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Church Directory

CHURCHES, LOCATIONS AND PASTORS

Aleo—E. Rockingham, N. C.—Walter Carter
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Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—William Calvert
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—W. C. Eggers
Calvary—Concord, N. C.
Cedar Grove—Alfred Absher
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard
Dallas—Dallas, N. C.—John Owens
East Belmont—Belmont, N. C.—Owen Ganey
East Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—E. J. Faulkner
Fairview—Rockingham, N. C.—George Bullard
Fifth Street—Gastonia, N. C.—J. C. Richardson
First—Gastonia, N. C.—N. W. Holt
First—Stanley, N. C.—E. R. Tyner
Goshen—N. Belmont, N. C.—Ralph Staten
Independence Square—Kannapolis, N. C.—Harold Goforth
Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain, N. C.—Paul Lanning
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Howard Taylor
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—Seldon Bullard
Maple Avenue—Rockingham, N. C.—W. F. McQuage
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—R. J. Reynolds
Near Calvary—Lexington, N. C.—W. W. Howard
Near the Cross—Albemarle, N. C.—J. B. Lewis
New Hope
Roberson Creek—Bostic, N. C.—M. T. Sparks
Wayside—Charlotte, N. C.—Robert Hagler
Westside—Charlotte, N. C.—Maxie Coleman
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—E. G. Lawing
South Point—Belmont, N. C.—Glen Russell
Mountain View—Spencer Mountain, N. C.—Homer Savage

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 sisters 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 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 or 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 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

Alco—Mrs. Mildred Russell, Rockingham, N. C.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Floyd Sheets, Kannapolis, N. C.

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

Boger City—Mrs. Pearl Shull, Boger City, N. C.

Cramerton—Curtis Smith, Cramerton, N. C.

Calvary—Mary Cox, Concord, N. C.

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Bessie Absher, Route 2, Box 471, Kannapolis, N. C.

Dallas—Jeanette Frisbee, Dallas, N. C.

East Belmont—Mrs. Howard McLean, Belmont, N. C.

East Lincolnton—Miss Anita Shutts, Lincolnton, N. C.

Fairview—Mrs. Anne Griffin, Rockingham, N. C.

First Gastonia—W. E. Sawyer, Gastonia, N. C.
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Kings Mountain—Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Lowell—Mrs. Anne Oventore, Lowell, N. C.
Mable Avenue—Katherine Collins, Kannapolis, N. C.
Maple Avenue—Mrs. Eva Blake, Rockingham, N. C.
Mt. Holly—Cora Lea Mullis, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Fifth Avenue—Mrs. Anne Busler, Gastonia, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Elmer Haskins, Kannapolis, N. C.
Near Calvary—Mrs. W. W. Howard, Lexington, N. C.
Near the Cross—Clifford Furr, Albemarle, N. C.
New Hope—Mrs. Christine Wensil, Kannapolis, N. C.
Roberson Creek—Violet Poteat, Bostic, N. C.
Wayside—A. W. Newell, Charlotte, N. C.
Westside—Johnny Thomas, Charlotte, N. C.
Westover—Mrs. Mary Lawing, Kannapolis, N. C.
South Point—Geneva Richards, Belmont, N. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING AUGUST, 3, 1956

The Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina convened in annual session with the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church of N. Belmont, North Carolina, August 3, 1956.

The session opened with congregational singing led by the Rev. Robert Hagler. Brother Hagler read the devotional and led the body in prayer.

The clerk welcomed the body and introduced the moderator, Rev. Ralph Staten, who was also host pastor.

The moderator gave the welcome address. The response was given by Brother McDonald who is treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

The moderator declared the house opened for business and called upon the credentials committee to give a partial report of the church letters received. Moved and seconded that this report be received and the delegates be seated.

The moderator read the rules of decorum contained in the program.

Moved and seconded that we adopt the printed program. Motion carried.

The moderator then called for the recognizing of the visitors. The following visitors were recognized at this time: Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Philbeck of the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina, and Rev. A. W. Lawter, also of the Beaver Creek Association, visited later during the session.

Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. McDonald of the National Headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee, were also recognized.

The Rev. K. V. Shutes of the National Superannuation Board gave an informative report on superannuation in which he urged each church to support this phase of our denominational work.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Brother Hunsucker.

Brother L. H. Clayton opened the devotions by reading from the 133th Psalm.

The moderator made the announcements and declared the house open for business.

The ministers' conference report was called for and adopted.

The report of the nominating committee was called for and adopted.

Moved and seconded that the resolutions, temperance and finance boards be changed to committees. Motion carried.

A report on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex was

given by Mrs. Farmer and was received as information. An offering of \$17.87 was received for the home.

A report was received from Rev. McDonald of the Bible College and adopted as information.

Brother Mitchell Davis came before the body at this time asking the forgiveness of the association and expressing the desire to be taken into the fellowship of the association.

Moved and seconded that we forgive Brother Davis and extend to him the right hand of Christian fellowship. This was done and the Lord wonderfully blessed his children.

Moved to adjourn until the next appointed sitting. Motion carried.

FRIDAY EVENING

Worship service with Rev. John R. Newton bringing the evening message.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with congregation singing led by Brother Hunsucker.

Devotion opened by Rev. Dixon, reading from Romans 12, and leading in prayer.

The moderator made the announcements and declared the house open for business.

The reports of all boards and committees were called for and received.

The moderator was empowered by the body to appoint corresponding delegates to The Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina. The following were appointed: Rev. N. W. Holt, Rev. N. B. Perkins, Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. R. J. Sawyer and Sisters Rikard and Holt.

Moved and seconded that Brother Staten write a letter informing the Beaver Creek Association of the activities of this association. Motion carried.

The following delegates were elected to the state convention: Mrs. N. W. Holt, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. L. H. Clayton.

Moved and seconded that our moderator be empowered to appoint alternate delegates to our state and national conventions from the floor of the respective conventions. Motion carried.

The following were elected as delegates to the national convention: Mr. J. W. Wooten, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. Walter Carter and Mrs. William Calvert.

The Piedmont Bible Institute gave a report at this time. Moved that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Brother L. M. Pierce came before the body asking to be forgiven and received into the fellowship of the association. Moved and seconded that we forgive Brother Pierce and extend to him the right hand of Christian fellowship. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn until the afternoon session. Motion carried.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing, "Near the Cross," led by Rev. Robert Hagler.

Devotional and prayer by Rev. Howard Taylor.

The house was called to order by the moderator.

The following men were appointed by the moderator to serve on the masters of men board: Rev. Howard Goforth, chairman, Claude Eagle, Charles Moss, Amos Watson, Jack Abernathy.

Moved and seconded that the limitations to one member holding two associational offices be limited only to the ordaining council and executive board. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the trustees of the association be elected indefinitely. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we receive Mountain View Church of Spencer Mountain, North Carolina, into the association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we have a monthly bulletin printed With Rev. Ralph Staten as editor. This bulletin to be mimeographed and sent to the churches. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that each church elect a reporter to this paper. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to have the next association at Independence Square Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers' Conference of The Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina, at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, November 26, 1955.

The congregation sang "Since Jesus Came into My Heart," led by Rev. Billy Allen. Rev. Howard Taylor led in the opening prayer.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the printed program. Motion carried.

The following visitors were recognized by the body: Rev. A. W. Lawter of Lockhart, South Carolina, and Rev. Philbeck of Clover, South Carolina.

Rev. L. H. Clayton gave the welcome address; he was the host pastor.

The watchword for the day was taken from Mark 13:35. The devotion-al was taken from Matthew 16:18. The theme for the day was "Building up the Church."

The program featured talks on the methods of building up the church by various ministers of the denomination.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn for lunch. Motion carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with congregational singing led by the clerk.

Devotional reading from 1 Timothy 3:15, read by Rev. James Skipper. Rev. J. A. Baskins led in the opening prayer.

The body resumed the talks on how to build up the church until the business session.

The house was declared open for business by the moderator, Rev. J. R. Newton. The following business was attended:

The moderator ruled that this body meet the last Saturday in January.

Motion made and seconded that each member continue to buy his meals when attending these conferences.

Motion made and seconded that the churches be selected alphabetically, beginning with Mable Street Church of Rockingham, as the meeting place for this conference and unless a pastor's absence is excused by sickness his church will be skipped. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that hereafter we pay Brother Staten for the printing of the programs. Motion carried.

The ordaining council presented to the body, as information, a statement that they will use the state questionnaire as a guide for ordaining ministers until they meet and draw up their question blanks.

The body discussed the duties of the ordaining council.

Motion made and seconded that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried.

A constitution for the ministers' conference was presented for adoption. Motion made and seconded that the constitution be adopted item by item. All items were adopted except item three which stated that the ordaining council will be officers of this conference. Motion made and seconded to strike out this item. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adopt the rules regulating the amending of this constitution. Motion carried.

The ordaining council took charge of the service for the purpose of carrying out the business of granting a license to preach.

Rev. J. J. Brooks brought the message.

A License was granted to Rev. Harold Cook, and the conference extended the right hand of fellowship.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

J. R. Newton, Moderator
Billy Allen, Clerk

REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

We, your orphanage committee, realizing the great responsibility placed

upon our church to care for our needy children, submit the following recommendations:

That each church work out a budget for the year to include support for the orphanage; and that each church take a special offering for this purpose each fifth Sunday.

We further recommend that an offering be taken for the orphanage at each associational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ralph Staten

Mr. Ernest Lewis

Miss Joanne Rikard

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Since the Free Will Baptist church is becoming awakened to the fact that he that is of the gospel, should live of the gospel, and the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that we should do something for the men of God who have worn themselves out in the ministry and help the young preachers have an endowment, we urge every church to receive offerings for superannuation and send it to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, North Carolina. He will keep 90% to give monthly checks to the old ministers of North Carolina and send to the National Board of Superannuation, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, 10% of same.

We urge every church to help their preacher have a \$2,000 endowment through the National Board of Superannuation by the church paying half of the minister's endowment and the minister paying half.

The ministers from 21 to 55 years of age can be endowed. He will write to the National Board of Superannuation and send his age and whether he wants an endowment at 65 or 70 and an application blank be sent to him. He will have it notarized and send back to the office. This endowment is 17% lower than he can get anywhere else.

We have over 1,700 ministers and about 1,600 of them do not have this endowment. So this is why the National Board of Superannuation is asking the churches to help their ministers have this endowment.

The income to the national board is so limited until they have endowed 63 ministers in 10 years. But if our churches will help by paying half of the minister's endowment, we can endow the ministers much faster by far. You will only be indebted to pay your present pastor's endowment. When a pastor is gone from your church, you will not be obligated to pay his any longer.

Roy Rikard

E. R. Tyner

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That each church pay 15c per year per member to the association. This should include all members, both active and inactive.

2. That the association pay a bill of \$10.10 for the feeding of the children from the Children's Home while they are visiting with us.

3. That the clerk of the association be raised \$10.00. This will make his salary \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hagler

L. H. Smith

D. W. Hunsucker.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on temperance, do hereby recommend:

1. That the association go on record as favoring a statewide referendum on the sale of alcoholic beverages.

2. That the clerk of the association contact the Allied Church League informing same of our support.

3. That each pastor inform his church of this action and request that special prayer be offered for this cause.

4. That each church send telegrams or letters to state senators and representatives urging them to take this matter into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Juilus Sawyer

Rev. Arson Dixon

Rev. Billy Yawn

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

In Treasury Last Association	\$ 86.96
Received Last Association	306.59
Received from Stanley Church	5.00
Received from Roberson Creek Church	2.00
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Total Receipts	\$401.15

Expenditures

Paid Orphanage	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk Salary	50.00
Rev. William Calvert's Expenses to Mt. Olive	10.00
Delegates' Expenses to State Convention	30.00
Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes and Postage	239.84
Executive Board Expenses to Belmont	2.00
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Total Expenditures	357.33
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 43.82

D. W. Hunsucker, Treasurer

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

July, 1955

The ordaining council met with the Wayside Church of Charlotte following the meeting of the association and the ministers' conference.

Rev. J. J. Brooks was elected secretary.

November 26, 1955

The ordaining council met with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

A very inspiring address was delivered by Rev. Carter, chairman of the council. Prayer was offered by Rev. Alfred Absher.

By motion it was decided to accept the ministers' examination form only as a guide by which to introduce one which will meet the approval and needs of the Piedmont Association and ministers' conference.

By motion the council decided to meet at the home of Rev. Brooks on December 2, 1955. The council will discuss the ministers' examination form and other things pertaining to their duty.

A letter was read by the secretary from the church of Lowell, North Carolina, recommending Brother Harold Cook for evangelistical license.

By motion the ordaining council adjourned.

December 2, 1955

The council met at the home of Rev. J. J. Brooks in Concord, North Carolina. Prayer was offered by Rev. Floyd Carver.

The council reviewed and discussed the examination forms for ministerial candidates. A decision was reached by the council and Rev. Brooks was appointed to have the forms mimeographed and bring them to the ministers' conference in Rockingham on January 28, 1956.

By motion it was agreed to grade the applicant first by the questions and second by his cooperation with the council.

By motion every minister who has served under licenses for one year is requested to appear before the council at Maple Street Church in Rockingham on January 28, 1956, at 10:00 a. m.

December 2, 1955

The council met at the Lowell Church and licensed Rev. Jack Carswell.

August 2, 1956

The council met at Goshen Church in N. Belmont, North Carolina.

Rev. Walter Carter, chairman of the council, recommended that each church recommending the ordination of a minister present him with a Bible.

The following men were ordained to the ministry: Arson Dixon, Robert Hagler and R. L. Lambert.

Rev. Joe Nations came before the council to receive our papers. Brother

Nations came to us from the Missionary Baptist church of which he was an ordained minister.

The following were licensed to preach the gospel: Rev. Robert Riley and Rev. Ray Dawkins.

Brother Vannoy appeared before the council for license. Rev. Carter gave him a message of instruction on the need to study to be qualified for the gospel ministry.

Moved to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

March 24, 1956

The board met at the Dallas Church. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Calvert.

The United Free Will Baptist Church of Concord, North Carolina, petitioned by letter for membership in the association. Moved by Brother Clayton, second by Brother Calvert, that we receive the church into the association on the grounds of its letter and that the church be officially taken in by the board when we meet at the church on March 25. Motion carried.

Brother Clayton asked that a letter be sent to Rev. Carl Roland, pastor of the newly organized church at Clinchfield Station, Marion, North Carolina, inviting him to bring the church into the Piedmont Association.

Moved to adjourn.

March 25, 1956

The board met at the United Free Will Baptist Church in Concord. Brother Staten questioned the church on the faith and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist church.

Moved by Brother Hunsucker, second by Brother Clayton, and passed upon by the board that the church be received into full fellowship of the Piedmont Association.

April 28, 1956

The board met at the home of Rev. Norman Perkins at Mt. Holly, North Carolina.

The following recommendations were made by the board concerning the following matters:

We have received a petition from the minority group of the Lowell Church, but have not received a statement from the majority group concerning a mutual agreement to have a new conference. We do hereby recommend that this board postpone action upon this matter until the majority group consent to such meeting. The decision is based on the faith and practices of the Original Free Will Baptist, Page 48, Article 2.

Rev. Roy Rikard was appointed by the board to serve on the ordaining council.

May 5, 1956

The board met at Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis for the purpose of planning a program for the annual meeting of the association. After discussing the matter, the board voted to meet on May 15 at Cramerton and plan this program.

May 15, 1956

The board met at The Cramerton Church and drafted a program for the association.

Churches	Superintendents And Addresses	Number on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Offering	Total Offering	Unified Treasury	Number of Classes	Number of Departments	In Treasury	Kind of Literature Used
Independence Square ..	Andrew Barnette, Rt. 1, Mooresville	50	50	\$ 3.45	\$ 181.61		5	1	\$67.79	F.W.B.
Near the Cross	Raymond Ross, Rt. 3, Concord	103	58	7.85	392.43	Yes	6	6		F.W.B.
Mt. Zion	Boyce Pressley, Rt. 3, Kannapolis	80	74	5.54	288.11		6	6		F.W.B.
First Gastonia	R. B. Fletcher, 418 Avon St., Gastonia	127	132	25.15	1,307.80	Yes	10	1		F.W.B.

Ministers	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Baptized	Marriages Performed	Funerals Conducted	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Received	Miles Traveled	Money Given
William T. Allen	1	30	1	10	2	1	40	\$	1,000	\$	
L. H. Clayton	1	190	7	200	16	1	244		4,112.15	2,500	415.00
James E. Faulkner			1						21.00		200.00
Harold Donahue	1	75	1	15	5	1	10		100.00	5,000	150.00
James C. Richardson	1		2	26			3			16,000	
Lee Lawing	1	60		2			9		60.00	2,000	225.00
J. B. Lewis	1	90		7	4	2	2		620.00	8,000	150.00
E. O. Holcombe	1	85	2	13	4		25		180.00		220.00
H. B. Helms		52		8						2,100	193.80
Claude Vannoy		46	1	6			10		110.00		315.00
R. L. Lambert	1	75		30					680.00	6,500	312.00
N. W. Holt	1	132	2	80	40		5		200.00	30,000	500.00
Robert S. Hagler	1	218	6	178	8		2		2,185.00	28,000	235.00
L. M. Pierce		20					32				158.00
Maxie Coleman	1	173		35	5		15		191.74	15,000	350.00
E. C. Lawing	1	150	3	75	7	1	15		504.00	2,000	290.00
Jonas E. Summey		9	1				52		6.00		
Norman Perkins	1	125	3		4	17	30		4,075.00	25,000	511.50
David E. McDonald		23		3			30		14.00	3,000	13.00
E. R. Tyner	1	104	3	40	2	1	15		2,207.00	8,000	280.00
Howard Taylor	1	198	6	115	12	3	3		4,200.00	12,000	500.00
Ralph Staten	1	126	1	26	12	1	2		4,730.00	24,000	568.00
H. J. Sawyer		41		6			8		52.00	1,200	221.00
Ralph W. Willis		28		7			2			230	350.00
W. F. McQuage	1	120	1	60	10		1		3,870.00	40,000	400.00
John R. Newton	1	175		15	10		5		2,650.00		350.00
M. T. Sparks	1	84					16		402.46	5,030	312.23
George W. Goodman		75	2	18	2		1			4,000	500.00
W. W. Howard	1	36		7		1	25		100.00	1,000	150.00
Walter Carter	1	200	11		29	4	11			30,000	
Earnest King	1	50	1	3					35.00	24	150.00
Paul J. Lanning	1	170	2	95			12		250.00	4,000	250.00
Ray Heath		40		1			26			1,000	300.00
R. J. Reynolds	2	223	11	153			46		3,900.00	33,000	450.00
C. E. Bradburn		35		5			15		6.84	1,557	392.98
Billy Yawn		25		5			50			10,000	400.00
Homer Sauage	1	70	2	32	11		10		139.50		345.80
Harold Goforth	1	200	1	125	3	4	4		910.00	7,000	302.00
Jay L. Barbee		35	1	10			2			2,000	258.00
William H. Calvert	1	135		20	7		3		3,285.00	16,000	400.00
Herbert Faulkner	1	150		12							
W. C. Eggers	1	150	1	30					520.00		130.00

Churches	Location	Members Received			Death	Total Members	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Education	Orphanage	Value of Church Property	Other Salaries
Aloe	E. Rockingham	52	29	20		250	\$4,680.00	\$225.00		\$200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 55.00	\$304.37	\$ 33,500	\$
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	12	6	4		137	2,970.00	150.00	34.05	65.00	1,003.96			21,500	
Bethlehem	Kannapolis	4	2			45	1,535.00	135.00		20.00		25.00		13,000	
Boger City	Boger City	3		1		62	520.00	50.00			310.00			3,000	
Calvary	Kannapolis	10	5	9	1	28	140.00	25.00			225.00			7,570	
Cedar Grove	Kannapolis	5	3	5		50	655.97				1,010.60			5,500	
Cramerton	Cramerton	27	6	43		250	5,200.00	705.00	495.00	495.00	8,539.58	607.95	230.40	100,000	
Dallas	Dallas	26	12	12		49	416.00	75.00			650.00			2,000	
East Belmont	Belmont	14	7	1	1	75	2,600.00	180.00	14.00	25.00		210.00		4,000	
East Lincolnton	Lincolnton	7	2	5		35	65.00	15.00		8.14					
Fairview	Rockingham	6	4			16	160.00	71.00		75.66	490.00		77.50		
Fifth Avenue	Gastonia	6				56	282.36								
First	Gastonia	65	35	40		138	4,160.00	440.00	100.00	103.25	3,500.00	382.00		50,000	
Goshen	N. Belmont	18	11	1		148	4,680.00	215.70	88.04	624.00	2,677.12	488.46		76,000	
Independence Square	Kannapolis	8	3			69	910.00				1,594.42			10,000	
King's Mountain	King's Mountain	7				60	250.00				300.00				
Lowell	Lowell	47	12	7	2	167	3,890.00	315.00	2,000.00		2,000.00		35.00	76,500	
Mable Avenue	Kannapolis	9	3	4		127	3,000.00	160.00		102.96	204.83	52.99		20,500	
Maple Street	Rockingham	17	10	4	1	134	3,780.00	250.00	50.00	300.00				30,000	
Mt. Carmel	Lexington					23	1,040.00				82.77				
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	13	4	5	3	135	3,975.00	271.55	200.00		72.50			50,000	
Mountain View		25	11			25	25.00	5.00						600	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis	8	5		1	78	3,392.15	55.00		20.00	1,854.51		20.00	40,000	460.00
Near Calvary		2		5		20	100.00				600.00			2,000	
Near the Cross		11	5			43	772.00	114.63	42.02	5.00	1,000.00	99.23		3,200	
Roberson Creek					1	25	402.46	50.00			300.00			5,300	
Stanley	Stanley	35	5	8		107	2,304.00	87.00			400.00			15,000	
Wayside	Charlotte	13	8	18	1	85	3,815.00	65.42	228.00		1,083.00	88.93	51.90	5,500	
Westover	Kannapolis	3	1	1		37	540.00	107.00			600.00			12,000	
Westside	Charlotte	11	5	2		25	391.74	61.65	48.00		39.90	55.96			

