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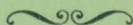
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## OFFICERS

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. L. D. Gray ----- Box 782, Lowell, N. C.  
 Mr. D. D. Hunsucker ----- 620 Mills St., Kannapolis, N. C.  
 Rev. Homer Arrowood, Clerk -- Noles Drive, Mount Holly, N. C.  
 Mr. Harvey Hilderbran, Treasurer ----- 123 Summit Ave.  
 Mt. Holly, N. C.  
 Rev. Sherman Branch - 1967 ----- Box 756, Stanley, N. C.  
 Rev. V. E. Condrey - 1968 ----- Box 51, Catawba Heights  
 Belmont, N. C.  
 Rev. Paul Brown - 1969 ----- Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Ralph Willis ----- 110 Apricot St., Belmont, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1967)  
 Rev. J. T. Bailey ----- 1424 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1967)  
 Rev. Oscar Gray ----- Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1968)  
 Rev. Raymond Ross ----- Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1968)  
 Rev. Charles Maness ----- 123 W. Martin St., Wadesboro, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1969)  
 Rev. Travis Huffman -- 2112 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, N. C.  
 (Term Expires 1969)

## ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS

(Terms expires beside name)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. Raymond Ross (1967); Rev. Ralph Willis (1968); Rev. Gordon Johnson (1969).

MISSION: Rev. Frank McQuage (1967); C. C. Kirkland (1968); Rev. Albert Bell (1969).

C. T. S.: Rev. Billy Allen (1967); Buddy Hill (1968); Brooks Barrington (1969).

HOME FOR THE AGED: Mrs. Law (1967); Mrs. Margaret Whitaker (1968); Mrs. Robert Parris (1969).

SUPERANNUATION: Rev. David Liles (1967); Rev. M. T. Sparks (1968); Rev. Roy Rikard (1969).

FINANCE: Rev. Ernest Stamey (1967); Rev. John Newton (1968); Rev. Billy Allen (1969).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. L. C. Rankin (1967); Fred Tyner (1968); Dexter Laws (1969).

RESOLUTION BOARD: Rev. L. D. Gray (1967); Rev. Edward Faulkner (1968); Rev. Drexler Benton (1969).

TRUSTEES: Rev. Frank McQuage, Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Paul Brown (Terms indefinite)

PUBLICATION: Rev. M. T. Sparks (1967); Rev. Jesse Benioist (1968); Horace Shoemaker (1969).

MASTERS MEN: Jesse Welch (1967); Rev. Homer Savage (1968); Rev. Clarence Ballew (1969).

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. Gordon Johnson.

#### CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVENUE: Kannapolis, N. C.: D. D. Hunsucker, Fred Tyner, Coyt Joplin.

BETHLEHAM: 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.: None listed.

BOGER CITY: Boger City, N. C.: None listed

COMMUNITY: Dallas, N. C.: None listed

CATAWBA: Catawba Hts., Belmont, N. C.: Mrs. Bernice Franklin, Mrs. Margarette Branch, Miss Wanda Kirkland

CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.: Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. E. C. Grant, Mrs. R. B. Huggins, Mrs. Roy Rikard

#### GALLEY TWO

EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.: None listed

FIRST CHURCH: Hamlet, N. C.: Albert Sessoms, Floyd T. Liles

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.: Grady Carrol, Clyde Garrett, Georgia Calvert

GOSHEN: Belmont, N. C.: H. W. Skidmore, Shelia Dyer, Ruth Floyd, Lou Parrot, Cornelim Calvert, Larry Abernathy

HEMAN: Charlotte, N. C.: William C. Bailey Jr., Mrs. Loma Walker, Jack Welson

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.: Mrs. Earnest Fore, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. L. D. Gray

MAPLE STREET: Rockingham, N. C.: Hal Quick, Ida McQuage, Jean Hatcher, Lee Carpenter

MARY GROVE: Rt. 2, Cherryville, N. C.: None listed

MABLE AVE.: Kannapolis, N. C.: Mrs. Robert Linker, Mrs. Ethel Brooks

MT. PLEASANT: Lexington, N. C.: Mr. Gene Ballard

MT. HOLLY: Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.: Drury Thompson, Larry Hartsell, Mrs. Waureen Arrowood

MTN. VIEW: Dallas, N. C.: None listed

NEW HOPE: Rockingham, N. C.: Robert Bowman, Jimmy Bailey, Jerry Smith

NEAR THE CROSS: Kannapolis, N. C.: James Barber, Bill Paston, Janies Hildreth

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.: Jesse Welch, Rev. Eugene Ramsey, Rev. Gordon Johnson  
 PINEVILLE: Pineville, N. C.: Annie Mae Davis, Peggy Helms, Roy Helms  
 PLEASANT HILL: Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.: John Lutz, Homer Bentley, Mrs. John Lutz  
 RACHELS CHAPEL: Hamlet, N. C.: None listed  
 SPRINGWOOD: Gastonia, N. C.: Mr. and Mrs. David Laws  
 SOUTH POINT: Belmont, N. C.: Raymond Hovis, Gary Goudelock, Durane Lanham  
 TALON: Stanley, N. C.: None listed  
 WEST SIDE: Morning Side Rd., Charlotte, N. C.: None listed

The following were visitors to the twenty-third annual session of the Piedmont Association:

Meryl Gill  
 Mrs. Wildon Gill  
 Mr. & Mrs. Warren Cunningham  
 Randy Stubbs  
 Delano Quick  
 Mrs. G. L. Johnson  
 Mrs. J. T. Bailey  
 Jimmy Bailey  
 Jemmy Bailey  
 Dwight Whitworth  
 Sandra Burcham

Delores Newton  
 Pauline Cope  
 Lawrence Gandelock  
 Mrs. Virgie Linker  
 Mrs. Myrth Overcash  
 Mrs. Ethel Brooks  
 Rev. Billy Morris  
 Rev. Ronald Creech  
 Jimmy Dyer  
 Jimmy Gray  
 Grady Williams  
 Ray Deese

### DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

Elsie Gill  
 Dot Bell  
 D. L. Thompson  
 Margaret Branch  
 Mrs. John Lutz  
 John Lutz  
 Mrs. Ernest Fore  
 Mrs. L. D. Gray  
 Gary Goudelock  
 Hal Quick  
 Grady Carroll  
 Georgia Calvert  
 Lou Parrott  
 Jean Hatcher  
 Floyd Liles

Robert Bowman  
 Mr. Roy Helms  
 Mrs. Roy Helms  
 Larry Hartsell  
 Mrs. David Laws  
 Coyt Joplin  
 C. C. Newton  
 R. H. Hilderbran  
 Mrs. Robert Parris  
 James Hildreth  
 Jack Wilson  
 Charlie Lawson  
 William Bailey Jr.  
 Mrs. V. E. Condrey  
 Wanda Kirkland

Homer Bentley  
 C. M. Kirkland  
 Mrs. M. J. Hurst  
 Duane Lanham  
 Rev. Edgar Prevatte  
 Clyde Garrett  
 Sheila Dyer  
 Novella Propst  
 Mrs. Ida McQuage  
 Arliss Jacobs  
 Jerry Smith

Rev. J. W. Wooten  
 H. W. Skidmore  
 Larry Abernathy  
 Mr. David Laws  
 D. D. Hunsucker  
 Rev. Travis Huffman  
 Charlie Shaw  
 Mrs. Roy Rikard  
 Mrs. R. B. Huggins  
 James Barber  
 Eller Walker

### MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. Richard Adams  
 Rev. Homer Arrowood  
 Rev. J. T. Bailey  
 Rev. Johnnie Floyd  
 Rev. V. E. Condrey  
 Rev. Henry G. Russell  
 Rev. L. D. Gray  
 Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick  
 Rev. Albert Bell  
 Rev. A. W. Newell  
 Rev. Von Cobb  
 Rev. Raymond Ross  
 Rev. Frank McQuage  
 Rev. M. T. Sparks  
 Rev. Travis Huffman  
 Rev. Paul Brown  
 Rev. Maxie Coleman  
 Rev. John Henson  
 Rev. Owen Ganey  
 Rev. John R. Newton  
 Rev. Oscar Gray  
 Rev. Edgar Prevatte

Rev. J. D. Liles  
 Rev. H. J. Sawyer  
 Rev. Sherman Branch  
 Rev. Joe Carter  
 Rev. L. C. Rankin  
 Rev. Ernest Stamey  
 Rev. Reddin Hill  
 Rev. W. H. Calvert  
 Rev. Mack Owens  
 Rev. Kermit Cunningham  
 Rev. Gordon Johnson  
 Rev. James Reagan  
 Rev. Billy Allen  
 Rev. Eugene Ramsey  
 Rev. Jesse Benoist  
 Rev. R. L. Clark  
 Rev. Homer Savage  
 Rev. Jerry Wyatt  
 Rev. Charlie Maness  
 Rev. Edward Faulkner  
 Rev. Clarence Ballew  
 Rev. Drexler Benton

TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS	23
TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES	52
TOTAL NUMBER MINISTERS	44
TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED	119



## ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCH—ADDRESS	PASTOR
Bethlehem—719 Pleasant Ave. ----- Kannapolis, N. C.	None
Ben Avenue—Ben Avenue ----- Kannapolis, N. C.	Richard Adams
Boger City—Boger City, N. C. -----	L. C. Rankin
Community—Box 491 ----- Dallas, N. C.	Jerry Wyatt
Catawba—Box 51, Catawba Hgts. ----- Belmont, N. C.	V. E. Condrey
Center Grove—Waxham, N. C. -----	Oscar Sullivan, Jr.
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C. -----	Roy S. Rikard
East Belmont—907 Edgemont Ave. ----- Belmont, N. C.	M. T. Sparks
First—Hamlet, N. C. -----	Jesse Benoist
First—Willow & E., 5th ----- Gastonia, N. C.	W. H. Calvert
Goshen—School St. ----- N. Belmont, N. C.	Johnnie E. Floyd
Glennwood—Rockingham, N. C. -----	C. C. Newton
Heman—1620 Seigle St. ----- Charlotte, N. C.	A. W. Newell
Independence Square—Kannapolis, N. C. ----	Harold Goforth
Lowell—Lowell, N. C. -----	L. D. Gray
Maple St.—Box 965 ----- Rockingham, N. C.	Frank McQuage
Mary Grove—Rt. 2 ----- Cherryville, N. C.	Edward Faulkner
Mable Ave.—1009 Mable Ave. ----- Kannapolis, N. C.	None
Mt. Calvary—Rockingham, N. C. -----	Charles Maness
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C. -----	Robert Hagler
Mt. Holly—Noles Drive ----- Mount Holly, N. C.	Homer Arrowood
Mt. Pleasant—Robbins Circle ----- Lexington, N. C.	Clarence Ballew
Mt. View—Rt. 2, Box 222 ----- Dallas, N. C.	Homer Savage
New Hope—Rockingham, N. C. -----	J. T. Bailey
Near The Cross—Centergrove Rd. ----- Kannapolis, N. C.	Raymond Ross
Pecan Grove—104 Welch St. ----- Gastonia, N. C.	Oscar Gray
Pineville—Pineville, N. C. -----	Mitchell Davis

Pleasant Hill—Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C. -----	Wildon Gill
Rachel's Chapel—Hamlet, N. C. -----	David Liles
Springwood—Rt. 2, Box 274 -----	John Newton
Gastonia, N. C.	
Sandy Ford—Mt. Holly, N. C. -----	Vernon Cope
South Point—Rt. 1, Box 257 -----	Henry Russell
Belmont, N. C.	
Talon—Stanley, N. C. -----	Sherman Branch
West Side—Morning Side Rd. -----	Maxie Coleman
Charlotte, N. C.	
Bethel—Gastonia, N. C. -----	Henry Gibson
West Fifth St.—Gastonia, N. C. -----	Billy Allen

### MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Richard Adams, 613 Ben Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.  
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 J. T. Bailey, 1424 Lileville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C.  
 Clarence Ballew, Rt. 1, Box 313, Lexington, N. C.  
 A. J. Bell, 1013 Watkins, Greensboro, N. C.  
 Jessie Benoist, General Delivery, East Rockingham, N. C.  
 Drexler Benton, 109 S. Rose Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.  
 Sherman Branch, Box 756, Stanley, N. C.  
 Paul Brown, Rt. 2, Box 365, Rockingham, N. C.  
 W. H. Calvert, 402 E. 5th St., Gastonia, N. C.  
 Vernon Church, 1700 Greensboro St., Lexington, N. C.  
 R. L. Clark, address unknown  
 Maxie Coleman, 1705 N. Allen, Charlotte, N. C.  
 V. E. Condrev, Box 51 Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C.  
 Edward Faulkner, 108 Dale Ave, Lincolnton, N. C.  
 Johnnie Floyd, Gen. Del., N. Belmont, N. C.  
 Vess Galloway, Jr., Box 184, Thorsby, Alabama  
 Owen Ganey, 705 S. Andrews Ave., Goldsboro, N. C.  
 Richard Garrett, 215 Oil Circle, Gastonia, N. C.  
 Henry G. Gibson, 710 Legion, Dallas, N. C.  
 Ted Gibson, 205 Dixon Circle, Gastonia, N. C.  
 Wildon Gibson, 110 E. Main St., Maiden, N. C.  
 Harold Goforth, Rt. 4. Box 84, Kannapolis, N. C.  
 L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C.  
 Oscar Gray, Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C.  
 Robert Hagler, 107 Arrington Ave., Lexington, N. C.  
 R. F. Hill, Rt. 1, Box 273A, Hamlet, N. C.  
 Travis Huffman, 2113 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, N. C.  
 Gordon Johnson, 812 S. Gibbons, Gastonia, N. C.

Ernest King, Hoover St., Mt. Holly, N. C.  
J. D. Liles, Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.  
Charlie Maness, Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C.  
Frank McQuage, Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.  
A. W. Newell, 4113 Rutgers Ave, Charlotte, N. C.  
C. C. Newton, 2830 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, Fla.  
John R. Newton, 440 17th St., Cramerton, N. C.  
Daniel O'Kelley, 911 West St., Kannapolis, N. C.  
Eugene Ramsey, 55 Hilltop Circle, Gastonia, N. C.  
L. C. Rankin, 1205 Rhyne Oakland Rd., Gastonia, N. C.  
James E. Reagon, 142 Linewood St., Belmont, N. C.  
Roy Rikard, 426 Woodlawn, Cramerton, N. C.  
Thomas Rogers, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.  
Raymond Ross, Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.  
H. G. Russell, Rt. 1, Box 257, Bemont, N. C.  
Walter Russell, 52nd St., Belmont, N. C.  
Homer Savage, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.  
M. T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., E. Belmont, N. C.  
Ernest Stamey, 218 Ewing Dr., Belmont, N. C.  
Oscar Sullivan, Jr., 51 S. Ave., Lancaster, S. C.  
Ralph Willis, 110 Apricot St., Belmont, N. C.  
J. W. Wooten, 1st St., Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Jerry Wyatt, 404 S. Pine St., Dallas, N. C.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The clerk, assistant clerk, or 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 rise and address the moderator and be recognized before speaking.

6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.

7. All motions made and second 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 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 two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overruled.

15. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat to discuss subjects, but not to vote.

16. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

17. Unlawful absence from body denies a party voting privileges.

18. Members breaking any of these rules, moderator admonishes.

19. 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 Baptist.

Article 2. This association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist Church cooperating with this association, all active ordained deacons of said churches and all 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 send by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.



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 officers are members ex-officio of the executive board. The executive board shall have interim authority.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PIEDMONT 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.)

3. The moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, promotional secretary are to be elected at the close of the session.

4. Ordaining council is to be elected by the association, the number of this council is to be six members elected in two year terms rotating; two for two years; two for three year terms; and two for one year terms. The council shall elect their own chairman and secretary and shall have authority to ordain, investigate ministers, subject to the approval of the association in regular session or special session. They shall keep a record of their work and their secretary shall send a record of that to the clerk of the association not later than one week before the annual association convenes. The expense of the council is to be paid from a fund of \$125.00 set aside by the association for this purpose, and each church who calls council is requested to receive a free will offering and send same to the treasurer of the association for this purpose. The council shall receive from the treasurer expenses of six (6) cents per mile, per car, plus meals.

5. The executive board shall have charge of the promotional work, and educational work of the association and shall have the authority to act for the association in it's business between sessions. The board shall report it's work annually to the association and it's work is subject to the approval of the association. The expense of the board shall be paid in the same manner as the ordaining council.

6. The Piedmont Association is affilliated with the N. C. Association of Free Will Baptist and the National Association of Free Will Baptist. The treatise of the faith and practices of the National Association is to be used.

7. The Piedmont Association believes and practices "CONGREGATIONAL" church government and assumes no higher

authority than in that capacity. The highest authority that the association has over the churches within her fellowship is the power to withdraw fellowship from a church.

8. The association approves and urges our churches to support our denominational programs of our State and National Association.

9. The association approves and urges the indefinite pastoral call.

10. The chairman of each board and committee is treasurer of it's funds (exceptions: associational treasurer is treasurer of the executive board).

11. A member in good standing in the association may serve on as many boards and committees as he or she is elected (exceptions: no member may serve on the executive board and the ordaining council at the same time.)

12. Each church shall send thirty (30c) cents per member with their report to the annual association or have someone to stand good for this amount in order that their delegates may be seated. This money is to be used for the printing of the minutes and associational expense.

13. A nominating committee will be appointed at the beginning of each annual session of the Piedmont Association. Their duty will be to present nominations for all officers, boards and committees necessary to carry on the work of the association. The body shall have the right to nominate from the floor, when this committee gives it's report.

14. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to required information): The names and the addresses of every minister belonging to their church, and whether or not, each minister is a constant 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 non-tithers and report the same to the ordaining council.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITH THE  
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION  
AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
THURSDAY - AUGUST 4, 1966  
HEMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA

The meeting was called to worship by Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Moderator and the congregational singing was led by Rev. Frank McQuage of Rockingham, N. C.

Devotion was brought by Rev. Mack Owens.

The host pastor, Rev. A. W. Newell, gave a very warm welcome and the response to the welcome was given by Rev. Raymond Ross.

The business session was called to order by the clerk - Rev. Von Cobb.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Travis Huffman serving as proxy for absentee board members.

The Nomination Committee was appointed by Moderator, consisting of Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Roy Rikard and Rev. Paul Brown.

Rev. Homer Arrowood was elected as clerk by acclamation.

Rev. Raymond Ross was elected as assistant clerk.

A special song - "The Family Bible," was then rendered by Miss Wanda Kirkland from the Catawba Free Will Baptist Church.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. Paul Brown, pastor of the Glennwood Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, to bring the morning message. Rev. Brown brought a very inspirational message on "The Abounding Grace Of God."

We adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 4, 1966

The Annual Fellowship Meeting of the Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at this time. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Georgia Calvert, who led the congregation in singing a hymn. Mrs. Ethel Whaley was asked to lead in prayer. After a few brief comments by the President she introduced the speaker, Mrs. Mack Owens, who has served with her husband as a Home Missionary in Canada for many years.

Mrs. Owens used as her scripture reference, 1 Cor. 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." She reminded "these southern women" how they have the Gospel so freely while multitudes in the New England States and other areas throughout the home front have never once heard the plan of salvation. She gave her own life's testimony, telling how she had been reared in a good New Hampshire home, but she had never heard the Gospel until her brother, who was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, in the Navy came home with the message of Christ. Upon her first opportunity to hear the good news of the Gospel, she responded.

Mrs. Owens told of her work as a Home Missionary and the vision and plans she and her husband have in extending their ministry to the French speaking people in Canada. Every heart was challenged and inspired.

Following the message a hymn was sung and the meeting adjourned.

#### THURSDAY EVENING - AUGUST 4, 1966

The youth of our association was in charge of the service under the direction of Rev. Frank McQuage. Rev. McQuage opened the service with the congregation singing, "When I See The Blood" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

There were several special songs by Dwight Whitworth, a trio from the host church and a quartet from the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church. Our hearts were indeed blessed as our young people stood and sang for God's glory.

The message was brought by Rev. Gordon Sabastain, using Heb. 11:24-25, speaking on, "Sins Delight Is A Deceiving Delight." Rev. Sabastain brought a wonderful message that was not only a benefit to our youth but to the adults that were present as well. He emphasized the fact that there is pleasure in sin but it is a deceiving pleasure, for it is but for a season and it hides the consequences.

#### FRIDAY MORNING — AUGUST 5, 1966

Session was opened with a congregational hymn, "Let Him Have His Way."

Devotion was given by Rev. Billy Allen, reading from John 1, Brother Allen lead in prayer.

The session was called to order by the clerk - Rev. Homer Arrowood.



The Ordaining Council was dismissed to meet with prospective ministers.

Mrs. Ethel Whaley gave a very informative and challenging talk on the work in Alaska.

Moderator, Rev. Johnnie Floyd, gave the Moderator's address in which he spoke concerning this present rebellious age.

The roll call of ministers was made with twenty-five present. Others reported by letter.

The rules of decorum were read by the Moderator.

Partial report of the Credential Committee was given with nineteen churches as of now reporting.

M.S.C. - to adopt partial report.

M.S.C. - to seat all delegates present.

Partial report of Executive Committee was read by the clerk.

M.S.C. - to accept Executive Committee's report.

A letter from the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Greensboro was read in which request was made for membership in the Association. Rev. Albert Bell is now the pastor.

M.S.C. - to approve the Church's acceptance by the Executive Committee.

Congregation sung "Victory In Jesus," after which the speaker for the morning message was introduced.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Sherman Branch, pastor of the Talon Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Branch brought a very stirring message from Isa. 52:1-3 on the subject, "Awake, Shake and Put On Your Clothes."

Adjourn for lunch.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 5, 1966

Afternoon session was opened with congregation singing, "I Am Thine O Lord."

Devotion was given by Rev. M. T. Sparks and prayer was offered by Rev. Ronald Creech.

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Glenn Russell, Chairman.

M.S.C. - to adopt report as read.

Report on the Free Will Baptist Witness was given by Rev. Ronald Creech - the editor. Rev. Creech reported the witness to be as of now in a good financial condition. A plea was given for future support.

Report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. Roy Rikard.

M.S.C. - to adopt report as information.

Report of Mission Board was given, M.S.C. to adopt report.

Finance Committee's report was given by Harvey Hilderbran - Treasurer.

M.S.C. - to adopt report.

M.S.C. - That an itemized report of expenditures be sent to the clerk to be recorded in the minutes.

M.S.C. - To discontinue \$1.00 fee from ministers that was to be presented with their report.

M.S.C. - That the \$65.00 to be paid the clerk for his years work is not to be paid until the end of the year. Then only if his work has been satisfactory.

M.S.C. - To adjourn.

### FRIDAY EVENING — AUGUST 5, 1966

Service opened with congregational hymns, "He Loves Me" and "At Calvary," led by Rev. Sherman Branch, pastor of the Talon Free Will Baptist Church.

Special songswere rendered by a trio from the Catawba Free Will Baptist Church and a solo by Rev. Branch.

The evening message was brought by Rev. Gordon Johnson of Gastonia, N. C., one of the promising young ministers of our association. He brought a very inspiring message on the subject, "Looking Unto Jesus."

### SATURDAY - AUGUST 6, 1966

Meeting was called to order by the clerk - Rev. Homer Arrowood.

Congregational hymn, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Devotion was given by Rev. Clarence Ballew of Lexington, N. C., prayer was offered by Bro. Stamey.

Reports were asked for from the Sunday School Board, C. T. S. Board, and the Superannuation Board, but no report was given.

M.S.C. - To drop Rev. Earl Bittle from the association since he had joined another association.

M.S.C. - To grant a letter of recommendation to Rev. Benny Turner, upon his request, to the Blue Ridge Association.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given by Mrs. Robert Parris. A recommendation was made that a Youth Director be elected to promote the youth work in our district.

M.S.C. - To accept the Resolution Committee's report.

Rev. Gordon Johnson was elected as District Youth Director.

M.S.C. - That the following delegates represent us at the North Carolina State Association: Harvey Hilderbran, Grady Carrol, H. W. Skidmore, Mrs. Robert Parris, David Laws.

M.S.C. - That we meet at our fellowship meetings as following:

Nov. - Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C.

Feb. - Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church Kannapolis, N. C.

May - New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

M.S.C. - In the future programs the Program Committee will designate Friday Night as the time for the business of the Ordaining Council the ordaining of new ministers.

Nomination Committee's report was given by Rev. W. H. Calvert.

M.S.C. - To accept Nomination Committee's report.

(Officers were elected as listed in the front of the minutes.)

M.S.C. - That the Nomination Committee be appointed at the beginning of each annual session of the Piedmont Association.

The next annual session of the Piedmont Association will be at the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

M.S.C. - The letters from each church reporting to the association be read.

M.S.C. - The clerk is to send a reminder to all churches and ministers in the association thirty days before the annual session.

M.S.C. - The association is to pay for advertisement in the local newspaper concerning the next session of the association.

M.S.C. - To discuss the organizing of a new association in the Western Piedmont District.

Association adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL CALLED SESSION OF  
THE ASSOCIATION IS RECORDED ON THE LAST PAGES.  
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 1966

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Inst., at Cramerton, N. C. and discussed the following business. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Benny Turner. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Johnnie Floyd. The building of a church in Alaska was discussed, the matter was left open until Brother Whaley's intentions are known. The February meeting was planned. The board adjourned with prayer by Harvey Hilderbran.

JUNE 1966

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Inst., at Cramerton, N. C. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Johnnie Floyd. The following business was discussed. The annual meeting of the association was planned, the program was written and passed by vote. The board adjourned with prayer by Rev. Paul Brown.

Respectfully Submitted;

Rev. Johnnie Floyd - Chairman  
Rev. Sherman Branch - Member  
Harvey Hilderbran - Member  
Rev. Paul Brown - Member  
Rev. Benny Turner - Member  
Rev. Von Cobb - Clerk

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL  
JULY 31, 1965

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association met at the East Belmont Free Will Baptist Church after adjournment of the 22nd annual association.

Members present were: Bro. Russell, Bro. Bailey, Bro. Willis, Bro. Ross, Bro. Oscar Gray. Bro. Benoist was absent.

Bro. Russell was elected chairman and Bro. Willis secretary for the coming year. The council was then adjourned.



## SEPTEMBER 29, 1965

The Ordaining Council met at the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

Members present were: Bro. Oscar Gray (acting chairman), Bro. Benoist, Bro. Willis and Bro. Savage (proxy for Bro. Russell). Absent was Bro. Ross.

Opening prayer by Bro. Benoist.

MS Approved that we license Brother Reddin Hill and Brother Brackey Hatcher, Jr. After examination of questionnaire and letter of commendation from the Maple St. Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

MS That we remove Bro. Roy Richard Bethel, Jr. name from our roll of ordained ministers at his own request and as he has turned his credentials and joined another association.

The council adjourned for service at the church.

## NOVEMBER 6, 1965

The Ordaining Council met at the Rachael Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, N. C.

Members present were: Bro. Benoist (acting chairman), Bro. Ross and Bro. Oscar Gray. Bro. Hagler (proxy for Bro. Willis.) Members absent were Bro. Willis, Bro. Russell, and Bro. Bailey.

Bro. Hagler led the opening prayer.

Bro. Homer Arrowood and Bro. Eddie Kirkpatrick came before the council and presented letters of commendations to this association from The Blue Ridge Association. Ordination credentials were exchanged with them as had been agreed upon with them at the 22nd annual association, when they came under the watch care of this association.

M|S and approved that association license be granted Bro. Gordon Johnson as letter of recommendation from The Pecan Grove Church was presented and the answers to the ministers questionnaire were satisfactory.

M|S and approved that license be granted Bro. Oscar Rogers on provision that a letter of recommendation be forwarded from The Rachael Church and it's pastor Bro. Liles. The answers to the questionnaire met the approval of the council. (Bro. Rogers is pastoring a mission at Laurinburg, N. C. It is the desire of the mission to be organized into a church and be brought into the association.)

The council was then dismissed in prayer.

FEBRUARY 5, 1966

The Ordaining Council met at the South Point Free Will Baptist Church, Belmont, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Russell. Bro McQuage led in prayer. Some of the names of the ministers not reporting to the Association were presented to the council. Bro. Floyd (proxy for Bro. Willis) made a motion that the clerk write these men a letter calling their attention to the fact of item number 6 in ministers exam and by-laws, and that they are to report to the annual meeting the reason for their not reporting. Motion was second and approved.

M/S and approved that a letter be sent to Bro. Richard Watson pertaining to rule 4 and 17, requesting that he surrender his credentials for one year as he has not complied with his promise to the council. Evidence is now in the hands of the Council that this promise has not been complied with. If he does not comply with this directive his credentials shall become null and void. The right to appeal shall be his privilege at the annual association.

Members present were: Bro. Russell, Bro. Bailey, Bro. Benoist, and Bro. Gray. Bro. Gray acted as secretary. Bro. Floyd sat proxy for Bro. Willis, Bro. McQuage sat proxy for Bro. Ross.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bailey.

(Which clerk has the authority to write the above mentioned letters? This question has been directed to the secretary of the association therefore such letters were not sent by the secretary of the council. My understanding is that such letters are sent by the Associational Clerk.)

THURSDAY MORNING - AUGUST 4

Bro. J. T. Bailey led the Council in prayer.

Bro. James R. Adams came before the Council for the purpose of exchanging his ordination papers. This action was taken by the Council that he be brought under the watch-care of the Association until his original papers be received.

Bro. Clyde Garrett came before the Council for license, having complied to the rules of the Association. Bro. Bailey moved that license be granted to Bro. Garrett. Second by Bro. Travis Huffman (Proxy for Ralph Willis). Approved by the Council.

## FRIDAY MORNING - AUGUST 5

Bro. Homer Savage led the Council in prayer.

Mr. Von Cobb surrendered his license to the Ordaining Council until the reproachful condition left behind in his former pastoral duties be cleared up and again meet the approval of the Ordaining Council.

Motion made by Oscar Gray to accept the minutes as written. Second by Homer Savage. Approved by the Council.

Bro. Wildon Gill came before the Council to exchange papers from another denomination. He heard the rules and by-laws concerning a minister coming from another denomination. He was given a booklet concerning questions to be answered and deferred to next fellowship meeting to meet with the Council.

Motion made by Oscar Gray to except the minutes as written. Second by Homer Savage. Approved by the Council.

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Bro. Oscar Gray moved that the clerk write Raymond Rice and inform him that his license is void, and they are to be surrendered back to the Council. Second by Jesse Benoist. Approved by the Council.

Motion was made by Bro. Homer Savage that Bro. Ted Gibson, Bro. James Reagan, and Bro. Eugene Ramsey have their license renewed for the next coming year. Second by Bro. Oscar Gray.

Council received a letter from Catawba Free Will Baptist Church concerning Bro. Robert Lewis Lambert. Agreed to be referred to the Council when he can be present.

## FINANCE BOARD

We your Finance Board recommend the following:

1. That each church send thirty cents (30c) per member to the annual association. (Carried)
2. That the Clerk be paid \$65.00 for years work. (Carried)

Respectfully submitted:

R. H. Hilderbran - Chairman  
T. H. Huffman

## TREASURER REPORT

In treasure last association -----	\$145.56
Received last association -----	778.90
Received since association -----	17.00
Total received -----	941.46
Total expenditures -----	549.16
Balance in treasure -----	392.30

## ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSE

1. Traveling expense for Executive Board -----	\$68.47
a. Johnnie Floyd -----	7.74
b. Paul Brown -----	35.32
c. Von Cobb -----	25.41
2. Gift to Wanda Kirkland college fund -----	62.25
3. Rev. Oscar Gray (Clerk work - 64 and 65) -----	65.00
4. Rev. Von Cobb (Clerk work - 65 and 66) -----	65.00
5. Counts Printing and Office Supply -----	226.94
(1965 minutes)	
6. Association promotional expense -----	61.50
Carey Watkins - guest speaker -----	\$25.00
b. Gordon Sebaston - guest speaker -----	25.00
c. Postal expense by Clerk -----	11.50
7. Total paid out during year -----	549.16

## WANDA KIRKLAND COLLEGE FUND

Pledges from churches -----	\$671.10
Special offering (from association) -----	143.25
Gift from Piedmont Association -----	62.25
Total received and paid out -----	876.60

Respectfully submitted:

R. H. Hilderbran - Treasurer

## MINISTERS REPORTS

(Those Who Turned In Cards)

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached - 140 Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 78, Revivals - 4, Additions to Church - 9, Funerals Preached - 8, Miles Traveled - 20,000, Amount Received - \$4935.00.

J. T. BAILEY: Sermons Preached - 173, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 4, Professions - 40, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to the Church - 4, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 27,139, Amount Received - \$2624.59.

- A. J. BELL: Sermons Preached - 150, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 0, Professions - 30, Number Baptized - 0, Additions to Church - 19, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 5500, Amount Received - \$350.00.
- SHERMAN BRANCH: Sermons Preached - Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 5, Funerals Preached - 3.
- WILLIAM CALVERT: Sermons Preached - 140, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 3, Professions - 45, Number Baptized - 8, Additions to Church - 19, Funerals Preached - 12, Miles Traveled - 21,000 - Amount Received - \$4710.00.
- VERNON M. CHURCH: Sermons Preached - 42, Professions - 1, Number Baptized - 3, Miles Traveled - 10,000.
- MAXIE COLEMAN: Sermons Preached - 85, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 20, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 65 00, Amount Received - \$925.00.
- V. E. CONDREY: Sermons Preached - 300, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 2, Professions - 100, Number Baptized - 8, Funerals Preached - 5, Miles Traveled - 20,000, Amount Received - \$4160.00.
- J. F. FAULKNER: Sermons Preached - 72, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 5, Number Baptized - 7, Additions to Church - 10, Miles Traveled - 10,000, Amount Received - \$300.00.
- JOHNNY E. FLOYD: Sermons Preached - 125, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 41, Additions to Church - 4, Funerals Preached - 3, Miles Traveled - 25,000, Amount Received - \$5720.00.
- VESS GALLOWAY, JR.: Sermons Preached - 104, Churches Pastored - 2, Revivals - 2, Number Baptized - 11, Funerals Preached - 2.
- OWEN GANEY: Sermons Preached - 200, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 40, Number Baptized - 20, Additions to Church - 26, Miles Traveled - 20,000, Amount Received - \$2000.
- HENRY C. GIBSON: Sermons Preached - 82, Professions - 25, Churches Pastored - 82, Professions - 25, Churches Pastored - 1, Miles Traveled - 2000, Amount Received - \$330.00, Funerals Preached - 1.
- TED GIBSON: Sermons Preached - 28, Professions - 2, Miles Traveled - 32, Amount Received - \$13.00.
- WILDON GILL: Sermons Preached - 80, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 30, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to Church - 17, Funerals Preached - 2, Amount Received - \$800.00.
- OSCAR L. GRAY: Sermons Preached - 122, Churches Pastor-

ed, - 1, Revivals - 3, Professions - 85, Number Baptized - 15, Additions to Church - 7, Funerals Preached - 5, Miles Traveled - 20,000, Amount Received - \$4560.00.

ROBERT HAGLER: Sermons Preached - 180, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 10, Professions - 100, Number Baptized 25, Additions to Church - 31, Funerals Preached - 5, Miles Traveled - 25,000, Amount Received - \$4500.00.

R. F. HILL: Sermons Preached - 100, Churches Pastored - 1, Additions to Church - 12.

TRAVIS H. HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached - 60, Revivals - 1, Professions - 4, Funerals Preached 1.

GORDON L. JOHNSON: Sermons Preached - 98, Churches Pastored - 0, Revivals - 1, Professions - 64, Funerals Preached - 1, Miles Traveled - 5618, Amount Received - \$260.82.

ERNEST KING: Sermons Preached - 20, Revivals - 1, Professions - 14, Funerals Preached - 2, Amount Received - \$10.00.

EDDIE KIRK PATRICK: Sermons Preached - 135, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 2, Professions - 7, Funerals Preached - 1, Miles Traveled - 12,000, Amount Received - \$3000.00.

CHARLIE W. MANESS: Sermons Preached - 185, Churches Pastored - 2, Revivals - 1, Professions - 20, Number Baptized - 5, Additions to Church - 25, Churches Organized - 1, Funerals Preached - 3.

FRANK McQUAGE: Sermons Preached - 104, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 5, Number Baptized - 10, Miles Traveled 40,000, Amount Received - \$5460.00.

7, Additions to Church - 5, Funerals Preached - 4, Miles Traveled - 15,000, Amount Received - \$1560.00.

C. C. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 32, Churches Pastored - 9, Professions - 2, Miles Traveled - 1000.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 160, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 2, Professions - 19, Number Baptized -

EUGENE M. RAMSEY: Sermons Preached - 39, Professions 33, Funerals Preached - 1, Miles Traveled - 400.

L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached - 140, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 2, Professions 14, No. Baptized - 4, Addition to 000, Amount Received - \$1060.00.

JAMES E. REAGAN: Sermons Preached - 35.

THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached - 90, Revivals - 3, Professions - 37, Funerals Preached - 3, Miles Traveled - 5,000, Amount Received - \$200.00.

RAYMOND ROSS: Sermons Preached - 140, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 15, Funerals Preached - 4, Additions to church - 5, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 5,500, Received - \$1475.00.

**FREDRICK RUSSELL:** Sermons Preached - 30, Professions - 5, Miles Traveled - 400, Amount Received - \$5.00.

**H. G. RUSSELL:** Sermons Preached - 95, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 65, Number Baptized - 15, Additions Church - 38, Churches Organized - 0, Amount Received - \$5300.00.

**WALTER RUSSELL:** Sermons Preached - 75, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 50, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to Church - 20, Funerals Preached - 3, Amount Received - \$1000.00.

**HOMER SAVAGE:**

**MURRAY T. SPARKS:** Sermons Preached - 99, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 29, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to Church - 11, Funerals Preached - 5, Miles Traveled - 12,000.

**EARNEST B. STAMEY:** Sermons Preached - 45, Professions - 15, Funerals Preached - 3.

**RALPH WILLIS:** Sermons Preached - 76, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 12, Additions to Church - 4, Miles Traveled - 2500, Amount Received - \$175.00.

**JERRY WYATT:** Sermons Preached - 100, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 20, Additions to Church - 20, Funerals Preached - 2, Amount Received - \$1793.83.

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

**BEN AVENUE** - Kannapolis, N. C., Richard Adams, Pastor, 613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C., Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Clerk, 620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C., Church membership 64, Members received 4, By baptism 1, By letter 2, By statement of faith 3, Members dismissed 7, Sunday School enrollment 117, Woman's Auxiliary Membership 16, Total offerings received \$13,860.82, General offerings \$8527.08, Building fund \$4221.06, Pastor's salary \$2060, Evangelistic work \$415, Building and repair \$4911.62, Literature \$280, Other \$6895. 20, Total local expenditures \$14,561.82, Foreign missions \$47, Education \$120, Total outside expenditures \$167, Value of church property \$27,000, Value of parsonage property \$10,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$19.20.

**BETHLEHEM** - Kannapolis, N. C., No pastor, Mrs. Ted Davis, Clerk, Rt. 3 Box 319 A, Kannapolis, N. C., Church membership 66, Members Received 2, By baptism 1, By letter 1, Sunday School enrollment 57, Total offerings received \$5359.30, Pastor's salary \$2900, Evangelistic work \$95, Building and repair \$1440, Total local expenditures \$4435, Value of church property \$30,000.



**BOGER CITY** - Boger City, N. C., L. C. Rankin, Pastor, Lowell, N. C., Margaret Gafford, Clerk, 124 Reid St., Boger City, N. C., Church membership 45, Members received 5, By baptism 2, By letter 3, Sunday School enrollment 40, Woman's Auxiliary membership 10, Total offerings received \$2777.90, Building fund \$175, Pastor's salary \$1165, Evangelistic work \$100, Building and repair \$175, Literature \$135, Total local expenditures \$1575, Foreign missions \$116.40, Home missions \$56, Education \$25, Total outside expenditures \$172.80, Value of church property \$10,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.75.

**CATAWBA** - Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C., V. E. Condrey, Pastor, Box 51 Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C., G. M. Kirkland, Clerk, Box 441 Belmont, N. C., Church membership 83, Members received 10, By baptism 6, By letter 2, By statement of faith 2, Members dismissed 12, Sunday School enrollment, 130, CTS enrollment 23, Woman's Auxiliary membership 14, Total offerings received \$12,275.36, General offerings \$10,633.31, Building fund \$1642.05, Pastor's salary \$4365, Evangelistic work \$307.50, Building and repair \$2181.07, Literature \$363.79, Advertising \$650, Miscellaneous \$1473.08, Other \$1539.80, Total local expenditures \$10,880.34, Cooperative Plan or Unified Program \$25, Foreign missions \$152, Home missions \$242, Education \$360, Orphanage \$50, Superannuation \$18, Associational projects \$60, Total outside expenditures \$932.50, Value of church property \$22,000, Value of church parsonage \$10,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$24.90.

**COMMUNITY** - Dallas, N. C., Jerry Wyatt, Pastor, Lurille Wyatt, Clerk, 217 S. Main St. Stanley, N. C., Church membership 60, Members received 20, By letter 10, By statement of faith 10, Sunday School enrollment 55, Woman's Auxiliary membership 11, Total offerings received \$4838.60, Building fund \$1737.84, Pastor's salary \$1793.83, Literature \$130, Other \$125, Value of church property \$2000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.

**CRAMERTON** - Cramerton, N. C., Roy S. Rikard, Pastor, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk Rt. 2, Box 333, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 245, Members received 26, By baptism 11, By letter 5, By statement of faith 10, Members dismissed 20, Sunday School enrollment 370, CTS enrollment 72, Woman's Auxiliary membership 45, Total offerings received \$28,662, Pastor's Salary \$5,720, Evangelistic work \$400, Building and repair \$300, Literature \$1250.50, Advertising \$265, Miscellaneous \$1000,

Other \$966, Total local expenditures \$12,595, Foreign missions \$1680, Home missions \$1680, Education \$1000, Orphanage \$372, Superannuation \$60, Association projects \$530, Other \$892, Total outside expenditures \$7,285.80, Value of church property \$138,000, Value of parsonage property \$20,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$73.50.

**EAST BELMONT** - Belmont, N. C., M.T. Sparks, Pastor 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C., Elizabeth Sparks, Clerk, Belmont, N. C., Church membership 67, Members received 11, By baptism 6, By statement of faith 5, Sunday School enrollment 104, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, Total offerings received \$12,084.66, General offerings \$8000, Building fund \$4084.66, Pastor's salary \$2605, Evangelistic work \$105, Building and repair \$3425, Literature \$200, Miscellaneous \$1527, Other \$1820, Total local expenditure \$9,682, Foreign missions \$32, Home missions, \$90, Education \$25, Orphanage \$10, Associational projects \$17.40, Total outside expenditures \$174.40, Value of church property \$42,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$20.10.

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST** - Gastonia, N. C., W. H. Calvert, Pastor, Mrs. W. T. Cobb, Clerk, 2805 Lowell Rd., Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 140, Members received 34, By baptism 8, By letter 3, By statement of faith 6, Sunday School enrollment 285, CTS enrollment 66, General offerings \$21,909.98, Building fund \$2500, CTS \$507.34, Pastor's salary \$4710.00, Evangelistic work \$100, Building and repair \$43,000, Literature \$813.71, Other \$390.00, Foreign Missions \$224, Home missions \$134.50, Education \$89.50, Superannuation \$158.50, State and national projects \$240, Value of church property \$70,000, Value of parsonage property \$10,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$42.

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST** - Hamlet, N. C., Jesse C. Benoit, Pastor, Gen. Del., East Rockingham, N. C., Mrs. Helen Thomas, Clerk, 321 McDonald, Hamlet, N. C., Church membership 33, Members received 8, By baptism 3, By letter 2, By statement of faith 3, Members Dismissed 14, Sunday School enrollment 82, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$11.55.

**GOSHEN** - North Belmont, N. C., Johnnie E. Floyd, Pastor, P. O. Box 223, North Belmont, N. C., Carl Bryan, Clerk, 414 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C., Church membership 189, Members received 4, By baptism 1, By letter 2, By statement of faith 1, Sunday School enrollment 185, CTS enrollment 65, Woman's Auxiliary membership 30, Total offerings received \$35,752.85, Pastor's salary \$5720, Evangelistic work \$353.56, Building and repair \$182.46, Literature \$580.99, Advertis-

ing \$636.77, Total local expenditures \$25,147.41, Foreign missions \$749.82, Education \$440, Superannuation \$82, Total outside expenditures \$1271.82, Value of church property \$102,000, Value of parsonage property \$10,500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$30.

HEMAN - Charlotte, N. C., A. W. Newell, Pastor, 4113 Rutgers Ave. Charlotte, N. C., Mrs. Ellen Wilson, Clerk, 184 Piedmont St., Charlotte, N. C., Church membership 115, Members received 20, By baptist 14, By letter 4, By statement of faith 2, Members dismissed 7, Sunday School enrollment 90, Total offerings received \$6625.95, Pastor's salary \$3900, Evangelistic work \$100, Literature \$112, Home missions \$103.96, Other \$32.06, Value of church property \$4500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.60.

LOWELL FREE WILL - Lowell, N. C., L. D. Gray, Pastor, Box 782, Lowell, N. C., Mrs. C. R. Conner, Clerk, 72 East 3rd St., Smyre, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 103, Members received 5, By baptism 1, By statement of faith 4, Members dismissed 4, Sunday School enrollment 117, CTS enrollment 30, Total offerings received \$12,388.36, General offerings \$11,805.98, Building fund \$582.38, Pastor's salary \$5075, Evangelistic work \$335.26, Building and repair \$1921.19, Literature \$386, Miscellaneous \$92.89, Other \$1744.11, \$811.46, Total local expenditures \$10,365.91, Foreign missions \$147.34, Home missions \$139.01, Education \$25, Orphanage \$96.83, Associational projects \$133.50, State and national projects \$300, Total outside expenditures \$841.68, Value of Church property \$96,000, Value of parsonage property \$8,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$20.00.

MABLE AVENUE - Kannapolis, N. C., No pastor, Mrs. Robert Linker, Clerk, 58 Wilson St. N. E., Concord, N. C., Church membership 52, Members received 2, By letter 2, Members dismissed 5, Sunday School enrollment 88, Woman's Auxiliary membership 14, Total offerings received \$4900.74, Pastor's salary \$2740, Evangelistic work \$70, Building and repair \$288.66, Literature \$164.09, Miscellaneous \$1694.30, Other \$616.01, Total local expenditures \$5573.06, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.60.

MAPLE STREET - Rockingham, N. C., Frank McQuage, Pastor, P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C., Blondie Brigman, Clerk, 1115 Airport Rd., Rockingham, N. C., Church membership 150, Members received 7, By Baptism 7, Sunday School enrollment 300, CTS enrollment 60, Total offerings received \$18,000, Pastor's salary \$5460, Evangelistic work \$300, Building and repair \$2000, Foreign missions \$500,

Home missions \$400, Value of church property \$50,000, Value of parsonage property \$14,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$45.

MARYS GROVE - Cherryville, N. C., Edward Faulkner, Pastor, 108 Dale Ave., Lincolnton, N. C., Dianne Deveney, Clerk, 804 West Craig St., Cherryville, N. C., Church membership 25, Members received 10, By baptism 6, By statement of faith 4, Sunday School enrollment 72, Total offerings received \$2362.92, Pastor's salary \$300, Evangelistic work \$100, Building and repair \$1122.73, Literature \$50, Advertising \$15, Total local expenditures \$1587.73, Value of church property \$10,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$8.75.

MT. HOLLY - Mt. Holly, N. C., Homer Arrowood, Pastor, Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C., Mrs. Mary McClure, Clerk, Mauney Rd., Rt. 1, Stanley, N. C., Church membership 86, Members received 9, Members dismissed 6, Sunday School enrollment 120, CTS enrollment 55, Woman's Auxiliary membership 10, Total offerings received \$12,106.40, General offerings \$10,406.40, Building fund \$1500, Pastor's salary \$4710, Evangelistic work \$240, Building and repair \$800, Literature \$250 Miscellaneous \$1500, Total local expenditures \$7530, Foreign missions \$301.44, Home missions \$201.44, Education \$288, Association projects \$24, State and national projects \$274, Total outside expenditures \$1088.88, Value of church property \$40,000, Value of parsonage property \$13,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$25.80.

MT. PLEASANT - Lexington, N. C., Clarence Ballew, Pastor, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C., Billy R. Buchanan, Clerk, P. O. Box 97, Efland, N. C., Church membership 65, Members received 10, By baptism 4, By statement of faith 6, Sunday School enrollment 116, Total offerings received \$9963.63, General offerings \$8895.42, Building fund \$1068.21, Pastor's salary \$4030, Evangelistic work \$270, Literature \$110.60, Miscellaneous \$357.12, Other \$1588.58, Total local expenditures \$6356.30, Value of church property \$500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$22.75.

MT. VIEW - Dallas, N. C., Homer Savage, Pastor, Box 222 Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C., Bobbie Strader, Clerk, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 25, Members dismissed 46, Total offerings received \$5687, Pastor's salary \$1040, Evangelistic work \$125, Building and repair \$1,100, Literature \$100, Miscellaneous \$2300, Other \$1,022, Total local expenditures \$5387, Foreign missions \$50, Home missions \$50, Education \$25, State and national projects \$150, Total outside expenditures \$300, Value of church property \$15,000, Value of parsonage property \$8500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$7.50.

NEAR THE CROSS - Kannapolis, N. C., Raymond Ross, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C., Mrs. Juanita Hildreth, Clerk, 841 Richard Ave., Kannapolis, N. C., Church membership 40, Sunday School enrollment 53, Woman's Auxiliary membership 10, Total offerings received \$4292.45, Pastor's salary \$1475, Evangelistic work \$100, Literature \$80, Advertising \$20, Other \$1130, Total local expenditures \$1675, Home missions \$60, Value of church property \$20,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$12.

NEW HOPE - Rockingham, N. C., J. T. Bailey, Pastor, 1424 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C., Mrs. Alice Smith, Clerk, 905 N. Lee St., Rockingham, N. C., Church Membership 54, Members received 4, By baptism 3, By letter, 1, Sunday School enrollment 75, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, General offerings \$3845.92, Building fund \$324.61, Pastor's salary \$2430.59, Evangelistic work \$105, Building and repair \$32.24, Literature \$51.60, Home missions \$50, Orphan age \$29.01, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$16.20.

PECAN GROVE - Gastonia, N. C., Oscar L. Gray, Pastor, Rt. 2 Box 209, Dallas, N. C., Miss Elvie McGee, Clerk, 1608 Warren Circle, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 77, Members received 12, By baptism 6, By letter 4, By statement of faith 2, Sunday School enrollment 97, Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 10, Total offerings received \$11,017.43, General offerings \$10,250.77, Building fund \$766.66, Pastor's salary \$5700, Evangelistic work \$150, Literature \$367.78, Miscellaneous \$430.34, Other \$2454.36, \$1530.84, Total local expenditures \$10,633.32, Foreign missions \$80, Home missions \$80, Education \$25, Total outside expenditures \$185, Value of church property \$22,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$23.10.

PINEVILLE - Pineville, N. C., Mitchell W. Davis, Pastor, 205 Plyler St., Lancaster, S. C., Boyce Helms, Clerk, Pineville, N. C., Church membership 56, Members received 14, By baptism 6, By letter 7, By statement of faith 1, Members dismissed 2, Sunday School enrollment 56, Total offerings received \$3596.64, General offerings \$2704.01, Building fund \$783.62, Pastor's salary \$1090, Evangelistic work \$150, Literature \$80, Advertising \$33.50, Miscellaneous \$1320.22, Total local expenditures \$2673.72. Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$17.10.

PLEASANT HILL - Maiden, N. C., Wildon A. Gill, Pastor, 110 E. Main St., Maiden, N. C., Mrs. Ralph Stewart, Clerk, Rt. 1, Maiden, N. C., Church membership 38, Members received

17, By baptism 3, By letter 11, By statement of faith 3, Members dismissed 6, Sunday School enrollment 40, Total offerings received \$3158.76, Pastor's salary \$1205.16, Evangelistic work \$244.39, Building and repair \$959.30, Literature \$77.-85, Advertising \$210, Miscellaneous \$355, Total local expenditures \$3031.70, Value of church property \$15,000., Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$11.40.

**SOUTH POINT** - Belmont, N. C., Henry G. Russell, Pastor, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C., John Norton, Clerk, Rt. 2 Box 334, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 125, Members received 38, By baptism 15, By letter 8, By statement of faith 12, Members dismissed 53, Sunday School enrollment 161, CTS enrollment 40, Woman's Auxiliary membership 20, Total offerings received \$18,228.61, General offerings \$17,728.-61, Building fund \$500, Pastor's salary \$5300, Evangelistic work \$478.48, Building and repair \$2439.50, Literature \$257.-06, Advertising \$858, Miscellaneous \$2828.10, Other \$261.67, \$2,221.92, Total local expenditures \$17,422.06, Foreign missions \$70, Association projects \$42, State and national projects \$20, Total outside expenditures \$132, Value of Church property \$75,000, Value of parsonage property \$16,000, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$25.

**SPRINGWOOD** - Gastonia, N. C., John R. Newton, Pastor, 440 17th St., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Lucille K. Larus, Clerk, Rt. 2 Box 121, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 50, Members received 13, By baptism 4, By letter 4, By statement of faith 5, Members dismissed 4, Sunday School enrollment 67, CTS enrollment 13, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, Total offerings received \$5345.14, Building fund \$543.34, Pastor's salary \$1660, Evangelistic work \$195, Building & repair \$420 Literature \$95.07, Advertising \$559.70, Miscellaneous \$711.-35, Total local expenditures \$3654.92, Education \$25, Orphanage \$70, Other \$13.80, Total outside expenditures \$108.80, Value of church property \$2500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.

**TALON** - Stanley, N. C., Sherman Branch, Pastor, Box 756, Stanley, N. C., Church membership 135, Sunday School enrollment 150, CTS enrollment 81, Revivals \$350, Money received \$15,000, Pastor's salary \$5200, Church property \$25,000, Parsonage \$7500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$25.

**WEST SIDE** - Mecklenburg County, Maxie Coleman, Pastor, Charlotte, N. C., Church membership 10, Members dismissed 12, Sunday School enrollment 30, Pastor's salary \$925,

Evangelistic work \$75, Building and repair \$825, Literature \$30, Total local expenditures \$2500, Value of church property \$5500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$3.

RACHELS CHAPEL - Hamlet, N. C., J. David Liles, Pastor, Box 321, Hamlet, N. C., Daisey Liles, Clerk, Church membership 20, Members received 1, Pastor's salary \$350, Building and repair \$500, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$7.

### SPECIAL CALLED SESSION OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

A special called session was called by the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association for the purpose of discussing the possibility of organizing an association in Gaston County and the surrounding areas. The meeting was held November 5, 1966, at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C., Rev. L. D. Gray was the host pastor.

The following business was transacted:

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Congregational hymn, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," was led by Rev. Robert Hagler.

Devotion was given by Rev. Charles Maness, reading Matt. 27: 27-28, prayer by Rev. Roy Rikard.

Welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, response by Rev. Robert Hagler.

Moderator read the rules of decorum.

Moderator spoke concerning the purpose of the special called session, the organizing of another association.

Rev. Frank McQuage was granted the floor to speak at which time he read the following resolution:

"The Piedmont Association of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina has had the blessings of God upon her for more than twenty-five years. Through these years we have seen her grow and many new churches come into existence because of the preachers that are called by God and ordained by this association."

"But, at our last annual association which was held at the Heman Free Will Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., it was pointed out that many of our churches are not as active as they should be. Some expressed that we had become too large and that we should be divided, but let it never be said that we are divided in our love and appreciation for one another."

"It was also expressed that some of the churches desired to organize another association in Gaston County."

"Let it be resolved that churches and pastors and preachers be granted letters of good standing that they may organize an association in this area if they so desire with the full understanding that they did not leave us with any ill-will or hard feelings."

"Let it be resolved that all men that are planning to be released from the Piedmont Association, that their office be vacated and we vote to fill them today."

M.S.C. - That the resolution presented by Rev. Frank McQuage be accepted by the association. After a rather lengthy discussion in which everyone was given a right to voice their opinion.

The church delegates, pastors, and preachers wishing to be released from the association were then permitted to leave.

The association then continued with their business and elected the following officers:

Moderator	Rev. Frank McQuage
Assistant Moderator	D. D. Hunsucker
Clerk	Rev. Robert Hagler
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Raymond Ross
Treasurer	Rev. A. W. Newell
Executive Board	Albert Bell (1967) Paul Brown (1968) E. B. Stamey (1969)
Ordaining Council	J. R. Adams (1967) J. T. Bailey (1967) Henry G. Russell (1968) Raymond Ross (1968) Charles Maness (1969) David Liles (1969)
Trustees	Frank McQuage Paul Brown Henry G. Russell



