

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Clerk regrets very much the Printers Error in the Composition of this Minute, however, if you will please follow the instructions given below I feel sure you will be able to get the proceedings in order.

Seldon Bullard, Clerk

The 1st part of Thursdays Session will be found on pages 14-15-16, This part of the proceedings should have come between the 1st and 2nd lines on page 6 immediately following the Prisedents Message.

The Program for 1950 appears on page 12-14 while it should have appeared on page 25.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
1949



HELD WITH

Horse Branch Church Near Turberville, S. C.
November 18-19, 1949



The next Session will be held with Tabernacle Church
near Coward, S. C., November 16-17, 1950
Rev. T. G. Hamilton to preach the Introductory Sermon

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President	-----	Rev. L. A. Holliday
Vice President	-----	Rev. P. J. Shean
Secretary	-----	Rev. Seldon Bullard
Reading Clerk	-----	Rev. L. B. Hannah
Treasurer	-----	Rev. Seldon Bullard



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.	-----	1953
Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rt. 1, Turbeville, S. C.	-----	1952
Rev. M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.	-----	1951
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rt 3, Conway, S. C.	-----	1950
Mr. F. A. Sawyer, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C.	-----	1949



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. V. Ward	-----	1953
Rev. J. E. Shehan	-----	1952
Mr. J. E. Thigpen	-----	1951
Mr. Julius Vause	-----	1950
Mr. J. G. Williams	-----	1949



FIELD SECRETARIES

Orphanage Work	-----	Rev. J. A. Hucks
Christian Education	-----	Rev. M. H. Mellette
Missions	-----	Rev. H. J. Sawyer
Mission Treasurer	-----	Rev. H. J. Sawyer



PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AND EVANGELIST

Rev. L. A. Holliday	-----	Manning, S. C.
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A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tx. 2 Timm. 2:2

It is by the Grace and love of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ that we have been given this privilege of meeting once again as the South Carolina State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist. Jesus has tarried prolonging His Glorious appearing when He shall call forth His Bride the Church for the great marriage Feast, thus giving the Bride (The Church) time to be ready to meet Him.

Reviewing briefly the work of the past Associational year, there are some note worthy accomplishments, for which we thank God and you who have been used by Him.

The spirit of cooperation and sympathetic understanding prevails among our brotherhood in greater proportions than ever before. We're united in purpose and prerogative and motivated by an impelling power that is certain to continue to bring forth evidence of the Blessings of our Lord. We're not wondering aimless about, but we have definite aims and objectives for which we're striving and to attain our goal we recognize the indispensable need for whole hearted cooperation. The secret for the wonderful success of the early Christian Church is revealed in the often repeated phrase found in Acts "of one accord."

They were of one accord as to the great Bible Doctrine. They were of one accord as to the program and purpose of the Church, that being the winning of lost Souls to Christ.

The chief business of the Church is to lead lost Souls to Christ that they might be saved from their sins and to be used of Him in the General spread of the Gospel. As important as other matters nothing is to have preeminence over this life stream, the fountain head, the power house, the everything to the believer. There is a danger of our putting our Church Program ahead of its very objective - Winning the lost - There is a danger of stressing organization and forgetting Salvation. There is danger

of driving Church attendance and failing to give those who attend the bread of life. We could be guilty of preaching giving to orphans, building funds, Educational program, Missions etc., and fail to teach that we're to worship God with our tithes and offerings and by our so doing these and other enterprises of the Church are to be maintained.

The world has never needed the Preaching of the Gospel more than today. It has never been that man, when brought to see the folly of His sinful and God-less living has discovered the need of God. Man kind is fast approaching such a time and the Church should be ready to meet that need with the Gospel of peace and hope for a troubled and hopeless world. The people are restless, comfortless, disturbed, distorted and wonderers and in need of Christ the Prince of Peace.

This is no time for the Church to compromise with the world, but to stand firm upon the principles of truth and righteousness. We're a "Peculiar People" a "Separated People" not a compromising, fence straddling, luke warm, lizzard type, do as you please, modernistic, pleasure loving people, ignorant of the New Birth, the Spirit-filled life, the power of God to transform, and make a new creature out of the drunkard, the harlot, the pleasure willed person. That's the kind of Salvation Free Will Baptist believe in. That's the kind of Salvation this old war torn, pleasure loving, doubting, hating, ungodly, world needs to hear about. What a horrible sin it is to keep it under a bushel, to fail to preach it, teach it, establish it in our town and villages, highways and byways to the lands of China, India, South America, Japan, and into all the world. Hearts are yearning for the Gospel as we believe and teach it.

The greatest threat to this Country is not the Atomic Bomb with its destructive qualities, but rather it is to be found in the false teachings that threatens and would destroy the bulwarks of our Christian Faith. When you have caused the youth to question the inspiration of the Bible, deny the Virgin birth, do away with the blood a-

tonement, the new birth, and other basic teachings of the word of God you have taken from that person just about everything that is worth while.

It is becoming evident that the Church that is to meet the spiritual need must remain spiritual, not make believe but by giving evidence of having been with the Lord. We're not opposed to some emotional manifestation which comes forth from a heart that overflows with inward joy, but we believe that there is an abiding blessing that will manifest itself even when the shouting has passed. Paul possessed it even in prison, on the stormy waters in the courts of prosecutions, Stephen found this Power when He was being stoned to death, John retained it when He was made to lay His head upon the chopping block there to die the death of a martyr.

Friends this is our day, thank God for it, may we go forward under the power of almighty God to lead souls to Christ, that they be not eternally lost.

As Moderator of this Association, I Prayerfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration.

I: I call upon Free Will Baptists of South Carolina to continue their fight against "public enemy number one" whiskey, wine and beer, to oppose it's being advertised and to support local option, or any other plan to hinder the sale and use.

II: To better unite our Ministers in our doctrine, our program and for spiritual development. I suggest a Minister's meeting for a period of one week each year, the meeting to be well planned for classes in Church Doctrine Church program and other matters that will contribute toward a more cooperative ministry for our Denomination in this State.

III: A well planned and directed Home Mission program, with the view of establishing Churches in communities not now being served by our Church. That capable ministers be secured with the view of making each meeting as near self-sustaining as possible, but the Pastors and Churches giving their support by attending as much as practical and giving financial help if and when

a Church is established.

South Carolina Conference Churches Represented

Salem, Delegate, Brothers Joe Lee and J. T. Leach, Associational expenses \$31.20. M. H. Mellette, pastor, Turbeville, S. C., C. J. Lynch, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

Mt. Elon, Delegates, Brothers Fletcher Hyman and J. C. Hutchison. We send \$25.00 budget fund. Paul K. Ketterman, Pastor, Pamplico, S. C., Alma H. Weatherford, Clerk, Pamplico, S. C.

Lebonon, Delegates, Mrs. Wilburn Haynes and Mrs. Norwood Turner. We send \$5.00 for Associational expenses, L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., P. T. Kirby, Clerk, Effingham, S. C.

Liberty, Delegates, R. C. Baggette and C. N. Ridgeway. We send for Foreign Missions \$54.53, for Christian Education \$45.00 and for Associational expenses \$5.00. T. H. Hamilton, Pastor, CBC, Columbia, S. C., W. S. Richburg, Clerk.

Bay Branch, Delegates, Brother Lee Hudson and Sisters Mary Welch and Myrtle Denham. We send \$20.00 for Christian Education and \$5.00 for Associational expenses. Rev. G. C. Vause, Pastor, Timmons ville, J. H. Welch, Clerk, Timmons ville, S. C.

High Hill, Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and Mrs. Robbie Moore. We send as Associational Funds \$5.00. B. F. Richburg, Pastor, Foreston, S. C., J. H. Moore, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

Camp Branch, Delegate, Brother W. E. Godwin. We send as Associational expenses \$5.00, Christian Education \$15.00. Rev. M. H. Mellette, Pastor, Turbeville, S. C., Mrs. Victoria Webster, Clerk, Lake City, S. C.

Beulah, according to the Records of the Clerk the Delegates did not appear. However, this letter could have been lost. This church turned in \$105.00. M. H. Mellette, Pastor, Turbeville, S. C., F. L. Bazen, Clerk.

Horse Branch, Delegates unknown. We send as Associational Funds \$5.00 and \$30.79 for Foreign Missions. G. C. Vause, Pastor, Timmons ville, S. C., N. C. Gibbons,

Clerk, Turbeville, S. C.

New Town, Delegates Munell Young and Ulon Miles. We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses. J. B. Oliver, Pastor, Lake City, Rt. 1, S. C., W. N. Thornbrew, Clerk, Lake City, S. C.

Poplar Hill, Delegates, unknown. We send as Associational expenses \$5.00. B. F. Richburg, Pastor, Foreston, S. C.

Sand Hill, Delegates unknown. We send as budget fund \$10.00. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., Dalton McKay, Clerk, Coward, S. C.

First Church of Darlington, Delegate K. W. Carter. We send as Associational expenses \$10.00. Seldon Bullard, Pastor, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C., L. E. Strickland, Clerk, Cleveland St. Darlington.

Sand Hill, Delegates, Troy Brown and Edna Purvis. We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C., Lona Defee, Clerk, Florence, S. C.

Manning Church, Delegates, Brother and Sister Wilcy Johnson. We send as Associational expense fund \$5.00. Rev. L. A. Holliday, Pastor, Manning, S. C.

Gilead, Delegate, Brother Sam McCutcheon. We sent \$10.00 to the Orphanage and \$5.00 to the Associational fund. Sam McCutcheon, Deacon, Lake City, S. C.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

November 11th, 1949

To the State Association of the Free Will Baptists of South Carolina to convene with Horse Branch Church at Turbeville, S. C.

We The Central Association of the Original Free Will Baptist send as delegates our beloved Brethern, C. V. Ward and Clyde Cooper. Whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Dismissed and Died	18
Members received	54
Total Membership	714

Paid out for Pastoral work from all churches. Grand

Total \$2,314.67
 Paid out for revivals and visiting preachers. Grand
 Total \$1,254.79
 Budget funds sent in by churches to the Central As-
 sociation \$83.23
 Missions funds as found by the Finance Committee.
 \$85.05
 Orphan Funds \$710.84

We the Central Association send \$50.00 to the State
 Association to be used as budget fund.

We are sending our Foreign money to the National
 Treasurer amount unknown to me.

\$25.00 sent to our school at Nashville, Tenn.

\$20.10 sent to Rev. Charlie Hanna who is in school at
 the Free Will Baptist college.

Building and repairs \$1,117.00

Value of church property building and land estimat-
 ed value \$24,000.00

We have drawn on our Home Mission Treasurer to
 send our budget fund to the State Association and to our
 school small amount left on hand.

List of Churches, Clerks and their postoffices:

Oak Grove, Rudy E. Johnston, Conway, S. C.
 Little Bethel, L. L. Cole, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Mt. Trolley, Mrs. Lydia Dorman, Galavants Ferry, S. C.
 Mt. Ariel, Jessie Norris, Conway, S. C.
 Oak Grove No. 2, Curtis Doudy, Eastover, S. C.
 Happy Home, W. F. Fulton, Andrews, S. C.
 White Savannah, J. O. Edge, Conway, S. C.
 New Home, Mrs. Katie Jordan, Andrews, S. C.
 Every Green, J. L. Holt, Conway, S. C.
 Little Star, L. B. Hanna, Lake City, S. C.

List of Ministers and Post Offices

Rev. M. S. Todd, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.
 Rev. T. D. Lyarly, Hemingway, S. C. Rt. 4
 Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. Rt. 3
 Rev. Malcolm Harrelson, Conway, S. C. Rt. 3
 Rev. L. R. Brown, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. H. E. Powell, Hyman, S. C.

Rev. G. C. Jones, Loris, S. C.
 Rev. D. G. Powell, Hyman, S. C.
 Rev. G. E. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Rev. C. G. Hyman, Georgetown, S. C. Star Rt. 1
 Licentiates
 Rev. J. E. Wilson, Eastover, S. C.
 Moderator, Rev. H. E. Powell
 Clerk, M. C. Todd, Lake City, Rt. 3, Box 136

Local Churches from Central Conference represent-
 ing Little Star Church, Lake City, S. C. Delegates Broth-
 ers L. J. Gaslins and Louis B. Hannah. Sent for Associ-
 ational expense \$7.00. Rev. L. P. Brown, Pastor, Louis B.
 Hannah, Clerk.

At this time a very timely message was delivered by
 Rev. H. E. Powell on Free Will Baptist League Work.
 Rev. Powell used as his text Deut. 6:4-9, and Joshua 8:35,
 pointing out the great need of training the Youth of our
 Church.

Following Rev. Powell's message we had the Report
 of the State Convention of Womens Auxiliary, this re-
 port may be found at the close of these minutes.

It was moved and properly sustained that this As-
 sociation give to the Womens Auxiliary Convention space
 for their minutes without charge, this was passed upon
 favorably by the Association.

At this time Rev. Henry Melvin of The Free Will
 Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., gave a good report on
 our Bible College.

Rev. Melvin pointed out that the College was in its
 eighth year, and at this time we have 66 men and women
 in school preparing for full-time service either here or on
 the foreign Fields. The Student body represented 15
 States and one foreign native from Cuba. At this time we
 have 43 young men and 23 young women enrolled.

In keeping with the great need of the Halls of Higher
 Learning, Rev. Melvin who is business manager of The
 Bible College assured the Association that the College
 was strictly fundamental in its teachings, also that the
 Doctrine of our Church was being taught.

At the opening of the next semester which opens in September, the College plans to open with a three year course, offering an extra year to all students who care to take it.

Rev. M. H. Mellette who is Chairman of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Board of South Carolina presented the Orphanage. Brother Rollins Miles the Superintendent presented the children, who rendered a special program that was enjoyed by all. Rev. Mellette assured us that the Orphanage was striving to train our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, also in Christian Service.

Following the fine program Brother Jessie Williams of the Eastern Conference presented the Orphanage with a check for \$100.00 in honor of Rev. Luther Smith. This fine contribution was given by Rev. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Ester S. Avent, and is to be used to purchase furniture for the matrons room.

At this time the Moderator presented to the Association a letter that was sent to this body by the First Baptist Church of Darlington, offering their facilities, church and Sunday School Department and offices for the National Association to be held in July, 1950, providing we can prevail upon that body to meet with us. A copy of the letter is printed below.

Darlington, S. C.
November 17, 1949

To the Association of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina. Greetings!

The Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Darlington, S. C., in their monthly meeting, Nov. 6th last, authorized me to extend to your body the use of our Church building, offices, Sunday School building and all of its facilities, etc, for the week of July 18, 1950. It is our understanding that, at this time, you hope to have the National Association meeting with you.

We earnestly hope that you can prevail upon the National Association of Free Will Baptists to accept your in-

itation to meet with you at that time in Darlington. We, of Darlington, and especially our Church would be very pleased to have this body meeting in our city. We believe that the Spiritual contribution that such a meeting would have upon our city and State would be inestimable.

It is my personal belief that all the citizens of Darlington and its environs would do all in their power to help make such a meeting a large success. We earnestly hope that your State Association shall deem it wise to invite your National Association to meet with you, and us, in Darlington at the above mentioned time.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be and abide with your Association while you are now in session and may the Holy Spirit use you in a wonderful way as you minister to a lost world.

Yours in His service,
William S. Jones, Pastor, First Baptist
Church, Darlington, S. C.

We adjourned at 4:30 P. M. until Friday morning.

Eastern Conference

We the Eastern Conference send the following delegate to sit with you in council, Brother J. G. Williams. We have 4 churches with about 300 members, 4 ordained ministers and 1 licensed minister. We send for Associational expenses, \$10.00. T. A. Williams, Moderator, J. M. Williams, Clerk.

Eastern Conference Churches represented, Williams Hill, delegate, B. G. Lamm. We send \$2.50 Orphanage fund, Associational expenses \$5.00, Rev. J. L. Smith, Pastor, B. G. Lamm, Clerk.

Black River Church, Delegates Brother G. R. Benton and Sister Lula Benton. We send for Orphanage fund \$31.48 and Associational expenses \$5.00. Rev. T. A. Williams, Pastor, Oscar F. Powell, Clerk.

New Prospect, Delegates, Brother and Sister Joe Powell. We send for Associational funds \$5.00. T. A. Williams, Flemingway, S. C. W. R. Stone, Clerk Johnsonville, S. C.

South Carolina Conference

To The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist. Greetings:

We the South Carolina Conference send Brother Walter Richburg and Brother Duffie Lynch as delegates to represent us in your Honorable body.

We have 21 Churches in our Conference with a membership of 2663. We have received 125 new members during this year. We also have received three Ordained Ministers, three Licensed Ministers, and have five Ministerial students in school in The Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. We have 19 Ordained Ministers, Six Licensed Ministers, and Five Students.

All our Churches are in good working condition. There has been raised by our people during the Conference Year \$40,276.80 plus a large amount raised by Sunday School and Womens Auxiliary which would total approximately \$50,000.00, out of this amount our Pastors received \$12,157.00. We sent to Missions \$1,198.27 for Christian Education \$150.20, Orphanage \$5,856.03. Revivals \$3,229.98 the remainder was used for promotional improvements on our buildings. We have had one new Church organized in Manning, S. C. They have a membership of sixty members and have bought a building to worship in valued at \$5,000.00.

We send the following contributions to the Association:

For expense of Association	\$10.00
Christian Education	75.00
Missions	\$75.00
Students in Bible College	50.00
Total	\$210.00

L. A. Holliday, Moderator, M.H. Mellette, Clerk.

PROGRAM FOR 1950 SESSION THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1950

- 10:00 a. m. Devotion by Tabernacle Church
- 10:15 a. m. Welcome Address by Rev. T. A. Williams host Pastor
- 10:25 a. m. Response by Rev. Malcomb Harrelson, Rt. 3 Conway, S. C.
- 10:35 a. m. Moderators Message
- 10:55 a. m. Welcoming of Visitors
- 11:00 a. m. Recess
- 11:10 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. T. G. Hamilton
- 12:00 Noon

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 p. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. Myrtice Carnes of Florence, S. C.
- 1:40 p. m. Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers
- 2:10 p. m. Sermon on Young Peoples Work by Rev. Paul J. Kettelman
- 2:40 p. m. Report of Orphanage Work by Rev. J. A. Hucks
- 2:50 p. m. Report of College Work by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Mgr.
- 3:10 p. m. Presentation of Woman's Auxiliary Work by Mrs. L. A. Holliday
- 3:25 p. m. Report on Foreign Mission Work by Rev. H. J. Sawyer
- 3:45 p. m. Presentation of Our Orphan Children and a Program to be arranged by the Supt.
- 4:25 p. m. Announcements
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment until 7:30 P. M.
- 7:30 p. m. Devotion by Local Church.
- 8:00 p. m. Evangelistic Sermon by Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION NOV. 17, 1950

- 9:00 a. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. H. E. Powell
- 9:15 a. m. Report of Promotional Secretary
- 9:30 p. m. Report of National Association by Rev. Paul Shean

9:45 a. m. Short talks by chance Visitors
 10:00 a. m. Resolutions
 10:30 a. m. Unfinished business
 11:00 a. m. Recess
 11:10 a. m. Message and Report on Our Foreign Mission-
 ary Work in India by Miss Laura Bell Barnard, Gen-
 eral Director
 12:00 Noon

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m. Devotion conducted by Rev. J. B. Oliver
 1:40 p. m. Report of Christian Education by Rev. M.
 H. Mellette
 2:10 p. m. Election of Officers
 2:40 p. m. Invitations for the next session
 2:50 p. m. Report of Finance Committee
 3:00 p. m. Report of Home Mission Treasurer
 3:15 p. m. General Business.
 Adjournment

THURSDAY MORNING

The seventh annual session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist convened with Horse Branch Church near Turbeville, S. C. Nov. 18th and 19th, 1949 beginning at 10:00 A. M.

The Session was opened with a devotional conducted by the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Lawter, of Lockhart, S. C.

In the absence of the local Pastor Rev. G. C. Vause, Rev. M. H. Mellette gave the welcome address, which was responded to in an able manner by Rev. A. F. Lawter.

Following this the Moderator Rev. L. A. Holliday of Manning, S. C. gave his message to the Conference body, using as a text 2 Timm. 2:2. This was a very timely message and may be found on the opening pages of this minute. This was a great message and I feel sure you will profit much by reading it carefully and prayerfully.

At this time our visiting ministers were given a wel-

come into our session and granted all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Listed below is the names of the visiting Ministers.

Rev. W. L. Jerigan, of Bladenbore, N. C. and Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Also Rev. Archie Williams of the S. C. Con. Pentecostal Holliness Church.

At this time Rev. Seldon Bullard was elected Clerk in the absence of the Association Clerk Rev. H. J. Sawyer of Rock Hill, S. C. who was unable to be with us.

Committees appointed as follows:

Finance, Rev. George E. Todd, Rev. Monroe Harold, and W. D. Sawyer. Obituary, Rev. E. P. Kirby, Rev. H. E. Powell and Rev. A. F. Lawter. Resolution, Rev. Paul Shehan, Rev. Clyde Hyman and Clyde Cooper. Reading Clerk, Louis Bass Hannah.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Seldon Bullard, who read 2 Chrn. 7:14, and used as a Text Daniel 12:8. "What shall be the end of these things." He used as a Subject - The Great Question Of Today.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. W. L. Jerigan of Bladenboro, N. C. led the Devotional, using as his Text John 14:31. Brother Jerigan gave a very timely talk on the "Challenge to go Forward."

Ministers in attendance was as follows:

From The Beaver Creek Assoc. Rev. Nathan Holt, 680 Saxton Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C., and Rev. P. J. Shehan of Whitney, S. C. From the Central Assoc. Rev. M. S. Todd, Lake City, Rt. 3 Rev. G. E. Todd, Rt. 3, Johnsonville, S. C., Rev. H. E. Powell, Rt. 1, Hyman, S. C. Eastern Conference Rev. T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Hemmingway, S. C.

South Carolina Conference. Rev. Seldon Bullard, 331 Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C.; Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.; Rev. H. W. Ritchburg, Fareston, S. C.; E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.; Paul J. Kettelman, Pamplico, S. C.;

