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Minutes
of the
Eighth Annual Session

of the
South Carolina State Association
of ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1950



Held With

Tabernacle Church

Near Cowards, S. C.

NOVEMBER 16 - 17, 1950



The next Session will be held with the LOCKHART FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockhart, South Carolina, Nov. 15-16, 1951
Rev. Paul J. Ketteman to preach the introductory Sermon.

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SELDON BULLARD, Clerk of Assn.

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Associational Directory

OFFICERS OF S. C. STATE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT ----- Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.
VICE-PRESIDENT ----- Rev. P. J. Shehan, Whitney, S. C.
SECRETARY and TREAS. ----- Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. T. A. WILLIAMS, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C. ----- 1953
REV. M. H. MELLETTTE, Turbeville, S. C. ----- 1952
REV. M. S. TODD, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C. ----- 1951
REV. J. A. HUCKS, Rt. 3, Conway, S. C. ----- 1955
MR. F. A. SAWYER, Box 144, Arcadia, S. C. ----- 1954

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MR. C. V. WARD ----- 1953
REV. P. J. SHEHAN ----- 1952
MR. J. E. THIGPEN ----- 1951
MR. JULIUS VAUSE ----- 1955
MR. J. G. WILLIAMS ----- 1954

FIELD SECRETARIES

Christian Education ----- Rev. M. H. Mellette
Director and Treasurer Home Missions ----- Rev. Seldon Bullard
Director Foreign Missions ----- Rev. L. A. Holliday

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION of the South Carolina
State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist held with Tabernacle
Church, Cowards, S. C., November 16 - 17, 1950.

MORNING SESSION

1. The South Carolina State Association of The Original Free Will Baptist met with Tabernacle Church near Cowards, S. C. in its Eighth Session on Thursday and Friday November 16, 1950 at 10:00 o'clock. The President, Rev. L. A. Holliday called the meeting to order and the opening song was "To the Work."

2. Rev. Seldon Bullard was in charge of the Devotional Service. A passage of Scripture was read after which Prayer was offered.

Rev. T. A. Williams the host Pastor gave the Welcome Address, which was responded to in an able manner by the Reverend Paul Shehan of Whitney, S. C.

Following this the President of the Association gave his annual address or message. His message was opened by the Congregation standing and singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The Scripture Lesson was from Gen. 13:1-4. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Lawter, of Lockhart, S. C.

Rev. Holliday used as a Text; "And He went on His way to Bethel to the place He went at first" using for His subject; "BACK TO THE EARLY ALTAR."

This was truly a very timely message, pressing home the great need of the return of Gods people to the Early Altar which has always been the source of Divine inspiration and Power.

Following the President's Message the appointment of committees were then made: Reading Clerk, Fred Powers; Finance, J. M. Williams, Henry Smith and W. D. Sawyer; Resolutions, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Rev. J. A. Hucks, and Rev. P. J. Kettelman; Obituary, Rev. W. L. Jernnigan, Rev. L. A. Gray, and Hoyt Powell.

With the organization being completed prayer was offered by the President for Divine guidance throughout the session.

The business session was then called off until two o'clock for devotional and Sermon.

Reverend O. M. Hilburn brought a very timely message on "The Four Phases of our Church Work, using as a Text: "Co-labors with Christ" 1 Cor. 3:9.

At this time the Ladies of the host Church served a good mid-day meal picnic style which was enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled promptly at two o'clock with proper devotions conducted by the Reverend Fred Powers of Timmonsville.

The first item of business taken up was the enrollment of Conferences and Associations and their respective Churches, the first being the South Carolina Conference:

GREETINGS: To the Original Free Will Baptist State Association.

We the South Carolina Conference submit the following report:

There has been considerable Spiritual Awakening in our midst during the past year. There has been quite an increase in membership gain. Several of our young men have answered to call to the Christian Ministry, and are in school preparing themselves for their labors.

Our people have given more liberal support to the Ministry both pastoral and evangelistic. They are taking more interest in Christian Education, Missions, both Home and Foreign, and also in our Orphanage work. Truly we are known by our works.

We are sending Brother Julius Vause and R. C. Baggett as delegates to sit in your body.

We send \$10.00 for Associational expenses.

Student Loan Fund	\$ 32.77
Christian Education	32.78
Foreign Missions	141.23
Home Missions	31.32
Superannuation	21.82
Association Expenses	10.00
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	\$259.92

M. H. MELLETTE, Clerk

Below are the Churches of the above Conference that was represented:

Lebanon	\$ 10.00
Bay Branch	10.00
Camp Branch	20.00
Mt. Elem	25.00
Horse Branch—	
For Foreign Missions	\$100.00
For Home Missions	42.27
For Christian Education	42.28
For Association Expenses	5.00
TOTAL	<hr/> 189.55
High Hill	5.00
Sand Hill	15.00
Darlington	10.00
Manning	5.00
Bethany	20.00
Tabernacle	6.50
Gilead—	
For Home Missions	\$ 7.50
For Foreign Missions	7.50
	<hr/> 15.00
Liberty—	
For Foreign Missions	\$ 50.00
Expenses	5.00
	<hr/> 55.00
Beulah—	
For Christian Education	\$ 50.00
Expenses	5.00
	<hr/> 55.00
Salem—	
For Christian Education	\$ 20.50
Expenses	5.00
	<hr/> 25.50
New Town	10.00
Grand Total for S.C. Conf. and Churches	<hr/> \$736.47

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION and CHURCHES

To the State Association of Original Free Will Baptist of South Carolina which convenes with Tabernacle Church, Cowards, S. C. November 16,-17, 1951:

We the Central Association of The Original Free Will Baptist send as delegates our beloved brethren, C. W. Altman and L. J. Gaskins whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

We have nine active Churches with a total membership of 626. In the past year there have been 61 received and 30 dismissed, and 8 died.

F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME
Year Ending September 30, 1950

CASH RECEIPTS—

S. C. Association.....	\$ 5,288.75
S. C. Union Meeting.....	127.77
S. C. Dist. Woman's Aux.....	75.00
Beaver Creek Association.....	336.40
Central Association.....	483.81
Eastern Association.....	1,209.33
S. C. State Woman's Aux.....	697.15
S. C. State Association.....	723.34
F. W. B. Singing Convention.....	546.67
Florence County Singing Convention.....	184.69
Singing Convention Holliness Churches.....	67.75
Southern Methodist Church.....	22.60
Individuals.....	533.25
Farm Income, gross.....	2,215.19
Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, S. C.....	250.00
Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, N. C.....	60.00
Rev. T. B. Mellette, Georgia.....	20.00
Midway Association of Georgia.....	25.00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS.....\$12,866.70
Donated Commodities, Clothing, etc..... 1,950.18

TOTAL CASH and COMMODITIES.....\$14,816.88

LESS—
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES..... 6,548.44

NET INCREASE FOR FIRST YEAR.....\$ 8,268.44

There are 16 children at the home at this date. The cost per child for the first year was \$576.70. This cost includes the donated commodities.

R. C. BAGGETTE, Secretary

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

(This report was mailed to Brother Walker Miles who forwarded it along with a letter of resignation to the Association).

The Financial Report of the Home Mission Treasury is as follows: On hand last Asson. \$55.20; Received from 1949 Session \$25.00; Total \$80.20. Since none have been paid out, we have on hand the total amount of \$80.20.

REV. H. J. SAWYER, Sec. and Treas.
of Home Mission

We adjourned at this time (4:00 p.m.) until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. A. F. Lawter of Lockhart, S. C. brought the message at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Devotional Service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Powell, of Hyman. After the congregation joined in singing "Draw Me Nearer" Rev. Powell brought a short message, using as his text Rev. 7:31. A season of Prayer was called for by the secretary of the association for a troubled world, this prayer was led by the Moderator Rev. L. A. Holliday and closed by Rev. H. M. Mellette.

One of the high lights of the entire association was a message on Consecration by the Moderator and followed by an appeal by Rev. M. H. Mellette for repentance among our folk and a return back to the altar of God.

Motion made and properly sustained that a committee selected to draw a report on our stand in national and international affairs as a denomination in the State of South Carolina, and that a copy be sent to the South Carolina Assembly and Senate, also a copy to be sent to the U. S. Senate, the U. S. Congress and to the United Nations. A copy of the same to be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., the Gem, of Monette, Ma. The State and Record in Columbia and the New York Tribune. This committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Rev. M. H. Mellette, chairman, Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rev. O. M. Hilburn.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd made some very timely suggestions in regards to our Sunday School and other literature. He also reported that a reel of the Mission picture of our mission work in Cuba entitled "A Letter to Melinteno" could be secured from the National headquarters for use in our work in South Carolina. After much discussion by Rev. P. J. Ketteman and others it was decided not to purchase a reel of the picture.

A letter was read in which Rev. H. J. Sawyer offered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of Home Missions. His resignation was accepted and the Clerk instructed to write Rev. Sawyer expressing our deep appreciation for the faithful service rendered during the time he held the office, and our regret of his resignation.

At this time we recessed for the preaching hour and lunch. Rev. L. S. Gray brought a very timely message.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. J. B. Oliver, using as a text Matt. 9:1-27.

Report of Resolution Committee

The following resolution was accepted by the Resolution committee and passed in the General Session:

Realizing the need of a better system of financing our young men in the Christian ministry also that there has been some funds raised for education;

Therefore, be it resolved by the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist; Do recommend that a board of three members be elected to serve for a period of 2, 4, and 6 years respectively; and that they be clothed with authority to make loans and provide terms for the payment of same.

M. H. MELLETTE

The board elected was as follows: Rev. Fred Powers, 2 years; Rev. M. H. Mellette, 4 years; Rev. O. M. Hilburn, 6 years. The above Fund to be known as the Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund.

OBITUARY

Brethren: We feel that we have been Divinely Blessed, in that we have lost only one of our ministers during the past year.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst Brother Clyde Hyman we do not question our Lords judgment in this matter, but rather submit ourselves to His will, knowing that He does all things well, even though it is a great loss to this community and to our Beloved denomination, there is gain in Heaven.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. W. L. JERNIGAN,
REV. L. S. GRAY
REV. HOYET POWELL

Rev. M. H. Mellette at this time made a verbal report on Christian Education, reporting that we now have several young folk in the Bible college in Nashville, Tenn. preparing for the work of the Christian ministry. Rev. Mellette also pointed out some very interesting facts in regards to the importance of Christian Education.

At this time at the request of Brother J. B. Oliver, there was a freewill offering received for the radio program in the amount of \$35.40 of which the clerk is thankful.

The Association gave a standing vote of thanks to Brother Jessie Williams of Hemingway for the splendid work he is doing to promote the orphanage work through the Singing Convention.

Motion made and properly sustained that we send greetings to Rev. G. C. Vause expressing our sorrow and grief of his absence, which is due to the condition of his health.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We find in Treas. from last year-----	\$ 35.00
Turned in at this association-----	1,005.00
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Making a Grand Total of-----	\$ 1,040.97
To Be Disbursed as follows--	
Foreign Missions-----	\$ 156.09
Foreign Missions-----	303.73
Superaunation-----	21.82
Christian Education-----	101.41
Baggett-Poston Memorial Fund-----	166.42
Associational Expenses-----	291.50
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	\$ 1,040.97

A committee was appointed to secure a place for the National Association of Free Will Baptist to meet in Florence at its next annual session in 1951. This committee was as follows: Rev. L. A. Holliday, Rev. Seldon Bullard, and Rev. Fred Powers.

Delegates to the National Association appointed as follows: Mrs. A. F. Lawter and Brother Herron Taylor of the Beaver Creek association; Marion Todd and L. J. Gaskin, Jessie Williams, Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Willie Coker, Walker Miles and R. C. Baggette. (This meeting is to be held in Nashville, Tenn. at the Free Will Baptist Bible college, 3609 Richland Ave.)

Motion made by Rev. M. H. Mellette that the secretary and treasurer be instructed to pay dues to the National Assn. and that he send all ear-marked funds to their respective treasurer, and that to report to the board of Christian Education the amount on hand in the Baggette-Poston Memorial Fund.

(This matter has been cared for. Clerk).

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to Tabernacle Church, its pastor, and President for their magnificent hospitality shown during this session and thanks to the President for his able presiding.

Motion made that we extend our thanks to Rev. W. S. Jones of the First Baptist church in Darlington for their offer of their church and facilities for the meeting of our National association next July.

By motion the association adjourned until next year at the proper time, the Benediction was by the President.

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PROGRAM FOR 1951 SESSION Thursday—November 16, 1951

- 10:00 a. m. Devotional by Local Church.
- 10:15 a. m. Welcome Address by local pastor, Rev. A. F. Lawter.
- 10:25 a. m. Response by Rev J. A. Hucks, of the Central Association.
- 10:35 a. m. Moderators Message.
- 10:50 a. m. Recess.
- 11:00 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, of Pamplico, S. C.
- 12:00 Noon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p. m. Devotionals conducted by Rev. B. F. Shook of Beaver Creek Assn.
- 1:40 p. m. Enrollment of delegates and ministers.
- 2:10 p. m. Welcoming of Visitors.
- 2:20 p. m. Sermon on young peoples work by Rev. W. L. Jernigan of Olanta.
- 2:50 p. m. Report on Orphanage work by Brother Julius Vause, Supt.
- 3:05 p. m. Report on National Association by Jessie Williams of Eastern Conf.
- 3:15 p. m. Report of the Bible College by Rev. Henry Melvin.
- 3:35 p. m. Presentation of Womans Auxiliary work by Mrs. Lester Wise of the Eastern Conference.
- 3:50 p. m. Presentation of the Go-Tell Aux. by Claudia Coker of Turbeville.
- 4:00 p. m. Report on Foreign Missions by Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning
- 4:15 p. m. Announcements.
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment until 7:30.
- 7:30 p. m. Devotion by local church.
- 8:00 p. m. Evangelistic Sermon by Rev. Author Williams of Eastern Conf.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION NOV. 16, 1950

- 9:00 a. m. Devotions conducted by Rev. H. J. Sawyer of the Beaver Creek Assn.
- 9:15 a. m. Resolutions.
- 9:45 a. m. Report on Christian Education by Rev. M. H. Mellette of Turbeville.
- 10:00 a. m. Resolutions.
- 10:30 a. m. Unfinished Business.
- 11:00 a. m. Recess.
- 11:10 a. m. Message by Rev. Malcolm Harrelson of the Central Assn.
- 12:00 Noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 p. m. Devotion by Rev. C. E. Lambert of the South Carolina Conf.
- 1:45 p. m. Report of Home Mission Treas.
- 2:00 p. m. Short talks by chance visitors.
- 2:15 p. m. Election of Officers.
- 2:30 p. m. Invitation for next session.
- 2:45 p. m. Report of Finance Committee.
- 3:00 p. m. General business.
Adjournment.

