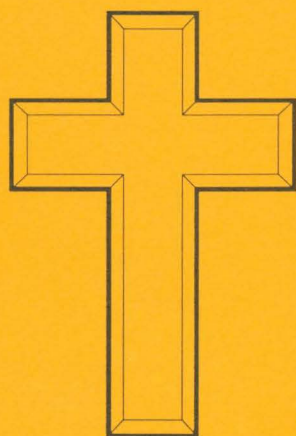


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Original
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2000 Minutes

**Minutes
of the
Mt. Mitchell Association
Original Free Will Baptists
of North Carolina**

**Organizational Meeting
Held
March 9 and 10, 1956**

**FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
HELD WITH
MINE FORK CHURCH
AUGUST 25, 2000**

Vinita M. Deyton
Clerk

52 Hwy 197 North
Burnsville, NC 28714-
3140

**FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
Scheduled to Convene with the
PRICES CREEK CHURCH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001
at 9:30 a.m.**

Brother Steve Penland
to Deliver the Morning Message

Brother Cecil Hensley
to be the Alternate Speaker

OFFICERS OF MT. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

ASSOCIATION

Moderator.....Cecil Hensley, Burnsville, NC
Assistant Moderator.....Jim Shoupe, Newland, NC
Clerk.....Vinita Miller Deyton, Burnsville, NC

Committee for Disabled Ministers' Fund

These are the men to call if a minister or spouse is sick:

Royce Bennett.....682-6959
Edward Peterson.....682-9807

Treasurer: Disabled Ministers' Fund

Gene Woody.....682-2588

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator.....Steve Penland
Assistant Moderator.....Ricky Bennett
Clerk.....Vinita Miller Deyton

Ordaining Council/Investigating Committee

Jim Shoupe
Cecil Hensley
Cline Honeycutt

In Memoriam



J.B. Wheeler
Patterson Branch Church

Thurman Briggs
Bowditch Church





Mary F. Tipton
Patterson Branch Church



Danny Metcalf, with wife, Elaine
Terrys Fork Church

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-fifth annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptists Association convened with the Mine Fork Church, Burnsville, North Carolina, on August 25, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. The choir sang "I Feel Like Travelling On" and "Keep On The Firing Line." Welcome given by pastor of host church, Brother Philip Fox. Scripture reading was Mark 3:1-35. Altar prayer was led by Brother Cecil Hensley.

Business called to order by Moderator, Brother Cecil Hensley. Elected Brother Cecil Hensley as Moderator for another year and Brother Jim Shoupe as the Assistant Moderator.

Appointed Sister Frances Radford as Reading Clerk. The church letters were read; delegates seated as follows:

BOWDITCH - Sister Tammy Scott

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Sisters Tilda Bennett, Kathryn Edwards

MINE FORK - Brother Royce Bennett; Sister Ollie Laws.

PATTERSON BRANCH - Brothers Daniel Wheeler, Donald Wheeler; Sisters Judy Wheeler, Wilma Wheeler, Anna Scott, Donna Briggs, Mildred Hensley, Tamara McIntosh.

PRICES CREEK - Sister Wilma Bennett

SOUTH BEND - Sisters Belle Edwards, Phyllis McKinney

TERRYS FORK - Sisters Shirley Mace, Bernice Metcalf.

Enrolled these ministers:

Sisters Vinita Deyton
Frances Radford

Brothers Philip Fox
Cecil Hensley
Cline Honeycutt
Jim Shoupe

Excused Brothers Ricky Bennett, Roosevelt Briggs, Steve Penland.

Welcomed Brothers Michael Jackson and Don Wheeler as our visiting ministers.

Called for TOPIC REPORTS:

AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS AND WIVES. Brother Ricky Bennett was responsible for this report. He was given until Saturday to hand the report in. Sister Vinita Deyton read the financial report.

SATURDAY: Report read by Brother Ricky Bennett. It was discussed by Sister Vinita Deyton; Brother Cline Honeycutt. Received and adopted.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS. Written by Brother Cline Honeycutt; read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Discussed by Brother Cline Honeycutt; Sister Frances Radford. Received and adopted.

DEEPER DEVOTION. Two reports read by Sisters Belle Edwards and Kathryn Edwards. Discussed by Sister Tilda Bennett. Received and adopted.

MISSIONS. Read by Sister Mildred Hensley. Received and adopted.

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING. Read by Sister Frances Radford. Discussed by Sister Radford; Brothers Cline Honeycutt, Cecil Hensley. Received and adopted.

Adjourned for worship service.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE began with Sister Shirley Mace singing "He Does All Things Well". Sister Donna Briggs sang "On That Great Home-Coming Day". Brother Michael Jackson, of the Clear Creek Church in Flat Rock, NC, read Philippians 2:12-14, Matthew 5:14, and Ephesians 5:8, preaching on "Let Your Light Shine". Sisters Anna Scott, Donna Briggs, Tammy Scott, Frances Radford came to the altar for prayer for their need of healing; Brother Cline Honeycutt came for his wife's healing; Sister Belle Edwards came for her brother's need of both healing and salvation. Altar prayer led by Brother Philip Fox.

Adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The 12:50 p.m. session began with the congregation's singing "Lord, Lead Me On" and "Near The Cross."

Devotional conducted by Brother Philip Fox, reading Genesis 7:14-16.

Business called to order by Moderator. Called for these reports.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton. It was received and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Because of Sister Anna Scott's recent bout of severe sickness, this report was not sent in by the time the Minutes went to the press.

TEMPERANCE. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Received and adopted.

It was voted that it become one of our by-laws that any teacher or preacher who teaches or preaches in this body of believers must use the old King James Version Bible.

Adjourned until we meet with the Prices Creek Church on August 24, 2001. Brother Steve Penland to bring the Friday morning message; Brother Cecil Hensley to be his alternate.

Dismissed in prayer led by Brother Jim Shoupe.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The 7:00 p.m. worship service began with the choir's singing "Victory In Jesus" and "I'm In The Gloryland Way". Welcome given by pastor of host church, Brother Philip Fox. Sister Amy Fox sang "It's Me, O Lord", "Teach Me Lord, To Wait", and "The Best Is Yet To Come." Altar prayer led by Brother Ricky Bennett.

Brother Jim Shoupe sang a verse each of "Don't Worry About Tomorrow" and "Glory Land". He then read Galatians 6:1-18, preaching on "Let Us Not Be Weary In Well Doing." After several testimonies Brother Ricky Bennett asked that we have a united altar prayer for the healing of Sister Anna Scott. Dismissed with this prayer.

MINISTERS APPOINTED BY THE PRICES CREEK CHURCH TO
PREACH AT THE 2001 SESSION OF ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE:

FRIDAY MORNING.....Brother Steve Penland
Alternate Speaker....Brother Cecil Hensley
FRIDAY EVENING.....Sister Vinita Deyton
SATURDAY MORNING.....Brother Cline Honeycutt

MINUTE FUND REPORT

1999 Total.....\$795.00
Paid Moderator..... 20.00
(This \$20.00 was given to the Clerk by Brother Roy
Radford of the Terrys Fork Church.)

Paid Clerk..... 100.00
Paid for 250 copies of the Minutes..... 546.96
Paid for mailing of copies..... 3.73
Refund to each of the 7 Churches.....30.00

2000 Total.....\$795.00
Paid Moderator..... 20.00
Paid Clerk..... 100.00

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FLOWER FUND REPORT

Amount on Hand, August, 1999.....\$623.02
Received at Conferences..... 124.00
Total.....\$747.02

Flowers wired for T. A. Greene's wife's death... 50.40
Gideon Bibles for Cline Honeycutt's brother-in-law,
James Sprinkle.....33.25
Gideon Bibles for Cecil Honeycutt's mother-in-law,
Mary Tipton.....33.25
Gideon Bibles for Ricky Bennett's grandmother....19.00
Total Spent.....\$135.90
Total on Hand, August, 2000.....\$611.12

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS AND WIVES

If Jesus had lived to be of old age on this earth, I wonder how it would have been. We live in a time when everything is disposable. Things are not made to last. When something stops working, or something better is coming along, just get another one. We should not feel this way about our aged ministers and their wives. They have been on this road we are travelling, and they have wisdom and experience that we will need. As the saying goes, "They have been there and done that!"

I. Timothy 5:1,2 says, "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father, and the younger men as brethren. The elder women as mothers, the younger as sisters, with all purity."

We should support our ministers in all ways of their needs. These elderly ones are the head of our spiritual family on earth, and that's exactly how we should treat them. Like our natural family, someone may come along to fill an empty place, but the ones gone cannot be replaced. Love never wears out, and is never out dated.

Ricky Bennett

FINANCIAL REPORT OF DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND:

Total on hand, August, 1999.....\$2340.23

Received from these churches:

Bowditch.....	200.00
Green Mountain.....	200.00
Patterson Branch.....	200.00
Prices Creek.....	200.00
South Bend.....	200.00
Terrys Fork.....	200.00

TOTAL..... \$1200.00

Received at Conferences..... 177.00

Personal Gift..... 25.00

AGED MINISTERS' FUND REPORT, Continued:

Interest Paid by Bank 33.20

TOTAL RECEIVED.....\$1435.20

PAID OUT:

Annie Mae Henson..... 240.00

Virginia Miller..... 240.00

Edith Pauley..... 240.00

Elsie Thomas..... 240.00

Bond Fee..... 100.00

TOTAL PAID OUT.....\$1060.00

BALANCE, AUGUST, 2000.....\$2715.43

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

On the subject of Churches and Pastors we submit the following:

I. Peter 5:1-5: "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Peter did not put himself above others; rather, he called himself a "fellow elder" and included himself among the church leaders he was exhorting. Peter that the pastors would go through great suffering as leaders of the people, so he encouraged them in two ways.

(1) He reminded them that Christ had suffered for them and would sustain them.

(2) He reminded them that glory always follows suffering if we submit to the Lord. 11

Pastors' duties include feeding, leading, encouraging, discipling, guarding. Where would the flock be if the sheep led the shepherd or if every sheep were given his or her own way?

There will be glory in heaven. Each undershepherd must submit to the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. It is more important to please and glorify Him than anyone else.

Cline Honeycutt

DEEPER DEVOTION

We feel that to reach a deeper devotion to God it would be necessary to surrender our will to God each day in prayer and praise to our Lord. When we awake in the morning, before daybreak, is the best time to read God's Word and pray. Mark 1:35 says, "He went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed." Psalm 55:17 says, "Evening and morning and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice."

Kathryn Edwards
Tilda Bennett

To devote is to give or surrender completely to some person or something. It's to set apart, to dedicate. We are to give ourselves completely to God, to be used for His glory and to the upbuilding of His Kingdom. Deeper devotion is to give ourselves a Abraham did, and not stagger at His promises, for He is faithful that promised. Following Christ means to deny ourselves. It means to walk in the light; it means to cleanse ourselves, it means to obey the Word.

Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Belle Edwards

MISSIONS

A mission is someone going somewhere for a purpose. Matthew 28:19,20 says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; even unto the end of the world."

Every true Christian should be willing to be, or to help someone in missionary work by sending money and praying for those who do God's work here or in other places.

Every disciple of Jesus is sent of Him to accomplish a work in His name. For us, this mission includes prayer, witnessing, and faithfulness to obey. When Jesus gave the great commission in Matthew 28, He gave it not only to those disciples, but to us also.

Mildred Hensley

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING

On the subject of Personal Soul Winning I submit the following Scriptures:

Proverbs 11:30 and 14:25

John 1:35-51

Acts 8:26-39

There is no work on earth more important, or that pays bigger dividends, than soul winning. Our Lord himself set the example. He would go to any length or suffer any pain or loss to win a soul. You recall that when the disciples didn't even consider a Samaritan village as part of their field, "Jesus must needs go through Samaria" and His object there was to seek and to save the Samaritan woman who then led almost her whole city to Christ.

Two things are vitally important about soul winning. One is seeing every person as one for whom Jesus died, then prayerfully seek to find those He wants to use you to win. A case in point is Andrew finding Peter, and Philip finding Nathaniel.

The other thing is to be very attentive to the voice of the Holy Ghost and obey Him, as Philip did in leaving a revival in Samaria to go south to a desert place, and there found the Ethiopian eunuch, preached to him Jesus from the very passage of Scripture he heard the man reading. Consider what the results were of those two examples of soul winning. Had there been no Andrew, there might not have been a Peter, the one who won 3000 souls in one service. And had not Philip obeyed the Spirit's bidding to join himself to the Ethiopian's chariot, the continent of Africa might not have heard the Gospel for centuries. He that winneth souls is wise. May we all realize that we are all commissioned to be witnesses for Jesus. Someone has said that the Lord doesn't need many lawyers to plead for Him, but He does need every Christian to be a witness for Him.

Frances Radford

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

On the subject of Spiritual Education I submit the following thoughts:

To obtain any education - including a spiritual one - there must be a teacher. And the teacher of Christians is the Holy Ghost. Jesus said of Him: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things" (John 14:26) Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, (I. Cor. 2:13), said, "We speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."

There must be a person who is willing to listen and to learn, to be taught. It was spoken to each of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" That single ear is the human heart. James 1:19 tells us to be swift to hear. And Proverbs 8:34 states, "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors."

There needs to be a course of study. Preachers who go into the pulpit claiming Matthew 13:11 "take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate."

This instruction deals with a person's "being brought before rulers and kings, being delivered up." The instruction for preachers is found in II. Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39). Acts 17:11 says of the people in Berea that "they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily."

Those questions found in Isaiah 40:21 are searching. "Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Have ye not understood?"

When the Holy Ghost's teaching of us is over, is God going to grade us...."We done!?"

Vinita Deyton

TEMPERANCE

On the subject of Temperance I submit Scriptures from II. Peter 1.

Having temperance is knowing when to stop in whatever excess we are engaging.

We live in a country where temperance does not exist. An excess of money is spent. This year the Republican conventions cost \$63 million dollars. It was projected the Democratic one would cost over \$50 million. An excess of pleasure-seeking is evident. Millions of folk attend events of pleasure each year, while attendance at God's House gets smaller. We are a nation of overweight people; we have little temperance in eating.

Peter told Christians to do their best to obtain the additions to their lives provided by the Holy Ghost. This fourth addition is temperance. That Person of the God-head would help us to know when to stop whatever we are doing - be it talking, eating, or pleasure seeking. Have you lately noticed the time you spent in doing what you enjoy, as contrasted to the time you spent in reading the Bible and praying?

God help us to add temperance to our lives!

Vinita Deyton

OBITUARIES

BONNIE McCANLESS ALLEN

On April 4, 1909 Bonnie McCanless was born. It was on December 20, 1999 that she got promoted to her new Home. Between those two dates she married Jace Allen, who preceded her in death in 1997. She was a wife who stood by her husband, a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a much-loved neighbor on Bakers Creek. And she was one of our Lord's most loyal children. To hear her say those many years, "I pray for you each night" was an encouraging thing! She and Jace attended Green Mountain Church as long as they were able to do so.

Bonnie left behind one daughter, Betty Morgan, who lives in Georgia; three sons: Clarence and Edd Allen, of Fletcher, NC; Owen Allen, of Burnsville, NC. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Stern, of Florida; two brothers: Edd and Ralph McCanless of Fletcher, NC; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Vinita M. Deyton

THELMA CANNON ANGLIN

Thelma Cannon was born to Burlus and Ritta Cannon on August 9, 1935. She was their only and much loved daughter. She became the wife of Charlie Anglin in her later years. She departed this life on February 9, 2000. She attended Green Mountain Church in her youth.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband; both of her brothers: Izzie Cannon and Eldridge Cannon. She is survived by two nephews.

She is missed by those who loved her.

Vinita M. Deyton

THURMAN BRIGGS

It was on September 24, 1928 that Thurman Briggs was

born to Roscoe and Pearl Briggs. On August 21, 1999 he began his new journey to be with he Lord. He was a very devoted Christian. He spent the last years of his life, before he became sick, in helping with the Bowditch Church, of which he was a member. He loved everybody, and was always willing to reach out a helping hand to those in need.

Thurman served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Thurman left behind his wife, Shirley Gouge Briggs; one daughter, Diane Ross of Old Fort, NC; one son, Darrell Briggs of Spruce Pine, NC. He is also survived by three sisters: Clara Lee Chrisawn, Frances Boone, and Shirley McKinney; five brothers: Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr., Paul Briggs, Charles Briggs, Reed Briggs, Claude Briggs. He is also gone from two grandchildren four step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be much missed, not only by his family members, but also by the friends and church folk who loved him.

We don't think of him as gone away..
His journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets....
This earth..is only one.

We just think of Thurman as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In as place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.

Think how Thurman must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.

And think of Thurman as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost.....
And Thurman was loved so much.

E. Grennemen

Shirley G. Briggs

GENEVA SOUTHER BAILEY

It was on October 2, 1920 that Geneva Souther was born in Yancey County. She was one of two daughters born to Fred and Sadie F. Souther. Her sister was Virginia Mitchell who preceded her in death. She married Luther Bailey who loved her dearly until his death in 1987. She was a friendly, sweet Christian; she loved children and enjoyed teaching the children's Sunday School Class, at the Green Mountain Church. Geneva suffered very bad health for many year and departed this life on February 2, 2000.

Geneva left behind two daughters: Carol McMahan and Ima Jean Bailey; two sons: Richard and David Keith Bailey. She is also survived by four brothers: Chester Souther, Carroll Souther, Bob Souther and Donald Souther; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She is missed by all of us who loved her, and yet we look forward to seeing her again.

Vinita M. Deyton

ROSETTA ALLEN CARROLL

In these mountains of North Carolina Rosetta Allen was born on October 19, 1910. And it was from these mountains that she departed for a much better country on January 7, 2000. She and her husband, Dewey Carroll, attended the Green Mountain Church until his death in 1985. And as long as she was physically able, she kept on attending church. The place where she sat is very, very empty.

Rosetta was preceded in death by a son, R. L. Allen. Surviving are a son, Knarld Carroll; five grandchildren and nine great-grndchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

To hear her laugh again, to hear her tell me that she loves me, to see her in worship of our Lord once more... these things I look forward to.

Vinita M. Deyton

DANNY LEE METCALF

Danny Lee Metcalf was born in Buncombe County of our Western North Carolina. It only took him 52 years to complete the race set before him. During those years he married Elaine Robinson and fathered two daughters and a son. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was one of the deacons at the Terrys Fork Church. He and Elain went to Venezuela and Honduras to help to build churches in those area. He was interested in growing things; he had farming in mind that day he suddenly was called Home, on May 16, 200.

Danny was the kind of person whose leaving causes a big hole in hearts that loved him. He left behind his mother, Mildred Emory Metcalf; his wife, Elaine R. Metcalf; the two daughters: Rhonda Ball and Valerie Harwood; and the son, Delaine Metcalf. He left behind also three sisters: Diane Ramsey, Trisha Smith and Marcia Rice; ~~three~~ brothers, Roger Metcalf, Mikey Metcalf, and Wayne Metcalf; five grandchildren.

Surely it will not be long until we all can go Home, to see Danny again, as well as all those others who have gone on before us.

Vinita M. Deyton

CARRIE PETERSON RENFRO

Nearly a century ago, Carrie Peterson was born on October 15, 1903. She left earth on February 29, 2000. **During her** journey of life she became the wife of Luther Renfro, who departed this place in 1986. She was a faithful member of the South Bend Church. A much loved and much missed woman is Carrie.

Luther and Carrie had no children, so they helped in the rearing of a nephew, Blaine Peterson. She leaves behind this and other nephews and nieces; a sister, Annie Evans; two brothers: Arthur Peterson and Joe Peterson.

There is a better country than this - beyond earth - and we hope to see Carrie again in that blessed place.

Vinita M. Deyton

MARY FOX TIPTON

It was on April 26, 1915 that Mary Fox was born up a country road in Yancey County. She found the new Road that Christ laid out and walked it many years of her life. That road ended for her on Mary 12, 2000. Having been faithful, she surely was welcomed Home.

Mary married Woodrow Tipton, who survives her. Also surviving are two daughters: Mildred Hensley and Marsha Tipton; two sons: Gene Tipton and Brown Tipton; a sister, Vergie Fox; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary will be missed at the Patterson Branch Church and in the community where she was a good neighbor and friend.

Vinita M. Deyton

J. B. Wheeler

J. B. Wheeler was born on November 6, 1917. He went on Home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2000. He was a kind, hard-working and devoted husband to Ruby Hensley Wheeler for 48 years. He was a member of the Patterson Branch Church. During World War II he served in the Air Force.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons: Daniel Wheeler, Jessie Wheeler, and Don Wheeler; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Surviving also is a sister, Dorothy McMahan; and a brother, Calvin Wheeler.

J. B. served as faithfully in God's Army as he had done in the national Air Force. He died on the Lord's battlefield, and victory is his!

Judy C. Wheeler

CLERK'S NOTE: IF A MEMBER OF EITHER CHURCH DIES DURING THIS NEXT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR WILL THE CLERK OR A FAMILY MEMBER PLEASE GET THE DESIRED OBITUARY AND PHOTO TO THE ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK BY THE TIME OF ASSOCIATION.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The 167th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Prices Creek Church on October 30, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. Songs were "Victory In Jesus", "I Will Never Turn Back", and "Old Time Power." Welcome given by pastor, Brother Ricky Bennett. Scripture: Joel 1:1-15 and Ephesians 6:12. Altar prayer led by Brother Cecil Hensley.

Business called to order by Moderator, Brother Steve Penland. Minutes of last session read, received and adopted. Those ministers present were:

Sisters Vinita Deyton	Brothers Ricky Bennett
Frances Radford	Philip Fox
	Cline Honeycutt
	Steve Penland

Excused Brother Jim Shoupe.

Welcomed visiting ministers: Brothers Donald Wheeler and Junior Metcalf.

Received \$47.00 for Aged Ministers' Fund and \$29.00 for Flower Fund.

Sister Frances Radford was reading clerk. Church delegates attending were:

BOWDITCH - Brother Paul Briggs; Sister Adalene Briggs.

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Brother Tony Bennett; Sisters Tilda Bennett, Kathryn Edwards.

PATTERSON BRANCH - Brothers Donald Wheeler, Kenny Wheeler; Sister Mildred Hensley.

PRICES CREEK - Sister Opal Blankenship

SOUTH BEND - Sisters Belle Edwards, Phyllis McKinney, Glenda Letterman.

TERRYS FORK - Brother Junior Metcalf; Sister Christy Sprinkle.

MINE FORK CHURCH was not represented.

TOPIC: "Are We As Close To The Lord As We Are To His Coming?" Read by Brother Ricky Bennett. Discussed by

Brothers Ricky Bennett, Cline Honeycutt, Junior Metcalf;
Sisters Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton.

Morning Worship Service. Songs: "I'm In A New World",
and "Blessed Assurance". Brother Steve Penland read
Hebrews 10:19-24, preaching on "The Lord Is Faithful".
At the request of Brother Jack Webb there was special
prayer made for Brothers Tony Bennett and Don Wheeler.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The 168th session of Ministers' Conference met with the
Terrys Fork Church on April 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. Songs
were: "When He Put A Little Sunshine In" and "I'm In A
New World". Welcome given by pastor, Brother Cline
Honeycutt. Scripture: Romans 6:1-10. Altar prayer led
by Brother Jim Shoupe.

Business called to order by Moderator, Brother Steve
Penland. Minutes of last session read, received, and
adopted. Ministers present were:

Sisters Vinita Deyton	Brothers Ricky Bennett
Frances Radford	Roosevelt Briggs
	Cecil Hensley
	Cline Honeycutt
	Steve Penland
	Jim Shoupe

Welcomed visiting ministers: Brothers T. A. Watts,
Junior Metcalf, Roy Radford, Donald Wheeler.

Received \$61.00 for Aged Ministers Fund and \$45.00
for the Flower Fund.

Sister Anna Scott was reading clerk. Church delegates
present were:

BOWDITCH - Sister Ruby Shoupe.

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Sisters Tilda Bennett, Kathryn Edwards.

MINE FORK - Brother Royce Bennett; Sister Janice
Bennett.

PATTERSON BRANCH - Brother Don Wheeler; Sisters Wilma
Wheeler, Mildred Hensley, Anna Scott.

SOUTH BEND - Brother Edward Peterson; Sister Cathy
Peterson

TERRYS FORK - Brother Ronnie Robinson; Sisters Shirley Mace, Sylvia Metcalf.

PRICES CREEK CHURCH was not represented.

TOPIC: "Building A Ship For The Saving Of Our People". Read and very effectively discuss by Brother Cecil Hensley.

Morning Worship Service. Choir sang "Victory In Jesus". Sister Shirley Mace sang "Oh, I Need Jesus". Brother Ronnie Robinson sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Brother Ricky Bennett read Acts 7:37-47, preaching on "The Church In The Wilderness". Adjourned for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Devotional conducted by Brother Steve Penland, reading Psalm 51:1-19.

THESE PEOPLE APPOINTED TO PREPARE TOPICS FOR ASSOCIATION:

AGED & DISABLED MINISTERS: Brother Ricky Bennett.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS: Brother Cline Honeycutt.

DEEPER DEVOTION: Sisters Tilda Bennet, Kathryn Edwards, Belle Edwards.

MISSIONS: Sister Mildred Hensley.

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING: Sister Frances Radford .

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Sister Anna Scott.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION - Sister Vinita Deyton.

TEMPERANCE: Sister Vinita Deyton.

Adjourned until we meet with the Mine Fork Church in August in connection with the Association. Sister Frances Radford to preach the morning message.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The 169th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Mine Fork Church on August 26, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in connection with the Association. Welcome given by pastor of host church, Brother Philip Fox. Songs: "Victory In Jesus" and "I Feel Like Travelling On." Scripture: Mark 1:1-11. Altar prayer led by Brother Ricky Bennett.

The Moderator, Brother Steve Penland was unable to be there because of recent knee surgery; the Assistant

Moderator, Brother Ricky Bennett, had preaching duty; so Brother Cecil Hensley acted as Moderator. Business session called to order by Brother Hensley. Minutes of last session read, received, and adopted.

Ministers present were:

Sister Vinita Deyton

Brothers Ricky Bennett

Philip Fox

Cecil Hensley

Cline Honeycutt

Excused Sister Frances Radford; Brother Jim Shoupe and Steve Penland.

Welcomed Brothers Roy Radford and Don Wheeler as visiting ministers.

Received \$40.00 for Aged Ministers Fund and \$38.80 for the Flower Fund.

Re-elected Brother Steve Penland as Moderator and Brother Jim as Assistant Moderator.

Voted to retain these men as the Ordaining Council and Investigating Committee: Brothers Cline Honeycutt, Jim Shoupe and Cecil Hensley.

Called for the Associational report on the subject of Aged and Disabled Ministers and Wives. Read by Brother Ricky Bennett. Discussed by Sister Vinita Deyton and Brother Cline Honeycutt. Received and adopted.

TOPIC FOR NEXT SESSION: "God's Riches in Christ". The committee: Sister Frances Radford; Brothers Cline Honeycutt and Ricky Bennett.

Adjourned until we meet with the Patterson Branch Church in October, 2000.

Morning Worship Service. Sister Shirley Mace sang "How Firm A Foundation." Sister Donna Briggs sang "The Rock of My Soul." Brother Ricky Bennett read Psalm 41:4, preaching on "No Man Cares For My Soul."

Brother Daniel Wheeler reported that since he was prayed for in a former session, his headaches seldom occur.

Brother Cecil Hensley asked that we consider having a revival with all preachers preaching without being scheduled. Dismissed with prayer.

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 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 (10) members or fraction thereof above fifty (50). Each church is expected to defray the expenses of the Association which it fosters.

3. The Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which does entitle it to infringe upon 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 by delegation, providing, however, that any church accused of disorderly walk or unscriptural doctrine shall have the same rights 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 proven 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 on 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 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 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 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 successor to the office.

ARTICLE 8

The Association shall appoint annually such committees as it shall deem necessary to expedite its business. These committees shall be called upon to service in either 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 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 the 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 the 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 a request by delegation, which delegation shall present a letter showing vital statistics of said church, providing however, the such church shall be examined as to doctrine, practice and willingness to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.

ARTICLE 12

The Bylaws of this association 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 August for the purpose of worship and the transaction of business. There shall be no fewer than two (2) worship services daily while the Association is in business.

AMENDED: August 26, 1995: This Association shall convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, at 9:30 a.m.

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 Bylaws of the Association and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the Constitution and Bylaws 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.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of Christ as our rule of faith, and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn Covenant. We promise by his

grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men". We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for Church Conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in Society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of all educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BYLAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 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 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 Bylaws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15

No fewer than seven (7) shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16

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

CONSTITUTION OF 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 license 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 the ordaining of 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 (1) 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 an endorsement other than the matter of their sex. (NOTE: This is copied from 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.

AMENDED: June 29, 1974: We furthermore believe that, in accordance with I. Corinthians 11:14, those men accepted as ministers in this body shall have short hair.

ARTICLE 7

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

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 voting and deliberation.

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.

AMENDED: August 23, 1975: It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to investigate also any charge brought against a member of this body. In the event a charge is brought against a member of the Ordaining Council, another member shall be temporarily appointed to serve to investigate in that Brother's place.

ARTICLE 11

This Conference may receive any Christian minister as a visiting minister, 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.

AMENDED: August 26, 1972: This Conference shall meet on Saturday before each fifth Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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 three (3) 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.

AMENDED: October 27, 1967: Every minister coming from another Conference to seek membership in our body must bring with him a letter of recommendation from the Conference he is leaving.

AMENDED: August 21, 1971: The letter of recommendation submitted by a person never licensed by another body is required for license only.

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 this Conference deems necessary to expedite its business.

ARTICLE 18

Any article of this Constitution or its bylaws may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of the majority.

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 that at least three (3) of them shall be ordained ministers.

**BYLAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL FREE WILL
BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

ARTICLE 1

No licentiate shall succeed to ordination unless he can furnish sufficient evidence that he has obeyed the Scriptural admonition to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the work 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 this Constitution.

ARTICLE 6

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

ARTICLE 7

All ministers seeking license to preach must be kept under the watchcare of the Conference for the period of three months.

ARTICLE 7

Any minister belonging to this body, who leaves voluntarily cannot be accepted back among us, should that be requested.

ARTICLE 8

Any person who preaches or teaches in this body of believers must use the old King James version Bible.

(August 25, 2000)

FAITH

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation; and 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 their obedience to this requirement become children of God by faith.

SESSIONS OF ASSOCIATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>
46	Prices Creek Church	2001
47	Terrys Fork Church	2002
48	Green Mountain Church	2003
49	Bowditch Church	2004
50	Patterson Branch Church	2005
51	South Bend Church	2006
52	Mine Fork Church	2007

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Mine Fork Church.....	August	26, 2000
Patterson Branch Church...	October	28, 2000
Bowditch Church.....	December	30, 2000
South Bend Church.....	April	28, 2001
Prices Creek Church.....	August	25, 2001
Terrys Fork Church.....	September	29, 2001
Green Mountain Church.....	December	29, 2001
Patterson Branch Church...	March	30, 2002
Mine Fork Church.....	June	29, 2002
Terrys Fork Church.....	August	24, 2002
Bowditch Church.....	December	28, 2002
South Bend Church.....	March	29, 2003
Prices Creek Church.....	June	28, 2003
Green Mountain Church.....	August	23, 2003
Patterson Branch Church...	November	29, 2003

ANYTIME THAT BAD WEATHER HINDERS A CHURCH FROM HAVING THE SESSION OF CONFERENCE, THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THAT SAME CHURCH.

MINISTERS' ROLL

ORDAINED

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TABLE OF STATISTICS - 1

	BOWDITCH UNION	GREEN MOUNTAIN	MINE FORK
Meeting Days	Full	1st - 4th	Full
Times Pastor Present	Full	Full	Full
Number Baptized	0	2	0
Added Otherwise	0	0	0
Excluded	0	0	0
Dismissed	0	2	0
Deaths	1	3	0
Sunday School Att.	48	52	45
Active Membership	65	53	40
Communion Services	2	1	1
Pastor's Offerings	8436.00	7278.68	2038.62
Co-Pastor's Offerings	0	3860.00	0
Revival Offerings	290.00	797.98	359.08
Visiting Ministers	?	599.00	220.29
Minute Fund	90.00	200.00	80.00
Missions Offerings	760.00	3522.96	162.10
Missions Pledge	70.00 M.	2nd Sunday	0
Poor and Sick	3164.33	4195.31	822.97
Disabled Ministers	200.00	200.00	0
Bible School Exp.	0	309.25	388.76
Sunday School Exp.	2083.77	2732.62	2834.25
Hands of Mercy	192.33	1158.00	696.00
Church Improvements	0	232.00	770.52

TABLE OF STATISTICS - 2

	PATTERSON BRANCH	PRICES CREEK	SOUTH BEND	TERRYS FORK
Meeting Days	Full	Full	Full	Full
Times Pastor Pres.	Full	Full	Full	99%
Number Baptized	10	2	2	1
Added Otherwise	0	0	0	3
Excluded	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	0	0	0	3
Deaths	2	0	1	1
Sunday School Att.	35	52	36	25
Active Membership	35	60	48	50
Communion Services	3	0	1	0
Pastor's Offerings	7020.74	15868.42	5050.00	13502.00
Co-Pastor's Off.	0	0	0	0
Revival Offerings	560.00	604.00	300.00	?
Visiting Ministers	0	50.00	250.00	1275.00
Minute Fund	75.00	100.00	50.00	200.00
Missions Offerings	1855.85	14729.60	250.00	3700.00
Missions Pledge	1st Sunday	350.00 M.	0	?
Poor and Sick	4696.90	1455.60	150.00	2662.00
Disabled Ministers	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Bible School Exp.	392.09	688.06	100.00	152.32
Sunday School Exp.	1735.27	2998.02	1147.00	125.36
Hands of Mercy	1124.00	1399.42	0	800.00
Church Improvements	?	7249.66	0	9424.59

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the _____ Free Will Baptist Church
send Christian greetings to the Mt. Mitchell Association, and
the following delegates to represent us in the body:

Our statistics are as follows:

Our preaching times are _____; Times pastor(s)
present _____; Numbers baptized _____;
Members added otherwise _____; Excluded _____;
Dismissed _____; Deaths _____; Active
Membership _____; Average in Sunday School _____;
Number of Communion and Feet-washing services _____.

OFFERINGS FOR: Pastor _____; Co-Pastor _____;
Visiting Ministers _____; Revivals _____;
Poor and Sick _____; Disabled Ministers Fund _____;
Missions Pledge _____; Hands of Mercy _____.

PAID TO: Foreign and Home Missions _____;
Minute Fund _____.

PAID FOR: Sunday School Operating Expenses _____;
Bible School _____; Church Property Improvement Costs _____.
Number of Revivals _____; Revivals conducted by

Compared to a year ago, we believe our general spiritual
condition is _____.

Pastor this year _____

Pastor-elect _____

Clerk and Address _____

CHURCH LETTER TO THE CONFERENCE

We, the _____ Free Will Baptist Church, now in session, send Christian greetings to the Mt. Mitchell Conference convening with the following-named delegates to represent us in the body,

Pastor _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

