

MINUTES

OF THE

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

OF THE

(ORIGINAL)

Free Will Baptists of North Carolina



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD AT MORGANTON, N. C.

JULY 30 - AUGUST 1, 1959



MODERATOR, WALTER CARTER, ROCKINGHAM

CLERK, RALPH STATEN, NORTH BELMONT

The next session will convene with Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church, Concord Lake Road, Thursday evening, August 4, 1960. The host pastor is Claude Vannoy, 319 Central Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.

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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Walter Carter, Moderator	211 9th Ave., Rockingham, N. C.
Norman Perkins, Vice-Moderator	Noles Drive, Box 7, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Ralph Staten, Clerk and Promotional Sec.	Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
Ralph Willis, Reading Clerk	Box 3, North Belmont, N. C.
Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Walter Carter, Chairman	211 9th Ave., Rockingham, N. C.
N. B. Perkins, Vice-Chairman	Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Ralph Staten, Clerk	Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Frank McQuage, term expires 1960	Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
William Calvert, term expires 1961	613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
M. T. Sparks, term expires 1962	911 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Roy Rikard, term expires in 1960	Box 26, Cramerton, N. C.
Tarvis Huffman, term expires in 1961	Twins Motel, Gastonia, N. C.
Harold Goforth, term expires in 1961	Route 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.
Ralph Willis, term expires in 1961	Box 3, North Belmont, N. C.
Sherman Branch, term expires in 1962	Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
Robert Hagler, term expires in 1962	1826 W. Allen St., Charlotte, N. C.

TRUSTEES

Homer Savage	Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
Claud Vannoy	319 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Fred Tiner	617 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ralph Staten, term expires in 1960	Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
William Calvert, term expires in 1961	613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Drexler Benton, term expires in 1962	109 S. Rose, Kannapolis, N. C.

MISSION BOARD

Norman Perkins, term expires in 1960	Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Paul Davis, term expires in 1961	504 S. Sterling St., Morganton, N. C.
Ralph Willis, term expires in 1962	Box 3, North Belmont, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

D. D. Hunsucker, term expires in 1960	620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.
James Cox, term expires in 1961	Kannapolis, N. C.
Robert Hagler, term expires in 1962	1826 W. Allen St., Charlotte, N. C.

LEAGUE BOARD

Drexler Benton, term expires in 1960	109 S. Rose St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Frank McQuage, term expires in 1961	Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
M. T. Sparks, term expires in 1962	911 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Mrs. M. T. Sparks, term expires in 1960.....911 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.
Norman Perkins, term expires in 1961.....Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Travis Huffman, term expires in 1962Twins Motel. Gastonia, N. C.

ENCAMPMENT BOARD

M. T. Sparks, term expires in 1960911 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.
Robert Hagler, term expires in 19611826 W. Allen St., Charlotte, N. C.
Travis Huffman, term expires in 1962Twins Motel. Gastonia, N. C.
Thomas Rogers, term expires in 1963Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
Harvey Hildebrand, term expires in 1964Mt. Holly, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

J. C. Calvert, term expires in 1960North Belmont, N. C.
Travis Huffman, term expires in 1961Twins Motel. Gastonia, N. C.
Jesse Benoist, term expires in 1962East Rockingham, N. C.

FINANCE BOARD

Deese Hunsucker, term expires in 1960620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.
L. L. Therell, term expires in 1961606 Holly Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Colon Hudson, term expires in 19621009 Maple Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

RESOLUTION BOARD

Mrs. Deese Hunsucker, term expires in 1960620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.
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J. M. Flannery, term expires in 1962Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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W. T. Allen, term expires in 1960Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.
Travis Huffman, term expires in 1961Twins Motel. Gastonia, N. C.
Weldon Key, term expires in 1962Route 4, Box 412, Kannapolis, N. C.

MASTER'S MEN BOARD

C. W. Cleary, term expires in 1960Kannapolis, N. C.
Robert Deese, term expires in 1961North Belmont, N. C.
J. L. Barbee, term expires in 1962Route 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Sherman Branch, ModeratorRoute 2, Dallas, N. C.
Travis Huffman, Vice-ModeratorTwins Motel. Gastonia, N. C.
Ralph Willis, ClerkBox 3, North Belmont, N. C.
Ralph Staten, Assistant ClerkBox 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
P. S. The Temperance Committee is to be elected at the next session.

DIRECTORY

CHURCH	ADDRESS	PASTOR	ADDRESS	CLERK
1. Archdale	High Point	Judge Fowler	135 Columbus Ave.	J. L. Parsons
2. Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	William Calvert	613 Ben St.	Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker
3. Bethlehem	Kannapolis	Ralph Willis	North Belmont	Mrs. Floyd Sheets
4. Boger City	Boger City	J. E. Faulkner	Box 107	Mrs. Carl Byers
5. Calvary	Concord	Harold Donahue	709 Martin Circle, Kannap.	Gladys Donahue
6. Catawba Heights	North Belmont	J. W. Wooten	1600 N. Harrill, Charlotte	Mrs. A. H. Gaskins
7. Cramerton	Cramerton	Roy Rikard	Box 286	
8. Dallas	Dallas	Sherman Branch	Route 2	Kermit Coleman
9. East Belmont	Belmont	M. T. Sparks	911 Edgemont Ave.	Mrs. Hazel Brown
10. East Rockingham	Rockingham	Walter Carter	211 9th Ave.	S. H. Honeycutt
11. Fairview	Rockingham	Jesse Benoist	East Rockingham	Box 332
12. Fifth St.	Gastonia	Billy Allen	Box 703	Mrs. Earl Busler
13. First Cherryville	Cherryville	H. L. Jones	107 S. Oak	
14. First Gastonia	Gastonia	Edward Swartz	E. Fifth Ave.	Mrs. W. T. Cobb
15. First Stanley	Stanley	John R. Newton	Box 1069, Cramerton	Wilard Woolard
16. Goshen	North Belmont	Ralph Staten	Box 48	Carl Bryan North Belmont
17. Heman	Charlotte	A. W. Newell	4113 Grove Ave.	
18. Independence Square	Kannapolis	Harold Goforth	Route 4, Box 684	Mrs. Pauline Barbee
19. Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain	Paul Lanning	Route 2	Mrs. Evelyn Lanning
20. Lowel	Lowell	Howard Taylor	Gen Del.	
21. Mable Ave.	Kannapolis	Colon Hudson	1009 Mable Ave.	Kathryn Collins
22. Maple Street	Rockingham	Frank McQuage	Route 2, Hamlet	Mrs. Blondie Brigman
23. Morganton	Morganton	Paul Davis	504 S. Sterling St.	Mrs. John Sudreth
24. Mountain View	Spencer Mtn.	Homer Savage	Box 404, Lowell	Irene Jenkins
24. Mt. Carmel	Lexington	Thomas Brooks	Thomasville	Mrs. G. C. McIntyre
26. Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	N. B. Perkins	Noles Drive, Box 7	Harvey Hilderbran
27. Mt. Olive	Kannapolis	L. L. Therrell	606 Holly Ave.	
28. Mt. Pleasant	Lexington	Clarence Ballew	Route 1, Box 70	Janice Sutton
9. Mt. Zion	Lexington	R. J. Reynolds		
30. Near Calvary	Kannapolis	W. W. Howard	Route 4, Box 49A	Mrs. W. W. Howard
31. Near the Cross	Kannapolis	Claude J. Vannoy	319 Central Ave.	Mrs. Willie Brooks
32. New Hope	Wadesboro	J. T. Bailey	1424 Old Lilesville Road	Hattie Bailey
33. Roberson Creek	Bostic	James C. Coffey	Box 91, Caroleen	Viollet Poteat
34. Seigle Street	Charlotte	Robert Hagler	1826 W. Allen St.	Mrs. H. H. Privette
35. Sandy Ford	Charlotte	J. C. Richardson	Ranlo Station, Gastonia	
36. Southpoint	Stanley	Henry G. Russell	115 Rankin St., Belmont	
37. United	Belmont	W. A. Todd	Rotue 1, Box 450	Mrs. Julila Riley
38. Westside	Concord	Maxie Coleman	1004 Harrill St.	Lula M. Lawson
39. Woodbine	Winston-Salem	James Flannery	Route 6	Howard Ashby

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

1958-1959

(Licensed and ordained ones) (List is subject to correction)

1. Absher, Alfred, Route 1, China Grove, N. C.
2. Allen, W. T., Box 2583, West Gastonia, N. C.
3. Arrant, L. P., Stanley, N. C.
4. Bailey, J. T., 1424 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C.
5. Ballew, Clarence, Route 1, Box 70, Lexington, N. C.
6. Barbee, J. L., Route 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, N. C.
7. Bean, Claude, Jr., Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
8. Benoist, Jesse, East Rockingham, N. C.
9. Benton, Drexler, 109 South Rose, Kannapolis, N. C.
10. Bowen, D. A., Rockingham, N. C.
11. Branch, Sherman, Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
12. Brooks, Thomas L., Thomasville, N. C.
13. Brooks, J. J., Route 2, Box 311A, Concord, N. C.
14. Brown, Carl, East Rockingham, N. C.
15. Bullard, George, 112 Robinson St., Rockingham, N. C.
16. Bullard, Seldon, Corner of 10 & Bridges St., Morehead City, N. C.
17. Bumgardner, Lloyd, Belmont, N. C.
19. Calvert, W. H., 613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
20. Cansler, John R.
21. Carswell, Jack, Cramerton, N. C.
22. Carter, Walter, 211 9th Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.
23. Carver, Floyd E., 423 Alexander St., Mooresville, N. C.
24. Clayton, Paul, 16 City Avenue, Lancaster, S. C.
25. Cole, James P., Route 3, Box 343, Concord, N. C.
26. Coleman, Maxie, 1004 Harrill St., Charlotte, N. C.
27. Cook, Martin, Route 2, Gastonia, N. C.
28. Cook, Raymond, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.
29. Coffey, James, Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.
30. Coxey, P. L., Pinkney Station, Gastonia, N. C.
31. Davis, Mitchell, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.
32. Davis, Paul, 504 S. Sterling, Morganton, N. C.
33. Dawkins, Ray, Hamlet, N. C.
34. Deese, Johnny, Rockingham, N. C.
35. Donahue, Harold, 709 Martin Circle, Kannapolis, N. C.
36. Eggers, W. C., Box 163, Maiden, N. C.
37. English, Howard, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
38. Faulkner, Howard, Box 107, Boger City, N. C.
39. Faulkner, Herbert, Route 3, Lincolnton, N. C.
40. Ferrell, Robert, 95 Caldwell St., Concord, N. C.
41. Flannery, James, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
42. Fowler, Judge, 135 Columbus Avenue, High Point, N. C.
43. Goforth, Harold, Route 4, Box 684 (City), Kannapolis, N. C.
44. Goodman, George, Route 3, Box 346, Concord, N. C.
45. Goodwin, Bruce, First Avenue, East Rockingham, N. C.
46. Gray, Oscar, Route 2, Box 219, Dallas, N. C.
47. Hagler, Robert, 1826 Allen St., Charlotte, N. C.

48. Hardman, Miller C., Route 4, Box 688, Kannapolis, N. C.
49. Heath, Ray, Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.
50. Helms, H. B., Stanley, N. C.
51. Henson, A. V., 706 Maple St., Cherryville, N. C.
52. Hill, William, Charlotte, N. C.
53. Hinson, Albert, 219 N. King, Gastonia, N. C.
54. Hobbs, Paul, Kannapolis, N. C.
55. Holcombe, E. O., Box 2546, West Gastonia, N. C.
56. Holt, N. W., Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
57. Honeycut, J. H., 307 Ingram St., Thomasville, N. C.
58. Howard, W. W., Route 4, Box 49A, Lexington, N. C.
59. Hudson, Colon, 1009 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
60. Huffman, Travis, Twin Motel, Gastonia, N. C.
61. Jackson, R. H., Pine Level, N. C.
62. Jones, H. L., 107 South Oak, Cherryville, N. C.
63. Jones, J. W., Cramerton, N. C.
64. Key, Weldon, Route 4, Box 412, Kannapolis, N. C.
65. King, Ernest, Globe Mill, Mt. Holly, N. C.
66. King, Julian
67. Knotts, W. T., Wadesboro, N. C.
68. Lambut, W. L., Box 2603, Kannapolis, N. C.
69. Lanning, Paul, Rout 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.
70. Lawing, L. R., 409 Broad Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
71. Lewis, J. B., 1320 Walnut St., Albemarle, N. C.
72. Marie, Carl, Hannah-Pickett, Avenue, East Rockingham, N. C.
73. Martin, Joe, Stanley, N. C.
74. Martin, Thomas S.
75. McQuage, Frank, Route, 2 Hamlet, N. C.
76. Nations, Joe, Trexler St., Gastonia, N. C.
77. Newell, A. W., 4113 Grove Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
78. Newton, C. C., 101 North Allendale St., Sarasota, Florida
79. Newton, J. R., Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.
80. Patterson, Boyce
81. Pendleton, James, Cramerton, N. C.
82. Perkins, N. B., Noles Drive, Box 7, Mt. Holly, N. C.
83. Pethel, Roy, Kannapolis, N. C.
84. Pierce, Linwood, Stanley, N. C.
85. Pilkington, Hubert, Dallas, N. C.
86. Player, Bernie, Rockingham, N. C.
87. Prevatte, Edgar, Seaboard St., East Rockingham, N. C.
88. Price, Lawrence, Box 284, Lowell, N. C.
89. Richardson, J. C., Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.
90. Reynolds, R. J., Box 954, Kannapolis, N. C.
91. Rikard, Roy, Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.
92. Riley, Robert
93. Rogers, Thomas, Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
94. Roland, Carl
95. Russell, Frederick, Willowring Dr., Belmont, N. C.
96. Russell, Henry G., 115 Rankin Street, Belmont, N. C.
97. Sawyer, H. A., Pineville, N. C.

98. Sawyer, H. J., Pineville, N. C.
R. P. Sawyer, Route 7, Box 577, Salisbury, N. C.
99. Sanford, Robert
100. Savage, Homer, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
101. Skipper, James, Clover S. C.
102. Snipes, Charles, 1313 N. Harrill, Charlotte, N. C.
103. Sparks, M. T., 911 Edgemont Avenue, Belmont, N. C.
104. Stamey, Ernest, Belmont, N. C.
105. Staten, Ralph, Box 48, North Belmont, N. C.
106. Sutherland, Bobby
107. Swartz, Edward, 402 E. Fifth St., Gastonia, N. C.
108. Sweat, Lacy, Rockingham, N. C.
109. Taylor, Howard, P O. Box 158, Lowell, N. C.
110. Therrell, L. L., 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
111. Thompson, Bobby, U. S. Navy
112. Todd, W. A., Route 1, Box 450, Concord, N. C.
113. Vannoy, Claude, 319 Central Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
114. Ware, William T., Stanley, N. C.
115. Weaver, J. C., Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.
116. Willis, Ralph, Box 3, North Belmont, N. C.
117. Williams, Thomas, Wilson Avenue, East Rockingham, N. C.
118. Williams, Daniel, 137 Honeywood Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
119. Williams, W. O., Cramerton, N. C.
120. Young, Wilbur B., 7th Avenue, East Rockingham, N. C.
121. Whittington, W. B., 750 Second Rainbow St., Lexington, N. C.
122. Wooten, J. W., 1600 N. Harrill, Charlotte, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, or the Senior Minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the Moderator assumes his place.
2. This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions, providing a quorum of nine members are present.
3. This body shall decide all questions by majority of the members present.
4. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
5. Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.
6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.
7. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off any time by a majority of the members present.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave from the body, and personal reflections shall be avoided.
9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at a time on the same subject, unless body gives permission.
10. No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the Moderator.
11. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
12. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes unless so ordered at the time.
13. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
14. By a 2/3's vote any decision of Moderator may be over-ruled.
15. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat to discuss subjects, but not to vote.
16. When any church of this Association shall lose its identity the Association shall, by trustee or otherwise, and in the name of the denomination, take possession of all property, real and personal, belonging to said church.
17. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
18. Unlawful absence from body denies a party voting privileges.
19. Members breaking any of these rules, Moderator admonishes.
20. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

THE 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, recording clerk, reading clerk, treasurer and promotional secretary.
- 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 preceeding 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 the 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 the ballot system.

2. The clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session. (Both recording and reading).

3. The moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, promotional-secretary 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 in 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 Free Will Baptist League Convention and the Master's Men Convention.

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

9. The indefinite pastoral call has been approved.

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

11. The executive board has charge of the associational 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 boards 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-five cents per member to the association with their report. This must be done 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, treas-

urer, promotional-secretary, 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.

17. A nominating committee will be elected at the end of each annual session to serve for the following year. Their duty will be to nominate the following officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Promotional-Secretary, and all boards and committees which are necessary to carry on the work of the association. The body will have the privilege to nominate from the floor when this committee gives its report.

18. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to the information already required); The names and addresses of every minister belonging to each church reporting, whether or not, each minister is a consistent tither. The clerk of the association is to take special note of this information and to include the same in the minutes. The clerk shall make a list of the ministers who are non-tithers and report the same to the ordaining council.

MY MINISTERIAL CODE OF ETHICS

I AM A MINISTER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, called of God to proclaim the unsearchable riches of His love. Therefore, I voluntarily adopt the following principles in order that through dedication and self-discipline I may set a more worthy example for those whom I seek to lead and serve.

I. MY PERSONAL CODE FOR LIFE

1. I will cultivate my devotional life, continuing steadfastly in reading the Bible and prayer.
2. I will endeavor to keep physically and emotionally fit for my work.
3. I will endeavor to be fair to my family and seek to give them the time and consideration to which they are entitled.
4. I will endeavor to live within my income and will not carelessly leave unpaid debts behind me.
5. I will strive to grow in my work through comprehensive reading and careful study and, by attending conventions and conferences.
6. I will be honest in my stewardship of money.
7. I will seek to dress in keeping with the dignity of the ministry.

II. MY RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH(ES) WHICH I SERVE

1. In my preaching I will exalt the Bible and will be true to my convictions, proclaiming the same in love.
2. I will maintain a Christian attitude toward my church officers and will not expect the unreasonable of them.
3. In my pastoral calling, I will have respect for every home I enter for I am a representative of Christ and His Church.
4. I will strive with evangelistic zeal to build up my church, but

will maintain a Christain attitude at all times toward members of others and their religious bodies.

5. I will under no circumstances violate confidences that come to me as a minister.
 6. I will not break a contract which I have made with a church for pastoral or evangelistic services without first securing their expressed consent.
 7. I will seek to make service primary and remuneration secondary.
 8. When employed for full-time service by a church (or churches) I will not engage in other lines of remunerative work without the knowledge and consent of the church or its official board.
 9. I will not take sides with my faction in my church unless a doctrinal or moral issue is involved.
 10. As a pastor I rightfully control the use of my own pulpit, but I will not invite persons into it who are not generally acceptable to my people.
 11. In my administrative and pastoral duties, I will remember that I am pastor of all my members, and will seek to avoid any display of preferences, and the cultivation of intimacies within the church or the community which may be construed as evidence of partiality. I will seek not to identify myself with any social set either in the church or the community and I will endeavor not to allow personal feelings to interfere with the impartial nature of my ministrations.
 12. When I can no longer command the respect and cooperation of a congregation, I will, in the interest of the church, quietly resign and will strive to strengthen the unity of the congregation regardless of the circumstances.
 13. I will never speak disparagingly of my church or my profession.
 14. I will not incur any sizable financial obligation for the church without first obtaining their consent.
1. I will refuse to enter into unfair competition with other ministers in order to secure a pulpit or place of distinction.
 2. I will refrain from frequent visits to a former field without consulting the present pastor, and if I am called back for a funeral or wedding I will request that he (the present pastor) be present.
 3. I will not trouble my successor by meddling in the affairs of the church I formerly served.
 4. I will be courteous to any predecessor of mine when he returns to the field, so long as he does not meddle in affairs.
 5. I will be thoughtful of any retired minister.
 6. I will show courtesy and respect toward ministers who are my senior in age.
 7. I will not accept the pulpit of another person unless he invites me, or in his absence an invitation from the deacons.
 8. I will not knowingly use sermon material prepared by another without acknowledging the source from which it comes.
 9. Upon leaving a parsonage, I will seek to leave it in first class condition, with all dirt, rubbish, etc., removed.

10. Upon retirement from the active ministry, I will give my pastor loyal support.
11. I will not gossip about other ministers, nor encourage it. But in cases of unethical conduct I will bring the matter before the proper body.
12. I will hold in sincere respect any minister whose work is well done, regardless of the size or the nature of the field he serves.
13. Although I may sometimes differ from my fellow ministers, I will respect their Christian earnestness and sincerity.
14. I will seek not to interfere directly or indirectly with the church work of another minister, and I will especially be careful to avoid the charge of proselyting.
15. I will neither nor consider overtures from a church whose pastor has not yet resigned.
16. I will seek to make my relationship with my fellow minister one of frankness and cooperation.
17. I will show a friendly and cooperative interest in my brethren, attending the group meetings of the ministers, assisting them with labors of love, defending them against injustice, and following them with kindly concern in their hours of need or distress.

IV. MY PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. I will never lower my ideals in order to appear a goodly sort of fellow.
2. I consider that my first duty to my community is to be a conscientious pastor and leader of my congregation, but I will not use this fact as an easy excuse to escape reasonable responsibilities that the community calls upon me to assume.
3. As an ethical leader in the community I will seek to be scrupulously honest and to meet my bills promptly.
4. I will not consider myself under obligation to marry every couple that comes to be married, but I will use the power of refusal with great discretion.
5. I will not give the sanction of my presence to unbecoming conversation or conduct and indecent dress.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(Catechetical)

1. Who are Free Will Baptists?

The term "Freewillers," "New Lights," "General Provisioners," "Open Communists," "Randallites," "Palmerites," "Baptist Church of Christ," "General Baptists," "Free Communion Baptists," "Free Will Baptists," "Free Baptists" have been applied as epithets of derision to groups of people who have spearheaded the American continent in different areas of the Atlantic seaboard and who were the first Baptists to come from England and Europe to help organize the first Baptist churches in North America. The group now commonly known as Free Will Baptists is not a movement which has

sprung up within the past century. History accords a place for this movement as early as the seventeenth century on the North American continent. An entire church, consisting of pastor and congregation, came from Wales and settled on the Delaware River on what was known as the Welsh Tract. Even from this group came several men who preached the Arminian doctrine in contrast to the prevailing Calvinistic doctrine of the day.

Churches of the Free Will Baptist pattern had been organized by Nicholas Ayres in New York City by 1724, Paul Palmer in Perquimans County, N. C. in 1727 and Benjamin Randall in New Durham, N. H., 1780. The Randall movement or wing was mostly swallowed up by the Northern Baptist Convention in 1910.

Benedict, a historian, declares that the oldest Baptist church in America, formed in March, 1639, at Providence by Roger Williams, was founded upon the principles of General or Free Will Baptists. The first two Baptist churches in North Carolina, according to Paschal, Baptist historian, were General or Free Will Baptists.

The first Baptist church in England was regularly organized in 1607 by John Smith upon the principles of the General or Free Will Baptists.

General or Free Will Baptists are the Mennonites and Anabaptists of England and Europe, the original Waldenses whose principles and sentiments are traced in the different centuries to the apostles and Christ. Thus Free Will Baptists hold the sentiments and principles which can be traced through the centuries to the days of Christ and the apostles. Thus we can say they have a general pattern which characterizes the New Testament churches.

Notice the claims regarding the principles and teachings of Free Will Baptists, Anabaptists, or Arminian Baptists, as attributed by others:

2. What are the testimonies of other denominational leaders concerning Baptists?

a. (A. Campbell, Disciples of Christ) "From the apostolic age to the present time, the sentiments of Baptists have continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced, "McCalla-Campbell Debate on Baptism, pp. 378-379.

b. (Cardinal Hosius, Catholic of 1524 A. D.), President of the Council of Trent: "... the Anabaptists, since there have been none for these 1200 years that have been more generally punished." 1200 years before 1524 indicate there were Baptist in 300 A. D.

c. (Moshiem, Lutheran Historian): "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists," Institutes of Ecclesiastical History.

"The true origin of that sect which acquired the denomination Ana-baptists by their administering the rite of baptism to those who came over to their communion and derived that Mennonites from the famous man to whom they owe the greatest part of the present felicity, is hid in the depths of antiquity, and is, of

consequence, extremely difficult to be ascertained," Church History, page 490.

d. (Robert Barclay, Quaker): "There are also reasons for believing that on the continent of Europe small hidden Christian societies, who have held many of the opinions of the Anabaptists, have existed from the times of the apostles," Inner Life of the Societies of the Commonwealth, pp. 11,12.

e. (John Clark, Methodist): "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist church as far back as A. D. 100, though without doubt there were Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists," Baptist Church Perpetuity, page 59.

f. (J. J. Dermout and Dr. Ypeij, Dutch Reformed Church): "The Mennonites are descended from the tolerably pure evangelical Waldenses, who were driven by persecution into various countries; and who during the latter part of the 12th century fled into Flanders; and into the provinces of Holland (Dutch) and Zeeland, where they lived simple and exemplary lives"

"We have seen that the Baptists, who were called Anabaptists, and in later times Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and who have long in history received the honor of that origin. On this account the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the apostles, and as a Christian society which has preserved pure doctrines of the gospel through the ages. The perfectly correct external and internal economy of the Baptist denomination tends to confirm the truth disputed by the Romish church, that the reformation brought about in the sixteenth century was in the highest degree necessary and at the same time goes to refute the erroneous notion of the Catholics that their denomination is the most ancient," History of the Dutch Reformed Church, Vol. 1, page 148.

g. (Robert G. Torbet, Missionary Baptist): "Those who most clearly and consistently applied the New Testament principles to their church life were the Anabaptists (called Mennonites today) and the English Baptists, who followed their example in the 17th century." The Baptist History: Then and Now, page 12.

h. (Baptist Confessions of Faith, W. J. McClothin, Professor of Church History in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary): "Accordingly, the work begins with the Anabaptists, who were in many respects the forerunners of the Baptists." In speaking of the Anabaptists on page 2 he says further: ". . . consequently they devoted little attention to creed building. In general they were Anti-Augustinian, i.e., Plegian or Arminian in their views of the plan of salvation, and were in agreement in their opposition to infant baptism and to the State Church. Their fundamental principle, from which all else sprang, the church is composed of the regenerate only," On page 50: "The English Baptists arose in the Netherlands and possibly because of their contact with this new theology and their affinity with the Anabaptists or Mennonites who held this type of doctrine they adopted a new theology, which, from the leading representative, James Arminius, soon came to be known as Arminianism. Because they believed in a universal or general atonement they came to be known as General Baptists of

the two parties or wings of English Baptists priority or origin belongs therefore to the Arminians . . . "

On page 78, Article 65, "Of these Confessions of Faith, we have given the final views as given by John Smith, the founder of the English Baptists (General), who died in August of 1612: "That the visible church is a mystical figure outwardly, of the true, spiritual invisible church, which consists of the spirits of just and perfect men only, that is of the regenerate (Rev. 1:20, compared with Rev. 21:2, 23, 27.)

i. (Dr. Ben M. Bogard, Landmark Missionary Baptist, former editor of the Missionary Baptist Searchlight and Arkansas Baptist said: "I discuss General Baptists here because they are really Free Will Baptists in doctrine and practice but have a different history and church policy.

Again speaking of Benedict's statement found on page 304 of his history referring to the church formed by Smith, stating that it was "the first regularly organized Baptist Church, of which we possess any account," Bogard says: "This dodge will be exposed by calling attention to the fact that Benedict was discussing English Baptists and no others at this point in history. Hence he only meant that the first English Baptists were General Baptists. General Baptists have had a continued existence since the day of John Smyth (1607) to the present day and they now number possibly one fourth of the Free Will Crowd," Arkansas Baptist, page 9, No. 4, Vol. 6, new series by Ben M. Bogard; also Million and Barrett History of Liberal Baptists, page 233.

"To make a blanket rule that none (alien immersionists - people immersed or baptised by ministers of other denominations) will be received (into Missionary Baptist Churches) means that all of our churches have no scriptural baptism for all of us came through churches that practiced that very thing. Bro. Hardin has written a strong article, but the fact remains as Dr. Graves put it, that the practice of alien immersion was almost universal, very few exceptions, until he taught them the way of the Lord more perfectly. I put it too strong, as Bro. Hardin points out, when I said all the English churches practiced it (alien immersion). There were a few who did not. But the great majority did. Please, brethren, do not destroy yourselves this way." In a footnote he continues: "Brother Hardin actually runs his succession line to Virginia, alien immersionists, and thus unchurches himself." Orthodox Baptist Searchlight, Nov. 10, 1940, Little Rock, Arkansas.

j. (T. A. H. Laslie, General Baptist): "Former friends of Smyth and his followers called the heretics and free-willers." Laslie's History of General Baptists, page 133.

"In 1780 a Baptist Church was organized at New Durham (N. H.) in sympathy with Randall's views. By 1790 there were 18 churches in the connection, with about 800 members . . . For twenty years the churches refused any other religious designation than "Baptist". The persistence of the Regular Baptists in calling these brethren "Free-willers" led to their adoption of the name "Free-will Baptist." History of Baptist Churches in U. S., Newman, p. 270.

k. (Handbook of Denominations in U. S., Frank S. Mead): "The Free Will Baptists in this country have a Welsh background;

they migrated from Wales in 1701, settling on a grant of land in I. (Book of Religious Denominations, Joseph Belcher): "As, however, we have surveyed the whole field, we shall venture to assert that without any profound reasoning, or any considerable labor of the imagination, we shall see that the Free Will Baptists of America are the lineal descendants of venerable men who in England maintained the battle for freedom, in common with their brethren of somewhat a different creed, and to the whole family of Baptists from the sixteenth century downwards the world yet owes a mighty debt." page 269.

m. (Phelan's New Handbook of Denominations): "The first church that gave rise to this branch of the Baptists was organized in Chowan County, N. C., in 1727, by Elder Paul Palmer." P. 57.

n. (The Free Will Baptist, a publication): A writer in the Free Will Baptist of Ayden, N. C., of the August 13, 1941 issue says that there were churches organized into a Yearly Meeting as early as 1720. Thus the Perquimans Church could not be the oldest, which was organized in 1727. The same writer quotes Elder Elias Hutchings: "We were called Anabaptists, Baptists, and General Baptists until the year of 1728, when we adopted the name Free Will Baptists."

o. (Baptist Way-Book, Ben M. Bogard): "After the ruin of these kingdoms - the Goths and Lombards-laws were issued by the emperor, to deprive them of their baptismal churches and to secure them to the Catholic clergy. Consequently the brethren worshipped in private homes, under different names." Page 54, quoting from Orchard's History on page 147.

Bogard's note: 'After being driven out of their meeting houses under different names.' "This gives occasion to remark that Baptists have never had a uniform name. Baptists today, believing and practicing substantially the same thing, are called by various names . . . yet they are all one and the same sort of Baptists . . . what we shall be called next nobody knows. So in the past they were called Waldenses, Novationists, Petro-Brusians, Paulicians, Anabaptists, etc. . . ."

It is clearly indicative that if any church or Baptist group can trace the teachings - principles and sentiments; - through the centuries back to days of the apostles and Christ, it is the Free Will Baptists of North America. Free Will Baptists were the first most of the ancestry of United States of America came from.

2. How do other Baptists differ from Free Will Baptists?

(1) We differ as to history.

There are two major groups of Baptists. They are commonly known as Arminian Baptists and Calvinistic Baptists. Free Will Baptists and General Baptists are generally known as Arminian Baptists. The Calvinistic Baptists have their origin with the Particular Baptist Church of England, which began about 1644. The Particular Baptist Church of England divided into several camps of Calvinism - Hardshell or Primitive Baptists, Missionary Baptists (Southern, Northern, Fundamentalist, Landmark, Regular, Conservative, Independent, etc.) Their major split came in 1832. This gave rise to the two wings of Hardshell Baptists and Missionary

Baptists. Each one of these wings has had several splits. The Southern Baptist came out of the Missionary Baptist wing in 1845, the Landmark Missionary Baptist in 1905, the Northern Baptist in 1907, etc. Each of these splits have had groups come out in organizations independent of them, one having no fellowship with the other.

Free Will Baptists are the General or Arminian Baptists of Europe which are also the Mennonites and Anabaptists, of England and Europe, the original Waldenses whose principles and sentiments are traced to the apostles and Christ.

(2) We differ on the doctrine of perseverance of the saints.

The Calvinistic Baptists make the preservation of the saints, on the human side, unconditional. It is the doctrine commonly called: "Once saved always saved," "Once in grace always in grace." There isn't any thing that a child of God can do to increase or decrease his chances of going to heaven. If once elected you are always elected. There is nothing a child of God can do to be lost.

Free Will Baptists teach that both salvation from alien sins or regeneration and the preservation of the saints are conditional. They also teach that a child of God can backslide so far or fall so far away as to be condemned, disinherited, lost and fall away to the state that it is impossible for that one to be renewed unto repentance again.

(3) We differ as to the number and the custodian of the ordinances of the New Testament.

Most Missionary Baptist teach there are just two ordinances - water baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are local church ordinances and the local congregation is the only organization which can scripturally administer them. The general rule is they will not accept baptisms - immersion - by any Arminian Baptist, Church of God, Methodist, etc. The general practice in the observing of the Lord's Supper or Communion is that only members of the local congregation have a scriptural right to partake. Even members of sister churches are denied the privilege to participate. This would hold true if you were the best kind of a Christian who was a member of another church.

Free Will Baptists as a rule teach there are three ordinances of the New Testament - water baptism, Lord's Supper and Footwashing - the washing of the disciples' or saints' feet. They usually accept water baptism - immersion - as administered by other denominations, if the one coming for membership is satisfied with its administration. In observing the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Disciples' or Saints' feet an invitation is usually given to professed Christians of sister churches and other denominations to participate.

Missionary Baptists generally teach that the Great Commission of Matt. 28:19-20 was given to the church that Jesus was to build (Matt. 16:18), and that they as the Baptist Church or churches is that Church. In so teaching they claim that they are the only ones who can scripturally administer water baptism and the Lord's Supper, commission preachers and missionaries and have a right to exist as a church. Other denominations can not scriptur-

ally ordain preachers nor administer baptism and the Lord's Supper, they are only mere societies.

Free Will Baptists hold that the ordinances belong to the spiritual body of Christ or His kingdom and that there are people of other churches or denominations who are members of this spiritual body or or citizens of His kingdom. Thus Christians of other churches or denominations as Baptists, etc. can administer valid baptism, scripturally set the Lord's table and observe the ordinances.

(4) We differ as to discipline.

Missionary Baptists as a whole have come to tolerate things among them that would not generally be tolerated among Free Will Baptists. This is not said out of prejudice when I say that different forms of modernism have crept much into certain areas of their denominational life. Certain practices, theories, fads are tolerated generally among them where it would not be tolerated among our institutions. It is well known that they have in their churches and institutions some liberal leaders who question the virgin birth of Christ, the diety of Christ, the Genesis account of creation (evolution) or the verbal inspiration of the scriptures. These in certain areas of their denominational life are not accepted in the sense of being so fundamentally scriptural as we, in the same areas of denominational life, believe.

I am made to think that our churches as a whole call for a higher standard of morals among the membership of our churches.

3. When was the National Association of Free Will Baptist organized?

It was organized in 1935 at Nashville, Tennessee, in the Cofer's Chapel Church. It became the largest group of Arminian Baptists in the world. This does not include the Randall movement of Free Will Baptists in the Northeastern United States as most of those churches were intrigued into the Northern Baptist Convention in 1910. This transaction cost Free Will Baptists a number of colleges and church properties.

4. Do Free Will Baptists now have a publishing house?

Yes. It is located at Ayden, N. C.

5. Do Free Will Baptists have a headquarter's location for its national enterprises?

Yes. It is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. It has offices for the executive secretary, foreign mission board, home mission board League board, Sunday School board, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men and book store.

6. Do Free Will Baptists now have any colleges or Bible Schools?

Yes. The Free Will Baptist Bible College is located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. The Mount Olive Junior College of Mount Olive, North Carolina is sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. Bible Institutes are located at Cramerton, N. C., St. Louis, Mo., Tulsa, Oklahoma and Richmond, California.

7. Do Free Will Baptists have any outstanding publications?

Yes. The national weekly, *The Free Will Baptist*, is pub-

lished at Ayden, N. C. The national monthly, The Contact, is published in Nashville, Tennessee. Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, California have state sponsored publications.

The bulletin service is under the direction of the executive secretary.

8. Do Free Will Baptists have a Yearbook and Directory of Churches or a Treatise on the Faith and Practices of Original Free Will Baptists?

Yes. The last Yearbook and Directory was printed in 1957. The last revised edition of the Treatise was in 1958. These may be ordered from Free Will Baptist Book stores at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee or perhaps at Ayden, N. C.

9. Are there any particular books of history that give an account of something of the origin, growth, and development of Free Will Baptists as a distinct people by Free Will Baptists?

Yes. A History of Free Will Baptists by G. W. Million may be purchased from the Ayden Press, Ayden, N. C. The Free Will Baptist Story by Damon C. Dodd may be purchased at either of the Free Will Baptist book stores: 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee or Ayden, N. C. History of the Free Will Baptists by Norman A. Baxter, particularly of the Randall movement, may also be purchased at the book store in Ayden, N. C.

10. Do Free Will Baptists have any missionaries, if so, who are some of them and to which locations are their field of operation?

Yes. India—Miss Barnard, the Cronks, the Hannas; Japan—the Calvery's, Hershey's, Waids; Africa—the Stevens, Sparks, Merkh's; Cuba—the Wileys, senior and junior; Brazil—Dave Franks, Esther Ruehle, Eula Mae Marton, the Eagletons and Wilkinsons; Spain—Mario Cignoni; Alaska—the Whaleys; Canada and New England—the Owens; Hawaii—the Sanders; Mexico and Arizona—Miss Yeley, Miss Barker, the Billows, the Ellistons; Canada and Northwest (Washington and Oregon)—the Postlewaits; Spanish in Miami, Florida—Melitino Martinez and Gordon Johnson.

11. Do Free will Baptists have a program of missions?

Yes. The Foreign Mission director and secretary is Raymond Riggs with offices in national headquarters. The Home Missions director and secretary is Homer Willis with offices in national headquarters.

Most of the states which have state associations have state directors and their own program method of support.

12. Do Free Will Baptists have any Children's Homes or Orphanages?

Yes. They are located at Middlesex, N. C.; Turbeville, S. C.; Greenville, Tenn.; Ringland, Oklahoma; Eldridge, Ala.

13. Do Free Will Baptists have a program of taking care of aged or retired ministers and widows of ministers?

Yes. It is supervised by the National Board of Superannuation. Some of the states have boards or directors. Each may have a different method of operation and support. K. V. Shutes, 323 E. St., Thomaston, Georgia, is the director of the national board.

14. Does the Piedmont Association have a code of ethics for its ministers?

Yes. It is the one adopted by the state convention of North Carolina. It is to be printed in the 1959 minutes of the Piedmont Association.

15. Do Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont or N. C. state convention have a retreat for summer encampment church groups?

Yes. It is called Cragmont, near Black Mountain, N. C.

16. Do Free Will Baptists of N. C. have a fund from which churches may get a loan to help finance a church building or redecorating church project?

Yes. It is called the Church Finance Association. It is under the sponsorship of the state convention. Secretary-treasurer is M. L. Johnson, Mt. Olive, N. C.

17. Do Free Will Baptists have a church work in all the states?

No. There are churches in some 30 of the 50 states. It has been estimated there are about 40,000 Free Will Baptists (Original) in North Carolina and about 400,000 in these mentioned states.

18. What are the district units of Free Will Baptists called in North Carolina?

They are called by some, associations; and others call them conferences. They are listed as follows: Albemarle Conference, Blue Ridge Association, Cape Fear Conference, Central Conference, Piedmont Association, Eastern Conference, French Broad Association, Jacks Creek Association, Mt. Mitchell Association, New River Conference, Pee Dee Association, Rockfish Conference, St. Annah Conference, Toe River Association, Western Association, Western Conference, Yadkin Valley Association. There are 17 district units. These do not all represent regularly or consistently to the state convention. In fact several have about lost identity with the state convention.

19. What scriptures do Free Will Baptists use for having a presbytery (ordaining council) to lay hands on candidates for the ministry to signify their being set apart for the gospel ministry?

Answer: Acts 6:2-6; 11:25-30 and 13:1-3; 1 Tim. 4:14; 5:22; 2 Tim. 1:6.

20. In theology, what do the following terms mean to Free Will Baptists?

(1) Virgin birth of Christ: That Christ is a supernatural person, conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin, Matt. 1:20-25; Luke 1:34-38; Isa. 7:14. He is the only begotten Son of God, John 3:16. Christ is divine. We believe in the deity of Christ. See chapter V, sections 1 and 2 of the Treatise.

(2) Death of Christ: He gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible to all men. See Chapter VI of Treatise, section 1.

(3) Resurrection of Christ: He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where as the only Mediator between God and man, he makes intercession for us until he comes again.

See Chapter VI of treatise, section 2.

(4) Ascension of Christ: He went back to the Father in heaven, John 20:17; Eph. 4:8-10; John 14:12, 28; 15:26; 16:7, 16, 17; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11; 3:21. See Chapter VI of Treatise and section 2.

(5) Second coming of Christ: The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world, Luke 16:26-30; Heb. 9:27-28; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Acts 17:30; Matt. 13:40-43; 13:49-50; John 12:48; 11:24; 6:44, 54. See Chapter XX of Treatise.

(6) The work of the Holy Spirit: The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against. He is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. He inspired the Scriptures. He reproves or convicts the sinner (John 16:8; Gen. 6:3). He washes, sanctifies and justifies the believer on Christ (1 Cor. 6:11; Acts 11:17; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13; Tit. 3:5; 2 Thess. 2:13). See Chapter VII of the Treatise.

(7) The angels: They were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and executing His judgments upon the world (Neh. 9:6; Col. 1:16; John 1:51; Ps. 104:4). See Chapter IV of Treatise, section 1, article 2.

(8) General atonement: The gospel call is co-extensive with the benefits of the death of Christ. Salvation has been made possible and made available to all men (Tit. 2:11; 2 Cor. 5:14-15). If any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own. (Jno. 3: 16; 16:8). See Chapter VIII of Treatise.

(9) Purpose of creating man: God created man for his own pleasure and glory (Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7). See Chapter IV of Treatise, section 1, articles 1 and 3

(10) "Original Sin": Some theologians say: means the participation in the common sin of the race, with which God charges us, in virtue of our descent from Adam, its first father and head. Some have defined it as the "innate sinful depravity of the heart, includes not only the depravity of nature but the imputation of Adam's first sin, or in other words, the liableness or exposedness of Adam's posterity, in the divine judgment, to partake of the punishment of that sin." One theologian says: "It is the sinful state and condition in which men are born."

According to Greek fathers there is a physical corruption in the human race, which is derived from Adam, but this is not sin and does not involve guilt. The freedom of the will was not affected directly by the fall, but is affected only indirectly by the inherited physical corruption.

Tertullian regarded original sin as a hereditary sinful taint or corruption, which did not exclude the presence of some good in

man.

Augustine says the nature of man, both physical and moral, is totally corrupted by Adam's sin, so that he cannot do otherwise than sin. It is a moral punishment for sin. It is such a quality of the nature of man, that in his natural state, he can and will do evil only. He has lost the material freedom of the will. It is not a corruption but a guilt.

The Semi- Pelagian view (the Arminian view of the 17th century) admitted that the whole human race is involved in the fall of Adam, that human nature is tainted with hereditary sin, and that all men are by nature inclined to evil and not able, apart from the grace of God, to complete any good work; but denied the total depravity of man, the guilt of original sin, and the loss of freedom of the will. See 1 Cor. 11:7; Col. 3:10; Prov. 20:27; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:12; Isa. 59:2; Ezek. 28:15; Acts 17:28; Ezek. 18:20; Luke 18:15-16; Isa. 7:16; Heb. 11:24; Jer. 31:30. See Chapter IV of Treatise, section II and Chapter VI, Article 3.

(11) Free moral agency: God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and the power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility (Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14-15; Prov. 1:24-28; 29:1; Rev. 22:17; Josh. 24:15; John 6:44-45; Mark 16:15; Col. 1:23; Rom. 10:16-18). See Chapter III of Treatise, article 2; Chapter VI, article 1 and Chapter VIII.

(12) Conditions of sinner's salvation: Repentance-Confession and forsaking of sin; faith or believing in or believing on Christ (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 10:9; Luke 7:50; 18:42; Rom. 4:5; Acts 16:30-31; Jno. 3:14-16. See Chapter IX and X of the Treatise.

(13) Grace of God: Grace generally means favor or goodwill (Gen. 6:8; 19:19; 33:15; Luke 1:30; 2:40, 52; Acts 2:47; 25:9. The fundamental idea is, that the blessings graciously bestowed are freely given, and in not in consideration of any claim or merit. It is in reality the active communication of divine blessings by the in working of the Holy Spirit out of the fulness of Him who is "full of grace and truth," (Rom. 3:25; 5:2, 15, 17, 20; 6:1; 1 Cor. 1:4; 6:1; 2 Cor. 9:8; Eph. 1:7; 2:5, 8; 3:7; 1 Pet. 3:7; 5:12). Grace is an attribute of God. It is God's free, sovereign, undeserved favor or love to man, in his state of sin and guilt, which manifests itself in the forgiveness of sin and deliverance from its penalty. See Chapters II and III of Treatise, and Chapter VIII, and Chapter XII.

(14) Eternal security: It is the doctrine called commonly: "Once saved always saved", "Unconditional preservation", "No saved person can backslide so far as to be lost", "Once saved, nothing can increase nor decrease one's chance of heaven, on the part of the individual". It is the doctrine of Calvinistic Baptists. What we teach: See Chapter XIII of Treatise.

(15) Repentance: A condition of salvation which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction of sin, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of sin (2 Cor. 7:10; Acts 2: 37; Ps. 51:17; Prov. 28:13). See Chapter IX

of Treatise.

(16) Faith: Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of the gospel revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. It is a condition of pardon or salvation. (Heb. 11:1,6; Rom. 10: 9-10; Luke 7:50; 18:42; Acts 16:30-31; 1 Cor. 15:1-3; 1 Thess. 1:5-6). See Chapter X of the Treatise.

(17) Regeneration: Is the change in an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in the Scripture being born again, born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature (John 3:3-7; Tit. 3:5; 1 John 5:10; John 1: 12-13; 1 John 5:1-4; 4:7; 4:24; Gal. 4:28-29; Luke 13:28; Heb. 3:14). See Chapter XI of the Treatise.

(18) Justification: Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to divine favor. (Acts 13:39; Rom. 5:1; 3:24-28; 1 Cor. 6:11). See Chapter XII of Treatise.

(19) Sanctification: It is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. See Chapter XII of Treatise, Article 2. (1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Cor. 6:11; Acts 26:18; 2 Peter 3:18).

There are two prominent definitions: Two set apart for divine purposes (dedicated unto God and His service) and separation from evil. (1 Thess. 4:3; Heb. 9:3; Ex. 19:20-22).

It is instantaneous in that one becomes a saint in regeneration or salvation (2 Thess. 2:13; Acts 26: 18; 1 Cor. 1:1; John 15:3; John 17:17; Eph. 5:26). It is progressive in that it may denote growth, to abound more and more, perfecting holiness (2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:1,10; 2 Cor. 7:1). It has a complete and final phase - spirit, soul and body (1 Thess. 3:12; 3:13; 1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:12-14).

The term does not imply moral perfection and does not come as a result of what some call the "second work of grace". The term "saint" means one who has been sanctified. Some of the saints-sanctified ones of the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 6:11) had been accused of being carnal (1 Cor. 1:2; 3:1-4), later committed fornication (1 Cor. 5:1-2; 2 Cor. 12:21) and needed cleansing from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor. 7:1):

(20) Divine healing: It came as a gift to certain ones in the church (1 Cor. 12:28). All members did not have the gift (1 Cor. 12:29-30, 8,9,10,11,15-17). It was one of the signs of an apostle (2 Cor 12:11-12; Acts 2:43; Rom. 15:19). Taking 1 Cor. 12:8-10 and 12:28 and 13:13, there must have been at least 12

gifts set in the church when Jesus ascended on High (Eph.4:8-14). Three were to remain (1 Cor.13:13), which means that nine were to pass away when that which was perfect was to come - the completion of the New Testament (1 Cor. 13:8-12; James 1:22-25; Eph. 4:13-15). Paul speaks of himself as being the last of the apostles, 1 Cor.4:9. John the Revelator, speaks as if he were the last of God's prophets to speak, Rev. 22:18-19. In this sense, healing as a miracle, wonder, sign as for the confirming of the already spoken word, (which we now have as a complete New Testament), Mark 16:19-20; Heb. 2:4. Those signs and wonders done by the apostles (2 Cor. 12:11-12; Acts 2:43; Rom. 15:19; Heb. 2:4) were to be recorded in the New Testament to make believers out of unbelievers (John 20:30-31; Acts 5:12-15; Acts 6:6-8). They were both Christ's and the apostles' credentials that they were of God. Those whom the apostles laid their hands as Stephen and Phillip (Acts 8:5-8) received like gift. No record where one of these could continue transmitting gift to others. The word of God needs no further confirming. We are to contend for the faith (system of teaching) once delivered to the saints, Jude 3. The Scriptures already given and confirmed is sufficiently furnished for every good work, 2 Tim. 3 15-16.

Divine healing came also as an answer to prayer by the elders of the church, James 5:14-15. In this case means as oil (medical preparation) was used. The patients in this case seemed to have been people who had become sick because God's chastisement for sin. Before being healed, the patient was to confess faults or sins. Some church members were made sick because of abusing the Lord's Supper, making a feast out of it, 1 Cor. 11:29-30. Paul left Trophimus at Miletus sick for some reason, 1 Tim.4:20. Paul advised Timothy to doctor a stomach disorder with a "little wine", 1 Tim.5:23. Paul prayed thrice for an infirmity - thorn in the flesh - to be removed, but the Lord would not answer his prayer in the affirmative. He merely gave him more grace and strength to overcome, 2 Cor. 12:7-10. If anyone had enough faith, surely Paul or Timothy did. If it is to punish His children for disobedience or to keep them humble, no amount of faith or praying would remove the hand of God in the matter: unless for sin and it was confessed and means used in prayer to accomplish the purpose of God in that person's life. Sickness may be for one's good (Rom. 8:28) sometimes.

(21) Future state of righteous and unrighteous: Immediately after death the soul enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. See Chapter XIX of Treatise. Bcc. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 12:1-4; Rev. 6: 9; 20:4-5; Luke 16: 22-26; Rev. 20:14).

Immediately after the judgment, the righteous soul and body will enter into eternal life, and the wicked soul and body will go into endless punishment, Matt. 25:46; John 10:28; Mark 10:30; Matt. 10:28; Mark 10: 44-48; John 5:28-29. See Chapters XXI

and XXII of the Treatise.

(22) Local Church: Is a Christian Church an organized body of believers in Christ, who stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures.

The universal church is the Church of God, or members of the body of Christ as the whole body of Christians throughout the world, and none but the regenerate are its members. See Chapter XV of the Treatise.

(23) Organization of Church and the setting of one in operation: See pages 41 and 42 of 1958 edition of Treatise.

(24) Officers of church and their duties: See Section II, page 42, of 1958 edition of Treatise. See also Chapter XVII, page 31 of 1958 Treatise.

(25) Ordinances of the Gospel: Water baptisms represents a burial and resurrection (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12), requires much water (John 3:23), a going down into the water (Acts 8:38), a coming up out of the water (Mark 1; 9-10). Thus baptism is a memorial of Christ's burial and resurrection.

The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death, 1 Cor. 11:26.

The washing of the disciples' or saints' feet is a memorial of Christ's descension - coming from God - taking on Himself the form of man to be a servant - and ascension - going to God (John 13; 3-5; John 12:3; Mark 14: 3,9.)

See Chapter XVIII of 1958 Treatise, page 33.

An ordinance should represent something in the life of the life of the ministry of Christ. It could picture His descension, death, burial and resurrection, ascension. If the Lord's supper is a picture of His death, water baptism of His burial and resurrection, washing of Disciples' or Saints' feet His descension and ascension, what would represent His intercessory ministry from heaven now or His office of High Priest? Paul explains in Heb. 7:7-8 that those who TITHE testify that He is a High Priest after the order of Melchisedeck and witness that He is alive forever more. To not tithe would be to say one believes that He is still in the grave - He is a dead Christ and not a living Christ.

(26) Relation of Church to conference, association, or quarterly meeting: A Quarterly Meeting cannot deprive a church of its independent form of government, nor its right to discipline its own members. See Section III, Article 1, page 53, 1958 Treatise. See also Section 11, Article 1, page 55.

(27) Duty of Church toward pastor; Every church should provide for the support of its pastor and other church expenses; each member contributing there to, tithes and offerings. See 1958 Treatise, page 44, Section IV, Article 5.

(28) Procedure of Church toward disorderly minister; See 1958 Treatise, page 47, Section VI, Article 4.

(29) The Scriptures: Holy Scriptures, the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy

PROCEEDINGS
Thursday Evening, 7:30 - 9:00

The introductory services of the sixteenth annual session of the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina were conducted on Thursday evening, July 30, 1959, at the Morganton Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Paul Davis as host pastor.

The devotional exercises were opened with the Youth Program under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary and directed by the Youth Chairman, Novella Propst. A number of churches participated in the "Talent Time" hour. Special numbers were rendered by groups from the following churches; Bethlehem of Kannapolis, Cramerton of Cramerton, First Church of Morganton, Ben Avenue of Kannapolis and Goshen of North Belmont.

After these talented numbers and devotions, the Moderator, Walter Carter, declared the Piedmont Association in session and continued with opening remarks.

Rev. Ralph Willis was appointed as clerk pro tem. The Morganton trio rendered a special number. This moved the assembly to the tempo of an old-fashioned testimonial service.

The evening message was delivered by Ralph Staten, pastor of the Goshen Church. He used as a scriptural setting a lesson from Luke 9:23-26, as text, Rom. 1:16, and theme on the "Gospel 'P' Patch".

At the close of these services, the moderator appointed Ralph Staten as acting clerk of the Association.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Nominating - Roy Rikard, Paul Davis and Homer Savage; Credentials - - Ralph Staten, William Calvert, and Ralph Willis.

The session was adjourned until 10:00 A. M. Friday, July 31, 1959, with the reminder that this is "The Challenging Hour".

Friday Morning

These services and session opened at 10:00 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, with Robert Hagler directing the singing and Mrs. Ralph Staten, pianist.

The devotional was conducted by Colon Hulson, pastor of Mable Avenue Church. He spoke on the theme - An Hour of Opportunity, from John 10:17-18; 12:27.

The moderation asked for the adoption of the program prepared by the officials. It was adopted flexibly so as to give the moderator discretionary powers.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Paul Davis and the response by J. M. Flannery, pastor of the Woodbine Church.

Partial report of nominating committee was adopted. Ralph Staten was elected recording clerk, and Ralph Willis as reading and corresponding clerk.

The credential committee reported the following churches

as having properly represented by letter and delegates or either only: Near the Cross of Kannapolis, Woodbine of High Point, First Gastonia, First Morganton, First East Rockingham, Near Calvary of Lexington, Mabel Avenue of Kannapolis, Westside of Charlotte, Seigle Street of Charlotte, Mt. Holly, Roberson Creek of Bostic, Mt. Carmel of Lexington, Mountain View of Spencer Mountain, Bethlehem of Kannapolis, Mt. Olive of Kannapolis, East Belmont, Ben Avenue of Kannapolis, Independence Square of Kannapolis, Cramerton, First Stanley, First Cherryville, Maple Street of Rockingham, Ashland St. of High Point, Fairview of Rockingham, Fifth Street of Gastonia. Letters were received and delegates seated.

The roll call of ministers was announced. Letters of transfer were granted to Paul Clayton, Seldon Bullard, and R. H. Jackson. Edward Swartz, new pastor at First Gastonia, was given a seat in council.

The report of the Board of Christian Education was adopted. See under adopted reports the six items recommended and adopted.

A motion was properly sustained that a report of this convention be carried in the columns of the Charlotte Observer, if expenses incurred do not exceed the sum of \$30.00. J. C. Calvert, Paul Davis, and Ralph Staten were appointed as Publicity Committee.

11:00 O'clock Service

A singspiration period was conducted by Robert Hagler, pastor of Seigle Street Church in Charlotte. Solo numbers were rendered by Robert Hagler and Sherman Branch, pastor of the Dallas church.

The morning message was brought by Edward Swartz, pastor of the First Gastonia Church. His text was taken from Rev. 2:10. He used as his theme, "The Challenge to be Faithful Unto God" or "Unfaithfulness is a Sin That Burdens". The message was one that was challenging and edifying.

Moderator appointed the following to fill vacancies on the board of resolutions: H. L. Jones, Frank McQuage and James Flannery.

The moderator dismissed the services with a benediction.

Friday Afternoon

The congregational singing was conducted by Robert Hagler with Mrs. Ralph Staten at the piano. The devotional was conducted by M. T. Sparks, pastor of the East Belmont Church, who used John 12:32 as a basis for his theme of, "An Hour of Optimism". Roy Rikard led in prayer.

The chairman of the Executive Board gave an oral report for information of the work which the board had done during the last year. He reported that L. E. Lawing represented the board concerning a matter relative to the Mt. Zion church in Kannapolis, and of a notice which had been given the Lowell church concerning a questionable transaction. The matter of setting up the work of an associational missionary had been suggested.

Motions carried to accept work of ordaining council as final and receive report as information. See reports adopted.

Treasurer's report was adopted. See report of Deese Hunsucker under reports adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the association cancel the contract for the printing of the 1958 minutes.

The body approved a motion which authorizes the treasurer to pay the clerk for his services rendered at the end of the associational year.

Promotional secretary, J. C. Calvert, gave an oral report of his year's work. It was received as information.

Ralph Willis gave the report for the board of trustees. See transactions of under adopted reports.

Motion was properly sustained that the treasurer be authorized to pay the trustees for their expenses incurred while doing business for the association.

Report of Encampment Board was called for. An oral report was given by the Woman's Auxiliary Youth chairman, Novella Probst, as information. M. T. Sparks, treasurer of the Encampment Board, reported a balance of \$376.02.

Representatives of the state convention were J. W. Everton of the Children's Home, Walter Reynolds of the state board of superannuation, and J. A. Evans, Vice-president, representing the state convention moderator, Bruce Barrow, in behalf of the state convention of churches. An offering was taken for the Children's Home at Middlesex. The total was \$44.70.

Robert Hagler reported for the Radio TV Board. Report was adopted. See reports.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. Resolution No. 4 was amended so as to authorize Claude Vannoy to represent the association in the recovery of the radio equipment of the Sunday School Convention and Singing Convention which are sponsored by the Association. Resolution No. 4 adopted was a substitute resolution.

A Placement Committee for this session was appointed as follows: Judge Fowler, John R. Newton and Claude Vannoy.

It was moved and carried that any board which fails to report at the stipulated time of the program shall be declared vacant and a new board be elected.

The assembly was dismissed.

Saturday Morning Services

Congregational singing was directed by Walter Carter with Mrs. Staten, pianist. J. C. Fowler led in prayer. The devotionals gave emphasis to the theme for the evening as, "The Hour of Obligation" by Paul Davis, host pastor.

Special numbers were given by the Archdale, Morganton, Mountain View trios and solo numbers by Walter Carter, Deese Hunsucker, and Sherman Branch. This was another talent time program.

The evening message was brought by Travis Huffman, associational evangelist. As a basis for sermon he read Acts 3:1-14.

Theme used was, "What He Had When Death Broke". This was a challenge to a greater prayer life.

Sherman Branch dismissed the congregation in prayer.

Saturday Morning Session

The assembly was opened with singing directed by William Calvert, prayer led by R. H. Jackson, and special number by Morganton trio.

The devotional based on the theme, "The Hour of Operation" Acts 1:8; 5:42 was conducted by William Calvert, pastor of the Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis.

Vacancies were filled on the Sunday School Board. They were James Cox and Robert Hagler.

A call for Piedmont Bible Institute students was made. There were nine present.

Placement Committee recommended that the 1960 session be held with the Near the Cross Church in Kannapolis. Report was accepted.

Report of Executive Board relative to recommendation for an associational missionary was adopted.

Finance Committee report was given and adopted. See reports.

It was moved and carried that the Finance Committee and Executive Board have a joint meeting before the next Quarterly meeting to prepare a list of designated funds to allocate the associational tithe.

11:00 O'clock Services

The morning worship was opened with singing and devotions directed by M. T. Sparks. Jesse Benoist, pastor of the Fairview Church in East Rockingham, brought a message based upon Eph. 6:10. His theme was "Being Strong in the Lord". The moderator requested that his church give a report of the wonderful progress which has been made during the past year.

Credential Committee gave a favorable report of the Fairview Church which was received.

It was moved and carried that we recommend to each church that each member thereof give \$1.00 annually for the Piedmont Camp Ground project.

Ordaining Council report was adopted. See reports.

Sunday School report and recommendations included were adopted. See reports adopted.

Nominating Committee reports and requests that all official positions be declared vacant and nominations be given from the floor. Said procedure was adopted. See the Associational Directory for the nominees elected and vacancies filled.

It was moved and carried that the Radio TV Board be dissolved.

Motion was properly sustained that the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists authorize the associational board of trustees -- Homer Savage, Claude Vannoy, and Fred Tiner -- to

sell the Assosiational church property, commonly known as the Osborne or Highway Church, near Rockingham, for the sum no less than the minimum of \$250.00, with September 12, 1959, as the dead line for transaction.

It was voted that the Temperance Committee be electd next year.

Moved and carried that the Ordaining Council be authorized to investigate the reasons why ministers did not report in person or letter to his body.

It was moved and carried that we accept the Master's Men report of the Ben Avenue Church as information and that forms be printed to make such annual reports.

It was moved and carried that when the Minutes are sent out to the churches that each bundle include forms of church letters to be used in quarterly or annual reports to the Association.

Goals are to be set up by each board. The Association is to seek by the help of the Lord and Mission Board eight new churches to be organized by the next convention of this assembly.

Motion was properly sustained that when a minister refuses to surrender his Associational Ministerial Certificate or credentials at the request of the Ordaining Council that he shall have his name carried in the Promoter and other denominational papers declaring that he is not in good standing with the Association.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Morganton Church, pastor, photographer, and newspapers for the warm hospitality and generous services rendered in behalf of the success of the associational meeting.

Th Association adjourned as of August 1, 1959, to convene with the Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday evening, August 4, 1960.

THE DIFFERENT REPORTS ADOPTED DURING THIS SESSION

RESOLUTION BOARD

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following recommendatons (which were adopted):

1. Be it resolved that this Association appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be used as publicity and promotion of the Piedmont Bible Institute.
2. Be it resolved that the Executive Board be empowered to investigate reasons why certan sister churches of this Association have failed to represent at this session.
3. Be it resolved that this Association take the proper steps in securing the amplifying equipment of the Sunday School Convention from the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church as the district Sunday School Convention is not at present in operation. Said resolution was so amended as to Authorizt Claude Vannoy to represent the Association in the securing of this property.
4. Be it resolved that the treasurer of the former Sunday School Convention be authorized to turn the balance in

treasury over to the present Sunday School Board and that said board seek to revive the work of the Sunday School Convention. This was a substitute resolution.

5. Be it resolved that there be something done to dispose of the Associational Church property commonly known as the Osborne or Highway Church, near Rockingham.
6. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Morganton Church, pastor, photographer, and newspapers for their warm hospitality and generous services rendered in behalf of the success of this associational meeting.

FINANCE BOARD

We, your committee on finance, do hereby submit the following recommendations (which were adopted).

1. That we wait until next year to set the salary of the clerk, due to the motion which has already been passed and due to the fact of the back work which has to be done and included in the Minute work.
2. That the funds received as tithes for the associational income be divided for the different phases of our kingdom work.
3. That the promotional secretary be the tithing secretary. This was a substitute recommendation.

SUNAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following recommendations (which were adopted).

1. That the next Sunday School Convention be held November 28 and 29, 1959, at the Mable Avenue Church in Kannapolis. The Saturday morning period be used for the business session of the Quarterly meeting, the Saturday afternoon period be used for the semi-annual report of delegates from the Sunday Schools (which shall report with a fee of \$2.00), the Saturday evening period be used as Youth Night.
2. That the second 5th Sunday in 1960 (May 29) and the alternating 5th Sunday have the preceding Saturday with a business session beginning at 2:00 o'clock and Sunday shall be all day singing. This procedure is to be tried for one year.

PLACEMENT BOARD

We, your committee on placement, submit the following report:

We recommend that the next session of the Piedmont Association convene with the Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, on Thursday evening, August 4, 1960.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Resolved that we have an Associational missionary who shall be employed by the executive board at their discretion after the mission board has declared a given location as a mission point.

Expenses for such project shall be defrayed by the following plan:

During the missionary effort, an offering shall be taken in each revival service. If the total offerings do not meet the financial needs of missionary project, the balance of expenditures shall be underwritten by our association.

An itemized account of expenses incurred shall be filed with the board of missions. When expense account has been approved by mission board, a duplicate report shall be furnished to the Executive Board.

Only such expenses which are directly necessary to missionary project shall be our responsibility.

Our mission board shall seek the cooperation of the state mission board and the national Home Mission Board as to wisdom of declaring the location a mission point. Also it shall seek information relative to circumstances where allocations may be matched by either state or national Home Mission boards.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Piedmont Bible Board)

We, your board on Christian education, beg to submit the following report and recommendations:

1. That this body make the 4th Sunday in September, (27), Rally Day for Piedmont Bible Institute, which begins its fall semester on October 5, 1959.
2. That the Sunday Schools, leagues, auxiliaries, Master's Men or brotherhoods, give an opportunity for a special offering to help promote the Piedmont Bible Institute.
3. That the month of February, 1960, be used to give special emphasis to the prayerful and financial support of Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tenn. and Mt. Olive College at Mt. Olive.
4. That the churches give special encouragement for pastors and youth to attend the annual Youth Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Piedmont week in August.
5. That the churches encourage a greater subscription to our church publications as Promoter, Contact and The Free Will Baptist.
6. That our churches which do not have church libraries set up facilities for a library containing helps for pastor, teachers, deacons, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) William Calvert
(Signed) Mrs. Ralph Willis
(Signed) Ralph Staten

RADIO TV BOARD

We, your committee on radio-TV, do hereby submit the following report:

We recommend that each pastor that invites any associational meeting or conference to his church to accept the re-

sponsibility of getting all the free radio advertizing that he possibly can for the said meeting.

TRUSTEE BOARD

We, your trustees of this Association, do submit the following report for the year, 1958-1959.

We, by order of the Piedmont Association of the Orig-Free Will Baptist Church property of Lincolnton Park, Lincolnton, Free Will Baptst Church at Lowell, N. C., on August 1 and 2, 1959, did transact the following business:

On September 30, 1959, after checking the deed to the property of the old Westover Free Willl Baptist Church of Westover Street in Kannapolis, N. C., did sign a clear title deed to the Mt. Olive Church of same address in location with them assuming all responsibility of any leins by the bank on this property and registration of this property. The Mt. Olive Church also took care of the expenses for the lawyer fee and registration of this transaction.

On November 23, 1959, we sold the East Lincolnton Free Will Baptist Church property of Lincolnton Park, Lincolnton, N. C. to Mr. Toby Dellinger and others of the same party after the report came to us that efforts had failed to revive this church work. After checking we found that no services had been held there in several months. The total price received for this building and lot was \$810.00(eight hundred ten dollars). There was a change of title fee charged to us for \$10.00 (ten dollars). The Lincolnton Savings and Loan Assocation had a statement of insurance due to us for \$10.00(ten dollars). After deducting these expenses there was a net total of \$790.00 (seven hundred ninety dollars) which was turned over to the treasurer of Piedmont Association.

Board travelled 675 miles.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Ralph Willis, Chm.

(Signed) Homer Savage

(Signed) D. D.Hunsucker

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION REGULATIONS

We, your committee on ordination regulations, do submit the following recommendations as our report:

1. That the following adopted in the past remain as requirements:

A. The ordaining council:

1. Be elected by the association.
2. The number of this council to be six members elected to serve in rotating system of terms, To wit: Two for two year terms and two for one year terms.
3. The council is to have interim authority to ordain ministers and shall have responsibility of the investigation of Piedmont ministers where two or more parties testify as to the need of such procedure.

4. They shall report their work annually to the association. The said report shall be printed in copies for distribution at the beginning of each session on Friday.
5. 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.
6. That each member must have been a Free Will Baptist in good standing with a Free Will Baptist congregation and association for no less than five years.
7. That each member must have had no less than five years of pastoral or evangelistic experience.
8. That each member must have been a consistent attendant at the quarterly and annual meetings of the Piedmont Association.

B. The candidate for ordination:

1. He must have served under a license for one year.
2. He must have had a Bible course satisfactory to the ordaining council.
3. The associational questionnaire should have been given to him one month in advance of his examination.
4. During his license year he must have preached no less than ten engagements, been a consistent tither to his church where he holds membership, been in good standing with his home church.
5. If he cannot meet the standard required but shows satisfactory fruits to his ministry, he may be ordained at the discretion of the ordaining council.
6. He must have read both state and national treatises.
7. He must have read the code of ministerial ethics as adopted by the state ministers' conference.
8. Ordaining council shall read the following scriptures in his presence as a basis of ascertaining his personal qualifications: 1 Pet.5:1-3; 1 Tim.5:22; Tit.1:5-9; 2 Tim.2:2; 1 Tim.3:1-7; 1 Tim.4:22; 5:19.
9. The scriptural reference of 1 Tim.3:1-7; Tit.1:5-9, shall be defined as follows.
 - a. He must be blameless - - sound, above reproach, free from underhanded methods.
 - b. The husband of one wife - - it commands, not that an elder or bishop shall have a wife, but that, if he is married, he shall not, at the same time, have two or more wives, but that he shall have but "one wife".
 - c. Vigilant - - watchful, not a drunkard..
 - d. Sober - - sound mind, man of learning, self-restrained, well cultivated.
 - e. Good behavior - - orderly, decent, grave, decorous in conduct.
 - f. Given to hospitality - - loving strangers, love thy neighbor as thyself, ready to receive strangers into house and relieve of necessities.

- g. Apt to teach - - ready and desirous to instruct, capable of teaching.
- h. Not given to wine - - not addicted to its use as a wine-bibber or tippler, one who is not abusive, insolent whether through wine or otherwise.
- i. No striker - - not quarrelsome, no persecutor of those who differed with him.
- j. Not greedy of filthy lucre - - not influenced by an excessive love of money, not using base and unjustifiable methods to raise and increase revenues.
- k. Patient - - meek, gentle.
- l. Not a brawler - - not contentious, or litigious, but quiet and peaceful.
- m. Not covetous - - not a lover of money, desiring office for sake of **emoluments**.
- n. Ruleth well his own house - - presides well over his family, one who has the command of his family, not with sternness, severity, and tyranny, but with all gravity. The children recognize the father's authority.
- o. Not a novice - - not a new convert with no experience, but one of considerable standing in the church, and will not think himself more important than others.
- p. Good report without - - that he should be one who had not been previously a **profligate, or scandalous in his** life or one of reproach in the snares and temptations he fell in before.
- q. Having faithful children - - not accusedd of riot, or unruly(Tit.1:6) - - children **obedient to parents, whose** family is converted to the Lord.
- r. Not self-willed - - not stubbornly bent on having his own way in everything, setting up his own judgment to that of all others; **expecting all to pay homage to** his own understanding, Tit.1:7.
- s. Nt soon angry - - not a choleric man, one who is irritable; one who is apt to be inflamed on every opposition, Tit.1:7.
- t. A lover og good men - - a lover of goodness of good things generally.
- u. Just and holy - - in his heart and his dealings.
- v. Temperate - - self-denying and abstemious in his food and raiment.
- w. Holding fast the faithful word - - conscientiously retaining and zealously maintaining the true Christian doctrines.
- x. Able to exhort and convince the gainsayers - - intreat and invite people to hold the faith that they may persevere; and refute the objections, confound the sophistry, convert the gainsayer; and thus defend the truth.
- y. Able to take the oversight and feeding of the flock

- of God (1 Pet.5:1-4) and being an example to the flock - - able to discharge the pastoral care of churches, giving suitable food to sheep and lambs cheerfully, not showing a domineering spirit.
- z. Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity, 1 Tim.4:12.

10. Questions for the ordaining council to decide at own discretion:

- a. Can a single person qualify: Is he the husband of a wife? (1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim.1:11; 1 Cor.7:7-8).
 - b. Can the candidate who has unsaved children qualify? See item "q".
 - c. Can the candidate who has an estranged wife qualify? Can it disqualify one already ordained?
 - d. Can the candidate whose wife dies later, after ordination disqualify him? Is he still the husband of one wife? Rom.7:1-3; Matt.22:23-33.
 - e. If one should secure a divorce on the ground of fornication or adultery (Matt.19:9) (Matt.5:28,32), is the woman still his wife and he still the husband of one wife? Should he remarry such a one before he can be qualified to hold ordination papers? (Deut.24:1-4; 1 Cor.5:9-11; 2 Cor.6:14).
- (When God gave Israel, to whom he was married and a husband to (Jer.3:14;31:32; Isa.50:1) a bill of divorce because of spiritual adultery and whoredom (Jer.3:8-9) (Isa.50:1), was she still His wife if He were the FIRST husband?)
- f. Can one come short of any of the above alphabetical definitions, qualify or be disqualified?

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) William Calvert

(Signed) Ralph Staten

(Signed) Paul Davis

(Signed) N. B. Perkins

REPORT OF MEETINGS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

August 2, 1958

I. LOWELL, N. C. The ordaining council met in a special called meeting for the purpose of selecting officers for the coming year. Bro. Savage and Bro. McQuage sat in as proxies at this meeting at the request of the members present as there was not a quorum of the new council present.

Bro. J. C. Calvert was elected as chairman.

Bro. Ralph Willis was elected as secretary.

Bro. Weldon Key came to us for the purpose of exchanging credentials with us. Motion was sustained that we

exchange with him and that we notify the Missionary Baptist Church where he had been ordained, of our action.

Motion was properly sustained that we reinstate Bro. H. L. Jones as an ordained minister of this association as he had at one time been an ordained minister and had turned in his credentials when he was unable to attend a church of this association.

Motion was properly carried that we license Bro. Jesse Benoist.

Motion to adjourn was sustained.

September 6, 1958

II. HIGH POINT, N. C. The ordaining council met in a joint meeting with the executive board for the purpose of transacting business. Bros. Rikard and Bullard were absent.

Motion and seconded that we write a letter to Bro. Reynolds and advise him to influence the Mt. Zion church in Kanapolis, of which he is pastor, to rescind the action of the conference, and ask that he influence the Lowell church to rescind September 14, 1958, or to consider himself excommunicated from the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists and that his papers will be declared null and void. Approved with no opposition.

Motion and seconded that we write a letter to Brother Howard Y. Taylor in regards to his withdrawal from our conference, and ask that he influence the Lowell church to rescind their action of church conference held Aug. 10, 1958, by Sept. 14, 1958, or to consider himself excommunicated from the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists and that his ordination papers will be null and void. He is requested to mail them to the secretary of this council immediately. Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion and seconded that we write cards to the following requesting that they meet with the council on Nov. 1, 1958, when we meet in the Mt. Holly church, in our next scheduled meeting: Bros. Harold Donahue, E. G. Lawing and W. O. Williams. Motion adopted.

Moved that we receive the license of Bro. Roy Pethel, which he is returning at his own request. Motion approved.

The ordaining council then adjourned to meet at the Woodbine church of High Pont, N. C. Immediately afterwards the church was received into the fellowship of the Piedmont Association.

Bro. Carter was appointed to fill one of the vacancies by the chairman of the council for this meeting.

Motion was made and seconded that we exchange papers with Rev. James Mark Flannery, pastor of the Woodbine church, who came to us from the Missionary Baptist Church. The motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn. Approved.

September 26, 1958

III: NORTH BELMONT, N. C. A special meeting was called. All members were present except Bro. Bullard.

The report was given that Bros. Reynolds and Taylor had not complied with a former request which was made of them.

Motion was properly carried that these two brethren meet with us on November 1, 1958.

Motion was properly sustained that we request the presence of each of the ministers of the Lowell Church to be with us on Nov. 1, 1958.

Motion to adjourn was approved.

November 1, 1958

IV: MT. HOLLY, N. C. This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the members with Bro. Goforth absent.

Moved that we not return Bro. Owen Ganey's ordination papers for a period of six months or until he is called to pastor a church. Motion properly carried. The reason for this action is because he had not been a member of any Free Will Baptist Church from August, 1958, to October, 1958.

Motion, that we ordain Bro. Judge Fowler, who had an evangelistic license with an evangelical group before he came into our fellowship, was approved.

Moved that we grant Bro. Oscar Gray evangelistic license. Motion carried.

Moved that we exchange ordination papers with Bro. Sherman Branch, who came to us from Beaver Creek Association. Motion sustained.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

March 28, 1959

V. EAST ROCKINGHAM, N. C. The council met in a regular meeting. Bro. Staten was proxy for Bro. Huffman.

As a letter had been sent to Bro. W. B. Hill, J. W. Wooten and James Skipper requesting that they meet with us on this day as reports had been made that they were desiring to exclude themselves from this association. Bro. Hill and Wooten met with us. After talking with these two it was decided that any action be deferred until a latter date as apparently some misunderstanding had been made and further investigation should be made.

Bro. Skipper did not appear at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn was carried.

July 5, 1959

VI. WESTSIDE, CHARLOTTE, N. C. The ordaining council met with Bro. Bullard absent, for the purpose of transacting business.

It was reported that Bro. Arson Dixon had sent in his ordination papers as he had become a member of a Missionary Baptist Church.

Moved that we license Bro. Bobby King. Approved.

Moved that we license Bro. Daniel Williams. Approved.

Moved that we license Bro. Charles Snipes. Approved.

Moved that we adjourn to meet July 11, 1959, at 4:30 P. M., at the S and W restaurant, in Charlotte, N. C. Approved.

July 11, 1959

VII. S & W RESTAURANT, CHARLOTTE, N. C. The council convened at 5:00 P. M. Absent were Bros. Bullard and Goforth.

Minutes of previous meetings were reviewed and corrected so that they could be forwarded to the Clerk of the Association. No further business was transacted.

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. J. C. Calvert, Chairman
Rev. Roy Rikard
Rev. Travis Huffman
Rev. George Bullard
Rev. Harold Goforth

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN WITH MINISTERS (Ordaining Council)

- I. Exchanged credentials and accepted into our list of ordained ministers.
 1. Rev. Weldon Key from Missionary Baptist Aug. 2, 1958
 2. Rev. James Mark Flannery from Mis. Bapt. Sept. 6, 1958
 3. Rev. Sherman Branch from S. C. F.W.B. Assoc. Nov. 1, 1958.
- II. Ordained by the Laying on of Hands and Accepting into our fellowship.
 1. Rev. Judge Fowler from Evan. Group, Nov. 1, 1958.
- III. Ministers re-instated who at one time had returned their ordination papers to this Association with out charges being against them.
 1. Rev. H. L. Jones, August 2, 1958.
 2. Rev. Owen Ganey, December 23, 1958.
- IV. Evangelistic License granted:
 1. Rev. Jesse Benoist, August 2, 1958
 2. Rev. Oscar Gray, November 1, 1958
 3. Rev. Bobby King, July 5, 1959.
 4. Rev. Millard Hardman, July 5, 1959
 5. Rev. Daniel J. Williams, July 5, 1959.
 6. Rev. Charles R. Snipes, July 5, 1959
- V. Ordination and license certificates returned to Council voluntarily by bearer:
 1. Rev. W. O. Williams, Ordination, November 1, 1958
 2. Rev. Arson Dixon, Ordination, July 5, 1959
 3. Rev. Roy Pethel, License, November 1, 1958
- VI. Excommunicated from Association for not complying with rules of the Association:
 1. Rev. R. J. Reynolds, September 14, 1958
 2. Rev. H. Y. Taylor, September 14, 1958
- VII. The Ordaining Council met on July 31, 1959. It was voted and carried that Bro. Edward Swartz be received into our

fellowship and added to the list of names which form the roster of our regular ordained ministers. Information was given that he came from the John Wheeler Association of Virginia.

Piedmont Superannuated Ministers

1. N. H. English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C., born April 12, 1887.
2. A. A. Bradley, 1312 Cedar St., Gastonia, born Dec. 20, 1877.
3. Pascal L. Coxey, Pinkney Station, Gastonia, born Jan. 28, 1881.

Piedmont Superannuated Ministers' Widows

1. Mrs. Julia Wilson Snyder, Box 166 (Erlonger Sta.), Lexington, N. C., born Aug. 25, 1892.
2. Mrs. W. H. Calvert, North Belmont, N. C., born March 14, 1910.

REPORT TO THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

August 1, 1959 - July 31, 1959

(State Board of Superannuation)

- I. We now have 22 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks.
- II. We have 25 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.
- III. Contributions made by the Association to Superannuation:
 1. Churches \$20.00
 2. Auxiliaries 62.50
 - Total \$82.50

May I say, thank you, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for Superannuation.

In Him,
Walter Reynolds

TREASURER'S REPORT

I, D. D. Hunsucker, treasurer of the Piedmont Association, do hereby submit the following financial statement:

Receipts:

Balance in treasury at the close of 1958 associational year	\$ 55.67
Received during the association	526.43
Received from W. W. Howard	5.00
Received as net profit from sale of Lincolnton property	790.00
Received for rent on Osborne or Highway Church	34.00
Received from East Belmont Church	12.20
Total	\$1,423.30

Expenditures:

Children's Home	\$ 42.53
Mt. Olive College	11.90
Clerk Salary	60.00
Printing and mailing	13.00
In debt on Highway Church	76.24
Insurance paid on Highway Church property	12.50
Total	\$ 216.17
Balance in treasury	\$1,207.13

Signed: Treasurer, D. D. Hunsucker

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR MINISTER'S REPORTS

Name	Number of Churches	Sermons and Talks	Revivals	Professions	Baptized	Marriages Performed	Funerals Conducted	Church Papers Take	Com. and Footwashing Ser.	Money Received	Money Given	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled	Courses Taken	Courses Taught	Quart. Meets. Attended	Annual Associations
Ralph Staten	1	212	2	36	14	2	7	8	2	\$5295	\$625	156	24000		6	4	4
M. T. Sparks	1	100		4	3		1			2600	377	70					
C. C. Newton		27		5							400						
L. L. Therrell	1	105		35	5	2	3	1					20000				
Edward Swartz	2	145	9	116	24			6		3115							
Harold Goforth	1	120		10	9	6	4	2	2	1280							
Millard Hardman		12		2						185							
Jay Lee Barbee		31		8				2		5	450					2	
Ralph Willis	1	117		23	7			3		1040						1	
Billy Allen	1	175	2	30	12	2	3				181		553			2	
L. E. Lawing		60		2							427		7000			3	
Claud Vannoy	1	125	1	46		1	1			1782			25000				
Robert Hagler	1	195	4	75	13		3			5000	300	10	1500				
William Calvert	1	164	2	4	4			3	2	3900	520					1	
M. J. Key		20									550	150	30000				
R. L. Lambut										50	460		20000			2	3

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR CHURCH REPORTS

Name	Average in Leagues	Average in Sunday School	Members Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions
Archdale		70	90	25	2	3	110	3881	150	
Archdale			5		5	1	86	1040		70
Ben Avenue		8	9	7	6	1	50	5200	330	480
Bethlehem			54	14	51	2	254	2600	30	10
Cramerton		72	8	3	1		68	5000	200	
East Belmont		180	20	10	40	3	125	1540	140	
East Rockingham		84	6	8	4		43			
Fifth Street (W.)							28	3790		39
First Cherryville		125	30	20	6	5	95	1739	142	58
First Stanley		45	10		11		41	4980	326	246
First Gastonia	66	16	15	14	46	1	145	1280	76	
Goshen		60	10	9			100	2600		
Independence Sq.	24	83	13	7	1		123	4680	150	
Mable Avenue		210	11	5		1	106	2600	150	
Maple Street		80	28	16			80	486	75	
Morganton		70	13	8	4		59	1000		
Mountain View			7				16	4230	200	
Mt. Carmel		115	13	12	55	5	123	1060	130	150
Mt. Holly		55	12	5			45	780		91
Mt. Olive		46	35	7	6		29	75		
Mt. Pleasant		35	7	2	6		17	1782	80	75
Near Calvary		66	33	14	13		43	760		5
Near the Cross		70		3			32	791	85	
New Hope		38	1			2	42	4620	257	173
Roberson Creek		81	57	13	3		57	346		
United		40					26	745		114
Westside		65	6		6		21	471	82	
Woodbine		50	20	14	26		29	\$700	250	
		2411	513	216	292	24	1993	58777	2966	1955

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR CHURCH REPORTS

Foreign Missions	Building and Repair	Education	Publication	Children's Home	Minutes	Value of Property	Other Salaries	Miscellaneous	Cooperative Plan	Superannuation
	800				20	7000				
	1412				17			33		
20	823	114	25		10					
960	665	50	53		55					
10	4000	217	30		17					
61	900	25	595		25	27000				
	882		148		9	6000				
					6					
	1239				19					
22	409	85	11		8	20700				
498	1400	600	744	123	29	76000	480	2186	200	55
	325				20	10000				
100	2000	26								
	16									
	200	60								
					21	30000				
319	1673	279			15	6000				
	684	25	7		12	5200				
	1500		828		25	30600				
	200		32		9	20000				
	500	25			6	4000				
40	20		30		5	4000				
30	570				9	5200	104	300		
70	434	165	45	25	8	6500				
			63		11	8000				
122		51	15		6	2500				
	391					3600				
2090	64858	1747	2603	147	332	412300	584	2372	200	55

MINUTES OF THE 1958 SESSION

Fifteenth Annual Session, Lowell, N. C.

Moderator, Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C.
Clerk, Billy Allen, Gastonia, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Officers:

Walter Carter, Moderator.....Rockingham, N. C.
M. T. Sparks, Vice-Moderator.....Belmont, N. C.
Billy Allen, Clerk.....Gastonia, N. C.
C. W. Cleary, Assistant Clerk.....Kannapolis, N. C.
Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer.....Kannapolis, N. C.
J. C. Calvert, Promotional Secretary.....North Belmont, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Above officers and following:)

Frank McQuage.....Hamlet, N. C.
N. B. PerkinsMt. Holly, N. C.

TRUSTEES:

Ralph WillisNorth Belmont, N. C.
Deese HunsuckerKannapolis, N. C.

Minutes of The 15th Annual Session of The Piedmont Association of The (Original) Free Will Baptists' of N. C. Aug. 1, and Aug. 2, 1958.

The meeting opened with Congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Deese Hunsucker. Devotions by Rev. Ralph Willis reading Phil. 2:1-5 with prayer by Rev. R. J. Reynolds. Rev. Bruce Giodwin rendered a soli, "How Great Thou art."

The welcome address was given at this time by the host pastor, Rev. Howard Y. Taylor, with the response being giving by William Calvert.

The clerk, Rev. Billy Allen, declared the 15th annual Association to be in session and introduced the Moderator to the body. The Moderator, Rev. Walter Carter presented the printed program to the body. Motion made and seconded to adopt the program (flexible at the discretion of the Moderator). Carried. The Moderator made his remarks to the body and declared the house open for business.

The election of a clerk for the coming year was the first order of business. Rev. Ralph Staten and Rev. Billy Allen were nominated. Rev. Allen was elected. The Executive Board Report was received at this time and adopted by the body. The Moderator recognized the visitors at this time. The following were recognized: Rev. M. L. Johnson, Rev. S. A. Smith, Rev. J. O. Fort, and Rev. Herman Hershey.

The moderator appointed a credentials committee. The following were appointed: Rev. William Calvert, Rev. J. C. Calvert, and Bro. Deese Hunsucker.

The first F.W.B. Church of Cherryville, N. C. (Rev. Thomas

Rogers, Pastor) and The Ashland St. F.W.B. Church of Archdale, N. C. petitioned at this time for membership into the Association. Motion made and seconded that these churches be received. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for the worship service. Carried.

Rev. Norman Perkins brought the morning message entitled; "The Destructive Power of Ignorance." He took as his text, Hosea 4:6. This was a Soul-Searching message in which the Lord wonderfully blessed his people.

Friday Afternoon Session; Aug. 1, 1958

The meeting opened with congregation singing "When I See The Blood" led by Bro. Hunsucker. Devotions by Rev. Billy Allen. Scripture reading; Heb. 4:15-16; and prayer.

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

Motion made and seconded that this body go on record as praying for the success of the Billy Graham - Charlotte - Crusade. Carried.

The following greetings were received: Rev. Herman Hershey (State Convention), Rev. M. L. Johnson and Rev. Billy Yawn (Mt. Olive College) Rev. S. A. Smith (Children's Home). An offering was received for the Children's Home amounting to \$42.53, and an offering was received for the College amounting to \$12.90. Moved and seconded to adjourn until the evening Worship service. Carried. Bro. R. J. Reynolds brought the evening message.

Saturday Morning Session

Opened with Congregation singing "The Old Rugged Cross" led by Bro. Hunsucker. Devotions by Rev. Benjamin Young reading from Luke 2:9-14. Prayer by Rev. R. J. Reynolds. The Moderator declared the house open for business.

A letter of recommendation for Rev. R. H. Jackson was received from the Eastern Conference. Moved and seconded that we receive Bro. Jackson into the Association (Subject to the approval of the Ordaining Council). Carried.

Motion made and seconded that a nominating committee of five members be elected at the end of each session for the purpose of nominating Associational officers (to include all offices such as Boards and Committees) and that the privilege of nominations from the floor be retained. Carried.

The report of the trustees was called for and adopted. Moved and seconded that the trustees serve as the committee mentioned in their report.

The ordaining council report was called for and adopted item by item. (The items not adopted were expunged from the record.)

Rev. Billy Allen presented a poem to the body in memory of those who are asleep in Christ and dedicated to the living Saints. This poem is entitled "O! Death, Where is Thy Sting?" written by Billy Allen. Moved and seconded that this poem be recorded in the minutes along with the author's name. Carried.

The report of the nominating committee was called for. After receiving nominations from the floor, the body proceeded to elect officers for the coming year. (The names of the officers elected appear in the directory of these minutes.)

Motion made and seconded that we hold our next annual session with the First Church of Morganton, N. C. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee to draw up a set of rules and regulations for The Ordaining Council to use in licensing and ordaining candidates for the Ministry, and to present them to this body at the next annual session. The following brethren were appointed to serve on this committee, Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Frank McQuage, Rev. Norman Perkins, and Rev. Paul Davis.

The Moderator called for the election of a Nominating Committee for the coming year. The following brethren were elected by the body: Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Travis Huffman, Rev. J. C. Calvert, Bro. D. D. Hunsucker.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned with prayer.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE CHURCHES Piedmont Association

MT. OLIVE CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C. Members received: 31; Baptized: 5. Total membership: 31; Paid Pastor: \$190.00. Paid Evangelist: \$51.22; Home Missions: \$28.94; Building and Repairs: \$246.03; Enclosed for Minutes: \$6.20. Pastor: Rev. L. L. Therrell, 606 Holly Ave., Kanapolis, N. C. Church Clerk: Mrs. Rowena Therrell.

Sunday School Report: Average Attendance: 50. No. of Officers: 6. No. of Teachers: 5. Value of Church property: \$10,000.00.

BEN. AVE. CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor: Rev. William Calvert, Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C. Church Clerk: Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C. Members Received: 10. Baptized: 4. Total Membership: 89. Paid Pastor: \$3,740.00. Paid Evangelist: \$150.00. Home Missions: \$17.00. Foreign Missions: \$34.65. Building and Repairs: \$1,317.71. Education: \$91.10. Publication: 273.32. Enclosed for Minutes: \$17.80. Value of Property: \$23,500.00.

Sunday School Report: Average Attendance: 115. No. Officers: 4. Teachers: 8.

FIRST CHURCH, Stanley, N. C. Pastor: Rev. John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C. Church Clerk: Willard Woodard. Members Received: 9. Baptized: 3. Dismissed: 5. Total Membership: 39. Paid Pastor: \$1,270.54. Paid Evangelist: \$174.00. Home Missions: \$25.00. Foreign Missions: \$10.00. Building and Repairs: \$1,000.00. Education: \$7.59. Enclosed for minutes: \$7.80. Value of property: \$17,000.00.

Sunday School Report: Average Attendance: 45. Officers: 5. Teachers: 6.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Harold Goforth, Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C. Church Clerk:

Mrs. Runelle McConnell, Rt. 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, N. C. Members Received: 20. Baptized: 17. Dismissed: 2. Total Membership: 89. Paid Pastor: \$1,002.00. Paid Evangelist: \$50.00. Foreign Missions: \$48.05. Building and Repairs: \$305.39. Enclosed for Minutes: \$17.80. Value of Property: \$12,200.00. Sunday School Report: Average Attendance: 55. Officers: 3. Teachers: 6.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, Lexington, N. C. Pastor: W. W. Howard, Route 4, Box 49 A, Lexington, N. C. Clerk: Mrs. W. W. Howard. Members Received: 7. Number Baptized: 7. Total Membership: 27. Paid Pastor: \$48.00. Paid Evangelist: \$67.77. Building and Repairs: \$8.00. Enclosed for Minutes: \$5.00. Value of Church house: \$2,000. other: \$1,000.00. Total value of Church property: \$3,000.00.

CATAWBA HEIGHTS CHURCH. Members received 62. Baptized: 25. Dismissed: 20. Total Membership: 42. Paid Pastor \$477.00. Paid Evangelist: \$146.00. Home Mission: \$50.00. Building and repairs: \$215.00. Education: \$20.00. Publication: \$39.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$8.40. Pastor: Rev. J. W. Wooten.

WAYSIDE CHURCH, Charlotte, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Robert Hagler, Clerk: Mrs. Evelyn A. Baker. Members received: 29. Baptized: 15. Dismissed: 11. Total membership: 140. Average Sunday School attendance: 87. Paid Pastor: \$4,620.00. Paid Evangelist: \$291.33. Home Mission: \$233.52. Building and repairs: \$995.36. Education: \$140.48. Publication: \$289.00. Enclosed for minutes \$28.00. Value of Church Property: \$7,000.00.

WEST FIFTH AVE. CHURCH, Gastonia, N. C. Pastor: Rev. J. C. Richardson, Gastonia, N. C. Clerk: Mrs. W. T. Allen, Box 703, Gastonia, N. C. Members received: 15. Baptized: 10. Dismissed: 9. Total membership: 53. Average Sunday School attendance: 80. Paid Pastor: \$1,300.00. Paid Evangelist: \$76.00. Building and repairs: \$600.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$10.60. Total value of Church property: \$6,000.00.

NEAR THE CROSS CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Claude Vannoy. Clerk: Carl Ross. Baptized: 2. Total membership: 29. Average Sunday School: 65. Paid Pastor: \$1,140.33. Paid Evangelist: \$98.65. Home Mission: \$62.11. Building and repairs: \$1300.00. Education: \$48.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$6.00. Total value of Church property: \$5,000.00.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Willis. Clerk: Mrs. Floyd Sheets. Members received: 2. Dismissed: 6. Total membership: 47. Average Sunday School attendance: 33. Paid Pastor: \$645.00. Paid Evangelist: \$50.00. Home Mission: \$18.00. Foreign Mission: \$39.03. Building and repairs: \$12.00. Education: \$25.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$9.40. Total Value property: \$13,000.

BOGER CITY CHURCH, Boger City, N. C. Pastor: J. E. Faulkner. Clerk: Mrs. Carl Byers, Lincolnton, N. C. Members received: 1. Dismissed: 15. Total membership: 56. Average Sunday School attendance: 42. Paid Pastor: \$460.00. Paid Evangelist: \$37.00. Building and repairs: \$3205.16. Children's Home: \$10.00. Enclosed

for minutes: \$11.20. Total value property: \$7,124.86

MAPLE ST. CHURCH, Rockingham, N. C. Members received: 10. Baptized: 10. Dismissed 3. Total membership: 102. Average Sunday School attendance: 210. Paid Pastor: \$900.00. Paid Evangelist: \$150.00. Foreign Mission: \$75.00. Building and repairs: \$200.00. Education: \$22.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$20.40. Total value property: \$28,000.00.

FIRST CHURCH, Morganton, N. C. Pastor: Paul Davis. Clerk: Mrs. J. K. Suddreth. Members received: 15. Baptized: 6. Total membership: 75. Average Sunday School Attendance: 75. Paid Pastor: \$2600.00. Paid Evangelist: \$50.00. Home Mission: \$100. Building and repairs: \$600.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$15.00. Total value of property: \$50,000.00.

CRAMERTON CHURCH, Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Roy Rikard, Pastor. Mrs. Francis Bryson, Clerk. Members received: 46. Baptized: 30. Dismissed: 20. Total membership: 276. Average Sunday School attendance: 303. Paid Pastor: \$5,200.00. Paid Evangelist: \$475.00. Home Mission: \$200.00. Foreign Mission: \$960.00. Building and repairs: \$1,188.00. Education: \$50.00. Publication: \$65.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$40.00. Total value of property: \$130,000.00.

EAST BELMONT CHURCH, Belmont, N. C. Pastor: Rev. M. T. Sparks. Clerk: Kermit Coleman. Members received: 13. Baptized: 4. Total membership: 61. Average Sunday School attendance: 70. Paid Pastor: \$2802.00. Paid Evangelist: \$100.00. Building and repairs: \$700.00. Education: \$8.92. Publication \$12.00. Total value property: \$6,700.00.

WESTSIDE CHURCH, Charlotte, N. C. Rev. Maxie Coleman, Pastor. Lula Lawson, Clerk. Members received: 11. Baptized: 7. Dismissed: 2. Total Membership: 49. Paid Pastor: \$501.44. Paid Evangelist: \$89.20. Home Mission: \$188.47. Foreign Mission: \$10.00. Building and repairs: \$22.45. Education: \$31.29. Publication: \$15.91.

MTN. VIEW CHURCH, Spencer Mtn., N. C. Rev. Homer Savage, Pastor. Irene Jenkins, Clerk. Members received: 14. Baptized: 14. Total membership: 50. Paid Pastor: \$78.00. Paid Evangelist: \$80.00. Building and repairs: \$200.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$10.00.

MT. HOLLY CHURCH, Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Norman Perkins, Pastor. Henry Hilderbran, Clerk. Members received: 6. Died: 5. Total membership: 166. Average Sunday School attendance: 110. Paid Pastor: \$4200.00. Paid Evangelist: \$300.00. Home Missions: \$473.47. Foreign Mission \$325.00. Building and repairs: \$2170.32. Education: \$170.00. Publication: \$72.37. Misc. \$473.19. Enclosed for minutes: \$24.90. Total value of property: \$41,000.00.

EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH, Rockingham, N. C. Rev. Walter Carter, Pastor. Pete Evers, Clerk. Members received: 39. Baptized: 12. Dismissed: 30. Died: 5. Total membership: 150. Average Sunday School attendance: 183. Paid Pastor: \$5,000.00. Paid Evangelist: \$210.00. Home Mission: \$25.00. Foreign Mission: \$50.00. Building and repairs: \$1,500.00. Education: \$75.00. Publication: \$300.00.

LOWELL CHURCH, LOWELL, N. C. Rev. Howard Taylor, Pastor.

Joan Sanford, Clerk. Members received: 40. Baptized: 25. Dismissed: 20. Total membership: 240. Average Sunday School attendance: 175. Paid Pastor: \$4680.00. Paid Evangelist: \$450.00. Home Missions: \$2445.00. Foreign Mission: \$550.00. Building and repairs: \$350.00. Publication: \$150.00. Enclosed for minutes: \$48.00. Total value of property: \$77,000.00.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, Lexington, N. C. Thomas Brooks, Pastor. Paid Pastor: \$1500.00. Paid Evangelist: \$75.00. Members on roll: 12.

GOSHEN CHURCH, N. Belmont, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Ralph Staten, Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C. Church Clerk: Carl B. Bryan. Members received: 7. Dismissed: 8. Total membership: 156. Paid Pastor: \$4,888.04. Paid Evangelist: \$325.00. Home Missions: \$125.00. Foreign Missions: \$367.88. Building and repairs: \$1,837.46. Education: \$292.30. Publication: \$698.42. Enclosed for Minutes: \$31.20. Cooperative plan: \$373.88. Flowers: \$163.35. Radio Ministry: \$312.00. Bus and operation: \$425.50. Utilities: \$703.68. Children's Home: \$107.26. Love offerings: \$143.79. Misc.: \$380.29. Total paid out: \$11,166.05.

Sunday School Report: Average attendance: 159. Officers: 52. Teachers: 17. Value of property: \$76,000.00.

FIRST CHURCH, Cherryville, N. C. Pastor: Rev. Thomas Rogers, Rt. 2, Box 286, Dallas, N. C. Paid Pastor: \$125.00. Paid Evangelist: \$60.00. Enclosed for Minutes: \$4.00. Sunday School Report: Average attendance: 38. Officers: 5. Teachers: 3.

ROBERSON CREEK CHURCH, Bostic, N. C. Pastor: Rev. James Coffey, Caroleen, N. C. Church Clerk: Violet Poteat. Paid Pastor: \$925.79. Paid Evangelist: \$83.00. Home Missions: \$103.44. Building and repairs: \$517.00. Enclosed for Minutes: \$9.00. Value of property: \$3,500.00. Sunday School Report: Officers: 2. Teachers: 4. Members received: 8. Baptised: 4. Died: 1. Total membership: 45.

UNITED CHURCH, Concord, N. C. Enclosed for Minutes: \$4.50. Value of Property: \$2,000.00. Members received: 2. Total membership: 21. Sunday School Report: Average attendance: 35. Officers: 5. Teachers: 3.

FIRST CHURCH, Gastonia, N. C. Pastor: Rev. N. W. Holt, 359 Woodlawn St. Cramerton, N. C. Members received: 12. Baptized: 15. Dismissed: 14. Total membership: 112. Paid Pastor: \$4,160.00. Paid Evangelist: \$300.00. Home Missions: \$50.00. Foreign Missions: \$50.00. Enclosed for Minutes: \$22.40. Value of property: \$51,000. Church Clerk: Mrs. W. T. Cobb. Sunday School Report: Average Attendance: 115. Teachers: 8.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS BOARD

- I. Be it Resolved That we give a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for the invitation to come to the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church and for the generous hospitality manifested during our stay.
- II. Be it Resolved That we extend to the different committees and boards and outgoing officials our gratitude and appreciation for the services rendered during this session and past associational year.

Committee: Ralph Staten
J. W. Wooten
W. H. Calvert

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance, do hereby recommend that the churches of our Association take all means possible against the sale and use of intoxicants of any kind. That each pastor preach at least one message as God would lead in regards to the damage done to homes by the use of intoxicants. That a special effort be made to work for the benefit of the drunkards of each community. That we be temperate in all things as God's Word would direct.

Signed: Carl Johns, Rev. J. W. Wooten, Guy Stewart

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on Children's Home, hereby make the following report: As we realize our responsibility for the provisions of our Children's Home in Middlesex, we do hereby recommend that each church to reach their quota each year. We further recommend that an offering be received at each of our associational meetings to be given to this cause.

Signed: Mrs. M. T. Sparks, Mrs. Georgia Calvert, Mrs. Bertha Taylor

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, make the following report:

We recommend that we pay the expenses of the Executive Board and the Ordaining Council to two meetings a year.

Signed: R. S. Hagler, Deese Hunsucker, Travis Huffman

We, your committee on finance, also recommend that we pay the Clerk the sum of \$60.00.

Signed: R. S. Hagler, Deese Hunsucker, Travis Huffman

REPORT OF PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE BOARD

We, your committee on publication and literature, do hereby make the following report:

We recommend that our pastors encourage the reading among their churches of more religious literature.

The committee has distributed approximately 2,000 pieces of tracts, magazines, etc.

We further recommend that we as soon as possible begin work on distributing our own tracts.

Signed: Rev. Bruce Goodwin

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Greeting in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

This year has been another great year in the history of the Piedmont Association. To render much more convenient our work and give our people a greater opportunity to distribute the work among the talent of our Association, a boundary line has been established to give two Quarterly Unions the right to organize and meet separately for three of the quarterly periods of the year and the fourth quarterly period as the designated meeting for a joint meeting as the annual session of the Piedmont Association.

The launching of the Piedmont Institute has definitely been a great stride if progress to halt the "Destructive Power of Ignorance" (Hosea 4:6). So many now have become challenged to give prayerful consideration to their attendance and the churches help make provisions for those who are led to attend or enroll for the next term beginning October 13. Copies of the program and curriculum should be asked for and immediate plans made.

This official capacity has not been in a position to do much during the past year. Due to lack of interest of the ministers and churches in the sponsoring of the Associational bulletin of paper, the Piedmont Promoter, our hands have been tied in giving publicity and emphasis to the different phases of our associational program. Two outstanding issues of the Promoter were made possible with the financial support of the Piedmont Bible Institute.

We ask that the churches give prayerful consideration and immediate attention to the recommendations that were adopted at the special called meeting at Cramerton in the spring, concerning a Cooperative Plan of Support which includes percentages for the work locally, state and national.

We appreciate very much the plan of the Auxiliary Convention to sponsor a Youth Encampment to be held at Cragmont Assembly, August 11-15. We urge the pastors and churches to stir up much enthusiasm among their young people and rally to this "Spiritual Emphasis Crusade".

While our achievements seem small when viewed in the light of pressing needs for this past year, we pray that we continue as a militant band with increasing devotion and enthusiasm to greater spiritual victories.

We anticipate much preparation on our part to help make the National Association next year in Asheville, one of the greatest sessions ever held. Plans will be likely made during our Quarterly Meetings for this great event.

Yours in His service,
Ralph Staten

REPORT OF CAMP FUND TREASURER

I have the following report to make:

Receipts:

Lowell Free Will Baptist Church.....\$50.00

M. T. Sparks..... 10.00

Total \$60.00

Signed: M. T. Sparks, Treasurer

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the committee on Obituary, make the following report:
Poem,

O! Death, Where Is Thy Sting?

When death has come into our homes,
Our hearts are filled with fear,
Our hearts are saddened by the thought
Of losing one so dear,
We search, We pray that some precious thought
Will hope and comfort bring.
Then we remember the words of Paul:
"O! Death, Where is thy sting"?
The sting of death is sin we know
Because the Bible tells us so.
Then we remember Calvary
Where Jesus died to make men free.
Yes, free from sin, the sting of death
Separation and loneliness
He bore our sins and so we sing
The blessed Saviour removed the sting.
And so for us death holds no fear,
Although we part with ones so dear
We know that soon on heaven's shore
We'll meet again to part no more
For Jesus has said (and it's true we know)
"Because I live, ye shall live also":
So with all the saints, we'll joyfully sing,
Heaven at last, O! Death, Where is thy sting?
Signed: Billy Allen

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, Saturday, April 12, 1958, and transacted the following business:

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Deese Hunsucker, who, also made a report concerning Westover church. He reported that the keys of the building and church papers were turned over to the Piedmont Association through a quarterly conference held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

It was recommended to this associational body that we place the property in the trust of our Piedmont trustees since this is already in effect by a due process of law. Motion was sustained that this piece of church property be no longer known as the Westover Church but it shall instead be called a Free Will Baptist Mission for the present time.

It was properly moved that the Moderator appoint a committee to consult a lawyer as to the steps necessary to place the property in the Piedmont Association's hands, if there were any

other to be taken. Committee: D. D. Hunsucker, R. J. Reynolds, William Calvert. Motion adopted that if the property is not safe that the said committee have authority to have it fixed by law to be so in the Piedmont Association's hands.

Signed: Executive Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We, your board of trustees, on this the second day of August, 1958, do hereby make the following report:

We recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate, with a lawyer, the property rights of the former Westover church of Kannapolis, N. C. and now known as the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, and report to the board of trustees as soon as possible. We recommend, that if the property of the former Westover Church of Kannapolis, N. C. has legally become the property of the Piedmont Association, that we give to Mt. Olive Church of Kannapolis, N. C. a clear deed for such property.

Signed: Board of Trustees—Ralph Willis, Homer Savage,
William Calvert

Above said report was adopted by this Association in its 15th annual session, Aug. 2, 1958, at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church in Lowell, N. C. and said above mentioned committee be authorized to become the Board of Trustees of the said Association-al property.

Billy Allen, Clerk, Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your ordaining council of the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists, met in a special meeting on July 31, 1958, Lowell, N. C., for the purpose of transacting the following business:

The said meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Homer Savage.

Roll call of council was made. Present were Frank McQuage, Homer Savage, Ralph Willis, William Calvert (proxy for J. C. Calvert).

1. Motion carried to license Bro. A. W. Newell.
2. Motion carried to ordain Bro. Thomas Rogers.
3. Motion carried to license Bro. W. B. Hill.
4. Motion sustained to license Bro. Paul McCoag.
5. Motion sustained to license Bro. Raymond Ross.
6. Motion and seconded to ordain Bro. Jay Lee Barbee.
Approved.
7. Motion and seconded to drop Bro. Owen Ganey from our roll of ordained ministers at his request. Approved.
8. Motion and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As treasurer of the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptists, I do submit the following report:

Receipts:

Carried over from last Associational year.....	\$ 36.09
Received from churches at last session.....	310.10
Received for Children's Home.....	55.48
Received of Independence Square Church.....	2.00
Received of Cramerton Church.....	30.00
Received of called associational meeting, Cramerton	65.00
Received of Council of Churches (Kannapolis).....	21.50
Received of Ladies' Auxiliary.....	20.00
Received of Ben Avenue Church.....	5.00
Received of Mt. Olive Church.....	70.00
Received rent on Highway Church, Rockingham.....	39.00
Total	\$654.97

Expenditures:

Children's Home	\$ 55.48
Clerk's Salary	60.00
Clerk's mailing expense	2.00
Rev. Raper's traveling expense	15.00
Ayden Press for 1956 Minutes.....	105.41
Insurance on Highway Church	12.50
Ayden Press for 1957 Minutes.....	156.08
Cabarrus Bank on Westover Church.....	70.00
Hamlet Building and Loan on Highway Church.....	120.00
Postage	2.83
Total paid out	\$599.30
Balance in treasury	\$55.67
Owe Hamlet Building & Loan on Highway Church	\$75.41

Signed: D. D. Hunsucker

MINUTES OF

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

August 3, 1957 to August 3, 1958

1. August 3, 1957, Independence Square Church, Kannapolis, N. C.
The newly elected Ordaining Council met for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary for the coming year.

Rev. Roy Rikard acted as temporary chairman. Rev. Frank McQuage was nominated by Rev. J. C. Calvart for chairman and elected by acclamation. Rev. McQuage then took the chair.

Rev. Ralph Willis was nominated for Secretary and was elected by acclamation.

Motion was made and seconded that we license Bro. John R. Cansler to preach. Carried. Motion made and seconded to license Bro. Boyce Patterson and Bro. Bobby Sutherland to preach. Carried. Motion was made and seconded to defer Bro. E. C. Newton to a later date. Carried. Motion was made and seconded that

Rev. Bullard and Rev. McQuage investigate the actions of Bro. Johnny Deese as a letter was received from Mt. Calvary Church informing us that he is not a member of any Free Will Baptist Church at this time and requested that we take action. Carried. Adjourned.

2. Sept. 21, 1957. Goshen Church, N. Belmont, N. C.

Motion made and seconded that Bro Ray Dawkins and Bro. Wm. Correll be ordained. Carried. Motion made and seconded that Bro. James Pendleton be licensed. Carried. Motion made and seconded that we retain the practice of licensing ministers until the certificates be used. Carried. Adjourned.

3. September 28, 1957, Fairview Church, Rockingham, N. C.

Motion was made and seconded that we license Bros. Loyd Bumgarner and Martin Cook. Carried.

4. Dec. 5, 1957. Special called meeting with the Pee Dee Association, White Oaks Church, Bladenboro, N. C.

The Ordaining Council received the credentials of Rev. Bernie Player on the grounds that he illegally left our Association taking his church with him and he was also carrying credentials from the Pee Dee Association. Motion made and seconded that Bro. Bullard and Bro. McQuage go see Rev. Daniel Bowen and ask that he send in his credentials or appear before the council and show reason why they should not be revoked. The grounds for this action is that he instigated and abetted the withdrawal of the New Hope Church from this Association. Carried.

5. Dec. 14, 1957. Cramerton Church, Cramerton, N. C.

Motion made and seconded that we revoke the ordination credentials of John D. Owens on charges of disorderly conduct. Carried.

Bro. McQuage reported that we have received Bro. Daniel C. Bowen's ordination credentials.

Motion made and seconded that we license Bro. Roy Pethel and that he labor under the direction of Rev. Wm. Calvert while pastoring Bethlehem Church in Kannapolis. Motion made and seconded to ordain Bro. H. B. Helms. Carried. Motion made and seconded that we revise the roll of ministers and require each minister to report to the Association each year either by letter or in person. Carried.

6. Jan. 11, 1958. Maple Street Church, Rockingham, N. C.

Motion made and seconded that we ordain Bros. J. T. Baily, Thomas S. Martin, and Claude Beam, Jr. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that no minister be licensed or ordained from any church that does not report to the Association. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that all ministers in good standing be granted membership cards and that all hospitals be encouraged to recognize ministers as same. Carried.

7. March 15, 1958. East Belmont Church.

Motion made and seconded that we ordain Bro. Johnny Deese. Carried. Motion made and seconded that we return Bro.

Daniel Bowen's credentials as he has come before us asking forgiveness with a letter from New Hope Church requesting this action and informing that he is acting as their pastor at this time. Carried. 8. May 30, 1958. Aleo Church, Rockingham, N. C.

The Minutes of the past meetings were read and corrected.

Motion made and seconded that we ordain Bro. C. C. Newton. Carried. Motion made and seconded that Bro. Mitchell Davis be place on two years probation and at the end of that time with the approval of the Council that he be eligible to get back his credentials. The probation time to begin this date and ending on May 30, 1960. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Frank McQuage, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. George Bullard
Rev. Homer Savage
Rev. Roy Rikard
Rev. J. C. Calvart

Report of the Executive Board of The Piedmont Association

9. Aug. 3, 1957. Independence Square Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

The Board discussed the organization of The Western Quarterly Conference and voted that the dividing line for the proposed conference shall be, all county lines nearest Highway 21 in Charlotte and that all churches west of Mecklenburg County will be in the Western Conference. The Board voted to grant a letter upon request to Rev. J. C. Rogers of Rockingham in order that he might unite with another conference. The Board voted to pay the expenses of Rev. Burkette Raper amounting to \$15.00. Voted to have the next meeting at Goshen Church in N. Belmont.

10. Sept 21, 1957. Goshen Church, N. Belmont, N. C.

A letter was presented to the Board from the Westover Church of Kannapolis informing us of their withdrawal from the Association. Bro. Carter agreed to write a letter to the church, requesting a meeting in the near future with the members of the church.

The Board discussed the possibility of a hospital for the Association. This business was deferred until the next meeting.

11. December 14, 1957, Cramerton, N. C.

Motion was made and seconded that the Highland Pines Church of Rockingham be dropped from our roll since it is their expressed desire to no longer be a member of our Association. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we recommend to the State Convention that our boundary lines be enforced. A letter was written to the convention concerning this matter. Motion made and seconded that Bro. Calvert and Bro. Reynolds see the pastor of Westover Church and encourage him in his work. Carried. Motion made and seconded that we advise the Ordaining Council to bring up to date the roll of ministers and that henceforth if any minister fails to report to the Association by letter or in person at least once

a year that his papers be revoked. Carried. Motion made and seconded that no delegate or minister be allowed to vote in the annual conference unless his church reports to the Ass'n. Motion made and seconded that all ministers in good standing be granted a membership card and that all hospitals be encouraged to recognize ministers by same.

Motion made and seconded that a financial statement be sent to Bro. Staten that he may use same to encourage funds for our treasury and that a budget be set up for the coming year to be used as a guide in the distribution of our funds. Motion made and seconded that Bro. Paul Lee be granted a letter of dismissal in good standing.

12. February 8, 1958. Aleo Church Rockingham. N. C.

Rev. Ralph Staten and Rev. Roy Rikard were invited to sit in this meeting in an advisory capacity. Motion made and seconded that the problems concerning the churches existing within the boundary of our Association while belonging to another Association be referred to the State Executive Board. Bro. Staten was appointed to write the letter. The letter was written and endorsed by the Board. Motion made and seconded that our moderator either write or go see Rev. Paul Jenkins and invite him and his church to unite with the association.

Rev. Rikard presented a proposed charter for The Piedmont Bible Institute and requested that the Board inform him as to whether the Institute will be sponsored by the Association. Motion made and seconded that this matter be referred to a special called meeting of the Association to be held on March 1, 1958 at Cramerton and that each Church be requested to send delegates and \$5.00 to this meeting. Bro. Rikard was requested to prepare a budget informing the Association of the approximate amount of money needed to operate the school (annually).

13. April 7, 1958. Ben Ave. Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

Motion made and seconded that our Treasurer pay as much as possible on the Westover Church property and that each church be contacted and urged to send \$5.00 to our mission fund. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Bro. Carter contact the State Church Finance Association and apply for a loan. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Lee Therrell go to Westover Church to operate the Church as a mission with Bro. Reynolds and Bro. Calvert to act as an advisory council. Motion made and seconded that all funds taken in the Mission be first applied to the note and the remainder be used as the mission and the advisory board see fit.

Motion made and seconded that the Goshen Church be authorized to sponsor the E. Lincolnton Church as a Mission with Rev. Sparks and Rev. Allen acting as an advisory board.

14. May 30, 1958. Aleo Church, Rockingham, N. C.

The Board met and planned the Associational Program for the annual Association to be held at Lowell Church, Lowell, N. C.

on August 1, and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman

Rev. W. T. Allen, Clerk

Rev. R. J. Reynolds

Rev. M. T. Sparks

Rev. N. B. Perkins

Rev. William Calvert

Mr. Deese Hunsucker

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