

1956

MINUTES

State Association
of
Free Will Baptist

14th

Annual Session

Central Conference

Little Bethel, Little Star Church

1957

Association

Nov. 13, Happy Home Church

Nov. 14, Williams Hill Church

1956

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

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

November 15, 16

Walter Jernigan, Moderator

Rufus Coffey, Clerk

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

DIRECTORY FOR STATE ASSOCIATION

STATE OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

HOME MISSION ADVISORY BOARD

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

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

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

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

FIELD DIRECTORS

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

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

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR CONFERENCE YEAR

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY COMMITTEES

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

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

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

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

LICENSED MINISTERS

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

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

LICENSED MINISTERS

Daniel Jordan, Conway
 Otto Williams, Conway

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arthur Williams, Hemingway

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

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Raymond Lowery, Rt. 3, Pageland

LICENSED MINISTERS

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

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

PASTORS — ADDRESS — CHURCH

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

PROCEEDINGS

1956 STATE ASSOCIATION—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORNING WORSHIP

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY NIGHT

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

FRIDAY MORNING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Conference recessed for the morning worship period.

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Publicity Committee as requested by motion, was appointed. The Sunday School and Literature Committee report was adopted. (cf. Appendix XIV).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATISTICAL REPORT

BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

Membership:

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

Present membership 1274

Finances:

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

Property:

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

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Membership:

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

Finances:

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

Expenditures for the year:

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

Property:

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

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Membership:

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

Finances:

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

Expenditures for the year:

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

Property:

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Membership:

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

Finance:

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

Property:

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

