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The record shows that on November 11, 1952, the then Trustees of the Mount Tabernacle Pentecostal Church (hereinafter referred to as MTPC) purchased the piece of property in question, as evidenced by that certain deed recorded in the Greenville County RMC Office in Deed Book 466, Page 376. On January 29, 1980, the record shows also that the same property was conveyed by deed of "Bishop Naomi Strong, Chairman of the Board for MTPC" to "Bishop Naomi Strong, John Strong, Jr., and Claudette Swinton, Trustees for MTPC" recorded January 30, 1980, in the Greenville County RMC Office in Deed Book 1119, Page 735. Furthermore, the record reflects that the property was again conveyed by the above grantees of the 1980 deed to "Bishop Naomi Strong" on February 23, 1982, as evidenced by that deed recorded February 24, 1982, in the Greenville County RMC Office in Deed Book 1162, Page 856.

The pivotal issue raised by the plaintiffs in this matter is whether the defendant had authority to act on January 29, 1980, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for MTPC to convey the subject property. In other words, the issue is whether the 1980 deed, and of necessity the 1982 deed, are valid, legal and proper instruments.

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