

MINUTES

of the

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

ASSOCIATION

held with

WHITNEY CHURCH

WHITNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA

September 10, 1943

The next session will convene with Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C., on Thursday and Friday, the 5-6, before the Second Sunday in October, 1944. Rev. Hucks of the Pee Dee Association will preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session at 12:00 o'clock noon.

PROCEEDINGS

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. L. A. Holliday

To the Free Will Baptists throughout the State of South Carolina I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We praise His great and glorious name; for in Him we're more united than ever before.

We rejoice in the fact that we now have a state organization and we feel that it has already meant much to our work. It is both inspirational and helpful to become better acquainted with our people throughout the State whose faith and purpose are in common with ours.

It is not the purpose of the State Association to become dictatorial to any local association or conference, but rather to promote and encourage those undertakings that are in common to all of us.

We find that our folk are becoming more and more interested in our Orphanage, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education and the general spread of the gospel. This is indeed encouraging and we believe that with our interest and efforts united we shall "GO FORWARD" in the name of the LORD.

Yours for a United Work,

Louis A. Holliday, President
South Carolina State Association
of Free Will Baptists

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

The Association was opened and called to order by the temporary Clerk, Rev. L. L. Moore.

The minutes of the temporary meeting that convened a few months previous at Darlington Church was read.

Rev. M. H. Mellette was elected president protem in the absence of the temporary president, Rev. L. A. Holliday made a strong appeal for cooperation in the State work.

Rev. L. A. Holliday was elected President for the term of two years.

Rev. J. C. Franks was elected Vice-President.

Rev. E. P. Kirby was elected Recording Secretary.

Rev. H. J. Sawyer was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. Seldon Bullard was elected Treasurer.

Finance Committee: Bro. J. D. Weaver, N. P. Coker, C. V. Rollins.

LIST OF CHURCHES, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Beaver Creek Association

Mt. Canner Church—Mrs. Alice Hinson, York, S. C.	\$5.00
Clover Church—John H. Jenkins, Clover, S. C.	3.00
Whitney Church—W. H. Airo, Whitney, S. C.	5.00
Valley Falls Church—C. V. Rollins, Spartanburg, S. C.	5.00

Rock Fish Association

McColls First F. W. B. Church—Walter Fender, McColls, S. C.	5.00
Rock Fish Union—C. B. Hopkins, Clerk, Rockingham Mills, N. C., R. F. D.	5.00

Pee Dee Association

Oak Grove Church No. 2—R. E. Johnson, Clerk, Gresham, S. C.	5.00
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South Carolina Conference

New Town—W. M. Thornbrew, Clerk, Lake City, S. C., Rt. 1	6.45
Liberty Church—J. H. Holliday, Clerk, Foreston, S. C.	2.00
Horse Branch Church—N. C. Gibbons, Clerk, Turbeville, S. C.	5.00
Tabernacle Church—Douglas Jordan, Clerk, Cowards, S. C.	
Bethany Church—R. L. Brown, Clerk, Timmons ville, S. C.	5.00
Darlington Church—J. D. Weaver, Clerk, Darlington, S. C.	15.00
Salem Church—By pastor—C. J. Lynch, Clerk, Cowards, S. C.	5.00
Gilead Church—By pastor—Charlie Graham, Clerk, Scranton, S. C.	10.00
Bulah Church—By pastor—W. L. Miles, Clerk, Pamplico, S. C.	5.00
Camp Branch Church—By pastor—Mrs. Carl Webster, Clerk, Scranton, S. C.	2.00

Eastern Conference of South Carolina

Williams Hill Church—P. G. Tanner, Clerk, Hemingway, S. C.	5.00
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LIST OF MINISTERS PRESENT

South Carolina Conference

Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, S. C.
Rev. E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.
Rev. L. A. Holliday, Foreston, S. C.

Beaver Creek Association

Rev. H. J. Sawyer, Darlington, S. C.
Rev. J. C. Franks, Case Ave., 383 Farley St., Saxton, S. C.
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Spartanburg, S. C.

Pee Dee Association

Rev. L. L. Moore, Trio, S. C.

Rock Fish Conference

Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C. (Bro. Bullard has since the Association taken membership with the South Carolina Conference.)

St. Anna Association

Rev. D. O. Oxendine, Fairmont, N. C.\$10.05
Called off for preaching and the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After the devotional period the Moderator called the Association to order.

It was motioned to receive the report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, find in the Treasury	\$ 12.17
Received at this Association	93.45
Total in Treasury	\$105.62

Signed:

N. C. Coker
J. D. Weaver
C. V. Rollins

Petitions for the next Association were put to vote and the next session goes to Horse Branch Church, Clarendon County, Turbeville, S. C.

It was motioned that our next session convene on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1944, that being the fifth and sixth.

Motioned to give the recording secretary \$5.00 for his services and also to give the corresponding secretary \$25.00 for his services.

Motioned that we adopt the covenant in our old Discipline.

Motioned that we print five hundred Minutes to be distributed to the different churches and that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer to pay for Minutes.

Program Committee: Rev. M. H. Mellette, E. P. Kirby, J. E. Thigpen.

Motioned that the Clerk have blank letters printed for the Association.

Motioned that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Whitney Church and town for the hospitality shown us.

Motioned that we adjourn to meet with Horse Branch Church Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1944.

Rev. L. A. Holliday, President.

Rev. E. P. Kirby, Clerk.

PROGRAM FOR 1944 SESSION

Thursday Morning

- 10:45—Devotional service by Horse Branch Church
- 11:00—Welcome address by Rev. G. C. Vause, Pastor of Horse Branch Church
—Response by Rev. Arthur Williams from the Eastern Conference
- 11:30—Moderator's Message
- 12:00—Introductory Sermon—Rev. Hucks of the Pee Dee Association
- 1:00—Refreshments
- 2:00—Enrollment of delegates and ministers
- 2:15—Report of Corresponding Secretary
- 2:45—Appointment of various Boards
- 3:30—Round table discussion on needs of our Church and Denomination
- 4:30—Adjournment
- 8:00—Doctrinal Sermon—Rev. A. F. Lawter of the Beaver Creek Association

Friday Morning

- 9:00—Devotion by Rev. J. C. Franks
- 9:15—Business session
- 10:00—Report of National Mission work by Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman
National Mission Board of the Free Will Baptists
- 10:45—Report of Chairman National Educational Board by Rev. J. R. Davidson
- 11:30—Report on the Ladies Aid work in South Carolina
- 11:45—Sermon by Rev. Howell of the Eastern Conference
- 12:45—Refreshments
- 1:00—Devotional by Rev. Seldon Bullard
- 1:15—Report of Orphanage work in South Carolina by the Treasurer of the
Orphanage Board
- 2:45—Business session
—Election of Officers
—Petitions for the next Association
—Adjournment