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STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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NOVEMBER 12, 13

Rev. Fred Kirby, Moderator

Mr. Lavern Hanna, Clerk

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Directory of State Association Officers

STATE OFFICERS:

President Rev. Robert Edwards, Turbeville, S. C.
 First Vice-President Rev. Jack Millwood, Spartanburg, S. C.
 Second Vice-President Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.
 Corresponding Secretary Rev. Roger Tripp, Lake City, S. C.
 Recording Secretary Rev. Dan Merkh, Florence, S. C.
 Treasurer Mr. Joe Lynch, Scranton, S. C.
 Reading Clerk Rev. Ansil Smith, Valley Falls, S. C.

FIELD DIRECTORS:

Foreign Missions Rev. Gene Anderson, Pamplico, S. C.
 Superannuation Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C.
 Christian Education Rev. Paul Reid
 Sunday School Rev. Carrol Alexander
 Promotional Secretary Rev. Bennie Turner

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Mr. Marion Coker, Lake City, S. C. 1965
 Rev. Lonnie P. Brown, Rt. 4, Conway, S. C. 1966
 Mr. Dewey Jones, Pamplico, S. C. 1967
 Mr. Walter Fulton, Andrews, S. C. 1968
 Rev. Bobby King 1969

STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mr. Robert Sullivan, Lake City, S. C. 1965
 Rev. Edison Kirby, Lake City, S. C. 1966
 Mr. Herbert Orrael 1967
 Rev. Lloyd Gore, Florence, S. C. 1968
 Mr. Lewis Bass Hanna, Hemingway, S. C. 1969

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Rev. Melvin Worthington 1965
 Rev. Julius Vause 1966
 Mr. Carlie Jones 1967
 Mr. Arris Powell, Johnsonville, S. C. 1968
 Rev. Dennis Wiggs 1969

SUPERANNUATION BOARD:

Rev. F. J. Ard 1965
 Rev. Jack Millwood, Spartanburg, S. C. 1966
 Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C. 1967
 Rev. Paul Sheehan, Andrews, S. C. 1968

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Rev. Ralph Osborne 1965
 Rev. Floyd Seay, Whitney, S. C. 1966
 Mr. Demry Stone, Johnsonville, S. C. 1967
 Mr. Lavern Hanna, Lake City, S. C. 1968

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Jack Millwood, 608 Sexon Ave., Spartanburg, S. C. 1965
 Mr. Joe Cagle 1966
 Rev. Carl Shook, Lancaster, S. C. 1967
 Mr. Bobby Bowers 1968
 Mr. E. H. Brewer 1969

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Lavern Hanna, Rt. 3, Lake City, S. C. 1965
 Mr. Hoyt Smith, Coward, S. C. 1966
 Rev. Ansil Smith 1967
 Rev. Paul Sheehan 1968

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Central Conference 1965
 Mr. R. B. Jones
 Mr. Louis Bass Hanna
 Beaver Creek Association 1966
 Rev. L. H. Clayton
 Rev. Floyd Seay
 S. C. Conference 1967
 Mr. Creighton Gibbons
 Mr. Judson Osborne
 Mr. Dudley Hicks
 Eastern Conference 1968
 Rev. Hoyt Powell
 Mr. Weldon Poston
 Children's Home Superintendent Rev. H. W. Richburg

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Rev. Ned Pattillo, Florence, S. C.
 Rev. Thomas Mellette, Santee, S. C.
 Rev. Dennis Wiggs, Charleston, S. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE 1965:

Rev. Robert Edwards, Turbeville, S. C.
 Rev. Jack Millwood, Spartanburg, S. C.
 Rev. Dan Merkh, Florence, S. C.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER:

Rev. L. H. Clayton, 79 Woodworth Homes, Spartanburg, S. C.

Proceedings of the State Association

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 1964

Devotions began at 10:00 A. M. Song service led by Rev. Jack Millwood. Prayer by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Scripture from Matthew 5:11, was ably commented upon by Rev. Robert Edwards. The need for living so that evil spoken against us would be false, was stressed.

Call to order by Moderator. Everyone was made to feel welcome by Rev. Malcolm Harrison, pastor of Host Church. Response by Rev. Edison Kirby.

Visitors were welcomed and extended all rights except that of voting.

Delegates, Ministers and Visitors were registered.

The moderator's message consisted of only a few timely remarks closing by inviting everyone to join him around the altar for prayer for the State Association and deeper consecration of our lives to the Lord's service.

Motion adopted that the chair appoint all temporary committees of the association. The following were appointed:

Nominating: Rev. Gene Anderson, Rev. Ansil Smith, Mr. Louis Bass Hanna, Mr. William Evens.

Resolution: Rev. J. A. Hucks, Mr. C. J. Poston, Rev. Clarence Lambert, and Mr. Herbert Israll.

Finance: Rev. Judson Osborne, Mrs. O. F. Lauter, and Mrs. Flora Millwood.

Finance Committee to act as treasurer Thursday only in absence of treasurer.

Association recessed for morning worship service. Everyone enjoyed the song service led by Rev. Jack Millwood. Prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Message based on St. Luke, chapter 19, verse 13. Text: "Occupy till I Come," was very forcibly presented by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Over and over again he stressed the fact that every Christian should do everything in his power to get the gospel to everyone. This to include our next door neighbor.

Recess at noon for lunch and fellowship. A most enjoyable meal was furnished by the Host Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions, Rev. Raymond Riggs. He said Christians should always strive to bring about God's purpose. That is bringing the lost to Christ.

Home Mission Board report given by Mr. Marion Todd. Report received (CF Appendix I) also a motion to disband the Home Mission Board was adopted after some discussion.

A motion was received and adopted to divide all money left in treasury equally between the Eastern, Central, and Beaver Creek Conference. S. C. Conference to receive deed to church property. Tent to remain in State Association. Trustees to be in charge of same.

Board given rising vote of thanks for splendid work done.

Report of Promotional Secretary (see appendix II). State paper in red. A small offering was made. Delegates were asked to return home and send an offering to Promotional Secretary to help defray expenses and help keep our fine State paper coming to us.

Amendment to By-Laws that Constitution and By-Laws be published in minutes each year was approved.

Report of State Sunday School Board was received and approved (see appendix III).

The work of our Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., was very ably presented by Rev. Charles Thigpen. He said that one of the Devil's first attacks was in our education work.

Superannuation report received as information.

Public Morals Committee report. (MSA) that our state clerk write a letter to S. C. Attorney General concerning obscene literature being displayed and sold in our state (see appendix IV), also each Free Will Baptist minister in state try to get an article printed in local paper concerning this problem.

Motion to visit with nearby Oak Grove Church for Thursday night worship service.

Report on Children's Home by Rev. Richburg received as information (see appendix VIII).

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotions, song, prayer, and brief comments on Eph. Ch. 5 V. 1 stating the necessity of being true followers of God, by Rev. Bennie Turner.

State Treasurer's report received as information (see appendix V).

Report on State Women's Auxiliary by Mrs. Paul Sheehan received as information (see appendix VI).

Christian Education report received as information. Some revision of Poston-Baggett Memorial Loan Fund were recommended and approved (see appendix VII).

Motion adopted that delegates and ministers be registered as they enter 1965 association, also a program be sent two weeks in advance of each Association meeting to each church in the State Association. Also one to the National Association.

A committee consisting of Mr. Marion Todd, Rev. Paul Sheehan, Mr. Joe Lynch, Rev. Bennie Turner, and Rev. Reedy Saverance was appointed by the chair and approved by the Association to revise Constitution and By-Laws and to include duties of all officers of the State Association.

A very informative and interesting group insurance plan for the ministers in our state was discussed. The plan was accepted and put in effect as soon as practical.

Recess for morning worship. Devotion, song, prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Message by Rev. Sammy Wilkenson, missionary to Brazil. Scripture, John Ch. 6, Vs. 25-28. Rev. Wilkenson said we should do all in our power to carry on Christ's work stressing the fact that every Christian has an equal responsibility to God for getting the gospel to everyone. Too many of us would rather be boss than servant. God would like work to go along with our singing and shouting. He also said we as Christians are getting too fat by not working for Christ.

Fellowship and lunch hour was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Lunch was furnished by the churches of the Central Association.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotion, song and prayer. Scripture, II Timothy, Ch. 2. Comments by Mr. Marion Todd. He stated the necessity of endurance and hard work by laymen, saying that the growth of any church depends very much on the laymen who live and work in the church community.

Report of National Sunday School Board. The new Sunday School literature based on our own Free Will Baptist scripture outline will be available from the Free Will Baptist press in Nashville, Tennessee, by first quarter in 1966. We have thirty-five churches in South Carolina now using some Sunday School literature from the Free Will Baptist press in Nashville, Tennessee. The Free Will Baptist press in Ayden, N. C., will continue to use scripture text based on suggestions by the International Sunday School Lessons. They will also continue to publish Free Will Baptist League supplies.

A study by the Revision Board of a change in the name of our church League. Their recommendation is to be presented to the State Association in their 1965 session.

A very informative report was given by National Home Mission Board. The necessity of being faithful and working hard was stressed. The pressing need of churches in the many unchurched areas was brought to our attention also stating that only about one-fifth of our churches in the United States are teaching the true gospel. Also, our foreign mission work depends on our home mission work.

The need of a men's organization in our church was made by Mr. Marion Todd. Only a very few of our churches have such working groups.

The Association approved a motion that \$50.00 be paid out of our treasury toward indebtedness of the past.

Resolution Committee, no report. An offering of \$30.34 was made for foreign missions.

Moderator and clerk to choose delegates to National Association.

Motion to adjourn (MSA).

The 1965 meeting of the State Association to be with Mill Branch Church of the Eastern Conference.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

TREASURER'S REPORT — STATE HOME MISSIONS

November 1963 to NOVEMBER 12, 1964

Cash in Bank October 31, 1963\$1,793.35

Received 1963 and 1964:

S. C. Conference	\$ 791.46
State Women's Auxiliary	62.36
Camp Branch Church	18.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Happy Home Church	3.50
Liberty Church	100.00
Lebanon Church	9.00
Horse Branch Church	100.00
Manning First Church	97.00
State Association	25.00
West Side Church	54.00
First Church, Sumter	10.20
Little Bethel Church	12.00
Central Union	52.16
Beaver Creek Association	100.00
First Church, Darlington	240.00
Sand Hill Church	75.00
Bethany Church	1,886.80
Mr. Louie Owens	1.00
Rev. Ned Pattillo	25.00
McColl First Church	67.00
Mrs. L. E. McCutcheon	10.00
Ladies Auxiliary, First Church, Sumter	5.70
Mr. A. C. Allen	20.00
Mr. Lunice Allen	10.00
Miss Ernestine Allen	5.00
Total	\$3,780.18
Grand Total	\$5,573.53

Disbursements:

Rent on Mission, Georgetown	\$ 300.00
Rent on Parsonage, Georgetown	270.00
Pastor's Salary, Georgetown	2,450.00
Lights and Water, Georgetown	189.37
Fuel Bill, Georgetown	346.35
Building Fund, Georgetown	1,372.69
Printing for 1963 Statements	8.00

Mileage, Ansel Smith and J. J. Staton	18.90	
Postage and Mileage for M. C. Todd	86.68	
Bond	6.25	
Attorney Fees, Making Deed for Cheraw Mission	5.00	
Total Paid Out	\$5,053.24	\$5,053.24
Balance in Treasurer's Book		\$ 520.29
Balance in Bank		520.56
Difference, plus27

Respectfully submitted,
Marion C. Todd
Treasurer and Director

APPENDIX II

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Balance from 1963

\$425.14

Receipts—1964:

Contributions—First Church, Florence	\$ 89.36	
State Association (Travel Expense)	25.00	
Remainder from Nashville Trip (Promotional Secretary Meeting)	20.00	
Subscriptions (170)	340.00	
Miscellaneous	12.35	486.71
Total Receipts on Treasurer's Books		\$911.85

Disbursements—1964:

Postage	\$ 68.78	
Travel	132.54	
Printing	471.91	
Supplies (including typewriter and camera)	200.77	
Film Supplies and Developing	15.75	889.75
Balance on Treasurer's Books November 14, 1964		\$ 22.10
Balance on Bank Records November 14, 1964		12.10
(Difference between treasurer's records and bank of \$10.00)		

Outstanding Debts (Unpaid Bills) as of this Date!!!!

August issue of THE POST	\$ 49.86	
September issue of THE POST	94.13	
October issue of THE POST	77.00	220.99
Total Outstanding Debts as of this date (11-14-64)		\$220.99
Plus Cost of November issue of THE POST		

Respectfully submitted,
I. Bennie Turner
State Promotional Secretary

APPENDIX III

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

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.
6. Since the Central Conference is having success in area Sunday School study courses, we recommend that all conferences, quarterly meetings, and Sunday Schools participate in and promote such courses in their own district.

Roger Tripp

APPENDIX IV

REPORT OF PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

We, your Public Morals Committee, recommend that the clerk of our Association write a letter to the South Carolina Attorney General stating that we object to the obscene literature being sold on the news stands of South Carolina. Also urging them to take immediate action on this subject because we feel it is detrimental to our society.

We also recommend that each of our ministers of the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists try to get an article in his local newspaper concerning this moral problem.

Public Morals Committee
Rev. William D. Sealy
Rev. Jack B. Millwood

Route 3, Lake City, South Carolina

South Carolina Attorney General
Mr. Daniel McLeod
Hampton Office Building
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting of the State Association of the Free Will Baptist we discussed the deplorable situation we find ourselves in concerning the display and sale of obscene literature in our state. Surely there must be something we can do to stop this.

We're asking you to use the power you have to help stop this.

Yours truly,
Lavern Hanna
State Clerk

APPENDIX V

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid out for F. W. B. State Association for Conference Year 1963-64

Paid to Pattillo Printing Co. Nov. 16, 1964, for Minutes	\$139.57
Paid to Lavern Hanna for Clerk Dec. 14, 1963	50.00
Paid to Marion Todd, Expense to National Convention Dec. 19, 1963....	40.00
Paid to Fred Kirby, Moderator	25.00
Paid to Home Mission Dec. 27, 1963 (Marion Todd)	25.00
Paid to Foreign Mission Dec. 27, 1963 (Gene Anderson)	25.00
Paid to Superannuation, Rev. Hoyt Powell, Dec. 27, 1964	25.00
Paid to Board of Education, Rev. Julius Vause, Dec. 9, 1964	25.00
Paid to Sunday School Board, Rev. Roger Tripp, Dec. 27, 1964	25.00
Paid to F. W. B. Children's Home, Turbeville, S. C., Dec. 27, 1964 ..	25.00
Paid to Promotion Dept., Rev. Reedy Saverance, January 9, 1964	25.00
Paid to F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1963	23.34
Paid to National Home Mission Board, January 9, 1964	41.64
Paid to Pattillo Printing Co., July 27, 1964, Minutes	198.48
Paid to Arris Powell, Johnsonville, S. C., 40 Miles for Expense, July 27, 1964	2.00
Paid to Carlie Jones, Rt. 1, Pamplico, S. C., 30 Miles for Expense, July 27, 1964	1.50
Paid to David Hutchinson, Rt. 4, Florence, S. C., 35 Miles for Expense	1.75
Paid to F. W. B. National Association for Expense, July 8, 1964	45.00
Total	\$743.28
Money on Hand, Brought Forward 1962-63	\$450.90
Received from State Association, 1963-64 Session	343.18
Total Receipts for Association Year 1963-64	\$794.08
Total Expense for Year 1963-64	743.28
Balance in Treasury Nov. 12, 1964	\$ 50.80
Balance on Bank Statement	\$ 90.60
Balance in Treasury Nov. 12, 1964	\$ 90.60

Mr. Joe Lynch
Rt. 1, Scranton, S. C.

APPENDIX VI

REPORT OF STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

We depend upon this promise. We realize we are nothing and can do nothing in ourselves, but all things are possible through Christ. We have four active district auxiliaries and we feel we have had a very successful year, but we have only scratched the surface. There is much that needs to be done and much depends upon the women of our state. We give God praise for His wonderful blessings through the past years. Trust Him and prove Him and He will multiply the work done by our hands. The woman's auxiliary camp was a great inspiration to all that attended. We had only a few in number, but His Spirit was with us in each service. Plan now to attend the camp this coming year, I'm sure you will be glad you did.

Our major field of emphasis is Missions. Our women will share in each physical recovery and in each spiritual conversion and rejoice with tears and thanksgiving, because they have given and prayed to make it so.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. DeFee for a job well done the past two years. She has labored faithfully as our president even though part of the time she has been physically handicapped. May God continue to bless and use her in His service is our prayer.

South Carolina has taken as a state project for the year of 1964-65 a goal of \$3,000.00. After completing the Hanna project of last year the rest will go to the school in Brazil.

We need your help, advice, and prayers for our work during this year. I can do nothing, but through God's help and your prayers and cooperation I can do all things.

Some financial achievements this past year: \$3,610.28 received on State Project; State Convention gave Hanna's as Love Offering, \$78.75; the Darlington Auxiliary gave \$100.00 during year for a sewing machine for the Sparks; Special Offering for the Aldridges, \$179.84; National Home Mission, \$74.07; State Mission, \$67.64.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Paul Sheehan
President

APPENDIX VII

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Board of Christian Education met July 7 at Tabernacle Church, Coward, S. C., with the following members present: Mr. Arris Powell, Mr. Carlie Jones, Rev. David Hutchinson, and Rev. Kenneth Faison.

We recommend to the State Association a few revisions in the rules that govern the Poston-Baggette Memorial Loan Fund.

1. That rule number 3 be extended to read: "with ministerial students preferable." Thus making rule number 3 read "The assistance is available to any qualified person entering our Free Will Baptist Bible College or Mount Olive Junior College for any phase of full-time Christian service with ministerial students preferable." (MSA)

2. That rule number 4, section "a" **delete** the words in parenthesis. "The loan will be secured by a promissory note signed by the applicant and co-signed by his/her church (or a person who has sufficient collateral) to guarantee the collection of said note. (MSA)

We also recommend that since Brother Kenneth Faison will be leaving the state, Brother David Hutchinson serve as acting Field Director of Christian Education until the State Association can meet and elect someone to fill this vacancy.

Kenneth Faison
Field Director

Notes: Amount, \$180.00, due date, September 8, 1964; amount, \$250.00, due date, August 15, 1965; amount, \$244.00, due date, January 20, 1965. Total amount of notes due, \$674.00.

Money in Citizens and Southern National Bank:

Received from Rev. Kenneth Faison	\$690.42
Received from Second Quarterly Meeting, S. C. Conference	15.83
Total	\$706.25
Expense—None	
Total in Bank	\$706.25

David E. Hutchinson
Acting Field Director of
Christian Education

APPENDIX VIII

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

This is a digest report of the work of the State Association as recorded by the Children's Home. If your church or conference has not been credited with all of its gifts, please give us the privilege to correct the error.

From the Beaver Creek Association we received in cash	\$ 1,747.80
In commodities	435.05
From the Beaver Creek Ladies Auxiliary we received in cash	868.70
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 3,051.55
From the S. C. Conference we received in cash	\$ 5,304.74
In commodities	1,292.95
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 6,597.69
Individual gifts of commodities	\$ 117.80
From the Central Conference we received in cash	\$ 539.05
In commodities	266.00
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 805.05
From the Eastern Conference we received in cash	\$ 756.78
In commodities	257.80
Total Cash and Commodities	\$ 1,014.58
Individual gifts in cash	\$ 1,364.40
From farm commodities we received in cash	\$14,759.40
From the Duke Endowment we received	\$ 1,010.59
Social Security for Bell Children	\$ 870.04
From organizations other than Free Will Baptist	\$ 337.15
Through memorial gifts we received	\$ 386.00
Total cash received from all sources	\$27,944.65
Balance in bank October 1, 1963	\$ 9,066.70
Total cash to account for	\$37,011.35
Total disbursements through September 1964	\$23,785.44
Balance in bank October 1, 1964	\$13,225.91

Respectfully submitted

H. W. Richburg
Superintendent

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Of the South Carolina State Association

Of Original Free Will Baptists

PREAMBLE: We, the officials, ministers and delegates of this the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists, while in session at Una Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 13, 14, 1946, do accept and adopt the foregoing constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE ONE: This body shall be known henceforth as the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE TWO: It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the National Association in its efforts to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist church, for the promotion of home and foreign missions, Christian education, Sunday school, ~~Free Will Baptist leagues~~, superannuation, and woman's auxiliary work and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

ARTICLE THREE:

SECTION ONE: This association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the church or organizations to represent, and ordain and license Free Will Baptist ministers, who are of good repute in the Original Free Will Baptist Church, and who reside in South Carolina, or hold membership in, or pastor a church in South Carolina.

SECTION TWO: Each annual association and quarterly conference may represent in this association on the basis of two delegates for each association or quarterly conference of one thousand members or less, and one delegate for each additional thousand members or fractions thereof.

SECTION THREE: Any local church that desires may send an additional delegate, and each church shall send a contribution of \$10.00 or more. Each member association and quarterly meeting shall also be requested to send a representative fee of one dollar per church.

ARTICLE FOUR: This association shall have an executive committee of five, composed of ordained ministers and lay members in good standing in the association, one to be elected by this body each year for a five year term, to act officially in the event any case may arise in this association, when, and only when it is deemed necessary or expedient for the best interest of the cause of the church in general.

ARTICLE FIVE: The officers of this association shall be a president, first, second, and third vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer and a reading clerk. Said reading clerk to take the place of the recording secretary in his absence.

These officers shall be elected by the association to serve a term of two years.

ARTICLE SIX: All officers of this association, all members of its committees and boards, all its secretaries, missionaries, and agents appointed by the association or by any of its boards, shall be members of regular Free Will Baptist organizations in South Carolina and cooperating with this association.

ARTICLE SEVEN: All missionaries, teachers and Christian workers approved, appointed, or supported by this association must be fundamental in their views of the Bible and its teachings, and in harmony with the doctrines of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. They must also give evidence of genuine Christian piety, for fervent zeal in the service of Christ, and of ability to do the work for which they are considered.

ARTICLE EIGHT: This association shall hold its meeting annually on Thursday and Friday of the week between the second and the third Sundays in November, beginning at 10:00 a. m., unless, or until, some change of the time of the year shall be thought best.

ARTICLE NINE: Articles may be altered or amended at any regular session of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the association and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

This is to be done by the president or someone appointed by him.

2. The president or vice-president shall call the association to order at the hour designated by the program committee.

When neither the president nor the vice-president is present, the recording secretary shall call the association to order and a president pro tem shall be elected by the body, who shall preside for that session of the association.

3. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to enroll the delegates of the association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their right to seats therein, and those enrolled by the secretary shall compose the association.

4. Each organization represented in the association shall send into the association as large a contribution as they can from time to time. This money to be used to meet the expenses of the association and to promote the work it undertakes.

5. On the first day of the association meeting the president shall appoint a resolution committee to consist of three members, all resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and committees shall be referred to this committee, which shall report on all resolutions referred to it, with or without recommendation.

6. The officers of the association, the departmental secretaries, the executive committee, and all boards shall be elected by the association. All other committees may be either appointed by the president or elected by the body.

7. In the event of a standing executive committee, the members shall be elected for a term of five years except the first four elected, who shall serve a period of one, two, three, and four years, respectively.

8. The duties of the executive committee shall be as follows: (1) To act for the association on matters that demand its consideration between the regular annual sessions of the association. (2) To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of the association with authority to change, if necessary, the time and place of meeting. (3) To fill vacancies in the association that may be caused by death, resignation, etc., between the regular sessions of the association.

9. It shall be required of all members of the association to remain throughout the entire session, unless they are excused by a majority vote of the body.

10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the president, and shall wait until he is recognized before speaking further.

11. The president shall not allow discussions that are unchristian in spirit and that tend to create envy and strife among the brethren, and anyone representing the ruling of the president in such matters shall be liable to censure of the body.

12. No one shall be allowed to speak more than 15 minutes or more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

13. It shall be the duty of the president to have his annual message so prepared and arranged that it can be handed to the secretary for publication in the minutes of each session of the association.

14. The officers of this association, except that of the board of trustees and the executive committee, shall be for a term of two years.

15. These by-laws may be altered at any regular session of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing the change is recommended at least one day before the vote is taken.