

21<sup>st</sup> Session

**1963 MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

REV. ANSEL SMITH, PASTOR  
SOUTH AVE. FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
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**SPARTANBURG CHURCH**

Spartanburg, South Carolina

**NOVEMBER 14, 15**

Rev. Fred Kirby, Moderator

Mr. Lavern Hanna, Clerk

**1963**

Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Session of the  
South Carolina State Association of Original  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

November 14, 15, 1963

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# Proceedings of the State Association

## THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 1963

Meeting began at 10:00 A. M. Some inspiring thought was given by Rev. A. T. Lawter in charge of opening devotions.

Rev. Jack Millwood, pastor of host church, made everyone feel at home with his nice welcome. Rev. Lonnie Brown expressed everyone's appreciation for the friendly welcome.

Call to order. The moderator gave only the highlights of his message so that more time could be given to business.

Delegates, ministers and visitors were registered.

Visitors were extended the right to all privileges except that of voting.

Motion adopted that the chair appoint all temporary committees of the association. The following were named: Nominating, Rev. Dean Dobbs, Mr. C. G. Poston, Rev. Ansil Smith, Mr. L. B. Hanna; Resolutions, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Roger Tripp, Rev. Lonnie Brown; Finance, Rev. Lonnie Brown, Rev. Reedy Saverance.

Letters were received from the Beaver Creek Association, S. C. Conference, Central Conference and Eastern Conference.

Churches and conferences were asked to use uniform forms in making reports to State Associations. There were 25 churches represented, 34 ministers.

Association recessed for the morning worship service. Rev. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in the singing of some inspiring hymns.

Rev. Dan Merke brought the morning message. The message was a very timely one telling us some of the things we must do, according to the Bible, to have a successful Christian church. His points were proved by quoting directly from the Bible. We were asked to find out what the Bible says by more scripture study and by being obedient to the things learned thereby.

Everyone was asked to have lunch and enjoy fellowship together in the dining hall of the host church.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Devotional message, Rev. Floyd Seay.

Report of State Promotional Secretary was given by Rev. Reedy Saverance. His records showed that we had met most of our quotas for Mission Education, etc.

Three churches or missions have been organized. Our state paper "The Post" didn't fair so good. Another try will be tried after a study by a com-

mittee. The consensus of the state association was that we need a state paper. MSA (cf. appendix I)

An interesting report on the Childrens Home was given by the superintendent, Rev. H. W. Richburg. (cf. appendix II)

Report on Christian Education given by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Received and approved. (cf. appendix III)

Treasure's report given by Mr. Joe Lynch, treasurer. Report received and approved. (cf. appendix IV)

Superannuation report given by Rev. Dean Dobbs. Report received and approved (cf. appendix V)

The work of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., was very ably presented by Rev. Charles Allen Thigpen. The message of how the college is rapidly moving forward in every respect was received by the association with much enthusiasm.

Meeting adjourned until Friday morning for business. The entire association and visitors were asked to attend worship service at host church beginning at 7:30 P. M. The inspiring message was given by Rev. Charles Thigpen from the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. Most everyone made the comment that this should be a yearly practice.

## FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M.

Devotion by Rev. Ronald Niebruegge. Some timely thoughts given us from I Thessalonians, ch. 5, v. 16. We were told that we should be happy Christians and prove to the world by our daily living that we are able to "Rejoice Evermore."

Rev. Roy Reeds gave a report on the National Sunday School Board. He gave us five points that might help us in our Sunday School work. They were:

- No. 1—Be there.
- No. 2—Be on time.
- No. 3—Take your Bible.
- No. 4—Take an offering.
- No. 5—Prepare lesson.
- No. 6—Remain for worship service.

A report by Mr. Marion Todd on our Home Mission work was received and approved. (cf. appendix VI)

Information on Youth Camp was given by Rev. Bennie Turner. He said this year had been very successful. That much good had been accomplished among our young people. We were shown the continued need of a Youth Camp. A new place will have to be acquired for the coming year.

Report by the Sunday School Board was received and approved. (cf. appendix VII)

The Public Morals Committee report especially condemned the use of all alcoholic beverages. (cf. appendix VIII)

Rev. Homer Willis gave a report from the National Home Mission Board. Thanks was given to this state for our help in making 1963 one of our most successful year. (cf. appendix IX)

A report by Mrs. L. C. Defee, president of the State Womens Auxiliary, was received as information. (cf. appendix X)

Association recessed for morning worship. Some congregation singing was enjoyed by all. Rev. Gene Anderson introduced Rev. Reford Wilson of our Foreign Mission department in Nashville as guest speaker. Information as well as a fine message was enjoyed by everyone.

Another delicious meal was served by our host church during the fellowship hour.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were given by Rev. Hoyt Powell. Message based on Jeremiah, chapter 5, verse 1.

Resolution Committee report. (cf. appendix XI)

The association approved a request that the Constitution and By-Laws be published in the 1963 Minutes. A resolution that this be done each year was tabled until 1964.

The first part of a resolution pertaining to the display of literature at State Associations was approved after much discussion.

All temporary committees were commended on the work they had done, and released.

Delegates to represent our state in our National Association meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, during 1964 were as follows:

Beaver Creek, Mrs. Jack Millwood, Mrs. A. F. Lawter; S. C. Association, Mrs. L. C. DeFee; Central Association, Mrs. Ralph Osborne; Eastern Association, Mr. Watus Fulton.

A motion was made and carried that we make a contribution of \$25.00 to each of the following:

Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Superannuation (State Work), Board of Education (to be used as expense by board members), Sunday School Board (to be used by board members as travel expense), Childrens Home, Promotional Department.

The Placement Committee informed us that the 1964 State Association

would meet with the Pee Dee Church near Conway, S. C., of the Central Association on Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13, 1964.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the host church for their fine hospitality.

Meeting adjourned until 1964. Prayer was offered to the Lord in thanksgiving for the wonderful way in which he had directed our meeting.

## Statistical Report

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

We have six churches (only four reported).

#### Membership:

Membership at beginning of year .....	377
Present membership (of four churches reported) .....	316

#### Finances:

Value of all church property .....	\$ 51,050.00
Total cash received this year .....	25,408.73
Total paid out .....	24,977.81
Balance in all treasuries .....	1,820.53

We have five ministers (five pastors, two licenciates). Have Sunday Schools, Weekly Prayer Meetings, Ladies Auxiliary and Mission Work and F. W. B. League in our churches.

We send \$10.00 fund for Associational use.

Moderator: Rev. H. E. Powell,  
Rt. 2, Box 108, Pamplico, S. C.

Clerk and Treasurer:  
J. M. Williams,  
Rt. 2, Box 139, Hemingway, S. C.

Delegates—Mr. W. F. Fulton, Mr. William Evans.

### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(29 Churches Reporting)

#### Membership:

Membership at beginning of year .....	3,469
Total increase this year .....	70
Present membership .....	3,539

#### Finances:

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 15,123.11
Total receipts for the year .....	185,571.53
Total .....	\$220,776.88

Expenditures for the year:	
Childrens Home .....	\$ 5,130.91
Christian Education .....	3,533.31
Charity .....	2,346.52
Foreign Missions .....	9,991.71
Home Missions .....	6,289.45
Superannuation .....	675.02
Revivals .....	4,284.76
Pastor .....	59,725.25
Building and Repair .....	43,461.53
Operating Expense .....	26,001.88
Convention Fees .....	1,689.00
Total expenditures for the year .....	\$185,118.55
Balance in treasuries .....	36,550.97

**Ministers:**

Ordained .....	43
Licensed .....	3

**Property:**

Number of churches .....	33
Value of churches .....	\$680,000.00
Number of parsonages .....	13
Value of parsonages .....	\$165,500.00

Moderator: Rev. Reedy Saverance,  
1604 Suber St., Sumter, S. C.

Clerk: Rev. Ronald Niebruegge,  
Route 1, Pamplico, S. C.

**BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION**

(Church 23, Missions 1)

**Membership:**

Membership at beginning of year .....	2,639
Total increase this year .....	149
Present membership .....	2,788

**Ministers:**

Ordained .....	37
Licensed .....	3

**Finances:**

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 7,580.04
Total receipts for year .....	105,289.98
Grand total .....	\$113,870.02

Expenditures for the year:

Building and Repair .....	\$27,334.16
Childrens Home .....	3,287.58
Christian Education .....	493.38

Foreign Missions .....	1,617.83
Home Missions .....	1,073.67
Pastor's Salaries .....	41,593.65
Revivals .....	2,641.23
Superannuation .....	78.86
Total expenditures for the year .....	\$ 78,120.37

**Property:**

Number of Churches .....	23
Value of church property .....	\$416,445.00

Moderator: Fev. A. F. Lawter,  
Lockhart, S. C.

Clerk: James Haynes,  
106 W. Confederate Ave.,  
Lancaster, S. C.

**CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

The Central Association submits the following report to the State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convening with First Free Will Baptist Church on November 14, 15, 1964.

**Membership:**

Total on roll at beginning of year .....	480
Received—	
By letter .....	10
By Baptism .....	24
By statement .....	8
Total Received .....	42
Dismissed—	
By letter .....	9
By expulsion .....	3
Died .....	6
Total dismissed .....	18
Increase for the year .....	24
Total on roll at ending of year .....	504

**Finances:**

Cash on hand at beginning of year .....	\$ 3,567.05
Total receipts for the year .....	35,806.05
Grand total for the year .....	\$ 39,373.10

Expenditures for the year—

Building and repair .....	\$17,794.34
Charity .....	762.24
Children's Home .....	640.20
Christian Education .....	815.64
Foreign Missions .....	1,107.53
Home Missions .....	441.21

Operating expenses (fuel, lights, etc.) .....	3,041.53
Pastor's Salary .....	8,283.79
Revivals .....	1,039.77
Superannuation and miscellaneous .....	1,135.20
Total expenditures for the year .....	\$ 35,061.45
Total balance in all treasuries .....	\$ 5,317.19

**Property:**

Value of church and equipment .....	\$137,536.45
Value of parsonage and equipment .....	13,000.00
Total value of all property and equipment .....	\$150,536.45

**Auxiliaries:**

Number Prayer Meetings .....	8
Number Sunday School Meetings .....	11
Number Free Will Baptist League .....	4
Number Woman's Auxiliary .....	4
Number churches on full-time .....	2
Number churches on half-time .....	9
Number of Ministers belonging to your churches	
Ordained .....	12
Licensed .....	3
Total .....	15

We send as delegates: (delegate from laity allowed for each church)  
 Brother C. F. Dew.

We send as budget funds, \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Moderator: Rev. J. A. Hucks,  
 Rt. 3, Box 334, Conway, S. C.

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

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX I

#### REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

This past year has seen some steps of progress in our state. At least three churches or missions have been organized. These are Greenville Mission sponsored by the Valley Falls Church; First Church of West Columbia has organized, bought a house and property, and built a nice church sanctuary; Georgetown Mission, under the able leadership of Fred Kirby, is getting on sound ground and most ready to organize into a church. They are in desperate need of property upon which to build. They need our prayers because property in Georgetown is outrageous in price. But God has a place for a good Gospel Witness there and He will provide **if we pray**.

Most all records of giving have been broken this year. We have met most of our quotas for Missions, Education, etc.

Many glowing reports of souls having come out of darkness into the glorious light of Our Lord Jesus Christ have been made. Many of our churches have experienced real revival. Holy Ghost inspired, Heaven sent, Soul Stirring revivals. The kind that cheers and challenges the heart of the believer and causes the sinner to break clean with sin and be born again to live a New Life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Post took a real step of faith. We launched out into a printed paper with a subscription rate. This was received by some of our people. Several churches and individuals subscribed. But for some reason we tripped and fell flat on our face. We have some idea as to the cause of this. Among other things there was a genuine like of interest in our having a state paper on my part and the part of our churches. I was not too interested because I did not have sufficient time, talent, or money to put to the task. In order to have a successful paper there must be a genuine interest on the part of Editor, Minister, and laity; a sufficient amount of time to accumulate, assemble, and read carefully all materials; some money to pay bills with, and some know how.

If we wish to continue our paper **I suggest that a committee be elected to study the situation and make some recommendations either to this body or to the Executive committee.** The Editor, who ever he may be, needs and must have some help. Both in getting material and money to help finance his efforts.

#### Financial Report

Balance brought forward from last year .....	\$465.56
Received through contributions (1st Florence) .....	\$101.09
Received through subscriptions to Post .....	334.00
Received through sales of church directories .....	18.00
Total in treasury before expenses .....	\$918.65

**Expenses:**

Postage .....	\$ 32.12
Travel expense .....	17.50
Printing .....	356.97
Telephone .....	5.67
Church directories .....	31.25
Secretary Hire .....	50.00
Total expenses .....	\$493.51
Balance in treasury to date .....	\$425.14

Respectfully submitted,

H. Reedy Saverance,  
 Acting Promotional Secretary

## APPENDIX II

### CHILDRENS HOME REPORT

This is a digest report of the work throughout the State Association that has been recorded by the Childrens Home. If for any reason your church or conference did not receive credit for its work, we will be very happy to check our books with you and correct the error.

From the Beaver Creek Association we received in Cash .....	\$ 1,769.48
In Commodities .....	961.51
From the Beaver Creek Ladies Auxiliary, in Cash .....	556.59
Total Cash and Commodities .....	\$ 3,287.58
From the Central Association we received in Cash .....	\$ 477.50
In Commodities .....	177.50
Total Cash and Commodities .....	\$ 655.01
From the Eastern Association we received in Cash .....	\$ 632.42
In Commodities .....	281.36
Total Cash and Commodities .....	\$ 913.78
From the S. C. Conference we received in Cash .....	\$ 4,799.15
In Commodities .....	1,546.98
Total Cash and Commodities .....	\$ 6,346.13
From our Farm Commodities we received in Cash .....	\$ 9,499.66
U. S. Treasury for Social Security Payments to Children .....	771.00
Miscellaneous Items .....	185.70
Organizations other than Free Will Baptist .....	1,667.71
Memorial Gifts .....	264.74
Individual Gifts .....	1,212.50
Individual Gifts of Commodities to the Childrens Home .....	340.15
Total Receipts in Cash and Commodities .....	\$25,143.96
Total Cash Disbursements .....	\$25,161.33
Total Cash Receipts September 30, 1962, to October 1, 1963 .....	\$21,836.46
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1963 .....	\$ 9,066.70

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. Richburg, Superintendent

## APPENDIX III

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

We recommend that a Bible Institute be conducted in each conference with the member of the Christian Education Board in the conference in charge.

Poston-Baggette Loan Fund—Balance in Treasury .....	\$529.04
Received During Year .....	167.34
	\$696.38
Secretary Expense .....	50.00
Balance in Treasury .....	\$646.38

Rev. Kenneth Faison

## APPENDIX IV

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Receipts for State Association for 1962-63

Brought Forward November 15, 1962 .....	\$176.70
Received from F. W. B. State Association Dec. 4, 1962 .....	337.00
Total Amount in Treasury December 10, 1962 .....	513.90
Total Amount in Treasury after Deduction Dec. 10, 1962 .....	\$438.90
Received Check from Rev. Ronald Niebruegge .....	12.00
Total in Treasury after January 22, 1963 .....	\$450.90

#### Paid out for F. W. B. State Association for Conference Year 1962-63

Paid to Rev. L. A. Holiday (Moderator Fee) Dec. 10, 1962 .....	\$ 25.00
Paid to Rev. Rufus Coffey (Clerk Hire) Dec. 10, 1962 .....	50.00
Total in Treasury .....	\$450.90

Joe Lynch Treasurer,  
Rt. 1, Scranton, S. C.

## APPENDIX V

### STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT

#### Through November 14

Superannuation is a worthy cause. We urge all Free Will Baptist churches, Auxiliaries and Quarterly Meetings in South Carolina to support Superannuation.

Superannuation at this time is in position to help some aged ministers, and in the future would like to be in position to help all our aged ministers.

#### Financial Report

Brought Forward .....	\$2,361.67
Second Quarterly Meeting .....	\$ 70.50
Horse Branch F. W. B. ....	70.70
McCull F. W. B. ....	14.00
South Side F. W. B. ....	43.90
Florence First Church .....	47.25
Liberty F. W. B. ....	37.50
Manning First Church .....	55.42
Beulah F. W. B. ....	62.05
Mt. Elon F. W. B. ....	127.17
Pine Grove .....	14.16
Salem F. W. B. ....	50.00
Oates F. W. B. ....	11.63
Central Conference .....	25.00
	629.28
	\$2,990.95

Disbursements:

Expense — Stamps, Envelopes, Gas .....	\$ 25.00
National Superannuation Board .....	62.93
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 87.93
Grand Total .....	\$2,903.02

Dean Dobbs

**APPENDIX VI**

**HOME MISSION REPORT**

Rev. Fred J. Kirby was elected as field director by the Home Mission and Governing Board and he held this position until June the 1st of 1963. At which time Marion C. Todd was elected to serve the rest of the Conference year or until some one was elected by the Boards.

There have been two Missions established in South Carolina this year, one at Greenville, S. C., which at this time is under the watch care of the Beaver Creek Association. And one at Georgetown, S. C., which is under the watch care of the State Home Mission Board.

Georgetown Mission is at this time in the process of buying a lot to build a church on. The Lord is blessing the Georgetown Mission, they are having 50 or better in Sunday School.

We are happy to report that there have been two Free Will Baptist Churches organized in our state this year. One in West Columbia, S. C., and one near Johnsonville, S. C., named Mill Branch, and the Home Mission Board had the honor of helping with both of these churches.

**Treasurer's Report**

Previous Balance Received from Julius Vause .....\$1,685.35

Received — 1963

State Woman's Auxiliary .....	\$ 146.80
S. C. Conference Home Missions .....	936.11
Central Conference .....	134.65
Eastern Conference .....	50.30
Beaver Creek Association .....	7.47
Sunday School Convention .....	45.00
McColl Church .....	28.00
South Avenue Church .....	12.58
West Side Church .....	87.53
Beaver Dam Church .....	32.46
Bethany Church .....	740.26
Sand Hill Church .....	7.63
Valley Falls Church .....	323.50
Florence First .....	45.23
Mount Carmel .....	24.00
Sumter First .....	26.00
Enoree .....	20.00
Clover .....	14.66

Liberty .....	143.48	
Camp Branch .....	65.00	
Pine Grove .....	37.58	
Darlington First .....	80.00	
Little Bethel .....	20.00	
Arcadia .....	19.65	
Manning .....	28.50	
Georgetown Mission .....	122.43	
Greenville Mission .....	46.75	
Personal Donation for Georgetown Mission (Mr. and Mrs. C. Courtney) .....	91.00	\$3,336.27

Total Received .....\$5,021.62

Paid Out — 1963

Rent on Greenville Mission .....	\$ 320.00
Greenville Utilities .....	40.84
Rent on Georgetown Mission .....	250.00
Rent on Georgetown Parsonage .....	220.00
Georgetown Utilities .....	89.66
Georgetown Furniture .....	186.43
Georgetown Pastor's Salary .....	1,470.00
Travel Expense and Postage .....	295.20
Literature for Missions .....	10.95
Salary to former Field Director (Fred Kirby) .....	201.70
Refund to Beaver Creek Association .....	102.91
Miscellaneous .....	40.50

Total Paid Out .....\$3,228.27

Balance in Treasurer's Book .....\$1,793.35

Balance in Bank .....1,793.62

Difference .....-.27

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion C. Todd,  
Treasurer and Director

**APPENDIX VII**

**REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**

We believe that a full knowledge of why we're here, and what we should do to have peace of mind now, and be prepared for the future comes only by studying, with prayer and meditation, God's Word, which of course is the Bible. We therefore offer the following suggestions:

1. That an effort be made to visit any person in our church community not attending Sunday School anywhere regularly. The visits should continue until results are obtained.

2. That each pupil study his lesson during the week. This, we believe, can be encouraged by having a directed discussion or question and answer period requiring each pupil to use his Bible to confirm his answer.
3. That regular meetings of teachers, etc., be held to discuss and iron out any problems that might arise.
4. That Free Will Baptist publications should be used if it meets our needs for Sunday School.
5. Any suggestions by you will be welcome at all times. Please write or call any of us if you think we could be of assistance to you in your Sunday School.
6. Since the Central Conference is having success in area Sunday School Study Courses, we recommend that all conferences, quarterly meetings, and Sunday Schools participate in and promote such courses in their own district.

Paul J. Shehan  
Dean Dobbs  
Roger Tripp

#### APPENDIX VIII

##### REPORT OF THE 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 habits, customs, 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.

Jack Millwood  
Wm. D. Sealy  
B. J. Staton  
Carl Shook

#### APPENDIX IX

##### REPORT OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Greetings from the National Home Missions Board and the missionaries in all of North America.

We have received \$3,712.67 from all sources (churches, auxiliaries, and special projects) in your state this calendar year. Please allow me to thank you for this amount.

The program of church extension and missionary work has been greatly increased this past year; and as a result, we are now in a financial strain.

November is National Home Missions month and whatever you can do at this time to help will be especially appreciated. Our immediate need is approximately \$28,000.

Reverend and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin are now home after spending three years in Fairbanks, Alaska. If they return to that needy field, their support must be pledged by some group. Will you consider this opportunity to make them **your** missionaries?

Homer E. Willis  
General Director

#### APPENDIX X

##### REPORT OF STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The fields continue to be white unto harvest, and the women of the S. C. Woman's Auxiliary continue to look upon them. We are endeavoring in many ways to thrust forth laborers into them. This past year has been one of blessing and we praise God for what has been done, and give to Him, the praise, honor and glory due His name. The Woman's Auxiliary Camp was held this year at Cameron, S. C., with approximately 50 women attending. An offering of \$55.00 was given to Mrs. Dargan Hewitt, one of our teachers, for Child Evangelism Fellowship. A Love Offering was given to the Sanders of \$25.25. On Friday night we had a special Mission service led by Rev. Sanders, praising God for being able to meet our quota. To the National Mission Declamation Contest at Detroit, Mich., we sent our Y. P. A. winners and G. T. A. winner giving them \$50.00 to help with expenses. To Youth Camp we sent our Essay winners, paying their expenses.

We are grateful for what has been accomplished, but we realize that the surface has not been touched. We long for each church to have an active auxiliary, and for each auxiliary to carry out as much as possible, the various activities planned. We believe that every church will be enriched when its women study needy Christian projects, pray unitedly often, help the churches teach and support missions, and actively engage in the ministry that women can do. We sincerely seek the support of our ministers in earnestly and actively promoting the Women's Auxiliary in their churches.

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—\$2,643.61.

Contributed to State Home Missions—\$232.46.

Foreign Missions—\$456.95.

Washerette for Orphanage—\$30.00.

Love Offering to Missionaries.

Dan Cronk \$50.00.

Jimmie Alridge \$50.00.

Dan Merkh \$75.00.

Luther Sanders \$75.00.

Balance in treasury at close of year—\$207.94.

South Carolina has taken as a State project for the year of 1963-64 the purchasing of a jeep for the Hanna's. Our goal for the year is \$3,600.00.

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. L. C. DeFee, President

## APPENDIX XI

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution: To stay in fellowship with all brethren of the Original Free Will Baptist, I submit the following:

1. To show no partiality to any literature of the Original Free Will Baptist on display at the State Convention.
2. Or to make it mandatory not to have any staff to put literature on display at a State Convention.

Submitted,  
Fenton J. Evans

We, the Resolution Committee, submit this resolution to this body without recommendation either way.

Roger Tripp  
Carl F. Shook  
L. P. Brown

Whereas, there is a considerable amount of difficulty in getting the minutes to the churches,

Be It Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to mail an appropriate number of copies of the minutes to the respective clerks of the four conferences and that the expenses of this be taken from the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Tripp  
Carl F. Shook  
L. P. Brown  
Rev. Ronald Niebruegge

Whereas, there has been a cotton gin built across from our Children's Home in Turbeville, and

Whereas, this gin has proven to be a nuisance to our Children's Home, and whereas, both the Children's Home and property and residents are disturbed by this gin and its trash, and, whereas, Brother Richburg has expressed a desire for it to be removed; therefore, Be It Resolved that this Central Association register with the State Association its protest against this gin and request that action be taken to have it removed or to improve the gin to the point it will not be a nuisance.

F. E. Powell, Clerk  
Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

## 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 license 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. Each member association and quarterly meeting shall also be requested to send a representative fee of one dollar per church.

**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 event any case may arise in this association, when, and only when it is deemed necessary or expedient for the best interest of the cause of the church in general.

**ARTICLE FIVE:** The officers of this association shall be a president, first, second, and third vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence.

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 co-operating 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 preside for that session of the association.

3. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to enroll the delegates of the association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the secretary shall compose the association.

4. Each organization represented in the association shall send into the association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the association and to promote the work it undertakes.

5. On the first day of the association meeting the president shall appoint a resolution committee to consist of three members, all resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and committees 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.

## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

### *The Repairer of the Breach*

Isaiah 58:12

In the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah the Lord tells Israel why her prayers are not answered and holds before the people God's remedy for transgression. They are to cease sinning and obey the commandments of God. Certainly, at this time the strong fundamental voices of men of God, would be in order. The breach was ever widening and in desperation Isaiah cries aloud at the command of God. (Isa. 58:1) The breach between God and Israel was wide, but it could be spanned by men of good will and the Lord encouraged the people of God to do just that. The Repairer of the Breach . . . Let us observe three breaches for our consideration: (1) The Breach Between God and Man; (2) The Breach Between Christ and Sinners; and (3) The Breach Between Christ and the Church.

First, the Bible declares a "breach between God and man" in Paradise. Oh, God loved man and woman! He blessed them, He fed them, He walked with them as a close companion; He delighted in them. They could have their every wish. No thorns, no thistles, briars, nor stumbling block. Oh, what joy our forefather and mother must have experienced and enjoyed. Free from malice, hate, evil hearts, etc. . . . yes. Oh, what glory and precious memories, but man let God down! They listened, doubted, and became rebels against God and right. Man wouldn't take orders! He disobeyed. He cut off relations with God. He became a willful sinner. He chose Satan and Hell rather than Christ and everlasting life. When we look to the extent of man's rebellion and the depth of his wickedness in Noah's day, we ought to fear lest there be in us an evil heart of unbelief. The Serpent bit man . . . man went stark raving mad. Man is depraved clear through. He went from sanity to insanity, from good to bady, from pure to impure, from holy to unholy. Oh, what evil lurks in the heart of man! The earth was for man and his good; now it works against him. The breach between God and man was disobedience or rebellion against rules or orders. "Eat this, but not that." So God drove man from His presence—but even as He drove, He clothed and fed them. He promised them a Redeemer! Thank God for the Second Adam!

Second, The Breach Between Christ and Sinners. Christ came to be a King for He said, "to this end was I born," so man pushed a crown of thorns on His Holy Brow. He came to the poor and they of Nazareth would cast Him over a cliff. He came to the rich and all He received was a tomb to be laid in! He came to Jerusalem but she would have none of His sweet tears! He came to the Lost Sheep of Israel but they all went astray! He came to the priests and leaders, but they plotted His death. He came to the apostles and one sold Him for thirty pieces of silver. The Bible says in Luke that "a lord made a great supper and bade many" but they "all began to make excuses! But Christ came to die, even though they did not care. He cared. He loved them, though they loved Him not. "For while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Man, in general, still won't bow and obey Christ. But there will come a day when they will bow and confess, but too late! Christ says,

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) Yet in another place He says "Ye won't come to me that ye may have life." Christ repaired the "breach" between God and man and He made it possible for all to come to Him that would.

Now, third, and last, let us consider the Breach between Christ and the Churches. Here we have five breaches: The first is "you have left your first love!" Although they are workers, patient, can't bear them that are evil, kicked out false preachers; yet they are losing sight of a personal Christ. They have power and had mighty revivals, but they were losing sight of Christ and leaning on power and "feelings," more than their first great source of strength and power—the Person of Christ! We may shout and "holler" and run and jump in religious ecstasy and not know Christ! The church can't replace Christ. Our theology, no matter how true and Biblical can't replace our Christ! Our great buildings ritualism can't replace Christ! Let us keep Christ in our hearts first, middle, and last! No Church Board nor Committee should exist that doesn't have Christ as its Director and King!

Second, Pergamos; tolerating believers holding to false doctrine and to believe such. In Ephesus, one thing—"left first love," but in this one, a few things; oh, how sin sneaks in our lives and churches! They held fast to Christ's name and had not denied the faith, but some held the doctrine of Balaam, ate things sacrificed to idols and committed fornication. Also the Nicolaitanes, which God said He hated . . . some were holding to their doctrine. God said for them to repent or He would come unto them quickly and fight against them with the sword of His mouth! The rise of "priests" in the church or people who would rule the congregation; rule with fear and superstition and such as popes and cardinals and bishops. We don't like to hear of preachers who "run" their churches or even worse, it seems today, deacons who try to run the church and the preachers. The preacher does have God-given rulership but a deacon has no biblical authority to do so.

Third, Thyatira; allowing false teachers in the actual teaching ministry. The final breakdown comes when laymen believe something that isn't biblical and just as certain Satan will lead some of his servants to teach it boldly and brazenly. The poor preacher sits and listens (and the fundamental laymen) and because of family ties or foolish sentiment or fear of church turmoil, let it go on and on and hope it can be prayed or preached out! Oh, no! You will have to throw the devil out if he goes out, much of the time. We ought to speak lovingly, but plainly of our doctrines and Bible faith. Jezebel! Lots of churches have "woman trouble." Man is to lead, no matter how poorly; give me a man to lead and not a "fine" lady. So this church tolerates false believers and teachers to get settled in the churches; and soon they will control the vote and put whomever they will in your pulpit.

Fourth, Sardis; worldly, sleepy, and lazy. A hypocritical church, more dead than alive. "Remember how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent. (Rev. 3:3) They had a few church members who had not defiled their garments, but now only a few. "Watch, or I will come as a thief and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." (vs 3) This is an age of impure church members. Sins of all descriptions are committed by them. Free Will Baptist women and girls dress indecently; even deacons' wives and daughters and ministers' wives and daughters! In most large de-

nominations, it isn't considered wrong to play cards, dance, and socially drink. God keep Free Will Baptists fundamental! Notice, please, in Ephesus, "one thing" wrong; in Pergamos, "a few things"; in Thyatira, "a few things plus", but "as many as have not this doctrine, hold fast till I come." When Rome's power politically and economically were failing, Satan switched methods and tries to control in the field of religion. He still rules from Rome; presidents and senators bow to the Pope; kings and rulers let him dominate or listen to his false threats and empty promises. Thank God, we do not honor nor fear Rome!

Fifth, and last, We have beheld a "sick" church, "sick" members, lewd professors, sickening doctrines, and tolerant, broadminded preachers, etc.; now, we see Christ sick over such revolting weakness and tolerance, to do any way, believe every doctrine ("we can't judge, you know"), whether we are saved by degrees or at once! Some say there are three works for God to get you right for heaven, others say there are two! Now, Brethren, I hate false doctrine. If God hasn't saved us Free Will Baptists by grace through faith, and if it takes more than repentance and faith to be born again, then we need another Bible, for Paul declared in Acts 20:20-21 . . . "he kept back nothing" from the good church at Ephesus and taught what? . . . (Acts 20:21) . . . "testifying both to Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Then, away with all other extra or add on teachings that have no theological nor Biblical basis. Many doctrines are based on historical incidents and workings of the early church which neither they, nor we, can nor have ever duplicated. I know Paul raised the dead, but to my knowledge, no Baptist, nor Methodist, nor so-called Holiness groups have ever done such. But, if God wants such done, do you not think He could give the necessary faith to some christian to do so? Certainly!

The Church has one mission; yet it is twofold! We are to get people saved—and teach them to get other people saved!

Yes, we have the Laodiceans, Ephesians, Pergamos, Thyatira, and Sardis . . . all on earth today, but let us further trust and believe we also have some folk "from" Smyrna and Philadelphia who are willing to die for Christ and the true faith and who, as Philadelphia, will find open doors to carry the eternal Gospel of Christ to all men on earth. This, our great denomination of Original Free Will Baptists, is committed to do! Thank God for our National Association which sends missionaries to many places of earth and guards our Treatise and beliefs as a sacred trust! We have come together today to better the cause of Christ and to eliminate any idea that we are not Christian brethren and love each other! Though we may differ on items of business, we are intelligent enough to discuss it sanely and will give each brother his Original Free Will Baptist church rights to differ on any item. . . . but to differ in a Christian way and in a Christian attitude! I think (and am sure) that we do not want the sinners to hear nor know that as a great State Association of Christians that we can't differ and yet act like real saints! Let us do away with malice and distrust and push the dread and fear, that has accompanied some of our meetings, away by joining hands, confessing faults, and have a real, Godly meeting where we can extend the Cause of Christ more effectively!