

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

Seventh Annual Session Held With  
Bowditch Union Church  
August 23-25, 1962

Sam Moore . . . . . Moderator  
Loyce Dayton . . . . . Clerk

Eighth Annual Session  
Scheduled to Convene With South Bend Church  
Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in  
August 1963 at 10:30 A. M.

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Brother Cassie Thomas to Deliver Introductory Message

Sister Vinita Gayle Dayton to be the Alternate Speaker

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## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION

The seventh annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptists Association convened with the Union Bowditch Church, Micaville, N. C., Thursday, August 23, 1962 at 10:30 A.M. Service began with choir singing, "Living By Faith." Opening remarks by the Moderator, Bro. Sam Moore. Prayer led by Bro. E. P. Blevins. Bro. Charlie Miller then read for the scripture lesson, 11 Corinthians 4:5-11. Using for his text, "Bearing In Our Bodies the dying of our Lord," Bro. Miller then brought a wonderful message. A Christian handshake followed as the choir sang. A good testimony by Sister Josephine Blevins. Dismissed for lunch by Moderator, to meet at 1:30 P.M. for business.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 P.M. for business. Service began with choir singing, "I Can Tell You The Time." Devotional conducted by Sister Edith Pauley, reading 11 Corinthians 5:1-9. Prayer led by Bro. Joe Woody.

Proceeded with business. Voted to retain Brother Moscoe Towe and Sister Frances Radford as reading clerks. Brother Levi Deyton to receive Disabled Ministers' Fund, Brother Joe Woody to receive Orphanage Fund, Sister Edith Pauley to receive Foreign Mission Fund and Sister Frances Radford to receive Minute Fund.

Church letters were then read and delegates seated as follows:

Prices Creek Church - Brothers Moscoe Towe,  
W. R. Arrowood, Sister Ruth Towe.

Green Mountain Church - Brothers Arnold Briggs, Charles Wilson, Earl Fox, Joe Woody, Sisters Bertha Bennett, Esther Fox.

Mine Fork Church - Sisters Eula Lee Fox, Mary Laws, Milinda Laws.

Bowditch Church - Brother Cassie Thomas, Sisters Julia Boone, Judy Byrd, Bernice Thomas, Frances Hughes.

Terrys Fork Church - Brother Phil Anderson, Sisters Betty Anderson, Ruby Metcalf.

South Bend Church - Brother and Sister John G. Peterson, Brother and Sister Levi Deyton.

The following committees were appointed:

Voted to retain last year's Committee on Investigation - Brothers Levi Deyton, Moscoe Towe, Joe Woody.

Committee on Missions - Sisters Julia Boone, Vinita Miller, Frances Radford.

Committee on Education - Sister Josephine Blevins, Brothers Charlie Miller, Levi Deyton.

Committee on Sabbath Schools - Brothers Moscoe Towe, Arnold Miller, Sister Frances Hughes.

Committee on Temperance - Sister Edith Pauley, Brothers Glen Laws, Roscoe Briggs.

Committee on Obituaries - Sisters Ruby Metcalf, Lucy Deyton.

Committee on Deeper Devotions - Sister Frances Radford, Brothers T.E. Woody, Cassie Thomas.

Committee on Sessions - Brother and Sister John G. Peterson, Bro. Moscoe Towe, Bro. Arnold Briggs, Bro. Cassie Thomas, Sister Eula Lee Fox, Bro. Phil Anderson.

Committee on Orphanage Building Fund - Brothers T. E. Woody, Joe Woody, Levi Deyton.

Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund - Brothers Phil Anderson, Moscoe Towe, Arnold Briggs.

Committee on Lord's Acre Work - Sisters Josephine Blevins, Virginia Miller, Brother Elic Hensley.

Committee on Churches and Pastors - Brothers Junior Briggs, Roscoe Briggs, Glen Laws.

Committee on Topics - Brother E. P. Blevins, Sisters Edith Pauley, Vinita Deyton.

The following officers were elected: Brother Sam Moore, Moderator; Brother T. E. Woody, Assistant Moderator; Sister Loyce Deyton, Clerk.

Offering taken to pay bond for Building Fund. Amount received \$7. 93.

Ministers present were: Rev. T. E. Woody, Rev. E. P. Blevins, Rev. Josephine Blevins, Rev. Frances Radford, Rev. Sam Moore, Rev. Arnold Miller, Rev. Edith Pauley, Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Rev. Vinita Gayle Deyton, Rev. Charlie Miller.

Deacons present were:

Phil Anderson .....Terrys Fork Church  
Joe Woody .....Green Mountain Church  
Fred Blankenship .....Green Mountain Church  
W. R. Arrowood .....Prices Creek Church  
Junior Briggs .....Bowditch Church

Appointed Sister Vinita Deyton to preach at  
3:00 P.M.

Intermission given.

Service at 3:00 began with choir singing, "I'm Too Near Heaven To Turn Back Now." Sister Vinita Deyton then read, Hebrews 12:1. Prayer led by Sister Deyton, after which she brought a Spirit-Filled message on, "Running The Race". A Christian handshake followed as the choir sang. Good testimonies by some of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Dismissed by Sister Josephine Blevins to meet at 7:30 P.M. for preaching by Sister Edith Pauley.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service began with choir singing, "Send The Light". Opening remarks by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Sister Edith Pauley read Genesis 3:1-24 and Revelations 22:1-2. Using for her text, "The Gardens". Sister Pauley brought a much needed message, followed by a Christian handshake. Closing remarks by Brother Sam Moore. Dismissed by Brother Cassie Thomas to meet at 9:30 A.M. for business.



## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30 A. M. for business. Service began with choir singing, "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too." Devotional given by Sister Josephine Blevins, reading Exodus 15:1-13. Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Business called to order. Yesterday's minutes read and adopted. Visiting ministers called for. Rev. Billy Morris, Rt. 4, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Dave Franks (Missionary to Brazil), 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.; Rev. Milton A. Hollifield, Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.; Rev. Ronald Creech, 1212 East Main Street, Durham, N. C. were given a seat in the body. Report of Committee on Education called for. Read by Sister Josephine Blevins. Report tabled until later. Brother Hollifield then gave an enlightening talk on our new F. W. B. State Association. Also, Brother Creech spoke on this subject. Brother Morris gave a good testimony. Brother Franks gave us a report of his work in Brazil, urging our churches to support mission work. Good remarks by Sisters Josephine Blevins, Frances Radford, Brother T. E. Woody. Offering taken for our State Paper, "The Free Will Baptist Witness". Amount received \$40.00. Moved to receive report on Education, (tabled earlier). Discussed by Sister Josephine Blevins, Frances Radford. Report adopted.

Intermission given.

Services at 11:30 began with choir singing, "Rock of Ages Hide Thou Me." Brother Milton Hollifield then sang, "What Are They Doing In Heaven Today." Sister Frances Radford read, Exodus 14:1-18, Joshua 1:1-6, Hebrews 5:12-14, Hebrews 6:1-3. Prayer led by Brother Hollifield. Using for her text, "Let Us Go On," Sister Radford brought a wonderful message. A Christian handshake followed, as the choir sang. A Spirit of Love dwelled among us.

Dismissed by Brother Charlie Miller to meet at  
1:30 P.M. for business.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 1:30 for business. Service began with choir singing, "When We All Get To Heaven." Devotional given by Brother Arnold Miller reading 1 Corinthians 14:14-15. Prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Business called to order. Report of Committee on Missions called for. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Received. Discussed by Sisters Vinita Deyton, Julia Boone, Brother Charlie Miller, Sisters Josephine Blevins, Frances Hughes, Frances Radford, Brothers Moscoe Towe, Arnold Miller, E. P. Blevins. Adopted. Report of Committee on Deeper Devotions called for. Read by Brother Cassie Thomas, discussed by Sisters Frances Radford, Josephine Blevins. Adopted. Voted to postpone preaching until 7:30 P.M. and continue business. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools called for, read by Brother Moscoe Towe. Received. Discussed by Brothers Sam Moore, Arnold Miller, Moscoe Towe. Adopted. Report of Committee on Temperance called for. Read by Sister Edith Pauley. Received. Discussed by Brothers Roscoe Briggs, Sam Moore. Adopted. Called for report of Committee on Orphanage Building Fund. Read, then discussed by Brothers Joe Woody, Cassie Thomas, Sisters Edith Pauley, Josephine Blevins, Brother E. P. Blevins, Sister Frances Radford. Adopted. Pledges taken for Orphanage Building Fund:

Brother Junior Briggs	\$50.00
Brother Joe Woody	50.00
Sister Edith Pauley	50.00
Brother Roscoe Briggs	25.00
Sister Vinita Deyton	5.00
Brother Moscoe Towe	50.00

Brother T. E. Woody	50.00
Sister Frances Radford	100.00
Brother W. R. Arrowood	25.00
Brother Fred Blankenship	25.00
Brother Mose Miller	10.00
Brother Levi Deyton	50.00
Sister Madge Honeycutt	5.00
Total Amount	<u>\$495.00</u>

Sister Nora Miller pledged all the dimes she collected, by the next association. Authorized Sister Loyce Deyton to send news of our churches each month to Brother Eugene Waddell, to be published in our State paper. Report of Committee on Disabled Ministers Fund called for. Tabled until tomorrow. Dismissed by Brother Joe Woody to meet at 7:30 P.M. for preaching by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Met at 7:30 P.M. for preaching. Service began with choir singing, "Just Inside The Gate". Opening remarks by Brother Sam Moore. Brother Zenes Allen then led us in prayer. Brother Roscoe Briggs read Romans 5:1-5, Romans 6:1-3, after which he brought a wonderful message. A Christian handshake followed, as the choir sang. There were many good testimonies by our Brothers and Sisters, with much outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Sister Frances Radford led us in prayer. Dismissed by Brother Joe Woody to meet at 9:30 for business.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9:30 for business. Service began with choir singing, "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too". Brother E. P. Blevins read Hebrews 4:1-16. An altar prayer followed, led by Sister Edith Pauley.



Business called to order. Offering taken for the Minute Fund. Received \$13.25. Report of Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund called for. Committee not present. Adopted last year's report. Called for report of Committee on Lord's Acre Work. Read by Sister Josephine Blevins. Discussed by Brother Levi Deyton, Joe Woody, T. E. Woody, Cassie Thomas. Received and adopted. Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for. No report. Subject discussed by Sister Frances Radford, Brother T.E. Woody. Adopted last year's report. Called for report of Committee on Sessions. No report at present time. Report of Committee on Topics called for. Read by Brother E. P. Blevins. Discussed by Brother E. P. Blevins, Sister Vinita Deyton. Adopted. Committee on Sessions read their report. Received and adopted. Brother Sam Moore, Moderator, extended thanks to the Union Bowditch Church, for the entire Association, in the wonderful way they have cared for the Association. We know God will bless them for it. Dismissed by Sister Edith Pauley to meet with the South Bend Church, Green Mountain, N. C., for the next Association in August 1963.

### 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. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Rev. Sam Moore	Burnsville, N.C.
Rev. T. A. Watts	Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.
Rev. Arnold Miller	Relief, N.C.
Rev. Edith Pauley	Erwin, Tennessee
Rev. Roscoe Briggs	Rt. 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.
Rev. Vinita Gayle Deyton	Burnsville, N.C.
Rev. Charlie Miller	Brunsville, N.C.

Rev. J. C. Letterman	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. T. A. Greene	2013 Cedar Fork Dr. Greensboro, N. C.
Rev. Guy Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. Cassie Thomas	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Burl Ledford	(Address unknown)
Rev. Junior Briggs	Micaville, N. C.

## REPORTS OF FORMERLY NAMED COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education report the following: Education - To teach and discipline, so as to develop the natural powers; train for some special pursuit; instruct. Teaching our young people in the word of God is one of the most essential works in the church. Education is the harmonious development of all our faculties. It begins in the nursery and continues through life. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. "And ye Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

Rev. Josephine Blevins  
Bro. L. O. Deyton  
Rev. Charlie Miller

### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools recommend that all our churches have a Sabbath School and that all members attend as much as possible. That we have teachers who have the cause at heart. A Sabbath School is the church in action. That is where the truths of the Bible are taught and most of the church work is done.

Brother Moscoe Towe  
Brother Arnold Miller  
Sister Frances Hughes

### COMMITTEE ON DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion submit, that as in everything else, in this too, Jesus is our best example. We therefore recommend for the consideration of the body the following scriptures:

Luke 22:41-42, "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed, saying, 'Father, if thou be willing remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.'" All night in prayer - our example. Luke 6:12, "And it came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God." Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Brother T. E. Woody  
Brother Cassie Thomas  
Sister Frances Radford

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following: Temperance as the word is used in the Bible means a limited use of lawful enjoyments, keeping every sense under proper restraint and never permitting the body to bring the Spirit under subjection, in other words self-control. It

is one of the additions to faith mentioned in 11 Peter 1:6, which if they be in us and abound, they make us to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is part of the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galations 5:23. We are taught in 1 Corinthians 9:25 that every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Titus 1:8 teaches that one of the qualifications a bishop must have is temperance. The use of the word temperance is not properly used in relation to the use of alcoholic beverages, from which all Christians should abstain, this subject should be discussed in relation to bodily subjection such as eating, talking, visiting and be careful that nothing bring us under subjection.

Sister Edith Pauley  
Brother Roscoe Briggs  
Brother Glen Laws

### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions submit the following scripture for consideration: Revelations 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Romans 14:10, "But why dost thou judge thy brother, or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." and 12, "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." Finally Matthew 28: 19-20, "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."

We feel that it is high time that every Christian get a definite realization of the judgment to come and live with that realization in mind. Knowing that we shall all face the Living God and be judged *according to our works*. We should endeavor to have our book filled with works justified by the Book of Life. Today is the time to tend to our works; judgment is not far off. Surely helping to spread the gospel is a work by which we can be justified. It is the work Christ started and left in the hands of faithful men and women. All the Bible justifies missions; no one can find the scripture to condemn it. Let us work, "for the night cometh, when no man can work." When communism forbids our speaking of Jesus, it may be too late to send missionaries.

Sister Julia Boone

Sister Frances Radford

Sister Vinita Deyton

Mission Secretaries in our Churches are:

Vinita Gayle Deyton Green Mountain Church

Lydia Duncan South Bend Church

Moscoe Towe Prices Creek Church

Frances Hughes Bowditch Church

Carmon Laws Mine Fork Church

Frances Radford Terrys Fork Church

### COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE BUILDING FUND

We, your Committee on Orphanage Building Fund recommend that each Church in our Association have one Sunday each month set aside for an offering for the Orphanage Building Fund. Also, all who have Lord's Acre Project set aside a certain



per cent of it for this cause.

Brother Joe Woody  
Brother T. E. Woody  
Brother L. O. Deyton

\$2,117.19 on hand at Association  
147.77 received at Association  

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\$2,264.96 total amount in Fund

Trustees

Brother L. O. Deyton  
Brother Arnold Miller  
Brother Cassie Thomas

COMMITTEE ON SESSIONS

We, your Committee on Sessions agree for the Association to go to the South Bend Church, Green Mountain, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1963 at 10:30 A.M. Brother Cassie Thomas to preach the introductory message. Sister Vinita Deyton to be the Alternate Speaker.

Brother Levi Deyton  
Brother Ralph Towe  
Sister Frances Radford  
Brother Cassie Thomas  
Brother Joe Woody

COMMITTEE ON TOPICS

We, your Committee on Topics submit the following:  
What are the things that are essential unto Salvation?

Brother E. P. Blevins  
Sister Edith Pauley  
Sister Vinita Deyton

## COMMITTEE ON CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors desire our pastors to be led by the Holy Ghost in all points without respect of persons. We desire our pastors to know the Holy Ghost and stand by the truth.

For Pastors - I Peter 5:2-3

For Churches - I Peter 2:24.

We feel that Churches should love their pastors and stand by them and help them to win souls to Christ.

Brother T. E. Woody  
Sister Frances Radford

## COMMITTEE ON AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

We, your Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund submit the following: "The righteous sheweth mercy and giveth. Psalm 37:31.

We urge all churches to set a goal toward this worthy cause. Those who have given their service to God and to us while they were able need our support when they can no longer serve.

Brother Phil Anderson  
Brother Moscoe Towe  
Brother Arnold Briggs

## TREASURER'S REPORT ON AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

Amount on hand	\$667.95
Received at Association	110.74
Total Amount . . . . .	\$778.69

Treasurer: Sister Josephine Blevins

### COMMITTEE ON LORD'S ACRE WORK

We, your Committee on Lord's Acre Work report the following: We want to recommend that each church have a project. If we can get the children to take an interest it would be a great help to them. We need a goal to make us feel obligated. Perhaps we would do more in the cause of Christ. Peter went fishing that he might be able to meet his obligation.

Sister Josephine Blevins

Sister Virginia Miller

#### Lord's Acre Receipts

South Bend Church	\$494.00
Green Mountain Church	563.59

### OBITUARY OF MRS. LILLIE HENSLEY

Sister Lillie Hensley departed this life December 21, 1960 at the age of 81. She was a charter member of the Bowditch Church, and went there to church all her life. She lived a devoted Christian life. We have often seen her shout the Victory. She was so patient in her sickness, especially the last three months. She left a bright testimony that she was going to rest. She leaves 1 child, 1 grandchild, 4 great grandchildren, 1 great, great grandchild and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain. She is now in Heaven with her loved ones and The Blessed Saviour who died for us. Help us all to live, when this life is over to meet her in Heaven.

Church Clerk - Mrs. Frances Hughes

### OBITUARY OF MRS. GAITHER ROBINSON

Born April 4, 1886, died April 27, 1962, at the age of 76. She was a member of the Terrys Fork F. W. B. Church. A faithful Christian, a devoted wife, and mother. She is sorely missed in her home and community. Just two weeks before her death she shouted up and down the aisles of the Church and we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

By a Sister in Christ

Mrs. Ruby Metcalf

### OBITUARY OF MRS. VIOLA HOOVER SEAY

Died July 31, 1962 at the age of 43, after a long illness. Viola joined the Bowditch Church at an early age. She lived a faithful member until her death. Her last days were the brightest in the Lord. She would come to Church when she was too sick to come. She said, "I just had to come." Every one loved her and we miss her so much at Church. She is survived by her husband, 3 children, 2 sisters, 3 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is Heaven's gain for she is now at rest with the angels. Help us all to be ready to meet her in Heaven.

Church Clerk - Frances Hughes

### OBITUARY OF PEGGY PETERSON

Peggy Dorisleene Peterson was born January 31, 1944, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Peterson of Green Mountain, N. C., Rt. 2. From early childhood she was unusually interested in the things pertaining to the service of God, and at the age of 12, on July 1, 1956 she was converted to Christ. After being baptized, she united with the North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, later

becoming a charter member of South Bend Free Will Baptist Church, which was organized August 19, 1958. She was deeply devoted both to her Lord and her Church, and had attained a spiritual maturity far beyond the average for her years. At the time of her death, she was teacher of the primary class in her home Church Sunday School.

Peggy was called home to be with her Lord December 15, 1961, leaving her father and mother, several brothers, two sisters, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We are left with the powerful pull of her devout example to attract us homeward, and there we trust to meet her when we have finished our course below. God grant that we may run the race as well as she did.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The conference met with the Union Bowditch Church August 25, 1962. Opened with singing by, Brother Ralph and Sister Ruth Towe. Devotional given by Sister Vinita Deyton, reading, Acts 2:41-47. Prayer led by Brother T. E. Woody. Business brought to order. Minutes of last conference read. Received offering for Aged and Disabled Ministers Fund, amount of \$18.50. Voted for clerk to write Rev. T. A. Watts of place and time of next conference. Appointed a Committee of Investigation, Brothers Roscoe Briggs, Sam Moore, Cassie Thomas. Brother Junior Briggs given license for one year. Brother Arnold Miller given permanent license. Brother Guy Honeycutt was ordained. Elected Brother Charlie Miller as Moderator. Retained Sister Josephine Blevins as Clerk. Elected Brother T. E. Woody as Chairman of Ordaining Council, Brother Sam Moore, Brother Roscoe Briggs to serve with him. Dismissed to meet with the



Green Mountain Church, Friday before the next fifth Sunday. Sister Edith Pauley to preach the introductory message, Brother Junior Briggs to be the Alternate Speaker.

## CONSTITUTION OF MOUNT MITCHELL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### 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 or fraction thereof above fifty (50). Each church is expected

to 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, providing 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

The 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 OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF 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 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 deliveries and 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 offers 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 assent 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 other's 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 God's 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 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 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	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4
Number Baptisted	3	0	17	5	7	2
Added Otherwise	0	3	5	0	2	23
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	0	0	2	0	0	7
Deaths	1	0	0	0	1	1
Communion Services	3	1	1	2	1	1
Number in Sunday School	65	30	70	75	65	60
Total Membership	55	42	110	74	80	79
Times Pastor Present	50	48	24	22	24	50
Minute Fund	12.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
Paid Pastor	118.87	120.00	434.32	439.75	320.43	525.00
Paid for Revivals	179.21	35.00	104.41	94.48	94.00	0
Foreign Mission	151.00	33.00	52.00	279.00	0	60.00
Orphanage	0	0	50.00	74.63	0	0
Poor and Sick	75.00	0	145.35	100.00	46.30	73.24
Monthly Mission Pledge	10.00	0	5.00	19.00	10.00	5.00
Value Church Property	10,500.00	6,000.00	7,750.00	5,000.00	7,140.00	3,300.00
Improvements	1,215.00	0	1,250.00	362.38	1,000.00	75.00
Aged & Disabled Ministers						
Fund	0	0	62.00	22.25	15.00	5.00
Visiting Ministers	35.32	0	73.82	0	46.00	50.00
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	0	563.59	0	494.00	0
Sunday School and Local						
Church Operating Expense	149.00	0	150.00	167.42	239.00	27.23



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

Church and Pastor	Clerk and Address	Orphanage Chairman	Lord's Acre Work Chmn.
(Union) Bowditch -- Sam Moore	Mrs. Frances Hughes Micaville, N. C.	Bertie Hensley	Alec Hensley
Green Mountain T. E. Woody	Mrs. Joe Woody Rt. 1 Box 25 Burnsville, N. C.	Earl Fox	Earl Fox
Mine Fork Charlie Miller	Mr. Clair Laws Rt. 1 Burnsville, N. C.	Carmon Laws	Hubert Freeman
South Bend Charlie Miller	Mrs. Clyde Duncan Rt. 2 Green Mountain, N. C.	Luther Renfro	Levi Deyton
Prices Creek John Murphy	Mr. Moscoe Towe Rt. 3 Burnsville, N. C.	Moscoe Towe	James Burleson
Terrys Fork Frances Radford	Miss Elaine Robinson Rt. 2 Mars Hill, N. C.	Wayne Metcalf	Phil Anderson

## 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 visiting ministers  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_. We pledge to pay to Aged and  
Disabled 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lord's Acre receipts \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

