



**1973 MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Meeting with the **EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
at the **MILL BRANCH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
**JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.**

**NOVEMBER 15-16, 1973**



Minutes of the Thirty-First Session of the  
South Carolina State Association of Original  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
November 15-16, 1973  
Rev. Ansel Smith, Moderator  
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**MINUTES OF THE  
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Meeting with the Eastern Conference at the  
Mill Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, S.C.  
November 15-16, 1973

The meeting was opened by singing "Send the Light", led by Rev. Rudy Woods, Darlington.

Devotions were given by Rev. Edward Bowen, from South Carolina Conference.

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

The welcome was given by the host church, Mill Branch.

The response to the welcome was given by the Rev. Sam Truett, Assistant Moderator.

The moderator's message was given by Rev. Ansel Smith. He used Proverbs 29:18. (see Appendix I)

M.S.C. That we accept the program flexibly.

The moderator appointed the committee on committees: Rev. Adam Scott, Rev. Mike Jones, Rev. T. C. Farmer, Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. Robert Baker.

The following visitor's were recognized: Mrs. Ruby Baldwin, Roger Young, Mrs. Lillian Clayton, John Lyerly, Ava G. Cooper, Mrs. Thomas Tindall, Mrs. Leonard Williams, Wanda Filyaw, C. A. McCutcheon, Judy Bell, Yvonne Thigpen, Roy Thomas, Rufus Coffey, Paul Ketteman, H. D. Harrison, and Jonathan Thigpen.

M.S.C. received report of Sunday School Department by Rev. Harrold Harrison as information.

11:00 morning service—Rev. Rudy Woods led in singing an inspirational hymn, and Mrs. Judy Bell—First Free Will Baptist Church, Inman, gave a testimony in song using "I'll Tell The World" and "Fill My Cup."

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Earl Hendrix, Pastor of the Inman First Free Will Baptist Church. The subject "The Christians' Race and Goal" was taken from Philippians 3:13, 14.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Tom Clark, Pastor, Hilltop Free Will Baptist Church, Travelers Rest.

M.S.C. to accept a partial report from the credential committee given by Rev. Joe Cagle. Ministers, 47; delegates, 28; and visitors, 16. Total 91.

M.S.C. to remove page 5 tabled business off the table.

M.S.C. to add assistant treasurer to the list of officers.

M.S.C. to receive report of children's home. (Appendix 2)

Church Loan Fund—No Report  
 Public Morals Committee: No Report  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Christian Education Board. (Appendix 3)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Board of Retirement. (Appendix 4)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Home Missions. (Appendix 5)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of State Promotional Secretary. (Appendix 6)  
~~M.S.C. to receive report of the Committee on Committees. (Appendix 6A)~~  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Foreign Missions as information.  
 M.S.C. to receive report of the National Executive Secretary. (Appendix 7)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Church Training Service as information.  
 M.S.C. to receive report of National Home Missions Department. (Appendix 8)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Free Will Baptist Bible College. (Appendix 9)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of National Foreign Missions Department. (Appendix 10)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of State Executive Committee special study of the State Promotional Secretary's office. The Body voted to accept the first year plan.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT

A slide presentation was given by Sherwood Lee, Missionary to Africa, followed by fellowship time.  
 Following a congregational hymn, a trio from New Prospect Church presented the special singing.  
 Rev. Roy Thomas, National Home Missions Assistant Director brought the evening message.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m. The second day's session was opened with a song and prayer. The morning devotion was given by Rev. Windell Ard, Pastor at Andrews, S.C.  
 9:45 a.m. Recognition of visitors and receive late church report.  
 M.S.C. to receive report of State CTS Work (Appendix 11)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of directors as information.  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Treasurer (Appendix 12)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of youth camp director (Appendix 13)  
 State Woman's Auxiliary: No Report  
 M.S.C. to receive report of State Treasurer (Appendix 14)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of Retirement and Insurance (Appendix 15)  
 M.S.C. to receive report of resolutions committee (Appendix 16)  
 10:45 Recess  
 11:00 a.m. worship service—after song service led by Rev. Rudy Wood—the morning message was delivered by Rev. Joe Cagle, Pastor, New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, S.C.  
 A plaque was presented to Rev. Willie Justice, Pastor, First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, by South Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Lancaster. Noted: First, Florence had 507 in Sunday school in October, 1973—a FIRST in the state.  
 12:00 Lunch hour

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Our afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Harry Cooper, Pastor of Johnsonville Free Will Baptist Church.  
 M.S.C. That the executive committee meet with the representative of the church loan fund and report back to this Body how we can advance this program.  
 M.S.C. That this Body give the Mill Branch Free Will Baptist Church and the Eastern Conference a rising vote of THANKS for their hospitality.  
 M.S.C. That the clerk write a letter of appreciation to the church and the Eastern Conference.  
 M.S.C. That this state is desirous of greater participation from our laymen and that our churches be asked to help in the financial loss while they are in attendance at our state association. Each church is requested to send their pastor and delegate.  
 M.S.C. That the member who is coming off of our state association standing committee will be chairman of each standing committee.  
 M.S.C. To table above move and to be taken off of table at our state association in November, 1974.  
 M.S.C. Report of Nominating Committee. (Appendix 17)  
 M.S.C. Report of Placement Committee. (Appendix 18)  
 M.S.C. Elected delegate to National Association.  
 M.S.C. To pay expenses of state delegate to National Association.

Ammended: That we will pay the expense and allot the national delegate \$300.00 for his expense, if the cost is over \$300.00, we will reimburse him; if the expense is less than; he will turn in the funds left over.  
 M.S.C. That we purchase enough report forms for each church for their first report.  
 M.S.C. That the state association meeting adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

#### APPENDIX I

#### “WHERE THERE IS NO VISION PEOPLE PERISH”

Proverbs 29:18

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. *No Vision*—1. Blinded Vision, 2. Not able to see clearly, 3. No insight into present or future needs. 4. No clear thinking or visionary planning to meet present or future needs.
  - B. *People Perish*—Come to ruin, come to bad end, destroyed, lost, condemned to hell. Dieing, Dieing, Dieing, (In Hell) But Never Die!
1. The Map of South Carolina
    - A. This map shows very little vision during the past 31 years of our state association. Following is a list of the counties, and the number of churches:
      1. Florence—26
      2. Spartanburg—12
      3. Horry—7

4. Darlington—6  
Three counties with (5) each
  5. Chesterfield—5
  6. York—5
  7. Greenville—5  
Five counties with (3) each
  8. Lancaster—3
  9. Sumter—3
  10. Clarendon—3
  11. Georgetown—3
  12. Williamsburg—3  
Three counties with (2) each
  13. Union—2
  14. Marion—2
  15. Charleston—2  
Five (5) counties with (1) each
  16. Chester—1
  17. Kershaw—1
  18. Richland—1
  19. Lexington—1
  20. Marlboro—1  
20 counties with Free Will Baptist Churches  
26 counties without a Free Will Baptist Church
2. If we need a church in *any one* county, we need churches all over that county.
3. If we need churches in one county, we need churches in *every* county.
2. HOW CAN WE MEET THE CHALLENGE OF EVANGELIZING OUR STATE:
- A. 1. John 4:35—Lift up your eyes on the fields that are white already to harvest, but the laborers are few.
  2. Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into the harvest.
  - B. If we will believe the above scriptures, accept them, and put them into practice, we can bind together in a cooperative effort to evangelize our great state of South Carolina.
  - C. To *get the job done* we will need the following: 1. A strong state association to lead the way and guide the program. (Full-Time Promotional Secretary.)  
2. *Each conference* in the state needs to catch the vision, and cooperate in evangelizing your own area, and start missions in counties that do not have a church. (what our B.C. conference is doing)
  - D. 1. One full-time missionary in Greer  
2. 3 self-supporting missionaries organizing churches in three different places. I predict that within the next ten years we will have 10 full-time missionaries on the field.  
3. *Each Pastor* needs to catch the vision, and lead your church to help support your conference mission program, (what my church (South Avenue) is planning to do.) (1) Put a full-time missionary on the field within the next year-add him to our church budget. 4. Every preacher (individually) should pray about God's will for our lives. (1) Are you where God wants you? (2) If you are in God's will—pray for *greater vision*. (3) If not—pray for God's will. (4) Does God want you to go into one of these counties without a Free Will Baptist Church and *START ONE*?

APPENDIX II  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME  
TO THE  
STATE ASSOCIATION—OCT. 1972 through SEPT. 1973  
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CASH RECEIVED:	CENTRAL CONFERENCE:
Liberty Church . . . . . \$572.00	Little Bethel Church . . . . . \$231.43
Lebanon Church . . . . . 973.20	Little Star Church . . . . . 240.00
Poplar Hill Church . . . . . 421.42	Union Meeting . . . . . 273.00
Bethany Church . . . . . 960.00	Oak Grove Church . . . . . 230.00
Salem Church . . . . . 470.00	West Side Church . . . . . 55.48
Bay Branch Church . . . . . 62.50	White Savannah Church . . . . . 15.00
Camp Branch Church . . . . . 137.50	TOTAL . . . . . \$1,044.91
New Town Church . . . . . 478.97	
Columbia First Church . . . . . 50.00	
Sand Hill Church . . . . . 542.09	
S. C. Conf. No. 1 . . . . . 103.75	
Tabernacle Church . . . . . 165.00	
Calvary Church . . . . . 135.86	
S. C. Conf. No. 2 . . . . . 21.66	
McColl Church . . . . . 24.00	
Hartsville Church . . . . . 15.00	
Cherryvale Church . . . . . 110.00	
Oates Church . . . . . 45.00	
Patrick F. W. Bapt. Mission . . . . . 44.92	
Mt. Elon Church . . . . . 266.60	
Charleston First Church . . . . . 210.92	
Florence First Church . . . . . 270.12	
Horse Branch Church . . . . . 1,958.54	
Black River Sunday School . . . . . 850.00	
St. John Church . . . . . 765.25	
Pamplico Church . . . . . 212.83	
East Side Church . . . . . 24.43	
Windsor Park Church . . . . . 45.00	
Sumter First Church . . . . . 268.14	
Beulah Church . . . . . 310.00	
Darlington Church . . . . . 128.00	
South Side Church . . . . . 220.17	
Temple First Church . . . . . 110.00	
Grace Church . . . . . 180.00	
Gilead Church . . . . . 110.00	
Myrtle Beach Church . . . . . 10.00	
Faith Church . . . . . 29.64	
TOTAL . . . . . \$11,292.51	
	EASTERN CONFERENCE:
	Mill Branch Church . . . . . \$299.25
	New Prospect Church . . . . . 1,622.90
	Sweet Home Church . . . . . 277.36
	Hillside Church . . . . . 115.48
	Sunday School Convention . . . . . 455.78
	Happy Home Church . . . . . 151.58
	Grace Church . . . . . 240.00
	William Hill Sunday School . . . . . 80.00
	St. John Church . . . . . 100.00
	Antioch Church . . . . . 20.00
	TOTAL . . . . . \$3,362.35
	BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE:
	Almetta Church . . . . . \$214.00
	Greer Church . . . . . 68.31
	South Avenue Church . . . . . 525.00
	Grace Mission . . . . . 134.93
	Lockhart Church . . . . . 843.19
	Spartanburg First Church . . . . . 469.80
	High Point Church . . . . . 896.25
	Calvary Church . . . . . 48.50
	Beaver Dam Church . . . . . 95.00
	South Side Church . . . . . 54.00

Pine Grove Church	217.00	Palmetto Conference	\$491.36
Bethlehem Church	25.00	Fellowship Conference	\$70.00
Inman Church	20.00	Coastal Conference	\$152.74
Enoree Church	557.53	Other States	3,202.46
Clover First Church	397.33	Farm	4,489.57
Converse Church	1,291.07	Individuals	6,824.02
Rock Hill Church	625.00	Other Organizations	12,343.03
Valley Falls Church	675.13	Memorials	1,813.50
Whitney Church	703.81	S. C. State Auxiliary	232.06
Arcadia Church	415.09	Educational Fund	1,073.25
Chester Church	180.00	Independent Churches	577.10
Fairview Church	225.00	Refund	159.03
Bethel Church	55.80	Singing Convention	113.21
Woodruff Church	256.05	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$56,293.89
Southside Church	60.00		
TOTAL	\$9,052.79		

#### ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS OF THE HOME 1972-1973

Groceries	\$4,536.86
Home Supplies	1,424.46
Clothes and Shoes	702.79
Lights and Fuel	3,215.89
Doctor and Medical	526.78
Office	555.83
Gas, Oil and Repairs	4,202.20
School	1,241.45
Maintenance	1,147.68
Water	561.18
Children's Allowances	285.00
Farm Expenses	4,122.02
Miscellaneous & Adv.	823.32
Insurances	2,385.04
Barber	50.00
Taxes—Payroll Unemployment	424.75
Auditor	150.00
Trustees Travel	180.00
Retirement of Debt	3,943.56
Salaries-	
Adminstrative	5,530.92
Household	9,566.53
Dietary	1,911.84
Payroll Taxes—FICA	870.73
TOTAL	\$48,358.83

Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1972	15,215.85
Receipts	56,293.89
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	71,509.74

Less: Disbursements	48,358.83
Balance in Bank—September 30, 1973	\$23,150.91

#### APPENDIX III

Balance Brought Forward	\$11.21
Receipts	122.68
Disbursements	none
Balance	\$133.89

#### RECEIPTS

S. C. 2nd Quarterly Conf.	\$21.70
Interest	.24
Debbie Hatchell (Bible Church)	50.00
Deborah E. Hatchell	50.00
Interest	.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$122.68

#### APPENDIX IV SUPERANNUATION REPORT 1973

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,795.36
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#### RECEIPTS

Sand Hill SCC	\$399.62
Beulah SCC	197.20
Horse Branch SCC	209.26
1st Church Florence SCC	136.73
New Prospect EC	120.00
2nd Dist. Quarterly Meeting SCC	38.32
Pamplico SCC	73.79
Poplar Hill SCC	100.00
Myrtle Beach CC	30.00
Little Bethel CC	35.00
White Savannah CC	90.00
Little Star CC	30.00
Oak Grove CC	114.00
Evergreen CC	11.00
Lebanon SCC	152.63
New Town SCC	50.00
Cherryvale SCC	25.00
Black River SCC	40.00
East Side SCC	58.72
1st Church McColl SCC	27.00
Windsor Park SCC	15.00
Interest on saving	130.20
Total to Account for	\$2,083.47
	\$4,878.83

**EXPENSES**

Retirement Assistance .....	1,500.00
Office Expense .....	5.00
Total Expense .....	1,505.00
Balance in Treasury .....	\$3,357.17

Respectfully Submitted  
 Wilburn Beasley, Field Director

**APPENDIX V**

**THE FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION REPORT  
 OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

God is blessing the state of South Carolina. We are seeing the moving of the blessed Holy Spirit at work. Praise the Lord. Nearly every week there is a new mission being organized somewhere in the U. S. Yes, to Jesus be all praise.

*The Beaver Creek Association Report:*

This association received a record financial blessing from its churches. They gave a total of \$12,036.07 to home missions. Praise the Dear Lord. This was received from 21 churches and individuals. One church gave over three thousand dollars and two others gave over one thousand dollars.

Rev. J. B. Rice is a full time missions Pastor at Greer, S. C. There are three other self supported works at Mauldin, S. C. Rev. Danny Gray is Pastor; Rev. John Suttles at Fountain Inn, S. C.; Rev. Junior Sullivan, Indian Land, S. C. Praise the Lord for these good men.

This gives Beaver Creek 27 churches and 4 missions.

*The South Carolina Conference Report.*

The Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Mission at Sumter, S. C. is now in their new parsonage; which is valued at \$40,000. The new church is now being occupied with a seating capacity of three hundred. There are 12 class rooms, church office, choir, baptistry, nursery and plenty of parking area. The total value is \$121,000. \$7,857.47 was given to the missions by 25 churches. The cities of South Carolina are calling us to take the gospel to every city, town, and Hamlet, S. C.

*The Eastern Conference Report:*

There is a new mission begun close to Mars Bluff, S. C. It is located one mile north of the Francis Marion College between Florence and Dillion on Highway 301.

Rev. T. C. Farmer is the mission pastor. They have a 64 foot trailer, pulpit, chairs, altar and are running 35-40 in Sunday school.

Rev. Joe Cagle, Wayne Poston, and Rev. Hoyt Powell are the board members.

We do not know of any other new work in S. C. at this present time. Brethren, the time is short and Jesus is coming and we need to get busy for our Lord.

We have not yet tapped our resources among the Free Will Baptists of S. C. We need a way to challenge our people to the great need of fully evangelizing every town in S. C.

**APPENDIX VI**

**STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT  
 1972-1973**

This has been another wonderful year for the office of the Promotional Secretary's office. We did not have the increase we would like to have had, but we did have an increase. We mailed out over 14,000 copies of the Informer, which is a record. We also had an increase in contributions. We have made progress and are looking for greater things in 1974.

**Financial Report:**

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$793.84

**RECEIPTS**

Columbia Original .....	50.00	McColl .....	20.00
Horse Branch .....	60.00	Lebanon .....	60.00
New Prospect .....	20.00	First, Florence .....	110.00
First Rock Hill .....	55.00	Lockhart .....	50.00
F.W.B. Bible Church .....	65.00	Valley Falls .....	70.00
Sumter Original .....	55.00	First, Chester .....	120.00
Bethany .....	60.00	Grace (Manning) .....	60.00
South Ave. ....	60.00	Arcadia .....	25.00
Little Bethel .....	20.00	First, Inman .....	60.00
Grace (Fort Mill) .....	48.00	Mill Branch .....	30.00
Liberty .....	40.00	Hillside .....	15.00
Fairview .....	45.00	White Savannah .....	7.50
Bethany .....	120.00	Poplar Hill .....	75.00
State Association .....	176.12	Mt. Elon .....	10.00
Greer Mission .....	2.00	Wendal Ard .....	10.00
Almetta .....	5.00	Total Received .....	1,603.62
		Total Before Expenditures ..	\$2,397.46

**EXPENDITURES**

Promotional Secretary's Salary (Last Year) .....	150.00
Last Issue of The Informer Nov. last year .....	136.92

Postage .....	147.34
Mileage .....	105.00
Christmas Cards .....	16.25
Phone .....	8.09
Lancaster News (For printing and envelopes) .....	949.57
Secretarial Help (\$5.00 per month) .....	60.00
Address labels & carbon paper .....	10.00
Ream of paper, roll of film and develop .....	8.61
Consumer Wholesale (Camera) .....	83.19
Total Expenditures .....	1,674.97
 Total After Expenditures .....	 722.49

Respectfully Submitted  
J. B. Smith

#### APPENDIX 6A

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE</i> .....	A. C. Allen (SC) J. A. Hucks, Jr. (CC) Nancy Noles (EC) Bobby Bowers (SC)
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<i>RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE</i> .....	Norwood Gibson (SC) Harry Cooper (CC) Joe Cagle (EC) William Porter (BC)

Respectively Submitted,  
Committee on Committees  
Adam Scott, Chairman  
L.H. Clayton  
Michael Jones  
Rev. T. C. Farmer  
Rev. Robert Baker

#### APPENDIX VII

#### GREETINGS TO SOUTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS!

In behalf of our National Association I wish to commend you for continuing your outreach for Christ. What a blessed joy for us to share together in our national fellowship that now extends into 39 states!  
Because of increased interest and fervent prayers across our denomination,

each national department is experiencing significant progress. Your financial support of each national agency enables you to have a vital part in advancing the work of God.

In addition to forward strides in our national ministries, this past year has been a time of outstanding growth among our churches. To God be the glory! I believe, under God, we can see our denominational membership **DOUBLE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.** With the present harvest of souls, it is evident that by God's grace we can see this goal reached.

But even more gratifying and encouraging than the rising membership is the spiritual growth. A stronger bond of fellowship exists among us. A stronger spirit of loyalty, unity, maturity and cohesiveness prevails. Churches are manifesting a greater vision and concern to reach lost souls. The prospect for advancing the cause of Christ through the instrumentality of Free Will Baptists has never been brighter. To strengthen the spiritual life of our denomination further and to help individual believers grow in their vision and responsibility, your Executive Office believes several specific goals will give added impetus to our continuing advance.

CONTACT Magazine now has the largest number of subscribers in its 20-year history. Regrettably, the mounting interest in our national publication is not reflected by the number of subscriptions here in South Carolina. Only 224 families in South Carolina subscribe to CONTACT. We need your help in promoting this inspirational and informative Christian publication.

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P.O. Box 1088  
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

In turn, the magazine will be mailed directly to each family every month. The church treasurer will be sent a statement once a quarter for 63¢ per subscription until the church gives a 30-day cancellation notice. Since the cost is less than 5¢ per week for each family, it is a wise investment for churches to supplement their Christian literature program by sending CONTACT to the entire membership. Sample copies, subscription forms and further information may be secured by writing to CONTACT at the address given above.

We believe the Cooperative Plan of Giving is a systematic means of stewardship for supporting the work of Christ beyond the local church. It is a practical system of giving whereby a percentage of local church offerings is sent to help finance state and national ministries.

This plan has proven to be an effective means of promoting support for the total denominational program. The Cooperative Plan of Giving has been adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists as a means of financing both state and national ministries.

We hope you will consider adopting the Cooperative Plan of Giving as a means of undergirding support for the state and national ministries.

The interest and involvement of our lay people are essential to the building of a strong denomination. We are pleased with the growing number of laymen



who now share in the rising attendance of our National Convention. Each church is asked to send a lay delegate to the 1974 National Convention in Wichita, Kansas, July 14-18.

Plans are underway to erase the present indebtedness on the National Office property. Relieving the denomination of this remaining 12-year obligation will reduce the monthly rental rate charged to each department. This alone will enable the missions departments to give \$60,000 directly to missions work rather than to the mortgage holder. This amount would be in addition to the savings on the interest which is due on the remaining principle of \$130,000. I am confident that our people in South Carolina can be depended upon to do their part in the forthcoming campaign.

\* Be sure that your church orders the filmstrip "More Than Bricks and Mortar" which presents the National Associational ministries and the work of the Executive Office. It may be ordered on a free will offering basis or a minimum charge of \$5.00 from P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

\* Each church is urged to utilize the *new church letters* in order to help the district, state and national associations obtain more accurate and complete information.

\* Thank you again for considering adoption of the Cooperative Plan of Giving.

Rufus Coffey  
Executive Secretary

#### APPENDIX VIII

November, 1973

Dear Friends in South Carolina:

I greet you in behalf of your National Home Missionaries, Board members, and staff.

God is blessing the Home Missions Department. We now have missionaries working in 19 states, plus the *Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico.*

Rev. Larry Russell has entered a new capitol, *Baton Rouge, Louisiana.* Rev. Gary Watson will go to *Hawaii* to begin our second church on the Island as soon as his support is raised. Rev. Larry Powell is beginning a new church in the city of *Caguas, Puerto Rico,* and Rev. Edd Greene will go to *Clovis, New Mexico* when his itinerate and internship are completed.

We are praying for \$300,000.00 to meet the needs for this year. Your state has given as of November 1st \$11,552.44 toward its quota of \$6,500.00. This exceeds your quota by \$5,052.44. We thank you for what you have given. We also appreciate the work of Joint Project worker, *Rev. James B. Rice* in *Greer, South Carolina.* We praise God for what you have done for National Home Missions.

Our most pressing need at this time is our *General Fund.* Deficit missionary accounts, prayer cards and newsletters, evangelism conferences expenses, national association expenses, rent on office space, literature and printing, travel and promotion, and dozens of other things are all paid out of the General Fund. No designated money for missionaries can be used by the General Fund.

Perhaps God will lay it on your heart to make a sizable cash gift to the *General Fund.* A self addressed envelope is included for your convenience. May we hear from you?

Please pray for the 11 states and 27 capitol cities without the witness of Free Will Baptist churches.

May God bless you as we labor together for Him.

In His service,

Roy Thomas  
Associate Director

#### APPENDIX IX

#### General Fund Report TO THE BRETHERN OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION From Free Will Baptist Bible College

Dear South Carolina Friends:

The things which will be accomplished, the plans that will be laid, and the work that will be begun at this year's State Association shall bring glory to our God. This should be the prayer of each one of us. Your administration and staff at Free Will Baptist Bible College are praying to this end.

To bring you this year's report is a privilege. Through people like you, God has given a wonderful year to our college. A total of 173 ministerial students are enrolled. You and I recognize that the denomination's future rests largely upon the productivity of your Bible College.

The fine staff or workers and teachers have given much of themselves through the years. They are to be commended for the good job they have done. They need your prayers for the responsibility of training these young minds.

Construction of the new physical education building was completed early this spring. It has proved to be a real blessing to the student body. We enjoyed its use during the Bible Conference and graduation exercises.

The Bible College's General Fund gifts reached another all-time high during 1972-73. Last year's suggested quota of \$250,000 was nearly reached. This was an average of \$20,833.33 per month, or an increase of slightly less than \$2,000 per month over the previous year's giving.

South Carolina's gifts increased last year. The previous year's gifts were \$12,126.82 while gifts for June '72 through May '73 amounted to \$16,875.84.

This year's enrollment is the largest in the history of the Bible College. Five hundred dollars in subsidization gifts is still needed for each student. This amount, along with that which the student pays in tuition and fees, enables the College to operate smoothly and conservatively. 1973-74 gift quota has been set at \$275,000. Of this amount Bible College friends and churches throughout the state of South Carolina are being asked to share together in raising \$17,000 for the General Fund during the 1973-74 year.

It is with praise to His grace and power that I point you to the rest of this report. The names of South Carolina's students are listed along with other vital statistics of interest to you.

The Bible College's future rests upon the prayerful concern of you and other people like you. Without proper guidance from the Lord and shelter from His protecting hand, your Bible College cannot remain true to his cause. South Carolina has done a good job through the years in helping to undergird this important work in every way. With your help, I believe that we can see an even better report next year.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul J. Kettelman  
Director of Public Relations

Steve Pryor	Rock Hill	First
Eddie Richardson	Sumter	Cherryvale
Theron Scott	Hemingway	William's Hill
William D. Sealy	Darlington	First
Richard B. Smith	Kingstree	First
Randy Stone	Pamplico	Beulah
<del>Beverly Strickland</del>	<del>Timmonsville</del>	<del>First</del>
Pam Strickland	Darlington	First
Joan Sweat	Kingstree	First
Susan Sweat	Kingstree	First
Regenia Tipton	Turbeville	Whitney
Laura D. Ward	Timmonsville	Bay Branch
Brenda Welch	Turbeville	Horse Branch
Nina Wrenn	Kingstree	Kingstree

**SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS**  
Fall, 1973

Name	Home Town	Home Church
Robert Bair	Florence	First
Susan Bair	Florence	First
Jan Baxley	Florence	First
Marilyn Baxley	Hemingway	Poplar Hill
Miriam Benton	Aynor	Mt. Ariel
Gonzalee Childers	Lockhart	Lockhart
Jim Cowart	Columbia	Columbia
Tommy Dexter	Myrtle Beach	Bible
C. L. Dixon	Timmonsville	Bay Branch
Patricia Edmonds	Florence	First
Gloria Gore	Turbeville	Horse Branch
Roger Gosnell	Valley Falls	Valley Falls
Paula Granger	Charleston Heights	Charleston Hgts.
Randy Greenwood	Columbia	Columbia
Howard D. Hall	Spartanburg	Inman
Ted C. Hamrick	Spartanburg	Valley Falls
Bernice Hanna	Florence	Bible
Earl Hanna	Florence	Bible
Ettaphine Hyman	Pamplico	Pamplico
Grover L. Inman	Cola	Cola
Dianne Jordan	Conway	Oak Grove
Gerald Kirby	Timmonsville	Bethany
Linda B. Kirby	Timmonsville	Bethany
Willie C. Martin	Cross	First, Chaston
Willie Joe McKnight	Kingstree	First
Donnie Miles	Darlington	First
Edwin L. Miles	Lake City	Grace
Glenn Poston	Pamplico	Pamplico
Rebecca Poteat	Pamplico	Pamplico
Van Powell	Johnsonville	Little Star

Dear Friends:

Greetings from your entire Foreign Missions staff, both at home and on distant shores.

The year 1972 was a record year for us in every respect. More churches are getting actively involved with extending Christ's Kingdom the world over. *Over two billion souls still wait to hear for the first time, that God loves them and has provided for their salvation through Calvary.*

We appreciate South Carolina's gifts to foreign missions over the years. Listed below are those gifts for the past five years.

1968  
\$38,737.46

1969  
\$42,765.01

1970  
\$50,114.13

1971  
\$52,561.63

1972  
\$47,692.10

1973 thru September  
\$40,910.53

Your quota for 1972 was \$55,000.00. Total receipts for that year amounted to \$47,692.10 and you missed your quota by \$7,307.90. Your state quota for 1973 is \$60,000.00. This means that you still need \$19,089.47.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields . . . they are white already to harvest." I would urge you in this annual session to lift your eyes and consider an active and regular involvement in the great tasks of world evangelization. *God will honor your efforts. New life will be injected into your churches, thus affecting your state as a whole.*

Three appointees and a single girl recently completed their studies at Missionary Internship. They are Dock and Norma Jean Caton (Spain), Jerry and Janice Banks (Japan), Jerry and Barbara Gibbs (France) and Patsy Vanhook (France). They are now actively engaged in deputational ministries. In addition we have four newly appointed couples now in Missionary Internship. They are Dale and Sandra Bishop (Japan), Lynn and Ramona Miley (Ivory Coast), Dennis and Carol Teague (France) and Jerry and Janice Webb (unassigned).

Earlier this year I was privileged to conduct a missions service at our Ward's Chapel Church in Fairview, Tennessee, near Nashville. *Twenty people in attendance (six wage earners) responded to the Lord in faith promises totaling \$80.00 per month.*

In contrast to this, I visited two churches in Durham, North Carolina over the weekend of April 15, 1973. Liberty Free Will Baptist Church promised \$17,000.00 per year and Immanuel Church responded with almost \$2,000.00 in annual promises. *Nearly \$19,000.00 was recorded in just one day.* So you see, churches both large and small are involved. Praise the Lord!

*PASTOR, YOU ARE THE KEY! Involve your church. Initiate a missionary crusade or a Missions Rally Day! Why not lead your church to support a missionary? Introduce them to faith promise giving!*

The Holy Spirit is moving. God is blessing our ministries. His power is vital to our entire operation. *We desire His approval and blessing—and stand ready to serve you!*

May God's blessings continue on all of your labors for Him and His cause.

Yours for souls,  
Henry Van Kluyve  
Director of Deputation

#### HAVE YOU ENLISTED IN PROJECT 5000 YET?

P. S. Your native daughter—Mirial Gainer is now in France on special assignment assisting the Merkh's. Thank you for your support for this young lady. Please don't forget her monthly support needs. Mirial will be in France for one year.

#### REPORT OF STATE C.T.S. DIRECTOR TO STATE ASSOCIATION

The 1973 state C.T.S. convention met with the First F.W.B. Church of Darlington. The competitive activities resulted in the following state winners:

Sword Drill—Cecelia Jackson, First Church, Spartanburg  
Adventurer Declamation—Scott Singletoy, First Church, Florence  
Herald Declamation—Mona Sue Burris, Westside Church, Johnsonville  
Crusader Declamation—Wanda Lee, First Church, Florence  
Bible Tic-Tac-Toe—First Church, Charleston  
Bible Bowl—First Church, Darlington

S. C. was well represented by these and other young people who participated in competition at the National Youth Conference, in Macon, Georgia. The following awards were won by S. C. young people.

#### 1st Place Winners

*Adventurer Declamation—Scott Singletoy*

*Key Board Instrument-Fine Arts—Karen Thomas, First Church, Florence  
Fine Arts-Poetry—Carol White, Charleston*

#### 2nd Place Winners

*Crusader Essay—Carol White  
Bible Bowl Team—First Ch., Darlington  
Fine Arts-Vocal Solo—Scott Singletoy*

#### 3rd Place Winner

*Sword Drill—Cecelia Jackson, First Church, Spartanburg*

The State C.T.S. Convention is composed of churches across our state who are members of district or associational C.T.S. conventions. All of our churches are urged to participate in the program and activities offered by the Church Training Service.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. S. R. Truitt  
State C.T.S. Director

#### APPENDIX XII

#### C.T.S. REPORT

#### S.C. CONFERENCE

S.C. Conference	60.00
Faith, Darlington	25.00
Liberty, Manning	5.00
First, Darlington	25.00
First, Florence	25.00
First, Kingstree	25.00
Lebanon	25.00
Bethany	25.00
First, Hartsville	5.00
Beulah	25.00
TOTAL	250.00

#### BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

Beaver Creek Conf.	25.00
South Avenue	25.00
First, Greenville	25.00
First, Spargburg	25.00
TOTAL	100.00

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Central Conf.	15.00
West Side	25.00

Little Bethel .....	25.00
Mt. Aniel .....	25.00
TOTAL .....	90.00
GRAND TOTAL .....	440.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Acting Treasurer, Tommy Godley

AMOUNT PAID OUT OF CTS TREASURY

Balance Brought Forward 1973 .....	\$7.45
Amount Received .....	440.00
Mrs. Julie Salter—Judge (Honorarium) .....	5.00
Mrs. Bonnie Belle—Judge (Honorarium) .....	5.00
Mrs. Elenor Harrison—Judge (Honorarium) .....	5.00
Nat'l Ass. F.W.B., C.T.S., Registration Fee .....	40.00
C.T.S. Nat'l Medals, etc. ....	81.53
Janet Harris, Nat'l. Tic-Tac-Toe .....	25.00
Jack White, Nat'l. Tic-Tac-Toe .....	25.00
Ricky Edwards, Nat'l. Tic-Tac-Toe .....	25.00
Dale Reese, Nat'l. Tic-Tac-Toe .....	25.00
Sandra Weatherford, Bible Bowl .....	25.00
Cecelia Jackson, Sword Drill .....	25.00
Scott Singletory, Adventurer Declaration .....	25.00
Mona Sue Burris, Herald Declaration .....	25.00
Wanda Lee, Crusader Declaration .....	25.00
Wanda Rogers, Bible Bowl .....	25.00
Eddie Truett, Bible Bowl .....	25.00
Pam Strickland, Bible Bowl .....	25.00
U. S. Post Office—Stamps .....	5.92
PAID OUT .....	442.45

BALANCE IN TREASURY ..... 4.88

12 Contestants to National (each) \$25.00  
4 Judges at State Convention (each) \$5.00

APPENDIX XIII  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
of S.C. Free Will Baptist Youth Camp  
1973 Encampment

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$1,429.37

RECEIPTS:

Camper & "J.C." Fees .....	4,334.00
Visitors Meals .....	14.00

Surplus Supplies Sales .....	3.00
Offerings .....	107.18
Canteen Sales .....	1,013.26
Total Received .....	5,471.44
Total To Account For Before Expenses .....	\$6,900.81

EXPENSES

Office Expense .....	102.45
Camp Rental .....	1,191.89
Sports Equipment .....	27.84
Groceries .....	1,646.72
Piano Rental .....	35.00
Cooks .....	575.00
Staff Mileage .....	238.00
Miscellaneous Supplies .....	40.99
Medical Supplies .....	2.34
Canteen Supplies .....	718.97
Membership Fee (CCI) .....	40.00
Insurance .....	149.40
Evangelists .....	250.00
Jimmy Aldridge (Offering) .....	107.18
Director's Salary .....	235.00
Literature .....	4.00
Total Expenses .....	\$5,364.78
Balance in Treasury 11/1/73 .....	\$1,536.03

APPENDIX XIV  
S. C. STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF ORIGINAL F.W.B.  
TREASURER'S REPORT

Monies recieved at 1972 Convention and from past Treasurer ..... 2,241.59  
Paid Out:

S. C. Home Missions .....	176.12
Beaver Creek Home Missions .....	176.12
Eastern Conf. Home Missions .....	176.12
Central Conf. Home Missions .....	176.12
Foreign Missions .....	176.12
"The Informer" .....	176.12
National Association Fee .....	45.00
Honorary Fee (Joe Lynch) .....	100.00
Treasurer .....	15.00
F.W.B. Bible Church Telephone .....	10.20
Hoyt Powell (mileage) .....	10.00
Ansel Smith (Clerk fee, Office Supplies, Mileage) .....	78.00
Norwood Gibson (Moderator Fee and Supplies) .....	32.55
TOTAL PAID OUT .....	\$1,347.47

Balance in Treasury .....	\$894.12
Received this Association .....	1,001.00
Home Missions offerings Received and Promised .....	717.54

#### BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

First, Inman .....	56.00
Greer Mission .....	10.00
South Ave., Lancaster .....	87.35
First, Chester .....	35.00
Grace, Fort Mill .....	19.62
Hill Top, Travlrs Rest .....	100.00
TOTAL .....	307.97

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Myrtle Beach .....	25.00
Oak Grove .....	100.00
TOTAL .....	125.00

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Grace .....	20.00
Mill Branch .....	25.00
New Prospect .....	50.00
TOTAL .....	95.00

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Bethany, Timmonsville .....	50.00
Calvary .....	69.57
Grace .....	50.00
Kingstree .....	20.00
TOTAL .....	189.57

#### APPENDIX XV

To the South Carolina State Association:

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

We thank God for what has been accomplished through our department this past year. We moved from a part-time to a full time ministry. There are now 259 participants in the retirement plan with 5 from South Carolina. Assets of the plan now exceed \$260,000.

Our College Savings Plan is a means whereby a little money can be set

aside every month to assure adequate funds when children reach college age. This plan is available to laymen as well as ministers.

We are offering three kinds of insurance:

1. Life Insurance to our pastors, missionaries and employees of denominational agencies.
2. Cancer Care Insurance to all Free Will Baptist families.
3. ~~Property insurance-fire and liability at group savings and annual dividends to churches and denominational agencies.~~

At the present time several churches and denominational agencies have money in a trust fund with our department. In addition, various trust funds are available to any Free Will Baptist who wishes his money to be used in the Lord's work.

Our newest ministry is to senior adults. A retreat for senior adults, pastors and those interested in working with them has been planned for November 26 to 29 at Hillmont Camp in Tennessee. The cost is \$30.00 which includes room and board, registration fee and insurance.

We appreciate your support to our operating fund. During 1972 we received \$267.53 from your state. Thank you for sharing with us.

May God bless you,  
Herman L. Hersey  
Director

#### APPENDIX XVI

Whereas there is a need for providing a systematic plan of support for our state promotional work, and the total denominational work. Be it then resolved that the executive committee be instructed to study and present the advantages and functionings of the co-operative plan of giving to the next annual meeting.

Respectively Submitted:  
Rev. Norwood Gibson, Chairman  
Rev. Harry Cooper  
Rev. William Poston

#### APPENDIX XVII

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

#### STATE OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. Ansel Smith, Lancaster, S.C.
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Sam Truett, Kingstree, S.C.
Clerk .....	Rev. Irvin Hyman, Timmonsville, S.C.
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Paul Clayton, Florence, S.C.
Treasurer .....	Mr. A.C. Allen, Effingham, S.C.
Assistant Treasurer .....	Rev. Bill Poteat, Pamplico, S.C.

#### FIELD DIRECTORS

Foreign Missions .....	Rev. Seldon Bullard, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Home Missions .....	Rev. Fred Kirby, Sumter, S.C.
Superannuation .....	Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Turbeville, S.C.

Christian Education ..... Rev. Harry Cooper, Johnsonville, S.C.  
Church Training Service ..... Rev. Sam Truett, Kingstree, S.C.  
Promotional Secretary ..... Rev. Earl Hendrix, Inman, S.C.

~~BOARD OF TRUSTEES:~~

Rev. Joe Cagle ..... Pamlico, S.C.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Harry Cooper ..... Johnsonville, S.C.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Tom Clark ..... Travelers Rest, S.C.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD:

Rev. Hoyt Powell ..... Manning, S.C.

Rev. Adam Scott, Effingham, S.C. .... replacing Rev. William D. Sealy

Rev. James Hucks, Jr., Conway, S.C. .... replacing Rev. Van Powell

PUBLIC MORAL

Mr. Fred Brackett ..... Lancaster, S.C.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Mr. J.W. Hyman

Mr. Louis Bass Hanna

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Norwood Gibson ..... S.C. Conference

Rev. Earl Hendrix ..... Beaver Creek Conference

Rev. Paul Clayton ..... Eastern Conference

Rev. James Hucks, Jr ..... Central Conference

APPENDIX XVIII

REPORT OF PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We will meet with the South Carolina Conference. Notification will be in the *Informer* as to which church.