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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter Carter, Moderator.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert, Vice-Moderator.....	613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. William T. Allen, Clerk.....	Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.
Mr. C. W. Cleary, Reading Clerk.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert, Vice-Chairman.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. William T. Allen, Clerk.....	Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Reynolds (Term Expires 1960).....	Box 954, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. N. B. Perkins (Term Expires 1959).....	Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. M. T. Sparks (Term Expires 1958).....	7 Hawley St., Belmont, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. F. McQuage, Chairman (Term Expires 1958).....	Rt. 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secy. (Term Expires 1958).....	Box 3, N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. J. C. Calvert (Term Expires 1959).....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. George Bullard (Term Expires 1959).....	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. Homer Savage (Term Expires 1960).....	Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
Rev. Roy Rikard (Term Expires 1960).....	Cramerton, N. C.

TRUSTEES

Rev. Ralph Willis, Chairman.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. John Owens.....	Stanley, N. C.
Rev. Homer Savage.....	Lowell, N. C.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Ralph Staten.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
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PIEDMONT BIBLE BOARD

Rev. Roy Rikard, 1958.....	Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. Ralph Willis, 1959.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Ralph Staten, 1960.....	N. Belmont, N. C.

MISSION BOARD

J. W. Jones, 1958.....	Cramerton, N. C.
Ray Dawkins, 1959.....	
Norman Perkins, 1960.....	Mt. Holly, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Ralph Willis, 1958.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Mrs. George Bullard, 1959.....	Rockingham, N. C.
D. D. Hunsucker, 1960.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

LEAGUE BOARD

W. H. Calvert, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
James Cox, 1959.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Drexler Benton, 1960.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Georgia Mae Calvert, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Bertha McLain Tiner, 1959.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Mrs. M. T. Sparks, 1960.....	East Belmont, N. C.

ENCAMPMENT BOARD

Ralph Staten, 1958.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
John R. Newton, 1958.....	(Cramerton) Stanley, N. C.
Floyd Vannoy, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Norman Perkins, 1958.....	Mt. Holly, N. C.
Deese Hunsucker, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Homer Savage, 1958.....	Lowell, N. C.
Novella Propst, 1959.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
J. C. Calvert, 1960.....	N. Belmont, N. C.

RADIO-TV BOARD

Bertha Tiner, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Ray Dawkins, 1959.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Robert Hagler, 1960.....	Charlotte, N. C.

FINANCE BOARD

Travis Huffman, 1958.....	Gastonia, N. C.
Robert Hagler, 1959.....	Charlotte, N. C.
Deese Hunsucker, 1960.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

RESOLUTION BOARD

Mrs. George Bullard, 1958.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Mrs. W. H. Calvert, 1959.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Mrs. Deese Hunsucker, 1960.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Travis Huffman, 1958.....	Gastonia, N. C.
George Goodman, 1959.....	Concord, N. C.
W. T. Allen, 1960.....	Gastonia, N. C.

MASTER'S MEN BOARD

Howard Goforth, 1958.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Claude Eagle, 1959.....	
Charles Moss, 1960.....	
Amos Watson, 1961.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Jack Abernathy, 1962.....	N. Belmont, N. C.

TEMPERANCE BOARD

Carl Johns, 1958.....Kannapolis, N. C.
J. W. Wooten, 1959.....Charlotte, N. C.
Guy Stewart, 1960.....

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. George Bullard, Moderator.....Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Wooten, Vice-Moderator.....Belmont, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Allen, Secretary-Treasurer.....Gastonia, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (MINISTERS' CONFERENCE)

Rev. George Bullard.....Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Wooten.....Belmont, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Allen.....Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. Walter Carter.....Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Brooks.....Concord, N. C.

Church Directory

CHURCHES, LOCATIONS AND PASTORS

Aleo—E. Rockingham, N. C.—Walter Carter
Bethlehem—Kannapolis, N. C.—G. H. Griffin
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—W. C. Eggers
Calvary—Concord, N. C.—Harold Donahue
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard
Dallas—Dallas, N. C.—John Owens
E. Belmont—Belmont, N. C.—M. T. Sparks
E. Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—William Correll
Fairview—Rockingham, N. C.—James W. Sanford
Fifth Street—Gastonia, N. C.—J. C. Richardson
First—Gastonia, N. C.—Nathan Holt
First—Stanley, N. C.—John R. Newton
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 Y. Taylor
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—R. H. Jackson
Maple Street—Rockingham, N. C.—W. F. McQuage
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mountain View—Spencer Mountain, N. C.—Homer Savage
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—R. J. Reynolds
Roberson Creek—Bostic, N. C.
Wayside—Charlotte, N. C.—Robert Hagler
Westside—Charlotte, N. C.—Maxie Coleman
South Point—Belmont, N. C.—H. G. Russell
Sandy Ford—Stanley, N. C.—Joe Martin
Wadesboro—Wadesboro, N. C.—W. T. Knotts
United—Concord, N. C.—Rev. George Goodman
Catawba—Catawba Heights, N. C.—Rev. J. W. Wooten

CHURCH CLERKS

E. Belmont—Mrs. Roby Lindsey, Belmont, N. C.
Maple Street—Mrs. Eva Blake, Hamlet, N. C.
Boger City—Mrs. Carl Byers, Rt. 4, Lincolnton, N. C.
Goshen—Carl Bryan, N. Belmont, N. C.
Sandy Ford—Carl Nichols, Stanley, N. C.
Westside—Mrs. Lula Lawson, Charlotte, N. C.
First, Gastonia—Mrs. W. T. Cobb, Gastonia, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—Margarette Brigman, Rockingham, N. C.
Kings Mountain—Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Ben Avenue—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mountain View—Mrs. Lewis Hooper, Spencer Mountain, N. C.
Independence Square—Mrs. Pauline Barbee.

Mt. Zion—Elmer Haskins, 323 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Wadesboro—J. B. Bailey, Wadesboro, N. C.
First—Joyce Davis, Stanley, N. C.
Wayside—Mrs. Herbert Crump, Charlotte, N. C.
South Point—Geneva Richards, Belmont, N. C.
Calvary—Mrs. Gladys Donahue, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C. (No clerk listed)
Aleo—Pete Evans, 9th Ave., E. Rockingham, N. C.
Roberson Creek—Violet Poteat, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.
Lowell—Mrs. George Sanford, Assistant Clerk
Fairview—S. H. Honeycutt, Box 332, Rockingham, N. C.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Floyd Sheets, Kannapolis, N. C.
New Hope—W. A. Todd

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 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 OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

(Revised to include all new rules passed upon by the association)

1. Associational officers are to be elected by ballot system.
2. The clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session.
3. The moderator, vice-moderator and treasurer are to be elected at the close of the session.
4. The ordaining council is to be elected by the association. The number of this council is to be six members elected to serve rotating terms, To wit:

Two for three-year terms, two for two-year terms and two for one-year terms. The council is to have interim authority to ordain ministers and has charge of the investigation of ministers. They shall report their work annually to the association. The secretary of the council is to send the report of their work to the clerk of the association not later than one week before the association convenes.

5. The executive board is to make an annual report to the association.

6. The treatise of the faith and practices of the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina is to be used.

7. The body sponsors the following denominational activities: The Ministers' Conference, the Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the F. W. B. League Convention.

8. The seven-point program of the state convention approved.

9. The indefinite pastor call approved.

10. When a church calls the ordaining council, it is to pay its expenses.

11. The executive board has charge of the association's educational program.

12. The chairman of each board or committee is treasurer of its funds. (Exception: the executive board, the treasurer of the association is treasurer of its funds.)

13. A member of this association may serve on as many boards or committees as he is duly elected to serve with the exception of the executive board and ordaining council. No member may serve on these two at the same time.

14. The churches sending ministers and delegates to the association are to pay for their board. The host church will provide all sleeping quarters they can and arrange for rooms that may be rented.

15. The minute fund has been changed to general fund and all churches are required to send twenty cents per member to the association with their report. This must be done in order for their delegates to be seated.

16. The moderator is authorized to appoint from the floor the nominating committee, consisting of five men, who shall nominate candidates for the office of moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, executive board, ordaining council and other boards and committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the association. The body may place nominations from the floor for each office.

ORDINATION QUALIFICATIONS

1. A minister must serve under a license for one year before he can be ordained.

2. The candidate for ordination must have had a Bible course satisfactory to the ordaining council.

3. The state questionnaire is to be used as a guide for the council.

4. If a minister cannot meet the standard but shows satisfactory fruits in his ministry, he may be ordained at the discretion of the council.

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1957

The Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina convened for its fourteenth annual session with the Independence Square Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, August 2, 1957.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Face to Face," led by D. D. Hunsucker.

Rev. George Bullard led the devotional, reading from the 133rd Psalm and leading in prayer.

The clerk declared the association to be in session and welcomed all delegates and visitors. He introduced the moderator, Rev. R. J. Reynolds, to the body.

The moderator welcomed the body and urged that we conduct our business in a spirit of unity and love.

Worship in song, "Showers of Blessings," led by Brother Hunsucker.

Rev. Howard Taylor brought the morning message, "Letting God Be First," taking his text from Jonah 3:1, 2. He brought an inspiring message in which God wonderfully blessed His children.

After the morning message the moderator declared the house open for business. The following business was transacted:

The moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. Paul Jenkins, Western Conference; Rev. Ernest Strickland, Blue Ridge Association; Rev. R. H. Jackson, Eastern Conference; Rev. Sherman Branch, Beaver Creek, South Carolina.

Moved and seconded that we seat these visitors as council. Motion carried.

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

A partial report of the credentials committee was received and adopted.

Moved and seconded that all delegates and alternates from churches that have paid their minute fees be seated. Motion carried.

Amended to include all who will guarantee to pay this fee before the association adjourns.

A letter was read to the body by the clerk from the Westover Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina, in which it advised the body that it had withdrawn from the Piedmont Association.

Moved and seconded that this letter be referred to the executive board to take action after the association adjourns. Motion carried.

Rev. S. A. Smith of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home gave a report of the home. Moved and seconded that we receive this report as information and that an offering be taken for the home. An offering was taken amounting to \$55.48.

The executive board report was called for and given at this time. Moved

and seconded that we receive this report and vote upon it item by item. Motion carried. This report was adopted with the exception of Item 1. This item requested that the association formulate a policy concerning as to whether we will license or ordain ministers who have two living wives. After some discussion the body adopted this item and voted to take this matter into consideration at the beginning of the afternoon session.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until the afternoon session. Motion carried.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," led by Rev. Robert Hagler.

Devotions and prayer by Brother Staten.

The moderator declared the house open for business.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to write a resolution concerning Item 1 of the executive board report. The following men were appointed: Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. Ralph Staten and Rev. Norman Perkins.

Moved and seconded that the minute fund be raised to twenty cents per member.

The body discussed the possibility of purchasing a site for a camp ground. Several churches expressed interest in this project. The body decided to raise funds by receiving pledges for this purpose.

The following ministers made pledges either individually or for their churches to be paid within six months: Ernest Strickland, personal \$25.00; Sherman Branch, personal \$25.00; Ralph Staten, Goshen \$50.00; R. J. Reynolds, Mt. Zion \$50.00; J. W. Wooten, Catawba \$25.00; M. T. Sparks, East Belmont \$10.00.

Rev. M. T. Sparks was elected treasurer of this fund. All that are interested in this project are urged to send all donations or pledges to Brother Sparks. His address is 719 E. Catawba Street, Belmont, North Carolina.

The report of the ordaining council was called for and adopted.

Moved and seconded that the reports of the executive board and ordaining council be mimeographed and distributed among the congregation at each annual association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of the ordaining council be sent to the clerk of the association not later than one week before the association convenes. Motion carried.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution pertaining to Item 1 of the executive board report brought a resolution concerning this matter before the body.

Moved and seconded that this resolution be tabled for twelve months. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the future status of a minister be left to the

ordaining council and that they continue to ordain ministers at their discretion. Motion carried.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Burkette Raper brought the message for the evening worship service.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1957

Opened with the congregation singing "I'm Going that Way," led by Brother Hunsucker.

Devotions by Rev. J. W. Wooten, reading the 142nd Psalm. Followed with prayer.

The house was declared open for business by the moderator.

The nominating committee, Walter Carter, Billy Yawn and J. C. Calvert, gave its report which was received.

After calling for nominations from the floor, the body proceeded to elect the officers which appear in the directory of this minute.

Rev. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College brought greetings from the college. Moved and seconded that we receive this report as information. Motion carried.

The following delegates were elected to the state and national conventions: State Convention: Mrs. George Bullard, Mrs. M. T. Sparks, Mrs. Wade Calvert and Mrs. Ralph Staten. National Association: Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. William Calvert, Mrs. Ernest Lewis and Mrs. M. T. Sparks.

The body voted to convene with the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church at the next session on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August. The church is located on highway 7, at Lowell, North Carolina.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Article 1: This conference shall be called the Piedmont Ministers' Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

Article 2: This conference shall be composed of ministers who are members of this conference.

Article 3: The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, clerk and treasurer.

Article 4: All officers of this conference must have been affiliated with said conference for at least two years in good standing. Should a minister be proven guilty of immoral conduct, he shall forfeit his office. He must be faithful to his local church and by all means a tither.

Article 5: The state questionnaire shall be used as a guide for the qualification of ordination.

Article 6: The Robert's Rule of Order shall be the rules to govern us in our deliberations.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution and these bylaws shall not be changed or altered except

by two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie upon the table not less than three hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read not less than twice in open convention.

REV. L. H. CLAYTON, *Chairman*

REV. WALTER CARTER

REV. ROY RIKARD

CLERK'S NOTE

This constitution was presented and adopted by the Ministers' Conference on November 26, 1955, at Mt. Zion Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and adopted by the association in the thirteenth annual session at Goshen Church, N. Belmont, North Carolina. (See 1956 minutes, Page 12.)

WILLIAM T. ALLEN, *Clerk*

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Nathan Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, North Carolina, pastor, First Church, Gastonia, North Carolina. Sermons preached, 139; professions, 130; revivals held, 3; baptized, 30; funerals, 10; homes visited, 610; Sunday school lessons taught, 4; money received, \$4,160.00; money given, \$500.00; miles traveled, 32,000.

Rev. Edward Faulkner, Box 107, Boger City, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 75; revivals held, 1; professions, 2; money given, \$200.00.

Rev. Raymond Cook, Route 4, Lincolnton, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 35; revivals held, 1; professions, 13; money given, \$60.00.

Rev. M. T. Sparks, 719, E. Catawba Street, Belmont, North Carolina, pastor, E. Belmont; former pastor, Roberson Creek. Sermons preached, 90; professions, 6; baptized, 10; homes visited, 48; Sunday school lessons taught, 4; money received, \$888.80; money given, \$253.02; miles traveled, 5,575.

Rev. C. E. Bradburn, Route 8, Box 1110, Concord, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 35; professions, 13; homes visited, 30; Sunday school lessons taught, 10; money received, \$10.50; money given, \$400.00; miles traveled, 1,842; associations attended, 1.

Rev. W. C. Eggers, Box 203, Newton, North Carolina, pastor, Boger City. Sermons preached, 125; revivals held, 3; professions, 40; baptized, 6; money received, \$540.00; money given, \$97.50.

Rev. J. J. Brooks, Route 2, 311-A, Corncon, North Carolina, pastor. Sermons preached, 115; revivals held, 4; professions, 62; baptized, 11; marriages performed, 4; funerals, 8; Sunday school lessons taught, 22; money received, \$5,362.00; money given, \$750.00.

Rev. Homer Savage, Box 404, Lowell, North Carolina, pastor, Mountain View Church. Sermons preached, 103; revivals held, 1; professions witnessed, 20; baptized, 4; funerals conducted, 2; money received, \$552.00; money given, \$618.00.

Rev. William T. Allen, Box 703, Gastonia, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 75; revivals held, 1; professions, 20; baptized, 7; funerals

conducted, 2; Sunday school lessons taught, 30; money given, tithes and offerings; money received, \$100.00; associations attended, 6.

Rev. Floyd Carver, 423, Alexander Street, Mooresville, North Carolina, pastor, Mt. Carmel Church. Sermons preached, 420; revivals held, 2; professions, 26; baptized, 2.

Rev. William Calvert, Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, North Carolina, pastor, Ben Avenue. Sermons preached, 145; revivals held, 1; professions, 50; baptized, 8; religious papers taken, 3; homes visited, 150; Sunday school lessons taught, 15; money received, \$3,565.00; money given, \$400.50; miles traveled, 20,000; associations attended, 3.

Rev. Howard Y. Taylor, Box 158, Lowell, North Carolina, pastor, Lowell. Sermons preached, 208; revivals held, 6; professions, 115; baptized, 50; Sunday school lessons taught, 25; money received, \$4,810.00; money given, \$580.00; miles traveled, 25,000.

Rev. Robert S. Hagler, 815 E. 20th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, pastor, Oates Free Will Baptist Church, South Carolina., now pastor of Wayside Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Sermons preached 212; revivals held, 13; professions, 168; baptized, 43; funerals conducted, 2; Sunday school lessons taught, 4; money received, \$4,600.00; money given, \$500.00; miles traveled, 33,000.

Rev. Harold Goforth, Route 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, North Carolina, pastor, Independence Square. Sermons preached, 179; professions, 125; baptized, 3; marriages performed, 6; funerals conducted, 2; homes visited, 125; Sunday school lessons taught, 2; money received, \$1,020.00; money given, \$315.07; miles traveled, 8,000.

Rev. J. R. Martin, Stanley, North Carolina, pastor, Sandy Ford. Sermons preached, 150; professions, 48; baptized, 5; homes visited, 75; Sunday school lessons taught, 4; money received, \$895.00; money given, \$89.50; miles traveled, 1,000.

Rev. Herbert Faulkner, Route 3, % Ivan Faulkner, Lincolnton, North Carolina, evangelist.

Rev. Henry G. Russell, Box 174, Belmont, North Carolina, pastor, South Point. Sermons preached, 92; professions, 25; funerals conducted, 1; Sunday school lessons taught, 5; money received, \$1,060.00; money given, tithes; miles traveled, 500; expenses, \$50.00.

Rev. Ralph Willis, Box 3, N. Belmont, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 47; revivals held, 1; professions, 5; funerals conducted, 1; homes visited, 20; Sunday school lessons taught, 34; miles traveled, 775; money received, \$100.00; money given, \$320.70.

Rev. Maxie Coleman, 904 Gibbon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, pastor, Westside. Sermons preached, 115; professions, 29; baptized, 12; funerals conducted, 2; homes visited, 75; Sunday school lessons taught, 15; money received, \$1,647.00; money given, \$354.70; miles traveled, 20,000.

Rev. Paul J. Lanning, Route 2, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, pastor, Kings Mountain. Sermons preached, 175; professions, 75; baptized, 9; homes

visited, 150; Sunday school lessons taught, 4; money received, \$229.68; money given, tithes and offerings; miles traveled, 15,000.

Rev. L. E. Lawing, 409 Broad Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Sermons preached, 20; Sunday school lessons taught, 35; money given, \$350.00; miles traveled, 1,000.

Rev. J. L. Barbee, Route 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, North Carolina, evangelist. Sermons preached, 35; revivals held, 1; professions, 12; homes visited, 65; Sunday school lessons taught, 39; money given, \$208.41; miles traveled, 2,000.

MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 13, 1956, NEW HOPE CHURCH, ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

The ministers' conference met and transacted the following business:

Motion made and seconded that no board or committees meet while this conference is in session. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to request that the ordaining council meet the fourth Saturday night before the fifth Sunday, for the ordaining of ministers and that an ordaining message be preached. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to request that the Sunday school survey committee change the meeting date of the Sunday School Convention to the fourth Saturday before the fifth Sunday. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting date for the ministers' conference be on the first Saturday after the fifth Saturday. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to take an offering for the purpose of helping to pay for the printing of "The Piedmont Promoter." Motion carried.

Voted to have the next meeting at Mountain View Church of Spencer Mountain, North Carolina.

Motion to adjourn.

MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 23, 1957

The Ministers' Conference of the Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at Mountain View Church, Spencer Mountain, North Carolina, February 23, 1957.

With the moderator being absent a motion was made by the Rev. Walter Carter that Rev. Frank McQuage be acting moderator for this meeting. Motion carried by the body.

Conference opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Arson Dixon. A program as follows then was given.

Rev. R. J. Reynolds made a very inspiring talk on the subject, "The Man of the Year."

Rev. Walter Carter gave a very inspiring message on the subject, "The Companionship of God."

There then was a short business session.

Rev. William Calvert then gave a very inspiring challenge to us on the subject, "The New Year's Journey and What We Should Take Along."

Rev. Ralph L. Willis was nominated to serve as clerk in absence of the clerk. This was approved by the body.

Motion made by Rev. Carter to recommend to the executive board that a committee take the procedure in having cards printed to present to the people the calendar of coming events so as to do away with part of the confusion which is now present. There are so many events taking place at the same time that it is impossible for all to attend. This motion met with the approval of the body.

Motion made by Brother Carter and seconded by Brother Reynolds that Rev. Williamson, new pastor of Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church of Rockingham, North Carolina, be given a welcome into the conference. This was carried by an unanimous approval of the body.

Rev. MacDonald gave an invitation to the conference to hold its next conference at the West Fifth Street Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia. After a discussion as to the right of the conference in accepting this invitation, a motion was made by Rev. Reynolds and seconded by Rev. Savage that the conference accept the invitation for the next setting of the ministers' conference. This motion was carried by the approval of the conference.

In view of the fact that the association has agreed to adopt the State Treatise, there has come about the necessity to change some of the procedures of licensing and ordaining of our on-coming ministers. After a long discussion on this subject a motion was made by Rev. R. J. Reynolds and seconded by Rev. Howard Taylor that this matter be referred to the ordaining council for further action. This met with the approval of the conference.

As there was no other business at this time the Rev. Williamson came forth at the request of the acting moderator and was given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the conference. After this Rev. Williamson dismissed the conference with prayer.

REV. FRANK MCQUAGE, *Acting Moderator*

REV. RALPH L. WILLIS, *Acting Clerk*

MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

APRIL 6, 1957

The Ministers' Conference of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Fifth Street Church of Gastonia, North Carolina, April 6, 1957.

The conference opened with congregational singing led by Arson Dixon. Brother Dixon conducted the devotional by reading from the 2nd Psalm and leading in prayer.

The host pastor, Rev. J. C. Richardson, gave the welcome address; response by Homer Savage.

The moderator, Rev. Billy Yawn, gave an inspiring exhortation, urging the body to work together in brotherly love.

The theme for the day was "Rediscovering the Ancient Landmarks."

Rev. Sherman Branch of Chester, South Carolina, brought the morning message entitled, "Old-Time Preacher Man," using as a text, John 1:6 and Scripture reading from Romans 10:13-15.

The afternoon session included continuation of the theme.

The conference voted to take an offering to pay for the printed programs.

Motion to adjourn.

MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

AUGUST 1, 1957

The Ministers' Conference of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Independence Square Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, August 1, 1957.

Opened with devotions by Homer Savage. Congregational singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," led by William Calvert.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Harold Goforth; response, Rev. N. B. Perkins.

After the remarks by the moderator, the body voted to adopt the printed program. The theme for the day was "Making Full-Proof Gospel Ministers."

The moderator declared the house open for business and the election of officers was in order. The following officers were elected by acclamation: Rev. George Bullard, moderator; Rev. J. W. Wooten, vice-moderator; Rev. William T. Allen, secretary-treasurer.

The following ministers were elected by acclamation to serve with the officers on the program committee: Walter Carter, Harold Goforth and J. J. Brooks.

The following visitors were recognized and granted a seat and voice in the conference: Noah Brown, J. B. Starnes and R. H. Jackson, Eastern Conference.

Motion made and seconded that the ordaining council be permitted during the morning session for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination. Motion carried.

Rev. Robert Hagler rendered a solo.

The congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Rev. J. B. Starnes brought a message on the responsibilities of a full gospel preacher.

Rev. Howard Taylor brought the morning message, entitled "Letting God Be First in the Ministry," taking his text from Jonah.

This was an inspiring message in which Brother Taylor emphasized the importance of letting God be first in our preaching.

The afternoon session opened with congregation singing "At the Cross."

Devotions by J. W. Wooten.

Rev. Noah Brown brought greetings from the Eastern Conference.

Rev. Walter Carter was elected to preach the ordination message.
Motion to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 1956

The board met in a joint meeting with the ordaining council and upon the request of the ordaining council.

The council requested information from the board as to the policy of the association with regards to licensing or ordaining ministers who have two living wives.

Motion made and seconded that since the association has not made a policy concerning this matter that this be referred to the association with a request that a policy be formulated. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

DECEMBER 3, 1956

The board met at Mt. Zion Church in Kannapolis in a joint meeting with the ordaining council.

Brother E. G. Lawing came before the board and stated that the West-over Church of Kannapolis had withdrawn from the association and was now operating as an independent Baptist mission. Brother Lawing also informed the board that he moderated the church conference that took this action.

Brother Carter, chairman of the ordaining council, asked Brother Lawing to explain the reason for this action and advised him that he violated the rules of the association in moderating this conference.

Brother Lawing explained that the church was under the impression that the association held a lien on their property and that they wished for the lien to be turned over to the church.

Moved and seconded that Brother Lawing inform the church that the association does not hold a lien on their property but merely an agreement that they are to remain a Free Will Baptist church. The board does not wish to rescind this agreement and that it is still binding. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Brother Lawing pastor the church for 90 days in cooperation with the association and to ask the church to rescind their action. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we pay for the seal purchased by the clerk of the ordaining council and inform him that nothing is to be bought hereafter without authorization of the association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we send each church a letter urging them to subscribe to the *Piedmont Promoter* and advise them of the subscription rates which are \$3.00 per year for 25 papers per month.

Voted to have the next meeting at Adam's Restaurant near Charlotte on the first Friday in March.

Motion to adjourn.

FEBRUARY 9, 1957

The board met at the Shady Ford Church in Stanley, North Carolina, in answer to a letter of petition of the church for acceptance into the Piedmont Association. The church was examined by the board as to its faith and practice. The chairman read the Church Covenant, which the church accepted.

Moved and seconded that we receive the church into the association. Motion carried.

MARCH 1, 1957

The board met at Adam's Restaurant near Charlotte and transacted the following business:

Moved and seconded that we write a letter to Westover Church bidding them God's speed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Brothers Reynolds and Carter check on the property of the Highway Free Will Baptist Church and sell it for \$500.00 or more and deposit the money in the treasury of the association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to accept the deed of the newly purchased property of Near Calvary Church of Lexington, North Carolina. Motion carried.

JUNE 28, 1957

The executive board met in session at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church on June 28, 1957. Opened with prayer by Rev. N. B. Perkins.

The following items of business were transacted:

Claude Vanney was elected as proxy for Rev. William Calvert.

Rev. Ralph Staten was accepted as proxy for Rev. W. T. Allen.

As unfinished business to fill vacancy left by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, invited guest speaker, moderator empowered to invite Rev. Burkette Raper, and as an alternate Rev. Walter Jernigan. In event neither of these can be present, the moderator is requested to arrange for a guest speaker. The association is requested to defray travel expenses of said speaker.

As new business the treasurer, D. D. Hunsucker, reported an unpaid minute bill of \$105.41, plus a balance of \$49.00. Payment of minute bill to be deferred until association meets.

Programs of ministers' conference and association to be printed in same bulletin.

Ralph Staten, N. B. Perkins and John R. Newton were asked to prepare a skeleton form for an associational calendar.

Urged that as soon as the clerk complies manuscript for associational minutes that immediate arrangements be made to have them printed as soon as possible.

Asked that a letter be prepared by the clerk stating who are the delegates sent by the Piedmont Association to the National Association as information for the clerk of the National Association, as the North Carolina

State Convention failed to approve the delegates from any district association or conference.

The clerk is to send a copy of the minutes of each board meeting to each member, regular and proxy.

When a member of the executive board or ordaining council misses as many as two meetings of respective groups, during a year, his office shall be declared vacant at the discretion of the chairman, and said vacancies be filled by the remainder of the members present at any properly called meeting.

Deese Hunsucker, Claude Vanney, John R. Newton and Ralph Staten were appointed by the chairman of the board as a committee to make a survey concerning the possibility of locating a site for an encampment.

Prayer of dismissal by Brother Claude Vanney.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. J. Reynolds
Rev. William Calvert
Rev. William T. Allen
Rev. John R. Newton
Rev. N. B. Perkins
Rev. James Skipper
Mr. D. D. Hunsucker

TREASURER'S REPORT 1956-57

Receipts

In Treasury Last Association	\$ 43.82
Received Last Association	290.42
Received from Rev. R. J. Reynolds for Highway Church	8.18
Received from Highway Church	60.00
Received from Roberson Creek Church	2.50
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$404.92

Disbursements

Church Letters and Mailing	\$ 15.00
Orphan Childrens' Dinner	10.10
Hamlet Building and Loan on Highway Church	196.20
Executive Board Expenses	17.00
Delegates Expenses to State Convention	45.00
Checks, Money Orders and Postage	.98
Clerk's Salary	60.00
Seal and Stamp	10.80
Insurance on Highway Church	13.75
Total Disbursements	<hr/> 368.83

Balance in Treasury \$ 36.09

In debt to the Free Will Baptist Press for 1956 minutes, \$105.41.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

AUGUST 3, 1956

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

Motion was made by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother McQuage that Billy Yawn be made secretary of the ordaining council. Passed by the council.

Motion was made by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother McQuage to accept Brother Seldon Bullard into the Piedmont Association. Motion carried.

Brother Hubert Pilkington was licensed to preach upon motion by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother McQuage. Motion carried.

By previous agreement it was agreed to ordain Brother Jack Carswell at New Hope Church at Rockingham on Saturday, September 22, 1956. Brother Carswell was informed to be present at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Taylor. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1956

The council met at the New Hope Church in Rockingham, North Carolina, and transacted the following business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted as read.

Motion was made by Brother Benton, seconded by Brother Taylor that the ordination of Dennis Idol be annulled. Motion carried.

The council discussed rule that ordered probation for certain misconduct for two years. Agreed to abide by ruling as passed by the association.

Motion was made by Brother McQuage and seconded by Brother Taylor that the conduct of Brother Cole be investigated. Motion carried.

Brother Yawn and Brother Benton were appointed to investigate this matter.

Motion was made by Brother Benton, seconded by Brother Taylor that Brother Patterson and Brother Julian King either join the church or surrender their certificates. Motion carried.

Motion was made to license Brother Ernest Stamey, seconded by Brother Taylor. Motion carried.

Motion was made to license Brother Travis Huffman by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Calvert. Motion carried.

Motion to license Brother William Correll by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Calvert. Motion carried.

Motion made to receive Brother Lacy Sweatt from the Rockfish Association, seconded by Brother Taylor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Benton, seconded by Brother McQuage to ordain Brother W. O. Williams upon receipt of letter of recommendation from his home church, Cramerton. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Benton, seconded by Brother Taylor to ordain Brother W. T. Allen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Benton, seconded by Brother Taylor to license Brother Johnnie D. Deesc. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Yawn to ordain Brother Daniel Bowen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Carter to ordain Brother Claude Bennoy. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother McQuage to ordain Brother Owen Gainey. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

OCTOBER 13, 1956

The council met at New Hope Church at Rockingham and transacted the following business.

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as corrected.

Motion was made to meet Brother Cole at our next meeting. Moved by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother McQuage. Motion carried.

Motion was made to ordain Brother Jack Carswell. Motion carried.

Motion to receive Brother Glen Russell, moved by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother Calvert. Motion carried.

Motion was made to reinstate Brother W. O. Williams by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother Taylor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Calvert to license Brother Paul Lee. Motion carried.

Motion was made to license Brother William T. Ware by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother Calvert. Motion carried.

Motion was made to ordain Brother Ralph Willis by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother McQuage. Motion carried.

Motion was made to defer Brother James Pendleton until the association convenes by Brother Taylor, seconded by Brother McQuage. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

JANUARY 5, 1957

The council met at Wadesboro, North Carolina, and transacted the following business:

The roll was called and Brothers Yawn, Carter and McQuage were present. Brother Homer Savage and Brother George Bullard served as proxies for Brothers Taylor and Benton.

Brother Williamson, for the Albemarle Conference, was accepted for transfer upon motion by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Bullard. Motion carried.

Brother Thomas S. Martin was passed for license upon motion by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Bullard.

Brother James Bailey was passed for license upon motion by Brother Savage, seconded by Brother Bullard.

Motion was made by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Savage that a roll call of all of our ministers be made each year in an effort to contact all our ministers. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

FEBRUARY 26, 1957

The council met at Lowell Church, Lowell, North Carolina, and transacted the following business:

Motion was made to license Brother Benjamin Young. Motion carried.

Motion was made to license Brother Robert Sanford. Motion carried.

Motion was made to refer Brother C. C. Newton to the association to determine if the association will license a man if he has more than one living wife. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

JUNE 8, 1957

The council met at Maple Street Church and transacted the following business:

Motion made by Brother Yawn, seconded by Brother Taylor that we defer Brother Travis Huffman to the next meeting of the association. Motion carried.

Motion was made to ordain Brother Paul Lee by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Taylor. Motion carried.

Motion was made to ordain Brother Bruce Goodwin by Brother McQuage, seconded by Brother Tyner. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

APRIL 26, 1957

The council met at First Avenue Church in Gastonia and transacted the following business:

Motion was made to defer Brother William Correll until he has served under a license for one year and that Brother Correll be placed under the watchcare of Brother Ralph Willis as pastor of E. Lincolnton Church until he is ordained.

The council approved the transfer of the papers of Brother Hampton Wallace from the Rockfish Association.

Motion was made to reinstate Brother B. Player under the following conditions: That Brother Player report monthly to the Richmond County Ministerial conference and Brother Carter and Brother McQuage. Also that he informs the council of any intention to remarry. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

August 1, 1957

The council met at the Independence Square Church in Kannapolis and transacted the following business:

Motion made and seconded that we no longer issue license certificates since this is out of order with the Treatise of North Carolina, Pages 47, 48 and 49. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Thomas Rogers be recommended to his church for license. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Wilbur B. Young be ordained. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Travis Huffman be ordained. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that J. W. Wooten be ordained. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the ruling requiring ministers to attend each meeting of the association in person or by letter be enforced. Motion carried.

Motion made that the ordaining council be elected in rotating terms as follows: one for one year and one for two years and the others be elected as the association may decide.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Carter
Rev. Billy Yawn
Rev. W. F. McQuage
Rev. H. Y. Taylor
Rev. Drexler Benton

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE CHURCHES

Aleo, Rockingham, N. C.: Members received, 25; baptized, 15; dismissed, 20; deaths, 4; total membership, 250; paid pastor, \$5,200.00; paid evangelist, \$400.00; home missions, \$25.00; foreign missions, \$37.50; building and repairs, \$1,800.00; education, \$50.00; publication, \$300.00.

United, Concord, N. C.: Baptized, 4.

Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, N. C.: Members received, 31; baptized, 5; deaths, 1; total membership, 165; paid pastor, \$4,055.00; paid evangelist, \$250.00; home missions, \$160.50; foreign missions, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$1,298.64; value of property, \$40,000.00.

First Church, Gastonia, N. C.: Members received, 40; baptized, 30; dismissed, 42; deaths, 2; total membership, 114; paid pastor, \$4,160.00; paid evangelist, \$250.00; home missions, \$117.95; value of church property, \$50,000.00.

Westside Church, Charlotte, N. C.: Members received, 15; baptized, 12; dismissed, 3; deaths, 2; total membership, 40; paid pastor, \$1,647.00; paid evangelist, \$132.05; home missions, \$115.70; building and repairs, \$11.49; education, \$65.60; for publication, \$15.50.

Bethlehem, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 3; baptized, 2; dismissed, 2; total membership, 48; paid pastor, \$1,560.00; paid evangelist, \$130.00; home missions, \$31.00; foreign missions, \$36.50; building and repairs, \$175.00; value of property, \$11,000.00.

Mt. Calvary, Rockingham, N. C.: Members received, 23; baptized, 11; dismissed, 2; deaths, 1; total membership, 60; paid pastor, \$1,500.00; paid evangelist, \$185.00; home missions, \$50.00; foreign missions, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$80.00; education, \$50.00; publication, \$40.00.

Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, N. C.: Members received, 7; baptized, 9; total membership, 46; paid pastor, \$229.68; paid evangelist, \$15.00.

Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 12; baptized, 7; dismissed, 68; total membership, 79; paid pastor, \$3,445.00; paid evangelist, \$160.00; home missions, \$13.15; foreign missions, \$80.92; building and repairs, \$1,083.89; value church property, \$30,000.00.

New Hope, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 15; baptized, 5; total membership, 42; paid evangelist, \$200.00; value of property, \$4,500.00.

Goshen, N. Belmont, N. C.: Members received, 20; baptized, 2; deaths, 2; total membership, 164; paid pastor, \$4,700.00; paid evangelist, \$250.00; home missions, \$126.50; foreign missions, \$602.81; building and repairs, \$1,605.32; education, \$387.92; publication, \$465.92; cooperative fund, \$981.00; value of property, \$76,000.00.

Boger City, Boger City, N. C.: Members received, 9; baptized, 6; dismissed, 3; total membership, 73; paid pastor, \$570.00; building and repairs, \$1,035.41; education, \$10.00; Children's Home, \$10.15; value of property, \$4,000.00.

East Belmont Church, Belmont, N. C.: Members received, 23; baptized, 9; dismissed, 12; total membership, 73; paid pastor, \$2,200.00; paid evangelist, \$75.00; home missions, \$50.00; foreign missions, \$60.00; building and repairs, \$50.00; education, \$30.00; publication, \$5.00; value of property, \$5,500.0.

Calvary, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 2; dismissed, 3; total membership, 27; paid pastor, \$624.00; paid evangelist, \$200.00; building and repairs, \$500.00; publication, \$100.00; value of property, \$6,500.00.

Maple Street, Rockingham, N. C.: Members received, 20; baptized, 14; dismissed, 1; total membership, 115; paid pastor, \$4,400.00; paid evangelist, \$150.00; foreign missions, \$100.00; building and repairs, \$500.00; publication, \$250.00; value of property, \$27,000.00.

Mable Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 1; dismissed, 9; deaths, 1; total membership, 113; paid evangelist, \$75.00; home missions, \$15.00; building and repairs, \$33.00; value of property, \$20,500.00.

Fairview, Rockingham, N. C.: Total membership, 12; paid pastor, \$520.00; foreign missions, \$50.00; building and repairs, \$526.10.

Lowell, Lowell, N. C.: Members received, 63; baptized, 50; dismissed, 13; total membership, 230; paid pastor, \$4,810.00; paid evangelist, \$400.00; home missions, \$1,500.00; foreign missions, \$268.00; building and repairs, \$5,000.00; education, \$132.00; Children's Home, \$75.00; value of church property, \$76,500.00; other salaries, \$240.00.

Mountain View, Spencer Mountain, N. C.: Members received, 22; baptized, 3; dismissed, 1; total membership, 41; paid pastor, \$552.00; paid evangelist, \$47.00; building and repairs, \$3,000.00; education, \$40.00; value of property, \$3,200.00.

Independence Square, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 7; baptized, 3; total membership, 72; paid pastor, \$1,020.00; foreign missions, \$27.05; building and repairs, \$259.06; value of property, \$10,000.00.

Wayside, Charlotte, N. C.: Members received, 45; baptized, 18; dismissed, 8; total membership, 122; paid pastor, \$3,900.00; paid evangelist, \$253.54; home missions, \$158.88; building and repairs, \$459.22; education, \$130.62; value of property, \$6,000.00.

South Point, Belmont, N. C.: Members received, 8; dismissed, 2; total membership, 27; paid pastor, \$1,160.00; paid evangelist, \$88.00; value of property, \$3,000.00.

Mt. Zion, Kannapolis, N. C.: Members received, 22; baptized, 2; dismissed, 2; total membership, 143; paid pastor, \$3,477.85; paid evangelist, \$150.00; home missions, \$17.83; foreign missions, \$25.00; Children's Home, \$31.27; building and repairs, \$2,680.33; publication, \$59.00; value of property, \$40,000.00.

Sandy Ford, Stanley, N. C.: Members received, 38; baptized, 5; total membership, 38; paid pastor, \$895.00; paid evangelist, \$26.00; building and repairs, \$1,187.13; value of property, \$3,000.00.

Wadesboro, Wadesboro, N. C.: Members received, 10; baptized, 8; deaths, 1; total membership, 41; paid pastor, \$852.00; paid evangelist, \$100.00; home missions, \$126.50; building and repairs, \$451.86; education, \$129.05; value of property, \$6,000.00.

Roberson Creek, Bostic, N. C.: Members received, 10; baptized, 4; dismissed, 3; total membership, 41; paid pastor, \$418.20; paid evangelist, \$116.84; building and repairs, \$833.66; value of property, \$5,500.00.

First Church, Stanley, N. C.: Members received, 6; baptized, 13; dismissed, 36; deaths, 1; total membership, 77; paid pastor, \$1,343.38; paid evangelist, \$72.86; home missions, \$21.12; foreign missions, \$10.00; building and repairs, \$700.00; education, \$10.00; value of property, \$16,000.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

United Free Will Baptist Church, Concord, N. C.: Superintendent, Robert Riley, 215 Small Street, Route 8, Concord, N. C.; number on roll, 17; average attendance, 25; average offerings, \$5.00; total offerings, \$475.98; total in treasury, \$875.98; kind of literature, Free Will Baptist; number of classes, 2; number of departments, 2.

Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, N. C.: Superintendent, Gene Farris, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.; number on roll, 56; average attendance, 45; average offering, \$5.35; total offerings, \$266.96; in treasury, \$18.06; kind of literature, Free Will Baptist; number of classes, 4; number of departments, 4.

First Church, Stanley, N. C.: Superintendent, Eugene Dowd, Stanley, N. C.; number on roll, 63; average attendance, 64; average offering, \$5.96; total offerings, \$309.92; kind of literature, Free Will Baptist; number of classes, 5; number of departments, 5.

Independence Square, Kannapolis, N. C.: Superintendent, A. R. Barrette Sr., Route 9, Box 145-C, Lexington, N. C.; number on roll, 68, average attendance, 60; average offering, \$5.32; total offerings, \$276.85; in treasury, \$24.23; kind of literature, Free Will Baptist; number of classes, 6; number of departments, 1.

Brotherhood Report: Membership, 11; gained this year, 2; money received, \$62.94; charity, \$6.00; incidental, \$4.75; pastoral help, \$21.50; building and repairs, \$19.80; convention dues, \$2.00; total paid out, \$52.05; balance in treasury, \$10.89.

First Church, Gastonia, N. C.: Superintendent, R. B. Fletcher, 418 Avon Street, Gastonia, N. C.; number on roll, 175; average attendance, 135; average offerings, \$21.00; total offerings, \$1,042.00; kind of literature, Free Will Baptist; number of classes, 10; number of departments, 1.

