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# MINUTES

OF THE

MT. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

HELD WITH

NORTH BEND CHURCH

MARCH 9 AND 10, 1956

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

PRICES CREEK CHURCH, AUGUST 20 — 22, 1959

T. E. WOODY ----- MODERATOR

LOYCE DEYTON ----- CLERK

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

SCHEDULED TO CONVENE WITH SOUTH BEND CHURCH, THURSDAY  
BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1960, AT 10:30 A. M.

SISTER FRANCES RADFORD TO DELIVER INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE;  
BROTHER ROSCOE BRIGGS TO BE THE ALTERNATE SPEAKER.

## MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

The fourth annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptists Association convened with Prices Creek Church, Burnsville, N. C., Route 3, Thursday, August 20, 1959 at 10:30 A. M. Services opened with Choir singing "Love Lifted Me." Opening remarks by Brother E. P. Blevins after which we had an altar of prayer led by Brother T. A. Greene. Then the Moderator, Brother T. E. Woody, made some good remarks on "Why We Are Gathered at This Association." Brother Sam Moore read the Scripture lesson from Luke 2:8-15 and Matthew 2:1-12. Brother E. P. Blevins then led us in prayer after which Brother Moore brought a wonderful and much needed message on "Christians Being a Separated People From The World." Message closed with Christian handshake and song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Delegations from the churches assigned to homes in the community. Dismissed by Brother T. E. Woody to meet back at 2:00 P. M. for busines.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 2:00 P. M. for business. Services opened with singing by Choir of "No Tears In Heaven." Devotional conducted by Brother T. E. Woody reading from 2 Timothy 2:1 - 8, speaking on "Enduring For Christ." Prayer led by Brother Arnold Miller. Proceeded with business by appointing Brother Moscoe Towe and Sister Edith Pauley for reading clerks, Brother Levi Dayton to receive Disabled Ministers Fund, Brother Joe Woody to receive Orphanage Fund and Sister Frances Radford to receive Foreign Mission Fund. Church letters were then read and

delegates seated as follows:

Prices Creek Church - Brothers Moscoe Towe, W. R. Arrowood, Sister Mallie Towe, Brother Quention Towe.

Green Mountain Church - Brothers Charlie Berry, Earl Fox, Joe Woody, Sisters Della Berry, Esther Fox, Bertha Bennett, Loyce Deyton.

Mine Fork Church - Brothers Hubert Freeman, Sid Laws, Carmon Laws, Sisters Noran Freeman, Ruth Freeman, Essie Laws.

Bowditch Church - Brothers Ralph Cook, An Briggs, Sisters Bertie Hensley, Flossie Harris, Frances Hughes.

Terrys Fork Church - Mrs. Albert Gardner, Brother Wayne Metcalf, Mrs. T. D. Hicks.

South Bend Church - Brothers Levi Deyton, Nathan Renfro, Rex Renfro, John G. Peterson, Landon Briggs, Sister Mary Peterson.

Called for applications for Churches requesting Membership in the body. None presented.

Following officers were then elected: Brother T. E. Woody, Moderator and Brother Burl Ledford, Assistant Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Investigation:

Brothers Moscoe Towe, Arnold Miller, Sam Moore.

Committee on Missions:

Brothers Burl Ledford, T. A. Greene, Sister Frances Radford.

Committee on Education:

Sister Vinita Miller, Brothers Levi Deyton, T. A. Greene.

Committee on Sabbath Schools:

Brothers Hubert Freeman, Joe Woody.

Committee on Temperance:

Brothers E. P. Blevins, T. A. Greene, Sister Edith Pauley.

Committee on Obituaries:

Sisters Lydia Duncan, Josephine Blevins, Bertie Hensley.

Committee on Deeper Devotions and Spiritual Promotion:

Sister Flossie Harris, Brothers T. A. Greene, Ralph Cook.

Committee on Sessions:

Brothers Moscoe Towe, Charlie Berry, Hubert Freeman, Ralph Cook, Levi Deyton, Nathan Renfro, Mrs. Albert Gardner, Brother W. R. Arrowood.

Committee on Orphanage:

Brothers Joe Woody, Levi Deyton, Rex Renfro.

Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund:

Sisters Bessie Woody, Essie Hicks, Brother Charlie Berry.



Committee On Lord's Acre Work:

Brothers Levi Deyton, Frank Laws, Earl Fox.

Committee on Churches and Pastors:

Sisters Frances Radford, Frances Hughes,  
Brother Arnold Miller.

Committee on Topics:

Brothers T. E. Woody, E. P. Blevins, T. A. Greene.

Ministers present were as follow:

Rev. Edith Pauley - - - - - Erwin, Tenn.  
Rev. E. P. Blevins - - - - Micaville, N. C.  
Rev. Josephine B. Blevins - Micaville, N. C.  
Rev. Vinita Gayle Miller - - Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. T. E. Woody, Rt. 2 - Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. C. H. Honeycutt

P. O. Box 581 - - - - - Marion, N. C.  
Rev. Frances Radford, Rt. 1-Mars Hill, N. C.  
Rev. Frank Laws, Rt. 1 - - Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. Arnold Miller - - - - - Relief, N. C.  
Rev. Sam Moore - - - - - Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. T. A. Green, 2013 Cedar

Fork Drive - - - - - Greensboro, N. C.  
Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Rt. 2-Spruce Pine, N. C.  
was represented by letter.

Rev. T. A. Watts, Rt. 1 - Weaverville, N. C.  
was absent.

Deacons present were:

W. R. Arrowood - - - Prices Creek Church  
Nathan Renfro - - - - - South Bend Church  
Hubert Freeman - - - - Mine Fork Church  
Joe Woody - - - - - Green Mountain Church

Voted to retain Sister Josephine Blevins as Treasurer for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund.

Dismissed by Sister Frances Radford to meet back at 7:30 P. M. for preaching.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met back at 7:30 p. m. for preaching. Service began with Choir singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Then Sisters Vinita Miller and Mildred Berry sang "I'm So Homesick I Want to go Home" and "It's Really Surprising." Introductory talk given by Brother T. E. Woody. Then we were led in prayer by Brother Charlie Miller. Brother T. A. Greene then read the scripture lesson from Exodus 14:10-15 and Philippians 3-15. Brother Greene brought a Spirit-filled and instructive message on "Going Forward For God In Love." A Christian handshake followed in token that we would go forward for God. Sister Vinita Miller and Brother Guy Honeycutt gave good testimonies. Closing remarks by Brother T. E. Woody. Dismissed by Brother Sam Moore to meet at 9:30 a. m. for business and preaching at 11:00 a. m.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met back at 9:30 a. m. for business. Service began with Choir singing "An Empty Mansion." Sister Vinita Miller gave the Introductory talk, reading for the Scripture lesson Deuteronomy 8:1-10. Prayer led by Brother Hubert Freeman. Business session called to order. Yesterday's minutes read and adopted. Visiting Ministers called for. None present.

Report of Committee on Investigation called for. No report.

Report of Committee on Education called for, read, then discussed by Sister Vinita Miller, Brother T. A. Greene, Sister Frances Radford. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools called for, read, then discussed by Brothers Hubert Freeman, Joe Woody, Arnold Miller, Sister Josephine Blevins. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for, read, then discussed by Sister Frances Radford. Received and adopted.

Dismissed for short intermission.

Service at 11:00 a. m. began with singing by Choir of, "No Tears In Heaven." Prayer led by Brother Arnold Miller. Sister Edith Pauley read from Acts 2:1-8 and Acts 1:8. Prayer led by Sister Frances Radford. Sister Pauley brought a Spirit-filled Message on "The Manifestation of The Holy Ghost." Services ended with a Christian handshake as the Choir sang "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Good testimonies by Brother Hayden Honeycutt, Sister Josephine Blevins, Brother Frank Laws. Dismissed to meet back at 2:00 p. m. for business.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2:00 p. m. for business. Service began with Choir singing "When I'm Alone." Devotional given by Brother Sam Moore, reading for the Scripture lesson John 21:14-17. We

were then led in prayer by Brother Hayden Honeycutt. Business then brought to order.

Report of Committee on Temperance called for, read, then discussed by Brother E. P. Blevins. We then had a Christian handshake as the Congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight." The report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions called for, Committee adopted last year's report. It was read, then discussed by Brother Burl Ledford and Sister Frances Radford. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Orphanage called for, read, then discussed by Brothers Rex Renfro, Levi Deyton, T. E. Woody, Arnold Miller, Moscoe Towe, W. R. Arrowood, Sister Frances Radford. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund called for, read, then discussed by Sister Bessie Woody, Brothers Joe Woody, T. E. Woody. Received and adopted. Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Then we had a special prayer for the sick led by Brother T. A. Greene.

Dismissed to meet back at 7:30 p. m. for preaching.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met at 7:30 p. m. for preaching. Service began with Choir singing "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All." Opening remarks by Brother T. E. Woody. Prayer led by Brother Ellis Ray. Sister



Frances Radford read for the Scripture lesson 11 Corinthians 8:1-12, Romans 7:15-18, John 6:27-29, John 2:1-5. Prayer by Sister Radford. Using for her subject "Doing Good," Sister Radford brought a wonderful and instructive Message. As the Congregation sang "When I'm Alone," we had a Christian handshake. A good testimony by Brother Ellis Ray followed by a piano solo by Brother Ralph Towe. A good testimony by Sister Kathleen Blankenship and a request of prayer by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Dismissed by Brother Arnold Miller to meet back at 9:30 a. m. for business.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30 a. m. for business. Service began with Choir singing "No Tears In Heaven." Brother Arnold Miller then read for the Scripture lesson John 1:1-14. Prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Business session called to order. Yesterday's minutes read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion and Spiritual Promotion called for. Committee adopted last year's report. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sessions called for, read by Brother Moscoe Towe. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Lord's Acre Project called for. Committee adopted last year's report. Read, then discussed by Sister Frances Radford and Brother Arnold Miller. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Topics called for, read. Received and adopted for discussion at next association.

The Moderator extended thanks for the entire association to the wonderful and kind people of the Free Will Baptist and Missionary Baptist Church of Prices Creek in caring for the association. We know the Blessings of God will be upon them for their service.

Received an offering for the Minute fund. The sum of \$20.47.

Business adjourned to meet with the South Bend Church for the next association in August 1960.

Dismissed by Brother T. A. Greene.

Service at 11:00 a. m. began with Choir singing "In The Sweet Forever." Prayer led by Brother Ellis Ray. Brother Hayden Honeycutt read for the Scripture lesson Romans 10:14-15, 11 Corinthians 4:5-6. Prayer led by Brother Honeycutt. After prayer, Brother Honeycutt brought a good Message using for his subject "A Preacher and Preaching." As the Choir sang "I Want To Know More About My Lord," we had a Christian handshake, with much rejoicing. A Spirit-filled testimony by Brother Sam Moore. Good remarks by Brother T. A. Greene. Dismissed by Sister Vinita Miller.

## REPORTS OF FORMERLY NAMED COMMITTEES:

### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, believe that it is impossible for one to fully believe and obey the

Word of God without believing in and practicing missions. Our Lord's last command to his disciples before his ascension was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus, Himself, was the first Gospel foreign missionary. In his parables of the kingdom, He tells us, "The field is the world." Matthew 13-38. He did not say a certain portion of the world, but "the world" meaning all the inhabited earth. He also said, "As My Father hath sent me, so send I you." John 20:21.

We further believe that Jesus gave us his own pattern for missionary labor when he said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and into the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The divine order is:

1. Empowerment by the Holy Ghost.
2. Witnessing begins at home.
3. Spreads from home to the uttermost part of the earth.

We further submit that the early Church was strongly missionary-minded in its faith and practice. See the entire book of the Acts of the Apostles, especially Chapter 15:1-4.

Our recommendation is, therefore, that all our Churches realize the responsibility laid upon us by our Lord himself, and that both as individuals and as a body - we take Him at His word and obey His command.

We believe that when God calls one of our members to foreign mission service, we should deem it one of the greatest honors He could bestow upon us and pledge ourselves to support such, both in school while preparing and after he or she is on the field. Acts 13 is our authority for this recommendation.

Burl Ledford, T. A. Greene, Frances  
Radford

#### MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT OF FUNDS

Mailed from Mt. Mitchell Churches  
During Associational Year 1958-59

Bowditch	- - - - -	\$ 85.59
South Bend	- - - - -	31.00
Prices Creek	- - - - -	29.00
Mine Fork	- - - - -	44.64
Terrys Fork	- - - - -	43.40
Burbank (not a member of Mt. Mitchell Conference but cooperating in Missions)	- - - - -	54.10
Individual Gifts	- - - - -	81.00
Total		<u>\$368.73</u>

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: Education is the getting of knowledge, the source by which our abilities or powers are cultivated and put to use. Even so as men today are striving harder than ever to attain wordly knowledge, so do we, as God's children, need to



seek for a greater knowledge of God and His Word. It is this that needs to be taught to our children and young people. In order to teach others, we must first know for ourselves what we are teaching. God invites, "if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Our spiritual education continues as long as we live and "whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge." Proverbs 12:1. We are taught to get wisdom, and with all our getting to get understanding. "He that hath knowledge spareth his words, and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit." Our first spiritual lesson needs to be Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Our children need to be taught this lesson until they will know to obey the Bible and fear God.

Vinita Gayle Miller, T. A. Greene, Levi Deyton.

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, should not only encourage our children to go to Sabbath School, but we feel it is a parent's duty to go and take them to see that they stay in Sunday School.

We also believe that all Churches should have their Sunday Schools on the time set for them. A child gets more training there than any other part of the Church.

We do urge all Churches to have their Sunday Schools and to have the most devoted Christians for teachers. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart

from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Hubert Freeman, Joe Woody

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, report the following:

Temperance - moderation, self-control and restraint from over indulgence of any kind.

The surrendered life, consecration.

1 Corinthians 9:27. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Proverbs 23:20. "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh."

There are many things that are unlawful and we should abstain from them, namely: strong drink, covetousness. Ephesians 5:3-4. "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

Ephesians 5:5. "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Luke 12:15. "And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness."

E. P. Blevins, T. A. Greene, Edith Pauley

### COMMITTEE ON SESSIONS

We, your Committee on Sessions agree that the Mt. Mitchell Association will be held with the South Bend Church, Green Mountain, N. C., Rt. 1, Thursday, before the fourth Sunday in August, 1960, at 10:30 a. m.

Sister Frances Radford to deliver the introductory sermon. Brother Roscoe Briggs to be the alternate speaker.

Moscoe Towe, Nathan Renfro

### COMMITTEE ON DEEPER DEVOTION AND SPIRITUAL PROMOTION

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion and Spiritual Promotion, submit the following: By going deeper in our devotion to Christ, we gain a promotion in our spiritual growth and sight. In Romans 12:1-2 we are told to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. In Hebrews 5:12 we read of a group of Christians that haven't been promoted in the spiritual life, and therefore are very little help to others. 11 Peter 3:18 we are told to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Flossie Harris, T. A. Greene, Ralph Cook

### COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, recommend that each Church in our association have one Sunday each month set aside for an offering for the orphanage.

Also, all who have Lord's Acre Project set aside a certain percent of it for them.

The first Monday in October has been set for general collection of food which will be delivered to Green Mountain Church on Tuesday, to be picked up by the Orphanage truck.

Let us remember them in our prayers and our financial support. For the King shall say to those on His right hand, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Rex Renfro, Joe Woody, Levi Deyton

COMMITTEE ON AGED AND DISABLED  
MINISTER FUND

We, your Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund, urge all Churches to do their very best to build this fund as much as possible. We know that it is our duty to take care of all Ministers who cannot provide for themselves. They have given their service to God and to us while they were able, therefore, we know it would be pleasing to God for us to take the very best care of them when they are aged or disabled.

Bessie Woody, Essie Hicks, Charlie Berry

TREASURER'S REPORT ON AGED AND DIS-  
ABLED MINISTERS FUND

Amount on hand	- - - - -	\$543.79
Received at Association and		
Conference	- - - - -	95.00
Total Amount	- - - - -	<u>\$638.79</u>

Treasurer, Josephine Blevins



### COMMITTEE ON LORD'S ACRE WORK

We, your Committee on the Lord's Acre and Lord's Hour Work, believing that the first fruits of everything belongeth unto the Lord and that we should "honor the Lord with our substance and with the first fruits of all our increase," Proverbs 3:9, urge all our Churches to support this work. In some Churches, individual projects are more practical; in others, a project by the Church as a whole or perhaps a Sunday School class, may work better; and some Churches may use both systems profitably. We believe anyone who tries this work will find it such a blessing, he will want to continue. Our Church reports for the past are ample proof of the financial returns of this work and the testimonies of those who have engaged in it prove its spiritual worth. God will bless every effort we put forth to serve Him and each other in love; and we, your committee, feel the Lord's Acre and Lord's Hour work is one of the most practical ways we have found to advance His cause - both spiritually and financially.

Frank Laws, Levi Deyton, Earl Fox

### COMMITTEE ON TOPICS

We, your Committee on Topics, report the following:

What are the qualifications of being a good minister of Jesus Christ and an able minister of Jesus Christ?

A good Minister, 1 Timothy 4:6 and 1 Timothy 1:5-19.

A good conscience, 1 Timothy 3:7.

A good report, 1 Timothy 4:6.

A good doctrine, 1 Timothy 1:10.

Titus 2:7-8 shewing himself a pattern of good works.

An able Minister, 2 Corinthians 3:5-6. God who has made us able Ministers of the new testament, 1 Timothy 1:11-12. Galations 1:1-11-12-15-16. A revelation of Jesus Christ. 11 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved of God. 11 Timothy 3:16-17, All scriptures are given by inspiration.

An able Minister is one who uses his gift and makes full proof of thy ministry, 11 Timothy 4:1-5. He is one who has the sanction or the approval of God upon him, He is one who is anointed. God has given all his ministers power over all the power of the enemy, the keys of the Kingdom to bind or to loose, power to tread upon serpents, power to heal the sick and to cast out demons.

T. A. Greene, E. P. Blevins

### REPORT ON CHURCHES & PASTORS

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors, earnestly desiring that our Churches, so far as possible, be Bible Churches, and our pastors, Bible pastors, do submit the following Scriptures for our examination, consideration, and profit:

1. Concerning both Church and Pastor: Acts 20:17-38.

2. Concerning Pastors: St. John 10:3-4-11-12-13; 2 Cor. 11:28-30; Ezekiel 34:1-10; 2 Cor. 10:8; 2 Peter 5:1-4.

3. Concerning Churches: 2 Thess. 3 (entire chapter). Hebrews 13:16, 17; Phil. 4:10-20.

Arnold Miller, Frances Radford,  
Frances Hughes

## OBITUARY OF MRS. W. C. RADFORD

Minnie Ballard Radford was born May 24, 1888, the daughter of the late Rev. & Mrs. W. W. Ballard. She went to her reward May 4, 1959.

In early womanhood, she was united to William Curtis Radford in marriage, to which union were born 8 children, of whom 6 survive. They are 3 sons; Weston, of Detroit, Michigan; Donald of Weaverville, N. C.; Orville, of Baltimore, Maryland; and 3 daughters; Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, Mrs. Essie Curtis Hicks and Miss Frances Radford, all of Mars Hill, N. C., Rt. 2. Mrs. Radford is also survived by 1 brother, Ralph Ballard of Barnardsville, N. C.; 4 sisters, Mrs. W. S. Mansfield and Mrs. Troy Calloway of Asheville, N. C., Mrs. T. L. Waldrop of Silver Spring, Md. and Miss Bertie Ballard of Barnardsville, N. C. and 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Radford early in life professed faith in Christ and united with Terrys Fork Free Will Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until death. She was a devoted wife and mother and her hope in Christ remained as steadfast as her deep loyalty to Him. We resign to the will of our Heavenly Father, fully confident of seeing her again on the morning of the

first resurrection.

## OBITUARY OF REV. JAMES PETERSON

Rev. James Peterson was born October 8, 1889, the son of the late Rev. & Mrs. Moses Peterson. He passed to his eternal reward October 3, 1958. He was married to Miss Lola Renfro, who survives him. He is also survived by 10 children; 5 boys, Dick, Paul, Monroe, Homer and Tommy, and 5 girls, Mrs. Maggie Cardwell, Mrs. Betty Whitson, Mrs. Polly Garland and the Misses Margaret and Jean of the home, besides a number of grandchildren.

Brother Peterson was converted to Christ in 1942 and was licensed to preach the Gospel November 28, the same year. Ordained by Jacks Creek Free Will Baptist Conference about a year, he later transferred his membership to the Mt. Mitchell Conference, of which he was a charter member. Though afflicted in body, Brother Peterson was active and faithful in his calling, and often spoke with great joy of his heavenly home, where we confidently expect to meet him when this life is over.

## OBITUARY OF BILLY WAYNE JOHNSON

Billy Wayne Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Johnson of Green Mountain, N. C., Rt. 1, was born January 11, 1959; died January 20, 1959, being only 9 days upon this earth. He is survived by the parents, one brother and one sister; the paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Smith Johnson and the maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Renfro.



When earth's short life is over,  
And our Christian race is run;  
We expect to meet our little flower  
Beyond the setting sun.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS'  
CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist  
Ministers' Conferences from November 29,  
1958 through August 22, 1959.

The conference met with Bowditch Church,  
November 29, 1958. Opened with singing and  
prayer. Preaching done by Brothers Arnold  
Miller, E. P. Blevins, Sam Moore and Sister  
Edith Pauley.

Offering taken for Disabled Ministers Fund.  
Received \$21.00.

Offering taken for flowers for Brother Jimmy  
Peterson. Received \$8.39.

Voted to grant Brother Arnold Miller the right  
to pastor the Church at Union Hill for the rest  
of the year.

Called for Committee on Topics. Received the  
following: "The Nature of God." Discussed.  
Adopted.

Voted to have next conference with Green  
Mountain Church, March 27, 1959.

Ministers present were: Brothers T. E. Woody,  
E. P. Blevins, Roscoe Briggs, Sam Moore,  
Arnold Millers, Sisters Frances Radford,  
Josephine Blevins, Edith Pauley, Vinita Miller.

The Conference met with the Green Mountain Church, March 27, 1959. Opened with singing and prayer. Brothers Sam Moore, T. A. Greene, Roscoe Briggs, Sister Edith Pauley did the preaching.

Offering taken for Disabled Ministers Fund. Received \$46.00.

Called for Committee on Topics. Received the following: "What is the Best Method to Get the Message to the People." Discussed. Adopted.

Brother James M. Evans was seated as a visiting Minister.

Voted to appoint Brothers Cassie Thomas, Arnold Miller and Levi Deyton as Committee to investigate Sister Bernice Laws, as to her calling to preach.

Sisters Edith Pauley and Vinita Miller, Brother Frank Laws had their license renewed for one year.

Voted to receive Brother James Evans under the watch care of conference until our next conference.

Voted to have next conference with South Bend Church, May 29, 1959.

The conference met with the South Bend Church, May 29, 1959. Opened with singing and prayer. Preaching done by Sisters Edith Pauley, Frances Radford, Brothers Talmage Greene, E. P. Blevins.

Offering taken for Disabled Ministers Fund.  
Received \$23.75.

The Committee of Investigation concerning Sister Bernice Laws preaching, reported that she did not wish to apply for her license at the present.

Called for Committee on Topics. Received the following: "Building on the Foundation of Jesus Christ." Discussed. Adopted.

Voted to write Brother Haden Honeycutt to inquire of his condition.

Next conference to meet with the association at Prices Creek Church, August, 1959.

Ministers present were: Sisters Frances Radford, Edith Pauley, Vinita Gayle Miller, Brothers E. P. Blevins, T. E. Woody, Sam Moore, Frank Laws, Arnold Miller, Talmage Greene.

The conference met with Prices Creek Church at the association, August 22, 1959. Opened with prayer.

Offering taken for Disabled Ministers Fund.  
Received \$15.00.

Brother Arnold Miller had his license renewed.

Brother Sam Moore was ordained. Voted to retain Sister Josephine Blevins as Clerk and Brother E. P. Blevins as Moderator.

Elected Brothers T. A. Greene, Sam Moore,

Roscoe Briggs as ordaining Council. Preaching by Brother Hayden Honeycutt. Voted to have next conference with Bowditch Church on the next fifth Sunday.

Ministers present were: Sisters Josephine Blevins, Edith Pauley, Frances Radford, Vinita Miller, Brothers E. P. Blevins, T. E. Woody, Haden Honeycutt, Sam Moore, Arnold Miller, T. A. Greene, Roscoe Briggs.

### MINISTERS' ROLL

Rev. T. E. Woody - - Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. E. P. Blevins - - - - - Micaville, N. C.  
Rev. Josephine B. Blevins - - Micaville, N. C.  
Rev. Frances Radford - Rt. 1, Mars Hill, N. C.  
Rev. C. H. Honeycutt - - - - - P. O. Box 581  
Marion, N. C.  
Rev. Sam Moore - - - - - Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. T. A. Watts - - Rt. 1, Weaverville, N. C.  
Rev. Arnold Miller - - - - - Relief, N. C.  
Rev. Frank Laws - - - Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.  
Rev. Edith Pauley - - - - - Erwin, Tennessee  
Rev. Roscoe Briggs - - - - - Rt. 2  
Spruce Pine, N. C.  
Rev. Talmage Green - - - - - 2013 Cedar Drive  
Greensboro, N. C.  
Rev. Vinita Gayle Miller - - Burnsville, N. C.

CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION TO  
DELEGATE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCHES CONVENED IN BUSINESS  
SESSION WITH THE  
NORTH BEND CHURCH

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to proclaim a full salvation and lift up a standard of holy living in accordance with the teaching of the Bible; to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation within the bounds of our own churches, and Christian charity toward all Christians; to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises than can be carried on by one church; to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel, and all of its benevolent enterprises.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church within its bounds, said delegates being duly recommended by letter from the church to which they belong.
2. Each church, irrespective of size, shall be entitled to five (5) delegates, with an additional delegate for every ten (10) members of fraction thereof above fifty (50). Each church is expected to send with its delegation a contribution to help defray the expenses of the Association and the causes which it fosters.

3. The Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business, but it shall not disrespect the Association and those placed in authority by the proper processes.

#### ARTICLE 4

The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegation, providing, however, that any church accused of disorderly walk or unscriptural doctrine shall have the same right as an individual in the church to have specific charges presented in writing, together with convincing evidence; a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

#### ARTICLE 5

This Association shall make use of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists adopted by the National Association November 7, 1935, at Nashville, Tennessee; recognizing however, the truth stated therein, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our only infallible rule of faith and practice.

#### ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully examined and approved as to doctrine and practice before being received as members.



## ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be elected for a term of two years, except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices at the close of the current session.
2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.
3. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, to superintend printing and distribution of the minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly elected successor.
5. The Clerk shall be paid a fee to be determined by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist Ministers.
6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all the funds for which he is responsible.
7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future, especially a file of all the minutes, and to preserve the same in a book. He

or she shall also be required to give over all properties of the office to the successor to the office.

#### ARTICLE 8

The Association shall appoint annually such committees as it shall deem necessary to expedite its business. These committees may be called upon to serve in either a temporary or standing capacity. Temporary committees complete their work and make a report of it during the same session in which they are appointed. Standing committees are appointed to assist in such matters as may require service both during and between sessions. The Moderator is empowered to choose the Chairman of each Committee, and the delegates may assist in choosing other members of said committees from among their own ranks.

#### ARTICLE 9

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and three (3) members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their respective offices, shall be Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE 10

It shall be the duty of this Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

#### ARTICLE 11

A Church may become a member of this Association by making request by delegation, which delegation shall present a letter showing vital statistics of said church, provided however, that such church shall be examined as to doctrine, practice, and willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association.

#### ARTICLE 12

The by-laws of this Constitution shall be read annually immediately after the body is organized.

#### ARTICLE 13

This Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and sufferings of our Lord at least twice a year, with the service of feet-washing to follow the communion.

#### ARTICLE 14

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September for the purpose of worship and the transaction of business. There shall be no less than two (2) worship services daily while the Association is in session.

#### ARTICLE 15

This Association's printed Minutes shall consist of a record of all business transacted and all worship services during the annual meeting, the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of Conference, the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and the Constitution and By-laws of the Ministers' Conference, the Church Covenant, and such tables of statistics and blank forms as may be necessary.

## ARTICLE 16

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

### ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

### ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened with Bible reading and prayer.

### ARTICLE 3

There shall be no conversation with members, one with another, so as to interrupt business, while in session.

### ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak shall first arise to his feet, address the moderator and receive recognition.

### ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another who is speaking.

### ARTICLE 6

Every member shall attend to the subject under consideration.

## ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject.

## ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon after suitable discussion unless withdrawn by those who made it.

## ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

## ARTICLE 10

On all motions, when a vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

## ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

## ARTICLE 12

We will admit of no other title but that of Brother or Sister while in Session.

## ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without permission of the Moderator.

## ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these by-laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

## ARTICLE 15

No less than seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE 16

These by-laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

# CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE NEWLY FORMED MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

## ARTICLE 1

This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

## ARTICLE 2

This body is formed under and by the authority of the Mount Mitchell Association, and shall be composed of its licensed and ordained ministers, with such delegates as provided by Article 8.

## ARTICLE 3

This body shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then being eligible for ordination, providing he can meet all other requirements set forth by the Ordaining Council.

## ARTICLE 4

We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel not to receive anyone as a minister who has two living wives.



## ARTICLE 5

Suitable women may be ordained to the Christian ministry, provided there are no objections to such indorsement other than the matter of sex. (NOTE: This is a word for word copy of a ruling passed in the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church in 1886.)

## ARTICLE 6

We believe the Bible teaches that Christian women should wear modest apparel, have long hair, and avoid adorning their persons with useless jewelry. This body shall require its female members to be guided by these principles.

## ARTICLE 7

The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers.

## ARTICLE 8

Each church shall be advised by its pastor to send two delegates to each session of this Conference, with a letter of authorization from the church, which delegation shall enjoy equal privileges with the ministry, both in deliberations and in voting.

## ARTICLE 9

Each year, upon being organized, this body shall elect an Ordaining Council. This Council shall consist of three (3) ordained ministers. One member of this Council shall be retained from the preceding year's Council, the other two (2) to be elected at the discretion of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE 10

The Ordaining Council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry, who have been ordered before it by the Conference. It shall also conduct due investigation into the social life of any candidate for ordination.

#### ARTICLE 11

This Conference may receive any Christian minister as a visiting member, and when thus received he may enjoy all rights and privileges of regular members except voting privileges.

#### ARTICLE 12

This Conference shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday, with some church in the Association previously agreed upon, or at the call of the Moderator, provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same Conference year; and providing also that there be no session held at the fifth Sunday in April immediately following the adoption of this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE 13

The Moderator is empowered, and it is his duty, to call an extra session of the Conference, upon receiving a properly signed petition from five (5) members, at least (3) three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

#### ARTICLE 14

Each applicant for either license or ordination shall present a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by both pastor and clerk. He must of necessity be a member of a church within the bounds of this Conference. Any minister coming from another denomination

shall first unite with one of our churches, then present a letter of recommendation from the church, just as any applicant for license or ordination.

#### ARTICLE 15

Any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for two (2) successive sessions of Conference shall be charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until his disability is removed by vote of the Conference. However, if the delinquent brother offer a satisfactory reason for his absence, a majority vote of the Conference may remove his disability.

#### ARTICLE 16

The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly, provided however, all Scriptural and Christian means have first been used to help him.

#### ARTICLE 17

The Moderator is empowered to appoint any Committee the Conference deems necessary to expedite its business.

#### ARTICLE 18

Any article of this Constitution or its By-laws may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE 19

A session of Conference shall be held in connection with the yearly Association.

#### ARTICLE 20

Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum, provided at least three (3) of them shall be ordained ministers.

BY-LAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

No licentiate shall succeed to ordination unless he can furnish sufficient evidence that he has obeyed the Scriptural admonition to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." The Ordaining Council must be satisfied that he or she is divinely called, and the fruit of life and work during the period served under license must be satisfactory to the Ordaining Council. If it deems such a course advisable, the Ordaining Council may require a licentiate to renew his license, for as often as may be necessary, before ordination.

ARTICLE 2

Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.

ARTICLE 3

No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor according to its ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the advancement of the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE 4

Any member who meddles with the work of another, or injures another's reputation for usefulness shall be subject to a charge of disorderly conduct, and shall be dealt with according to Article 16 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 5

Each member, not excused by age or infirmity, is expected to do some work to advance the

Cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

## ARTICLE 6

Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

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## FAITH

Saving faith is an asset of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation; an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit; and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God; but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

Scripture References to Faith: II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 28:13; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 16:31; James 2:17; Phil. 1:29; Gal. 3:26.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord, through Jesus Christ, we agree to accept 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 having gone astray and watch over each others reputation, 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 unity of the spirit in the bonds of Peace, and to confess our faults to one 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 Gods revealed Word in the minds of those under our care. (4) We also agree to use our influence for the support to the Gospel and contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those who are afflicted and needy, and especially to those of the household of faith. (5) We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not Providentially hindered, and to submit to all ordinances applied 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 aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good moral 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 the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever, Amen.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS

	(Union) Bowditch	Mine Fork	Green Mountain	Prices Creek	South Bend	Terrys Fork
Meeting Days	Every Sunday Night	2-3-4	2-4	2-4	1-3	Full Time
No. Baptized	2	0	1	0	24	1
Added Otherwise	0	2	1	0	4	0
Excluded	0	0	8	2	0	0
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	2
Communion Services	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. in Sunday School	60	44	75	60	75	30
Total Membership	52	44	112	64	67	
Times Pastor Present	24	36	23	21	24	77
Minute Fund	12.00	12.00	12.25	12.00	12.55	12.00
Paid Pastor	378.96	311.03	374.58	278.00	218.06	475.61
Paid for Revivals	194.47		171.21	107.64	124.00	153.82
Foreign Missions			0	36.00		
Orphanage	75.25	10.00	162.85	199.40	49.00	17.00
Poor and Sick	102.00	50.00	190.33	36.00	40.00	26.64
Monthly Mission Pledge	5.00	3.00	0	3.00	0	3.00
Value Church Property	10,500.00	6,000.00		3,000.00	7,000.00	2,500.00
Improvements	30.00			0	0	200.00
Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund	20.00	6.00	50.00	17.00		10.00
Visiting Ministers	75.00	24.80	81.51	15.00	45.00	41.64
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunday School and Local Church	80.00		375.00	80.00	115.00	50.00
Operating Expense						

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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, LOCAL ORPHANAGE AND  
LORD'S ACRE WORK COMMITTEE

Church and Pastor	Clerk and Address	Orphanage Chairman	Lord's Acre Work Chairman
Bowditch	Mrs. Frances Hughes	Bertie Hensley	Alec Hensley
Frances Radford	Micaville, N. C.		
Green Mountain	Mrs. Joe Woody	Earl Fox	Earl Fox
T. E. Woody	Rt. 1, Box 25 Burnsville, N. C.		
Mine Fork	U. B. Deyton	Carmon Laws	Hubert Freeman
Frances Radford	Rt. 1, Box 105 Burnsville, N. C.		
South Bend	Mrs. Lydia Duncan	Luther Renfro	Levi Deyton
T. E. Woody	Route 1 Green Mountain, N. C.		
Prices Creek	Moscoe Towe	Moscoe Towe	James Burleson
E. P. Blevins	Route 3 Burnsville, N. C.		
Terrys Fork	Barbara Ann Gardner	Wayne Metcalf	
Richard Ward	Route 2 Mars Hill, N. C.		

## CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will  
Baptist Church, now in session, send Christian  
greetings to the Mount Mitchell Association,  
and the following delegates to represent us in your  
body

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Our statistics are as follows: -  
Our regular preaching days are \_\_\_\_\_;  
Number baptized \_\_\_\_\_; Members added  
otherwise \_\_\_\_\_; Excluded \_\_\_\_\_;  
Dismissed \_\_\_\_\_; Deaths \_\_\_\_\_; Total  
membership \_\_\_\_\_; Average number in  
Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_; Number of communion  
and feet-washing services \_\_\_\_\_; Number of  
times pastor present \_\_\_\_\_. We paid our  
pastor \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Paid for revivals \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
Paid for Orphanage support \$ \_\_\_\_\_; For  
foreign missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_; For local church  
and Sunday School operating expense \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
To aged and disabled ministers' fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
For minute fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_; For poor and  
sick \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and to the visiting ministers  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_. We pledge to pay to Aged and Dis-  
abled Ministers' Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_; To foreign mission  
support \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.  
Our church property is valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
We have spent approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
church property improvement.  
Number of revivals \_\_\_\_\_. Conducted  
by \_\_\_\_\_

We believe our general spiritual condition, as compared with a year ago is \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor this year \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor-elect \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Steward \_\_\_\_\_

