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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Rev. Rufus Coffey, Clerk

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Directory of State Association Officers

STATE OFFICERS:

*President	Rev. Fred Kirby, Timmons-ville, S. C.	
*First Vice-President	Rev. Paul Shehan, Andrews, S. C.	
*Second Vice-President	Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.	
Corresponding Secretary	Rev. I. Bennie Turner, Johnsonville, S. C.	
*Recording Secretary	Mr. Lavern Hanna, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.	
Treasurer	Mr. Joe Lynch, Rt. 1, Scranton, S. C.	

FIELD DIRECTORS:

Home Missions	Mr. Marion Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.	
Foreign Missions	Rev. Gene Anderson, Pamplico, S. C.	
*Superannuation	Rev. Dean Dobbs, Timmons-ville, S. C.	
Christian Education	Rev. Kenneth Faison, Box 112, Coward, S. C.	
Sunday School	Rev. Carroll Alexander, 1120 S. Kilbourne Rd., Columbia, S. C.	
Promotional Secretary	Rev. Reedy Saverance, Timmons-ville, S. C.	

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Mr. Tracy B. Williams, Hemingway, S. C.	1963
Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1964
Rev. Ansel Smith, Inman, S. C.	1965
Rev. Lonnie P. Brown, Rt. 4, Conway, S. C.	1966
*Mr. Dewey Jones, Pamplico, S. C.	1967

STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mr. Marion C. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.	1963
Rev. Reedy Saverance, Timmons-ville, S. C.	1964
Mr. Robert Sullivan, Lake City, S. C.	1965
Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.	1966
*Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1967

HOME MISSION BOARD:

*Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.	1963
Mr. Ben Staten, Foreston, S. C.	1964
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rt. 2, Pamplico, S. C.	1965
Mr. Marion C. Todd, Johnsonville, S. C.	1966
*Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.	1967

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Mr. Arris Powell, Johnsonville, S. C.	1963
Rev. David Hutchinson, Rt. 3, Florence, S. C.	1964
*Rev. Ansel Smith, Inman, S. C.	1965
*Rev. Julius Vause, Timmons-ville, S. C.	1966
*Mr. Charlie Jones	1967

SUPERANNUATION BOARD:

Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rt. 2, Pamplico, S. C.	1963
Rev. Paul Shehan, Andrews, S. C.	1964
Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.	1965
*Rev. Jack Millwood, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.	1966

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Rev. Paul Shehan, Andrews, S. C.	1963
Rev. Roger Tripp, P. O. Box 523, Lake City, S. C.	1964
Rev. Dean Dobbs, Rt. 3, Timmons-ville, S. C.	1965
*Rev. Floyd Seay, Whitney, S. C.	1966

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE:

*Rev. Johnnie Bullman	1963
Rev. William Sealy, Rt. 2, Florence, S. C.	1964
Rev. Jack Millwood, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.	1965
Rev. B. J. Staten, Foreston, S. C.	1966
*Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C.	1967

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Lonnie Brown, Rt. 4, Conway, S. C.	1963
*Rev. Reedy Saverance, Timmons-ville, S. C.	1964
Mr. Lavern Hanna, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C.	1965
*Mr. Hoyt Smith, Coward, S. C.	1966

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

S. C. Conference	1963	—Mr. Creighton Gibbons
		Mr. Judson Osborne
		Mr. Dudley Hicks
Eastern Conference	1964	—Rev. Hoyt Powell
		Mr. Weldon Poston
Central Conference	1965	—Mr. Vernie Stone
		Mr. Louis Hanna Bass
*Beaver Creek Association	1966	—Rev. L. H. Clayton
		Rev. A. F. Lawter
Children's Home Superintendent		Rev. H. W. Richburg

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE FOR 1962-1963:

Rev. Ned W. Pattillo, P. O. Box 190, Florence, S. C.
Rev. Thomas Mellette, Santee, S. C.
Rev. Kenneth Faison, Box 112, Coward, S. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 1963:

Rev. Fred Kirby, Timmons-ville, S. C.
Rev. Paul Shehan, Andrews, S. C.
Mr. Lavern Hanna, Lake City, S. C.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

*Rev. Jack Millwood, 680 Saxon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

*Note—Elected during the 1962 session.

Proceedings of the State Association

THURSDAY MORNING

The ministers, delegates and visitors assembled at the Bethany Church, near Timmonsville, November 15, 1962. The meeting began at 10:00 a. m. with the singing of a hymn. A devotional thought was presented from Luke 24:48 and prayer was offered.

Mr. Carson Welch extended to the body a cordial welcome, and Rev. F. J. Kirby gave the response.

The Moderator, Rev. L.A. Holliday, omitted the usual message. He read Psalm 138 and led in prayer. He then called the association to order.

The following visitors were recognized and extended the right to all privileges except that of voting: Rev. Bruce Barrow, Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.; Rev. Frank McQuaig, N. C.; Rev. Lloyd Gore, N. C.; Rev. Fred Powers, N. C.; Rev. Millard Garland, N. C.; Rev. Bobby Bazen, N. C.; Rev. A. B. Bryan, N. C.; Rev. David C. Hansley, N. C.; Mr. Samuel Johnson, Free Will Baptist National League Board.

MSA* that the chair appoint all temporary committees of the association. The following were named: Nominating — Rev. Paul Sheehan, Rev. Hoyt Powell, Rev. Cecil Rose; Resolutions—Rev. Julius Vause, Rev. L. P. Brown, Rev. L. H. Clayton; Finance—Rev. Kenneth Faison, Mr. Tracy Williams, Mrs. Fred Cox.

The following conference letters were received: Eastern and Central. The S. C. Conference or the Beaver Creek Association did not have their letters.

An opportunity was given to the visiting messengers to speak. Rev. Bruce Barrow spoke in behalf of the Free Will Baptist Press and called attention to the display of literature. Mr. Samuel Johnson spoke in behalf of the National League Program and the new literature which was available from the National office.

The association recessed for the morning service. This service opened with Rev. Fred Powers leading two congregational hymns. Rev. Cecil Rose was the messenger for this hour. He spoke from Heb. 1:1-5 and Romans 10:14-16 on the four conditions that have led to our downfall. He emphasized the absence of a prophetic message, and a powerless, passionless, passive ministry. He pointed out very forcefully the man and message that God uses. It was a very challenging message and inspired our hearts.

The conference recessed for the noon fellowship hour and the host church served a delicious meal.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Fred Powers. A devotional message was given by Rev. L. P. Brown from Matt. 7:7-12.

* Note (MSA—Motion, Seconded, and Adopted)

The Rev. Charles Thigpen was recognized as a visitor. He was given an opportunity to speak in behalf of the National Sunday School Board and present its literature program.

The Christian Education report was given by Rev. Kenneth Faison. MSA (cf. appendix I).

A verbal report on Sunday School was given by Mr. Lavern Hanna. A written report was to be submitted. (cf. appendix II)

The Rev. Tyler Watford gave a report on Superannuation. MSA (cf. appendix III)

The report of Public Morals was given. MSA (cf. appendix IV)

Our State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Reedy Saverance, gave his report. MSA (cf. appendix V)

The State Home Mission report was given verbally by Rev. Julius Vause and a written financial report was submitted. (cf. appendix VI)

The question was raised by Rev. Cecil Rose of the relationship of Rev. Julius Vause to the State Association Home Mission Board and the recently elected S. C. Annual Conference Home Mission Board. MSA to defer this matter to the State Home Mission Board for their consideration and report to the body on Friday.

The Public Relations representative of our Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Paul Ketterman, was recognized. He gave a verbal report of the progress and needs of this institution.

Our National Home Mission Director, Rev. Homer Willis, was recognized. He was given an opportunity to present the challenge and scope of this work. The body was informed of the various projects and fields which the Board promotes.

MSA to give a vote of appreciation to the host church for the gracious hospitality received. A motion was adopted to recess until the morning session.

FRIDAY MORNING

The second days' session of the Association was held at the Bay Branch Church, Timmonsville, S. C. The host pastor, Rev. Dean Dobbs, led the body in singing before the devotional message by Rev. J. A. Hucks. He spoke from Acts 3:1-11.

A report of the state league work was given by Rev. Bennie Turner.

Several late churches turned in their representative fee.

The Woman's State Auxiliary report was read. (cf. appendix XI)

The Treasurer's report was given. MSA (cf. Appendix VII)

The Finance Committee reported \$337 received at this association.

The moderator made a statement to the body that he would not be able to serve as moderator for another term, and requested the nominating committee not to consider him. MSA to stand in appreciation for the long years of service which Bro. Holliday rendered for our state work.

The following delegates to the National Association were nominated: Mr. Wesley McLain, Mr. Dan Eaddy, Mrs. Arthur Lawter, Mrs. Thomas Brown, Mrs. Gladys Williams. MSA to elect these delegates and to authorize the clerk to appoint alternate delegates in the event these persons were not present.

Two more visiting brethren were recognized: Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Billy Morris.

The 1963 Association was invited to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 680 Saxon Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C. MSA to accept this invitation.

The Resolutions Committee reported. MSA (cf. appendix VIII)

Rev. Julius Vause submitted his resignation as State Home Mission Director. MSA to accept this resignation and stand in appreciation for his services.

A motion was presented to dissolve the State Home Mission Board and the office of the Field Director. The money from the treasury would be refunded to the various conferences. Discussion ensued. MSA to postpone action until after the State Home Mission Board reported.

The conference recessed before the morning missionary service. The messenger for this special service was Rev. Dan Merkh, returned missionary from the Ivory Coast of Africa. He spoke from Luke 24 on God's program of missions through our churches today. An offering of \$79.59 was received at the close of this stirring message for world missions.

The Conference recessed for the noon meal served by the host church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After congregational singing, the devotion was given by Henry Cremby, one of our young people from the Children's Home. Rev. H. W. Richburg then gave a verbal report of the Home before reading the financial report. MSA to accept the financial report. (cf. appendix IX)

In retrospect to the discussion concerning the Home Mission work during the morning session, the Nominating Committee assumed the responsibility and presented a recommendation. MSA (cf. appendix X). In the light of this recommendation, Rev. Jimmie Aldridge withdrew his preceding motion concerning abolishing the State Home Mission Board.

The Nominating Committee report was read. MSA to elect each officer individually with nominations from the floor. They were elected as indicated by a star in the directory on page two.

The question was raised as to the manner in which Rev. Jack Millwood was elected to the General Board of the National Association of Free Will

Baptist. The national body had elected Bro. Millwood to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Rufus Coffey, who had resigned to accept a position with the National Foreign Mission Board. It was stated that after a called meeting of S. C. ministers and delegates attending the National in Nashville, Rev. Jack Millwood was unanimously recommended to the Nominating Committee. MSA that the State Association endorse the election of Jack Millwood to the General Board as a representative of S. C.

The following motion was made by Rev. Melvin Worthington:

"Realizing the division and dissension that exists in the bounds of the S. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists, and the confusion and unrest that this division promotes in our midst, I move that no representatives of any institution, enterprise, or organization not in fellowship with the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be permitted to present the interests of their organizations."

Signed:

Mr. Eddie Saverance
Rev. Melvin Worthington
Rev. Fred Kirby

Heated debate followed the reading of this motion and a second from the floor. In the midst of emotional discussion, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. This motion being undebatable, the vote was taken. The clerk recorded 35 who voted to adjourn, but before the vote could be taken not to adjourn, the moderator led a tumultuous exit of delegates, ministers and visitors. When order was established, the negative vote was taken of the remaining group. The clerk recorded a vote of 34 not to adjourn. The motion to adjourn, having carried by one vote, the clerk declared the body adjourned. The clerk called the body to prayer, and the dissenting brethren were asked to join in prayer at the altar.

Statistical Report

BEAVER CREEK ASSOCIATION

(No report)

Moderator: Rev. Arthur Lawter,
Lockhart, S. C.
Clerk: Rev. James Haynes,
106 W. Confederate,
Lancaster, S. C.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

(Incomplete)

Membership:

Membership at the beginning of the year	417
Total increase this year	27
Present membership	444

Ministers:

Ordained	6
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Finances:

Total received for three churches	\$10,371.50
Total expenditures for the year	8,376.04
Balance in all treasuries	\$ 4,995.46

Property:

Value of church property	\$26,229.00
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Moderator: Rev. H. E. Powell,
Rt. 2, Pamplico, S. C.

Clerk and Treasurer:
J. M. Williams,
Rt. 2, Hemingway, S. C.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE**Membership:**

Membership at beginning of the year	530
Total increase this year	35
Present membership	565

Ministers:

Ordained	19
Licensed	2

Finances:

Balance brought forward	\$ 3,968.13
Total receipts for the year	27,102.98
Grand total	\$ 31,071.11

Expenditures for the year:

Building and repair	\$ 11,741.98
Charity	654.28
Children's Home	466.96
Christian Education	576.92
Foreign Missions	723.92
Operating Expenses (fuel, lights, etc.)	1,932.22
Pastor's Salaries	6,109.15
Revivals	1,821.42
Superannuation	382.00
Total expenditures for the year	\$ 27,828.98

Property:

Number of churches	10
Value of church property	\$115,500.00
Value of parsonages	13,000.00

Moderator: Rev. J. A. Hucks,
Rt. 3, Box 34, Conway, S. C.

Clerk: F. E. Powell,
Rt. 2, Johnsonville, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(No report)

Moderator:

Rev. H. Reedy Saverance,
Timmonsville, S. C.

Clerk: Rev. Ronald Niebrugge,
Pamplico, S. C.

APPENDICES**APPENDIX I****REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We your Christian Education Board, wish to make the following report: Realizing the need of real Christian Education, we recommend that:

1. Each church plan and carry out a Daily Vacation Bible School some time during the next year.
2. Since the Sunday School is the teaching department of our church, that we use every opportunity available to make our Sunday School the very best possible.
3. We encourage our churches to pray for, and actively support our Denominational Institutions.

Also, a financial report of the Poston-Baggette Memorial Loan Fund.

1961-1962

Nov. 10, 1961—Balance brought forward\$477.52

Receipts:

Dec. 29, from Loanee	\$ 13.16
Aug. 6, 2nd Quarterly Conference	15.00
Aug. 16, From Loanee	27.00
Oct. 27, Bethany Auxiliary	6.36

Total Received

\$ 61.52

Total to be Accounted for

\$539.04

Secretary Expense

10.00

 \$529.04

As of this date, we have \$733.84 loaned to students.

Kenneth Faison
David E. Hutchinson
W. H. Calvert
Tracy B. Williams

APPENDIX II**TO SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION, 1962**

We believe that a full knowledge of why we're here, and what we should do to have peace of mind now, and be prepared for the future comes only by

studying with prayer and meditation God's Word, which of course is the Bible. We therefore offer the following suggestions.

1. That an effort be made to visit any person in our church community not attending Sunday School anywhere regularly. The visits should continue until results are obtained.
2. That each pupil study his lesson during the week. This, we believe can be encouraged by having a directed discussion or question and answer period requiring each pupil to use his Bible to confirm his answer.
3. That regular meetings of teachers, etc., be held to discuss and iron out any problems that might arise.
4. That Free Will Baptist publications should be used if it meets our needs for Sunday School.
5. Any suggestions by you will be welcome at all times. Please write or call any of us if you think we could be of assistance to you in your Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Lavern Hanna

Received by Sunday School Board
Roger Tripp
William D. Sealy
Dean Dobbs
Paul Sheehan

APPENDIX III

STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We urge all Free Will Baptists to support Superannuation.

FINANCIAL REPORT—

Brought Forward	\$ 1,775.66
Second Quarterly Conference	\$ 79.83
First Quarterly Conference	36.24
Horse Branch F. W. B. Church	67.97
McCall F. W. B. Church	14.00
South Side F. W. B. Church, For Pastor's Ins.	53.67
First F. W. B. Church, Florence	69.38
Liberty F. W. B. Church	48.00
Manning F. W. B. Church	35.64
Beulah F. W. B. Church	61.16
Mt. Elon F. W. B. Church	102.49
High Hill F. W. B. Church	25.00
Pine Grove F. W. B. Church	12.50
Beaver Dam F. W. B. Church	63.35
Chery Vale F. W. B. Church	5.00
Salem F. W. B. Church	50.00
East Side F. W. B. Church	7.00
Bethany Ladies Auxiliary	26.00
Total	\$ 757.23
Grand Total	\$ 2,532.89

Disbursements:

National Superannuation Board	\$ 67.55
South Side Pastor's Insurance	53.67
Expense	50.00
Total	\$ 171.22
Grand Total	\$ 2,361.67

Rev. Tyler Watford
State Director of
Superannuation of F. W. B.

APPENDIX IV

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

These are days of perilous moral and spiritual standards, both in the church and in society as a whole. We therefore recommend to Free Will Baptists throughout the bounds of our convention that they strongly oppose such sinful habits, customs, pleasures, sports, and worldliness in general, as lewd pictures and literature, immodest clothes, Sunday sports and recreation, card-playing, dancing, and such like things; and above all, that we condemn the use of alcoholic beverages of all kinds, except when prescribed as medicine.

Respectfully submitted,
I. J. Blackwelder
Jack Millwood
Wm. D. Sealy
B. J. Staton

APPENDIX V

REPORT OF STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

We have made ourselves available to our churches, even though none have called or asked for our service.

We appreciate the privilege to hold the office of Promotional Secretary for the past six years and pray God's speed upon you. Many things we would like to have done for Christ and His Church in our great state, but our hands have been tied. I pray that we will get behind our new Promotional Secretary, loose his hands, and permit him to do great things for our Lord and His church in these next two years.

Our financial report is as follows:

Brought forward from 1961	\$173.69
Received during year 1962	291.87
Total balance in treasury	\$465.56

H. Reedy Saverance

