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OF  
*Free Will Baptist*

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*Williams Hill Church, November 15*

1958 ASSOCIATION

*Tabernacle Church*

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*Walter Jernigan, Moderator*

*Rufus Coffey, Clerk*

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## DIRECTORY OF STATE ASSOCIATION

### STATE OFFICERS

President .....	Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Timmons ville, S. C.
First Vice-Pres. ....	Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.
Second Vice-Pres. ....	Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.
Corresponding Sec. ....	Rev. H. L. Player, Darlington, S. C.
Recording Sec. ....	Rev. Rufus Coffey, Florence, S. C.
Treasurer .....	Joe Lynch, Rt. 1, Box 38, Scranton, S. C.

### FIELD DIRECTORS

Home Missions .....	Rev. Fred Powers
Foreign Missions .....	Rev. L. A. Holliday
Superannuation .....	Rev. Clarence Lambert
Christian Education .....	Rev. William Morris
Sunday Schools .....	Rev. Carroll Alexander
Publicity .....	Rev. Bev Ballard
Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Reedy Saverance

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. T. A. Williams, Hemmingway, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. ....	1959
Mr. C. V. Ward, Johnsonville, S. C. ....	1960
Mr. Lonnie Brown .....	1961
Rev. Fred Powers .....	1962

### STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. C. V. Ward, Hemingway, S. C. ....	1958
Mr. T. A. Williams, Hemingway, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1960
Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C. ....	1961
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. ....	1962

### HOME MISSION ADVISORY BOARD

Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C. ....	1958
Mr. S. J. Jones, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. Floyd Ard, Johnsonville, S. C. ....	1960
Mr. Marion C. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C. ....	1961
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C. ....	1962

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Arris L. Powell, Johnsonville, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. S. A. Branch, Chester, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. Monroe Harrell, Lake City, S. C. ....	1960
Rev. Rufus Coffey, Florence, S. C. ....	1961
Mr. Tracy Williams, Hemingway, S. C. ....	1962

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. David Philbeck, Clover, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. ....	1960
Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C. ....	1961

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1959
Mr. Louis Bass Hanna, Johnsonville, S. C. ....	1960
Rev. Fred Powers, Timmons ville, S. C. ....	1961

### PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Fred S. Powers, Timmons ville, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. Clarence Lambert, Darlington, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. James Earl Raper, Arcadia, S. C. ....	1960
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1961
Rev. E. C. Rash, Lockhart, S. C. ....	1962

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Laverne Hanna, Lake City, S. C. ....	1958
Rev. James Raper, Arcadia, S. C. ....	1959
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C. ....	1960

### CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beaver Creek Association .....	1 yr. Rev. Carl Shook Rev. A. F. Lawter
S. C. Conference .....	2 yrs. Rev. Julius Vause Mr. N. P. Coker Mr. Walker Miles
Eastern Conference .....	3yrs. Rev. Hoyt Powell Mr. Weldon Poston
Central Conference .....	4yrs. Mr. C. V. Ward Mr. Louis Bass Hanna
Rev. H. W. Richburg .....	Children's Home Superintendent

### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Tracy Williams, Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.
Rev. Carroll Alexander, Johnsonville, S. C.
Rev. Julius Vause, Pamplico, S. C.
Rev. William Morris, Timmons ville, S. C.
Rev. James Earl Raper, Arcadia, S. C.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Timmons ville, S. C.
Rev. Rufus Coffey, Florence, S. C.

### GENERAL BOARD OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Rev. Rufus Coffey, 1959.
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## DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

### BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Jodie Wilson	10 Randolph St., Spartanburg	Converse
O. L. West	Box 463, Chesnee, S. C.	Riverside Ch.
Howard Broome	Rt. 6, Lancaster	Mt. Carmel
Tommy Frady	323 6th St., Gaffney	Midway Ch.
David Philbeck	Rt. 2, Lancaster	Friendly Chapel
Carl Shook	Rt. 4, Lancaster	High Point
A. F. Lawter	Box 308, Lockhart	Lockhart
Arson Dixon	307 Valley Ave., Clover	First Church
James R. Miller	Valley Falls	Mt. Zion
Eddie Bennett	46 Arkwright, S. C.	Una
Paul Shehan	Box 104, Whitney	Whitney
Donald Seay	255 Brenton Ave., Spartanburg	Valley Falls
H. H. Moore, Jr.	Valley Falls	Beaver Dam
Coleman Pate	1010 Tenth St., Lancaster	Rock Hill 1st Ch.
L. C. Revis	Box 120, Union	Enoree Ch.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

B. F. Cousin	Box 602, Spartanburg
Howard Hatcher	Valley Falls
J. D. Hawkins	Box 46, Lockhart
Harold Haynes	
E. C. Rash	Box 143, Lockhart
William Sealy	Lockhart, S. C.
Roy Calvert	Rt. 6, Spartanburg
Paul Roland	680 Saxon, Spartanburg
Jess A. Cannon	949 McDaw, Rock Hill
Roy Catoe	Rt. 1, Union

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Roy King	Rt. 1, Clover
J. D. Nichols	Rt. 2, Clover

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Carroll Alexander	Box 55, Johnsonville	West Side
J. A. Hucks	Rt. 3, Conway	White Side
		Oak Grove
L. P. Brown	Rt. 4, Conway	Little Bethel
		Little Star
E. B. Hyman	Rt. 1, Gallivant Ferry	Mt. Ariel
G. C. Jones	Rt. 4, Loris	White Savannah Ch.
E. B. Edwards	Loris	Evergreen

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

M. S. Todd	Rt. 3, Lake City
G. E. Todd	Lake City
W. H. Guyton	Conway
W. F. Jones	Conway
J. D. Lyrely	Johnsonville

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Daniel Jordan	Conway
Otto Williams	Conway
Alford Williams	

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Coy Housand	Tabor City, N. C.	Pee Dee
Malcolm Harrelson	Red Springs, N. C.	Williams Hill
Bryant Hyman	Georgetown	Happy Home
H. E. Powell	Rt. 2, Pamplico	

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arthur Williams	Hemingway
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#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Reedy Graham	Rt. 2, Conway
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### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

#### First Quarterly Meeting

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CHURCH
J. A. Frier	1408 Elmwood, Columbia	Friendship
Clarence Lambert	104 Fleming, Darlington	South Side
Bob Rogers	Box 441, Darlington	First Church
Roy Player	346 Orange St., Darlington	Temple
Arthur Frier	104 High St., McColl	First Church
W. L. Jernigan	Rt. 3, Timmons ville	Bethany
Ed C. Gaskins	Box 603, Lancaster	First Church
Rufus Coffey	158 Queens Rd, Florence	First Church
William Morris	Rt. 3, Timmons ville	Bay Branch
Reedy Saverance	205 Kershaw St., Timmons ville	First Ch., Manning
William Kirkley	Rt. 2, Jefferson	Pine Grove
		Almeta
Foster Elliott	Box 245, Lancaster	Oates
Melvin Adams	Box 326, Lancaster	
Leonard Williams	214 S. Homestead, Florence	First Ch., Sumter

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Myrtis Carnes	Broad St., Darlington
Raymond Lowery	

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

James Skipper	Darlington St. Ext., Florence
Tyler Watford	Darlington

## SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

### Second Quarterly Meeting

PASTORS	ADDRESS	CHURCH
Keith Boyd	82-B George Legare Homes Charleston Heights	First Church
Fred Powers	Timmons ville	Sand Hill High Hill
L. A. Holliday	Manning	Tabernacle
M. H. Mellette	Turbeville	Salem
I. J. Blackwelder	Turbeville	Camp Branch
O. M. Hilburn	105 Milling, Darlington	Lebanon
Edison Kirby	Lake City	Popular Hill
Julius Vause	Pamplico, S. C.	Black River
Kenneth Faison	Rt. 2, Box 61, Manning	Beulah
Thomas Mellette	Turbeville	Liberty
W. B. Rogers	Rt. 1, Turbeville	New Town
Clarence Poston	Johnsonville	Mt. Elon
		Mother

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Monroe Harrell	Lake City
H. W. Richburg	Turbeville
Floyd G. Ard	Johnsonville
David Hutchinson	Pamplico
Lowell Hyman	Florence
E. P. Kirby	Cades
R. T. Moore	Turbeville
J. B. Oliver	Lake City
C. J. Parker	Hemingway

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Henry Hucks	Scranton
Hugh Baker	New Zion
Jimmie Lee	Free Will Baptist Bible College 3609 Richland, Nashville
McSwain Welsh	Turbeville
Edward Miles	Mount Olive, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS OF ASSOCIATION

The 1957 State Association met at the Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church Nov. 14 at ten thirty a. m. After the opening hymn, Rev. Carroll Alexander gave the Morning Devotion. He spoke on "The Christian's Ambition" from the Scripture text, Col. 1:18.

The moderator, Rev. Walter Jernigan, called the Association to order. Rev. Otto Williams gave the welcome, and Rev. Paul Shehan responded.

The moderator's message was then delivered. (cf. Appendix I)

M.S.A. \* That the chair appoint the Committee on Committees. The following were named to serve: Rev. J. B. Vause, Rev. M. H. Mellette, Rev. E. P. Kirby.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Paul Ketterman, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. Bruce Barrow, and Rev. Burkette Raper. M.S.A. that these brethren be given a voice, seat, and all privileges except that of voting.

After a Singspiration led by Rev. Fred Powers, the following finance committee was seated: Mr. Judson Osborne, Mr. Ollie Mims and Mr. Joe Lynch. The Central and S. C. Association reported at this time. The Eastern Conference and Beaver Creek Association did not have their report ready.

After the recess period, the conference reassembled with the singing of a hymn and a partial report of the committee on committees was read and adopted. Resolutions committee: Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Chm., Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rev. A. F. Lawter. Grievance Committee: Mr. Joe Lynch, Mr. Elias Kirby, Rev. Clarence Lambert. Nominating Committee: Rev. A. F. Lawter, Rev. L. A. Holliday, Rev. J. A. Hucks.

The Morning Message was delivered by Rev. J. R. Davidson. It was a forceful and inspiring message that inspired our hearts. Speaking from Matt. 16:16, he emphasized the decree, design and destiny of the church.

The Conference recessed for lunch.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The conference reassembled with singing. Rev. Paul Ketterman led in prayer before Rev. Burkett Raper brought a devotional message from Isa. 54:1-3. Brother Raper also reported concerning the work and progress of Mt. Olive Junior College.

An offering was taken amounting to \$39.00. This was to be divided between the two schools.

The State Promotional Secretary reported. M.S.A. that this report be received. (cf Appendix II)

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Note \* (Motion, Seconded, and Adopted)

The committee for formulating rules and regulations to govern the Promotional Secretary's work reported. M.S.A. to table until Friday afternoon.

Rev. Bruce Barrow spoke concerning the Free Will Baptist Press and the materials available to the churches.

recommended regulations for this Fund. M.S.A. that these regulations be remommended regulations for this Fund. M.S.A. that these regulations be adopted as amended. (cf Appendix III)

Rev. J. R. Davidson spoke concerning the Free Will Baptist Bible College program, it's progress and it's plans of expansion. He emphasized how each church and individual could help support this worthy cause of Christ.

A constitutional amendment was recommended which would provide for a credentials committee to be instituted. M.S.A. that this matter lay on the table until Friday.

Rev. Hardy Richburg reported on the Children's Home. M.S.A. that this report be received. (cf. Appendix IV)

M.S.A. to send Mr. Walker Miles, who was in the hospital, a five dollar arrangement of flowers.

Some recommendations for the Children's Home were read by the Superintendent. M.S.A. that they be accepted and the special committee called for was to be appointed on Friday. (cf. Appendix V)

The State Home Mission report was given by the director, Rev. Fred Powers. M.S.A. that it be received. (cf Appendix VI)

The Director of State Superannuation, Rev. Clarence Lambert, reported. M.S.A. that the Association stand in appreciation for the hospitality of the church. The conference recessed after prayer.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

The evening message was preached by Rev. Paul Shehan. Speaking from the 17th chapter of Genesis, he emphasized the significance of the Name ELSHADDI.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The conference convened at the William's Hill Church Nov. 15th. Rev. Reedy Saverance led the singing before Rev. James Raper brought the morning devotion from Phil. 3:13-15, on the subject "The High Calling of God."

The minutes of Thursday's session were read and adopted.

Rev. Fred Powers was appointed to get the flowers for Brother Walker Miles.

The following were substituted on the finance committee: Mr. Arris

Powell, and Mr. Tracy Williams, in the place of Mr. Judson Osborne and Mr. Ollie Mims.

The Beaver Creek Association and the Eastern Conference reported. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Willie B. Rogers, Mt. Elon Church, and Mr. M. L. Baxley from Red Springs, N. C.

The Children's Home Operational Committee was elected as follows: Mr. Elias Kirby, Rt. 3, Timmons ville; Mr. Laverne Hanna, Rt. 3, Lake City; Mr. C. R. Stone, Rt. 2, Pamplico; Mr. Herman Taylor, Rt. 5, Union.

Rev. James Raper reported on the State League work. M.S.A. that it be accepted. (cf. Appendix VIII)

The Sunday School report was given by Rev. Carroll Alexander. M.S.A. that it be adopted. (cf Appendix IX)

M.S.A. that minister's names be printed in the minutes along with their addresses. M.S.A. that 500 copies of minutes be printed.

Rev. Bruce Barrow reported that a display of materials available from the Press had been set up in one of the Sunday School rooms. All were invited to take some samples and especially the Bible School material available.

The conference recessed for the special Missionary service.

The service opened with the singing of a hymn and Rev. W. B. Rogers led in prayer. Rev. L. A. Holliday took charge of the service and gave a glowing report on the progress of missions in S. C. Rev. Raymond Riggs was introduced and spoke concerning our mission field and their needs. Rev. Dave Franks was present and spoke briefly of the needs of South America where he is to go. Rev. Thomas Willey was present to give a thrilling challenge of the golden opportunities in South America. He had just completed a 22,000 mile trip and was able to give an up to date, first hand eye witness report that moved our hearts to look on the fields. An offering was taken in the amount of \$46.69.

The conference recessed and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A Memorial service was conducted by Rev. Pickett Kirby. After the singing of a hymn, tribute was paid to the memory of Rev. W. H. Thigpen. He was born Dec. 23, 1874 and died Sept. 3, 1957. In 1902 Brother Thigpen was ordained and served a number of churches before he retired at the age of sixty.

M.S.A. that promotional secretary rules and by-laws be taken from the table for discussion and the disposal of same. After due consideration, M.S.A. to accept it in it's entirety. (cf. Appendix X)

M.S.A. that a Credentials committee be instituted. Discussion ensued at

great length. It was decided by a majority vote that this committee be instituted. (cf. Directory)

The Resolution committee reported. M.S.A. that both items be accepted. (cf. Appendix XI) M.S.A. that the stand on segregation be directed to National Executive Committee for their consideration.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Reedy Saverance, State President. M.S.A. that it be received and included in the minutes. (cf. Appendix XV)

The Public Morals Committee reported. M.S.A. to receive this report. (cf. Appendix XII)

Rev. Fred Powers reported on the progress of the Church Loan Association. A special offering was taken in the amount of \$25 to purchase one certificate in this Association.

The Finance committee report was given along with the Treasurer's report and the Poston-Baggett loan fund report. M.S.A. to receive it. (cf. Appendix XIII)

The Credentials committee was selected. (cf. Directory)

A report was given by the Grievance committee. M.S.A. that it be accepted. (cf. Appendix XIV)

The Nominating committee reported. M.S.A. that entire slate be accepted as recommended and amended. (cf. Directory)

The Children's Home reported some letters of correspondence from the Georgia State Association seeking information for the admittance of their children and donation of funds to the S. C. Home. M.S.A. to leave this matter in the hands of the Board of Trustees for further negotiation.

M.S.A. to give a rising vote of thanks to the churches and Eastern Conference for the cordial hospitality extended to the S. C. State Association. Appreciation for the work of the various committees and officers was expressed in like manner.

M.S.A. that quarterly meetings elect delegates to the National Association and send them to the state clerk.

The meeting adjourned after prayer at the altar for several special requests.

## STATISTICAL REPORT BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

### Membership:

Membership at the beginning of year ..... 1274  
Total increase this year ..... 101  
Present membership ..... 1375

### Ministers:

Ordained ..... 28  
Licensed ..... 5

### Finances:

Total receipts for the year ..... \$44,061.41  
Expenditures for the year:  
Children's Home ..... \$ 863.98  
Foreign Missions ..... 298.05  
Home Missions ..... 48.53  
Pastors ..... 26,644.97  
Revivals ..... 1,558.01  
Building & Repair ..... 11,720.01

Education ..... 14.68  
Superannuation ..... 34.88

Total ..... \$41,323.23

### Property:

Total number of churches ..... 16

## SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

### Membership:

Membership at beginning of year ..... 3060  
Total increase this year ..... 165  
Present membership ..... 3225

### Finances:

Balance brought forward ..... \$ 11,561.72  
Total receipts for the year ..... 130,246.60  
Grand total ..... 141,808.32  
Expenditures for the year:  
Children's Home ..... 5,196.59  
Christian Education ..... 2,301.82  
Charity ..... 1,336.99  
Foreign Missions ..... 4,603.60  
Home Missions ..... 2,106.85  
Superannuation ..... 380.62  
Revivals ..... 3,753.17  
Pastor's Salaries ..... 44,343.24  
Building and repairs ..... 39,114.47  
Convention Fees ..... 1,486.04  
Operating Expense ..... 14,344.83

Total ..... \$118,968.19  
Balance ..... 22,840.13

### Property:

Number of churches:  
(20 full time, 8 half time, 3 quarter time)  
Value of churches ..... \$421,250.00  
Number of parsonages ..... 8  
Value of parsonages ..... 75,000.00

Rev. Edison Kirby, Clerk  
Lake City, S. C.  
Rev. Fred Powers, Moderator  
Timmons ville, S. C.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Membership:

Membership at beginning of year ..... 392  
Total increase this year ..... 29  
Present membership ..... 421

### Ministers:

Ordained ..... 11  
Licensed ..... 2

**Finances:**

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 2,780.89
Total receipts for the year .....	11,308.92

Grand Total ..... \$14,089.81

**Expenditures for the year:**

Building and repair .....	\$4,742.03
Charity .....	369.63
Children's Home .....	195.00
Christian Education .....	402.10
Missions .....	71.52
Operating Expenses .....	1,147.61
Pastor's Salaries .....	3,644.00
Revivals .....	558.71
Superannuation .....	12.00

Total ..... \$12,208.24

Balance ..... 3,085.78

**Property:**

Number of churches:

(1 full time, 6 half time, 2 quarter time)

Value of church property ..... \$67,500.00

**Services:**

(7 Sunday Schools, 3 Leagues, 3 Auxilliaries)

Rev. J. A. Hucks, Moderator

Rt. 3, Conway, S. C.

Mr. Marion C. Todd, Clerk

Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE****Membership:**

Membership at beginning of year ..... 322

Total increase for the year ..... 78

Present membership ..... 400

**Ministers:**

Ordained ..... 8

Licensed ..... 1

**Finance:**

Balance on hand at beginning of year ..... \$ 3,848.65

Total receipts for year ..... 12,432.81

Total paid out ..... 9,594.95

Balance in all treasuries ..... \$12,310.90

**Property:**

Number of churches ..... 5

Value of church property ..... \$25,500.00

Rev. Hoyt Powell, Moderator

Rt. 2, Pamplico, S. C.

J. M. Williams, Clerk

Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

# APPENDICES

## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

### APPENDIX I

#### Stewardship — I Cor. 4:2

As regenerated, born again, Christian believers we find ourselves to be stewards. Thus we read in the language of our text, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Therefore with this injunction we are reminded to be faithful with our time, with our money, and with our talents. It is from these three points that I want to briefly speak to you.

First, let's consider our time, and try to view it, as much as we can, from God's point of consideration. In Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, chapter 5, verses 15 and 16, we read: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Also in I Cor., chapter 7, verses 19 and 20: "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods." No wonder that Jesus said, "If any man come after me and leave not Father, mother, brothers, sisters, wives, children, houses, and land for my sake, and the gospel, he is not fit to be my disciple." I wonder how many of we brethren with taking thought feel like we are making the grade today? Aren't we missing the boat somewhere, if so where? Are we really giving every flying minute due consideration, in the light of the forcible fact that we are

stewards, and it is required of us to be faithful. Should we not bow our heads in shame right now, and ask our Blessed Lord to forgive us for our lethargy, and indifference toward the ongoing of His kingdom? Then lift our heads with a new vision, and from here on to the end of the journey of our lives, recognize the fact always, that our service as stewards of the manifold Grace of God should be resolute, urgent, prompt, courteous, and willing, having been separated, dedicated and consecrated to this noble task. However let's not despair too much, for a close check of our records shows a marked increase over previous years, and we truly thank the Lord for the same.

Now shall we hasten to discuss our money, I believe we are all in agreement that the tithe is the Lords, but isn't it true that we are often asked this question, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? in tithes and offerings." Thence we are cursed with a curse, because of this willful robbing of the Lord. Let's repent and do what the Lord says do in this matter. Listen! "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith saith the



Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

So many times we have heard it said by some faithful workers that they had made a great sacrifice to make the kingdom of God grow. They meant good in what they said, but they were bad wrong, because anything we do toward the advancement of His kingdom is a sound investment, and not a sacrifice. Jesus said in Matt. 6:19-21, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Maybe sometimes we allow ourselves to become so discouraged until we don't take the time to compare our efforts with the lad that gave his lunch to the Master, and watched Him feed "Five thousand men beside the women and children." Brother, take courage if what you have given compares favorably with the incident mentioned above you will have a pleasant surprise awaiting you when you get to glory. So if we haven't yet done it, let's fall in line with every phase of our work, and support it to the very best of our ability.

Our last point in our message to be discussed is our talents, and honored indeed is that boy or girl that has been blessed with a talent. What is your talent? Are you a good speaker? A good singer? A good teacher, or some other good piece of material in the hands of the Master. What ever your talent may be, it isn't so much what it is but what are you doing with it? Let's face facts, you would be disappointed if you were not blessed with one wouldn't you? Now that you do have one and not putting it to usury. I think there are many, and varied reasons why talents are not used. First there is the lack of faith in one's self, there is the lack of trust in God. There is the lack of proper interest. There is the lack of willingness. There is the lack of encouragement on the part of your superiors. So we might go on naming many reasons, but none of these things mentioned add one bit of significance to the subject because the talent must be used if we hope to gain anything. The scripture states it on this wise, "Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. What will He say to you, my brother, when He returns? Will this be the wording? "Take therefore the talent from him, and give unto him which hath ten talents. How disappointing it would be to us to go all the way to the end of life, and fail. The time to do something about it is now!

Now in conclusion, may the good Lord, who makes great big worlds, directs the universe, causes the lilies to grow, feeds little birds, loves mankind, and watches the sparrows fall, keep us in His love, and power as we go on in the prosecution of our task as faithful stewards of our time, money, and talents. From one end of our good state to the other may our motto be in the Language of the poet who said, "No matter how dreary or thorny the way go on, go on, go on, go on, this way all the pilgrims have gone. His praise to outpour on the beautiful shore, go on, go on."

## APPENDIX II

### PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Your Promotional Secretary wishes to make the following report:	
Received from Rev. Carl Shook .....	\$71.10
Received from 1st District Quarterly Meeting of the S. C. Conference .....	20.00
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$91.10</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Travel to Florence to mimeograph The Post .....	\$ 9.58
Postage .....	28.43
Bulk Mailing Fee .....	10.00
Supplies (Stencils, Stylus, Ink, Mailing Labels, etc.) .....	24.81
Bank Charge .....	5.50
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>78.32</b>
<b>Balance in Bank as of today .....</b>	<b>\$12.78</b>
Note: This does not include \$ .86 for return postage.	
	1.76 for staple machine, staples and string paid by
Promotional Secretary .....	\$2.62

We have mailed 2,312 copies of The Post over a period of ten month. Sending it to Ministers, S. S. Superintendents, Clerks, League Directors, W. A. Presidents, S. C. State Directors, National Association Departments and Mt. Olive Jr. College President, whose names we were able to secure for a mailing list. We feel that the paper is serving a vital need in the promotion of the various phases of the State work.

With this in mind, your Promotional Secretary makes the following recommendations:

1. That the State Association send a letter of appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, for the use of their Mimeograph Machine in mimeographing The Post for the past ten months.
2. The Post be increased from four pages to eight pages, so that more information can be included.
3. That a Mimeograph Machine and a Standard Typewriter be purchased for the purpose of doing the work of the Promotional office.
4. That the Clerks of each church, quarterly meetings, annual conferences, and the State Association co-operate with the Promotional Secretary, that a correct mailing list might be on file at all times.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Reedy Saverance, Promotional Secretary

H. Reedy Saverance  
205 Kershaw St.  
Timmonsville, S. C.

### APPENDIX III

#### THE POSTON — BAGGETT MEMORIAL LOAN FUND

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Loan-Fund is to assist any worthy student entering full-time Christian service.

1. The applicant must be a member in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church within our State Association.
2. The applicant must be recommended by his local church.
3. The assistance is available to any qualified person entering our Free Will Baptist Bible College for any phase of full-time Christian service.
4. The loan shall be secured for a period of six (6) years by a Promissory Note signed by the applicant and co-signed by a person not in the immediate family who has sufficient real property of record to qualify as a surety for the payment of the principal amount of said note.
6. All loans approved shall be paid directly to the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
7. The applicant must fill out the questionnaire provided by the Board.
8. Less than a "C" average will render the applicant ineligible for further assistance.
9. These rules can be revised by the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists only.

### APPENDIX IV

#### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

We have had a wonderful year at the Home. We feel that our Lord has been at our side to own and bless. We have seventeen (17) children at the Home, which we feel our denomination as a whole can rightfully be proud of. We are proud of the new buildings. We are proud of our mission work. We are proud of our Sunday Schools; the increase in attendance and membership. But I am sure that nothing should give more joy than knowing our Lord rejoices in this fact: I was hungry and ye gave me meat, naked and ye clothed me, a stranger and ye took me in. Since this is true we have but to listen for the sweetest words spoken. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Hardy Richburg  
Supt. of Children's Home

### APPENDIX V

#### PROPOSED OPERATIONS BUDGET, SCHEDULE, ETC.

##### For The F. W. B. Children's Home

In view of current expansion and the need for our church to ever carry on as the Lord directs in "all decency and order" we feel it time our orphanage program in South Carolina be operated on business like basis with budget for operation, workers in the field to direct the program under the supervision of the present set up.

Therefore, we propose a three-fold progressive plan for the coming year.

(1) That this association indorse and encourage the setting up of an operations committee (one man for each conference) to carry the needs of the children's home direct to the churches. And, that this committee head individual working committees in respective conferences to spearhead the movement of support for the home.

(2) That a definite goal be set up and the goals be taken with briefing and message from the home as to needs, etc., to the churches by the committee named under (1) therein. That this goal be set up on a membership basis with the amount per member to be determined through joint meeting of the operations committee with the home superintendent and the board of directors for the home.

(3) That this association urge each and every member church to co-operate to the utmost in getting this program to reach successfully the goal. That every church be urged to hang a reminder plaque in a conspicuous place, preferably under the Sunday School report roster and keep it up to date.

Now, it is further requested of this association that the above plan be enacted immediately. This phase of our work has suffered long enough from lack of united support by the churches in our state. Therefore, AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE we would propose that the association sanction this program and request the official boards of the respective conferences to name immediately the man to serve in the capacity set forth herein as an operations committee member.

As we know, fellow states have set to work programs similar to this and through direction of God and dependancy on faithful church people, the programs have been successful. There is no reason why we in South Carolina cannot do likewise.

### APPENDIX VI

#### REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Another year has past and will go into history of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina, and we thank the Lord for the success of the Home Mission Program in the state. We are conscious that we have not met all the demands that have been made upon his department, yet it has been with faith and prayer that we have put forth our effort to expand the Kingdom of our Lord among the people of our state. We look toward the new year with a great ambition to achieve as our goal new church organizations and an improvement of church facilities, which we believe is essential for greater expansion of our denomination.

We urge that every minister and layman pray earnestly for this phase of our work and to give as the Lord leads that we may have sufficient funds to meet the future needs of this work.

We are happy to announce that we have aided and assisted in the organization and construction of four new churches in our state over the past associational year, namely; Converse Free Will Baptist Church, Converse, South Carolina, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church near Rock Hill, South

Carolina, Midway Free Will Baptist Church near Gaffney, South Carolina, First Free Will Baptist Church of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, and Hillside Free Will Baptist Church near Florence, South Carolina. We have also assisted in the organization and setting up of the Church Loan Association of South Carolina.

During the past year the accomplishments of the Home Mission Program have not been as many as we would like for them to have been, but without the prayers and cooperation of our people, we would not have been able to accomplish that which we have.

We are depending upon you for your continued interest in the work of the Home Mission Program of this state that we may achieve greater accomplishments during the next associational year.

Fred S. Powers, Director

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$1,232.28	
Cash Receipts .....	1,560.67	
Grand Total .....		\$2,792.95
Disbursements:		
Board Meeting .....	\$ 15.80	
Church Loan Expense .....	99.58	
Supplies .....	7.90	
Allocation to churches .....	225.00	
Cha'l'stn Church .....	683.28	
Total .....		\$1,186.36
Balance in Treasury .....		\$1,706.59

### APPENDIX VII

#### "STATE SUPERANNUATION" — 1956-57

We are happy to report that the State Superannuation Board has already started its action in aiding our old preachers in the state of South Carolina. The first old preacher to receive a regular monthly check from State Superannuation was the Rev. J. B. Oliver. Rev. Oliver, and other retired Free Will Baptist Ministers in South Carolina, who qualify, will receive a monthly check from State Superannuation as long as they live, provided the money comes in for the continuation of their support. Let us all support State Superannuation that we might be able to take care of our aged preachers in the state of South Carolina.

As of Thursday, November 14, 1957.

#### RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand Nov. 6, 1956 .....		\$ 946.91
1st S. C. Quarterly Conference .....	\$35.00	
S. C. Sunday School Convention .....	8.00	
South-Side Church (ear marked for Pastors insurance) .....	53.67	
Manning Church .....	26.91	
1st Church Chester .....	13.65	
Mt. Elon Church .....	86.00	

Liberty Church .....	48.00	
East Side Florence .....	16.22	
Lebanon Church .....	8.04	
High Hill Church .....	50.00	
1st Church Florence .....	12.00	
Beulah Church .....	21.34	
Total receipts for year .....		\$ 378.83
Grand total for the year .....		\$1,325.74
DISBURSEMENTS:		
To Rev. K. V. Shutes, pro Sect. of Nat'l. Board for insurance		
on South-Side Church's pastor, (as ear marked for same) .....		
K. V. Shutes National Board 25 per cent of receipts .....		
Expenses for board meetings, printing, telephone calls and		
etc. ....		
Rev. J. B. Oliver (State Superannuation Aid) .....		
Total .....		
Balance in treasury in Citizens Bank in Darlington as of		
November 14, 1957 .....		

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Clarence E. Lambert  
State Director

### APPENDIX VIII

#### REPORT OF STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

League has been defined as "the training service of the Church." This being true, few of our people are being trained. No other auxiliary of the church offers the training received in League, so to miss this training is to do without it.

Some churches for the first time catch the vision of world wide missions through League and support it prayerfully and financially. Our State Convention has contributed to foreign missions and to our Bible College this year.

Our State League Convention sponsors a summer camp for young people. The value and success of it can be seen in its attendance of 195 last August. A loan fund has been set up to assist those who need financial assistance. You pastors can make a good investment by sending your young people to camp. When they return they will more than repay you for your trouble.

Facts embarrass us, but lets face a few. At our last State Convention 18 Leagues were represented. We have approximately 1800 Leagues on roll. Of this number 127 attended the convention. While we are grateful for what has been accomplished, let us not be satisfied. With your help we are hoping for a better report next year.

State League President  
James Earl Raper

## APPENDIX IX

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

We, your Sunday School board submit the following report:

1. Realizing that our state Sunday School work is no stronger than the local Sunday School, we urge all churches to exercise extreme care in the election of all Sunday School leaders as to faithfulness to duty, burden to teach, and spiritual qualifications.
2. Realizing the need for more hours of fundamental Bible teaching for our children, we recommend that all pastors and Sunday School leaders lead their churches in at least one week of well-prepared daily vacation Bible school each summer.
3. Realizing the fact that many children and young people are slipping through our fingers into the adulthood of a hardened heart and a Christless eternity, we earnestly urge all pastors and Sunday School leaders, especially teachers, to launch a prayerful and Spirit-led program of Sunday School evangelism.
4. We recommend that all pastors observe needs and conduct necessary study courses to better qualify Sunday School teachers for their work.
5. We recommend that the State Sunday School Board plan and execute a state Sunday School Convention for the improvement and strengthening of our Sunday Schools in more faithfully teaching the Word of God.

Carroll Alexander  
Fred S. Powell  
Hoyt E. Powell

## APPENDIX X

### PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S DUTIES

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. He shall be a born-again believer, who shall be in harmony with the teachings of the Free Will Baptists as set forth in our Treatise of Faith and Practice, maintain high Christian character, ideals and standards.
2. He shall be in whole-hearted accord with the State Association of South Carolina and the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### DUTIES:

1. He shall be Public Relations man for the State Association.
2. He shall be Treasurer.
3. He shall be Co-ordinator of the various Boards of the State Association.
4. He shall be Editor of the State Paper—THE POST.
5. He shall work in an advisory capacity with the churches in any way as the need arises.
6. He shall be Statistician, collecting for file minutes from the various Conferences, quarterly Meetings, etc., and other historical material that might be of help to the State Association in the years ahead on the general state of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina.
7. He shall attend as many District, Quarterly, Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, and any other meetings as possible to promote the work of God's kingdom as it relates to the State Association of South Carolina.

8. He shall work with the various directors in the State and promote in every way possible to reach the financial goals of various phases of our work as set forth by National Directors.
  9. He shall be Ex-Officio member of all standing boards and Committees.
  10. He will be responsible to the Executive Committee when the Association is not in session.
  11. He shall contact other churches, Conferences, Quarterly Meetings, etc., which are not affiliated with the State Association about the possibility of their becoming members.
  12. He shall be the contact man between the National Association and the State Association on the general state of Free Will Baptist work of South Carolina.
  13. He shall report annually in writing to the Association of his activities and a copy of which shall be mailed to all ministers in South Carolina.
  14. He shall have such other duties as commensurate with such an office.
- SUPPORT:

We suggest that the Executive Committee determine the financial needs of such an office and suggest to each local church that they give a gift proportionate to their membership.

#### REMUNERATION:

He shall be allowed a flat rate of 7c per mile when traveling in the interest of the State Association.

## APPENDIX XI

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., has for many years served the denomination well in supplying us with our League and Sunday School Literature, the weekly religious magazine and other periodicals, along with other services:

Be It Resolved:

- (1) that the S. C. State Association go on record as supporting the Ayden Press.
- (2) that we encourage our churches to use our literature published by the Press at Ayden, N. C.
- (3) that we urge that they use every available means to improve their services to the denomination.

With thoughtful consideration

M. H. Mellette  
L. A. Holliday  
A. F. Lawter

To the South Carolina State Convention, of the Original Free Will Baptist, due to convene Nov. 14, and 15, 1957.

(To wit)

We, the Original Free Will Baptist, of the State of South Carolina, do not hold any malice, or ill will against our Southern Colored People. Their religious leaders are a God fearing people, and we fail to recognize an Infidel in our Southern Negro Race.

The Southern, Negro has made rapid progress in the South for over seventy-five years. Their Churches and Sunday Schools are excellent; their School advantages are second to none, in view of the fact that here are

more Negro School Teachers in the State of South Carolina, than in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, all combined. The Southern Negro should be proud of his race and try by all means to achieve a high moral, social, and Religious standard in the Southern way of life, and never to allow themselves to be used as a tool in the hand of a few Political leaders up North, just for the purpose of winning their political vote in the event of an election, and thereby invite Southern wrath down upon their own heads. The Southern Negro pupil should sit in class with his own color, in like manner, the White pupil should sit in class with his own color, and they will be better prepared for their exams. Why then should we stand carelessly by and suffer the Southern way of life, that we have been laboring hard to build up for seventy-five years, fall apart in a few days like a house of cards in a fair wind.

National and International Integration has been a tool of the Devil, to pry into the quiet and happy life of the human race. He began that mischief in the Garden of Eden, Genesis 3, and he met with defeat. But soon rose up from another angle, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, then the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. Gen. 6:1 and 2. The Devil, by his scheme of Integration tried to thwart God's plan of Redemption by the seed of the woman, so God, started the Human race all over again.

As men began to multiply after the flood, the Devil found a man by the name of Nimrod, he was a great believer in Integration, and a mighty hunter, so they began to build a tower with a purpose in mind to Integrate, lest they be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. Gen. 11:4. When the Most High divided to the nations heir inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. Deut. 32:8.

God, is not the author of confusion, for He even taught segregation in the form of Matrimony: therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Gen. 2:24.

So, if we take the Bible as the man of our council, we will all agree that God, is the author of Segregation, and the Devil is the author of Integration.

(THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED)

That we, the Original Free Will Baptists, of the South Carolina State Convention, are opposed to the mixing of Negro, and White people in our Churches, Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn  
Rev. A. F. Lawter  
Rev. J. A. Hucks

## APPENDIX XII

### REPORT OF PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

We, the Public Morals Committee, wish to make the following report:

We find all the brethren in good standing, peace and harmony so far as we know. For this we praise the Lord, and pray that this spirit of fellowship will continue to be our aim until Jesus comes.

J. B. Vause  
Fred S. Powers  
Clarence Lambert

## APPENDIX XIII REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Brought forward Nov. 18, 1956	\$ 63.16
Rec'd from F. W. B. State Association, Nov. 16, 1956	240.00
Rec'd from Rev. Rufus Coffey, (Beaver Creek Assn.), Feb. 16, 1956	10.00
Total receipts for 1956-57	313.16
Total paid out for State Assn. 1956-57	296.97

Balance in Treasury, Nov. 14, 1957 \$ 16.19

### PAID OUT FOR F. W. B. STATE ASSOCIATION 1956-1957

Paid to Rev. Ronald Creech Feb. 14, 1957	\$ 5.00
Paid to Rev. Rufus Coffey, March 29, 1957	50.00
Paid to Rev. Rufus Coffey, April 10, 1957	191.17
Paid to Rev. Walter Jernigan (Nat'l. Assn. Dues) July 15, 1957	50.00

Total paid out for State Assn. 1956-57 296.97

### POSTON BABBETT MEMORIAL FUND

Brought forward, Nov. 16, 1956	\$918.86
Rec'd. from Rev. Edison Kirby, (Feb. 11, 1957)	37.49
Total in Treasury, Nov. 14, 1956	956.35

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance committee, make the following report.

Balance on hand \$ 16.19

### Receipts:

Budget Fund	\$255.00
Education offering	39.00
Mission offering	46.69
Grand Total	356.88

### Disbursements:

Mt. Olive Jr. College	\$ 19.50
F. W. B. Bible College	19.50
Foreign Missions	46.69
	\$ 84.69

Balance \$371.19

## APPENDIX XIV GREVIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pee Dee Church of the Eastern Conference presented a complaint for our consideration. This committee finds that it has no power to deal with local church problems.

We recommend that they consult their Conference for assistance in adjusting their difficulty. We further recommend that the Deacon Board be reconciled to each other, and that they exercise their authority in solving this church problem.

Edison Kirby  
Joe Lynch  
Clarence Lambert

## REPORT OF THE S. C. STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Number of auxiliaries reporting, 28. Districts, 4. Amt. per capita representation fees sent to Treasurer, \$152.84. Numbers A-1 Auxiliaries, 2, Horse Branch FWB Church, Turbeville, and First Church in Florence.

Enrollment at beginning of convention year 625; Present enrollment 665. Number new auxiliaries members 134; Number lost 114; Average Attendance 329.

Number Youth Organizations: G.T.A. 14; Y.P.A. 14; B.A. 3. Total Membership: G.T.A. 107; Y.P.A. 224; B.A. 53. Number Stewardship Declamation Contests held 5. Number vacation Bible Schools assisted in, 19. Number active Church Libraries, 5. Number Bible College Students assisted, 19. Other activities 9.

Study Courses Conducted: Missions, 13, Att., 198; Stewardship, 11; Att., 129; Manual, 17; att., 170; Evangelism, 8; Att., 77; Prayer, 7; Att., 101; Reading Circles 14; Number Daily Bible Readers, 187.

Number Special Programs held, 35; Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted, 46; Total Atm. of Self-Denial Offering Resulting from weeks of prayer, \$517.19; Total number Family Altars, 189; Total Members Observing Prayer Fellowship, 92.

Number making Soul-Winning Efforts, 199; Number souls won 30; Number active in Community Missions, 351; Total value of all contributions to Children's Home \$1,149.97. Number Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers, 160.

Special Offerings: Missions, \$2,076.98; FWB Bible College, \$164.62; Children's Home, \$977.32; Superannuation, \$164.81; Other, \$1,124.87.

The S. C. State Convention met with the Lockhart Church, on Oct. 12, 1957. There were 14 Aux. present and 74 persons. Reports were given of our State and National Work. These were from the State Workshop; WNAC; State Auxiliary Camp; and First National Workshop. Our speaker for the day was Rev. John Henry Price, a returned Missionary from Nigeria South Africa.

In the afternoon, the Resolution and Nominating Reports were given. The following were elected to fill vacancies. Mrs. Bobby Rogers, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Carnell, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Julius Vause, Youth Chairman.

When it came time for the Districts to bring their offerings toward the National Project the ladies of South Carolina presented \$1,018.18 to be used for the glory of the Lord. The National Project of the Woman's Auxiliary is raising \$10,000.00 to establish a mission station in Africa. South Carolina's quota was \$800.00.

The following meeting dates were selected. State Workshop December 7, First Church, Florence; Youth Auxiliary Fellowship Day May 9, West Side, Johnsonville; State Convention October 11, High Point, Lancaster.

The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help the church teach and support Missions. We invite all of our ministers to visit with us in our Convention, Clinics, Workshops and Youth Auxiliary Fellowship Days and Auxiliary.

Mrs. Reedy Saverance, President  
Mrs. Merlea DeFee  
Acting Recording Secretary