

1972 MINUTES

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

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Meeting with the CENTRAL CONFERENCE
at the OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
CONWAY, S.C.

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Minutes of the Thirtieth Session of the
South Carolina State Association of Original
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
November 16-17, 1972
Rev. Norwood Gibson, Moderator
Rev. Ansel Smith, Clerk

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STATE OFFICERS:

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Mr. Spencer Carter, Lancaster, S.C.1977 2
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Mr. Ira Coward, Scranton, S.C.1976 2

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Rev. A. C. Allen1974
Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones, Johnsonville, S.C.1975
Rev. Earl Sutton, Charleston, S.C.1976
Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville, S.C.1977

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Rev. Earl Hendrix *Tom Clark*1973
Rev. James A. Hucks, Jr.1974
Rev. Joe Cagle, Pamplico, S.C.1975

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Rev. Hoyt Powell, Manning, S.C. *adon* 1973
~~Rev. William D. Sealy, Darlington, S.C.~~ 1974
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~~Rev. Van Powell, Johnsonville, S.C.~~ 1976
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 Mr. A. C. Allen 1974
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 Rev. Mike Jones, Hemingway, S.C. 1976
 Rev. Bobby Smith, Pamplico, S.C. 1977

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Eastern Conference 1976
 Rev. Hoyt Powell
 Mr. Weldon Poston 4
 Central Conference 1973
 Mr. Arris Powell 5
 Mr. Louis Bass Hanna *L. W. Hanna*
 Beaver Creek Association 1974
 Rev. L. H. Clayton
 Rev. James Childers, Jr.
 S.C. Conference 1975
 Mr. Creighton Gibbons 7
 Mr. Judson Osborne 8
 Mr. Dudley Hicks 9
 Children's Home Superintendent Rev. Paul Sheehan

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Rev. Norwood Gibson ✓

**MINUTES OF THE
 THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
 OF
 ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Meeting with the Central Conference at the Oak
 Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Conway, S.C.

November 16-17, 1972

The meeting was opened by singing, "Standing on the Promises of God" led by Rev. Carroll Alexander from Columbia, S. C.

Devotions were given by Rev. Tommy Godley from Central Conference. He used Acts 13:2-3 as his text.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Norwood Gibson from Florence, S.C.

The welcome was given by Rev. James Hucks, Jr., host pastor.

The response to the welcome was given by the clerk, Rev. Ansel Smith, pastor of South Avenue in Lancaster, S.C.

M.S.C. to seat all the delegates that had registered.

The moderator's Message was given by Rev. Norwood Gibson. He used for a text Matthew 16:18.

The moderator appointed the committee on committees: Rev. J. B. Rice, Sam Truett, William Sealy, Bill Jacobs, Joe Cagle.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. Malcolm Fry, Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Mr. Dores Leonard, Mrs. Dores Leonard, Rev. Paul Ketterman, Rev. N. R. Smith, Rev. Kenneth Lane.

11:00 A.M. Worship Service—Rev. Carroll Alexander led us in some inspiring singing, and Rev. Malcolm Fry gave us a special message in song, "Fill My Cup". The morning message was delivered by Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor of the Sumter Mission, in Sumter, S.C. He used for text Jeremiah 1:1, and his subject was "Send a Great Revival."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Bobby Smith, pastor of Mt. Elon Church in Pamplico, S.C. He used for a text Jonah Chapter one. His subject was "Caught by a Fish."

M.S.C. to accept a partial report from the Credential Committee given by Rev. James Hucks, Jr.

M.S.C. to take tabled business from the table. (To change Article IV of constitution to read, "They shall be elected for a one year term.")

M.S.C. to change article IV to be elected every year.

M.S.C. to consider the executive committee's report item by item. See appendix 1.

Item one carried.

Item two was tabled until tomorrow.

M.S.C. to approve payment for advertisement for Thursday Night Mission

service.

M.S.C. to receive the National Layman's Board given by Mr. Kenneth Lane. See appendix II.

M.S.C. to receive the Children's Home report. See Appendix III.

M.S.C. to receive the Christian Education Board's report given by Rev. Paul Reid. See appendix IV.

M.S.C. to receive the Superannuation Board's report given by Rev. Wilburn Beasley. See appendix V.

M.S.C. to receive the State Promotional Secretary's Report by Bro. J. B. Smith. See appendix VI.

M.S.C. to receive as information Sister Marie's Hanna's Report on the work in India.

M.S.C. to receive the Committee on Committees Report. See appendix VII.

M.S.C. to accept the Executive Secretary's report by Bro. Rufus Coffey. See appendix VIII

M.S.C. received report of Sunday School Dept. by Bro. N. R. Smith as information.

M.S.C. to receive report of Church Training Service by Bro. Malcolm Fry as information.

M.S.C. to receive report of Home Mission Dept. by Bro. Roy Thomas as information.

M.S.C. to receive report of Bible College by Bro. Paul Ketteiman. See appendix IX.

M.S.C. to receive report of Foreign Mission Dept. by Bro. Henry Van Kluyve. See appendix X.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The Thursday Night Service started at 6:45 with a report and slides shown by Rev. Fred Kirby. The slides showed the progress of the Sumter Mission and the Myrtle Beach Church.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve brought our special Mission Message, and our Mission offering amounted to \$1,006.72.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A.M. The second day's session was open with a song and prayer.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. James Pierce, Pastor of the High Hill F.W. Baptist Church, Lake City, S.C.

Recognition of Visitors and late delegates: W.A. Jones, Pamlico, S.C. and Linda Carter, Mullins F.W.B. Church.

M.S.C. to receive the State C.T.S. report:

Presidents report was oral.

Camp Director—See appendix XI.

Treasurer—See appendix XII.

M.S.C. to receive the State Woman's Auxiliary report given by Mrs. Julius Vanse in the absence of the President Mrs. Paul Shehane. See appendix XIII.

M.S.C. to receive the Resolutions Committee Report given by Rev. Bobby Smith.

The report was that we as a State Association go on record opposing Key 73.

The following ministers present today were also present at the First State Associational Meeting: 1. Mr. Joe Lynch, 2. Seldon Bullard, 3. Rev. Paul Ketteiman, 4. Rev. J. A. Hucks, Sr., 5. Rev. Julius Vause.

M.S.C. to receive the treasurer report given by Brother Joe Lynch. See appendix XIV.

M.S.C. to approve for the Executive Committee to spend whatever necessary to promote the State Association.

11:00 A.M. worship service—after song service led by Bro. Dennis Lowry—the morning message was delivered by Rev. James Hucks, Jr., Pastor, Oak Grove FWB Church, Conway, S.C.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Our afternoon devotion was given by Rev. James Childers.

M.S.C. to take from the table items from Thursday's business. (See Appendix I).

M.S.C. to receive the nominating committees report. See Appendix XV.

M.S.C. to elect an assistant treasurer

M.S.C. to change the Constitution to add an Assistant treasurer to the list of officers and lay it on the table until next State Association Meeting in 1973.

M.S.C. that the Moderator sign the check in case the Treasurer is incompasatated.

M.S.C. that the next State Association Meeting be held with the Millbranch F.W.B. church in the Eastern Conference on Nov. 15 & 16, 1973.

M.S.C. that the moderator appoint the State delegates to the National Association.

M.S.C. that the State Association pay his expense.

M.S.C. in that we give a rising vote of appreciation for a good job well done, especially Bro. Joe Lynch our treasurer for 17 years of faithful service and give him an honorarium of \$100.00.

M.S.C. to receive the public morals committee report given by Rev. Mike Jones. See Appendix XVI.

M.S.C. to receive the State Home Missions report given by Rev. Fred Kirby. See Appendix XVII

M.S.C. to adjourn at 2:45 P.M.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

APPENDIX I

We, the Executive Committee, recommend the following:

M.S.C.

1. We recommend that a study committee consisting of the State Association Executive Committee, and the moderators of each conference or association

in our State Association meet during the coming year to study the needs and the possibilities of employing a half time or full time State Promotional Secretary. The State Moderator is to serve as the chairman.

The report of this committee is to be printed and a copy mailed to each church in the State Association. Also, it will be published in our State paper, The Informer, not less than 30 days prior to our next State Associational Meeting.

We further recommend that the expenses of each member of this committee be paid by the State Association at the rate of 10 cents per mile.

M.S.C.

2. We recommend that we change the constitution, article three section four to read:

Each member association or quarterly conference shall be requested to send a representation fee of three dollars per church. Each local church shall be requested to send a contribution of \$20.00. This money shall be used to meet the expenses of the State Association and to promote its work.

Rev. Norwood Gibson
Rev. Ansel Smith
Rev. Hoyt Powell

APPENDIX II

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LAYMAN'S BOARD

TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

November 16, 1972

Dear Brethren:

It has been a real thrill and a blessing to have been a part of the layman's organization this past year. The Lord has blessed with a 43% increase in chapters over last year, and He continues to bless as more churches are seeing the need of a Master's Men organization, and are applying for a charter. To God be the glory and praise for what He is doing among the laymen of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

LAYMAN OF THE YEAR

Though the board has been lax in carrying on the program of selecting a Layman of the Year, we desire your prayers as we continue with this program in the future. It is the prayers of the board that each church will nominate a layman from their church to be a candidate for this honor. Mail the name of your candidate to The National Layman's Board, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

LAYMEN REPRESENTATION

The following resolution was adopted at the National Association meeting in Fort Worth:

WHEREAS, there are boards within the National Association which have no layman representation, and
WHEREAS, it would be an encouragement to laymen to have greater responsibility through participation,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the nominating committee beginning with the 1973 session of the National Association be requested to give consideration to the nomination of at least one layman to the membership of each board; and that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the nominating committee each year hereafter.

With the adopting of this resolution, it means that we are going to have to place more emphasis on full dedication of our laymen. Not just for the sake of having a layman on each board, but to have one that is fully committed to the Master and will yield himself to God in full dedication.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the purpose, and the goal is to put our stewardship to work for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Each and every Christian can be a full time steward wherever he is and in whatever he is doing. The Master's Men organization is geared to mold, train, and develop men for the Master.

We need to enlist men and boys of the local church to greater stewardship living. We must encourage them to 'sell-out' to Jesus Christ and become more involved in His service. The Master's Men organization provides opportunities for total involvement in Stewardship. We urge each chapter of Master's Men to set their sights on the Master and get their members fully committed to His work in the church and denomination. With complete surrender to the Lord, we will have complete dedication to His work.

It is a joy to be able to count on each church in this great state of South Carolina, as being faithful to the cause of Christ. All Together to Advance Christ's Kingdom—ATTACK.

Kenneth Lane, Chairman
The National Layman's Board

APPENDIX III

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME TO THE

STATE ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 1971 through SEPTEMBER 1972

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE:

CASH RECEIVED:		Lebanon Church	572.20
New Town Church	\$ 439.69	First Church, Columbia	55.00
Tabernacle Church	323.23	First Church, Charleston	289.57

