
1976 and 1977 MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

**Minutes of the
Thirty-fourth Annual Session
of the
South Carolina State Association
of
Original Free Will Baptists**

**Meeting with the CENTRAL CONFERENCE
at LITTLE BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
JOHNSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

NOVEMBER 11-12, 1976

and

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Thirty-fifth Annual Session
of the
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FEBRUARY 17-18, 1977
Moderator, Rev. Earl Hendrix
Clerk, Rev. Joseph Wallis**

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 of
 ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
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DIRECTORY OF STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1977-1978

STATE OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Norwood Gibson, Florence, S. C.
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Paul Clayton, Florence, S. C.
 Clerk Rev. Joseph Wallis, Johnsonville, S. C.
 Assistant Clerk Rev. J. B. Rice, Greer, S. C.
 Treasurer Mr. A. C. Allen, Effingham, S. C.
 Assistant Treasurer Rev. Billy Poteat, Pamplico, S. C.

FIELD DIRECTORS

Foreign Missions Rev. James Hucks, Jr., Conway, S. C.
 Home Missions Rev. Fred Kirby, Sumter, S. C.
 Superannuation Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Turbeville, S. C.
 Christian Education Rev. Harry Cooper, Cheraw, S. C.
 Church Training Service Rev. Robert Edwards, Darlington, S. C.
 Promotional Secretary Rev. Robert Rose, Spartanburg, S. C.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Spencer Carter, Lancaster, S. C. 1978
 Rev. Joe Cagle, Pamplico, S. C. 1979
 Rev. Rudy Woods, Darlington, S. C. 1980
 Rev. Willie Justice, Florence, S. C. 1981
 Mr. Fred Brackett, Lancaster, S. C. 1982
 Rev. Julius Hall, Johnsonville, S. C. 1983

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Bobby Bowers, Greenville, S. C. 1978
 Rev. Harry Cooper, Cheraw, S. C. 1979
 Rev. Robert Edwards, Darlington, S. C. 1980
 Rev. Mike Jones, Lake City, S. C. 1981
 Rev. Le Wayne Poston 1982

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Cooper, Charleston Heights, S. C. *divided* 1978
 Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C. 1979
 Rev. Paul Reid, Greenwood, S. C. 1980

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Michael Jones, Lake City, S. C. 1978
 Rev. Hoyt Powell, Pamplico, S. C. 1979
 Rev. Irvin Hyman, Timmonsville, S. C. 1980
 Rev. L. H. Clayton, Spartanburg, S. C. 1981
 Rev. James Hucks, Jr., Conway, S. C. 1982

MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MEETING WITH THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE
at Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
Johnsonville, South Carolina

November 11-12, 1976

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Joe Cagle, Pamplico, S. C. 1978
Mr. Fred Brackett, Lancaster, S. C. 1979
~~Mr. A. C. Allen, Effingham, S. C. 1980~~
Rev. Joseph Wallis, Johnsonville, S. C. 1981
Rev. Michael Jones, Lake City, S. C. 1982

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beaver Creek Conference 1978
William Porter *
David Hutchison *

South Carolina Conference 1979
Mr. Breighton Gibbons Mr. A. C. Allen
Mr. Judson Osborne Rev. Billy Poteat
Mr. Dudley Hicks Rev. Wilburn Beasley

Eastern Conference 1980
Mr. Weldon Poston
Rev. Hoyt Powell

Central Conference 1981
Mr. Billy Collins
Mr. Louis Bass Hanna

Children's Home Superintendent Rev. Paul Sheehan

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Norwood Gibson
Rev. Paul Clayton
Rev. Joseph Wallis

STATE DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Bro. Ben Stone from
the Eastern Conference.

PLACE OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

1978 — South Carolina Conference — Horse Branch F.W.B. Church
Turbeville, S. C.
1979 — Beaver Creek Association — First F.W.B. Church
Greenville, S. C.
1980 — Central Association
1981 — Eastern Association

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The thirty-fourth annual session of South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists opened with the singing of "The Sweetest Name I Know", directed by Rev. Earl Sutton, with Mrs. Irvin Hyman at the piano. Rev. Julius Vause led in prayer.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Billy Baker of the Central Conference. Brother Baker used I Timothy 3:1-7 as a basis for his message. His subject was "Being An Example".

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Earl Hendrix, after which the host pastor gave the welcome to those in attendance.

The response was given by the assistant moderator, Rev. Paul Clayton. The moderator's message was delivered by Rev. Earl Hendrix. Brother Hendrix spoke from II Timothy 4:1-8, and used as his subject, "The Need of The Hour".

Moderator Hendrix appointed the following brethren to serve on the Committee On Committees:

Willie Justice, Bobby Bowers, James Hucks, and Joe Cagle.

MSC that the program, prepared by Rev. Earl Hendrix, Rev. Paul Clayton, and Dr. Irvin Hyman, be adopted.

The following visitors were recognized by the moderator: Bobby Poole, J. K. Bullmen, Calvin Saint, Jim Lauthren, Abe Freeman, Jim Moser, Beth Hanna, William Powell, J. L. Hanna.

The morning worship hour began with the singing of "Blessed Assurance".

Special music was presented by Rev. Earl Sutton.

Dr. W. Irvin Hyman, pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Timmons ville, brought the morning message. Dr. Hyman read John 8:32 and spoke on the subject, "The Archives Of All The Centuries". He used the following outline:

Revelation — God's Plan
Salvation — God's Purpose
The Resurrection — God's Proof

Among other things, Dr. Hyman said, "Free Will Baptists stand on these immutable truths of God as the Mighty building rests on the impregnable granite. These are the imperial foundation of God's government. On them is builded the metropolis of His empire."

Brother Hyman closed his sermon with a prayer that "Free Will Baptists will always cling to these Rocks Of The Ages".

Moderator Hendrix called for the report of the Committee On Committees. The report was given by Willie Justice and was unanimously accepted by the delegates.

Rev. Robert Hagler prayed the benediction and the prayer of thanksgiving for the food.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon services opened with the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" led by Brother Earl Sutton. Rev. Paul Clayton led in prayer.

Rev. Roger Cosnell of the Beaver Creek Conference conducted the afternoon devotions, using Romans 8:29 as a basis for his message. He spoke on the subject, "Becoming What You Are".

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and adopted.

The Four Conferences in the state reported with letters from the churches.

MSC that the delegates be seated for this thirty-fourth annual session.

MSC that the Executive Committee's recommendations be accepted.

The Clerk read the proposed constitutional changes dealing with the association convening in June of each year instead of November.

"The South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene on Thursday and Friday before the third Saturday in June, instead of Thursday and Friday of the week between the second and third Sundays in November."

MSC that this item be laid on the table.

Rev. Rufus Coffee reported on the possibility of the National meeting in S. C. in the near future. Report received as information.

The following State reports were given and accepted by the delegates:

Children's Home

Christian Education Board

Church Loan Fund

Rev. Earl Sutton led in the singing of "Victory In Jesus".

The reports continued:

Board of Retirement (State)

Promotional Secretary (State)

National Executive Secretary

Free Will Baptist Bible College

National Sunday School Department

National CTS Board

National Foreign Missions

All reports were received.

"There Is A Name I Love To Hear" was directed by Earl Sutton.

MSC that the partial report of the nominating committee be received.

Wilburn Beasley was elected as our General Board Member and will serve 1977 through 1978.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. Bobby Poole.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES

The Four Conferences honored our senior preachers with a brief program and delicious supper at the Coachman Inn Restaurant from 5:00 to 6:30 P. M.

The Worship Hour began at 7:30.

The Little Bethel Quartet presented special music.

Rev. Rufus Coffee brought the evening sermon, using Romans 12:4,5 as his text. Brother Coffee spoke on the subject, "Members of His Body".

The benediction was prayed by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session opened with the singing of "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Morning devotions were brought by Rev. Joe Cagle, member of the Eastern Conference. He spoke from Ps. 74:13-15. His subject was, "God's Blessings Upon His People".

The following reports were made and accepted:

State CTS

State Treasurer

State Youth Camp

State Woman's Auxiliary

Resolutions Committee

Missionary appointee Jim Moser spoke of his work in preparation for the mission field. Missionary Bobby Poole also spoke of his work in Brazil. L. H. Clayton led in prayer for all Missionaries. The meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

The Morning Worship Service began with the singing of "Count Your Blessings".

Special music was presented by Rev. Earl Sutton. He sang "Wonderful Peace".

Rev. Joseph Wallis, member of the Central Conference and pastor of West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Johnsonville, preached the morning message. Brother Wallis spoke from Acts 1:1-14 and used "What It Means To Be A Witness" as his subject. He used the following outline:

The Holy Spirit Made Witnessing Possible

The Holy Spirit Made Witnessing Fruitful

The Holy Spirit Made Witnessing Purposeful

The Holy Spirit Made Witnessing Powerful

The benediction and prayer of thanksgiving over the food was led by Rev. Ansel Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The closing session of the Association opened with "The Solid Rock", led by Earl Sutton.

We were led in prayer by Rev. James Childers.

Rev. Willie Justice, member of the South Carolina Conference and pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, conducted the afternoon devotions, using Matthew 16:17-19 as a basis for his message. Brother Justice spoke on the subject, "I Will Build My Church", or "The King of Church Jesus Is Building".

MSC that the partial report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

MSC that the report of the Placement Committee be accepted. The meeting will be held with New Prospect Church near Pamplico.

MSC that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted and the

resolutions adopted.

MSC that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter opposing Madalyn O'Hare's efforts to secure equal time for the followers of athiesm on T. V.

MSC that the report of the Credentials Committee be received.

MSC that the recommendation concerning a constitutional change be taken off the table.

MSC that the Association meet yearly on Thursday and Friday before the third Saturday in February, beginning with 1977 meeting.

~~The first meeting will be on February 16 and 17, 1977.~~

MSC that the final report of the Nominating Committee be received.

Rev. Irvin Hyman was nominated from the floor for Promotional Secretary. Brother Hyman declined the nomination.

Rev. Earl Sutton was also nominated, but declined.

The name of Rev. Robert Rose was placed in nomination for Promotional Secretary. He was elected by majority vote.

Motion made that the churches send \$30 each to represent at the State Association. Motion was tabled since it would necessitate a constitutional change.

Moderator Hendrix suggested that the churches be encouraged to send \$30 to the February 1977 meeting.

MSC that the Association compensate the Coachman Inn Restaurant for extra expenses involved in hosting the dinner for Retired Preachers.

MSC that we pray for churches to be organized in the 24 S. C. counties without Free Will Baptist churches.

MSC that we give a rising vote of thanks to host church for their splendid hospitality.

The Association was adjourned with prayer.

APPENDIX I

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

James Childers, Chairman
Joe Wallis
Rudy Woods
Hoytt Powell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. C. Allen, Chairman
William Porter
Harry Cooper
Wayne Poston

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Norwood Gibson, Chairman
Paul Reed *Reid*
Julius Hall
Joe Cagle

Respectfully submitted,
Willie Justice
Bobby Bowers
James Hucks
Joe Cagle

APPENDIX II

POSTON BAGGETTE MEMORIAL LOAN FUND
South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist

November, 1976

Balance Brought Forward \$ 553.04

CASH RECEIPTS

Miss Debbie Hatchell 200.00
South Carolina Conference 108.98
Interest 14.28

323.26

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Miss Trudy Powell 550.00
Miss Brenda Gibbons 550.00
Mr. David Kirby 600.00
Mr. Daniel Shea Eaddy 66.23
Mr. William Miller Edmonds, III 200.00

1966.23

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	876.30	
Loans Outstanding	1966.23	
Loans out with Interest	2112.52	
Total Assets		2988.83

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harry L. Cooper
Christian Education Field Director

APPENDIX III

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE

I. RECEIPTS:

1. Pamplico Church	\$ 65.00
2. First Church (Florence)	130.00
3. Lockhart	15.00
4. Horse Branch	40.00
5. Bethany Church	108.80
6. Columbia (Original)	45.00
7. First Church (McColl)	20.00
8. New Prospect	50.00
9. First Church (Greer)	5.00
10. Bay Branch	60.00
11. Jefferson Road	50.00
12. Grace (Fort Mill)	50.00
13. Lebanon	15.00
14. S. C. State	139.22
15. Irvin Hyman	10.00
16. Book Store profits	48.52
Total	\$851.54

II. EXPENDITURES:

1. Film	\$ 1.70
2. Sunday School Dept.	153.08
3. Postage	116.72
4. Executive Dept.	3.00
5. Pattillo Printing Co.	505.44
6. Bay Branch Church	16.45
7. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell	7.50
8. Promotional Secretary	50.00
9. Misc. Expenses (Phone, etc.)	3.84
Total	\$857.73

Note: The difference between the totals in Section I and II was made up so that there were no outstanding bills as of August 10, 1976.

Note: Mileage travelled — 394 miles.

Listing of Books in Christian Book Store: (Free Will Baptist Authors)

Free Will Baptist Treatise	2 -	\$.50
6 Steps to Christian living	4 -	.25
You can know	2 -	.25
Revelation (Dodd)	2 -	1.25
Romans (V. 1)	1 -	1.95
Romans (V. 2)	1 -	1.95
Romans (V. 3)	1 -	1.95
The Backslider	2 -	.50
Bicentennial of Sunday School	2 -	.75
Choice Messages (Hudson)	3 -	2.00
Hebrews	1 -	2.95
Perseverance (Staten)	3 -	.75
Faith for Today	1 -	2.40
Church History (O'Donnell)	3 -	3.95
Methods of teaching	1 -	.50
Pauline Writings	1 -	1.00
That's Life	1 -	1.95
Systematics (Forlines)	3 -	4.95
Books of History	1 -	2.50
The Pentateuch	1 -	1.95
Calling a Pastor	2 -	.25
Church Government and Ordinances	6 -	.50
Perseverance (Picirilli)	1 -	.50
The Preacher and his Preaching	1 -	1.95
The Apocalypse (Simpson)	2 -	1.95
Biblical Ethics	3 -	3.95
Let's Go Fishing	2 -	.65
Sunday School with E's	1 -	.50
Your Church and You	1 -	.50
Messages that Matter	1 -	3.95
Evangelistic Preaching	5 -	3.95
Beyond the Stars	4 -	3.50
Early History of F.W.B.	1 -	3.95
Precepts for Practice	1 -	2.95
Doctrines of last things	1 -	.50
Fundamentals of the Faith	2 -	.50
Tongues (Picirilli)	27 -	.50
Changing roll of Women	10 -	.50
Evolution	8 -	.30
Basis for Missions	12 -	.50
Revelation (O'Donnell)	19 -	1.00
Awakening in the Wilderness	3 -	1.25
Never say Can't	3 -	4.95
Galatians	2 -	1.95
Daniel	2 -	1.95
Gospels	2 -	1.50

Total — \$203.70

July 20, 1976

Note: Total value of Book Store: \$487.39

Listing of Books in Christian Book Store: (Sword of the Lord Publications)

APPENDIX IV

**S. C. STATE C. T. S. CONVENTION
1976 Financial Report**

Luke (Rice)	2 -	\$5.95
Acts (Rice)	2 -	5.95
Matthew (Rice)	3 -	5.95
Life of D. L. Moody	2 -	5.95
Soul-winning Sermons	2 -	2.50
Compel them to Come In	3 -	2.29
Kisses of Calvary	4 -	2.29
How to Boost your Attendance	1 -	1.95
Assorted booklets	154 -	.50
Our God-breathed Book	1 -	6.50
Forms and Letters	5 -	3.00
No man cared for my Soul	1 -	3.00
God's Work — How to do it	1 -	3.00
S. S. reaching Multitudes	1 -	4.50
Christ in Old Testament	2 -	3.50
God in your Family	1 -	3.50
Billy Sunday	1 -	4.75
Questions (Rice)	2 -	5.95
Power of Pentecost	2 -	5.00
Come out or Stay In	4 -	3.95
Revelation (Hyles)	2 -	2.29
Churches do not win Souls	1 -	2.50
Build an Evangelistic Church	1 -	2.50
Contending for the Faith	1 -	3.50
False Doctrine	2 -	4.95
Preaching that Built a Great Church	3 -	3.95
Church at Corinth	3 -	4.95
Prayer (Rice) (Paper)	1 -	1.95
Fullness of Power	1 -	2.29
God Remembered	1 -	2.29
		Total — \$283.69

Balance brought forward 1975 (Peggy Baxley, Treasurer)	\$ 12.42	
1976 Convention Offering & Fees received	318.62	
Total, 1976		\$331.04
Withdrawals:		
Honorariums of \$5.00 each for 3 judges	15.00	
State competitive metals & youth activiites materials ordered from National	101.49	
C. T. S. representation and competitive fees to National convention for 1976	80.00	
First Church, Florence for expenses	7.00	
Expenses, local	7.89	
Contestants (16 at 7.00 ea.)	112.00	
Total Withdrawals		323.38
Check Returned by Contestants (2 at 7.00)	14.00	14.00
Balance in Treasurer		21.66

Respectfully submitted,
Benny R. Inman,
Treasurer

July 20, 1976

Promotional Secretary,
Rev. Robert T. Rose

APPENDIX V

**SUPERANNUATION REPORT
1976**

Balance Brought Forward \$3,459.07

RECEIPTS

Churches	\$180.46	
1st Florence	192.47	
Oakgrove	76.00	
Evergreen	10.00	
Little Bethel	20.00	
Little Star	20.00	
Myrtle Beach	15.00	
Free Welcome	7.50	
Horse Branch	307.00	
New Prospect	275.00	
White Savannah	200.00	
Beulah	216.29	
Pamplico	106.77	
Sand Hill	217.23	
Lebanon	225.60	
New Town	75.00	
2nd. Dist.	81.66	
1st. Dist.	145.16	
1st. Charleston	173.92	
Poplor Hill	36.00	
Mt. Aril	5.00	
Sweet Home	10.00	
Salem	479.00	
Liberty	18.05	
Black River	100.00	
McColl	27.00	
East Side Florence	36.89	
Lacy Gibbons	12.00	
Interest on Savings	148.71	\$3,367.71
Total to Account for		\$6,826.78

EXPENSES

Retirement Assistance	2,520.00	
Office Expense	12.00	
Total Expense		\$2,532.00
Balance in Treasury		\$4,294.78

Respectfully submitted,
Wilburn Beasley, Field Director

APPENDIX VI

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers	53
Delegates	31
Visitors	21
Total	105

Churches	33
Fees: From Churches	\$655.00
From Conferences	312.00
Total	\$967.00

The four conferences represented with the following fees —

Beaver Creek	\$ 93.00
Central	45.00
Eastern	36.00
South Carolina	138.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Reed, Chairman
Robert P. Cooper
Hoytt E. Powell

APPENDIX VII

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the C. T. S. Board was charged with the establishing of guidelines for participants in the National Youth Conference to be presented in Tulsa in 1976, and

WHEREAS, those guidelines presented were not acceptable to many on the convention floor, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the National Association has been charged with the presentation of guidelines at the 1977 session at Detroit, and

WHEREAS, some desiring a conservative, Biblical position to be taken have been asked to present their desire in writing to the Executive Committee,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptists go on record to the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as approving the following dress and morals code for the participants in the National Youth Conference which convenes in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists:

All male participants shall have their hair trimmed so as not to cover the ears or to look effeminate in the back. All female

participants shall wear dresses at least to the middle of the knee in length and have hair styles that are feminine (according to the Scriptures) and not masculine in appearance. Scriptural grounds for this resolution are: Deuteronomy 22:5; I Cor. 11:14-15; I Timothy 2:9 and Isaiah 47:3.

Be it further resolved that a male chaperone accompany each ten boys or part thereof and a female chaperone accompany each ten girls or part thereof. Members of the opposite sex, not married, shall not be in motel or hotel rooms together or on the street more than one hour after the close of any day's activity without adult chaperone.

Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution be signed by the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist officers and sent to the Executive Committee, Contact magazine and to all other state papers as listed in the 1976 Directory of Free Will Baptist churches.

Be it further resolved that all ordained ministers be encouraged to endorse by signature this resolution.

WHEREAS; There are some churches within our State who feel that there are Scriptural grounds for women not wearing pants, or slacks and men wearing long hair, and

WHEREAS; the youth camp is to benefit the entire state youth and

WHEREAS; it is deemed a compromise by some to let the youth participate in a program at camp less than that upheld in the local church activity, and

WHEREAS; the youth camp is an extension of the local church

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we the South Carolina State Association of Original Free Will Baptist direct the Youth Camp Board to include in their rules governing camp dress and morals that girls be required to wear dresses or coulottes, knee length in all youth activity and that young men have their hair trimmed so as to not cover their ears, touch eyebrows, and off the collar.

Respectfully submitted,
Norwood Gibson
Rev. Joe Cagle
Rev. Paul C. Reid
Rev. Julius Hall

APPENDIX VIII
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME
TO THE
STATE ASSOCIATION -- OCTOBER, 1975 - SEPTEMBER, 1976
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CASH RECEIVED:

Liberty Church	483.70	Mt. Elon Church	265.00
Lebanon Church	823.03	Charleston First Church	521.59
Poplar Hill Church	330.90	Florence First Church	409.36
Bethany Church	1,026.98	Horse Branch Church	2,341.72
Salem Church	420.00	Black River S. S.	1,200.00
Bay Branch Church	131.00	St. John Church	294.32
Camp Branch Church	162.50	Pamplico Church	323.66
New Town Church	1,055.19	Charleston Heights	31.43
Columbia First Church	155.00	Winsor Park	166.35
Sand Hill Church	990.10	Beulah Church	1,204.37
S. C. Conf. No. 1	111.16	Darlington Church	448.18
Tabernacle Church	276.30	Lynches R. Church	418.00
Calvary Church	332.51	Temple First Church	1,500.00
S. C. Conf. No. 2	90.66	Grace Church	740.00
McColl Church	24.00	Gilead Church	40.00
Hartsville Church	298.34	Faith Church	168.03
Bethlehem Church	60.00	Jefferson Rd.	449.98
Oates Church	76.00	High Hill	543.00
Raines	25.10	Fellowship FWB	927.20
			\$18,864.66

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

CASH RECEIVED:

Mt. Ariel	280.00	Mt. Trolly	150.00
Little Bethel Church	2,487.04	Oak Grove Church	344.50
Little Star Church	280.00	West Side Church	183.67
Pee Dee	150.00	White Savannah Church	400.00
Central	351.61	Central Dist.	63.00
			4,689.82

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CASH RECEIVED:

Mill Branch Church	430.00	Happy Home Church	288.72
New Prospect Church	2,250.29	Grace Church	120.00
Sweet Home Church	916.42	Williams Hill Church	176.50
Hillside Church	75.18	Eastern Conference	150.00
Sunday School Convention	76.60	Eastern Dist. S. S.	72.96
Walkers Chapel	50.00		4,606.67

BEAVER CREEK CONFERENCE

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS OF THE HOME 1975 - 1976

CASH RECEIVED:			
Almetta Church	191.25	Enoree Church	346.18
Greer Church	194.21	Woodruf First Church	250.52
South Avenue Church	369.96	Converse Church	925.30
Grace Mission	283.12	Rock Hill Church	750.00
Lockhart Church	1,082.46	Valley Falls Church	1,113.00
Spartanburg First Ch.	652.92	Whitney Church	656.00
High Point Church	1,232.54	Arcadin Church	1,024.23
Calvary Church	224.00	Southside Church	210.00
Beaver Dam	185.00	Lancaster	484.61
Hearon Circle	114.44	Beaver Creek Min. Assoc.	50.00
Marietta First	22.00	Pine Glove Church	90.00
Mt. Carmel Church	218.43	Hill Top Church	496.06
Fairview Church	213.54	Greenville Church	70.00
Simpsonville Church	37.37		12,087.14
Palmetto Conference	10.00		
Other States	11,453.73		
Farm	5,486.26		
Individuals	11,349.45		
Other Organizations	5,821.31		
Memorials	1,331.00		
Benefits from Soc. Serv.	7,415.70		
Education Fund	450.57		
The Duke Endowment	2,419.66		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			85,985.97

Transfer to Bldg. Fund Reserve	5,000.00
Groceries	9,548.35
Household Supplies	206.07
Clothes & Shoes	135.27
Heat, Lights, Water	5,342.05
Telephone	622.12
Medical Expense	377.54
Office Expense & Postage	1,753.17
Salaries — Administrative	6,000.00
Salaries — Other	8,500.00
Salaries — Dietary	8,384.17
Maintenance & Repairs	3,099.05
Auto Expense	5,006.93
Trustees Travel	900.76
School Supplies & Allow.	2,437.20
Farm Tractor	5,480.80
Insurance	1,676.99
Payroll Taxes	1,653.03
Misc. & Com. Expense	622.73
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	66,746.23

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Balance in Bank September 30, 1975	10,610.11
Receipts	85,985.97
Total to Account for	96,596.08
Less Disbursements	66,746.23
Balance in Bank — September 30, 1976	29,849.85
Reserve in Bank for Building Program	42,131.40

APPENDIX IX

**HOME MISSION REPORT
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

October 1975 — October 1976

On hand in checking account \$ 3,853.20

Received:	
Bethany	900.00
Bay Branch	100.00
Beulah	1,083.57
Black River	200.00
Bible Church Darlington (Revival)	240.25
Columbia First	60.00
Calvary	332.51
Florence First	1,412.67
East Side	36.89
Horse Branch	1,783.55
Liberty	110.92
Lebanon	451.24
McCall	60.00
Mr. Ollie Mims	100.00
New Town (Revival)	180.00
Oates (Revival \$70.02)	100.02
Pamplico	232.74
Second Quarterly Meeting	107.22
First Quarterly Meeting	115.60
St. John	123.45
State Association	139.22
Sand Hill	789.01
TOTAL	\$ 8,658.86
Balance On Hand	3,853.29
TOTAL	\$12,512.15

Disbursements:	
Office Expense	\$ 14.21
Calculator	59.97
Fred J. Kirby Travel Expenses	43.00
Transferred to Savings	7,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,117.18
TOTAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK	5,394.97
TOTAL IN PEOPLES FEDERAL SAVINGS	\$11,606.71
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT IN BANK AND SAVINGS	\$17,001.68

Treasurer,
Rev. J. B. Vause

APPENDIX X

REPORT OF CHURCH LOAN ASSOCIATION

Granted a loan to East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., on April 5, 1976 in the amount of \$2,500.00. Balance in Peoples Federal Savings and Loan: \$430.79.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. B. Vause

APPENDIX XI

1976 CAMP REPORT

Balance in Treasury	\$1,645.64
Income:	
Camper Fees	\$4,700.00
Canteen Sales	1,157.31
Offering	185.00
Grocery Rebate	105.84
Donations for plates and cups:	
Calvary Church	75.00
Lebanon	45.96
Grace	15.00
Darlington	25.00
Total Income	\$6,309.11
Total To Account For	\$7,954.75
Paid Out:	
Camp Rent	\$1,458.05
Insurance	220.40
Cook Pay	700.00
Evangelist	250.00
Mileage — Phone — Piano	135.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	403.80
Groceries	1,918.50
Canteen	921.74
Director	252.00
Offering to the Poole Account	185.00
Total Paid Out	\$6,444.49
Balance In Treasury	\$1,510.26

Camp Director,
A. C. Allen

APPENDIX XII

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

To the S. C. State Association, November 12, 1976
Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville, S. C.

Annual Convention — March 20, 1976
First FWB Church, Inman, S. C.

Officers:

Table listing officers and financial data: President Mary Reid, Vice President Mae Sheehan, Secretary Faye Hanna, Treasurer Alene Stone, Field Worker Jessie Stone, Members-at-Large Norma Harrington, Gayle Hughes, Evis Poston, Number of Active Auxiliaries 40, Enrollment 542, Treasurer's Report: Balance (3-75) \$1,284.20, Renewals 6,847.17, Disbursements 7,028.24, Balance on Hand 3-1-76 \$1,103.13

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Reid, President
Faye Hanna, Secretary

APPENDIX XIII

RULES THAT GOVERN THE POSTON-BAGGETTE MEMORIAL LOAN
FUND OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 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 for a loan, with a statement that he or she has been unable to secure assistance from any other source.
3. The assistance is available to any qualified person entering or attending our Free Will Baptist Bible College for any phase of full-time Christian service with Ministerial Students preferable.
4. (a) The loan will be secured by a promissory note signed by the applicant and co-signed by his or her church to guarantee the collection of said note.
(b) The loan may be issued for a period of six years maximum, and at the option of the board may be extended for a period of one year. If the applicant fails to comply with the rules and regulations, the note will become due within one year from the time of default.
(c) No interest shall be charged on a loan as long as the applicant is a student; but thereafter at the rate of 4% annually until the loan is

- paid in full.
(d) A payment on this loan shall be expected within sixty days after withdrawal or completion from school, and equal monthly payments thereafter until the loan is paid in full.
5. All loans that are approved shall be paid directly to the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
6. The applicant must fill out the questionnaire provided by the Board.
7. Less than a "C" average will render the applicant ineligible for further assistance.
8. These rules can be revised or amended by the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists only.

MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION

Meeting with the Eastern Conference at the
New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, Pamlico, S. C.
February 17-18, 1977

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Showers of Blessing", led by Brother Earl Sutton, with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano. Prayer was then offered for the State Association by Brother Norwood Gibson.

Devotions were conducted by Brother David Hutchison, pastor of the Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church, Lockhart, S. C., from Luke 14:25-27 on the subject, "Total Commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ".

The Association was called to order by Moderator Earl Hendrix. Moderator Hendrix announced that the Rev. Joseph Ange, Director of Christian Service at Free Will Baptist Bible College and the guest speaker at the afternoon seminar and the speaker at the evening service, would not be able to arrive until time for the evening service.

Brother Joe Cagle, the host pastor, gave the welcome. The response was given by Brother Paul Clayton.

The Association was led in singing, "Count Your Blessings", by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano.

The Moderator's message delivered by Brother Earl Hendrix, was based on II Timothy 2:1-2 and entitled, "Feed the Flock".

The Moderator appointed the following men to serve on the Committee on Committees: Norwood Gibson, Julius Hall, Paul Sheehan, and William Porter.

Visitors were recognized by standing and among those recognized was Brother Bobby Poole, missionary to Brazil.

A 10 Minute Recess was called by the Moderator.

The Morning Worship Service began with the singing of "There is a Name I Love to Hear" led by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano. Prayer was offered by Brother Reedy Severance. A time of testimony followed. Special music was rendered by Miss Pamela Jones, accompanied by Miss Robin Clayton at the piano. Sister Jones sang, "It Will Be Heaven" and "God Take the Hand of This Child".

Rev. Paul Clayton, Pastor of Hill Side Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., delivered the morning message on the subject, "Salvation", from

Romans 9:22-24. The sermon was divided as follows: I. God thought it — Gen. 3:15; II. Jesus Bought It — Matt. 1:21; III. The Bible Taught It — Luke 19:10; IV. Faith Brought It — Eph. 2:8; V. The Holy Spirit Wrought It — John 14:16-17; VI. Satan Fought It — Matt. 2:12; VII. And I Got It.

The Committee on Committees made their report which was given by Brother Norwood Gibson. MSC to accept the report. SEE APPENDIX I.

~~Brother Joe Cagle gave information on the serving of the noon meal and then prayed the benediction and blessing on the noon meal.~~

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of "My Savior's Love" led by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano.

Brother Mike Jones led the Association in prayer.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Dr. Irvin Hyman in the place of Brother Julius Vause who was unable to attend. Brother Hyman spoke from Phil. 2:5-8 on the subject entitled, "The Death of Our Lord".

MSC to receive a partial report of the Credentials Committee given by Brother Robert Cooper.

A report was made by Brother Don Rochester of the Don Rochester Agency, P. O. Box 3016, Greenville, S. C. on a group insurance that his company could provide our ministers, church employees and paid staff members.

MSC to accept as information an oral report given by Brother Paul Sheehan on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

MSC to receive the report of Brother Harry Cooper for the Christian Education Board. SEE APPENDIX II.

MSC that the report of the Public Morals Committee be received as given by Brother Mike Jones. SEE APPENDIX III.

MSC that the Report of the State Promotional Secretary be received. The Promotional Secretary, Brother Robert Rose, gave the report. SEE APPENDIX IV.

MSC to receive as information the oral report of Brother Bobby Bowers for the State C. T. S. Board. SEE ALSO APPENDIX V.

MSC to receive the oral reports of Brother Fred Kirby and Brother Paul Reid, our State Home Missionaries.

The Association was led in singing, "There's Within My Heart a Melody" by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano.

Recognition was made of all the new pastors now serving in our state. The following were recognized: Brother Ronnie Knight - Asst. pastor of Calvary F.W.B. Church in Georgetown; Brother Wayne Smith - pastoring in Sumter; Brother Reedy Severance - pastor of Mt. Elon in Pamlico; and Brother William Porter - pastoring at Fountain Inn, S. C.

MSC to receive the report of the State Retirement Board given by Brother Wilburn Beasley. SEE APPENDIX VI.

MSC to receive the report of the State Treasurer, Brother A. C. Allen. SEE APPENDIX VII. Youth Camp report is same as given in 1976 minutes.

MSC to require the clerk of the State Association to send a letter to each church in the state that did not represent telling them that we appreciate them and missed them at the State Association and reminding them of the \$20.00 fee that was due from their church.

MSC to table the motion to increase each church fee to the State Association

from \$20.00 to that of \$30.00 until after the letter from the State clerk to the delinquent churches has been sent and the result of it obtained.

The Moderator gave a report for consideration from the Executive Board which met December 11, 1976. The recommendation put before the body for the consideration of future Executive Boards as they plan the State Meetings suggested the use of a digest of reports for the State and National reports give each year. The Executive Board also recommends that only two National departments be invited each year to report at the State Association and be limited to twenty minutes each thereby allowing for time to plan a Seminar or some other type of interesting addition to the program which will be of help to our pastors and laymen. Any uninvited National Departments, according to this suggestion, may attend and be recognized, give greetings, and make themselves available to the brethren but will not be given time on the program. Favor was then sought for approval for these suggestions by a show of the hand. Both were almost unanimous in approval.

MSC that if the Executive Board invites a special speaker for a Seminar, etc. other than the two invited to share the ministry of their National Department, then they will be paid for their actual expenses incurred in coming and a set honorarium of \$50.00.

MSC to elect Brother Ben Stone of the Eastern Conference as our delegate to the National Association.

A letter to the State Association from Brother Carlisle Hanna, our Missionary to India, was read by the Clerk.

MSC to receive as information the report of Brother Bobby Poole, our missionary to Brazil.

MSC to give Brother Bobby Poole and Brother Carlisle Hanna each \$100 for their account because of our appreciation for their work.

Prayer for our missionaries was then offered by Bro. Bill Poteat.

EVENING SERVICE

The evening service was opened with the singing of "The Old Account Was Settled" led by Brother Earl Sutton. Prayer was offered by Brother Bobby Bowers.

The Hymn, "Send a Great Revival" was led by Bro. Earl Sutton.

An offering for the State Promotional Office which puts out **THE INFORMER** was received. Prayer on the offering was offered by Bro. Reedy Severance.

Special music was rendered by **The Gospel Seven**.

The Evening Message was delivered by Dr. Joseph Ange entitled "How to Be Sure You Will Build His Church". His message stirred the hearts of all and many rededicated their lives at the altar at the close of the service. The service was closed in prayer by Brother Earl Hendrix and was dismissed in prayer by Brother Danny Gray.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Service was opened with the singing of "Standing on the Promises" led by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano. Prayer was offered by Brother Dale Burden, Pastor of Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church in Norfolk, Va.

The Morning devotions were brought by Brother Paul Sheehan on Luke

18:9-13. He spoke on the subject of prayer and keeping our eyes on the Lord.

Brother Joseph Ange spoke on behalf of the Bible College after which he conducted a Seminar on Problems of the Pastor and How to Find the Solutions.

An offering in the Amount of \$49.45 was taken on behalf of a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College who was mentioned by Bro. Ange in the Seminar.

After a recess of five minutes, the Association reconvened with the singing of "On Jordan's Stormy Land" led by Brother Earl Sutton with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano. Prayer was offered by Brother L. H. Clayton.

Special music was rendered by Brother Earl Sutton and Brother David Kirby with Sister Jean Hyman at the piano.

The Morning Message was brought by Brother James Childers, Jr., pastor of Whitney F.W.B. Church, Whitney, S. C., on Matt. 26:39 entitled "Nevertheless". He emphasized that we are "not at anytime to settle for less than the best".

Brother Dale Burden was recognized and spoke for a few minutes about the burden of his heart, Gateway Bible College.

MSC to accept report of Credentials Committee. SEE APPENDIX VIII.

Report of the Nominating Committee was given which reported that it was making hte same report as was given in November except it recommends Brother Norwood Gibson as Moderator on the request of the present Moderator. In other words, the recommendation was for all present officers to replace themselves except the Moderator. MSC to accept the report.

MSC to vote by Acclamation.

MSC to elect Brother Norwood Gibson as State Association Moderator.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Moderator Earl Hendrix who was stepping down.

MSC to re-elect all officers as recommended in the Nominating Committee report.

MSC to receive the report of the Resolution Committee in its entirety. SEE APPENDIX IX.

MSC to dissolve the State Book Store and place the money from such action back into the State Promotional Secretary work.

MSC that the Executive Committee pay the State Promotional Secretary some salary as we can afford.

MSC to adjourn. Closed in prayer by Brother J. B. Rice.

Next year the South Carolina Conference will host the State Association at Horse Branch F.W.B. Church, Turbeville, S. C.

In 1979, the Beaver Creek Association will host the State Association at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, S. C.

The Delegate to the National Association from South Carolina for 1977 is Bro. Ben Stone from the Eastern Conference.

APPENDIX I

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We the Committee on Committees make the following Committee appointments.

Finance Committee	
A. C. Allen, Chairman	S. C.
Harry Cooper	Central
Danny Gray	B. C.
Joe Cagle	Eastern

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bobby Bowers	B. C.
Hoyt Powell, Chairman	Eastern
Alford Williamson	Central
Bill Poteat	S. C.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Gene Kirby	Eastern
L. H. Clayton	B. C.
Robert Hagler	Central
Irvin Hyman, Chairman	S. C.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Norwood Gibson, Chairman
 Julius R. Hall
 Paul Sheehan
 William Porter

APPENDIX II

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD POSTON-BAGGETTE LOAN FUND

South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptist
 February, 1977

Balance Brought Forward \$1510.86

CASH RECEIPTS

Miss Debbie Hatchell	\$ 200.00
Mr. David Kirby	600.00
South Carolina Conference	132.32
Interest	25.50

LOANS OUTSTANDING

Miss Trudy Powell	550.00	
Miss Brenda Gibbons	550.00	
Mr. Daniel Shea Eaddy	66.23	
Mr. William Miller Edmonds, III	200.00	
		1366.23

New Prospect	20.00
Lockhart	15.00
Horse Branch	65.00
Columbia (Original)	15.00
Jefferson Road	10.00
Total	\$225.00

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	1476.30	
Loans Outstanding	1366.23	
Loans out plus interest	1612.52	
Total Assets		3088.82

Respectively Given,
Rev. Harry L. Cooper
Christian Education Director

II. EXPENDITURES:

Jones Printing Co.	\$182.00
Postage	22.75
Supplies (Envelopes)	10.50
Total	\$215.25

Receipts	\$225.00
Expenditures	215.25
Balance on Hand	\$ 9.75

Robert Rose
Promotional Secretary

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APPENDIX III

PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE

We, the Public Morals Committee, make the following report:
Due to the increasing sinfulness of this age and the Bible admonition to Christians to "Be ye Holy for I the Lord am Holy" we urge our churches to:

- 1) Keep before our people the Biblical standards in regards to entertainment and the Christian; specifically in regards to T. V. programs and worldly music.
- 2) Stress modesty and decency in the appearance of our men, women, and children.
- 3) Promote positive Christian activities and recreation to insure our people know the positive side of Christianity.

Rev. Michael L. Jones
Rev. Joseph Cagle
A. C. Allen
Joseph R. Wallis

APPENDIX IV

**THE REPORT
OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
November 12, 1976 - February 1, 1977**

I. RECEIPTS:

First Church (Florence)	\$ 60.00
First Church (Inman)	40.00

APPENDIX V

**S. C. STATE C.T.S. CONVENTION
1976 Financial Report**

Balance brought forward from 1975 (Peggy Baxley, Treasurer)	\$ 12.42
1976 Convention Offering & Dues	318.62
Total, 1976	\$331.04

Withdrawals

Judge (3 ea)	15.00
Metals	101.49
National C.T.S. Fee	80.00
First Church, Florence (expenses)	7.00
Local Expenses	7.89
Contestants (16 at 7.00 ea.)	112.00
Total Withdrawals	323.38

Churches returned (2 at 7.00 ea.)	14.00
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Balance in Treasurer	21.66
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Submitted by
Benny R. Inman
Treasurer

APPENDIX VI
STATE RETIREMENT BOARD
SUPERANNUATION REPORT
Nov. - Dec. 1976

Balance Brought Forward \$4,294.78

RECEIPTS

Tabernacle	\$ 5.00	
1st. Florence	58.99	
Evergreen	2.00	
Little Bethel	5.00	
Little Star	5.00	
Oakgrove	19.00	
Sweet Home	2.50	
Free Welcome	2.50	
Wild Wood	3.00	
1st. Charleston	73.89	
White Savannah	50.00	
Horse Branch	97.12	
Benlab	42.71	
New Prospect	50.00	
Pamplico	29.73	
Sand Hill	42.93	
East Side	32.65	522.02
Total to Account for		\$4,816.80

EXPENSES

Retirement Assistance	\$ 420.00
Balance in Treasury	\$4,396.80

Respectfully Submitted,
 Wilburn Beasley

APPENDIX VII
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR S. C. STATE ASSOCIATION
1976

Balance In Treasury	\$ 406.32
Church Fees and Missions Offering	1,808.35
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$2,214.67

PAID OUT:

Pattillo Printing Company	\$ 405.60
Marion C. Todd Expense to National Association	300.00
The Informer	139.22
Central Conf. Home Missions	139.22
Eastern Conf. Home Missions	139.22
Beaver Creek Conf. Home Missions	139.22
S. C. Conf. Home Missions	139.22
National Home Missions	139.22
A. C. Allen Treasurer Fee	25.00
Joseph Wallis Mileage	20.00
Earl Hendrix — Promotion and Expense	75.00
Ansel Smith — Moderator Fee and Expense	85.75
National Association Fee	45.00
Irvin Hyman — Clerk Fee and Expense	131.24
Sam Truett Mileage	45.00
Paul Clayton Mileage	43.60

TOTAL PAID OUT \$2,011.51

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 203.16

Church Fees taken in	967.00
Missionary Offering	533.82
	\$1703.98
Paid Out	835.76
Balance on 2-17-77	868.22

A. C. Allen

APPENDIX VIII
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S COMPLETE REPORT

Fees	\$1,235.00 (Total)
Churches	40 } \$920.00
Mission	1 }
Ministers	53
Visitors	15
Delegates	26
Conferences	4

Fees	315.00
Central Association	45.00
Beaver Creek Association	96.00
Eastern Conference	36.00
S. C. Conference	138.00

Respectfully,
 Robert P. Cooper
 Hoyt Powell
 Paul Reid

APPENDIX IX

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Bible repeatedly affirms the Deity of Jesus Christ, e.g., Luke 22:69-70; John 12:45; Colossians 2:9, et.al. and,

Whereas, the Deity of Christ is today repeatedly under attack from all sides; and,

Whereas, the General Motors Corp. is the sponsor of a six-hour film (to be shown in 1 hour segments) which will be aired during the Easter season on NBC-TV; and

Whereas, this film portrays the Divine Son of God, as "merely human, simple, fragile, & gentle"; and,

Whereas, other fundamental Christians worldwide are voicing their protests to this film, entitled **The Life of Christ**; and,

Whereas, we should also be involved in "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints . . ." (Jude 3);

Be it Resolved:

1. That the S. C. State Association of FWBs go on record as being in opposition to the showing of this film on TV;

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

A. Mr. E. M. Estes, President

General Motors Corp.

11-265 GM Building

Detroit, Mich. 48202

B. Mr. Herbert S. Schlossinger, Pres.

National Broadcasting Co.

30 Rockefeller Plaza

New York, N. Y. 10020

3. That we encourage our pastors and people to write letters of protest to the above-mentioned gentlemen & local NBC affiliates;

4. That our people state their intention (and if this warning is not heeded, actually carry out this action) to refrain from purchasing GM products if GM sponsors this film.

Whereas, the State Department of Social Services is working hard to introduce a bill in the State Legislature that would, in effect, put all child care centers under that department; therefore;

Be it Resolved:

1. That we go on record as officially opposing this bill in its present form.

2. That our clerk write in behalf of this body to the sub-committees three

members, urging them to defeat this bill.

Irvin Hyman
 David Kirby
 Robert Hagler

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

OFFENSIVE TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Whereas,

The gross moral depravity portrayed in many television programs is utterly degrading and lacking in redeeming social value; and

Whereas,

Filthy language, rape scenes and murders occur with disgusting regularity on television; and

Whereas,

There is now evidence for a causal link between watching television violence and subsequent aggressive behavior by the viewer; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists hereby express its firm conviction that television programs which degrade sex, glorify violence, and deny moral decency have no place on the airwaves.

2. That we strongly oppose programming which undermines the moral values and ideals of our great nation.

3. That we urge all South Carolina Free Will Baptists to enthusiastically express appreciation to producers, networks, and sponsors for morally wholesome television programs.

4. That we call on Free Will Baptists to vigorously oppose the showing of offensive movies on television through:

(a) Letter writing (to the Federal Communications Commission, legislators, local station managers, and sponsors),

(b) Selective buying practices, and

(c) Selective viewing.

6. That we regard this issue with such intense concern that we commit ourselves to work to secure its implementation.

THE MENACE OF ALCOHOL

Whereas,

Recent reports have indicated that more than three out of every five persons in the United States who are teenagers or adults use alcoholic beverages to some extent; and

Whereas,

The use of alcoholic beverages continues to increase in the United States; and

Whereas,

In the United States there are now 9 million chronic alcoholics and thousands of other people on their way to alcoholism through social drinking; and

Whereas,

Beer, wine, and whiskey are major factors in the increase of crime, accidental deaths on the highways, broken homes, and rising tax burdens; and

Whereas,

The Scriptures declare, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1), and "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31, 32); therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That South Carolina Free Will Baptists renew their pledge to total ~~abstinence as stated in the church covenant "... to abstain ... from~~ all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages . . ."; and
2. That every possible effort be exerted on the local, county, and state levels to combat the sale and use of alcoholic beverages; and
3. That a continuing educational program on the evils of drinking be presented through teaching in our homes and preaching in our churches; and
4. That we continue presenting Christ as the only hope for the drinker doing all we possibly can to effectively present the Gospel to those involved in drinking.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND ADULTERY

Whereas,

There is a widespread move by some modern advocates who want to consider Christian love as basis for tolerating all kinds of sexual "freedom", and

Whereas,

These same persons advocate that homosexuality, adultery, and fornication are satisfactory ways of life even for Christians; and,

Whereas,

There is a growing sentiment and toleration among some church people toward homosexuality, adultery, and fornication; and

Whereas,

The Bible is replete with references (Judges 19:22, 23; Romans 1:24-27) I Cor. 6:9, 10; 7:2; Jude 7, 18, 19) exposing and condemning such actions on the part of any person, whether that person claims to be a believer or not; and,

Whereas,

Free Will Baptists believe the Bible is our rule and guide for faith and practice; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists continue to denounce homosexuality and adultery as sinful, unChristian, and already condemned by God in His Word.
2. That the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists recommend that all pastors and church leaders continue to strongly denounce this unrighteous conduct and urge purity to prevail, "... for God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness". (I Thess. 4:3, 7).

APPRECIATION

Whereas,

The Eastern Conference and host church have done a wonderful job hosting this association; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this association express appreciation in a standing vote of

thanks.

2. That the clerk be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Moderator of the Eastern Conference, and to the Pastor of New Prospect Church.

Signed
David Kirby
Irvin Hyman

APPENDIX X

1976-77
SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENTS
AT
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Student	Home City	Church
Martha Jane Alexander	Columbia	Columbia
Patricia Boyd	Darlington	First
Billy Dan Campbell	Inman	First
Melanie Jean Drew	Darlington	Windsor Park Mission
William M. Edmonds	Florence	First
George Randol Greenwood	Columbia	Columbia
Nan Hanna	Pamplico	Pamplico
Tim Hutchinson	Lockhart	Lockhart
Willie Clyde Martin	Charleston	First
Marilyn McInville	Darlington	Temple
Ricky Lane Rasberry	Timmons ville	First Florence
Wanda Fleetwood Rogers	Darlington	First
Camille Scott	Hemingway	Williams Hill
Theron B. Scott	Hemingway	Williams Hill
Cheryl Anne Shoquist	Charleston	First Charleston
Robert H. Shoquist, Jr.	Charleston	First Charleston
Janice Stone	Johnsonville	West Side
Beverly Strickland	Timmons ville	First
William Power Turner	Florence	Bible
Darrell W. Weatherford	Darlington	Faith
Frances Allen	Turbeville	Horse Branch