	15.00
Julius Vause	5.00
Total Gifts	\$117.92

Receipts from Sales:

First Church, Darlington (Mimeo supplies)	\$13.40
H. Reedy Saverance (envelopes)	1.00
Total from Sales	\$ 14.40
Total received by gifts and sales	\$132.32

H. Reedy Saverance

APPENDIX III

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Annual report to the State Association of receipts and disbursements of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Oct. 1, 1961.

Beaver Creek Association

Cash	\$ 1,187.88	Commodities	\$ 658.94
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Central Association

Cash	541.47	Commodities	75.61
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Eastern Association

Cash	850.23	Commodities	511.61
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South Carolina Conference

Cash	5,046.13	Commodities	1,976.66
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Total cash receipts from

various conferences	\$ 7,625.51	Total Commodities	\$ 3,222.79
Total Individual gifts	1,256.20	Miscellaneous Cash	\$ 1,253.66
Total farm income	12,055.71		

Total cash receipts

\$22,191.08	Cash on hand at the beginning of the year	\$10,281.55
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Total receipts this year	22,191.08
Total Receipts	\$32,472.63
Total disbursements	19,448.11
BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 1961	\$13,024.52

H. W. Richburg, Supt.

APPENDIX IV CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Christian Board wishes to make the following report. We recommend that:

1. The rules that govern the Poston-Baggette Memorial Loan Fund be printed in our minutes each year.
2. A payment on this loan will be expected within 60 days after withdrawal from school; and equal monthly payments thereafter until the loan is paid in full.

Financial report—Nov. 10, 1960 - Nov. 10, 1961—

Receipts:

Dec. 12, from former treasurer	\$638.98
Oct. 5, from Beulah Auxiliary	\$ 22.00
Oct. 7, from loanee	20.00
Oct. 21, from loanee	123.08
Oct. 28, from 2nd dist. quar.	10.00
Nov. 8, from loanee	6.00
Nov. 8, from Bethany Auxiliary	13.26
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	\$194.34

Total rec. \$833.52

Disbursements:

Jan. 25, loaned to student	\$100.00
Aug. 15, loaned to student	250.00
Nov. 10, Sec. expense	6.00
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	\$356.00

Total Disbursements

Balance in treasury

We have \$744.00 loaned to students as of Nov. 10, 1961.

Kenneth Faison

RULES THAT GOVERN THE POSTON-BAGGETTE MEMORIAL FUND

1. The applicant must be a member in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church within our State Association.
2. The applicant must be recommended by his local church for a loan, with a statement that he/she has been unable to secure assistance from any other source.

3. The assistance is available to any qualified person entering our Free Will Baptist Bible College or Mount Olive Junior College for any phase of full-time Christian service.
4. (a) The loan will be secured by a promissory note signed by the applicant and co-signed by his/her church or a person who has sufficient collateral to guarantee the collection of said note. (b) The loan may be issued for a period of six years maximum, and at the option of the board may be extended for a period of one year. If the applicant fails to comply with the rules and regulations, the note will become due within one year from the time of default. (c) No interest shall be charged on a loan as long as the applicant is a student; but thereafter at the rate of 4% annually until the loan is paid in full. (d) A payment on this loan shall be expected within sixty days after withdrawal or completion from school, and equal monthly payments thereafter until the loan is paid in full.
5. All loans that are approved shall be paid directly to the Free Will Baptist Bible College or Mount Olive Junior College.
6. The applicant must fill out the questionnaire provided by the Board.
7. Less than "C" average will render applicant ineligible for further assistance.
8. These rules can be revised or amended by the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists only.

APPENDIX V REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD DIRECTOR

We believe that the best way to get true knowledge and understanding of God's will for our lives is by a searching study with meditation and prayer of the Holy Bible. We also believe that a concerted effort be made to get everyone to do this. Therefore we offer the following pertaining to our Sunday School.

1. That a personal contact be made with each person in each church community, with the purpose of getting them to attend Sunday School with us if they're not attending somewhere else.
2. That each pupil study his lesson during the week. To encourage this we request each class have a directed discussion, or question and answer period during class.
3. That regular meetings of teachers, etc., be held to discuss and iron out any problems that might arise.
4. That insofar as it meets our needs we should use Free Will Baptist publications in our Sunday Schools.
5. We expect and welcome any and all suggestions you might have to help us in helping you. Please write or call us if you think we could help you in your Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,
Lavern Hanna

APPENDIX VI STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We urge the support of all our people (churches, conferences, Quarterly associational meetings, and Union meetings) in S. C. for superannuation.

We have no one on superannuation at the time, and it would be a good time to build our treasury up. We urge you to please support your work.

Financial Report—

Cash on Hand, Nov. 19, 1960	\$ 1,380.15
Second Quarterly Meeting	\$ 64.83
Valley Falls F. W. B. Church	5.47
First Church, Florence	78.88
South Side, Darlington	35.60
South Side, Darlington, Pastor's Ins.	53.67
McColl F. W. B. Church	11.00
Mt. Elon F. W. B. Church	108.03
Beaver Dam F. W. B. Church	26.08
Beulah F. W. B.	32.28
Eastern Union	30.00
Manning F. W. B. Church	52.62
Liberty F. W. B. Church	48.00
Salem F. W. B. Church	25.00
Bethany Woman's Auxiliary	55.00
Total	\$ 626.46
Grand Total	\$ 2,006.61

Disbursements:

Marlboro County Hospital	\$100.00
Expense Stamp Envelopes, etc.	20.00
National Superannuation Board for South Side	
Pastor's Insurance	53.67
National Superannuation Board, 10% income	57.28
Total disbursements	\$ 230.95
Balance in Treasury	\$ 1,775.66

Rev. Tyler Watford,
State Director of
Superannuation of F. W. B.

APPENDIX VII

REPORT OF PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

These are days of perilous moral and spiritual standards, both in the church and in society as a whole. We therefore recommend to Free Will Baptists throughout the bounds of our convention that they strongly oppose such sinful customs, habits, pleasures, sports, and worldiness in general, as lewd pictures and literature, immodest clothes, Sunday sports and recreation, card-playing, dancing, and such like things; and above all, that we condemn the use of alcoholic beverages of all kinds, except when prescribed as medicine.

Respectfully submitted,
I. J. Blackwelder,
Jack Millwood

APPENDIX VIII

LEAGUE REPORT

Our league work needs a lot of improvement. This is an area where all of our churches need to improve. We will never have adequate church leadership until we improve our training program. The league can contribute much to the success of the entire church program, as well as developing leadership. Some phases that it particularly emphasizes is Stewardship, Christian Education, Missions and Bible Doctrine. A successful league is essential to a successful church. We call upon each of our pastors and delegates to concentrate upon building up this vital arm of the church.

Since the Free Will Baptist Press has broken the contract with the National League Board, new literature will be supplied by the League Board by ordering directly from the Nashville office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

There is a need to include the National League work in your church Budget. This is urgent since the League Board income has been cut off. Only three churches supported this department last year. First Church, Florence (52.07); Mt. Elon (\$6.12); Horse Branch (\$14.17); Little Star, West Side, one individual and the S. C. District League Convention gave \$150.00 to the Expansion Campaign. One hundred twenty-five dollars is still needed to meet our quota of \$275.00.

The highlight of our State League work is the Youth Camp each year at Cheraw. Last summer we had more than 200 young people to attend. This is a fruitful ministry that is producing eternal results.

APPENDIX IX

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

Receipts for the State Association of F. W. B. for the year 1960-61.

Brought forward Nov. 18, 1960	\$176.62
Received from State Association, Nov. 18, 1960	396.50
Total Amount in Treasury Nov. 21, 1960	573.12
Paid Out for State Association of F. W. B. for the year 1960-61.	
Paid to Pattillo Printing Company, Nov. 23, 1960	\$121.39
Paid to F. W. B. Bible College, Nov. 23, 1960	15.50
Paid to Mt. Olive Jr. College, Nov. 23, 1960	15.50
Paid to Rev. Rufus Coffey (clerk hire), Nov. 23, 1960	50.00
Paid to F. W. B. Press (for minutes), March 18, 1961	169.81
Paid to National Association of F. W. B., July 6, 1961	30.00
Balance in Treasury Nov. 15, 1961	\$170.92

Joe Lynch, Treasurer

APPENDIX X
TREASURER'S REPORT, STATE HOME MISSIONS

November 21, 1960, to November 16, 1961

Received from former Treasurer, Nov. 21, 1960\$ 3,213.14

Receipts:

S. C. Conference	\$6,117.66
Individual Gifts	242.50
Beaver Creek Association	125.00
Eastern Conference	120.31
Central Conference	168.15
National Home Missions (Earmarked)	21.00
State Womens Auxiliary	83.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 11-21-60 to 11-16-61\$ 6,878.37

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$10,091.51

Disbursements:

Columbia Church, Columbia, S. C.	\$2,203.51
Cherry Vale, Sumter, S. C.	861.85
McColl Church, McColl, S. C.	61.05
Arcadia Church, Arcadia, S. C.	100.00
Cheraw Church, Cheraw, S. C.	2,092.33
Lake City Church, Lake City, S. C.	558.96
Office Supplies	57.82
Mileage	316.24
National Home Missions	21.00
Salary	415.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$ 6,687.76

BALANCE ON DEPOSIT S. C. NATIONAL BANK,
 FLORENCE, S. C., AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1961\$ 3,403.75

APPENDIX XI
STATE FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

State Quota	\$11,000.00
Total given on quota as of Oct. 31, 1961	10,240.34
Under Quota	759.66
Receipts through State Foreign Mission Director	3,439.24

The task of carrying the gospel throughout the world is the responsibility of every minister, teacher, layman and Christian. In our churches our people are getting under the burden more and more.

The doors to communistic countries, such as Cuba, are fast closing. The Willeys have left Cuba and have taken on other activities. The Willey, Jrs., are in language school in Latin America and are preparing to open a new work in that area.

The Bill Fulchers, and the Paul Robinsons are in language school, while our work progresses in the other fields. History was made when Bill Phipps was approved to provide aviation service in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

In our state last year we had several missionary speakers. This year we are looking forward to conducting missionary conferences in different areas of our state.

Will you be faithful in giving, praying, and extending the influence of the gospel this year?

Request: That this body provide means of expense for the Foreign Mission Director in state promotion.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bob M. Rogers,
 State Foreign Missions Director

APPENDIX XII
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

I—Whereas:

It is a known fact that strong drink and alcoholic beverages in any form is one of the greatest weapons Satan has to wreck lives and damn souls to hell, and that its use is becoming more and more prevalent in this age;

Be it Resolved:

That we, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of South Carolina, in session this 17th day of our Lord, 1961, do hereby let the world know that we are opposed to this curse, and will seek a referendum to abolish liquor, beer, and wine, in this state, and also to seek local option concerning this matter.

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

II—Be it Resolved:

That we do not find any departure from our established practice of church government, and that Free Will Baptists of this state can best handle our own affairs without any appeals or interference from any body without our state. Therefore any relations with outside Free Will Baptist bodies, National or otherwise be from a co-operative basis only.

This resolution was seconded and adopted.

III—We your resolutions committee recommend that since the National League Board and the Press have severed their working relation that we continue to purchase our League Literature from the Ayden Press and that we request the press to give to our State League work the percentage of cash refund now being paid the National League Board.

After discussion, a motion to table was made by Rev. Edison Kirby, and it carried by a vote 58-8.

IV—Whereas:

In previous gatherings of Free Will Baptists, the term or similar term "Well, that's Free Will Baptists," has often been used as a degrading term toward our denomination, and whereas,

Throughout the State this term is beginning to be used quite often—

Be it Resolved:

That this term not be used any longer, and that every effort be made to discourage its use.

This resolution was adopted.

APPENDIX XIII

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

We your committee on the State Home Mission Board, recommend the following:

That the Home Mission Board become a standing board, and that we meet once every three months, or more often, if necessary, and that the Board be invested with the authority to transact the business pertaining to the Home Mission Department, and that the Board be given the authority to draw up a contract with the Director of the Board of Home Missions.

Marion C. Todd
Noah Brown
A. F. Lawter
H. E. Powell
B. J. Staten

APPENDIX XIV

S. C. STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliaries of the state are in good condition. We have four active conventions. It has been proved again, that even though the work of one individual will not amount to a great deal, the combined efforts of many will amount to a great deal for the Lord. We are thankful to God for His blessings upon the Woman's Auxiliary State Convention this past year.

Our major field of emphasis is missions, with a great accent on the youth of our churches.

Some of the financial attainments this past year are:

National Auxiliary Project—Medicine for African Missions — \$1,962.54.
Contributed to State Home Missions — \$178.26.
National Home Missions — \$64.33.
Co-Laborer Fund — \$224.51.
Gift of Tupperware for the Poole's — \$95.00.
Balance in Treasury at close of year — \$173.68.

S. C. has taken as a State project for the year 1961-62, the supplying of transportation for the Bobby Pooles in Brazil. Our goal for the year is \$2,500.00.

We appreciate your interest, solicit your help, and covet your prayers for our work during this year, and future years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Rufus Coffey, President