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with the First Free Will Baptist Church  
and South Side Church in  
Darlington, S.C.



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FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
November 12-13, 1970  
Rev. Norwood Gibson, Moderator  
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The meeting was opened by singing, "Trust and Obey" led by Rev. Earl Hendrix, from Inman, S.C.

Devotions were given by Rev. L.H. Clayton, Fairview F.W. Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S.C. He is in the Beaver Creek Association.

The Association was called to order by Rev. Norwood Gibson, Moderator. He is from the South Carolina Conference.

The Welcome was given by Rev. William D. Sealy, the host pastor, and the response to the welcome was given by Rev. Hoyt Powell, Assistant Moderator, he is from the Eastern Conference.

MSC to elect Rev. Sam Truitt as our Assistant Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J.M. Creech who has left our State.

The moderator's message was given (Appendix 1)

The moderator appointed the committee on committees: Rev. J.B. Rice, Jr., Rev. Lloyd Gore, Rev. Frank Young, Rev. Fred Kirby, Rev. Ed Bowen.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Harold Harrison, Rev. Van Dale Hudson, Rev. Bobby Jackson.

11:00 a.m. Service—Rev. Earl Hendrix led us in some inspiring singing, and the morning message was delivered by Rev. Paul Reid, pastor of West Side Church, in Johnsonville, S.C. He is in the Central Conference.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Franklin Young, pastor of Hill Side Church, in Florence, S.C. He is in the Eastern Conference.

M.S.C. to receive the Credentials Committee's report. (Appendix II)

M.S.C. to receive the report of the Committee on Committees. (Appendix III)

M.S.C. that the constitutional changes be accepted and laid on the table for consideration tomorrow. (Appendix IV)

M.S.C. to receive the remainder of the Executive Committee's report and consider it item by item:

M.S.C. to continue to have our State Associational Meeting in November.

M.S.C. to leave the State Associational Treasury and Promotional Secretary separated; because it would put too much work on the Promotional Secretary.

M.S.C. to extend an invitation to the National Association to meet in South Carolina in 1974 or 1975.

M.S.C. to receive the Children's Home Report given by Rev. Paul Sheehan, the Superintendent. (Appendix V)

M.S.C. to receive the Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Paul Reid, Field Director. (Appendix VI)

M.S.C. to receive the Superannuation Board report given by Rev. Wilbern Beasley, Field Director. (Appendix VII)

M.S.C. to receive the State Promotional Secretary's report given by Rev. J.B. Smith. (Appendix VIII)

M.S.C. that the Moderator appoint a committee to study the possibility of organizing a State Sunday School Convention and report back to the body tomorrow. Appointed were: Rev. A.C. Allen, Rev. Frank Young, Rev. Earl Hendrix, Rev. Paul Reid.

M.S.C. to receive the report given by our Executive Secretary of the National Association, Rev. Rufus Coffey. 1. January 17, 1971 is Free Will Baptist Bible Day. Rev. Coffey asked that we receive an offering to be used to distribute Bibles in Brazil. 2. The National Association will meet July 12-15, 1971 in Nashville, Tennessee. 3. Rev. Coffey asked for us to pray for a sweeping revival across our denomination.

M.S.C. to receive as information a report from our National Association Sunday School Department, given by Rev. N.R. Smith. He reported that our Sunday School Department is moving ahead in training and in sales. He reported that South Carolina had two winners in the Fall Enlargement Campaign. One first place, South Ave. Church in Lancaster, S.C., Rev. Ansel Smith, Pastor, and one second place, South Side Church in Darlington, S.C., Rev. Floyd Seay, pastor.

M.S.C. to receive as information the Free Will Baptist Bible College report given by Rev. Paul Ketteiman.

Listed below are the students enrolled from South Carolina, their hometown, and home church.

Robert Bain	Florence	First
Sandra Bazen	Pamplico	Pamplico
Seldon Buck	Darlington	First
Harry Cooper	Conway	Oak Grove
*James Cowart	Columbia	Original
*Tom Dexter	Florence	Florence
*Steve Dowling	Timmons ville	Florence 1st
Tommy Dowling	Florence	Florence 1st
*Mirial Gainer	Florence	Florence

Debbie Gibson	Florence	Florence
John Gilliland	Spartanburg	First
*Patsy Gosnell	Spartanburg	Valley Falls
*Roger Gosnell	Spartanburg	Valley Falls
*Danny Gray	Spartanburg	Valley Falls
Howard Hall	Spartanburg	Valley Falls
Beverly Hanna	Florence	Florence
Billy Hanna	Florence	Florence
*Earl Hanna	Florence	Florence
*Debbie Hatchell	Florence	Florence
Ronnie Ivey		
*Dianne Jordan	Conway	Oak Grove
*Anna Kirby	Georgetown	Calvary Orig.
David Kirby	Georgetown	Calvary Orig.
Don Poston	Pamplico	Pamplico
*Eddie Richardson	Sumter	Fairmount Park
Patricia Rogers	Darlington	First
Robert Scott	Hemingway	Williams Hill
*Linda Sharpe	Columbia	Columbia Orig.
Evelyn Upright		
Wanda Weaver	Timmons ville	Bay Branch

**\*New Students**

M.S.C. to receive a written report from our National Home Missions Board, given by Rev. J.B. Smith, our State Promotional Secretary. Following is a report of your giving to National Home Missions: 1969 South Carolina Quota \$4,500 gave \$3,398.35 lack \$1,101.65. 1970 South Carolina Quota \$4,500 given through Oct. \$4,394.77 lack \$105.23.

M.S.C. to receive the State Woman's Auxiliary report given by the President, Mrs. Mae Sheehan, and the treasurer's report given by Mrs. Mary Reid. (Appendix IX)

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Sing time was led by Rev. Earl Hendrix, and the State Minister Quartet rendered two very fine numbers. The State Ministers Quartet was made up by Rev. Bobby Bowers, Rev. J.B. Smith, Rev. Lloyd Gore, and Rev. William D. Sealy. The Evening Message was delivered by Rev. Rufus Coffey, our Executive Secretary of the National Association.

**FRIDAY MORNING**

The Friday morning session was held with the South Side Church in Darlington, S.C., Rev. Floyd Seay is pastor.









































