

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION
of the
Beaver Creek Association
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
KANNAPOLIS CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8-9-10
1927



REV. E. L. BEACHBOARD, Moderator
REV. J. E. BAILEY, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

The fourth session of the Free Will Baptist Association met with Kannapolis Church, September 8th, 9th, 10th, at 8:30 A. M. Services were opened by song and prayer by Rev. E. L. Beachboard.

The Association proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk: Moderator, E. L. Beachboard; Clerk, Rev. J. E. Bailey. The Moderator read the Church Covenant and Rules of Decorum and the Articles of Faith.

Churches and delegates called and reported as follows:

Saxon Avenue—J. E. Bailey, O. C. Knipps, John Ballard, L. C. Crowe, Fleet Guy.

Beaver Dam—W. J. Gregory, John Clayton, J. C. Stafford.

Whitney—J. M. Gilliam, Jesse Messer, Mattie Messer, Claud Sawyer.

Spindale—J. A. Dobbins, E. L. Beachboard.

Clifton No. 2—Archie Frady, W. R. Roland, J. E. Bailey.

Wadsworth—A. M. Heatherly, Ethel Byers, L. T. Mills.

Gastonia—Willis Davis, Bob Newsom, J. H. Franks, John Parker, Sim Costner.

Mt. Holly—Paul Jordan, N. R. Sturges, Claud Millwood.

Mt. Zion—Claude Riddings, W. J. Waldrop.

Kannapolis—H. L. Welch, J. H. Fletcher, Nellie Meesmer.

Caroleen, N. C.—C. C. Laws, E. L. Beachboard.

Landrum, S. C.—J. B. Tucker, Webb Bruce, J. H. Mayfield.

Visitors

The Moderator gave all visiting brethren a seat in our Association.

Rev. J. W. Briggs, from Marshall, N. C., preached Thursday night a great, stirring message.

Committees Appointed

Arrangements—J. C. Franks, J. H. Fletchers, Mattie Meesmer.

Temperance—W. K. Sawyers, W. E. Billings, Brother Bridges.

Sunday School—C. M. Cassell, L. C. Crowe, Mattie Meesmer, W. E. Billings.

Pulpit Committee—Pastor J. C. Franks and Delegates.

Education—J. C. Franks, W. K. Sawyer, Claude Sawyer.

Finance Committee—Mattie Messer, Mrs. Todd, Nellie Meesmer.

Obituaries Committee—Charley Bentley, Mrs. Todd, Mattie Meesmer.

Periodicals—J. C. Stafford, Willie Davis, Mr. Gilliam.

Deeper Devotion—J. C. Franks, Willie Davis, W. E. Billings.

Home Missions—Claude Sawyer, E. L. Beachboard, L. C. Crowe.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Stafford, W. K. Sawyer, F. R. Guy.

Evangelistic Work—J. E. Bailey, W. E. Billings, L. T. Billings.

Sessions—First delegate of each church.

Marriages and Divorces—E. W. Billings, J. C. Franks, J. E. Bailey, Clem Morrow, E. W. Bridges.

Ladies' Aid—Mattie Meesmer, Mrs. Todd, Mattie Messers.

Young People's Work—Jessie Messers, L. C. Crowe, Jessie Dobbins.

Resolutions Committee—J. L. Welch, J. E. Bailey, W. E. Billings, F. A. Eller.

Ministerial Support—J. C. Stafford, E. W. Bridges, E. L. Bennett.

FRIDAY MORNING

Sermon at 11:00 A. M., by Rev. J. C. Franks. Text: John, 10th Chapter. Subject: "The Good Shepherd." Adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

Services opened at 2:00 P. M. Reading by L. T. Mills. Prayer by F. A. Eller. The Moderator proceeded with business.

The Association proceeded to elect as Historian, O. C. Knipps.

It was moved and carried that we adopt fifth Sunday meeting.

W. E. Billings

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The fifth Sunday meeting was held at Savon Avenue. It was a good meeting.

The Association asked all ministers to attend or send in a letter to the Ministers' Conference every fifth Sunday.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Sermon by Rev. W. K. Sawyer and Rev. J. E. Bailey. Text, Heb. 12:14. Great spiritual meeting; thirteen conversions.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association opened with Scripture reading by Rev. G. C. Morrow. Prayer by Archie Frady.

The Association instructed J. C. Stafford to give the first church which started to build the extension money on hand.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Stafford. Text, fourth Chapter Timothy, third verse.

Committee on Sessions

The next Association will meet with Fairview Church, at Caroleen, N. C., at 10:00 A. M. on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1928, W. K. Sawyer to preach the introductory sermon.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Sermon by Rev. E. W. Billings. Text, I Cor. 12:13.

Report on Ministers

Rev. L. T. Mills was restored to full fellowship as a minister.

Ministers dismissed by order of the Association: L. M. Blanton, N. D. Heath, J. W. Gaddy.

The Ordaining Council recommended the following for licenses for twelve months: G. C. Morrow and Paul Jordon, Licentiates; E. L. Bennett and E. W. Bridges, for ordination.

Report of Finance Committee

Money for Minutes, \$49.80.—Committee: Mrs. Mattie Messers, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Messmer.

We, the Association, have appointed Sister Minnie Newsom as a licensed missionary to work among our churches.

(Signed) Ordaining Council.

Rev. J. C. Stafford was restored to his place on the Ordaining Council.

Reports of Committees

Temperance—We, your Committee, affirm that it is our conviction that Christian principles alone can solve the problems of temperance. We pledge our support and co-operation to both State and Federal officials in every effort for strict carrying out and enforcement of proper laws. Our church stands firmly against the liquor business in every form, and we promise to support any movement by the Anti-Saloon League or any organization working to put down liquor, and we urge that our preachers and teachers show the danger of such.—Committee: W. K. Sawyer, W. E. Billings, Brother Bridges.

Sunday School—Realizing that youth is the time when the most lasting impressions are made on the mind, we would suggest that our ministers and Sabbath School workers urge parents not to send their children to Sunday School, but to bring them. We urge our Superintendents and teachers to be prompt; also that we adopt and have a Sunday School Convention.—Committee: L. C. Crowe, C. M. Cassell, W. E. Billings.

Education—We, your Committee on Education, after earnestly considering the deficiencies of some of our ministers, report the following: Seeing the need of better education in our ministry, we recommend that we, as an Association, put forth every effort to encourage our young

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ministers to take training at Ayden, N. C.—Committee: J. C. Franks, W. K. Sawyer, Claude Sawyer.

Obituaries—We, the members of Mt. Zion Church, mourn the loss of our dearly beloved Brother Grooms. Departed this life May 20th, 1927.

He is gone; the Lord has called him;
Though sad and lone, he was true;
He lived the life to gain sweet rest,
And this the Saviour knew.

—Rev. J. E. Bailey.

We, the body of Saxon Avenue Church, mourn the loss of our beloved mother and sister, Laura Gregory.

Her toils and troubles are over,
And in the arms of Jesus, we feel assured.
We hope to meet her some glad day,
In heaven, where all is pure.
Heaven now retains our treasure;
Earth the lonely casket keeps;
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted mother sleeps.

—Rev. J. E. Bailey, Pastor.

Mt. Zion Church—God saw fit to call Sister Sophia Johnson to her final rest, and we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God.—Rev. J. E. Bailey.

Sister Allie Capps departed this life March 30, 1927.

Through all pain at times she would smile
A smile of heavenly birth;
And when the angels called her home,
She smiled farewell to earth.

—Rev. J. E. Bailey.

Wadsworth Church—We, the members of the Wadsworth Church, do mourn the loss of our beloved Sister L. T. Mills, who was a devoted mother and Christian.

Heaven now retains our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted mother sleeps.
Happy days were spent together—
How sweet their memory still;
But she has left some aching hearts
This world can never fill.

Mrs. W. E. Alexander,
J. E. Bailey.

Beaver Dam Church mourns the loss of Sister Jane Stanley, departed this life March 3rd, 1927. She was loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted Christian.

Kannapolis Church mourns the loss of Sister Orrie Belle Heath, a devoted Christian mother and beloved by all who knew her, and we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God.

Committee on Young People's Work—We, your committee, affirm that each church should give their young people more work to do, and urge our pastors to help to see this work done.—Committee: Brothers Jesse Messers, L. C. Crowe, J. A. Dobbins.

Periodicals—We recommend, first of all, the Bible, and urge our people to read, and not only read it, but live by it. Also we recommend that we read and support only first-class literature.—Committee: J. C. Stafford, Willis Davis, Brother Gilliam.

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Deeper Devotion.—Spirituality is the life and power of the religion of Jesus Christ. The vocation of religion is devotion to God. Devotion means to love and adore and obey, yielding in humble submission to God. It is explained as entire consecration to God's service, laying all on the altar of God.—Committee: J. C. Franks, Willis Davis, W. E. Billings.

Home Missions.—We ask each member to pray in each home they go in, and to visit the sick in the community and make a record of the work done, and to make a report to the church.—Committee: Claude Sawyer, E. L. Beachboard, L. C. Crowe.

Foreign Missions.—We recommend a board to have charge of this work, selecting one member from each church to make up the board. This board is to devise means of educating our people to see the importance of this work.—Committee: J. C. Stafford, W. K. Sawyer, F. R. Guy.

Ladies' Aid.—We recommend that every church and pastor organize a Ladies' Aid Society and lend a helping hand in doing so.—Committee: Sister Mattie Messers, Sister Messmer, Todd.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Whitney for the year of 1927 report: Organized October 3, 1926; dues paid, \$22.80; other work, \$52.02; total, \$74.82. For sick, \$18.50; for ministers, \$13.75; Orphanage, \$20.00; other things, \$10.10; balance in treasury, \$12.10. Members, 7.

Mrs. Laura Lewis, President.

Mrs. Annie Sawyer, Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Kannapolis Church has collected \$87.38; paid out for sickness, \$84.12; balance, \$3.26.

Nellie Messmer, President.

Louise Heath, Clerk.

The Ladies' Aid of Saxon Avenue has collected \$20.00 and paid on church.

Mrs. Sexton, President.

Marriages and Divorces.—First, we protest against parents giving permission for marriage licenses being issued to children under lawful age. Second, we protest against marriages of persons who are mentally and physically unfit to care for a family. Third, as there is no Biblical cause for divorce, and we guard against our ministers to officiate at any marriage where either of said persons have living companion.—Committee: W. E. Billings, E. L. Beachboard.

Ministerial Support.—We recommend that our preachers pay the tenth of each dollar to God and teach the church the same, and that we pay our ministers more.—Committee: J. C. Stafford, E. L. Bennett, E. W. Bridges.

Resolutions.—Be it resolved, that our pastors prohibit any and all preachers and teachers from occupying our pulpits if said preacher cannot show proper credentials from some church organization, which credentials must be satisfactory to the pastor, and the said preachers are in harmony with our church doctrines.

Second—Seeing the need of a consecrated ministry, which means a separation from the world, we ask our preachers not to affiliate themselves with any organization that operates under disguise or in the dark. Jesus said that men love darkness, rather than light. Paul said, "Come out from them and be separated."

Third—We, your committee, do affirm that, seeing the need of a consecrated ministry and a closer walk with God, one and all to preach a Bible doctrine—one faith, one Lord, and one baptism, and a growth in grace—and for the old, original Free Will Baptist doctrine.—Committee: J. E. Bailey, J. C. Franks, J. C. Stafford, E. L. Beachboard.

Ordaining Council.—E. L. Beachboard, J. E. Bailey, J. C. Stafford, J. C. Franks, W. K. Sawyer.

Ministers Passed On—J. E. Bailey, J. C. Franks, J. C. Stafford, E. L. Beachboard, W. R. Roland, W. J. Plemmons, W. E. Billings, J. W. Gentry, E. L. Bennett, L. T. Mills, W. K. Sawyer, T. E. Mahaffey, I. W. Plyler, E. W. Bridges, E. L. Bennett, Paul Jordon.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks
Saxon Avenue.....	J. E. Bailey.....	O. C. Knipps
Clifton No. 2.....	J. E. Bailey.....	Lola Ingram
Whitney.....	J. C. Franks.....	W. J. Lewis
Beaverdam.....	J. C. Stafford.....	Nellie Atkins
Landrum.....	W. R. Roland.....	Pearl Page
Fairview.....	E. L. Beachboard.....	J. M. Buckner
Kannapolis.....	J. C. Franks.....	Mattie Todd
Mt. Zion.....	J. W. Gentry.....	W. J. Waldrop
Mt. Holly.....	J. W. Gentry.....	E. F. Harrell
Gastonia.....	W. E. Billings.....	Lizzie Mitchum
Wadsworth.....	J. C. Stafford.....	Pearl Alexander
Spindale.....	E. L. Beachboard.....	J. A. Dobbins

MINISTERS ON ROLL

Ordained

J. E. Bailey	E. W. Bridges
W. R. Roland	J. C. Stafford
E. L. Bennett	W. E. Billings
I. W. Plyler	W. K. Sawyer
J. C. Franks	E. L. Beachboard
W. J. Plemmons	J. W. Gentry
L. T. Mills	T. E. Mahaffey

Ordained in This Conference

E. L. Bennett	W. E. Bridges
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Licentiates

G. C. Morrow	Paul Jordon
Grover Abernathy	

CHURCH LETTERS

Saxon Avenue—Members, 198; pastor, J. E. Bailey; minute fund, \$5.00; pastor's salary, \$100.33.

Clifton No. 2—Members, 34; pastor, J. E. Bailey; minute fund, \$2.00; paid for missions, \$5.30.

Spindale—Members, 60; pastor, E. L. Beachboard; minute fund, \$2.00; pastor's salary, \$155.00.

Wadsworth—Members, 13; pastor, J. C. Stafford; minute fund, \$3.15; paid pastor, nothing.

Gastonia—Members, 59; pastor, W. E. Billings; minute fund, 80 cents; paid pastor, \$69.10.

Mt. Zion—Members, 22; pastor, J. W. Gentry; minute fund, \$2.05; pastor's salary, \$4.50.

Mt. Holly—Members, 43; pastor, J. W. Gentry; minute fund, \$2.00; pastor's salary, not known.

Kannapolis—Members, 70; pastor, J. C. Franks; minute fund, \$5.00; pastor's salary, \$197.35.

Fairview—Members, 130; pastor, E. L. Beachboard; minute fund, \$3.00; paid pastor, \$200.00.

Landrum—Members, 25; pastor, W. R. Roland; minute fund, \$1.50; pastor's salary, \$46.00.

Beaverdam—Members, 38; pastor, J. C. Stafford; minute fund, \$7.35; pastor's salary, \$20.00.

Whitney—Members, 96; pastor, J. C. Franks; minute fund, \$5.00; pastor's salary, \$210.00.

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OLD MINISTERS' FUND

In treasury, \$51.00. L. T. Mills, \$1.00 paid; O. C. Knipps, \$2.00; J. E. Bailey, \$1.00; J. M. Gilland, \$1.00; J. C. Stafford, \$2.00; E. L. Beachboard, \$1.00; J. C. Marr, \$1.00; W. K. Sawyer, \$1.00; J. A. Dobbins, \$1.00; J. L. Welch, \$1.00; E. W. Bridges, \$1.00; E. L. Bennett, \$1.00; L. P. Jordon, \$1.00; L. C. Crowe, \$1.00; J. C. Franks, \$1.00; J. W. Briggs, \$1.00 paid; W. E. Billings, \$1.00; C. L. Millwood, \$1.00; Albert Heathly, \$1.00; C. C. Laws, \$1.00; J. H. Mayfield, \$1.00; Mrs. Messmer, \$1.00 paid; J. F. Messmer, \$1.00 paid; J. F. Mayfield, \$1.00; Mrs. J. C. Franks, \$1.00; J. W. Gentry, \$1.00; J. H. Fletcher, \$1.00; E. F. Messmer, \$1.00 paid; Mrs. M. A. Todd, \$1.00; Nellie Messmer, \$1.00; C. G. Hill, \$1.00.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. J. E. Bailey—Sermons preached, 300; members taken in, 47; funerals, 12; married, 12 couples; pastored, 2 churches; conversions, 480; baptized, 43; paid out, \$100.00.

Rev. W. R. Roland—Sermons preached, 100; members taken in, 6; baptized, 4; assisted in 50 more; funerals, 3; revivals, 10; pastored one church; received \$21.00; paid, \$50.00.

Rev. J. C. Franks—Sermons preached, not known; conversions, not known; time in service, 8 months; baptized, 17; funerals, 5; received for work, not known.

Rev. J. C. Stafford—Sermons preached, 80; members taken in, 10; conversions, 130; revivals, 4; funerals, 4; received, \$70.00; paid out, \$25.00; pastored one church.

Rev. E. L. Bennett—Sermons preached, 200; members taken in, 15; baptized, 13; funerals, 2; received for work, \$50.00; paid out, \$60.00; conversions, 70.

Rev. I. W. Plyler—Sermons preached, 70; revivals, 1; conversions, 21; baptized, 20; received, \$4.50; paid out, \$25.00.

Rev. J. W. Gentry—Sermons preached, 75; members received, 18; baptized, 3; received, \$15.00; paid out, \$60.00; conversions, 91; organized one church.

Rev. W. K. Sawyer—Sermons preached, 42; received, \$43.00; pastored two churches part of year; conversions, not known.

Rev. W. J. Plemons—Sermons preached, 62; assisted in six revivals; conversions, 160; gave to charity, \$8.35; preached one funeral.

Rev. L. T. Mills—Sermons preached, 125; funerals, 2; revivals, 2; paid out, \$50.00; received, \$40.00; members taken in, 13.

Rev. W. E. Billings—Sermons preached, 150; revivals, 8; received, \$100.00; paid out, \$75.00; pastored one church.

Rev. E. L. Beachboard—Sermons preached, 270; baptized, 73; conversions, 550; revivals, 8; received, \$355.00; paid out, \$220.00; traveled, 1,576 miles.

Rev. E. W. Bridges—Sermons preached, 8; revivals, 1; conversions, 18. Joined Conference this year.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe, rebuke, and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church commands implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of kindness and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the

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unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those who are weak.

3. We promise by the help of God that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care, and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those that are of "The Household of Faith."

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly, if not providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is for the glory of God and to the welfare of men, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended by letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

3. The Association, when met and formed, shall elect a Chairman and Secretary.

4. The rules of decorum shall be read immediately after the Association is formed.

5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, and his name enrolled in our minutes.

7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expediting of business, and every committee appointed to attend to any particular business shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by the committee may be adopted by the body.

8. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

9. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or by delegates and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

10. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegate.

11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of brother.
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.
10. On all motions made, where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **God.**—We believe that there is only one true and living God, who is personally the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.—I Tim. 2:5.
2. **The Holy Scripture.**—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, instruction in righteousness.
3. **Original Apostacy.**—We believe that Adam was created holy but, by voluntary transgression, fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her; and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.
4. **Free Grace.**—We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Rom. 10:12.
5. **Christian Faith.**—We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.
6. **Repentance.**—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded

by effectual conviction of sin. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **Free Agency.**—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

8. **Perseverance.**—We do not believe under Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere unto the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. And Jesus said unto him, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God."—Luke 9:62.

9. **Good Works.**—We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them!—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **Christian Baptism.**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

11. **The Lord's Supper.**—We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **Feet Washing.**—We believe that washing the saints' feet was a command of our Saviour, and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of their churches. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. **The Gospel.**—We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH LETTER

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS IN CHRIST:

Date _____, 192_____

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at _____
Delegates to represent us in your Council _____ send the following

STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR THE FULL YEAR

Baptized _____; Admitted Otherwise _____; Excluded _____; Died _____
Total Membership _____; Value of Church Property, \$ _____; Paid Pastor, \$ _____
Paid for Missions, \$ _____; for Orphanage, \$ _____; for Poor and Sick, \$ _____
For Minute Fund, \$ _____; for Revival Work, \$ _____; Pastor's Work, \$ _____
State of Religion _____

Rev. _____, Pastor

Address _____

_____, Church Clerk

Address _____

DON'T KICK ME, DON'T TEAR ME, BUT
READ ME AND I WILL DO YOU GOOD

—Rev. J. E. Bailey