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Directory of Association

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter Carter, Moderator	Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Starnes, Vice-Moderator	Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. B. L. Shook, Clerk	Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	Route 3, Box 263, Kannapolis, N. C.

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Mr. Deese Hunsucker	Route 3, Box 263, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Drexler Benton	311 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Harold Goforth	Route 4, Box 544, Kannapolis, N. C.

TRUSTEES

Rev. L. H. Clayton	Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. H. J. Sawyer	Boger City, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Starnes	Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. L. H. Clayton, Chairman	Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Paul Brown	Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. Mitchell Davis	Box 2, Lowell, N. C.
Rev. Nathan Holt	Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Earwood	Lexington, N. C.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Rev. J. B. Starnes, President	Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Walter Carter, President	Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Vice-President	Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mrs. John Floyd, Secretary	Marion, N. C.

Associational Officers

Resolution—L. H. Clayton, Ch.; Ralph Willis, Winford Floyd.

Finance—D. D. Hunsucker, John R. Newton, J. C. Calvert.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Lula Parott, Mrs. Wade Calvert.

Publications and Literature—Walter Carter, Noah Brown, Earnest Strickland.

Orphanage—Norman Perkins, Mitchell Davis.

Ministerial Support—Sherman Branch, Ch., Mrs. Walter Carter, H. J. Sawyer.

Education—Mrs. Ralph Willis, Roy Rikard, Billy Yawn.

Home Missions—Wade Calvert, Ch., Mrs. Floyd Price, Mrs. Myrtle Parris.

Superannuation—J. B. Starnes, Ch., Floyd Price, L. D. Gray.

Sunday School—Paul Brown, Nathon Holt, Paul Davis.

Temperance—Harold Goforth, James A. Sawyer, Bernice Player.

Special Committees

Writing Study Course for Young Preachers

Walter Carter, Ch.

Herman Hersey

L. H. Boykin

Free Will Baptist Fellowship Club

Herman Hersey, Ch.

J. B. Starnes

Roy Rikard

E. O. Connely

John Floyd

Young Peoples Work at Cragmont

Mrs. Clyde Brown, Ch.

Miss Betty Floyd

Herman Hersey

Committee on Committees

Wade Calvert

Roy Rikard

Norman Perkins

Nominating Committee

Nathon Holt

Nina Rikard

Herman Hersey

Credentials Committee

Mitchell Davis

B. L. Shook

Dorothy Phipps

Church Directory

CHURCHES, LOCATION AND PASTOR

Aleo—East Rockingham—Walter Carter
Arrington Heights—Lexington, N. C.—J. P. Langley
Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—B. L. Shook
Bethany—Wadesboro, N. C.—Charles W. Maness
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—H. J. Sawyer
Caroleen—Caroleen, N. C.—E. O. Connelly
Cedar Grove—Concord, N. C.—Alfred Absher
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard
East Belmont—E. Belmont, N. C.—John R. Newton
East Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—H. L. James
Fifth Avenue—Gastonia, N. C.—Nathon Holt
First—Gastonia—L. M. Pearce
First—Morganton, N. C.—Paul Davis
Goshen Grove—North Belmont, N. C.—Wade Calvert
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Mitchell Davis
Lows Trading Center—Kannapolis, N. C.—E. G. Lawing
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—Calvert
Meadow View—Concord, N. C.—G. W. Liner
Mt. Beulah—Rockingham, N. C.—Noah Brown
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C.—J. E. Earwood
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. H. Clayton
New Hope—Rockingham, N. C.—Bernie Player
Ridgeway—Glenwood, N. C.—
Robbins Circle—Lexington, N. C.—Mack F. Crisp
Robertson Creek—Bostic, N. C.—Harley Buckner
Stanley—Stanley, N. C.—D. E. Philbeck
Valley View—Concord, N. C.—W. A. Todd
Wayside—Rockingham, N. C.—Noah Brown
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—F. E. Carver
Calvary—Kershaw, S. C.—Ramond Lowery
Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain, N. C.—W. J. Meridith
Near the Cross—Kannapolis, N. C.—Wade Talbert
Fairview—Rockingham, N. C.—
Charlotte—Charlotte, N. C.—Marvin Smith
Hamlet—Hamlet, N. C.—

ORDAINED MINISTERS

B. L. Shook, Rt. 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.
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E. G. Lawing, Rt. 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis, N. C.
D. E. Philbeck, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.

B. B. Melton, Rt. 2, Bostic, N. C.
 L. M. Pearce, 418 N. Morehead, Gastonia, N. C.
 John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.
 Alfred Absher, Rt. 2, China Grove, N. C.
 H. J. Sawyer, Boger City, N. C.
 H. L. James, No. 6 D St., Lincolnton, N. C.
 Bernie Player, East Rockingham, N. C.
 J. B. Starnes, Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.
 N. W. Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
 J. E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C.
 Mitchell W. Davis, Box 2, Lowell, N. C.
 Noah Brown, Rt. 1, Rockingham, N. C.
 Marion C. Smith, Rt. 9, Box 81, Charlotte, N. C.
 Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 Walter Carter, East Rockingham, N. C.
 Herman Hersey, Box 9134, Charlotte, N. C.
 Roy Rikard, Cramerton, N. C.
 L. D. Gray, Rt. 5, Box 383, Kannapolis, N. C.
 J. R. Martin, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 W. H. Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C.
 R. P. Sawyer, Rt. 7, Box 488, Salisbury, N. C.
 L. H. Clayton, Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
 J. P. Langley, 205 Church St., Lexington, N. C.
 Leonard E. Lawing, 309 Broad St., Kannapolis, N. C.
 J. B. Lewis, Rt. 2, Box 1004, Concord, N. C.
 L. M. Hooper, Rt. 4, Box 385-D, Kannapolis, N. C.
 John Whitworth, Box 178, McAdenville, N. C.
 Earnest King, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 David E. McDonald, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C.
 Billy R. Yawn, Box 158, Lowell, N. C.
 J. E. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
 George Hart, Rockingham, N. C.
 Wade Talbert, 411 S. East Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
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 W. A. Todd, Cabarrus Hall, Kannapolis, N. C.
 D. L. Benton, 311 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.
 A. W. Graham, Forest City, N. C.
 J. S. Rice, Caroleen, N. C.
 Dwight Hutchins, Cramerton, N. C.
 Winfred Floyd, Cramerton, N. C.
 A. A. Bradley, Cedar St., Gastonia, N. C.
 Joe Poole, Marion, N. C.
 C. L. Scarborough, N. Belmont, N. C.
 E. L. Ledford, Belmont, N. C.
 E. O. Connely, Kannapolis, N. C.
 D. W. Tilley, Kannapolis, N. C.
 G. T. Puckett, 435 W. Lawrence St., Mooresville, N. C.

Paul Brown, Rt. 2, Rockingham, N. C.
Clyde Fender, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.
J. R. Martin, Mt. Holly, N. C.
W. J. Merediyj, Rt. 1, Clover, S. C.
J. W. Sanford, Rt. 2, Rockingham, N. C.
F. E. Carver, Box 23, Mooresville, N. C.
J. I. Deal, Mooresville, N. C.
J. J. Brooks, Box 343, Elizabeth City, Tenn.
J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N. C.
Mack F. Crisp, Lexington, N. C.
Weyland Burns, 254 Broad St., Erlanger, N. C.
Thomas Williams, Rockingham, N. C.
J. E. Floyd, Jr., Box 201, Marion, N. C.
Willard W. Howard, Lexington, N. C.
Paul Davis, Box 59, Caroleen, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISTS

James A. Sabage, Gen. Del. Lowell, N. C.
Homer R. Savage, Gen. Del., Lowell, N. C.
Ernest G. Strickland, East Rockingham, N. C.
Thomas Williams, Hamlet, N. C.
Donald Upright, 416 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
C. E. Bradburn, Gen. Del., Kannapolis, N. C.
Edward Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
Paul Clayton, Marion, N. C.
James Clayton, Marion, N. C.
Floyd Cavin, Kannapolis, N. C.
I. J. Putnam, ??
Walter Ramsey, ??
James A. Baskins, Rt. 3, Box 299, Kannapolis, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Piedmont Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist Churches coorporating with this Association and ministers who are members of this Association.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Article 4. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members over one hundred.

Article 5. The churches cooperating with this Association shall send by the hands of their delegates a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 6. This Association shall meet once a year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the preceding session or by its Executive Board.

Article 7. The Executive Board shall consist of three members elected by the Association, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. The Associational officials are members ex-officio of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have interim authority.

Article 8. Ministers in good standing in our sister associations may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article 9. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to represent by letter or delegate.

Article 10. This association shall encourage a sound ministry such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour having Salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

Article 11. This Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Article 12. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates attending, providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first setting of said meeting after permanent organization.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Associational officials are to be elected by ballot system.

The clerk is to be elected after Moderator declares the house in order for business.

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Treasurer are to be elected at the close of the session.

The Ordination Council is to be elected by the Association.

The Ordination Council is to consist of five members and has interim-authority to ordain ministers and has charge of investigations of ministers.

The Ordination Council must report its work annually to the Association.

The Executive Board is to make an annual report to the Association.

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists is to be used.

The body sponsors the Ministers Conference.

The body sponsors the Sunday School Convention.

The body sponsors the Women's Auxiliary Convention.

The body sponsors the F. W. B. League Convention.

The Seven-Point program of the State Association approved.

The indefinite pastor call approved.

When a church calls the Ordination Council it is to pay their expense.

The Executive Board has charge of the Associational Education Program.

The Chairman of each board of Committee, is Treasurer of its funds.

The Churches sending preachers and delegates to the Association are to pay for their board; the host-church will provide all the sleeping quarters they can, and arrange for rooms that may be rented.

The minute fund changed to General Fund, and all churches are requested to send 10c per member with church report.

The moderator authorized to appoint from the floor the Nominating Committee, consisting of five men to nominate, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer and Ordination Council. The body may place nominations from the floor for each office.

ORDINATION QUALIFICATIONS

1. A Bible course satisfactory to the Ordaining Council.

2. If a minister cannot meet the standard and shows satisfactory fruits in his ministry, he may be ordained.

3. A minister must be a tither in order to be ordained.

No man can hold more than one associational office.

CHURCH CLERKS

Aleo—Mrs. Bernie Russel, Mills Rural Sta., N. C.
Arrington Heights—Mrs. Eula Hill, Rt. 1, Lexington, N. C.
Ben Avenue—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Rt. 3, Box 263, Kannapolis, N. C.
Boger City—J. E. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
Caroleen—Miss Martha Rice, Caroleen, N. C.
Cedar Grove—Bessie Howell, 311 Jackson Park Road, Kannapolis, N. C.
Cramerton—H. A. Shoemaker, Box 635, Cramerton, N. C.
East Belmont—Mrs. Howard McLean, Belmont, N. C.
East Lincolnton—J. E. Schultz, 1-D St., Lincolnton, N. C.
Fifth Avenue—Mrs. W. C. Grant, Rt. 1, Gastonia, N. C.
First, Gastonia—W. E. Sawyer, 1413 S. Marietta St., Gastonia, N. C.
First, Marion—Lester Connor, East Marion, N. C.
First, Morganton—Mrs. John Saddrett, 107 Erwin St., Morganton, N. C.
Goshen—Frank W. Willis, North Belmont, N. C.
Lowell—Mrs. Lee O. Sams, Box 158, Lowell, N. C.
Lows Trading Center—Mrs. V. G. Lawing, Rt. 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mable Avenue—Mrs. James Gentry, 901 11th St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Meadow View—Mrs. J. Puckett, Rt. 2, Mooresville, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Clayton Steen, Rt. 2, Rockingham, N. C.
Mt. Carmel—Mildred Ballew, Lexington, N. C.
Mt. Holly—K. H. Robertson, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Elmar Haskins, 409 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
New Hope—Monnie Howard, Box 371, Rockingham, N. C.
Stanley—James Nicholas, Stanley, N. C.
Robertson Creek—M. E. Meheler, Rt. 1, Box 17, Bostic, N. C.
Wayside—Shug Honeycutt, Rt. 2, Rockingham, N. C.
Westover—R. G. Buff, Rt. 3, Kannapolis, N. C.
Kings Mountain—W. J. Meredith, Clover, S. C.
Near the Cross—
Fairview—Thomas Williams, Rockingham, N. C.
Charlotte—E. C. Reel, Rt. 9, Charlotte, N. C.
Hamlet—
Piney Grove—
Kershaw—(Calvary)—Cara Lowery, Jefferson, S. C., Rt. 2.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning Session, August 1, 1952

1. Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina gathered together in annual sessions with the Aleo Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C., August 1st, 1952 at 10:00 a.m. The Moderator, Rev. Walter Carter, called the body to devotions.
2. The Rev. J. B. Starnes led in singing "Down at the Cross" and "We'll Understand It better By and By." The Rev. Ralph Willis conducted devotions and Rev. Ernest Strickland led in prayer.
3. The Quartette sang, "Hide Me Blessed Rock of Ages," and "I'm Free Again."
4. Welcome from Mr. Raymond Mark, Mayor of Rockingham to ministers and delegates of the Piedmont Association. Rev. J. B. Starnes gave the response to the Mayor's welcome.
5. The program was adopted as the order of the day.
6. Rev. Walter Carter gave the Moderator's message.
7. Rev. B. L. Shook elected Clerk.
8. The moderator appointed the Committee on Committees consisting of Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. Norman Perkins. Also Credentials Committee consisting of Rev. Mitchell Davis, Rev. B. L. Shook and Dorothy Phipps. The Nominating Committee consisting of Rev. Nathon Holt, Mrs. Nona Rikard, Rev. Herman Hersey.
9. The Rev. Wade Calvert brought the morning message which was broadcast over the Radio station of Rockingham. His topic: "How to Have a Successful Church." A very inspirational message and the Lord wonderfully blessed his people.

Friday Afternoon Session

1. At 1:30 p.m., the Moderator called the body to devotions. Rev. J. B. Starnes led in singing "Bound for the Promised Land."
2. After Devotions and Prayer the Rev. Steven Smith, from our Orphanage, spoke about his work there, gave his report and an offering was taken at this time on behalf of the Orphanage in the amount of \$53.26, and turned over to Rev. Smith.
3. The following reports were given and accepted:

PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We have on hand the following:

Tracts	3,000
Why the Atonement was Necessary	76
The Upper Room Ought	85
Hell, or Endless Punishment of Wicked	41
The One Foundation	39

Senior League Manual 6
 Money in Treasury \$6.25

Rev. Bernie Player

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

We, the committee on Foreign Missions, wish to commend all of you, who have been faithful in your support, on foreign missions. We recommend that all who have not been supporting foreign missions do so. We recommend that our Pastors, suggest to their people to write to the Missionaries to encourage them and let them know we are praying for them at home.

Mrs. Nina Rikard
 Mrs. Lou Parrott
 Mrs. Wade Calvert

MISSION FIELD WORGER REPORT

I visited the following churches and received the offerings shown.

Aleo	\$ 10.00
Wayside	13.35
Mt. Beulah	15.00
Fairview	3.10
New Hope	1.05
Cramerton	12.04
Lowell	10.00
Mt. Holly	36.76
Fifth Avenue	3.00
North Belmont	25.00
East Belmont	5.00
Mable Avenue	10.00
Mt. Zion	8.00
Arrington Heights	13.75
Mt. Carmel	26.69
Lows Trading Center	1.75
Caroleen	15.00
First, Charlotte	7.48
Cedar Grove	5.50
Bethany	12.40
Total	<hr/> \$234.87

There were 37 young people to dedicate their lives to the Lord during these visits.

Rev. Herman Hersey

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE REPORT

We, your committee on Orphanage, suggest that every pastor visit our Orphanage at least once every year that he might observe the needs of same, also that he might make recommendations to his congregation.

Rev. Norman Perkins

Rev. Mitchell Davis

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Finance do submit the following:

1. We pay Rev. Walter Carter \$25.00 for program leaflets.
2. We pay Rev. Walter Carter \$20.00 for radio program.
3. We pay clerk \$50.00 for year's work.

D. D. Hunsucker

John R. Newton

J. C. Calvert

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on education do request that every church support Mt. Allen College to the best of their capability. We, further recommend that appropriated funds be made payable to Rev. Wade H. Calvert to insure recording of funds to mission fund.

Mrs. Ralph Williams

Billy R. Yawn

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution committee, upon learning that our orphanage has no cooling system for drinking water, do recommend that this Association endeavor to purchase one, and also seeing the great need of qualifications of coming preachers, we ask that each pastor urge his young preachers, if at all possible, to attend Mt. Allen Junior College.

Rev. L. H. Clayton

Rev. W. R. Floyd

Rev. Ralph Willis

It was moved and seconded and passed to give Rev. J. B. Starnes and our Executive Board a full vote of confidence in the case of the Westover church, and any other similar case in the future, and pledge our financial backing to them.

Report of Committee on Committees adopted at this time.

Report of Executive Board adopted at this time.

A letter was granted to Rocky Pass F. W. Baptist Church, Nebo, N. C. (by

their own request) for the purpose of uniting with the Jack's Creek Association.

Moved, seconded, and passed on that all report blanks would be printed in the minutes this year.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee on Ministerial Support ask that the Association require all ministers to teach and practice tithing, further, that we urge all our pastors as soon as possible to inaugurate a tithing system in their churches, and each church as soon as possible give to their community a full time ministry, also we urge our churches to back in a financial way our local preachers who are trying to establish new work.

Homer Savage

H. J. Sawyer

Esther Carter

REPORT OF N. C. STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Money received from this District during the year:

December 9, 1950—Goshen Auxiliary	\$10.00
January 11, 1951—Cramerton Auxiliary	5.00
March 8, 1951—Aleo	5.00
April 4, 1951—Mt. Beulah	16.00
May 16, 1951—Goshen Auxiliary	10.00
April 14, 1951—Cramerton Auxiliary	5.00
June 29, 1951—Cramerton Auxiliary	5.00
Total	<u>\$56.00</u>

During the past year the following ministers (Who are listed as being members of your Association) have received pensions, from this Board as follows:

Rev. J. C. Rogers	\$ 90.00
Rev. H. H. Snyder	60.00
Rev. N. H. English	35.00
Total	<u>\$185.00</u>

Rev. M. L. Johnson

Chairman-Treasurer

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Executive Board brought two reports to the floor at this time being designated as a Majority and Minority report of said Executive Board.

MAJORITY REPORT: Motion and second that state line is Boundary line for Piedmont Ass'n., dropping Piney Grove Church, and that two persons from the Minority and Majority speak on this subject, each being limited to five minutes.

Motion and second to adopt majority report passed.

Motion and second to table Majority report for a period of 12 months, and this report was tabled with a vote of 48 to 32 in favor of tabling.

Motion and second to adopt Minority report, with a motion to table lost with a vote of 46 to 16.

Motion and second to Poll Delegates by roll call from church letters. Delegates seated by roll call.

Minority report voted on by Seated Delegates and the results were 35 to 25 in favor of the said report.

Clerk's Note: Minority report was read by Rev. Wade Calvert and was not turned over to the Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

At 10:00 a.m. the Moderator called the body to devotions, and program outline was followed.

Motion and second to adopt all reports.

Motion to accept all church reports.

Motion and second to print 1,000 minutes.

Motion and second that clerk will issue (25) minutes for each 100 members.

Motion and second to accept Kershaw and Kings Mountain churches into Association.

Rev. Roy Rikard dropped from Trustee and Executive board by own request.

Motion and second to expend Rev. Newton from Executive Board due to error in number required for said board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In treasury last Association	None
Indebtedness last Association	\$ 6.01
Received at last Association	250.85
Received Mt. Zion Church	15.00
Received Westover Church	6.50
Received Lowell Church	19.80
Received High Point Church	10.00
Received Stanley Church	2.50
Received Mt. Holly Church	13.70
Received Wayside Church	1.60
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Total Received	\$319.95
Total Paid Out	299.90
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 20.05

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. D. D. Hunsucker, Treasurer

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association, beg to submit the following:

November 3, 1951, we met at Cramerton, N. C., with Rev. Herman Hersey as proxy for Rev. J. B. Starnes and Rev. Roy Rikard as proxy for Rev. Noah Brown. We ordained Rev. J. C. Calvert and exchanged papers with Rev. Marvin C. Smith coming from another denomination. We issued licenses to Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sylvester Crawford, Rev. Lee Cannup, Rev. G. J. Ray, Rev. Paul Brewer, Rev. Ray Heath, Rev. Herbert Glover, Rev. James Franklin Skipper, Rev. Preston Lawrence Price, Rev. Sherman Branch and Rev. Ada Lawing.

August 15, 1951: We met at Cramerton, N. C., and ordained Rev. J. E. Earwood of Lexington, N. C. Rev. Walter B. Carter proxy for Rev. Mitchell Davis. Rev. L. H. Clayton, proxy for Rev. Noah Brown.

December 29, 1951: The Ordaining Council met with the Mt. Zion Church in Kannapolis, N. C., and ordained Rev. Paul Clayton. Rev. S. M. Parks was reinstated.

February 2, 1952: The Ordaining Council met and licensed Rev. Carl Roland.

March 3, 1952: The Ordaining Council met at Mt. Holly church and issued license to Rev. James A. Baskins, Ramon McCoy, Carl Mopee, George Bullard, James Corder, Charles Morgan. Exchanged papers with Rev. B. L. Shook, coming from Beaver Creek Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT ADOPTED

August 18, 1951, the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met with the Hamlet Free Will Baptist Church at the home of Mr. Sam Poole. Rev. N. H. English acted as proxy for Rev. L. H. Clayton, and Rev. Noah Brown in Rev. Herman Hersey's place. Rev. Noah Brown made a motion to accept the Church into the Piedmont Association and the motion was carried. They were given the right hand of Christian Fellowship and an offering of \$20 was taken for the purpose of building a church.

November 3, 1951, the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met at Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Marvin C. Smith invited us to meet with the Smallwood Church in Charlotte, N. C., on November 14. It was voted to accept this invitation and have Rev. Herman Hersey find out about the legal ownership of the property. It was voted to visit with the Fairview Church in Rockingham, N. C., on November 10. The Clerk was to write a letter to Rev. M. L. Johnson stating that the Piedmont Association would stand back of a \$2,500 loan to the Fairview Church.

November 10, 1951, the Board met at Rockingham, N. C. Rev. David White acted as proxy for Rev. Harold Goforth and Rev. James Sanford as proxy for Rev. W. H. Calvery. The minutes were read and accepted. It was voted that Rev. David White and Rev. Walter Carter act as a committee to represent the

Piedmont Association who has pledged themselves to underwrite in behalf of the Fairview Church of Rockingham, N. C.

The Piedmont Association will underwrite a reasonable loan to any Church with membership in the Piedmont Association, if the said church will deed their property to the Piedmont Association by the insertion of the following or similar condition in their deed.

"It is the express condition of this conveyance that should the _____ Church cease to operate as a Free Will Baptist Church, or to use the property for church purposes, or decide to affiliate themselves with another Faith or Denomination, then the fee simple title to this property shall vest in the Piedmont Free Will Baptist Association."

The Fairview Church was received into the Piedmont Association.

November 14, 1951, the Board met at Charlotte, N. C., with the Smallwood Church. The entire board was present with the following visitors: Rev. Bernie Player, Mr. C. W. Cleary, Mrs. Wade Calvert and Mrs. Roy Rikard. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected. It was moved and carried that the Home Mission Board loan the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church \$200 for 90 days and that the Executive Board would stand behind paying it back. It was moved and carried to allow all officers to remain in office for the remainder of this year unless they resign. The Smallwood Church was received into the Piedmont Association.

December 14, 1951, the Executive Board met with the Aleo Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C. Rev. Earnest Strickland was proxy for Rev. Herman Hersey and Rev. Thomas Williams for Mr. Deese Hunsucker. Visitors present and invited to sit with us were Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. Steve Smith, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. James Evans, Mr. J. D. Ballance, Mr. Gene Griffin, Mr. Tom Lewis, and Mr. J. E. Williams.

It was moved and carried that the Association meet in Rockingham with the Aleo Church. It was moved and carried that the Thursday and Friday morning services be broadcast.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant gave a report on the Press at Ayden. Rev. Steve Smith gave a report on the Orphanage. Rev. James Evans gave a report on the National and State Home Mission Boards. Rev. M. L. Johnson gave a report on the Church Finance Association. It was moved and carried that the Trustees of the Piedmont Association be authorized to sign the joint deed of trust on the Fairview Church for a \$3,000 loan. It was moved and carried that the Executive Board endorse the action of the National Home Missions Board in Appointing Rev. Herman Hersey as co-director of Home Missions in N. C. It was moved and carried that Rev. Thomas Williams apply for application blanks for assistance to the Home Mission Board.

December 29, 1951, the Executive Board met at Mt. Zion, Kannapolis. The Mt. Calvary Church of Marion, N. C., and the Independence Square Church of Kannapolis were received into the Piedmont Association. It was moved to set a

time to meet with the pastor and deacons of the Piney Grove Church, near Kershaw, N. C. It was moved to set a time to meet with the Portsmouth, Va., church.

April 5, 1952: The ordaining council met at Lockhart church and licensed Raymond J. Cook.

June 7, 1952: The ordaining council met with Westover Church and ordained Sherman A. Branch and Roy S. Miller.

July 31, 1952: The ordaining council met at Aleo church and licensed the following: J. C. Honecutt, E. C. Bradburn, L. G. Martin, C. L. Helms, James Cole, Odell Holcombe, Frank Matthews, Idol Dennis. We recommend Bro. Carl Brown to work under his pastor Rev. Walter B. Carter.

August 1, 1952: The ordaining council met at Aleo church and licensed Allen G. Baker, Paul J. Lanning, and we wish to drop Rev. E. G. Ledford's name from our roll and Rev. Henry Jones also.

Rev. Sherman Oakes to be reinstated provided his church is accepted into the Association.

August 2, 1952: The ordaining council met at Aleo church and licensed the following: Rev. Harold Donahue, Kenneth Frisby, and ordained Rev. Carl Roland and Raymond Lowery.

The Executive Board met at Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church, June 7, 1952. Opened with song, "On Christ the Solid Rock." Led in prayer by the Rev. N. W. Holt.

The executive board was called to Westover F. W. B. Church to examine its faith. When entering the service the said church voted Rev. Walter Carter to moderate the session. The church was qualified and voted to remain a Free Will Baptist.

Moved and carried, that, Rev. Carter, Rev. Calvert, and Rev. Clayton investigate, how the deed of the church in Charlotte, N. C. And to whom deeded.

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman

Rev. L. H. Clayton

Rev. W. H. Calvert

Rev. N. W. Holt, Proxy for Rikard

Rev. Carl Moree, Proxy for Hersey

Rev. Harold Goforth

D. D. Hunsucker

The Executive Board met June 16, 1952, at the Rescue Mission Chapel in Charlotte, N. C. Opened with prayer by Rev. Wade Calvert. Near The Cross F. W. B. Church of Kannapolis, N. C., petitioned by letter and was accepted. The Rev. Wade Talbert is pastor.

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman

Rev. W. H. Calvert

Rev. L. H. Clayton

Motion and second that Camp Ground fund be called no longer Camp ground fund but Home Mission funds.

Amendment and second to above motion that no preacher be paid a salary or receive a gift out of Home Mission Fund.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

	Members	Con. Dues
Independence Square	9	\$ 2.70
Goshen	12	3.00
Aleo	36	9.90
Marion	19	8.00
Cramerton	20	5.00
West 5th St.	20	4.00
Ben Ave.	16	3.60
Mable Ave.	13	3.60
Bethany	18	
Kings Mt.	6	
First, Gastonia	25	4.50
Mt. Holly	18	2.40
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Total	212	\$47.00

Motion and second that the Clerk be paid \$50.00 as his salary this year.

Motion and second that all necessary forms be printed in back of Minute this year.

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Free Will Baptist ministers of the Piedmont Association gathered together for the ninth annual session of the ministers' conference with the Aleo Free Will Baptist church in Rockingham, N. C., on July 31, 1952. At 10:00 a. m. the Moderator, Rev. J. B. Starnes, called to devotions. The program was adopted.

The moderator gave his address and the visiting ministers were given a seat and a voice in the conference. The following were elected to office for the coming year: Rev. J. B. Starnes, Moderator; Rev. Mitchell Davis, Assistant; Rev. B. L. Shook, Clerk. The conference adjourned until next meeting.

Name of Church	Location	Received by Baptism		By Letter	By Restoration	By Statement	Total	Dismissed by Letter	By Erasure	By Expulsion	By Death	Total	Loss	Gain	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Evangelistic	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Church House	Personage
Aleo	E. Rockingham	27	30				57	12			1				300	\$3,900.00	\$330.00	\$450.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00			
Arrington Heights	Lexington	11					11	1							38	551.11		131.00			98.00	5,500.00	
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	7	2				9	14			2				136	3,640.00	185.69	283.41	20.00		30.00	20,000.00	
Boger City	Boger City	4			5		9								51	575.10		122.00			25.00		
Caroleen	Caroleen		3	1		1	4	5			1	6			135	1,515.00	190.00	60.00	6.30		71.50	55,000.00	
Cedar Grove	Cedar Grove	1	2				3							1	71	240.99		25.00		50.00			
Cramerton	Cramerton	9	19				28	22			2	2		1	261	5,200.00	200.00	375.00	50.00	25.00			
East Belmont	E. Belmont		2				2		10			10			70	2,780.00	135.00	290.00	5.00				
East Lincolnton	E. Lincolnton	4	17				21	2							32	25.00	222.00	24.00					
Fifth Avenue	Gastonia	14	34				48	12				12			63	800.00		120.00					
First	Gastonia																						
First M	Marion	33					12	2			4				300	4,705.00	590.00	546.45	975.00	443.50			
First	Morganton																						
Goshen	N. Belmont	8	14				21	5			1				275	4,680.00		323.50	150.00	401.66			
Lowell	Lowell	43	3		22		10	21	16				37		305	3,718.00	120.00	265.00	20.00	200.00	35.00	65,000.00	
Low's Trading Center	Kannapolis	14					14				1	1	1	13	35	200.40		21.95					
Mable Avenue	Kannapolis														120	1,495.00	156.00						
Meadow View	Concord																						
Mt. Bulah	Rockingham	3					3								55	2,600.00		100.00	5.63	20.00			
Mt. Carmel	Lexington	8	14				22	12			1				56	950.00	17.00	58.00	15.00	15.00			
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	8	8				16	88			1				184	3,640.00		230.00	50.00	500.00			
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis	2	4				6	12			2				244	4,160.00	153.00	100.00	53.00	30.00	30.00		
New Hope	Rockingham	11	1				12								65	1,300.00		145.00	10.00				
Pine Grove	Kershaw	16	9		39		64	10							166	1,277.51	304.14						
Robertson Creek	Bostic						8				1	9	9		20	320.09		132.65		25.40			
Stanley	Stanley		18				13						13	5	53	522.29	40.00					2,000.00	
Wayside	Rockingham	2													24	300.00		100.00	15.35				
Westover	Kannapolis						20	64							21	350.00		100.00				12,000.00	
Near the Cross	Kannapolis																						
Charlotte	Charlotte	4	3				40				40		7		40	180.00			7.48		35.00	2,800.00	
King's Mountain	King's Mountain	5					21				21		21		21								
Kershaw	Kershaw																						
Bethany	Wadesboro	9	1				10								55	1,800.00		65.00		12.40			
Independence Square	Kannapolis	6	8		10		24						24		24	99.37					5.00	3,300.00	

Church	Supt. and Address	No. on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Offerings	Total Offerings	In Treasury	Kind of Literature	No. of Classes	No. of Departments
Aleo	Lonnie Clark, 5th. Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.	275	219	\$127.75	\$6,643.10	\$1,000.00	F.W.B.	10	5
Arrington Heights	William D. House, 532 E. Center St., Lexington, N. C.	143	97	5.92	307.04	27.47	F.W.B.	4	1
Ben Avenue									
Bethany	W. L. Johnson, Wadesboro, N. C.	94	75	18.00	93.60	175.00	F.W.B.	5	3
Boger City	Eddie Sunney, Boger City, N. C., Gen. Del.	77	44	3.50	198.26		F.W.B.	5	3
Caroleen	John Childers, Caroleen, N. C.	196	90	59.00	3,067.78	539.45	F.W.B.	4	1
Cedar Grove	Hoyt Mullis, Rt. 3, Concord, N. C., c/o Cooks Service Station	40	32	4.50	105.96		F.W.B.		
Cramerton									
Charlotte	W. S. Helms, 109 Glenwood Rd., North Charlotte, N. C.	45	35	8.00	420.00	12.11	F.W.B.	5	5
East Belmont	E. S. Carpenter, Gen. Del., Belmont, N. C.	60	56	6.00			F.W.B.		
East Lincolnton	Mrs. T. C. Chambers, Lincolnton, N. C.	42	37	10.00		328.53	F.W.B.	1	1
Fifth Avenue, West	J. R. Gainey, Box 2227, West Gastonia, N. C.	140	85	12.83	667.15		F.W.B.	1	
First, Gastonia									
First, Morganton									
First, Marion	Wilson Stone Clinchfield, Marion, N. C.	309	235	18.90	982.69		F.W.B.	8	9
Goshen									
Independence Square									
King's Mountain									
Kershaw									
Lowell	Curtis Haney, Lowell, N. C.	161	140	10.50	480.00		F.W.B.	6	1
Low's Trading Center	George H. Furr, 600 S. Canore St., Kannapolis, N. C.	102	90	6.57	269.17	69.00	F.W.B.	5	5
Mable Avenue									
Meadow View									
Mt. Bulah	Norrie Wilkerson, Rt. 4, Rockingham, N. C.	195	95	55.00	2,750.00	67.50	F.W.B.	5	2
Mt. Carmel									
Mt. Holly	Willie Matthews, Rt. 1, Stanley, N. C.	108	126	19.06	972.07	136.35	F.W.B.	6	4
Mt. Zion	F. P. Lapis, Kannapolis, N. C.	80	70	255.41		14.33	F.W.B.		
Near the Cross									
New Hope	Jimney Corder, East Rockingham, N. C.	65	50	27.00		10.49	F.W.B.	4	4
Pine Grove									
Robertson Creek	Don E. Bradley, Rutherfordton, N. C., Rt. 3	41	35	3.86	200.90		F.W.B.	4	4
Stanley									
Westover									
Wayside	S. H. Honeycutt, Box 332, Rockingham, N. C.	37	27	13.98		21.00	F.W.B.	4	4

Statistical Report of Ministers Who Pastored Churches

Name	No. of Churches	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Professions	Members Received	Baptized	Funerals	Homes Visited	United in Matrimony	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Rec'd for Church	Money Given	Money Received	Approx. Miles Traveled
Marvin C. Smith	1	112	0	35	10	2	300	0	35		\$ 75.00	\$ 180.00	2,000	
Mitchell W. Davis	1	145	4	128	32	7	445	4	1		442.50	3,718.00	9,500	
W. H. Calvert	1	176	9	150	22	3	175	3	2		468.00	4,680.00	40,000	
W. J. Meredith	1	75	0	25		1	25	0	3		10.00		1,500	
Noah Brown	1	104	1	1	5	3		0	4		300.00	2,650.00		
Boyd L. Shook	1	135	4			3		1	0		Tithe & Offerings		25,000	
J. E. Floyd	1	198	3	163	33	24		7	2		470.50	4,705.00	30,000	
Harold Goforth	1	175	2	35	24	5	100	2	2		310.25	99.37	2,000	
Bernie Player	1	125	2	30	25	2	800	0	10				30,000	
John R. Newton	1	110	0	20	0	5	200	0	40			2,780.00		
J. E. Earwood	1	169	1	50	9	3		3	25		Tithes & Offerings			
L. M. Hooper	2	102	3	75	30	10	50	1	30		75.00	125.00		
L. D. Gray	1	96	3	24	5	5	125	2	11			1,700.00		
Walter B. Carter	1	200	6		27	8								
Herman Hersey	1	260	8	90			130		40				50,000	
G. W. Maness	1	174	4	25	36	2		1				1,300.00		
N. W. Holt	1	100	0	30	30	0	500	0	0		210.00	250.00	10,000	
Norman Perkins	1	125	2	125	8	3	115	2	30		786.00	3,760.00	25,000	
E. G. Lawing	1	170	1	26	14	1	100	1	25		240.00	240.00	1,000	
J. P. Langley	1	94			3	47		39			259.75	541.11	2,000	
Alfred Absber	1	205	1	10	1	0	425	1	25		185.00	240.99	1,125	
E. O. Connelly	1													
L. H. Clayton	1	160	2	60		3					450.00	4,300.00	20,000	
J. E. Faulkner	1	60		15	4		50		3		200.00	50.00	5,000	
Paul Davis	1	125	2	25	7	1		1	25		300.00	1,250.00	5,000	
Roy Rikard	1	127	3	88	9	12	55	4	6		620.00	5,460.00	25,000	
J. C. Calvert	1	170	2	30	10	0	1	50	0	20	364.00	600.00	1,500	
H. J. Sawyer	1	98	1	7		5	1	47			296.40	609.27	400	
J. B. Starnes	1	104	1	35	6	3					270.00	2,735.00		

