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STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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Arcadia, South Carolina



NOVEMBER 16, 17, 1967

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Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the
South Carolina State Association of Original

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Mr. Arris Powell, Johnsonville, S. C. 1968
Rev. Dennis Wiggs, Charleston, S. C. 1969
Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones, Johnsonville, S. C. 1970
Rev. Guy Owens, Florence, S. C. 1971
Rev. Frank Cantrell, Lockhart, S. C. 1972

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Rev. Paul Sheehan, Turbeville, S. C. 1968
Rev. F. J. Ard, Johnsonville, S. C. 1969
Rev. Jack Millwood, Spartanburg, S. C. 1970
Rev. Lloyd Gore, Johnsonville, S. C. 1971
Rev. Hoyt Powell, Manning, S. C. Member-at-large

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Mr. Lavern Hanna, Lake City, S. C.	1968
Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pamplico, S. C.	1969
Rev. L. H. Clayton, Spartanburg, S. C.	1970
Rev. Joe Cagle, Pamplico, S. C.	1971

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Robby Bowers Spartanburg, S. C.	1968
Mr. E. H. Brewer, Manning, S. C.	1969
Rev. Paul Reid, Johnsonville, S. C.	1970
Mr. Tracy Williams	1971
Rev. Owen Ganey, Darlington, S. C.	1972

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Paul Sheehan, Turbeville, S. C.	1968
Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones, Johnsonville, S. C.	1969
Rev. Guy F. Owens, Florence, S. C.	1970
Rev. Frank Cantrell, Lockhart, S. C.	1971

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Eastern Conference	1968
Rev. Hoyt Powell	
Mr. Weldon Poston	
Central Conference	1969
Mr. Arris L. Powell	
Mr. Louis Bass Hanna	
Beaver Creek Association	1970
Rev. L. H. Clayton	
Rev. Donnie Seay	
S. C. Conference	1971
Mr. Creighton Gibbons	
Mr. Judson Osborne	
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Children's Home Superintendent	Rev. Paul Sheehan

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Mr. G. J. Jones	Central Conference
Mrs. Betty Wiggs	S. C. Conference
Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones	Eastern Conference
Rev. Earl Hendrix	Beaver Creek Conference

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

- Rev. Jack Millwood
- Rev. Bennie Turner
- Rev. Paul Reid

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER:

- Rev. Dennis Wiggs, North Charleston, S. C.

**MINUTES OF THE
 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
 OF
 ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Meeting with the Beaver Creek Conference at
 Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church
 Arcadia, South Carolina
 November 16, 17, 1967

The twenty-fifth Annual Session of the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Arcadia Free Will Baptist Church, Arcadia, S. C., on November 16, 1967.

The meeting was opened by the singing of "Revive Us Again," led by Rev. Lloyd Gore with Mrs. Mary Reid at the piano, after which the body was led in prayer by the Rev. Floyd Seay of the Beaver Creek Association.

Devotions were brought by Rev. Nedo Eaddy, a senior student at Free Will Baptist Bible College and pastor of Brandon's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Bumpus Mills, Tennessee. The scripture text was II Timothy 4:1-5 and I Thessalonians 2:4 and dealt with "The Challenging Charge" to preach the Word, the one thing God has primarily for us to do. Preach it because men need it, regardless of whether or not they want it. Preach it in season and out of season. Preach it in times of difficulty as well as in times of refreshing. Preach it to please God and not men. If we preach it thusly, we can be sure God will bless.

The association was called to order and declared officially in session by the clerk.

The welcome was given by Pastor Donnie Seay of the host church on behalf of the Beaver Creek Conference. The response was given by Rev. Lloyd Gore, pastor of Little Bethel Church in Central Conference.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Committees, consisting of the following: Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. Owen Ganey, Rev. Paul Reid, Rev. Lloyd Gore, and Rev. William Sealy.

The body was informed that a reporter and photographer from the **Spartanburg Herald** would be in the sessions with us.

The moderator's message was then brought by Rev. Jack Millwood, who used as his text Isaiah 51:17-20. This in a sense is a picture of Free Will Baptists in South Carolina. Our theme is one of "Unity." (See Appendix I)

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. Nedo Eaddy, Mr. Samuel Johnson, all from Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. John Stewart Craft from Ayden, N. C. and Brazil (Missionary appointee).

The following replacements were made on the Credentials Committee: Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones to replace Rev. Liston Williams from the Eastern Con-

ference. Rev. Guy F. Owens to replace Mr. Allan W. Baxley from the South Carolina Conference.

The floor was opened for nominations for Assistant Moderator to replace Rev. Jack Millwood, who became Moderator when Rev. Robert Edwards moved out of the state. Rev. Paul Reid and Rev. Guy F. Owens were nominated. Motion to cease nominations was seconded and carried. Rev. Paul Reid was elected as Assistant Moderator.

Motion seconded and carried to adopt program as revised.

A question was raised concerning the standing board members privilege to vote though not authorized in the minutes or bylaws. The moderator informed the body he had told the Credentials Committee to allow them to register as delegates. There was no objection from the floor.

A revision of the Constitution and By-laws was passed out for the body's consideration. MSC to table these revisions for 24 hours.

The morning worship hour began by singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" led by Rev. Earl Hendrix, pastor of the Inman Mission, after which Rev. Clarence Lambert of Southside Church, Darlington, led in prayer.

The moderator, Rev. Jack Millwood, introduced the speaker for the morning: Rev. Jerry Norris, pastor of St. John's Church in Patrick, S. C. Rev. Norris spoke from John 1:6-8 on "The God-Sent Men." Three things were noted in the text: First — "There was a man." Rev. Norris said he marvelled at God's grace in choosing men to carry His message, in spite of their imperfections and failures. Secondly — "Sent From God." Rom. 10:14,15; Acts 9:15. There are a lot today that are not God-sent or God-called. If your pastor is faithfully preaching the Word, you have no right to question whether he is called of God. Illustration: David, in sparing Saul's life said: "Who am I to touch the Lord's anointed?" **Thirdly** — Why Did He Come? To print bulletins? To carry out church business? No! He came to "bear witness of that Light" — to exalt Jesus. Three things to do to exalt Jesus: 1. Study — names, types, etc., of Christ. 2. Preach the Word — A recent Gallup poll regarding ministers revealed the following shocking figures: only 5% of those questioned believed in the creation story; only 24% believed in Bible miracles; only 26% believed in the Bible; only 25% believed in the Virgin birth; only 11% believed in hell; only 11% believed in heaven; only 18% believed in the resurrection; only 21% believed that God hears and answers prayers. These figures should shock us. Compromise begins in the schools, not the churches. Thank God for our school that is standing without compromise for the Divinely inspired Word of God, the Bible, and for the truths taught therein. We should pray much for our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. 3. Win the Lost to Jesus — R. A. Torrey said: "I'd rather win souls than be a king on a throne. My greatest ambition is to win souls."

The report of the Committee on Committees was adopted by motion (See Appendix II).

The body dismissed with prayer for lunch, which was provided by the host church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 16, 1967

The afternoon session began with the singing of "Love Lifted Me," led by Rev. Donald Seay, from the Arcadia Church. Mrs. A. W. Lawter played the piano; Mrs. Mary Reid played the organ.

The afternoon devotional was brought by Rev. Bobby Bowers, pastor of First Church, Greenville, S. C., who took as his text Joshua 22:5 and spoke concerning "Tests of the Reality of Our Love for God." Five tests were given to prove the reality of this love:

- I. Attitude toward God — obedience
- II. Attitude toward Brethren — love
- III. Attitude toward Prayer
- IV. Attitude toward God's Son
- V. Attitude toward Advancement of God's Kingdom

Reverend Bowers closed the devotional in prayer

The Credentials Committee report was adopted by motion (See Appendix III).

Reverend Jack Paramore gave an encouraging and challenging report concerning our Free Will Baptist Bible College. MSC to receive the report as information.

The report and recommendations of the Board of Superannuation were given by Rev. William Sealy. MSC to receive the report. (See Appendix IV).

MSC to receive the report of the Christian Education Board, including financial statement of the Poston-Baggett fund. (See Appendix V).

Bro. Sam Johnson, Director of the National office of the Church Training Service, gave a report of the National CTS work. MSC to receive the report as information.

Reverend Paul Reid presented the Promotional Secretary's Report for Rev. Fred Kirby, who was out of the state in revival. A request was made by Bro. Fred Kirby for this body to grant permission for Promotional Secretary to attend the National Promotional Secretaries' Meeting in Nashville. Motion made and seconded. Discussion ensued. After discussion, motion made and seconded that since only one church is supporting the work, that we send the Promotional Secretary when his own church begins supporting the work. Motion made and seconded. Discussion ensued. After discussion, MSC to table until Friday this report.

Rev. Roger Reeds, National Sunday School Director, gave a report of our National Sunday School work. The following were some of the important points he made: 1) The change from the International Sunday School Outlines owned by the National Council of Churches to our own literature, written by Free Will Baptists, will be complete through the Adult quarterly, beginning with the first quarter of 1969. 2) The lessons will be uniform from the Intermediate through the Adult Quarterlies. 3) The lessons will be presented in a seven (7) year cycle from Genesis through Revelation. MSC to receive the report as information.

After several announcements, we adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Friday morning, November 17, 1967. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Guy F. Owens, pastor of the First Church, Florence.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17, 1967

The second day's session of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists opened by the congregation singing "Glory to His Name," led by Rev. Paul Reid from West Side Church, Johnsonville.

The devotional was brought by Rev. I. Bennie Turner, pastor of Beulah Church, Pamplico. His text was I John 4:10 — "He Loved Us." The following points were made concerning God's love: I. An Unlimited Love II. An Unusual Love III. An Unashamed Love IV. An Unselfish Love V. An Undeniable Love VI. An Unreturned Love. Rev. Guy F. Owens, pastor of First Church, Florence, closed the devotional in prayer.

Reverend Rufus Coffey was recognized and introduced as our new National Executive Secretary, and given an opportunity to report on the National work. Using as his text II Cor. 11:28, Rev. Coffey spoke to the body concerning some things that were on his heart. From this text, we're informed that we can expect all sorts of opposition. Paul was burdened for the care of all the churches, for the church has an important place and must be attended to. Bro. Coffey said that his concern, too, is for the care of the churches. Our responsibility is to build the Church, the body of Christ. God's building the Kingdom. The Church is not an organization, it's an organism, dedicated to the task of exalting Jesus and winning men to Him.

Other visitors recognized were: Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Rev. Mark Vandivort, both from Nashville, Tenn., Rev. W. H. Calvert from Gastonia, N. C., Rev. Roy Rikard from Cramerton, N. C., Rev. Ronald Creech from N. C., Rev. Sherwood Lee from Florence, S. C. and Missionary appointee, and Rev. Bob French from the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Spartanburg.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve gave the report of the National Foreign Missions Department. MSC to receive report as information.

The moderator appointed Rev. Earl Hendrix to fill Reverend Floyd Seay's vacancy on the Resolutions Committee.

MSC to receive the State Sunday School Board's report, given by Rev. Carroll Alexander from First Church, Columbia (See Appendix VI).

MSC to receive the Children's Home report, given by Rev. Paul Sheehan (See Appendix VII).

At this time, a special prayer was offered by Rev. Roy Rikard on behalf of Bro. Sheehan, who was soon to undergo surgery.

MSC to receive the report of the State Woman's Auxiliary, given by Mrs. Paul Sheehan (See Appendix VIII).

MSC to receive as information the National Home Missions report, given by Rev. Mark Vandivort.

The moderator declared a ten minute recess before the worship hour.

The morning worship service began with the singing of "Rescue the Perishing," led by Rev. Jakie Creech, pastor of Bay Branch Church, Timmons-ville. The organist was Mrs. Mary Reid. The pianist was Mrs. Flora Millwood. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ronald Creech, State Promotional Secretary of North Carolina.

Rev. Reedy Saverance, pastor of Mt. Elon Church, Pamplico, sang a special "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation with the National Foreign Missions Department. He spoke on being "Branded for Christ," taking as his texts Galatians 6:17 and Galatians 2:20. Paul said he was branded for Christ. He was branded in several ways: I. By Devotion to a Task II. By Humility III. By Suffering IV. By Passion V. By Love. Rev. Van Kluyve closed the message in prayer.

Rev. William Calvert closed the morning session in prayer and returned thanks for the noon meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 17, 1967

The afternoon session opened by singing "I Will Follow," led by Rev. Lloyd Gore, pastor of Little Bethel, Johnsonville.

The afternoon devotional was brought by Rev. Frank Cantrell, pastor of Lockhart Church, Lockhart, from the text Jude 3, 4. We need to contend for the cardinal truths of God's Word.

Rev. Guy Owens was recognized to read excerpts from a personal letter from Missionary Dan Merkh, serving in France, in which Bro. Merkh sent his personal greetings to the State Association. He also requested a copy of the State Association Minutes.

The clerk was requested to send a copy of these minutes to Bro. Dan Merkh.

Rev. Hoyt Powell was called upon to lead in special prayer for Bro. Dan Merkh and our other missionaries laboring on the field.

Rev. Clarence Lambert made a request that we send all missionaries connected with our state copies of these minutes. Passed by general consent.

Reverend Dennis Wiggs gave the report of the State CTS work. MSC to receive the report as information (See Appendix IX).

The Constitution and By-laws Revisions were brought from the table for reading and consideration.

In Article II, MSC to replace word "Church" with word "Denomination."

In Article III, Section 1, MSC to add after ". . . in this state," the following: "and all members of standing boards and committees."

In Article IV, Clerk, MSC to add these words: "and distribution."

In Article IV, Section 2, MSC to change word "church" to "denomination."

In Article V, 2a, Publicity Committee, MSC to move this from Committee on Committees to Nominating Committee. Changed from "2a" to "5."

In Article VI, MSC to add after ". . . and Bylaws" the following: "and present them to the State Association for its approval."

MSC to delete the first sentence, beginning with "All boards" and ending with ". . . each year," and the number of delegates to be placed under each board.

In Article VI, MSC to change the following:

- 1 — Add, after "the association," "This board shall be composed of one member from each conference or association, plus one member at large."
- 2 — Add: Same as above
- 3 — Add: Same as above
- 5 — Add: "This board shall be composed of one member from each conference or association except South Carolina, which shall have two."

In Article VII, MSC to change the following:

2 — To amend "expenses" to "services rendered," and add the following:

"Before bills are incurred, he shall consult the treasurer to find out if money is available to pay said bills."

3 — To delete three (3) altogether

In Article VIII, Promotional Secretary, motion made to amend by adding: "The State Association shall send him to the National Promotional Secretaries' Meeting if funds are available." MSC to table this section until the next session.

MSC to send the promotional secretary to the above mentioned meeting from promotional secretary funds. MSC to amend by adding: "If due to sickness, the promotional secretary can't go, the moderator shall go as his proxy."

MSC for the promotional secretary's office to be studied by the executive committee and a report brought back next year.

Motion made to change Article III, Section 4 of Constitution as follows: Delete "Each local church shall be requested to send a contribution of \$15.00," and add instead "Each local church shall be required to represent with a \$15.00 fee." This motion was defeated.

MSC to adopt the Constitution as revised.

MSC to adopt the Bylaws.

MSC that the next minutes be printed with the New Constitution and Bylaws in the back.

MSC to receive the treasurer's report (See Appendix X).

A motion was made to add to the minutes that we give the moderator \$25.00 After some discussion, a motion was made to table. The motion carried.

MSC to receive finance committee's report (See Appendix XI).

MSC to receive the Resolution Committee's report (See Appendix XII).

MSC to receive the Public Morals Committee's report (See Appendix XIII).

Rev. Paul Sheehan granted permission to speak. He made some remarks concerning the importance of our Children's Home, and made a plea that we remember the home and double our offerings to it.

A special offering was taken for the Children's Home amounting to \$46.36.

The Nominating Committee's report was given by Rev. William Sealy. (For list of officers, see directory of state association officers on pages 2 and 3). MSC to receive the nominations item by item. Rev. Donald Seay declined nomination to the Credentials Committee. Rev. Frank Cantrell elected from the floor to replace him. MSC that Rev. Hoyt Powell be nominated as the member-at-large of the Superannuation Board.

MSC to adopt the nominations as amended.

The question was raised concerning our delegates to the National Association in July. MSC that the moderator appoint them from among those who will be attending the national session from our state.

Request was made by Rev. Paul Reid for a report on the prospects that were being considered for our own camp. Rev. Jack Millwood said that the land under consideration was sold to other parties because we as a State Association didn't meet a deadline for purchase.

An invitation was received from two churches for our next session: Mt. Ariel and West Side. After some discussion, MSC to turn over to the Central

Conference decision as to which of these churches would host the State Association in 1968, and that the state Association be informed of the decision.

After the first session of the Central Conference following the State Association, the clerk was informed that the 1968 session of the State Association of Original Free Will Baptists would be held at West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, S. C., on November 14, 15, 1968.

MSC that the clerk contact the churches before the minutes are printed, if more money is needed.

MSC that 300 copies of the minutes of this 1967 session be printed.

MSC that the session adjourn. Session dismissed by prayer, to reconvene at 10 A. M. on November 14, 1968 at West Side Church in Johnsonville, S. C.

APPENDIX I

"Moderator failed to submit written copy of moderators message."

APPENDIX II

We, the Committee on Committees, do hereby appoint the following to the respective committees.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Floyd Seay — Beaver Creek Association

Rev. James A. Hucks, Jr. — Central Conference

Rev. Tommy Godley — South Carolina Conference

Rev. Joseph Cagle — Eastern Conference

Rev. Wilburn Beasley — South Carolina Conference

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Clarence Lambert — South Carolina Conference

Bro. Floyd Sawyer — Beaver Creek Association

Bro. Arris Powell — Central Conference

Rev. Hoyt Powell — Eastern Conference

Rev. William D. Sealy — South Carolina Conference

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Joe Lynch — South Carolina Conference

Bro. Louis Bass Hanna — Central Conference

Rev. Bobby Bowers — Beaver Creek Association

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Rev. Earl Hendrix — Beaver Creek Association

Bro. G. J. Jones — Central Conference

Mrs. Dennis Wiggs — South Carolina Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L. H. Clayton

Rev. Lloyd Gore

Rev. Owen Ganey

Rev. Paul C. Reid

Rev. William D. Sealy

APPENDIX III

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend that we seat the 37 ministers and 26 delegates that have reported and registered.

The Beaver Creek Association, the Central Conference, the Eastern Conference, have all duly represented with letters and fees. The South Carolina Conference has represented with letter and has promised to send their fee. We recommend that their delegates be seated, pending a promise from the

clerk or moderator or assistant moderator to submit the necessary information required to complete their conference letter within ten days from this date.

We recommend that the 13 visitors that have registered be extended a welcome to our session.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Paul Sheehan
 Rev. Ansel Smith
 Rev. Guy F. Owens
 Rev. Ronnie Lee Jones

APPENDIX IV
SUPERANNUATION REPORT TO S. C. STATE ASSOCIATION
 of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
 November 16, 1967

Brethren, let me say Thank You first of all to each person who has had a part in making our Superannuation program possible. Secondly, let me say a very special thank you to those who have offered suggestion and words of appreciation for this phase of our state work.

We now have four families receiving retirement assistance from us. There are several other ministers who have reached the age of retirement but they haven't applied for assistance. If they were to apply and their application were approved, we would have a problem of meeting their needs as is proven by the following financial summary. Therefore, we need more consistent financial support from our people.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (11-15-66 to 11-14-67)

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,394.30
Receipts	
Beaver Creek Association	\$ 77.40
Central Conference	\$ 129.00
Eastern Conference	\$ 133.72
S. C. Conference	\$1,566.48
Other Income	\$ 89.75
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,896.35
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$3,290.65
Disbursements	
Blue Cross, Blue Shield	\$ 911.64
Mileage (Board)	\$ 32.48
Mileage (Director)	\$ 74.97
Office Expense	\$ 83.49
Retirement Assistance	\$ 925.00
Bank Exchange	\$ 1.30
Premium Refunds	\$ 28.79
TOTAL DISBURSED	\$2,057.67
TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$1,232.98

Please note that we operated this year with a deficit of \$161.32. Therefore please make this phase of our work a part of your church budget.

Below are some recommendations that 75% of the Board has approved for your consideration. One member did not respond to the inquiry he received concerning the recommendations. WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. The Blue Cross, Blue Shield group for the ministers be continued as long as the group members desire to keep it; however, we recommend that the Superannuation Board not make any contribution to this group.
2. Each church constituting this State Association give as liberally and consistently as possible to Superannuation.
3. The Board member from each conference plan and conduct services in strategically located churches in his conference to introduce Superannuation to our people and familiarize them with our program.

This report with its recommendations is respectively submitted for your consideration.

William D. Sealy, Field Director
 Superannuation of F. W. Baptists

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPERANNUATION
 by
CHURCH AND CONFERENCE
 (11-15-66 to 11-14-67)

Beaver Creek		S. C. Conference	
Fairview Church	\$ 25.00	Pamplico Church	\$ 48.55
Heron Circle Church	\$ 25.00	Cherry Vale Church	\$ 36.97
Pine Grove Church	\$ 27.40	Second Quarterly	\$ 77.49
	_____	Horse Branch Church	\$ 95.15
TOTAL	\$ 77.40	First Church, McColl	\$ 22.00
Central		First Church, Florence	\$ 64.86
Little Bethel Church	5.00	Mt. Elon Church	\$ 89.95
Oak Grove Church	\$ 59.00	Liberty Church	\$ 250.00
Union Meeting	\$ 65.00	Lebanon Church	\$ 64.00
	_____	Beulah Church	\$ 146.30
TOTAL	\$129.00	First Quarterly	\$ 82.50
Eastern		First Church, Manning	\$ 27.80
Happy Home Church	\$ 90.18	Windsor Park Church	\$ 40.00
New Prospect Church	\$ 43.54	Sand Hill Church	\$ 47.81
	_____	Bethany Church	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$133.72	First Church, W. Cola.	\$ 23.03
Miscellaneous		Tabernacle Church	\$ 10.00
Blue Cross, Blue Shield	\$ 7.85	First Church Sumter	\$ 10.07
Clarence Lambert (BC/BS)	\$ 2.50	Salem Church	\$ 100.00
Hoyt Powell (BC/BS)	\$ 38.92	New Town Church	\$ 25.00
Ronnie Lee Jones	\$ 10.00		
J. B. Vause (BC/BS)	\$ 7.00	TOTAL	\$1,566.48
Reedy Saverance (BC/BS)	\$ 17.43	SUMMARY	
Paul Reid (BC/BS)	\$ 6.05	Total Received	\$1,896.35
	_____	Total Disbursed	\$2,057.67
TOTAL	\$ 89.75	NET LOSS THIS YEAR	\$ 161.32

Personal Message from the Director

As I prepared this report I was somewhat concerned by the small number of our churches that contribute to the Superannuation work. This concern became discouragement. As I compare the many hours of work that this office requires and the small amount of concern shown by Free Will Baptists in general, I asked myself this question, "Is it worth the time and effort that I have to put forth?" In reply to this question I began to think of our aging ministry and particularly those who no longer are active due to age and disability with whom I have debated and/or supported on the conference floors of this state. When I think of what these men had to do to make this State Association what it is today, of how they had to sacrifice to build churches in which we (the younger preachers) labor, their present financial condition due to the lack of vision on the part of the Free Will Baptist denomination to prepare for the "sunset" years, I have to conclude that indeed this is a worthwhile labor. Worthwhile? Yes, but a labor for which there is very little sympathy or cooperation on the part of the majority.

However, I thank God that some of our people share in this concern of mine. This is proven by the fact that our deficit this year is only \$161.32 as compared to a deficit of \$800.21 last year, and the year before it was \$497.92. How much has the interest increased in Superannuation during the last two years? The only way I can answer this question is by comparing our receipts for the last three years. Our receipts for 1964-65 were \$537.59; 1965-66 — \$1,704.77; 1966-67 — \$1,896.35.

Only about 1/3 of our churches made a contribution to Superannuation this year. Let's show the men who have given their lives to preach and teach God's Word to US that we appreciate their labors by making it possible for them to have some financial assistance from us as Free Will Baptists during their retirement years.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IS MY PRAYER.

APPENDIX V

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following is a report on the finances of the Poston-Bagette Memorial Loan Fund.

In Treasury — November 1966	\$ 663.96
Received from S. C. 2nd Quarterly Conference 12-8-66	5.00
Received from S. C. 2nd Quarterly Conference 1-25-67	11.66
Received fom S. C. 2nd Quarterly Conference 4-17-67	5.00
Received from S. C. 2nd Quarterly Conference 10-30-67	20.83
Received Interest 6-30-67	13.36
Received on loan of Rev. Alvin Davis (Payment In Full) 11-3	244.00
Received Interest Rev. Alvin Davis (Payment In Full) 11-13	57.81
Balance	\$1,021.62

LOANS

Miss Phyllis Rhodes 9-6-66	\$500.00
Mrs. Maybelle Boseman Brooks	\$200.00
Oct. 9, 1961 Payment	20.00
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	\$180.00

Interest	72.11
Total	\$252.11
Total Amount out on Loan including interest	\$752.11

Yours In His Service,
Paul C. Reid
Field Director,
Christian Education

APPENDIX VI

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD 1967

The Word of God — received, understood, and applied is the answer, and the only answer, to the perilous times in which we live. The Apostle Paul's admonition to the young Timothy was — "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . . the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation . . . throughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3:14, 15, 17). In these regards the Sunday School has a tremendous opportunity and likewise a tremendous responsibility.

Therefore we submit the following report:

- 1) We are grateful for the progress of many of our Sunday Schools throughout our state this year.
- 2) We commend the National Sunday School Dept. on their improved literature program especially in regards to changes from the International Lesson Outlines of the National Council of Churches.
- 3) In keeping with last year's recommendation the field director attempted to organize some workshops throughout the state this year in co-operation with the National Sunday School Dept. These were unsuccessful due to lack of co-operation within the state. We believe that the local pastor is the key to a successful Sunday School anyway and urge all our pastors to be alert to the challenge, investigate the opportunities, and pursue diligently the proper course for a successful Sunday School according to the needs of the individual church.

- 4) We particularly urge a systematic and vigilant plan of making new contacts and following up drop-outs.

We have the heavenly medicine for this very sick world. May we be diligent spiritual physicians.

Respectfully submitted,
Carroll G. Alexander

APPENDIX VII

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

(Condensed by the clerk)

RECEIPTS:

From the Beaver Creek Association	
Cash	\$ 3,634.40
Commodities	1,055.74
Total cash and commodities	\$ 4,689.80
From the Central Conference	
Cash	\$ 1,043.25
Commodities	83.45
Total cash and commodities	\$ 1,126.70

