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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Preamble

The purpose of this organization shall be the establishment and maintenance of a voluntary association of autonomous Free Will Baptist churches, quarterly meetings (or any other meetings), district associations or conferences or any and all additional organizations - area, district or state-wide that may be deemed essential to the prosecution and promotion of the general purpose and program of this association. Included also in the purpose of this association is affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the adoption of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association, and co-operation in its world-wide ministry. This association holds unswerving loyalty to the inspired Word of God as our infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article I. Name

This association shall be known as the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, however, informally the term "State Association" may be used.

Article II. Composition

This association shall be composed of its officers, members of standing boards, ordained and licensed ministers who are in good standing with a conference or association affiliated with this body, together with three (3) delegates elected from each conference or association and one (1) delegate for every fifty (50) members or fraction thereof from each local church which is in good standing with a conference or association affiliated with this body.

Article III. Meetings

Section 1. This association shall convene in regular annual session at a time and place determined by the association in session.

Section 2. In the event of an emergency resulting from a cancellation of the place approved by the association while in annual session, the Executive Board of the association shall have power to make a substitute choice of a suitable location for the annual meeting.

Section 3. Should a called session be deemed essential, the Executive Board shall have authority to issue and publicize a called session of the State Association; said call shall be publicized not less than two (2) weeks in advance of the session.

Section 4. The qualified members in attendance at any regular or called session shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV. Officers

The officers of this association shall consist of the members of the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Missions, the Board of Care for the Aged, the Board of Retirement and Insurance, the Board of Youth Relations, and the Bible Book Store Board.

Article V. Boards

Section 1. This association shall establish the following standing boards:

- The Executive Board
- The Board of Trustees
- The Board of Missions
- The Board of Care For the Aged
- The Board of Retirement and Insurance
- The Board of Youth Relations
- The Bible Book Store Board

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and three (3) members at large elected by the association.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) members elected by the association.

Section 4. The following boards shall each be composed of five (5) members elected by the association.

The Board of Missions

The Board of Care for the Aged

The Board of Retirement and Insurance

The Board of Youth Relations

The Bible Book Store Board

Article VI. Discipline

This association has no judicial or appellate powers conflicting with the independence of the local church or the bodies constituting this association.

Article VII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting at a session of the association provided the proposed amendment is presented to the body one day in advance.

Article VIII. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this association any assets of the organization then remaining shall be conveyed to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership

Section 1. Membership in this association shall be through application of a duly constituted district association (or conference). A credentials committee shall examine the application and make other investigation it deems appropriate. The credentials committee shall make a recommendation to the association as to the action to take regarding the application. The decision on the application shall be by majority vote of delegates present and voting.

Section 2. Each church holding membership in an affiliated association shall automatically be a member of this association.

Article II. Representation

Section 1. Each district association holding membership in the State Association shall send a report of statistics on a form provided by the association to every annual session of the association. Failure to report for two successive sessions of the association may be the basis for dismissal from the association by a majority vote of members present and voting.

Section 2. Seating of delegates shall be through recommendation of a credentials committee. Any potential delegates whose credentials are not recommended for approval by the credentials committee may be seated only by a majority vote of seated delegates who are present and voting.

Article III. Duties of Officers and Boards

Section 1. The Executive Board shall: (1) arrange the program for the annual sessions of the association, (2) fill vacancies which may occur on any

board between sessions of the association, (the person duly elected by the association), (3) promote the work of the association, (4) review the annual reports and proposed budgets of all boards before they are presented to the State Association, (5) provide for and give general supervision to a church bond program and other similar service ministries and, (6) employ and supervise a promotional secretary, whose duties shall be as follows:

- A. Administration. To administer the affairs of the Executive Board within the authority delegated by the board. He shall fulfill all duties commensurate with his office and present plans and procedures to the board which he feels would be effective in promoting the work within the association.
- B. General Promotion. To show through general promotion the correlation and interrelation of all the ministries of the State Association and National Association. It is expected that he will promote impartially the total program of work as devised by all standing boards.
- C. Public Relations. To keep in close contact with pastors, district associations, and local church leaders. He shall represent the State Association to other bodies when in the interest of the association.
- D. Publications. To serve as editor-in-chief of the Free Will Baptist Witness. He shall direct the production of other promotional material as may be approved by the Executive Board.

- E. Stewardship. To provide stewardship education that will serve to produce increased support for the state ministries through the "State Program" and/or other methods of giving by associations, churches, and individuals.
- F. Arranging Annual Association. To expedite the planning of the annual association program, arrange for the enrolling of ministers and delegates and distribute the printed minutes of the association.
- G. Other Duties. To perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board. It is understood that the Promotional Secretary is to have no official or ex-officio status on any standing board or committee of the association except as may be specifically provided by action of the association.

The Executive Board may advise and assist other boards of the association. The Executive Board is not authorized to act for the association except as provided in the constitution and by-laws of the association or as specifically directed by the association.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall be legal custodian of all property belonging to the association except in the case of the standing boards of the association which by action of the association are authorized to incorporate.

Section 3. The Mission Board, the Board of Care for the Aged, the Board of Youth Relations, the Board of Retirement and Insurance and the Bible Book Store Board each shall promote the work within the state as would generally be recognized as coming within the purview of the respective board. Each board shall: (a) be responsible to

the State Association for all their actions, (b) propose by-laws for the government of their respective work, (The by-laws of each board shall be presented to the association for approval), (c) make an annual report of its accomplishments to the association, and (d) prepare a budget of proposed expenditures which shall be presented to the association for approval.

Section 4. The moderator shall, (1) preside at meetings of the State Association and Executive Board, (2) call meetings of the Executive Board of his own volition or upon request of at least three members of the Executive Board, (3) appoint such committees as are created without provision for their selection, (4) fulfill whatever responsibilities that may be commensurate with the office or that may be delegated by the association.

Section 5. The assistant moderator shall preside at the request of, or in the absence of, the moderator and assist the moderator in such manner as may be requested.

Section 6. The clerk shall prepare minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the association or the Executive Board and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose and shall handle such official correspondence as may be directed by the association. He shall, through the Executive Board, arrange for the printing of the minutes.

Section 7. The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the Executive Board of the association and disburse same by order of the association, the Executive Board, or any standing board or subordinate general organization invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed and make an annual report to the association.

Article IV. Election of Officers and Board Members

Section 1. No person shall hold membership on more than one standing board at the same time.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by the body. A nominating committee shall be elected at the beginning of each session. After their report is presented, additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor. The General Officers shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. No person shall serve in more than one (1) elected position in the association at the same time, and no one having served a full term shall be elected to succeed himself.

Section 3. The offices of Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be filled on an alternating basis, from the eastern and western part of the state; Durham shall be the dividing line. When the Moderator is elected from one section, his assistant shall be elected from the other.

Article V. Terms of Office

Section 1. The three (3) members at large elected to the board, shall each have a term of office of three years with their terms arranged so that one (1) member's term expires annually.

Section 2. The members of the Mission Board, Board of Care for the Aged, Board of Youth Relations, Board of Retirement and Insurance and Bible Book Store Board shall each have a term of office of five (5) years with their terms arranged so that one (1) member's term expires annually.

Section 3. The members of the Board of Trustees shall each have a term of office of three (3) years with their terms arranged so that only one member's term expires annually.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. Various committees shall be constituted, when need arises, by the State Association or the Executive Board. The number of members of a committee shall be determined by the establishing body (State Association or Executive Board). Committee members shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided by the action creating the committee. Committee members shall serve for the length of time provided, until their work has been completed, until they are released, or their successors chosen.

Section 2. The following committees shall be appointed annually to serve during the session of the State Association:

- A. The credentials committee of three (3) members. This committee shall examine all letters to the association, applications for membership in the association, and credentials of the various delegates. The committee shall make recommendations to the association regarding the seating of delegates and the action to take on applications for membership in the association.
- B. The resolutions committee whose duty it shall be to screen resolutions that are presented. Only resolutions determined by this committee to be worthy are to be presented to the association by the committee.
- C. The finance committee which shall receive and account for all funds received with letters or through offerings during the association.

Article VII. Honorarium and Reimbursements

Section 1. The clerk shall receive as honorarium \$100.00 annually.

Section 2. Members of standing boards, or duly constituted committees, may be reimbursed for expenses in attending board meetings within the state, exclusive of the annual association meeting, at the rate of 15¢ per mile (may claim road distance if traveling by airplane). In addition, if over night travel is required, reimbursement may be made for actual meals and lodging expenses.

ARTICLE VIII. Quorum

A simple majority of a board or committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX. Proxy

No voting shall be done by proxy in meetings of the State Association. Proxy representation shall be accepted for meetings of the Executive Board provided the proxy is designated in writing by the board member or by oral communication between the member and the moderator.

Article X. Parliamentary Authority

The meetings of the State Association shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order except in the case of those rules which are superseded by rule of this association.

Article XI. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by (1) a majority vote of the members present and voting provided the amendment is presented one day prior to the vote, or (2) by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting if immediate action is to be taken as soon as debate has been completed.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1975-76

Moderator - Rev. Dennis P. Wiggs, Box 568, Beaufort, N.C. 28516 - Phone 919/728-5414 (1976)

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Sherman Branch, Box 756, Hovis Road, Stanley, N.C. 28164 - Phone 704/263-4242 (1976)

Clerk - Rev. Guy F. Owens, Box 11186, E. Durham, N.C. 27703 - Phone 919/682-7756 (1976)

Treasurer - Rev. Billy Gene Outland, Rt. 6, Box 234, Durham, N. C. 27703 - Phone 919/596-2392 (1976)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Dennis Wiggs (1976) Rev. Milton Hollifield

Rev. Sherman Branch (1976) (1976)

Rev. Guy F. Owens (1976) Rev. Clarence Ballew

Rev. Billy Gene Outland (1977)

(1976) Rev. John Goss (1978)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. D. Lee Whaley (1976) Rev. Danny Key (1978)

Rev. Charles Keith (1977)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Alvis Harris (1976) Rev. Larry Hughes (1979)

Rev. Roger Russell (1977) Rev. Ted Reynolds (1980)

Rev. Roger Tripp (1978)

BOARD OF CARE FOR THE AGED

Rev. J. W. Wooten (1976) Rev. Troy Smith (1977)

Rev. James Childers (1976) Rev. Billy Allen (1978)

Rev. Homer Arrowood (1977) Rev. William Fish (1978)

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Rev. Harley Brown (1976) Rev. Eddie Riddick (1979)

Rev. Joe Hailey (1977) Rev. Roy Rikard (1980)

Rev. William Hill (1978)

BOARD OF YOUTH RELATIONS

Rev. Sigbee Dilda (1976) Mr. Ron Christ (1979)

Rev. William Calvert (1977) Rev. Jim Mullen (1980)

Mr. James Cole (1978)

BIBLE BOOK STORE BOARD

Mr. Lee Thomas (1976) Rev. Wayne Smith (1979)

Rev. Frank McQuage (1977) Rev. Bob King (1980)

Rev. Lonnie Graves (1978)

LEAH WADDELL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rev. Harvey Dupree (1976) Mrs. Delsie Waters (1978)

Mrs. Carolyn Riddick (1977)

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED
AT THE STATE ASSOCIATION
June 9, 10, 11, 1975
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

Billy Allen.....Rt. 1, Box 144, Nebo
Elisha W. Fish.....Rt. 3, Box 82-A, Candler
Milton Hollifield.....Box 281, Swannanoa
Larry D. Hughes.....Box 1346, Canton
Lester Hughes.....Rt. 1, Box 390-B, Marion
Allen Jackson.....250 Baldwin Ave., Marion
J. C. Lynn.....227 Johnston Blvd., Asheville
Ted Reynolds.....Box 385, Caroleen
Jason M. Salyer.....Rt. 9, Box 122, Shelby
Ronnie M. Smith.....109 Harrison Ave., Swannanoa

COASTAL ASSOCIATION

Robert F. Burke.....Rt. 1, Box 40, Pinetown
Sigbee Dilda.....Box 478, New Bern
Charlie M. Dixon.....Box 143, Chocowinity
James R. Dixon.....Box 254, Stacy
Freeman Edwards.....507 Cheyenne Rd., Jacksonville
John C. Goss.....Rt. 2, Box 126, Plymouth
Perry E. Hamm.....Rt. 2, Box 664, Jacksonville
Neil Hearn.....2705 Oaks Rd., New Bern
Billy Jackson.....Box 146, Cove City
J. V. Johnson.....Rt. 2, Box 266, Jacksonville
Thomas K. Johnson.....150 Cheyenne Tr., Wilmington
Harvey D. Luke.....1319 Hazel Ave., New Bern
Jerry W. McClary.....315 E. 14th St., Washington
Bill Mobley.....Rt. 1, Box 183, Columbia
A. C. Morgan.....Rt. 5, Box 226, Washington
Leon Page.....Rt. 2, Box 137, New Bern
David L. Purifoy, Sr....102 Ellington St., New Bern
Jerry Rackley.....901 Everett St., Ahoskie
William Reagan.....910 Bridges, Morehead City
Eddie Riddick.....2411 Glenwood Ave, New Bern
Albert Rollins.....Rt. 3, Box 83, Plymouth
Roger Russell.....13 White Oak St., Jacksonville

Wayne W. Smith.....208 E. 9th St., Washington
 Larry Stevens...2911 Old Cherry Point Rd, New Bern
 Glenn Thomas.....Box 441, Davis
 Roger Tripp.....Rt. 1, Box 597, Chocowinity
 Dennis Wiggs.....309 Fair View Dr., Beaufort

PALMER ASSOCIATION

Harley Brown.....Rt. 5, Box 113, Greenville
 Alfred Cates.....Box 906, Winterville
 Phillip D. Cooper.....1305 Dunn Ave., Greenville
 Frank Davenport.....418 Dove Place, Goldsboro
 Harvey W. Dupree.....704 Chestnut, Scotland Neck
 Robert Durham.....329 Kingston Ave., Rocky Mount
 L. R. Ennis.....117 S. Berkley Blvd., Goldsboro
 Owen Ganey.....Box 860, Bethel
 Eugene Hales.....Rt. 2, Box 136-A1, Warsaw
 Alvis E. Harris.....301 Nichols Dr., Greenville
 Gordon Hart.....Box 537, Grifton
 Rashie Kennedy, Sr.....Box 650, Goldsboro
 Glenn Hill.....Box 2354, Rocky Mount
 Jim Mullen.....Box 1159, Goldsboro
 David Paramore.....201 Branchwood, Kinston
 Douglas Randlett.....113 Holliday Ct., Greenville
 John Reed.....612 Memorial Dr., Warsaw
 Gordon Sebastian.....509 Harrison Dr., Wilson
 Lorenza Stox.....Box 1159, Goldsboro
 Bennie Turner.....Box 13, Micro
 Eugene Waters.....Box 1159, Goldsboro
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RANDALL ASSOCIATION

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 Tom Lilly.....401 Powell Dr., Smithfield
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 John Moran.....Rt. 4, Greenville
 Billy Gene Outland.....Rt. 6, Box 234, Durham
 Guy F. Owens.....Box 11186, Durham
 James D. Stepps.....709 N. Ivey St., Siler City
 Mike Tart.....Box 1194, Sanford
 Dan Underwood.....510 South 6th, Smithfield
 Carey Watkins.....Rt. 1, Coats
 Broncho West.....Rt. 3, Dunn

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Junior Ballew.....Box 309, Lexington
 Earl Bittle.....128 Reid St., Lincolnton
 Sherman Branch.....Box 756, Stanley
 W. H. Calvert.....402 E. 5th Ave., Gastonia
 G. Herman Griffin....741 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis
 William B. Hill.....631 Eastway Dr., Charlotte
 Lewis Lambert.....303 Cherry St., Belmont
 James Pauley.....631 Ben Ave., Kannapolis
 Roy Rikard.....427 Woodlwan Ave., Cramerton
 Tom Rogers.....603 S. Lorraine St., Dallas
 Thomas E. Rolen.....25 Lineberger St., Lowell
 Homer Savage.....Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas
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YADKIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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OUT OF STATE VISITING MINISTERS

Phil Ange.....Nashville, Tenn.
 Seldon Bullard.....Myrtle Beach, S.C.
 Rufus Coffey.....Nashville, Tenn.
 Chaplain W. E. Golding.....Maine.
 Jack Paramore.....Nashville, Tenn.
 James Earl Raper.....Greeneville, Tenn.
 Paul Sheehan.....Turbeville, S.C.
 Bill Fulcher.....Panama.

CHURCHES REPORTING TO THE 1975 SESSION

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

1. Asheville, Asheville
2. Avery's Creek, Arden
3. Beaverdam, Candler
4. Bethel, Marion
5. Calvary, Swannanoa
6. Canton, Canton
7. Cedar Hill, Asheville
8. Clayton Ave., Asheville
9. Fairview, Marion
10. First, Black Mountain
11. First, Marion
12. First, Shelby
13. First, Spruce Pine
14. Harriett Memorial, Caroleen
15. Holly Grove, Waynesville
16. Lenoir First, Lenoir
17. Meadow Fork, Hot Springs
18. Morganton, Morganton
19. Mt. Bethel, Weaverville
20. Mt. Calvary, Marion
21. Nowling Chapel, Morganton
22. Old Fort, Old Fort
23. Robertson Creek, Forest City
24. Swannanoa, Swannanoa
25. Sweeten Creek, Asheville
26. Trinity Hill, Marion
27. Walnut, Marshall
28. Zephyr Hills, Asheville

COASTAL ASSOCIATION

1. Ahoskie, Ahoskie
2. Calvary, Jacksonville
3. Cardinal Village, Jacksonville
4. Cove City, Cove City
5. Davis, Davis
6. Emmanuel, Jacksonville
7. Faith, Jacksonville
8. First, Beaufort
9. First, Grimesland

10. First, Jacksonville
11. First, Morehead City
12. First, Washington
13. Five Points, Pinetwon
14. Friendship, Wilmington
15. Hope, Plymouth
16. Mt. Olive, Plymouth
17. Palmetto Chapel, Vanceboro
18. Peace Chapel, Washington
19. Pleasant Acres, New Bern
20. Ruth's Chapel, New Bern
21. Sandy Acres, Columbia
22. Sherwood Forest, New Bern
23. Stacy, Stacy
24. Union Chapel, Chocowinity
25. West Craven, New Bern

PALMER ASSOCIATION

1. Antioch, Pikeville
2. Belvoir, Greenville
3. Bethel, Kinston
4. Faith, Goldsboro
5. Fellowship, Micro
6. Grace, Greenville
7. Grace, Rocky Mount
8. Grifton, Grifton
9. Hope, Scotland Neck
10. Immanuel, Winterville
11. Maranatha, Greenville
12. Mt. Calvary, Hookerton
13. Parker's Chapel, Greenville
14. Peace, Wilson
15. Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount
16. St. John's, Goldsboro
17. Temple, Greenville
18. Trinity, Greenville
19. Trinity, La Grange
20. Victory, Goldsboro
21. West Duplin, Warsaw
22. White Oak Hill, Bailey

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

1. Catawba, Belmont
2. First, Laurinburg
3. Mt. Pleasant, Lexington

RANDALL ASSOCIATION

1. Calvary, Durham
2. College Lakes, Fayetteville
3. Colonial Heights, Clinton
4. Corinth, Dunn
5. Faith, Cary
6. Fellowship, Dunn
7. First, Raleigh
8. First, Roxboro
9. Friendship, Coats
10. Garner, Garner
11. Immanuel, Durham
12. Kendale Acres, Sanford
13. Liberty, Durham
14. Oak Grove, Durham
15. Prospect, Dunn
16. Shady Grove, Durham
17. Tippetts Chapel, Clayton
18. Unity, Smithfield
19. West Calvary, Smithfield

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

1. Ben Avenue, Kannapolis
2. Bessemer City, Bessemer City
3. Bethlehem, Kannapolis
4. Boger City, Lincolnton
5. Cramerton, Cramerton
6. First, Dallas
7. First, Gastonia
8. First, Stanley
9. Goshen, Goshen
10. Laurel, Charlotte
11. Living Hope, Gastonia
12. Lowell, Lowell

13. Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly
14. Mt. Zion, Kannapolis

YADKIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

1. Arrington Heights, Lexington
2. Northview, Statesville

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1. Blue Ridge - Rev. Howard Messer, Moderator
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Davis, N.C. 28524
3. Palmer - Rev. Robert Durham, Moderator,
329 Kingston Ave., Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801
4. Piedmont - Rev. William Hill, Moderator,
631 Eastway Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28205
5. Pilgrim - Rev. Henry Sides, Moderator,
61 Roberta Dr., Concord, N.C. 28025
6. Randall - Rev. Nathan Eason, Moderator,
Rt. 3, Box 78, Clayton, N.C. 27520
7. Western Piedmont - Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator,
128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092
8. Yadkin Valley - Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr.,
Moderator, 205 Hames St., Lexington, NC. 27292

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE
Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church
June 10, 1975

II Timothy 3:1-5 declares: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

In the year of our Lord, 1975, there are reasons for a child of God to be disgusted. We can expect the unconverted world to display the fruit of the flesh recorded in II Timothy 3. But, when professing Christians in our churches exhibit the same fruit we have reason for alarm and disgust. Irreverance seems to dominate many of our church services. The refusal to stand during congregational singing or bow the head during prayer is common place. Furthermore, once the Sunday service is dismissed the Lord's Day is desecrated. Just a few years ago preachers declared bicycle riding on Sunday a sin. What would the same preachers say today? Our people know very little of Bible reading, praying, and family communion on the Lord's Day.

Immodesty has always been on the beaches. Now it goes to the church. Our people are swayed by the tide of fashions and fads until I wonder if it became popular to go naked if some of them would not find justification for such an act.

Our church people may not use profanity but mixed oaths are on their lips. Tobacco stains their fingers. Continually increasing waist lines reveal their overindulgence.

We have reason for disgust. Even some of us

have reason for discouragement.

Spiritual unconcern abounds. Prayer meetings are poorly attended. Fasting and praying are a thing of the past. The need for a spiritual awakening is seen in almost every church. Or, at least, it is seen by those who have spiritual discernment but the average church member's attitude is "we are rich and have need of nothing."

Some of our fellowship are discouraged because the charismatics are stealing and confusing sheep, once faithful church members are committing apostasy, and there is a real lack of love among the brethren.

But, our text warns us of these perilous times. We should not be too alarmed. It would be most helpful if we would look at verse 14: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of." Amen! In the midst of possible disgust and discouragement there is no reason for defeat. In God's Word we have learned the truth and in these days we must be assured of at least three Scriptural facts:

First, God is on the throne. Just as Elijah called upon Him to send fire from heaven to prove to the Israelities, the 450 false prophets, and to Ahab the king, that the God of Israel was the true God so can we call freely upon Him who sits on the throne. Just as Abraham trusted Him to deliver a child to Sarai at age 90 even so can we trust this miracle-working God. Just as Isaiah saw God, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and cried "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts:" even so can we look up and sense His presence and power. Just as Stephen, the first Christian martyr, looked up and "saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God," even so can we know that our God is still on the throne and our Saviour is at His right hand. From that throne our God is pre-eminent for He knows all; He is powerful for He sees all; He is possessive for He redeems all who call upon Him.

Second, God's church is still being built. In the days of the early church He added to the church such as were being saved. And today, in the midst of attacks, compromise, rebellion against the church's doctrine and practices, still God is building His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The visible church can ordain homosexuals, turn the worship service into a strip-tease dance, emphasize the foot rather than the heart, and even close down on Sunday and Wednesday nights, but still God's church is going to be built. He is taking out of us a people for His name. If Free Will Baptists are in this group, well and good, but, if we go the route of some other denominations God does not need us. He can build His church without Free Will Baptist. But, oh, how I pray that we can be numbered in that group of saints that make up His church.

Third, God's promises still are true. We can talk to Him. Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." We can trust Him to meet our needs. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We can enjoy comfort and consolation, rather than worry. Philippians 4:6,7 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." We can experience His presence for in the great commission our God declares, "I, I am with you alway."

In the midst of distressing, disgusting, even discouraging church conditions, still God is on the throne, His church is being built, and His promises remain true. We have nothing to lose; everything to gain.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened with the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, N. C., June 9, 10, 11, 1975.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 9

The Monday evening service was under the direction of the North Carolina Association Youth Relations Board. Rev. Lorenza Stox, Chairman of the Youth Relations Board, presided over the session. Music was under the direction of Brother Ron Christ. The Monday evening service was held at the Ruth's Chapel Church. Due to the fact that the Youth Conference activities had grown to such size that one church facility could not accomodate the crowds, the Ruth's Chapel Church and Pastor Sigbee Dilda graciously offered to assist the Sherwood Forest Church in hosting the Monday Youth Activities. Thus the Monday night service was held at Ruth's Chapel Church.

The message for the service was brought by Rev. Phil Ange, student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Ange brought a hard-hitting, stirring message on Separation.

Following the Youth service, presentation of winners, etc., the Moderator made the following appointments to serve during the session: Credentials Committee-Ted Reynolds, Gordon Hart, and Glenn Thomas. Finance Committee-James Pauley, Larry Stevens, and Dennis Lowry.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 10

Registration began at 8:30. At 9:00 a.m. the days activities got underway singing "At Calvary" led by Rev. James Dixon. Brother Larry Stevens read I Cor 2:1-16 and led us in prayer.

The Association was called to order by Clerk Rev. Guy Owens who welcomed the ministers and delegates and presented to the association the Rev. Dennis Wiggs, moderator. Brother Wiggs, pastor of our Beaufort Church, recognized and welcomed visitors. Brother Bill Foster representing the National Sunday School Department, Rev. James Earl Raper representing the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee, and Evangelist Jack Paramore representing Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Wiggs read from II Tim.3 and brought the Moderator's Message stating that we ought to be spiritually disgusted at irreverence in the house of God. He also sounded notes against desecration of the Lord's Day and immodesty. Touching on the theme of discouragement, he emphasized that there is reason for discouragement but no reason for defeat because (1) God is still on His throne, (2) God's church is still being built, and (3) God's promises are still true.

The moderator then called for the election of a Nominating Committee. Brothers Tom Johnson, Charles Keith, Rashie Kennedy, Roy Rikard, Robert Burke, and Billy Allen were elected by acclamation.

The moderator recognized Brother Ted Reynolds who gave a partial report of the Credentials Report. The report met with several questions centering around the new multi-copy form. The report was adopted.

The moderator recognized Brother Ronald Creech for the report of the State Promotional Man which is contained in these minutes on page 55. The report met with several general questions concerning the state work. MSC to receive report as information.

The moderator recognized Brother Fred Green for the report of the Bible Book Store. A partial report was given because the Bible Book Store Board will be bringing some recommendations during the session.

The moderator, Brother Wiggs--who is a Foreign Missions Board member, gave a report for the Foreign Missions Department. He read a mail-gram from Rev. Reford Wilson and passed out a printed report from Director of Deputation, Rev. Henry Van Kluyve. The report was received as information.

The moderator recognized Rev. James Earl Raper of the Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee, for his report. MSC to receive as information.

The moderator recognized Mrs. Joanne King for the report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. MSC to receive the report. See page 60.

We then entered into the WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Dennis Lowry, Garner, presiding who also led us as we sang "O Worship the King."

The morning offering was received and special music rendered by Brother Phil Cooper, associate pastor of Parker's Chapel, who sang, "Let Me Touch Him."

Brother Lowry introduced our speaker - Rev. Randy Cox, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, who took I Timothy 1:12-17 as his text and spoke on the GRACE THAT WORKS. He said that it is (1) Emancipating Grace - "I Was" - "I Have Become." (2) Employing Grace - salvation is to be followed by services. (3) Enabling Grace - God equips for the battle, endows for the victory. (4) Exceeding Grace - exceeds our needs, abundant, overflowing.

Brother Wiggs recognized Brother Bill Fulcher - missionary returned from Panama and urged pastors to schedule Brother Fulcher for a service during June and July.

We were dismissed for LUNCH.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10

The afternoon session began with singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Earl Bittle. Brother Charles Keith read Matthew 6:25-34 and led us in prayer.

The moderator recognized Rev. J. C. Lynn for the report of the Board of Care for the Aged. See page 41. Brother Lynn called attention to their report in the Digest of Reports but then presented sketches and plans for building a Rest Home just west of Asheville, N.C., explained it in some detail, moved the body to approve the report, adopt the budget, project, and asked for counsel regarding the financing of the approximately \$40,000.00. The report met with many questions regarding the extent of government control. MSC

MSC that the Board of Care in no way sign any commitment that makes us responsible to accept government aid.

The moderator recognized Rev. Roy Rikard for the report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. See page 47. MSC to receive report as information.

The moderator recognized Brother Bill Foster of the Sunday School Department for the report of that department. MSC to receive as information.

The moderator recognized Brother Harley Brown for the report of the Superannuation Board. See page 49. Brother Brown recognized Brother Frank Davenport who is in charge of our insurance to explain our Hospitalization and Term Life Insurance.

Brother Brown moved the adoption of the report and the recommendation of name change to Board of Retirement and Insurance. MSC.

The moderator recognized Brother Lorenza Stox for the report of the Board of Youth Relations. See page 46. MSC to receive report as information. Recommendation from Board of Youth Relations:

"Due to the divided interest that is created by both Youth Conference and State Association meeting simultaneous and the responsibilities of delegates and ministers representing their churches during the business session of the state meeting, we the State Youth Board recommend that the Youth Board determine in the future its own PLACE, TIME, THEME and PROGRAM for the state competitions."

Carried by vote of 60 to 20.

The moderator recognized Rev. Jason Salyer for a report from the Home Mission Board due to the fact that no one from the National Home Missions office could attend. MSC to receive the report as information.

The moderator recognized Rev. Paul Sheehan from The Children's Home, Turbeville, S.C. Brother Sheehan brought a verbal report -- 44 children -- especially expressing appreciation for the help of N. C. churches in the ministry of the Home. MSC to receive as information.

The moderator recognized Brother Clint Morgan for the report from the C.T.S. Department.

Somebody said the other day "its a shame for anybody who speaks that poor English to be that rich. Someone responded "I'd rather say "I is rich" than to say "I am poor."

MSC to receive as information.

The moderator declared recess until the night service. We were dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 10

The Tuesday night service was (under the direction of the State Mission Board. The service began by singing "Send the Light" led by Doug Henderson, associate pastor of First Church, Raleigh. We were led in prayer by Brother Larry Hughes. Brother Lee Zegelian of First Church, Jacksonville, sang "Follow Me." We were led in prayer by Brother Allen Jackson.

We were welcomed to the Tuesday night session by Brother Larry Hughes. The Union Chapelettes sang "See You In The Rapture." At this time Brother Alvis Harris, Mission Board member, called upon several of the Home Missionaries to testify:

(1) Brother James Stepps reported that the Siler City work had outgrown the mobile unit with a high of 83. They are building a \$75,000.00 building like the first unit at Dunn.

(2) Brother Jason Salyer of Shelby reported a high attendance of 140 with 117 the past Sunday. They began in the basement of his home and have now moved to downtown Shelby. They are encountering difficulties in locating land. There is just no land available it seems.

(3) Brother A. C. Morgan of Faith Church in Washington has been there about three (3) months. The church was about to go "under." He has taken over the work and is doing well.

(4) Brother Broncho West of Dunn, no longer under the board, reports the need for 1 or 1 1/2 acres of land next to their church and offered to paint baptistry scenes for churches to help make the money to purchase the land.

Brother Tripp gave a brief financial report.

We were led in singing "Jesus Saves" by Doug Henderson. Brother Roger Russell came to receive the offering. Mrs. JoAnn Ipock of the Cove City Church sang "So Little Time and So Much To Do." Brother Larry Hughes introduced Brother A.C. Morgan for the evening message. Brother Morgan took for his text I Kings 18:38-39 and spoke on Missions - using the word MISSION in an acrostic.

An invitation hymn was sung "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. D. Creech.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11

The service opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Brother Roger Russell, pastor of the First Church in Jacksonville. Brother Dennis Lowry, pastor of the Garner Church sang. We were led in prayer by return missionary Bill Fulcher.

The moderator recognized Bro. Jack Paramore for the report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Nashville, Tennessee. MSC to receive the report as information.

The moderator called upon Bro. Roger Russell to lead us in singing "To God Be The Glory" before the worship.

Brother Ronald Creech introduced our speaker, Rev. L. R. Ennis. Brother Creech spoke many kind words regarding his wise counsel, lengthy ministry, and faithful encouragement to our preachers and our denomination through the years. He preached his first sermon at Corinth Church and is now 79 1/2 years of age. His father was a Free Will Baptist preacher also.

Brother Ennis took for his text Eph 1:3-14 and spoke on ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST. He emphasized that we are (1) Chosen in Christ - before the foundation of the world; (2) Redeemed in Christ - according to the riches of His grace; (3) Inherited in Christ - forgiveness of sins - riches in Jesus; (4) Sealed in Christ - proof of ownership.

At the close of his powerful message, Brother Ron Christ, associate pastor of Liberty Church in Durham, stood spontaneously and suggested that we give a standing ovation to our brother for his message which met with the immediate and complete approval of the body. The body stood and Brother Wiggs called upon Brother Guy Owens, clerk of the association, to lead us in a prayer of thanksgiving.

He thanked God for the gift of His Son, the message of His Son, and the messengers of His Son, especially the messenger of the hour - Brother L. R. Ennis.

Brother Wiggs recognized Brother Rufus Coffey, the Executive Secretary of the National Association, for his report. Brother Coffey stated that he had just returned from the Texas and South Carolina state associations and reported great strides forward both in quantity and quality in all areas. MSC to receive report as information.

The moderator recognized Rev. Bob King for the report of the Bible Book Store Board. See page 34 . Motion prevailed to receive the report and deal with the three recommendations in the report item by item.

Rec. # 1--no need for action permission already granted in Constitution and By-Laws.

Rec. # 2--Motion to grant permission granted after thorough information given by Bro. Fred Green and explanation that the increased cost of operation is projected to be covered through increased walk-in trade.

Rec. # 3--adopted exactly as recommended with an amendment that provided "that the full cost of printing and mailing of the WITNESS be taken from the State Program receipts before they are divided to the different departments.

The moderator recognized Brother Ted Reynolds for the full report of the Credentials Committee. See page 32 . MSC to receive report.

The moderator recognized Rev. Gene Outland for the report of the Capital Church Bonds, Inc. MSC to receive report and adopt the budget. See page 52 .

The moderator recognized Rev. Harvey Dupree for the report of the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund. MSC to receive report and adopt the four recommendations. See page 33 .

The moderator recognized Brother Billy Allen for the Nominating Committee report. MSC to receive report and vote on item by item. See page 31 .

A motion, second, and carried that we meet on Monday and Tuesday next year and that the meeting start at 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

The moderator recognized Brother James Pauley for the report of the Finance Committee. See page . 31 .

A MSC that the moderator be given authority to select delegates to the National Association.

A MSC that we express our appreciation to Brother Wiggs for his wise handling of buisness during this session.

A MSC to adjourn until June 14-15, 1976, at First Free Will Baptist Church in Stanley, N.C.

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Sherman Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy F. Owens, Clerk

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following names for consideration:

Executive Board Member at Large (1978)

	Rev. John Goss
Board of Trustees (1978)	Rev. Danny Key
Board of Missions (1980)	Rev. Ted Reynolds
Board of Care (1978)	Rev. Billy Allen
(1978)	Rev. William Fish
Board of Youth Relations (1980)	Rev. Jim Mullen
Bible Book Store Board (1976)	Mr. Lee Thomas
	(replaces Rev. Frank Davenport)
(1980)	Rev. Bob King
Leah Waddell Fund (1976)	Rev. Harvey Dupree
(1978)	Mrs. Delsie Waters
Board of Retirement & Ins (1980)	Rev. Roy Rikard

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Johnson
Charles Keith
Rashie Kennedy
Roy Rikard
Robert Burke
Billy Allen

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday night Offering	\$ 188.31
Tuesday Morning Offering	81.29
Tuesday MISSION Offering	676.51
Churches & Associations	1,790.00
	\$2,736.11

Respectfully submitted,

James Pauley
Larry Stevens
Dennis Lowry

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers	97
Delegates	60
Missionaries	3
Visitors	448
Out-of-State Visitors	9
Out-of-State Ministers	7
Visitors from other denominations	7
Number of Associations Reporting	8
Number of Churches Reporting:	
Blue Ridge	25
Coastal	28
Palmer	22
Piedmont	2
Randall	19
Western Piedmont	11
Yadkin Valley	1
TOTAL CHURCHES	108

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Reynolds
Gordon Hart
Glenn Thomas

REPORT OF PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We have an invitation for the 1976 meeting from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Stanley, N. C. Rev. Sherman Branch is the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Reynolds
Gordon Hart
Glenn Thomas

TREASURER'S REPORT: LEAH WADDELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance on Hand - June 11, 1974	\$142.88
Total Receipts for year	<u>440.55</u>
Total to Account For	\$583.43
Scholarship Awarded	<u>100.00</u>
Balance on Hand	\$483.43
Total Receipts:	
Cofer's Chapel Church - Nashville, Tn.	\$ 10.00
Unity Church - Smithfield	30.00
N C Woman's Auxiliary	<u>400.55</u>
Total	\$440.55

Scholarship given to Rhonda Waddell \$100.00
(daughter of Rev. Eugene Waddell and
the late Leah Waddell)

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

(1) That we establish a fund to be known as the "Leah Waddell Memorial Scholarship Fund," to be awarded annually to a North Carolina student (or the children of Leah Waddell) attending the Free Will Baptist Bible College selected by the Administration of the Bible College in cooperation with the Leah Waddell Scholarship Committee.

(2) That the amount of the scholarship be set at \$100.00.

(3) That an appropriate certificate be prepared to be given to the recipient of the scholarship.

(4) That Trustees of this scholarship fund be elected, consisting of three, elected for three years, the term of one expiring each year. It shall be the duty of these trustees to place the funds in a savings account, to solicit donations to the fund, and work with the Administration of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in awarding these scholarships. It is understood that this association may amend the scholarship amount and/or provisions at any subsequent session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harvey Dupree
Mrs. Carolyn Riddick
Mrs. Owen Thomas

REPORT OF THE BIBLE BOOK STORE BOARD

The Bible Book Store Board assumed responsibility of the Bible Book Store on October 15, 1974, after having employed Mr. Fred Green as manager. Upon Mr. Green's coming to the store, we had an audit conducted by Ricca, Nelson & Gantt of Durham to establish our inventory. We are very happy with Mr. Green's management of the store for these past months and to present the following financial report. See page 50 . We also have three requests to make of the State Association.

1. To permit the Bible Book Store to incorporate.
 2. To permit the Bible Book Store to move to the North Duke Mall, off Roxboro Road in Durham.
 3. That the Promotional Department take full responsibility for printing and mailing of the
- WITNESS.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob King
Frank Davenport
Frank McQuage
Lonnie Graves
Wayne Smith

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

During the past year, your Executive Board met three times - August 6, 1974, at Fellowship Church in Durham in a joint meeting with the Bible Book Store Board; November 26, 1974, at Liberty Church in a joint meeting with all boards of the N. C. State Association; and February 17, 1975, at Liberty Church, Durham, to plan the program for the 1975 session of the State Association.

The purpose of each of these meetings was to transact the business of this body as authorized in the Constitution and By-Laws, or as directed by this body.

During these meetings we examined the financial reports of the Promotional Department and Capital

Church Bonds, Inc., in an attempt to see that these operations were being carried on according to the instructions of this body. The reports of each department will show the results of their operation.

We also approved whatever financial arrangements needed to see that these operations should continue to function meaningfully.

Much time has been spent in consultation with several different boards of the State Association.

Much time has been spent with the newly created and elected Bible Book Store Board in an effort to make a smooth and harmonious transition of the operations of the Bible Book Store from under the direction of the Executive Board to full operation under the direction of the Bible Book Store Board.

We have counseled on several occasions with the Board of Care for the Aged regarding their plans and their report at this session will reflect their plans and some of our counsel with them.

In our November 26, 1974, meeting all boards had their individual meetings at the Liberty Church, Durham, and during the noon hour were able to share some of our common problems and victories and thus get the counsel and encouragement of other brethren present.

In our February 17, 1975, meeting we planned the program of the State Association and dealt with the necessity of moving this year's association site from Ahoskie to New Bern due to inadequate facilities in the Ahoskie area to entertain the delegates.

We have intentionally omitted several pages of "jots and tittles" but believe this report gives a fair summation of our endeavors during this past year. It is our opinion that the situation of each of the areas of responsibility under our oversight is in better condition than a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis P. Wiggs, Moderator
Guy F. Owens, Clerk

BOARD OF MISSIONS - SOURCE OF INCOME
April 1, 1974 - March 31, 1975

DONOR	AMOUNT
Ahoskie, Ahoskie	\$ 36.00
Antioch, Pikeville	100.00
Asheville, Asheville	150.59
Blue Ridge Association	53.22
Calvary, Jacksonville	609.90
Calvary, Durham	147.75
Canton, Canton	81.37
Cedar Hills, Asheville	216.23
Caroleen, Caroleen	578.56
(Harriett Memorial \$235.78)	
Coastal Association	75.00
Colonial Heights, Clinton	420.63
Country View, Goldsboro	371.37
Cardinal Village, Jacksonville	151.08
Correction Check from Broncho West, Dunn	6.00
Davis, Davis	100.00
Dalon & Allie Holden, Cary	6.00
Emmanuel, Jacksonville	214.04
Faith, Goldsboro	545.80
Faith, Jacksonville (Aux. \$7.00)	21.75
Faith, Cary	15.92
Fellowship, Dunn	74.20
Fellowship, Micro	578.32
First, Beaufort	227.31
First, Gastonia	96.15
First, Grimesland	200.00
First, Dallas (CTS)	20.00
First, Raleigh	657.41
First, Shelby	26.18
First, Stanley	146.00
First, Washington	525.00
First, Winston Salem	4,500.00
Morganton	66.21
Friendship, Coats	28.55
Five Points, Pinetown	120.00
Friendship, Wilmington (Aux)	8.15
Grace, Rocky Mount	166.00
Hilltop, Fuquay	28.75
Hope, Scotland Neck	100.00

Immanuel, Winterville	120.00
Lenoir, Lenoir	126.90
Maranatha, Greenville	377.31
Mary C. Davis, Davis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ruben & Goldie Edwards, Knightdale	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Coleman, Erwin	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph O'Neal, Raleigh	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Kennedy, Garner	10.00
Mrs. Iona Moye, Hookerton	25.00
Mr. M. W. Cooper, Clayton	120.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Spence, Beaufort	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Vernell & Fred Capri, Coats	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. & Lois Bowen, Cary	30.00
Mrs. Johnnie Davis, Davis	30.00
Mrs. Jimmy & Margie Grimes, Spring Lake	5.00
Mr. Roger Tripp, Chocowinity	5.00
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton	815.00
Mt. Olive, Plymouth (S.S. & Church)	392.34
Mt. Pleasant, Lexington (Ladies Aux)	50.00
Parker's Chapel, Greenville	241.91
Peace, Wilson	231.75
Palmer Association	61.85
Phil Godwin, Micro	9.00
Pleasant Acres, New Bern	335.00
Prospect, Dunn	1,515.00
Randall Association	100.00
Refund on Missionary's House in Siler City	200.00
Rev. & Mrs. Milton Hollifield, Swannanoa	5.00
Ruth's Chapel, New Bern	192.50
Robertson Creek, Bostic	30.00
Sale of Furniture from Mobile Unit	150.00
Saving from interest	8.09
Shady Grove, Durham	186.39
Sherwood Forest, New Bern	323.77
Siler City Offerings	196.00
State Association Offering	188.75
State Program	915.83
State Woman's Auxiliary	33.25
Shining Light, Rockingham	10.00
Swannanoa, Swannanoa	110.00
Tippett's Chapel, Clayton	69.42
Trinity, LaGrange	373.01
Transferred from Special Account	100.00
Union Chapel, Chocowinity	539.36
Unity, Smithfield	1,200.00

BOARD OF MISSIONS - RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
1974 - 1975

Month	Receipts	Disbursements
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CLINTON CHURCH

April	67.91	36.00
May	40.00	36.00
June		
July	93.61	36.00
August	30.48	37.00
September	Became Self-Supporting	
Total	232.00	145.00

WASHINGTON MISSION

November	594.84	
December	215.75	600.00
January	281.67	267.60
February	56.00	1,104.65
March	352.25	913.00
Total	1,500.51	2,885.25

(\$1,000 for Church Bonds; \$1,384.74 from
General Fund)

GENERAL FUND

April	1,958.04	845.22
May	4,310.65	4,086.10
June	1,013.03	126.17
July	848.48	1,041.27
August	726.79	57.92
September	825.16	639.23
October	1,369.15	809.54
November	626.35	255.83
December	578.27	104.48
January	750.00	75.05
February	5,327.39	88.18
March	507.14	88.07
Total	18,856.43	8,217.06

LENOIR CHURCH

April	10.00	10.00
May		
June	20.00	
July		20.00
August	10.00	10.00

Victory, Goldsboro	10.00
West Calvary, Smithfield	71.75
West Duplin, Warsaw	287.88
Western Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary (sent directly to Jason Salyer)	92.50
White Oak Hill, Bailey	50.00
W.N.A.C.	8.00
Washington offering for revival	50.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Asheville	61.74

MISSION BOARD BALANCE SHEET

April 1 - Balance Brought Forward	\$ 296.37
Total received from churches and trans- ferred from Savings Account	<u>27,183.30</u>
Total to Account For	\$27,479.67
Total Disbursed	<u>24,854.07</u>
March 31 - Cash on Hand	\$ 2,625.60

Note: This amount has not been trans-
ferred from the Roxboro Bank 52.67
Amount in Washington Checking Account \$ 2,572.93

MISSION BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET April 1975 - March 1976

General Fund	\$ 6,000.00
Siler City Mission	9,360.00
Washington Mission	<u>10,656.00</u>
This Amount to be used by the STATE MISSION BOARD	\$26,016.00
Shelby Mission (to be sent to the National Home Mission Board)	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL FROM THE STATE	\$34,016.00

Month	Receipts	Disbursements
September	10.00	10.00
October	20.00	20.00
November		
December	10.00	20.00
January	10.00	
February	10.00	10.00
March	10.00	10.00
Total	<u>110.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>

SHELBY MISSION

April	276.43	276.43
May	94.34	94.34
June	17.00	
July	27.84	44.84
August	96.47	96.47
September	16.11	16.11
October	69.04	69.04
November	98.55	98.55
December	27.35	27.35
January	68.45	
February	8.70	
March	7.55*	77.15
Total	<u>807.83</u>	<u>800.28</u>
*To be sent		

DUNN CHURCH

April	75.73	200.00
May	162.65	200.00
June	54.00	160.00
July	95.38	120.00
August	50.00	190.00
September	69.11	120.00
October		120.00
November	87.11	150.00
December	50.00	120.00
January	50.00	120.00
February	150.0	60.00
March	100.00	100.00
Total	<u>943.98</u>	<u>1,660.00</u>

Month	Receipts	Disbursements
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SANFORD CHURCH

April	50.00	50.00
May	50.00	50.00
June	50.00	
July	50.00	100.00
August	50.00	50.00
September	50.00	50.00
October		
November	50.00	50.00
December	50.00	50.00
January	50.00	
February	50.00	
March		100.00
Total	500.00	500.00

SILER CITY MISSION

April	496.66	1,157.89
May	768.55	953.60
June	519.73	852.68
July	259.24	960.00
August	206.28	944.00
September	325.66	809.00
October	331.95	735.00
November	366.11	951.00
December	283.06	778.00
January	273.71	735.00
February	176.75	669.00
March	157.20	1,130.00
Total	4,164.90	10,675.17

BOARD OF CARE PROPOSED BUDGET

April 1, 1975-March 31, 1976

Board Travel Expenses	600.00
Materials and Supplies	50.00
Telephone Expenses	150.00
TOTAL	\$800.00

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James K. Childers
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CARE

In 1962 the Rev. Frances Radford of the Mt. Mitchell Association won Mr. J. Sol Hensley to the Lord. Before his death he made a gift of land to the Free Will Baptists. His will stipulated that the money from the land be used to maintain and operate a Home for Children or a Rest Home for the Aged in Western North Carolina or the land or money would revert back to his heirs. The gift consisted of 30 acres of land in Yancy County near Burnsville, N.C.

The Board of Care bought a Rest Home in operation from Mr. and Mrs. James Brinkly and hired Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley to be the managers of the Home. This Home was in the city of Burnsville, N.C.

The Board of Care sold eleven (11) five (5) acre tracts of land to Free Will Baptist ministers.

The Board sold a forty-five (45) tract and a twenty-five (25) acre tract of land to pay for the Home in Burnsville.

In 1973 the North Carolina Association while in session at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N. C., voted to sell the mountain property and the Rest Home in Burnsville and to relocate near Asheville, N. C.

In 1974 the Reverend Elmer Keener and wife deeded the N. C. Association of Free Will Baptists three (3) acres of land on Highway 19 & 23 ten miles west of Asheville to be used for a Rest Home. The deed stipulates that the Rest Home must be built or under construction by August 23, 1976, or the land will revert back to Reverend Keener and wife or their heirs.

In 1974 the Board sold the Rest Home in Burnsville to the Mt. Mitchell Association for the sum of \$15,000.00 cash.

In 1974 the Board sold the Mountain Property to Mr. William Bank of Burnsville for the sum of \$60,000.00; \$10,000.00 down and \$50,000.00 to be paid in three (3) year period at 6% interest.

The Board contacted a Registered Architect, Mr. Richard F Webster to work with the General Construction Co., A. J. Durner & Son and with the State

Board of Health to draw up suitable plans to meet the needs for a Rest Home on the said building site.

The Blueprints have been drawn with the necessary building permits and the builder is ready to break ground and start building June 16.

The Rest Home Treasurer, Rev. James Childers, has \$31,552.29 in the Bank at Lenoir and \$50,000.00 owing at 6% interest.

The Board has \$12,280.88 in the bank in Asheville given by the Blue Ridge Association to be used on said Rest Home or revert back to the Blue Ridge Association.

The Board has on hand \$92,833.09 to be used for the said Rest Home. The cost of the home will be \$130,000.00 which includes 8% fee to the architect and 10% to the builder.

(presented at State Meeting)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CARE

November 4, 1974

The following members of the Board of Care, Reverends J. C. Lynn, James K. Childers, and Troy Smith met in Burnsville for a meeting with the Yancey County Commissioner concerning taxation of the mountain property. At this meeting the County Attorney, Phillip Thomas, informed us of the law covering such property and in as much as we had not used the mountain property for any religious purpose, it seemed clear to us that we were to pay the taxes.

At this meeting Brother Troy Smith resigned as treasurer from our Board in order to go to school. Rev. James K. Childers, who was the assistant treasurer, was to assume the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. On this date we also talked to Lawyer Thomas who is doing the legal work in the selling of the mountain property to Mr. William A. Banks. On this date the trustees of our Association met with us at which time they signed the deed, conveying the mountain property to Mr. William A. Banks, November 11, 1974.

Rev. James K. Childers met with Rev. Troy Smith at the NCNB Bank in Marion for the purpose of transferring all funds of our board to N C N B Bank of Lenoir. Not being able to complete the

transaction, a second meeting with Brother Childers and Brother Smith was set. Such meeting took place November 15 at which time all funds were transferred from the NCNB Bank of Marion. Rev. James K. Childers assumed the duties of treasurer and Brother Troy Smith as assistant. \$21,000.00 on savings; \$941.41 in checking account.

November 29, 1974:

Members Rev. J. C. Lynn and Rev. James Childers met in Burnsville for the purpose of closing the deal of selling the mountain property to Mr. William A. Banks. This transaction was completed in Attorney Phillip Thomas' office. The selling price was \$60,000. Terms of sale --\$10,000. as down payment, deed of trust for the remaining \$50,000 a three year term 6% simple interest. Payment due.

December 3, 1974:

Three members of our board Brothers Homer Arrowood, Robert Durham, and J. C. Lynn, met in Durham jointly with the Executive Committee at which time we gave a progress report. We asked for advice concerning our future plans. They told us to have a meeting of the Board of Care and make plans for the building, then report back to the Executive Committee. January 14, 1975:

The Board of Care met at the Cedar Hill Church. Only two members were present--Rev. James K. Childers and J. C. Lynn. We made plans to contact some building contractors as to the type of building we would be able to build, using the figure of \$90,000 as an overall cost. Our meeting was closed with Scripture and prayer.

January 30, 1975:

Rev. J. C. Lynn and Rev. James K. Childers met in the office of Richard Webster in Asheville. Mr. Webster is an architect. Also meeting with us was a Mr. George Durner, who is a building contractor. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the building of a Rest Home in Buncombe County. This meeting lasted over two hours in which we decided to let Mr. Webster work with Mr. Durner to provide us with a sketch of the type and size building we will be able to build on our property and also what part of the building we can now build for the sum of \$100,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BOARD OF CARE FOR THE AGED
4-1-74 - 3-31-75

On November 15, 1974, I assumed the responsibility of the office of the treasurer of our board, transferring all funds to the NCNB of Lenoir. At that time there was \$941.41 in the checking account and \$21,000. on savings. So starting with these figures, I will give a report from 11-1-74.

CASH RECEIPTS:

Amount in Checking	\$ 941.41
November	202.12
December	27.28
January	65.91
February	443.74
March	58.09

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS \$1,738.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

November	\$ 780.37
December	109.85
January	77.82
February	5.50
March	5.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 979.34

TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$1,738.55
CASH DISBURSED	979.34
CASH ON HAND	759.21
ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$1,738.55</u>

On Savings 11-1-74	\$21,000.00
December 2, 1974 Deposit (down payment on Mountain Land)	10,000.00
Interest	552.29
TOTAL ON SAVINGS	<u>\$31,552.29</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James K. Childers

YOUTH BOARD

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: 4-1-74 - 3-31-75

Balance Brought Forward \$ 804.11

RECEIPTS:

State Program	572.47
Ruth's Chapel, New Bern	53.76
First, Beaufort	46.19
Prospect, Dunn	110.00
Sherwood Forest, New Bern	178.52
First, Washington	175.00
First, Stanley	31.15
Tippett's Chapel, Clayton	25.00
Faith, Goldsboro	50.00
Mt. Bethel, Weaversville	25.00
Liberty, Durham	12.50
West Duplin, Warsaw	20.00
Palmer Association	50.00
St. Youth Conf. Income	349.00
Registration Fees	244.10
S. Y. C. Offering	104.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1,698.59

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$2,502.70

DISBURSEMENTS:

St Winners to Nat'l Y. Conf.	1,190.00
Nat'l Competition Reg.	105.00
St. Youth Conf. Expenses	122.00
Telephone Calls	25.79
Metals and Awards	150.25
Board Members Mileage & Meals	194.08

TOTAL DISBURSED 1,787.12

BALANCE ON HAND 3-31-75 \$ 715.58

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenza Stox
Chairman

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YOUTH BOARD 1975-1976

State Winners to National Youth Conf.	\$1,500.00
National Competition Registration	125.00
Metals and Awards	150.00
State Question Kits	25.00
Postage and Mailing	50.00
Printing	100.00
Travel	250.00
Telephone	25.00
State Youth Conference	275.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

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REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Board consists of: Reverends J. V. Johnson; Harley Brown, Treasurer; Joe Hailey, Chairman; William Hill; Eddie Riddick.

November 26, 1974, Responding to the call of the State Moderator for all boards to meet at the Liberty Church in Durham, two members (Eddie Riddick and Harley Brown) attended. By not having a quorum present no business was considered. However, we contributed information to the joint meeting of the boards.

March 5, 1975: Responding to the call of the chairman were the following: Eddie Riddick, J. V. Johnson, Joe Hailey, and Harley Brown. Brother Frank Davenport (at the board's request) and Brother Herman Hersey, National Board of Retirement & Insurance Director, visited with us.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was accepted.

The report of the Insurance Agent (Brother Davenport) included information on: the 316 Blue Cross & Blue Shield contracts; the new life insurance plan that is now available (if the response is adequate); and that a few Blue Cross contracts are habitually late with their premiums.

The report by Brother Hersey was received as information.

A motion that the Agent submit a list of names of the habitually delinquent contracts to this board was passed.

A motion to add the Insurance Agent's travel expenses to the Board's expenses (he met at our request) was passed.

Recommendation: We recommend that the name of the Board be changed from Board of Superannuation to Board of Retirement and Insurance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bal. Bro. Fwd.

\$ 147.04

RECEIPTS:

June 5	State Program	35.43
June 5	State Program	69.90
July 1	Faith Church	10.00
July 20	State Program	19.53
Aug 17	State Program	8.42
Sept 25	State Program	72.86
Oct 8	State Program	15.03
Jan 7	West Duplin Church	20.00
Jan 5	State Program	7.68
Jan 5	State Program	9.60
Feb 7	Liberty	6.25
Jan 10	State Program	14.27
Feb 7	State Program	28.10
Mar 1	Liberty	6.25
Mar 5	State Program	38.17
Mar 12	Sherwood Forest	4.50
Apr 7	Liberty	6.25
Apr 7	Sherwood Forest	<u>7.12</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

526.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Nov 26	Travel Expense	38.62
Mar 5	Travel Expense	64.70
	Phone Calls	<u>5.19</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

108.51

BALANCE ON HAND

\$417.89

PROPOSED BUDGET:

\$1,500.00

This account has not been audited.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hailey, Chairman
Harley Brown, Treasurer
J. V. Johnson, Eddie Riddick

REPORT: FWB SUPERANNUATION ASSOCIATION (INSURANCE)
October 1, 1974 -- March 31, 1975

Total Premiums paid to Blue Cross	\$69,850.49
Claims paid (10-1-74 -3-31-75)	31,846.10
Claims paid (prior to 10-1)	<u>20,764.42</u>
TOTAL Claims Paid to Blue Cross	52,610.52
Service Charge of 11.03%	<u>7,704.51</u>
TOTAL CHARGES	\$60,315.03
GAIN for 6 months	\$9,535.46

I am happy to report this good period and if our experience is as good for the next 12 months as it has been for the last six months, there is a possibility of a reduction in our premium.

We are happy to announce that we now have a group life insurance plan that can insure the head of the family for \$10,000.00 and the rest of the family for \$1,000.00 each at the premium of \$5.95 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Davenport, Treasurer

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BIBLE BOOK STORE

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED - MARCH 31, 1975

SALES:

Books	\$ 12,255.56	
Bibles	10,028.76	
Cards	2,064.19	
Supplies	15,150.04	
Music	8,828.98	
Sunday School Materials	80,653.81	
TOTAL SALES		\$128,981.34

COST OF SALES:

Merchandise Inventory 4-1-74	25,303.62	
Purchases	90,564.93	
Merchandise Inventory 3-31-75	(21,098.52)	
COST OF SALES		94,770.03
GROSS PROFIT		34,211.31
OTHER INCOME		2,909.35
TOTAL INCOME		37,120.66

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries	18,750.38	
Repairs & Maintenance	535.66	
Taxes	1,003.35	
Telephone	527.29	
Rent	3,857.20	
Utilities	1,126.50	
Insurance	702.00	
Refunds	217.02	
Office Supplies & Expense	1,148.88	
Interest	1,613.50	
Advertising	447.68	
Accounting & Audit	2,865.00	
Transportation & Parking	904.90	
Contract Labor	774.90	
Depreciation	1,467.05	
Bad Debts	1,704.97	
Moving	573.88	
Miscellaneous	244.24	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		38,464.40

NET (LOSS) (1,343.74)

BIBLE BOOK STORE

Balance Sheet
March 31, 1975

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash	6,009.61	
Accounts Receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,521.91	4,459.42	
Inventory	21,098.52	
Prepaid Rent	350.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$31,917.55

FIXED ASSETS - at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$5,400.85

TOTAL 7,093.62
\$39,011.17

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	4,416.09	
Bonds payable-current	1,750.00	
Accrued salaries	149.43	
Accrued interest	1,061.38	
Accrued taxes	591.68	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,968.58

BONDS PAYABLE - long term	20,800.00	
Less treasury bonds	200.00	
LONG TERM BONDS PAYABLE		20,600.00

FUND BALANCE		<u>10,442.59</u>
		\$39,011.17

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STATE PROGRAM
1974-1975

INCOME:

Churches	\$6,900.48	
TOTAL INCOME		\$6,900.48

EXPENSES:

Printing	2,943.17	
State Mission Board	1,288.00	
Promotional Dept.	1,447.98	
Youth Board	750.27	
Board of Care	393.74	
Superannuation Bd	336.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		7,159.66

NET PROFIT OR (LOSS)		(259.18)
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Balance Brought Forward	673.83	
Deposits (March)	189.04	
Disbursements "	648.04	
Bank Balance 3-31-75		\$214.83

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CAPITAL CHURCH BONDS, INC.
1974-1975

INCOME:

Churches		\$ 9,811.75
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EXPENSES:

Printing	1,134.22	
Supplies	658.86	
Promotion	345.70	
Advertising	109.88	
Postage	71.80	
Travel	717.57	
Programs	44.72	
Donations	6,500.00	
Minutes (St. Assoc.)	480.00	
Audit	200.00	
Legal	80.00	
Salary	224.60	
Utilities	3.53	
Equipment	390.00	

Contract labor	99.00
Commissions	200.00
Social Security *	<u>728.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES:	11,987.88
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NET PROFIT OR (LOSS)	(2,176.13)
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Bal. Bro. Fwd.	2,114.42
Deposits (3-75)	.00
Disbursements	<u>1,328.00</u>
Bank Balance 3-31-75	\$ 786.42

* Paid for Promotional Department

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT 1974 - 1975

INCOME:

Commissions	\$ 754.74	
Subscriptions	23.00	
Individual Gifts	137.52	
Associations	440.00	
Churches	7,730.38	
State Program	1,447.98	
State Evangelist -		
Revivals	1,468.40	
Services	1,078.72	
Advertising - Witness	215.00	
Woman's Auxiliary	165.00	
Donations (CCB)	6,500.00	
Late Letters	<u>120.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$20,080.74

EXPENSES:

Salaries - S.Evangelist	9,275.00
Secretarial	1,500.00
State Withholding Tax	(190.34)
FICA - Fed. Withholding Tax	(312.80)
Office Supplies	181.26
Housing	1,250.00

Utilities	914.40	
Honorarium	100.00	
Travel	4,869.70	
(St Evangelist 4,250.30)		
Room & Meals	144.26	
Exec. Committee	475.14)	
Bank Charges	21.13	
Insurance - Hospital	486.00	
Life	21.44	
Retirement	978.20	
Representation Fee	85.00	
Postage	552.74	
Taxes Paid - State	127.08	
Federal	240.30	
Promotion	58.41	
Social Security (728.00)*		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$20,157.52
Net Profit or (Loss)		(76.78)

*Paid by Capital Church Bonds, Inc.

Balance Brought Forward	502.61
Deposits (March)	1,430.59
Disbursements	<u>1,912.61</u>
Bank Balance, 3-31-75	\$ 20.59

PROPOSED BUDGET - PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT 1975-1976

State Evangelist's Salary	\$9,620.00	
Insurance & Hospitalization	577.00	
Retirement	450.00	
Housing	1,500.00	
Utilities	1,620.00	
Social Security	728.00	
Travel Expense	4,000.00	
Secretary's Salary *	7,800.00	
Office Expense	400.00	
Printing of Minutes	1,200.00	
Representation Fee (Nat'l)	90.00	
Exec. Committee Members Expense	600.00	
Postage	550.00	
Honorarium for Clerk	100.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>650.00</u>	
TOTAL BUDGET		\$29,885.00

*To be paid by CCB. Listed here for tax purposes on the advice of the auditor.

PROMOTIONAL REPORT 1975

When our State started a full-time promotional ministry in December 1966, the picture was rather dark. Ten months earlier, we had met at Liberty Church in Durham to see what we could do about a \$3,000 WITNESS printing debt. We raised some of the money but we still went to the State Meeting that year \$1,488.07 in the red. I started with you full-time that December with no money in our treasury. However, we all knew God could supply through His people—and He has. There have been deep valleys and dark times but He has brought us through. This is our ninth year and has been by far our best one.

In partial preparation for this annual report I went back and re-read the other eight I had made to you. I must admit that I am most encouraged in seeing again where we started and to where God has brought us. It is especially great in the light of the fact that the last two years have been bad economically in our country. Now to some specifics.

PROMOTION

ASSOCIATIONS

We have eight (8) district associations with 170 churches. It has been a distinct joy working with our churches and preachers in these associations. There are a number of associations and churches not members of our State Association. This constitutes a great challenge to me.

NATIONAL PROMOTIONAL MEETING

Each year all of the state promotional men meet with Brother Coffey, our National promotional man, for a week of sharing, training, understanding, orientation, etc. I attended this year at Hillmont Assembly, White Bluff, Tennessee, and was benefitted as usual.

PERSONAL CONTACTS

More and more meetings have been had this year with pastors personally--discussing our work and

that church's relationship to it and support of it. These meetings have paid off. I plan more of this type of promotion.

HISTORICAL COLLECTION

We have an excellent collection of Free Will Baptist historical materials now collected over several years. Many have donated items. Please help us in this area. We vitally promote our cause when we preserve our history, and learn from our past. We have a number of very rare items now. We desperately need a fire proof cabinet for our materials. Some are so rare that if they were destroyed they could not be replaced.

WITNESS

We now print 7,500 copies a month. We have about 4,000 names typed and have other lists from our churches to work on. If you have not sent a list of your families to be placed on the WITNESS Mailing List (without charge to them) please do so soon.

Also, I hope we can promote a WITNESS DAY and raise all the money needed for printing and mailing on that one day. Then all of our departments would get more money each month from the State Program allocations. Pray about this.

I hope to soon have completed a file of information on each church and preacher in North Carolina with pictures of both--for both the WITNESS and historical purposes. Please help us on this. We already have files on several churches and preachers.

CAPITAL CHURCH BONDS, INC.

Our bond company is doing well. We have now completed 41 programs totaling \$2,655,500.00. To God be all the glory! Our company is now six and one-half years old.

OUR NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENTS

We have five departments of work now asking for gifts from you--North Carolina Missions, Promotional Department, Youth, Rest Home, and Superannuation. The Bible Book Store is department number six but is

self-supporting. All of these departments will make reports at this meeting by our men in charge of them. Your total giving to these five departments this year was \$51,227.68--the most that we have ever received. Praise God and many, many thanks to you, our people for making this excellent report possible.

I promote all of our departments of work when I go to our meetings, however, the Promotional Department pays my salary and all of my travel expenses. Please remember that when planning your budgets and include this department too, if possible. This year I have traveled 30,210 miles. This state is large. It is a long way from Hatteras to Haiwassie--from the Blue Ridge to the Blue Sea! It is a joy trying to cover it though.

OUR NATIONAL SUPPORT

We have given a record amount this year to the National Association. We gave \$87,920.20 to the Bible College, \$140,042.61 to Foreign Missions, and \$37,373.79 to National Home Missions for a total of \$279,702.10. Here is what North Carolina gave when state and national giving is added together:

\$279,702.10 National

51,227.68 State

\$330,929.78 Total

That is fantastic!! Let's do not stop nor cut our giving to the National. Let's just bring our giving to North Carolina causes up some so as to be a little more in line. These are both good records but we want them to be even better next year by His grace. We handle no National money. It is sent direct--not through our state office.

Our state had given as of May 31 - \$143,181.41 on our \$350,000.00 project at the Bible College. Thank God.

SOUL WINNING

Our one-day Bible conferences and seminars to challenge folk to win souls and build churches are increasing. There were more this year in more sections of our state than ever. I am thrilled about

it. Great plans are in the making. You will hear more about them soon. After all, soul-winning, church building, and saint edification is what it is all about!

OUT FUTURE

Our future is unlimited! I'd like to see us eventually own our own building for the Bible Book Store, offices, etc. Our lease payment for Bible Book Store is \$350.00 per month and will probably go higher. I would like to see that money going to build up equity in our own property. Pray over that. It is not impossible, you know.

Our budgets for next year are larger. For instance, our total combined North Carolina budgets of all departments for next year amounts to \$68,701.00. WE can easily subscribe this amount with just a little more effort than we put forth last year. What can and what will your church do?

THANKS AND SERVICE

Please consider our Promotional Department as a service department and call on us for anything that you think we can help you with.

Thanks to you from my heart for allowing me to work with you. Please pray for me and our overall work. "To God be the glory, Great things He hath done!"

--Ronald Creech

MINUTES
of the
THIRTEENTH SESSION
of the
NORTH CAROLINA
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
of the
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

BEN AVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Kannapolis, North Carolina
May 6, 1975

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the N. C. Association of Original Free Will Baptists, convening with the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., May 6, 1975.

Theme: "Joy Preceeded by Struggle."

Watchword: Psalm 126:5, 6.

Song Director for the day was Mrs. Mary Nell Beck with Mrs. Myra Lowry as pianist and Mrs. Barbara Key as organist.

The Christianairs opened the meeting with special music, "It Will Be Worth It All."

The welcome was extended by Mrs. Naomi Holt to which Mrs. Annie Heath responded.

Devotional thoughts were brought by Missionary Louis Coscia. His Scripture was taken from II Cor. 4:17-18.

The convention was called to order by President, Mrs. Joanne King. She recognized the missionaries, ministers, delegates, district presidents, and visitors. During her opening remarks she challenged us to be the kind of wife that is described in I Peter 1:7.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Credentials: Helen Hamlett, Jewel Andrews, Flora Morgan.

Registration: Margrette Hughes, Jeanette Morgan, Joanne Pope.

Finance: Myrtle Parris, Florence Braswell, Gwen Allen, Lois Reagan, Jean Stephens.

Resolutions: Barbara Clapp, Connie Garris, Phyllis Efrid, Lilly Potter, Grace Stafford.

Mrs. Carolyn Riddick, Missions Chairman, gave a report on our missions project. She recognized Tippet's Chapel and Cramerton for outstanding giving followed by singing of the Doxology.

Mrs. Doris Raper from the Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee; Rev. Ronald Creech, State Promotional Secretary; and Rev. Bob King, representing FWBBC gave reports of progress and information.

Special music "The Next Step" was presented by Mrs. Sandra Tart.

Motion made and carried that we adopt the partial report of the Credentials Committee. (See Report).

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of August 20 and December 30, 1974, were read and approved.

The Worship Service was begun with special music, "Someday," by the Christianairs.

The offering was then received.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Sandra Tart singing "He Did It All For Me."

Our speaker for the morning worship service was Mrs. Florine Coscia. She stirred and challenged our hearts using Psalm 126.

The morning session was concluded with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

Mrs. Joanne Pope brought the afternoon devotional thought.

Special music, "Do You Really Care," was rendered by Mrs. Joanne Bryant, followed by chorus singing.

Mrs. Peggy Outland led in a special mission program, "This Is Your Life," which depicted the life of Florine Coscia. This was most interesting and heart stirring. A special love gift of \$439.00 was presented to Florine from the ladies in the State.

Missions Chairman, Carolyn Riddick, introduced our new project: \$1,500 for a Walk-In Freezer for the Bible College; and \$1,500 for furniture for the Bobby Aycocks and the Louis Coscias. Motion made and carried to adopt.

Information on the Retreat was furnished by Peggy Outland. She reported the Spencewood Christian Camp had been secured for November 7 and 8. The fee would be \$11.00. Motion made and carried to adopt.

The following committee reports were read and approved: Credentials, Registration, Finance and Resolutions. (See Reports.)

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

Missionaries	2
Ministers	11
Delegates	66
Visitors	67
State Officers	9
Total	<u>155</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Margrette Hughes
Jeanette Morgan
Joanne Pope

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee recommend the following:

1. That we give the missionaries \$125.00.
2. Give N.C. State Missions \$25.00.
3. Give the FWB Children's Home \$25.00.
4. Give State Promotional Department \$25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrtle Parris, Chairman
Florence Braswell
Gwen Allen
Lois Reagan
Jean Stephens

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that as we leave this State Convention, we leave as Christian women (in this unsure day) with the determination to have more Bible

reading and prayer in our homes; that we remember we are equal in God's sight and we have a very important place in our home and church to be found as a virtuous woman as described in Proverbs 31.

2. Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to the officers for their untiring efforts and all work done through the past year.

3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks for the warm welcome given us by Ben Avenue Church. We offer our sincere thanks for all those who worked diligently to make this convention a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Barbara Clapp, Chairman
Mrs. Connie Garris
Mrs. Phyllis Efrid
Mrs. Lilly Potter
Mrs. Grace Stafford

STATE FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

District Conventions Visited	3
Addressed Local Auxiliaries	5
Assisted in organizing local auxiliaries	3
Auxiliaries organized by District Field Worker	6
Expenditures - manuals	\$11.00
Miles traveled since June, 1974	
Pertaining to Auxiliary work	1,300

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Talton

TREASURER'S REPORT
June 12, 1974 -- April 26, 1975

Receipts Brought Forward \$ 284.46

RECEIPTS:

State Meeting and Local Offering	180.00
N C State Project	3,954.25
For. Miss. (apart from project)	4,282.77
Bible College (apart from project)	190.00
Home Missions	1,187.55
State Home Missions	536.75
Student Loan Fund	298.00
Co-Laborer Offering	212.40
WNAC (Emphasis & General Fund)	1,821.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	350.63
National Home Missions	137.25
Provision Closet	99.61
Children's Home (Tennessee)	290.00
Superannuation Widows	321.00
Offering to General Fund	158.70
State Promotional Department	75.00
Love Offering for Florine Coscia	5.00
Ernest Bowen Fund	12.00
Per Capita Dues for 1975	793.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>14,905.31</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$15,189.77</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (Earmarked and General Fund)	<u>14,940.38</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$ 259.39</u>

Treasurer
Myrtle Parris

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.
See report.

Motion made and carried to have the 1976 Annual Session at the Grifton Church, Grifton, N.C.

Nominations for the Nominating Committee were as follows: Coastal - Mrs. Annie Heath; Palmer - Connie Garris; Randall - Earlene Smith; Blue Ridge - Flora Morgan; Western Piedmont - Novella Propst.

Delegates to represent our State at the Woman's Auxiliary National Convention in July were appointed.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer.

President, Mrs. Joanne King
Secretary, Mrs. Jane Price

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report. Reports from 5 districts and 16 local auxiliaries have been examined as required and found eligible to seats in this Convention.

They are: DISTRICTS: Blue Ridge, Palmer, Western Piedmont, Coastal, and Randall.

LOCAL AUXILIARIES: Canton; Zephyr Hill; Oak Grove; Mt. Zion, Kannapolis; Oak Grove, Durham; Shady Grove, Durham; Calvary, Durham; Prospect, Dunn; Fairview, Marion; Maranatha, Greenville; Garner, Garner; Lowell, Lowell; Tippet's Chapel; Laurel, Charlotte; Immanuel, Winterville; Grifton, Grifton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Helen Hamlett, Chairman
Mrs. Anna Keith
Mrs. Florence Braswell

RECEIPTS GIVEN BY DISTRICTS 1974 - 1975

BLUE RIDGE

State Project	791.00
Foreign Missions	698.00
Home Missions	340.65
State Home Missions	195.00
Bible College	120.00
WNAC	261.00
Student Memorial Loan Fund	250.00
Woman's National Auxiliary	17.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	10.00
Children's Home (Tenn)	135.00
Co-Laborer	250.00
Per Capita Dues	142.50

TOTAL

3,210.15

RANDALL

State Project	806.21
Foreign Missions	423.32
Home Missions	82.83
State Home Missions	8.00
National Home Missions	27.25
Student Memorial Loan Fund	15.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	100.21
WNAC Emphasis Month	395.23
State Work	25.00
Per Capita Dues	172.00

TOTAL

2,056.05

COASTAL

State Project	307.08
Foreign Missions	2,326.96
Home Missions	295.20
State Home Missions	111.23
Bible College	120.00
Student Loan	25.00
WNAC	161.02
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	66.64
Co-Laborer Offering	187.40
Children's Home (Tenn)	155.00
Superannuation Widows	321.00
Provision Closet	38.50
State Treasurer	50.00

State Work	75.00	
Per Capita Dues	<u>324.00</u>	
TOTAL		4,564.03

PALMER

State Project	1,124.98	
Foreign Missions	641.62	
Home Missions	261.37	
Co-Laborer Offering	250.00	
WNAC	193.62	
Student Loan Fund	<u>24.00</u>	
Provision Closet	47.65	
State Home Missions	59.94	
General Fund	18.70	
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	28.70	
National Home Missions	21.59	
Ernest Bowen Fund	12.00	
Florine Coscia	5.00	
Late Per Capita Dues for 1974	<u>16.00</u>	
TOTAL		2,705.17

WESTERN PIEDMONT

State Project	925.00	
Foreign Missions	192.87	
State Home Missions	162.58	
Home Missions	217.50	
Provision Closet	23.40	
WNAC Emphasis Month	783.31	
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	145.00	
National Home Missions	110.00	
Per Capita Dues	138.90	
State Work	<u>55.00</u>	
TOTAL		2,753.56

Treasurer
Myrtle Parris







