

MINUTES

OF THE

Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

**South Carolina State Association
Of Original Free Will Baptists**

1954

HELD WITH

NEW TOWN CHURCH

Lake City, S. C.

NOVEMBER 18-19, 1954

The Next Session to be held with Chester Church, Chester, S. C., in the Beaver Creek Association, November 17-18, 1955. Reverend L. A. Holliday, President, will bring the introductory Message.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS OF THE S. C. STATE ASSOCIATION

President.....Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.
 Vice-President.....Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.
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Executive Board

Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C..... 1955
 Rev. M. S. Todd, Lake City, S. C..... 1956
 Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmonsville, S. C..... 1957
 Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C..... 1958
 Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C..... 1959

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Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C..... 1955
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 Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C..... 1957
 Mr. C. V. Ward, Hemingway, S. C..... 1958
 Mr. J. G. Williams, Hemingway, S. C..... 1959

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

Home Mission Advisory Board

Rev. Fred S. Powers, Director, Timmonsville, S. C.....
 Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C..... 1955
 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C..... 1956
 Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C..... 1957
 Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C..... 1958

Field Secretaries

Christian Education.....Rev. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.
 Director of Home Missions.....Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmonsville, S. C.
 Director of Foreign Missions.....Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.

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 Bro. Walker Miles
 Rev. L. A. Holliday
 Rev. A. F. Lawter
 Bro. Jesse G. Williams
 Rev. Julius Vause
 Bro. C. V. Ward

Committees

The following committees were appointed to serve during this Session of the State Association:

Resolutions: Rev. W. A. Hales, Chm., Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rev. A. F. Lawter.
 Temperance: Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Chm., Rev. Rufus Coffey, Mr. T. B. Williams.
 Sunday School and Literature: Bro. R. C. Baggette, Chm., Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. M. C. Todd.
 Free Will Baptist League: Rev. Paul J. Ketterman, Chm.
 Finance Committee: Bro. LaVerne Hanna, Chm., Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. L. P. Brown.
 Christian Education: Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chm., Rev. Burkett Raper, Rev. J. B. Chism.
 Obituary: Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Chm.
 Children's Home: Bro. Ed Miles, Chm., Bro. Jessie Williams, Rev. Fred S. Powers.
 Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. M. H. Mellette.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 1954

The Association was opened by the host pastor, Rev. Fred S. Powers, with devotions.

The congregation stood and sang "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" and "To The Work." Rev. Powers then read Psalms 1 and gave the welcome. Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart gave the response.

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

Visiting Ministers who were seated at this time and other times included: Rev. and Mrs. Burkette Raper, Rev. Damon Dodd, and Rev. E. S. Mooneyhan.

Committees (listed above) were then appointed by the President.

Motion by Rev. M. H. Mellette that the officers elected by the Executive Board since the last Session be elected for the remainder of the term. Passed.

We then recessed for ten minutes.

After re-assembling, we sang "Send The Light," and Rev. Rufus Coffey read Matthew 5:13-16, and lead in prayer. The Rev. L. A. Holliday, President, brought the introductory message, using as a subject "Ye are the Light of the World." Bro. Holliday carried out some good points as he reminded us that if we are to become the light of the world that we must let our light shine way out into the darkness of the world.

We then recessed for the noon hour to re-assemble at 1:15.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, NOVEMBER 18, 1954

Rev. Paul J. Ketterman led the devotions for the afternoon session. We sang "Sunlight" and Rev. Ketterman read from Romans 13:10-14.

Rev. Damon Dodd, of the National Headquarters in Nashville then gave a report on Home Missions. Rev. Dodd told of the great work which is being done by the Home Mission teams, sponsored and supported by the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists, in Nebraska and in Tampa, Florida. He urged young people to consider, as God directed, to consider the Home Mission work. Then Rev. Dodd introduced The Home Mission Bank Plan, which places a small bank in each church and Sunday School room for weekly contributions to Home Missions.

Church, Conference, and Associational letters were then called for and turned in to the clerk.

The President called for the Christian Education Report, and Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chm. introduced Rev. Burkette Raper, who gave an enlightening and interesting talk on the Mount Allen Junior College of Mount Olive, N. C. Rev. Raper told of the origin, progress, and courses offered by the school there. His remarks made all of us feel that surely God is blessing the work at Mt. Allen. Rev. Mellette then suggested that we take an offering for the school, which was done, and the amount raised was \$55.00.

Rev. L. A. Holliday then gave the following report on Foreign Missions.

Annual Report of State Director of Foreign Missions

June 30, 1954 to November 1, 1954

As your Director of Foreign Missions, I submit the following report:

I find among our people throughout the state a growing interest in the cause of foreign missions, for which we're profoundly grateful. With the opening of new fields there must be an increase in finances; this being true, the National Board of Foreign Missions has found it necessary to increase the state's Quota. As the baby grows his shoes cost more. I believe that we should put forth a special effort to meet our Quota by June 30, 1953. To do this it will be necessary to do a little more field work than has been done in the past year.

I also recommend that all itineraries made in the interest of Foreign Missions be arranged by the State Director and that all funds raised for this cause be sent direct to him. I further recommend that each district comprising this body be asked to appoint a director and that there be an arrangement made between the several district directors and the state director for a state wide missionary conference to be held at a time and place to be designated by them. Special efforts would be put forth to have our National Director speak at this conference also one of our Missionaries if available.

These recommendations come out of the experience which I have gathered over these several years which I have served as your director and are being prayerfully submitted.

Yours for the Gospel to all people,

Louis A. Holliday,
S. C. State Association, Director
Foreign Missions.

Bro. W. S. Mooneyham, of the National Headquarters talked to the Association, and introduced the Co-Operative Plan which is being used in the Headquarters. He recommended that we adopt this plan, which allows the National Headquarters to distribute the money as the calls come from the various phases of the work. Then Bro. Mooneyham introduced and sold several copies of CONTACT, newspaper of the National Headquarters.

At this time the Treasurer gave a partial report, which is printed with the rest of his report elsewhere.

A committee representing the South Carolina Conference introduced a report on revisions which they found needed in the Treatise of Original Free Will Baptists.

Motion: That a committee be appointed from this body to make a further study of these and any other changes necessary and make a formal report to the resolutions committee of the National Association to convene in July, 1955 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Passed.

Committee, which was appointed on Friday morning, as provided in the motion just stated, consisted of:

Rev. W. A. Hales, Chm. S. C. Conference
Rev. M. C. Todd Central Conference
Rev. T. A. Williams Eastern Conference
Rev. A. F. Lawter Beaver Creek Association

The Resolutions Committee made the following recommendation at this time:

That an office of State Promotional Secretary be created.
 Motion: By W. A. Hales: That we amend Article 5, Section 1, of the Constitution of The South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist to read as follows: "The officer of this Association shall be a president, first, second, and third vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, a promotional secretary, and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence."

We then adjourned until 9 o'clock, with the regular evangelistic service to be conducted at 7:30 by Rev. T. A. Williams.

Friday Morning Session, November 19, 1954

Rev. J. H. Hucks opened the Friday morning session with devotions. We sang "Heavenly Sunshine" and Rev. J. B. Oliver led in prayer. Rev. Hucks then read Psalms 100.

The President then seated the delegates and ministers for the day's business. He then called for churches having not reported.

Request for absence of Rev. W. L. Jernigan to be excused. Granted
 Bro. Ed Miles gave the report for the orphanage:

The Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Turbeville, S. C.

Statement of Operations and Cash Standing at end of Year

September 30, 1954

Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	\$ 9,733.86
Add, Receipts:	
S. C. Conference.....	\$ 4,384.62
Beaver Creek Association.....	504.42
Eastern Conference.....	625.72
Central Association.....	614.97
FWB Singing Convention.....	362.68
Individual Donations.....	1,542.21
In Memoriam.....	25.00
Farm Sales and Other Income.....	3,531.87
 Total Receipts.....	 11,591.49
 Total Cash to be Accounted for.....	 \$21,325.35
Deduct:	
Expense of operations.....	11,452.54
 New Buildings and Equipment.....	 7,175.26
 Balance Cash on Hand at End of Year.....	 \$ 2,697.55

Statement of Cash

Citizen's Bank of Olanta, S. C.....	\$ 2,359.89
Bank of Clarendon, Manning, S. C.....	337.66
 Total Cash on Hand.....	 \$ 2,697.55
United States Bonds and Interest.....	4,625.00
 Total Cash and Bonds.....	 7,322.55

R. C. Baggette
 N. P. Coker
 Auditing Committee

Home Mission Report

Rev. Fred S. Powers, Director

In response to the motion passed in the 1953 session of the State Association, empowering the Home Mission Board with the authority to set up and promote a church finance system that will assist in the building and providing suitable places of worship for new churches that might be organized, we submit the following recommendations:

1. That we adopt the same system that has been used successfully in the State Association of North Carolina for the past number of years. That we have Rev. Burkette Raper, who is present with us to explain this system to this body. Adopted.
2. We further recommend that the State Association empower the Home Mission Board with the authority to set up and promote a program to raise funds to purchase a tent and equipment to be used on the Home Mission Field of our state in revivals and the Organization of new churches. Adopted.
3. That we make every effort possible to meet the quota set by the National Home Mission Board for this state; the set quota is \$1200.00. Adopted.

Report of the Home Mission Treasury
(From May 17, 1954 to November 16, 1954)

Receipts:

Check (Former Treasury).....	\$2,355.51
Check (Rev. Seldon Bullard for St. John's O.F.W.B. Church).....	10.00
South Carolina Conference:	
Bay Branch Church.....	\$ 7.99
Liberty Church.....	40.00
Lebanon Church.....	15.94
Mt. Elon Church.....	36.46
Bethany Church.....	57.06
Sumter Church.....	41.16
Hartsville Mission.....	38.92
Sand Hill Church.....	16.55
New Town Church.....	50.00
High Hill Church.....	19.50
Ladies Auxiliary District Association.....	10.00
S. C. Conference Meetings.....	112.60
Total.....	\$ 446.18
Eastern Conference.....	
Central Conference.....	
Beaver Creek Association.....	61.00
Refund from National Association.....	\$ 26.03
Total.....	\$2,898.72

Disbursements:

National Association.....	\$ 453.60
Poston-Baggette Memorial Fund.....	21.30
State Association Treasury.....	456.80
Hartsville Revival.....	136.36
Tracks (500).....	5.00
Board Meetings.....	13.90
Printing (Letters and Letterheads).....	19.64
Telephone and Stamps.....	6.54
Travel and Expense.....	36.94
Charleston Mission (Cash).....	50.00
Two Dozen Chairs.....	54.39
Total.....	1,254.47

Balance in Treasury.....\$1,644.25

Motion: That we accept Home Mission Report and appoint Rev. W. A. Hales and Rev. Seldon Bullard to go over books with Home Mission Board and clear up all funds, to determine the amount to be put in the Poston-Baggette Memorial Fund. Passed.

Motion: That we either match the \$100.00 given for a revival in Sumter or Refund it to the National Home Mission Treasury. Leave this matter to the Home Mission Board. Passed.

We then adjourned for the dinner hour to meet again at 1:30.

FRIDAY ARTERNOON SESSION, NOVEMBER 19, 1954

We re-assembled for the afternoon session by pausing for silent prayer for the business session of the afternoon.

Orphanage Committee Report

We your committee on our Children's Home submit the following report recommending that:

1. That each church elect a contact man to press the work of the Home, sending this name and address to the Home as soon as possible. Adopted.
2. We wish to thank the churches that have gone on the monthly plan and recommend that this body go on record asking or recommending all churches to do so. Adopted.
3. We recommend that the names of our trustees be printed in the State Association Minutes. Adopted.
4. We recommend that we ask each of the conferences to copy this list of trustees and carry them in their annual minutes. Adopted.

Bro. Ed Miles, Chairman.

Motion: That a committee be appointed by the chair at this session of the Association to amend the Constitution to provide for a Board of Trustees for the Children's Home, and to report on the first day of next year's Association. Adopted.

Committee Appointed by Chair:

Bro. Ed Miles, Chairman
Rev. M. H. Mellette
Bro. Jesse Williams

Finance Committee Report

We your finance Committee make the following report:
Received from the following Associations and Conferences:

South Carolina Conference.....	\$ 140.00
Beaver Creek Association.....	20.00
Central Conference.....	40.00
Eastern Association.....	35.00
Total.....	\$ 235.00

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. LaVerne Hanna, Chairman
Rev. L. P. Brown
Rev. E. P. Kirby

Ladies Auxiliary Report

There are 9 auxiliaries reported in the Beaver Creek Association
2 auxiliaries reported in the Central Association
3 auxiliaries reported in the Eastern Conference
20 auxiliaries reported in the S. C. Conference.

Approximate total membership in Woman's Auxiliaries..... 700
At least one of Young People's organizations, including Y.P.A., G.T.A., and Boy's Auxiliaries, are sponsored by these Auxiliaries.

Total Membership of Young People's Organizations..... 500

Submitted by,

Mrs. M. H. Mellette, Chairman.

Motion: Clerk contact Clerk of Ladies Auxiliary Work and give two pages in the Minutes to the Ladies Auxiliary. Passed.

State Association Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

Balance (former treasury).....	\$ 630.09
Una Church.....	100.00
Valley Folk Church.....	9.10
High Hill Church.....	25.00
Lebanon Church.....	25.00
Fred S. Powers.....	27.50
Total.....	\$ 816.69

Disbursements:

National Association Dues.....	\$ 30.00
L. A. Holliday (National Committeeman).....	29.95
Paul J. Ketterman.....	32.58
Peggy Richburg (typing).....	3.00
Miller Outdoor Advertising Co.....	36.00
Spartanburg Mem. Aud.....	492.00
Posters, Inc.....	103.70
W. S. Rice Music Co.....	7.50
B & B Studio.....	3.92
Secretary's Salary.....	14.25
Secretarial Help.....	17.53
Secretarial Help.....	17.15
Postage.....	2.04
Total.....	789.62

Balance.....	\$ 27.07
Received this Convention.....	290.00
Total.....	\$ 317.07

Paid Out this Convention:

Mt. Allen Junior College.....	\$ 55.00
Moderator's Salary.....	12.00
Clerk's Hire.....	50.00
Total.....	117.00

Balance in State Associational Treasury.....	\$ 200.07
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Poston-Baggett Memorial Fund:

Balance (Former Treasury).....	\$ 21.30
Receipts (S. C. Quarterly Conference).....	70.25
Balance in Treasury of Fund.....	\$ 91.55

Sunday School and Literature

We, your committee on Sunday School and Literature make the following report:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. R. C. Baggett, Chairman
Rev. M. S. Todd
Rev. W. A. Hales

Temperance Committee Report

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that the use of alcoholic beverages in any form be discouraged and condemned by our people everywhere and in and every form. Adopted.

2. That this Association protest the public advertisement of intoxicating liquors on the pages of newspapers, billboards, placards, radio, television, and newspapers. Adopted.

Motion: Clerk be instructed to notify the following organizations of our action: WCTU. THE STATE NEWSPAPER, THE NEWS AND COURIER, THE GREENVILLE NEWS, THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Passed.

3. That we co-operate with all other bodies working for ultimate national prohibition.

4. That we encourage and insist that our Church people everywhere, regardless of political party affiliation, refuse to support any candidate for any office known to favor the liquor traffic. Adopted.

5. That our Ministers preach uncompromisingly against the use of intoxicating beverages as well as other forms of sin. Adopted.

6. That we ask our people to refrain from patronizing any business establishment that sells beer, wine, or any intoxicating drink. Adopted.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
T. B. Williams
Rufus Coffey

Motion: That we elect a permanent committee to act in the interest of temperance. Passed.

Committee appointed consisted of:

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Chairman
 Rev. Paul J. Ketterman
 Rev. Clarence Lambert
 Rev. Fred S. Powers
 Rev. J. B. Chism

Motion: That expenses of the committee on Revisions of Treatise be paid. Passed.

Motion: That the letter forms for the State Association be shortened and the clerk be instructed to secure new forms. Passed.

Motion: Permanent Committee on Temperance be given \$50.00 for work which they are to do. Passed.

Offering taken amounting to \$25.75.

Free Will Baptist League Report

The State League Convention is one of the growing Auxiliaries of our Church. More and more our churches and pastors are realizing that the Free Will Baptist League is a necessary and helpful organization.

This year our second youth camp was sponsored by the State League Convention at Camp Forest, Cheraw, S. C. We were able to instruct approximately 100 young people in courses in Bible, music, and Stewardship. A number gave themselves to Christ in the classes and in the morning and evening worship. Another camp is to be held at the same place next year at a time to be stated by the State League Convention.

Submitted by,

Rev. Paul J. Ketterman

South Carolina State League Convention Camp Report for Summer of 1954

(Received from Rev. Ketterman and entered into minutes by the Clerk as information)

Balance on hand at beginning of year 1954.....\$ 380.35

Receipts:

Registration Camp Fees and Insurance.....	\$1,187.75
Miscellaneous Sources (Canteen, etc.).....	147.10
Total Receipts.....	1,334.85

Total money to be accounted for Dec. 3, 1954... \$1,715.20

Disbursements:

Phone Calls and Travel.....	\$ 86.56
Post Cards and Printing.....	9.55
Envelopes.....	3.46

Check Book.....	4.08
Horseshoes.....	17.51
Barrel.....	10.00
Insurance.....	51.75
Projector and Film Rental.....	52.65
Soft Drinks.....	21.45
Labor.....	245.00
Ice.....	18.76
Refunds.....	22.50
American Bakeries, Bread.....	30.24
Coble Dairies (Milk and Ice Cream).....	88.00
Groceries and Meats.....	458.12
Camp Rental and Deposit.....	276.34
Miscellaneous Incidentals.....	16.89
Sword Drill Contestant's Entry Fee.....	1.50

Total Disbursements.....	\$1,414.36
Balance on hand December 3, 1954.....	300.84

Total money accounted for on December 3, 1954 \$1,715.20

Balance on Deposit at Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Florence, S. C. \$ 300.84

Report of Treasurer of State Board of Superannuation for Associational Year 1953-1954

Balance Brought Forward November 12, 1953.....\$ 366.93

Receipts:

South Carolina Quarterly Meeting.....	\$ 128.84
South Carolina District Auxiliary.....	13.20
Lebanon Church.....	6.14
Liberty Church.....	40.00
Mount Elon Church.....	55.76
Sand Hill Church.....	5.00

Total Receipts for the year..... 248.94

Grand Total for the year..... \$ 615.87

Disbursements:

Rev. J. O. Fort, National Treasurer.....	\$ 31.65
Rev. J. O. Fort, National Treasurer.....	62.22

Total Disbursements for the year..... 93.87

Balance in treasury on deposit at Guaranty Bank and Trust Company November 17, 1954.....\$ 522.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Paul J. Ketterman

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Whereas; The growth in our Denomination has been great in the last few years, and

Whereas; Interest on the part of local Churches increased in accordance, and

Whereas; There is a need for a better spirit of co-operation, and greater co-ordination of all phases of our work, both State and National, Therefore

Be It Resolved:

1. That the State Association now in session create the office of State Promotional Secretary, and
2. That a qualified man be elected to fill this office on a part time basis at this session of the Association, and
3. That the Executive Board be asked to work out the details, such as the duties of the office, salary, expenses, and so forth. Adopted.

Be It Resolved:

That this State Association go on record as opposing transfer of churches from one conference to another without a letter of commendation from the Conference or Association where said Church previously head membership. Adopted.

Realizing the great need of a better informed ministry in our church: Be It Resolved:

That all applicants for Ordination to the Gospel Ministry in our churches be required to take the Correspondence Course offered by the Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., or some other approved Christian school and show a certificate for work done before Ordination. Adopted.

We note that minutes of the Association were not published until several months after the last session, Therefore;

We recommend that the Clerk be asked to prepare the minutes of the Association as early as possible and mail same to the various churches. We also recommend that copies of the program be sent to our publications 30 days before each session. Adopted.

Submitted by,

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Chairman
 Rev. W. A. Hales, Chairman
 Rev. A. F. Lawter
 Rev. H. E. Powell

We then decided upon the place for the next meeting of the Association; The place being the Chester Church, Chester, S. C.

The following officers were then elected:

Home Missions Director.....Rev. Fred S. Powers
 Foreign Missions Director.....Rev. L. A. Holliday
 Christian Education Director.....Rev. Rufus Coffey
 Executive Board Member.....Rev. A. F. Lawter

Home Mission Advisory

Board Member.....Rev. Clarence Lambert
 Board of Trustees Members.....Mr. C. V. Ward
 (State Association).....Mr. J. G. Williams

The following delegates were elected to the National Association to be held in Tulsa, Okla. In July, 1955:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Smith,Coward, S. C.
 Mr. Jesse WilliamsHemingway, S. C.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young.....Sumter, S. C.
 Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Young
 Mr. LaVerne Hanna
 Mr. Ira Powell

Motion: That this body ask the executive boards of the various conferences to elect their delegates to the National Association. Passed.

Motion: That the moderator of this body appoint any needed extra delegates after they have arrived in Okla. Passed

Motion: That the Executive Committee meet with the delegates approximately one week prior to the National Association at a time and place to be designated by the committee in order to discuss matters of interest to our State Delegation to the National Association. Passed.

Motion: That the Constitution of this body be amended so as to provide for the election of officers each year, instead of every two years. Passed.

Motion: That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their splendid hospitality in this Session of the Association. Passed.

After standing and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," we were dismissed by prayer to meet in Chester, S. C. November 17-18, 1955.

South Carolina Conference Report

Statistical Report

Membership at beginning of year.....	3,236
Received during the year.....	178
Total Membership at End of Year.....	3,414

Financial Report

Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	\$ 7,762.33
Total receipts for the year.....	98,709.93
Grand total for the year.....	\$106,472.26

Disbursements:

Children's Home.....	\$ 4,773.12
Christian Education.....	2,471.76
Charity.....	1,904.72
Foreign Missions.....	2,652.28
Home Missions.....	659.40

Superannuation	256.93
Revivals	4,114.57
Pastor	34,446.72
Building and Repair	46,383.08
Operating expense	15,049.33
Convention Fees	1,893.72
Total expenditures for the year	\$114,605.63
Balance in all church treasuries	\$ 6,714.24

Church Property Report

Value of Church and Equipment	\$411,200.00
Value of Parsonage and Equipment	62,600.00
Total value of all church property	\$473,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Fred S. Powers, Moderator,
Timmons ville, S. C.

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

LETTER OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Statistical Report

Membership at the beginning of the year	341
Received:	
By Letter	1
By Baptism	11
By Restoration	3
Total received during the year	15
Dismissed during the year:	
Died	4
Dismissed	14
Total Lost	18
Total on roll at end of year	338

Financial Report

Total Cash Receipts for the year	\$ 8,553.53
Total expenditures for the year	7,462.27
Balance in all church treasuries	\$ 1,091.26

Church Value Report

Total Value of all Church Property	\$ 35,000.00
Condition of Church Auxiliaries:	
Number of Prayer Meetings	5
Number of Sunday Schools	5
Woman's Auxiliaries	4
Free Will Baptist Leagues	1

Rev. T. A. Williams, Moderator,
R.F.D. No. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

J. M. Williams, Clerk and Treasurer,
R.F.D. No. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

LETTER FROM THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Membership at beginning of the year	424
Received:	
By Letter	11
By Baptism	44
By Statement	8
Total Received	63
Dismissed:	
By Letter	4
By Expulsion	2
Died	5
Total Dismissed	11
Total on roll at end of year	476

Financial Report

Cash on hand at beginning of the year	\$ 1,812.95
Total Receipts for the year	8,671.90
Grand Total for the Year	\$ 10,484.85

Expenditures:

Building and Repair	3,253.45
Charity	417.63
Children's Home	577.28
Christian Education	280.34
Convention Fees	92.00
Foreign Missions	169.42
Home Missions	88.77
Operating Expenses	318.68

Pastor's Salary	2,964.95
Radio Ministry	
Revivals	376.98
Other	132.40
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Total Expenditures for the Year.....	\$ 8,671.90
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Balance in Church Treasuries.....	\$ 2,925.52

Report of Value of Church Property

Total Value of all Church Property.....	\$ 38,700.00
Condition of Church Auxiliaries:	
Number of Prayer Meetings	7
Number of Sunday Schools	8
Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues.....	4
Woman's Auxiliaries.....	2

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

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

LETTER FROM THE BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

Statistical Report

Total Membership.....	1048
Members Received.....	158
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Total Membership at end of the year.....	\$ 1,206

Financial Report

Total Received	\$ 29,501.97
Disbursements:	
Children's Home.....	\$ 370.87
Home Missions	62.00
Revivals	978.89
Pastor's Salary	22,424.13
Foreign Missions	95.40
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Total Disbursements.....	\$ 29,225.48
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Total in Church Treasuries.....	\$ 2,531.33

Report of Value of Church Property

Total Value of all Church Property.....	\$167,625.00
Rev. L. S. Gray, Moderator, 680 Saxon Avenue Spartanburg, S. C.	

Mrs. A. F. Lawter, Clerk,
 Lockhart, S. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this Solemn Covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises, supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of the Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF

THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Preamble: We, the officials, ministers and delegates of this the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, while in session at Una Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 13-14, 1946, do accept and adopt the foregoing constitution and by-laws.

Article One. This body shall be known Henceforth as the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

Article Two. It shall be the purpose of this organization to 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 and Woman's Auxiliary work and for the extension of the kingdom of God in general.

Article Three.

Section One. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the church or organizations to represent, and ordain and licensed Free Will Baptist Ministers, who are of good repute in the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and who reside in South Carolina, or hold membership in, or pastor a church in South Carolina.

Section Two. Each Association or Conference, may represent in this Association on the basis of two delegates for each Association and conference of one thousand members or less, and one delegate for each additional thousand members or fractions thereof.

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

Article Four. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, composed of ordained ministers and lay members in good standing in the Association, one to be appointed by the Moderator each year for a five year term, to act officially in the event any case may arise in this Association, when, and only when it is deemed necessary or expedient for the best interest of the cause of the church in general.

Article Five. The officers of this Association shall be a President, First, Second, and Third Vice-President, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, a promotional secretary, 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 into the Association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the Association and to promote the work it undertakes.

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

6. The 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.

**MINUTES OF THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HELD WITH
LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.
OCTOBER 9, 1954**

The convention began with devotional and welcome by the host Church. Message by the President, Mrs. L. A. Holliday.

We entered into the business session with prayer by Mrs. A. F. Lawter.

The following ladies were elected as Finance Committee: Mrs. Iris Eaddy, Mrs. Dewey Jones, and Mrs. E. D. Coker. Roll called with 12 auxiliaries reported; delegates were seated; new members, ministers, and visitors were welcomed. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary's report to be given at next meeting since there had been no reports mailed to her.

Special music by Mrs. Hanna of Little Star Church.

Report on the National Convention by Mrs. A. F. Lawter. Declamation contest was directed by Mrs. J. B. Chism; Contestants were Miss Betty Jean Robinson and Miss Irene Hardy. Judges were Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. L. A. Holliday of the South Carolina Conference, and Rev. A. J. Hucks of the Eastern Conference. Miss Betty Jean Robinson of Horse Branch Church Y. P. A. was chosen as first place winner.

A wonderful talk on stewardship was "Give Ourselves To God" given by Mrs. Paul Ketterman.

The convention message was given by Rev. L. A. Holliday, President of the State Association. The consecration hymn was led by Rev. Coffey. We then recessed for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were led by Whitney Church.

Youth and the Woman's Auxiliary talk was given by Mrs. J. B. Chism.

Report of the Field Director, Mrs. Paul Ketterman

The Finance Committee gave the following report:

State Convention dues.....	50.10
Co-Laborer Band Fund.....	10.00
Foreign Missions (Stevens).....	63.80
Foreign Missions (Hann).....	18.00

Treasurer's Report

On hand at the beginning of the year.....	\$ 121.52
Received from the Eastern District Convention.....	7.00
Special Offerings for Miss Zalene Lloyd.....	25.05
State Convention Dues.....	87.20
Received from the District Convention Treasurer.....	30.60
Orphanage.....	15.00
Home Missions.....	32.03
Foreign Missions.....	38.50
Co-Laborer Band Fund.....	144.90

Disbursements:

Miss Zalene Lloyd (as gift).....	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Luther Sanders (programs).....	4.85
Rev. Seldon Bullard (Loan Fund).....	50.00
Mrs. Luther Sanders (Phone Call).....	2.00
National Convention Dues.....	39.90
W.N.A.C. (Ribbons and Badges).....	26.00
W.N.A.C. (Flowers).....	3.00
W.N.A.C. (Ribbons for seats).....	1.40
W.N.A.C. (Banner).....	7.50
On Banquet.....	50.00
To Orphanage.....	15.00
To Home Missions.....	32.03
To Foreign Missions.....	38.50
To Co-Laborer Fund.....	144.90

The Treasurer's report was accepted:

Motion was made and seconded that we pay the expenses of the winner in the Declamation Contest to the National Association.

The Secretary was asked to send cards to all churches which had failed to send in their State Convention Dues.

The Nominating Committee gave their report and the following officers were elected:

President.....	Mrs. L. A. Holliday
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Sawyer
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. E. D. Coker
Assistant Secretary.....	Mrs. Louis B. Hanna
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. J. B. Chism
Youth Director.....	Mrs. Murdock Stone
Field Secretary.....	Mrs. Paul Ketterman
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Dewey Jones
Mission-Study Chairman.....	Mrs. Shehan
Personal Service.....	Mrs. A. F. Lawter

It was moved and carried that the Field Secretary's expenses be paid.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for the wonderful way in which they had entertained the convention.

The next convention will meet with Beulah Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1955.

The convention was adjourned with Prayer.