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Directory of Association

Officers

Rev. Walter Carter, Moderator	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. Roy Rikard, Vice-Moderator	Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Clyde W. Cox, Clerk	Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	Rt. 3, Box 263, Kannapolis, N. C.

Executive Board

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman	Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. Roy Rikard	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Clyde W. Cox, Clerk	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Wade Calvert	North Belmont, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Drexler Benton	311 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. E. O. Connelly	Rt. 1, Forrest City, 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	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Nathan Holt	Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Calvert	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Charles Maness	Wadesboro, N. C.
Rev. John R. Newton	Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.

Ministers' Conference

Rev. Roy Rikard, President	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Clyde W. Cox, Vice-President	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. B. L. Shook, Clerk	Kannapolis, N. C.

Woman's Auxiliary

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

Associational Officers

Resolution—Mrs. Nathan Holt, Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. Roy Rikard.

Sunday School—Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. John Newton, Mrs. Hazel Brown.

Temperance—Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. J. C. Calvert.

Finance—Mr. D. D. Hunsucker, Rev. E. O. Connelly, Rev. John Newton.

Publications and Literature—Rev. J. B. Starnes, Rev. B. L. Shook.

Superannuation—Rev. J. E. Earwood, J. A. Baskin, Paul Davis.

Education—Georgia Calvert, Marvin Smith.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. Lula Parrott, Mrs. R. P. Sawyer, Mrs. Walter Carter.

Ministerial Support—Rev. L. H. Clayton, Rev. Mitchell W. Davis.

Orphanage—Fred L. Price, William Calvert, Mrs. L. H. Clayton.

Church Directory

Churches, Location and Pastor

Aleo—E. Rockingham, N. C.—Walter Carter
Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—B. L. Shook
Bethany—Wadesboro, N. C.—C. 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—E. Lincolnton, N. C.—Raymond Cook
Far View—Rockingham, N. C.—C. B. Hopkins
First—Gastonia, N. C.—N. W. Holt
First—Marion, N. C.—J. E. Floyd
Goshen—Belmont, N. C.—W. H. Calvert
Independence Square—Kannapolis, N. C.—H. A. Goforth
King's Mountain—King's Mountain, N. C.—Paul J. Lanning
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Mitchell W. Davis
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—J. C. Calvert
Mt. Calvary—E. Marion, N. C.—Paul Clayton
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C.—J. E. Earwood
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. H. Clayton
Near Calvary—Lexington, N. C.—J. K. Ballew
Near the Cross—Kannapolis, N. C.—Cloy Lee Helms
Robbins Circle—Lexington, N. C.—J. A. Baskins
Roberson Creek—Bostic, N. C.
Stanley—Stanley, N. C.—Sherman Branch
Valley View—Concord, N. C.—J. I. Deal
Wayside—Charlotte, N. C.—R. J. Reynolds
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—R. P. Sawyer

Ordained Ministers

Alfred Absher, Rt. 1, China Grove, N. C.
Sherman Branch, Box 669, Stanley, N. C.
Noah Brown, 204 N. 11th St., Morehead City, N. C.
W. S. Burns, Pink Hill, N. C.
J. C. Calvert, 603 E. 12th St., Kannapolis, N. C.
W. H. Calvert, Box 224, N. Belmont, N. C.
Walter Carter, E. Rockingham, N. C.
L. H. Clayton, Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
Paul Clayton, E. Marion, N. C.
E. O. Connelly, Rt. 1, Forrest City, N. C.
Raymond J. Cook, Rt. 4, Lincolnton, N. C.

Clyde W. Cox, Rockingham, N. C.
Mitchell W. Davis, Box 2, Lowell, N. C.
Paul Davis, Caroleen, N. C.
J. I. Deal, Rt. 3, Box 260A, Concord, N. C.
J. E. Earwood, 204 N. State St., Lexington, N. C.
Edward J. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
J. E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C.
C. B. Hopkins, Central Avenue, E. Rockingham, N. C.
Harold Goforth, Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.
Paul M. Hobbs, 304 West E Street,
N. W. Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N. C.
Earnest King, Globe Mill, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Paul J. Lanning, Box 2112, Pinkney Station, Gastonia, N. C.
J. B. Lewis, Rt. 8, Box 1004, Concord, N. C.
A. E. Lingefelt, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
C. W. Maness, 10 East Wade Street, Wadesboro, N. C.
Daniel E. McDonald, 406 N. Grover Street, E. Gastonia, N. C.
William J. Meredith, Rt. 2, York, S. C.
John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.
Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Gilbert T. Puckett, 435 W. Lawrence St., Mooresville, N. C.
R. J. Reynolds, P. O. Box 5190, Charlotte, N. C.
Roy Rikard, Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.
Carl Roland, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.
H. J. Sawyer, Boger City, N. C.
R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C.
J. B. Starnes, Deep Run, N. C.
Boyd L. Shook, Rt. 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.

Associational Evangelists

Junior K. Ballew, CC12, Box 382, Lexington, N. C.
James A. Baskins, 43 Robbings Circle, Lexington, N. C.
C. E. Bradburn, Gen. Del., Kannapolis, N. C.
E. W. Bridges, Lincolnton, N. C.
William H. Calvert, Box 224, N. Belmont, N. C.
W. E. Chavis, Jr., Box 2232, E. Rockingham, N. C.
W. C. Eggers, P. O. Box 163, Maiden, N. C.
Cloy Lee Helms, 201 E. Phifer Street, Monroe, N. C.
Ray McPherson, Rt. 1, Box 449, Rockingham, N. C.
Edgar Prevatte, 93 Seaboard St., E. Rockingham, N. C.
James A. Savage, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
Jonas E. Summy, Box 134, Boger City, N. C.
W. A. Todd, 307 S. Main St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Carl Brown, E. Rockingham, N. C.
Carl Moree, E. Rockingham, N. C.
James Corder, E. Rockingham, 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 cooperating 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 enroled 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 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 Woman'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, 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 but 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—Mildred Russell, East Rockingham, N. C.

Boger City—Mrs. Pearl Schull, Rt. 5, Lincolnton, N. C.

Ben Avenue—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C.

Bethany—

Caroleen—Mrs. Lucille Waters, Caroleen, N. C.

Cedar Grove—

Cramerton—W. A. Rabb, Cramerton, N. C.

Fair View—Annie L. Griffin, Rockingham, N. C.

First Gastonia—W. E. Sawyer, Gastonia, N. C.

First Marion—Leroy Grant, Marion, N. C.

East Belmont—Letha Farmer, Gen. Del., Belmont, N. C.

East Lincolnton—Mrs. Viola Haye, Lincolnton, N. C.

Goshen—Arthur G. Hooker, Box 224, N. Belmont, N. C.

Independence Square—Mrs. Edna Goforth, Kannapolis, N. C.

King's Mountain—Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Pinkney Sta., Box 2112, Gastonia, N. C.

Lowell—Mrs. Goldman Cook, Lowell, N. C.

Mable Avenue—Mrs. Bill Cox, 600 East Tenth St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—Wilma Smathers, Marion, N. C.
Mt. Carmel—
Mt. Holly—K. H. Robertson, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Elmer Haskins, Kannapolis, N. C.
Near Calvary—Mrs. Otis Bivens, Rt. 1, Lexington, N. C.
Near the Cross—Mr. Clifford Lee Furr
Robbins Circle—Gertie Howard, Lexington, N. C.
Roberson Creek—Violet Poteat, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.
Stanley—James Nichols, Stanley, N. C.
Valley View—Wilma Deal, Concord, N. C.
Wayside—A. W. Nowell, Charlotte, N. C.
Westover—Joyce Dowell, Kannapolis, N. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, July 31, 1953

Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina gathered together in annual session with the Westover Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., July 31, 1953 at 10:00 a. m. The Moderator, Rev. Walter Carter, called the body to devotions.

Visiting ministers at this session were: Revs. A. F. Lawter, S. A. Smith, R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson, E. R. Tyner, E. M. Goodman, Roy Calvert.

The clerk read the minutes. This was accepted.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Orphanage, made a report from the Orphanage and gave an interesting talk. The report is as follows:

PIEDMONT

General Fund	\$1,801.85
Clothing	220.00
Concert Class	1,245.60
Total	<u>\$3,267.45</u>

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to \$57.43.

At 11:00 o'clock the service was opened with a song "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Rev. Clyde Cox rendered two solos. A duet from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Morganton sang two songs. Rev. Walter Carter delivered the morning message.

Friday Afternoon

Brother D. D. Hunsucker led the body in song. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. E. Earwood.

Rev. M. L. Johnson delivered a report as Promotional Director of our State Convention.

The report of the Executive Board was made and accepted all but the first item of report No. 2.

It was moved and seconded that no charge be made for the Identification Ribbons, and an amendment was made that money already paid be refunded if requested by those who had paid for them.

It was moved and seconded that Moderator would instruct at the beginning of each session, the rules of voting.

Adjourned until 7:30 service.

Friday Evening

After singing by the congregation, and some very good special singing, which was enjoyed by all, two wonderful messages were delivered. First message, Rev. Paul Davis, Caroleen, N. C.; second, Rev. J. C. Calvert, Kannapolis, N. C.

Saturday Morning Session

Rev. J. B. Starnes led the Association in song. Meditation and prayer by Rev. John R. Newton. Church letters were called for at this time. Report of Committee on Committees was made and accepted by the body.

The deed of Osborne property was turned over to the Association trustees.

The report of Ordaining Council was made and adopted by the Association. The body gave the Council a vote of thanks for their work.

At this time, ordination papers and licenses were presented to qualifying ministers. Right hand of Christian fellowship was extended by Moderator. A prayer of ordination was made by Rev. Reynolds. The Association adjourned to meet back for business at 11:30.

At 11:30 the service opened with a song and a prayer. The report of the committees were made.

Rev. E. O. Connelly was elected on Executive Board to replace Rev. Harold Goforth whose time had expired. A minute of silent prayer was made for election of Association officers. Election was held immediately after prayer.

A move and second was made that all committees be appointed at first sitting of session approved by the body. Tracts were distributed at this time by Rev. J. B. Starnes.

The treasurer's report and promotional secretary's report were both accepted by a vote of ayes.

Committee on placement of next Association meeting recommended that we hold next session at Stanley Church. It was moved and passed by the body that the matter of South Carolina as border line be brought from table, and that the state line be boundary line for Piedmont Association. Rev. Wade Calvert was appointed to notify South Carolina of this decision.

Mrs. Roy Rikard was elected as delegate to State Convention.

The Association adjourned until the next regular session next year.

REV. WALTER CARTER, *Moderator*
REV. CLYDE COX, *Clerk*

Publications and Literature Committee Report

We have on hand the following:

1. Why the Atonement was Necessary	72
2. Hell or Endless Punishment of the Wicked	38
3. The Upper Room Ought	78
4. The One Foundation	34
5. Senior F. W. B. L. Manual	03
6. Tracts	2,900
Money in treasury	\$6.00

Home Mission Board Report

Aleo Church	\$ 25.00
Mt. Calvary, Marion, N. C.	5.00

Earnest Strickland	5.00
Rev. Walter Carter	5.00
Rev. Alfred Absher	5.00
G. T. Puckett	5.00
J. C. Calvert	5.00
Marion Buckner	5.00
Osborne Church	11.01
Goshen Church	20.00
Rev. W. H. Calvert	5.00
Cramerton Church	15.00
Received from Promotional Secretary	125.00
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Total	\$236.01
Paid on Osborne Church	226.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 10.01

Resolution

We, your Resolution Committee, see the need of more reverence during the Association. If you have to go out, ask permission from the Moderator.

We also see the need of all delegates being recognized and seated together.

MRS. NATHAN HOLT
MRS. WADE CALVERT
MRS. ROY RIKARD

Orphanage Committee Report

We, your Committee on Orphanage, suggest that each pastor of the Piedmont Association encourage their congregation to give as much as possible to the Orphanage concerning the Girls' Dormitory. A drive will be made some time this year.

FRED L. PRICE
WILLIAM CALVERT
MRS. L. H. CLAYTON

Temperance Committee Report

We, the Temperance Committee, do hereby make these recommendations:

That we conduct ourselves in a godly manner, and allow countenance of our face to be the same at all times. Also that we patronize no outlets where alcoholic beverages are sold.

REV. SHERMAN BRANCH
REV. J. C. CALVERT

Superannuation Committee Report

We, the Superannuation Committee, recommended to the pastors of our churches that they encourage their people to support this program.

REV. J. E. EARWOOD
REV. J. BASKINS
REV. PAUL DAVIS

Ministerial Support Committee Report

Realizing that so many of our pastors are underpaid, we recommend that the officials of these churches see that their pastors are paid according to the cost of living.

We also recommend that each church support Superannuation.

REV. L. H. CLAYTON

REV. MITCHELL W. DAVIS

Education Committee Report

We, the Education Committee, recommend that all our Free Will Baptists who are interested and can, attend our Bible College in Nashville and the Mt. Allen Junior College, and are urging the pastors and their congregations to support the colleges in which they are in need of a dining room. We also recommend each pastor to urge each teacher to study the treatise along with the Bible so they will be qualified to teach when they are called.

GEORGIA CALVERT

REV. MARVIN SMITH

Sunday School Committee Report

We, your Committee on Sunday School, suggest that each Sunday school set up a board, including Sunday school superintendent and pastor, to help work with Sunday school teachers and pupils to promote better fellowship and understanding in the school. Also to plan socials and outings for each class. We also suggest that each school have one study course in Sunday school work each year.

REV. ROY RIKARD

REV. JOHN NEWTON

MRS. HAZEL BROWN

Finance Committee Report

We, your Committee on Finance, do submit the following:

1—We pay the clerk \$50.00

2—We pay for form program leaflets for the year of 1953

3—We pay delegates expense to State Convention

4—That church calling for the Executive Board, or Ordaining Council bear expense, or if they go for Association, the Association shall bear the expense.

MR. D. D. HUNSUCKER

REV. E. O. CONNELLY

REV. JOHN R. NEWTON

Treasurer's Report

In Treasury last Association	\$ 20.05
Received last Association	266.00
Received from Cedar Grove	10.00
Received from Wayside	5.00
Received from Mt. Beulah	5.50

Received from Mable Avenue	8.00
Received from Charlotte Church	4.00
Received from Ben Avenue Fellowship	17.50

Total	\$336.05
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Paid Out:

For Clerk Service	\$ 50.00
Program Leaflets	25.00
Radio Program	20.00
Ribbons	34.59
Envelopes	23.00
Minutes	140.15
Miscellaneous	13.57
Picture and Cut	5.50

Total	\$311.81
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 24.24
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MR. D. D. HUNSUCKER, *Treasurer*

Promotional Secretary's Report of the Piedmont Association

CHURCHES VISITED

MONEY RECEIVED

Mable Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.	\$ 12.00
Cramerton, Cramerton, N. C.	22.84
Goshen, N. Belmont, N. C.	59.04
Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, N. C.	31.43
Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, N. C.	6.00
First, Marion, N. C.	18.40
Caroleen, Caroleen, N. C.	4.65
East Belmont, E. Belmont, N. C.	6.53
Miscellaneous	2.21

Money Given to Charlotte Church by:

Goshen	25.00
Cramerton	25.00
Mt. Holly	17.10

Total Received	\$230.20
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Paid Out:

Home Mission Board	\$125.00
Promotional Secretary	38.10
Charlotte Church	67.10

Total Paid Out	\$230.20
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Balance in Treasury00
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Record of the Proceeding of the Ministers' Conference

The Free Will Baptist ministers of the Piedmont Association gathered together for the tenth annual session of the Ministers' Conference with the Westover Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., July 30, 1953. The body was called to devotions at 10:00 a. m. by the Moderator.

The following were elected to office for the coming year: Rev. Roy Rikard, Moderator; Rev. Clyde Cox, assistant; and Rev. B. L. Shook, Clerk. The conference adjourned until next meeting.

Ladies' Auxiliary Report

	MEMBERS	CON. DUES
Ben Avenue		
Mrs. Daisy Wike, Box 1004, Rt. 8, Concord, N. C.	17	\$ 5.10
First, Gastonia		
Mrs. J. B. Bouldin, Smyae Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	10	3.00
Mable Avenue		
Mrs. Bill Cox, 600 E. Tenth St., Kannapolis, N. C.	12	3.60
Goshen		
Mrs. Ethel Price, 112 S. Fork St., Belmont, N. C.	15	4.50
Cramerton		
Mrs. Robert Parris, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	36	9.00
Aleo		
Mrs. Cleo Gerald, 8th Ave., E. Rockingham, N. C.	33	9.00
Marion		
Mrs. Beulah Brooks, Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.	35	5.00
Westover		
Mrs. Raymond Buff, Rt. 3, Kannapolis, N. C.	10	2.00
Mt. Holly		
Mrs. Elizabeth Norwood, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.	11	3.30
Mt. Zion		
Mrs. L. H. Clayton, Kannapolis, N. C.	10	3.00
Stanley		
Mrs. Sherman Branch, Box 669, Stanley, N. C.	19	5.70
Cedar Grove		
Mrs. Bessie Absher, Rt. 1, China Grove, N. C.	30	
Independence Square	6	1.80
King's Mountain		
Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Pinknet Sta., Gastonia, N. C.	8	
Near the Cross		
Mrs. Arbutus Helms, 201 E. Phipper St., Monroe, N. C.		
Total	246	\$55.00

The Ordaining Council Report

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

Aug. 23, 1952, we met with the Cramerton Church, and ordained Rev. O. G. Phillips, and licensed Rev. T. W. Smith.

Aug. 30, 1952, we met at Lowell Church and ordained Rev. C. E. Morgan. He is no longer with the Piedmont Association.

Nov. 22, 1952, met at Mt. Zion Church. We exchanged papers, and received Rev. J. C. Rogers from the Pee Dee into the Piedmont Ministers Conference. Ordained Rev. J. Harold Donahue, Rev. James A. Baskins, and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.

Nov. 29, 1952, we met with Cardova Church. Received Rev. Kenney Hopkins from Rockfish to Piedmont Conference. Ordained Rev. Clyde Cox, Rev. William McGuage, Rev. Dennis Idol, Rev. Raymond Cook, and Rev. Cloy Lee Helms. Licensed Rev. William Johnson, Rev. W. E. Choirs, Rev. William Knotts, and Rev. Sherman Wallace.

Dec. 20, 1952, met at Robbins Circle Church. Licensed Rev. J. C. Richardson, Jr. Received papers from Rev. Mack F. Crisp.

Feb. 20, 1953, we met at Charlotte, N. C. Received into Conference, and exchanged papers with Rev. J. R. Reynolds. Licensed Rev. Maxie Coleman and Rev. George L. Tench.

April 3, 1953, met with New Hope Church. Ordained Rev. Walter Ramsey and Rev. Paul Lanning. Licensed Rev. Ray McPherson.

June 27, 1953, met with Ben Avenue Church. Ordained Rev. James Skipper and Rev. Alton Mason. Licensed Rev. W. C. Eggers, Rev. J. E. Summey, Rev. Jullian King, Jr., Rev. Jess Mayberry, Rev. Carl Brown, and Rev. Edgar Prevatte.

July 30, 1953, met at Westover Church. Ordained Rev. J. K. Ballew and Rev. W. C. Eggers. Licensed Rev. E. W. Bridges.

July 31, 1953, met at Westover Church. Licensed Rev. H. Y. Taylor, Rev. H. L. Odcar, Rev. Leroy Grant, Rev. A. C. Small, and Rev. M. T. Sparks.

The Ordaining Council did recommend to the body the following:

All on-coming preachers to be licensed must serve at least three months under license before being ordained. Should such a one be called to pastor a church within this period, he will serve under an ordained minister whom the council may choose.

REV. L. H. CLAYTON, *Chairman*

REV. PAUL BROWN

REV. MITCHELL DAVIS

REV. NATHAN HOLT

REV. J. E. EARWOOD

Executive Board Report

August 16, 1952, the Executive Board met at the Goshen Grove Church in North Belmont, N. C. A quorum was present. The meeting called to order by the Moderator. A move and second was made and passed upon that money that is in Home Mission Treasury that was to be used for Assembly Ground be reserved for that purpose of purchasing a Camp Ground, and all other offerings that are sent in "earmarked" for that fund.

Move and second that our treasurer pay Bro. Carter for envelopes purchased for promotional work.

Move that Bro. Carter be treasurer of promotional work funds temporarily until committee appointed select one.

Move to adjourn was in order at this time.

August 30, 1952, the Executive Board met at N. Belmont, N. C.

A move was made and passed upon that the Executive Board authorize the Clerk to write Rev. Clyde Cox a letter to the effect that we would stand behind him in the work at Pine Grove F. W. B. Church.

It was moved and passed upon that we grant Piney Grove and Kershaw Churches in South Carolina a letter by their own request, to the South Carolina Association in good standing.

It was moved and passed upon that we give the promotional worker 40% of the offerings he solicits as his salary.

November 29, 1952, the Executive Board met at New Hope Church, Rockingham, N. C.

The Board authorized Calvary Church of Kershaw, S. C., a letter of dismission in good standing from the Piedmont Association.

October 18, 1952, the Executive Board met at the Westover Church. A move and second and passed upon to accept Lakewood F. W. B. Church into the Piedmont Association.

Move and second that Trustees handle all papers concerning church property and keep records on same.

A move to adjourn was in order.

October 17, 1952, the Executive Board met in Rockingham, N. C. A motion and second was made that the Hopewell Community Church be accepted as a member of the Piedmont Association (Subject to the approval of the Association).

January 31, 1953, the Executive Board met at Monroe, N. C.

Motion and second to question Bro. McManus about Wayside Church of Monroe. Motion and second to accept Wayside Church into the Piedmont Association.

Motion and second to contact churches to provide work for college students this summer.

Motion and second to purchase Identification Ribbons for ministers and delegates of Piedmont Association.

C Motion to amend: All delegates and ministers must have identification ribbons for voice and vote on floor at association.

Motion and second that Association pay for cut of Westover Church.

Motion and second that Rev. Carter, Rev. Shook, and Mr. Hunsucker be program committee.

February 14, 1953, the Executive Board met at Charlotte.

Wayside F. W. B. Church accepted into Piedmont Association.

Motion and second that Revs. Carter, Calvert, and Hart examine church as delegated committee, on their approval accepted by Executive Board.

March 1953, met in Rockingham, N. C.

Motion and second that Cordova F. W. B. Church be accepted into the Association.

April 4, 1953, the Executive Board met in Lexington, N. C.

A motion and second was made that the Chairman of Ordaining Council give Executive Board (in writing) reason for not giving Rev. Jacobs Associational License.

Motion and second that Rev. Benton re-organize the League as the representative of League work of the Piedmont Association.

Motion and second to accept Calvary Church of Lexington, N. C., into the Piedmont Association.

May 24, 1953, met at Ben Avenue Recreation Building, Kannapolis, N. C.

Motion and second that Executive Board work with Ordaining Council to recall credentials of ministers who are not a member of Association.

Motion and second to investigate Meadowview Church.

June, 1953, met at Rockingham, N. C.

Motion and second to secure property of former Methodist Church, and that Bro. Carter take necessary financial steps to make retainer fee in order to buy said church property.

July 31, 1953, met at Westover Church. Brown proxy for Benton.

The Executive Board recommends the continual use of National Treatise to the Piedmont Association, and further, we recommend to the State Convention that those items which said State Convention desire to have in National Treatise be proposed to National Revision Committee, for the purpose of having a united rule, nationally.

Motion and second that clerk notify various auxiliaries of churches when Executive Board meets.

Motion and second that clerk write an article to press concerning this year's work.

Executive Board recommends that church who entertains annual Association shall advertise ferreently by radio, newspaper, or any other means for the promotion of our Association.

Executive Board recommends a committee of three to place meeting of annual Association.

Executive Board recommends to Association delegates that when a church needs a pastor that they investigate from his local church as to whether he attends, tithes, and is sound in doctrine, and if he is not in good standing, not to call said minister.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. WALTER CARTER, *Moderator*

B. L. SHOOK, *Clerk*

J. B. STARNES

D. BENTON

H. COFORTH

D. HUNSUCKER, *Treasurer*

W. CALVERT

Report of Funds Handled from the Piedmont Association

By the Promotional Department, August 1, 1952 to July 30, 1953

Cragmont:

No record of any donation.

Education:

Total sent through this office\$ 253.58

Superannuation:

Total received from Piedmont District 75.00

Amount paid in pensions to Piedmont Ministers 120.00

Received more than sent in\$ 45.00

Church Finance Association, Inc.:

Amount of Membership Fees during the year none

Total Membership Fees in the Association from the Piedmont\$ 114.50

Total amount of Loans made to Piedmont churches 25,800.00

Total amount of loans made by the C. F. A. I. 117,047.45

Amount of loans now being used by the Piedmont 6,940.00

State Promotional Work:

No record of gifts from Piedmont District.

Number Piedmont Churches reporting to State Convention in 1952-10.

Donations sent by Piedmont Churches to the 1952 Session of the State Convention—\$54.00.

M. L. JOHNSON

Promotional-Director

Name of Church	Location	Members Received	Baptized	Dismissed	By Death	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Building and Repairs	Education	Orphanage	Total Value Church Property	Other Salaries
Aleo	E. Rockingham	52	20	20	2	300	\$3,900.00	\$250.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 10.00	\$3,232.71	\$ 125.00	\$300.00	\$38,400.00	\$
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	11	6	8	2	149	3,730.00	160.00	15.00		1,896.28	46.71	102.00	18,500.00	519.00
Bethany	Wadesboro	15	11	1	1	70	1,000.00	125.00		5.00	250.00			2,500.00	
Boger City	Boger City	7	2			57	439.00	112.19			976.12			2,000.00	
Caroleen	Caroleen	21	8	1	3	146	2,880.00	150.00			1,300.00	120.00		56,000.00	
Cedar Grove	Concord	10	10			88	551.90	75.00	200.00					5,000.00	
Cramerton	Cramerton	39	12	7	3		5,200.00	350.00	75.00	240.00	5,000.00	1,000.00		59,800.00	
Fair View	Rockingham	21				36	547.14	93.85	35.00		300.63			7,000.00	
First	Gastonia	11		13	1	100	2,850.00	56.25			3,085.35	55.00		5,550.00	
First	Marion	35	23	11	10		4,680.00	367.13	245.30	900.00	1,930.79	420.46		45,500.00	
East Belmont	Belmont	11	6			82	2,600.00	210.00			146.75		10.00	3,000.00	
East Lincolnton	Lincolnton	14	5			47		5.00			40.00				
Goshen	Belmont	21	6	8	1	288	4,680.00	722.00	872.62		1,101.72	571.05		52,900.00	
Independence Square	Kannapolis	14		2		35	349.94				425.34			5,000.00	
King's Mountain	King's Mountain	9	14			45									
Lowell	Lowell	36	22	103	1	239	4,100.00	348.00	15.00	15.00	3,497.75	74.50	39.00	86,500.00	
Mable Avenue	Kannapolis	3		3		116	2,600.00	75.00			57.08	50.00		15,000.00	
Mt. Calvary	East Marion	8	4	4		29	166.27	99.10							
Mt. Carmel	Lexington						835.00	50.00							
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	7	4	2	1	196	3,560.00	200.00	333.33	50.00	827.90			17,000.00	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis	16				260	4,212.93	200.00		60.00	830.12		82.60		
Near Calvary	Lexington					30									
Near the Cross	Concord	13	7			51	274.75	40.00	40.00						
Robbins Circle	Lexington	21	2		1	26	52.63	36.00			50.25		120.00	2,000.00	
Roberson Creek	Bostic	1		6		14	126.01	77.17			108.75			1,500.00	
Stanley	Stanley	37	6	8		90	970.00	150.00			2,329.33			10,000.00	
Valley View	Concord	24	15	4		52								1,500.00	
Wayside	Charlotte	41	17	1		86	1,430.00	50.00	100.00			60.00	5.00	1,250.00	
Westover	Kannapolis	14		3		29			29.00		31.76			12,000.00	

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Church	Membership	Gain this Year	Money Received	Charity	Literature	Incidental	Pastoral Help	Building and Repairs	Convention Dues	Total Paid Out	Balance in Treasury
Ben Avenue.....	15	5	\$237.72	\$ 20.00	\$ ---	\$ 50.36	\$ ---	\$81.69	\$2.00	\$206.73	\$30.99
Goshen.....	30	4	190.75	135.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	5.39
Independence Square.....	10	10	179.50	46.47	2.65	68.66	5.00	56.67	---	179.45	.05
Mable Avenue.....	15	---	65.76	---	---	---	---	50.00	---	50.00	15.76
Mt. Zion.....	13	5	148.76	---	---	41.76	10.00	45.00	---	96.76	52.00

Statistical Report of Ministers Who Pastored Churches

Name	No. of Churches	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Professions	Baptized	Marriages Performed	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Received	Money Given	Miles Traveled
Alfred Absher	1	231	2	25	20	2	301	---	---	\$ 575.90	\$225.00	3,200
Sherman Branch	1	125	1	150	11	---	2	50	3	800.00	200.00	20,000
Noah Brown	2	98	---	42	26	1	1	15	3	3,375.00	---	---
W. S. Burns	1	70	10	67	36	1	5	180	6	2,600.00	---	---
J. C. Calvert	1	110	1	25	---	---	1	150	52	2,750.00	400.00	20,000
W. H. Calvert	1	152	3	40	6	3	10	---	3	5,130.00	700.00	---
Walter Carter	1	259	9	---	35	4	23	---	---	---	---	---
L. H. Clayton	1	190	5	150	---	1	2	44	---	5,000.00	600.00	25,000
Paul Clayton	1	88	---	11	8	---	---	10	3	166.00	167.00	---
E. O. Connelly	1	132	3	45	8	1	8	300	104	3,278.55	340.00	14,000
Raymond J. Cook	2	150	7	40	5	---	2	40	---	75.00	150.00	---
Clyde W. Cox	1	76	2	24	6	---	1	50	30	900.00	320.00	15,000
Mitchell W. Davis	1	144	2	110	22	1	8	417	---	4,349.00	497.45	9,600
Paul Davis	1	120	1	20	5	2	2	200	10	1,700.00	300.00	3,000
J. I. Deal	1	124	---	20	15	3	---	150	20	---	450.00	25,000
J. E. Earwood	1	130	---	25	4	---	4	350	50	300.00	150.00	16,000
J. E. Floyd	1	250	7	369	21	6	17	450	6	5,380.00	830.00	25,000
Harold Goforth	1	150	1	30	---	2	2	100	10	349.94	252.03	---
N. W. Holt	2	111	1	23	20	1	3	500	2	350.00	450.00	20,000
C. B. Hopkins	2	104	---	---	---	---	6	---	55	630.00	280.00	---
Ernest King	1	50	---	6	---	---	---	50	10	---	150.00	---
Paul J. Lanning	1	125	1	20	10	1	1	75	1	---	---	5,000
A. E. Lingefelt	1	80	---	15	---	---	---	35	---	72.00	---	11,500
C. W. Maness	1	451	2	21	11	2	4	---	5	---	---	50,000
William J. Meredith	1	75	---	50	8	---	---	50	---	5.00	15.00	900
John R. Newton	1	125	1	20	6	---	3	250	50	2,700.00	300.00	15,000
Norman Perkins	1	125	1	83	4	---	4	150	30	3,860.00	800.00	25,000
R. J. Reynolds	1	260	---	45	17	---	14	---	35	1,430.00	280.00	10,000
Roy Rikard	1	62	2	44	30	4	4	100	---	5,500.00	530.00	30,000
Carl Roland	1	132	2	127	22	4	9	41	23	1,300.00	237.00	9,320
H. J. Sawyer	1	91	---	11	8	---	---	40	---	541.00	316.00	1,000
R. P. Sawyer	1	35	---	3	---	---	1	10	10	---	25.00	---
Boyd Shook	1	141	6	---	---	---	9	---	---	3,890.00	---	26,000
J. B. Starnes	2	104	2	---	10	4	6	---	---	2,500.00	---	---

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Church	Supt. and Address	Number on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Offerings	Total Offerings	In Treasury	Kind of Literature	Number of Classes	No. of Departments
Aleo	Lonnie Clark, 5th Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.	300	228	\$200.16	\$10,408.53	\$750.00	F.W.B.	10	10
Ben Avenue	Earnest Lewis, R.F.D. 4, Box 306, Kannapolis, N. C.	94	85	15.00	78.00		F.W.B.	6	4
Bethany	Odis Privatte, Wadesboro, N. C.	113	75	30.00	1,332.00	50.00	F.W.B.	4	4
Boger City	J. E. Summie, Boger City, N. C.	50	35	5.00	196.41		F.W.B.	3	1
Caroleen	Jerry Connelly, Rt. 1, Forest City, N. C.	155	114	94.48	4,912.88	266.22	F.W.B.	5	5
Cedar Grove	Charlie Kirk, Rt. 3, Concord, N. C.	50	45	4.50	228.00	3.75	F.W.B.	1	1
East Lincolnton	Mrs. Bendall Chambers, Cherryville, N. C.	50	25	5.00	260.00	50.00	F.W.B.	3	1
First Church, Gastonia	J. B. Baulchin, Gastonia, N. C.	115	85	12.00		55.50	F.W.B.		
First, Marion	Wilson Stone, Clinchfield, Sta., Marion, N. C.	238	200	16.74	830.65		F.W.B.	8	5
Independence Square	Roscoe Moffett, Rt. 1, Box 231, Kannapolis, N. C.	64	50	4.52	255.04	54.21	F.W.B.	5	0
King's Mountain	E. O. Powell, Rt. 3, King's Mountain, N. C.	62	55	2.50	33.84	13.63	F.W.B.	3	
Lowell	Curtis Haney, Lowell, N. C.	176	125	12.00	156.00		F.W.B.	6	6
Mable Avenue	Henry Bullock, Rt. 1, Box 513, Kannapolis, N. C.	90	85	47.00		142.46	F.W.B.	8	
Mt. Carmel		80	65		235.36	14.10		4	
Mt. Holly	Willie Matthews, Rt. 1, Stanley, N. C.	144	141	22.91	1,168.60	203.78	F.W.B.	6	3
Near Calvary	Willie Thomason, Rt. 1, Lexington, N. C.	58	58	5.00		19.86	F.W.B.	3	
Near the Cross	George Goodman, Rt. 3, Concord, N. C.	82	55	11.63	605.00		F.W.B.	6	1
Mt. Zion	Paul Carter, Rt. 3, Box 274, Kannapolis, N. C.	80	66	6.40	333.12	17.15	F.W.B.	6	
Roberson Creek	Charles E. Sisk, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.	41	17	2.11	109.50	35.48	F.W.B.		
Robbins Circle	W. B. Queen, Rt. 5, Lexington, N. C.	48	45	5.50	135.37	12.46	F.W.B.	3	
Valley View	C. P. Deal, P. O. Box 401, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	62	29	2.40	124.09		F.W.B.	4	4
Westover	H. A. Smith, Sr., Rt. 3, Box 369, Kannapolis, N. C.	74	45	4.09	73.52	.43	F.W.B.	5	

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

	<i>On Roll</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>To Education</i>	<i>To Missions</i>	<i>For Superannuation</i>	<i>To Orphanage</i>	<i>For Promotional Work</i>	<i>To Cragmont</i>	<i>To Convention Treasury</i>	<i>Camp Fund</i>
Goshen Grove, N. Belmont, N. C.	257	\$ 7,101.33	\$194.00	\$ 245.00	\$26.25	\$398.75	\$ 87.00	\$ 88.70	\$10.00	\$
Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.	137	538.72				30.00			4.00	
Caroleen, Caroleen, N. C.	201	4,263.26				53.20			10.00	
Cramerton, Cramerton, N. C.	312	1,758.46	180.00				120.00		10.00	
Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C.	75	442.72				22.36			4.00	
First Church, Marion, N. C.	253	1,359.04	500.00	1,125.00		161.00		20.00	4.00	
Mable Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.	122	3,022.97				65.68			10.00	
Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, N. C.	178	1,080.64							10.00	
Cedar Grove, Concord, N. C.	40	226.87				30.00			3.00	
Mt. Calvary, West Marion, N. C.	49	79.54							2.00	
East Belmont, Belmont, N. C.	65	991.92							2.00	
Lowell, Lowell, N. C.	138	699.61							10.00	
Stanley, Stanley, N. C.	67	512.88							2.00	
The Sunday School Convention				50.00		43.87				237.49
Totals	1,896	\$22,077.96	\$874.00	\$1,420.00	\$26.25	\$804.86	\$207.00	\$108.70	\$81.00	\$237.49

