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GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR 1973-74

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MODERATOR-----	Rev. J. W. Wooten 107 Airington Dr., Lexington, N. C.
VICE MODERATOR-----	Rev. N. B. Perkins 301 Rankin Ave., Mt. Holly, N. C.
CLERK-----	Rev. Frank McQuage P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.
TREASURER-----	Rev. Charles Maness P. O. Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C.
BOARD MEMBER(Term expires 1976)-----	Rev. Clarence Green
BOARD MEMBER (Term expires 1975)-----	Rev. Glenn Russell
BOARD MEMBER (Term expires 1974)-----	Rev. William Hill

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Odell Cook-----	(Term expires 1977)
Rev. Harold Donahue-----	(Term expires 1976)
Rev. Lewis Lambert-----	(Term expires 1975)
Rev. Clarence Ballew-----	(Term expires 1974)

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

CHURCH TRAINING-----	Rev. Larry Taylor
FINANCE-----	Rev. Charles Maness Rev. Henderson Gilleland Brother Charlie Lawson
RESOLUTIONS-----	Rev. Norman Perkins
MISSIONS-----	Rev. Lewis Lambert
SUNDAY SCHOOL-----	Rev. Clayton Hulin
SUPERANNUATION-----	Rev. Glenn Russell
MASTER'S MEN-----	Brother Richard Wilson
BOARD OF TRUSTEES-----	Rev. Glenn Russell Rev. Frank McQuage Rev. Clarence Ballew

MISSION BOARD----- Rev. A. J. Bell, Treasurer
 Rev. William Jacobs
 Rev. Henderson Gilleland

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

1. Ballew, Clarence-----Rt. 1, Box 520, Lexington, N. C.
2. Bean, Claude, Jr.-----Rt. 1, Box 202, Hamlet, N. C.
3. Bell, Albert----- 2801 Forbes Dr., Greensboro, N. C.
4. Brown, Paul----- County Home Road, Rockingham, N. C.
5. Carson, Marvin----- Rt. 2, Box 362, Gastonia, N. C.
6. Case, Sammy----- 2121 Finchley Dr., Charlotte, N. C.
7. Coleman, Maxie-----Virginia Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
8. Cook, Odell-----114 School St., Belmont, N. C.
9. Cope, Vernon-----18 Boundary St., N. Belmont, N. C.
10. Donahue, Harold ----- 301 York Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
11. Furr, Archie----- 133 Charlotte St., Hamlet, N. C.
12. Gibson, Ted----- 250 Dixon Dr., Gastonia, N. C.
13. Gilleland, Henderson- 2224 Purser Dr., Charlotte, N. C.
14. Goforth, Harold----- Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.
15. Goforth, Kenneth----- Rt. 3, Kannapolis, North Carolina
16. Greene, Clarence----- 2218 West Fifth St., Gastonia, N. C.
17. Hawkins, Norris----- 1413 Echo Glen Rd., Charlotte, N.C.
18. Hill, Reddin----- 815 S. Church St., E. Rockingham, N. C.
19. Hill, William----- 631 Eastway Dr., Charlotte, N. C.
20. Hulin, Clayton----- 79 Martin St., E. Rockingham, N. C.
21. Hunsucker, Danny---- 620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.
22. Jacobs, William----- Rt. 1, Box 416, Rockingham, N. C.
23. Jordan, Eddie----- 706 Belmont Dr., High Point, N. C.
24. Lambert, Lewis----- 303 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.
25. Liles, David----- Box 321, Hamlet, North Carolina
26. Maness, Charles----- Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C.
27. Mason, R. D.----- Rt. 2, China Grove, N. C.
28. Martin, John----- Rt. 3, Box 98, Mooresville, N.C.
29. McQuage, Frank----- P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.
30. Nunn, Orian----- Rt. 3, Box 373, Rockingham, N. C.
31. O'Kelly, Daniel----- 518 Locust St., Kannapolis, N. C.
32. Parker, Willie----- 404 McDonald Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
33. Patterson, Colon---- 1101 Hickory St., C-7, Rockingham, N. C.
34. Perkins, N. B.----- 301 Rankin Ave., Mt. Holly, N. C.
35. Ross, Raymond----- Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.
36. Russell, Fredrick--- 205 Sloan St., Belmont, N. C.
37. Russell, Henry Glen-Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
38. Shepard, Wiley----- 819 S. Church St., E. Rockingham, N. C.

39. Skipper, James-----11 Spencer Mtn. Rd., Gastonia, N. C.
40. Stamey, E. B-----218 Ewing Dr., Belmont, N. C.
41. Taylor, Larry-----610 S. Ellis St., Salisbury, N. C.
42. Wooten, J. W-----107 Airington Dr., Lexington, N. C.
43. Williams, Lee Roy---221 Fifth St., E. Rockingham, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bethel, Telegraph Dr., Gastonia-----	Ted Gibson
Catawba, 301 Cherry St., Belmont-----	Lewis Lambert
Clermont Avenue, Kannapolis-----	Harold Donahue
Faith, King's Mtn.-----	Clarence Green
Faith, 3732 Spring Garden St., Greensboro-----	Albert Bell
First, Highway 74, Hamlet-----	Reddin Hill
First, 324 Crawford St., Salisbury-----	Larry Taylor
Glenwood, Rockingham-----	Charles Maness
Heman, 1620 Seigel Ave., Charlotte-----	William B. Hill
Hopewell, Rt. 1, Box 417A, Rockingham-----	Claude Bean, Jr.
Independence Square, Rt. 4, Kannapolis-----	Harold Gof orth
Jefferson Park, Rt. 1, Box 416, Rockingham-----	William Jacobs
Kennedy Road, Thomasville-----	Eddie Nordan
Lackey, 606 Lackey St., Hamlet-----	Archie Furr
Maple Street, Box 965, Rockingham-----	Frank McQuage
Mount Carmel, Lexington-----	J. W. Wooten
Mount Pleasant, Rt. 1, Lexington-----	Clarence Ballew
Near the Cross, Centergrove Road, Kannapolis---	Raymond Ross
New Hope, Blewett Ave., Rockingham-----	
Rachel, Rt. 2, Laurel Hill-----	David Liles
Ranlo, East Spencer St., Gastonia-----	N. B. Perkins
Shining Light, P. O. Box 2016, E. Rockingham---	Clayton Hulin
Sharon, Belmont-----	Odell Cook
South Point, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont-----	Henry G. Russell
True Gospel, Mt. Holly-----	Vernon Cope

MINISTERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS

Who Registered Ministers

Rev. Clarence Greene
 Rev. Henderson Gilleland
 Rev. Larry C. Taylor
 Rev. Norris A. Hawkins
 Rev. William B. Hill
 Rev. J. W. Wooten

Rev. Odell T. Cook
 Rev. Henry G. Russell
 Rev. Robert S. Haigler
 Rev. Daniel Hunsucker
 Rev. Lewis Lambert
 Rev. Clayton Hulin

Rev. James C. Jordan
Rev. William E. Jacobs
Rev. Clarence Ballew
Rev. Aalbah Skeen
Rev. A. J. Bell
Rev. Frank McQuage
Rev. Harold Donahue
Rev. J. H. Martin
Rev. Charles Maness

Rev. N. B. Perkins
Rev. A. W. Newell
Rev. Reddin F. Hill
Rev. Sammy Case
Rev. LeeRoy Williams
Rev. Ernest Stamey
Rev. Archie Furr
Rev. Marvin Carson
Rev. Orian S. Nunn

DELEGATES

Myrtle Green
Mary Dellinger
Charlotte Steen
Lois E. Maness
Helen Williams
Delbert McNally
Thomas Parker
D. C. Brayboy
Mary Lou Nunn
Rogert G. Bowman
Jerry R. Smith
Annie Lee Jordan
Robert Reese
Mrs. T. C. Clark
Cathy Inez Herron
Mary Waters
Jane Lambert
R. W. Wilson
Floyd T. Liles
J. E. Taylor

B. B. Evans

Charlie C. Lawson
Edith L. Jacobs
Carolyn Harding
Gladys Donahue
Winnie Morrow
Sylvia Hawkins
John E. Locklear
Thomas Gilliam
Belvin Robson
Hal M. Quick
Alvin Vesely
Alda Reese
Margaret Taylor
Alreta Hulin
Clara Batton
Cleo Singletary
Ruby Bailey
O. A. Roppy
Mr. Blackwell
Nolan Proctor

VISITORS

Linda Taylor
Rose Mary Locklear
Gertrude Thorpe
Mrs. H. G. Russell
Rev. R. J. Reynolds
Grayton Jordan

Barbara Russell
Jeanie Hunter
Sandra Vesely
Rev. William C. Jacobs
Rufus Coffey
William Jones

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 churches co-operating with this association. Also, 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, clerk and treasurer.

ARTICLE 4. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for every fifty members over one hundred.

ARTICLE 5. The churches co-operating with this association shall send by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

ARTICLE 6. This association shall meet once a year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the preceding session or the 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 officers 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 delegates.

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

1. Associational officers are to be elected by the association.
2. The clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session (both).
3. The moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, and promotional secretary are to be elected at the close of the session.
4. The ordaining council is to be elected by the association. The members of this council will be four. They will be elected to serve in a rotating term. One for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

The council shall elect their own chairman and secretary and have authority to license, ordain and investigate ministers subject to the approval of the association in regular or special session. This council shall receive six (6) cents per mile, plus meals for their expenses.

5. The executive board shall have charge of the promotional work and educational work of the association in its business between sessions. The board shall report its work annually to the association and its work is subject to the approval of the association.
6. The Piedmont Association is affiliated with the North Carolina 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 the treasurer of its 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 or the ordaining council at the same time.

12. Each church shall send fifty (50) cents per member with their 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. Their duties will be to present nominations for the officers and boards of the association. Any member of the association may also make nominations from the floor after this committee gives its report.

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

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 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 seconded shall be open for discussion but debate may be shut off at 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 absent himself from the body without the permission of the moderator.
10. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on the same subject unless the body gives permission.

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 be 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 over ruled.
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 the body denies a person voting privileges.
18. Members breaking any of these rules, the moderator admonishes.
19. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the association.

RULES AND BY-LAWS FOR LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS

1. In order for a brother to be publicly set apart and licensed or ordained to the gospel ministry by this association he must meet the qualifications as set forth by the holy scriptures, which we hold to be our only rule of faith and practice.

A. He must have been born again, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ and made a new creature in Him. (John 3:5-7, 1 Peter 1:18-25, 11 Cor. 5:17).

B. He must be called of God to preach. (Gal. 1:15-16, Heb. 5:4, Romans 1:1).

C. He must meet the qualifications of a bishop as set forth in the Holy Word of God (1 Tim. 3:1-7).

D. We believe that 1 Tim. 3:2 should be literally interpreted, and the ordaining council shall not accept or license any man who has two (2) living wives or any man whose wife has two (2) living husbands (Scripture 1 Tim. 3:1-2, Titus 1:6).

E. When a brother is licensed he shall be presented with the Treatise of our National Association with instructions to study during his license period. Upon his appearance for ordination he shall be ex-

pected to answer questions based on our Treatise with regard to church policy, church history, and Bible doctrines as believed by Free Will Baptists (II Tim. 2:15).

II. The ordaining council shall meet on Friday before our annual association shall convene.

The purpose of this meeting will be to examine and question men who are recommended for licensing or ordination. Men qualified for licensing or ordination shall receive their credentials on Friday night at the Annual Association.

The association shall pay all expenses for the ordaining council concerning meals and travel necessitated by this meeting. The ordaining council shall meet at 10:00 A. M. and adjourn when all work is finished. If any church has men to come after 5:00 P. M. they shall contact either by letter or telephone the chairman of the ordaining council and inform him of their coming.

Any man receiving a license will retain it until he is called to a Free Will Baptist Church as Pastor or until he shows proof of entering unto full-time evangelistic work or assistant pastor.

Any man coming from another Free Will Baptist Association will be expected to present a letter of recommendation from that association to the ordaining council upon whose request he shall be received into the association in full fellowship.

If a man comes from another denomination he will be expected to meet the qualifications as set forth in Rule I. A, B, C, D, and E.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING - MARCH 30, 1973

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the Piedmont Association opened with the congregation singing "Are You Washed in the Blood" under the leadership of Rev. Glenn Russell.

The Rev. J. W. Wooten brought devotion and led in prayer.

The association was welcomed to Charlotte, N. C. by Rev. William Hill, the Host Pastor.

Response to the Welcome was given by Rev. Harold Donahue.

The association was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Frank McQuage. Our moderator, Rev. Robert Hagler, was introduced to the association.

A motion carried that we grant a letter to Rev. Robert Hagler to the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina.

The printed program that was presented by the executive board was adopted.

The clerk of the association read the Rules of the Decorum.

The moderator appointed Rev. William Hill, Rev. Albert Bell and Rev. Odell Cook to serve as a nominating committee.

The following men were elected to serve on the following committees:

FINANCE

Rev. Charles Maness
Rev. Henderson Gilleland
Brother Charlie Lawson

CHURCH TRAINING
RESOLUTIONS
MISSIONS
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUPERANNUATION
MASTER'S MEN

Rev. Larry Taylor
Rev. Norman Perkins
Rev. Lewis Lambert
Rev. Clayton Hulin
Rev. Glenn Russell
Brother Richard Wilson

A motion carried that Rev. Herman Griffin's name be dropped from our roll of ministers. (This was his request),

A motion carried that we begin our annual association on Thursday night and go through 12:00 the following Saturday.

Our moderator will appoint the nominating committee on Thursday night and the chairman of the committees will also be elected.

A motion carried that the previous motion be tabled until tomorrow

A motion carried that the mission board report be received.

A motion carried that we pay the mission board members' expenses out of the mission treasury. They will be paid six (6) cents a mile plus any other expenses such as telephone calls and stamps.

A motion carried that we adjourn the business for the morning worship service.

The association began its worship service by singing "Victory in Jesus". After a very inspiring music service the Rev. William Jacobs brought the message on the subject "They Saw the Boldness of Peter" using as his text Acts 2:1-13.

A motion carried to adjourn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - MARCH 30, 1973

The association began its service by singing the song "I Am Thine O Lord." The Rev. Clarence Green brought devotions and led in prayer.

A motion carried that we receive the ordaining council report and adopt the report item by item.

A motion carried that we exclude Item 1.

A motion carried that we accept Item 2.

A motion carried that we accept Item 3.

A motion carried that we accept Item 4.

A motion carried that we withdraw fellowship from the following men:

Rev. Jesse Benoist
Rev. Vernon Church
Rev. Walter Russell

These men are no longer a member of a church in the Piedmont Association.

A motion carried to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT - MARCH 30, 1973

The Friday night service was opened by the congregation singing the song entitled "I Know".

The Rev. Glenn Russell led in prayer. Brother Wiley Shepard of Rockingham, North Carolina was licensed to preach and Rev. Harold Donahue brought the charge.

The Rev. R. J. Reynolds of Marion, North Carolina preached an inspiring message from Romans 15:13-14, Proverbs 22:6, and Deut. 28:9-10.

The Rev. Rufus Coffey brought us greetings from the executive department of the National Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

A motion carried to adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING - MARCH 31, 1973

The association began its service by the congregation singing "Some Day" under the leadership of Rev. Frank McQuage.

Rev. Henderson Gilleland brought devotions and Rev. Rufus Coffey led in prayer.

The executive board report was then read.

A motion carried that we receive the executive board report. (report on page 14)

The church training report was then given by Rev. Larry Taylor.

A motion carried that we receive the church training report. (report on page 16)

The mission committee report was given orally by Rev. Lewis Lambert.

A motion carried that we receive this report as information.

The superannuation report was given orally by Rev. Glenn Russell

A motion carried that we receive this report as information.

The Master's Men report was given orally by Brother Richard Wilson.

A motion carried that we receive this report as information.

The treasury report was given by the Rev. Charles Maness.

A motion carried that we receive the treasury report. (report on page 15)

The finance committee report was given by Brother Charlie Lawson.

A motion carried that we receive the finance committee report (report on page 16)

The resolutions committee report was given by Rev. N. B. Perkins.

A motion carried that we receive and adopt the recommendations of the resolutions committee. (report on page 14)

The Rev. Rufus Coffey gave a report concerning all phases of the work of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

A motion carried that we give one hundred (100) dollars from our treasury to the National Association. (48.50 was also received in an

offering for the National Association)

A motion carried to adjourn for the morning worship.

The Rev. Frank McQuage led the congregation in singing the song "At Calvary."

Rev. Lewis Lambert and Sister Waters sang "I Need You Jesus."

Rev. N. B. Perkins brought the morning message from Romans 1:14 preaching on the subject "I Am Ready to Preach."

After the morning message the association decided to continue their business session without recessing for lunch.

A motion carried that we take off the table the motion that had been laid on the table the day before.

A motion carried to approve this motion.

A motion carried that the moderator be authorized to appoint our delegation to the State Association.

Several churches invited the Piedmont Association to their church for the next Annual Association. The association chose the Clermont Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Fellowship Nights:

July 28, 1973	Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist Church Rockingham, North Carolina
September 28, 1973	Catawba Free Will Baptist Church Catawba Heights, North Carolina
December 28, 1973	Salisbury Mission Salisbury, North Carolina

A motion carried that we receive and adopt item by item the final report of the finance committee. (Both items carried. Report on page 16)

A motion carried that we receive the nominating committee report.

The following men were elected:

MODERATOR	Rev. J. W. Wooten
VICE-MODERATOR	Rev. N. B. Perkins
TREASURER	Rev. Charles Maness
BOARD MEMBER	Rev. Clarence Green

MISSION BOARD

Rev. A. J. Bell, treasurer
Rev. William Jacobs
Rev. Henderson Gilleland
Rev. Odell Cook

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Motion carried that we receive the Rev. N. B. Perkins into the Piedmont Association.

A motion carried to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met during the past year on six different occasions to transact all necessary business.

They met in Salisbury three times, Rockingham twice and King's Mountain. The following business was transacted:

We received the Faith Free Will Baptist Church at King's, Mountain, North Carolina into the Association.

We chose the speakers for the fellowship meetings and the Annual Association.

We have tried to help several of our churches that were discouraged.

We really praise God for what he has done this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Hagler
J. W. Wooten
Frank McQuage
Charles Maness
Glenn Russell
William Hill
James Skipper

RESOLUTION REPORT

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following recommendations

1. Be it resolved that we consider, encourage, love and esteem one another that we may keep the unity of the spirit.
2. Be it resolved that in these days of departing from the faith

that we contend for and preach the King James' version of the Word of God.

3. Be it resolved that we give this church a rising vote of thanks for the welcome they have given us during this session of our Annual Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Norman B. Perkins

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD-----	\$ 379.65
OFFERING OF CHURCHES & MINISTERS---	798.00
 TOTAL DEPOSITED-----	 1,177.65
 DISBURSEMENTS:	
CLERK SUPPLIES-----	12.00
STATE ASSOCIATION-----	50.00
CLERK-----	65.00
MINUTES-----	332.80
MODERATOR-----	25.00
SIGN-----	15.00
ORDAINING COUNCIL-----	12.30
EXECUTIVE BOARD (travel expenses)----	250.42
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-----	 762.52
 TOTAL DEPOSITED-----	 1,177.65
LESS DISBURSEMENTS-----	762.52
 BALANCE IN TREASURY-----	 415.13

ORDAIN COUNCIL REPORT

On August 12, 1972 the Ordaining Council met at the First Free Will Baptist Mission in Salisbury, North Carolina. The council examined Clarence E. Green and Lee Roy Williams and exchanged papers with them.

On December 29, 1972 the Ordaining Council met at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, North Carolina to examine

Eddie Jordan. We then exchanged papers with him.

On March 23, 1973 the Ordaining Council met at Landmark Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. We examined Wiley Shepard of Rockingham, North Carolina, found him in Faith of Free Will Baptists and licensed him to preach the Gospel.

The Ordaining Council received the following names: Rev. Jesse Benoist, Rev. Vernon Church, and Rev. Walter Russell from the executive board and was informed that they were no longer members of a church in the Piedmont Association. The Ordaining Council was requested to write to these men and ask them if this information was incorrect. If they did not report at our Annual Association we would recommend that we withdraw fellowship from these men.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Odell Cook
Rev. Harold Donahue
Rev. Lewis Lambert
Rev. Clarence Ballew

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

This is a report that I take very serious. First, because it tells, stands, walks and shows the fruit of your vineyard. Second, it stands for your church where-ever the people go, to show without words, but with actions just what kind of training you have had in your church. Therefore, on this coming year, we need to train our people to be grounded, rooted and settled in the Word of God and be faithful in obeying the Word in Spirit and in Truth.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Larry C. Taylor

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. We pay the clerk sixty-five dollars for his work .
2. We send fifty (50) dollars to the State Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charles Maness
Rev. Henderson Gilleland
Brother Charlie Lawson

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE CHURCHES

Catawba - Belmont, N. C. Church Membership - 84, Members received 28 - By baptism - 9, By letter - 2, Members dismissed - 24, Sunday School enrollment - 100, Pastor's salary - \$7,750.00, Evangelistic work - \$358.50, Building and repairs - \$5,404.07, Literature - \$304.00, Home missions - \$380.75, Advertisement - \$650.00, Education - \$100.00, Value of church property - \$40,000.00, Total offerings received - \$21,521.27, Minute fee - \$42.00.

Clermont - Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership - 40, Members received - 10, By baptism - 6, By letter - 4, Sunday School enrollment - 65, Woman's auxiliary - 12, Total offerings received - \$9,263.00, Pastor's salary - \$2,000.00, Building and repair - \$3,000.00, Literature - \$250.00, Advertisement - \$975.00, Home missions - \$12.00, Value of church property - \$75,000.00, Minute fee - \$20.00.

Faith - King's Mountain, N. C. Church membership - 22, Members received - 27, By baptism - 2, By letter - 8, By statement of faith - 17, Members dismissed - 5, Sunday School enrollment - 35, Woman's auxiliary - 6, Total offerings received - \$6, 173.96, Pastor's salary - \$1,620.00, Evangelistic work - \$100.00, Building and repair - \$129.69, Literature - \$143.35, Value of church property - \$4,000.00, Minute fee - \$11.00.

Faith - Greensboro, N. C. Church membership - 46, Members received - 7, By letter - 4, By statement of faith - 3, Members dismissed - 34, Sunday School enrollment - 63, C. T. S. enrollment - 43, Woman's auxiliary - 15, Total offerings received - \$10, 877.56, Pastor's salary - \$5,720.00, Evangelistic work - \$340.00, Building and repair - \$520.00, Literature - \$254.97, Advertisement - \$835.00, Foreign missions - \$15.00, Home missions - \$305.00, State projects - \$40.00, Value of church property - \$10,000.00, Minute fee - \$23.00.

First - Hamlet, N. C. Church membership - 50, Sunday School enrollment - 65, Total offerings received - \$13,600.82, Pastor's salary -

\$7,155.00, Evangelistic work - \$420.00, Building and repair - \$5,000.00, Literature - \$280.00, Cooperative plan - \$583.17, Foreign missions - \$291.59, Home missions - \$101.30, Value of church property - \$40,000.00, Minute fee - \$25.00.

First - Salisbury, N. C. Church membership - 34, Members received - 34, By baptism - 20, By letter - 9, By statement of faith - 5, Members dismissed - 7, Sunday School enrollment - 34, C. T. S. enrollment - 6, Woman's auxiliary - 7, Total offerings received - \$1872.37, Pastor's salary - \$675.00, Evangelistic work - \$80.00, Building and repair - \$45.42, Literature - \$89.73, Advertisement - \$491.00, Value of church property - \$6,000.00, Minute fee - \$2.00.

Glenwood - Rockingham, N. C. Church membership - 72, Sunday School enrollment - 65, Woman's auxiliary - 15, Total offerings received - \$7,500.00, Literature - \$110.00, Foreign missions - \$15.00, Home missions - \$35.00, Education - \$50.00, Value of church property - \$25,000.00, Minute fee - \$25.00.

Heman - Charlotte, N. C. Church membership - 123, Members received - 14, By baptism - 10, By letter - 2, By statement of faith - 2, Members dismissed - 3, Sunday School enrollment - 85, Woman's auxiliary - 24, Total offerings received - \$22,219.24, Pastor's salary - \$7,650.00, Evangelistic work - \$265.00, Building and repair - \$949.37, Literature - \$294.00, Advertisement - \$1,300.00, Foreign missions - \$183.55, Home missions - \$250.00.

Jefferson Park - Rockingham, N. C. Church membership - 69, Members received - 16, By baptism - 9, By letter - 3, By statement of faith - 4, Sunday School enrollment - 110, Woman's auxiliary - 21, Total offerings received - \$8,480.36, Pastor's salary - \$1,085.00, Evangelistic work - \$310.00, Building and repair - \$6,277.36, Literature - \$444.00, Advertisement - \$676.00, Value of church property - \$50,000.00, Minute fee - \$34.00.

Kennedy Road - Thomasville, N. C. Church membership - 27, Members received - 7, By baptism - 1, By letter - 4, By statement of faith - 2, Members dismissed - 4, Sunday School enrollment - 55, Woman's auxiliary - 11, Total offerings received - \$5,230.66, Pastor's salary - \$1,275.00, Evangelistic work - \$150.00, Building and repair - \$2,020.13, Literature - \$215.21, Home missions - \$75.00, Value of church property - \$35,000.00, Minute fee - \$13.50.

Lackey St. - Hamlet, N. C. Church membership - 27, Members received -

7, By baptism - 2, By letter - 3, By statement of faith - 2, Members dismissed - 1, Sunday School enrollment - 65, Total offerings received - \$50.00 a week, Building and repair - \$1,700.00, Literature - \$40.00, Value of church property - \$5,000.00, Minute fee - \$25.00.

Maple Street - Rockingham, N. C. Church membership - 175, Members received - 39, By baptism - 19, By statement of faith - 20, Members dismissed - 39, Sunday School enrollment - 325, C. T. S. enrollment - 75, Total offerings received - \$39,891.49, Pastor's salary - \$8,501.60, Evangelistic work - \$300.00, Literature - \$1,463.25, Advertisement - \$750.00, Foreign missions - \$1,020.00, Piedmont missions - \$542.28, Education \$100.00, State projects- \$400.00, Value of church property - \$75,000.00, Minute fee - \$87.50.

Mt. Carmel - Lexington, N. C. Church membership - 137, Sunday School enrollment - 138, Total offerings received - \$22,523.21, Pastor's salary \$6,750.00, Literature - \$500.72, Advertisement - \$1,274.00, Foreign missions - \$550.00, Home missions - \$1,100.00, State projects- \$550.00, Value of property - \$80,000.00, Minute fee - \$68.50.

Mt. Pleasant - Lexington, N. C. Total offerings received - \$14,459.81. Pastor's salary - \$6,500.00, Building and repair - \$3,192.00, Literature - \$234.46, Value of church property - \$95,000.00, Minute fee - \$30.00.

Near the Cross - Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership - 58, Members received - 20, By letter - 6, By statement of faith - 14, Sunday School enrollment - 103, Woman's auxiliary - 17, Total offerings received - \$12,002.35, Pastor's salary - \$3,120.00, Evangelistic work - \$265.00, Building and repair - \$2,785.63, Literature - \$432.72, Value of church property - \$60,000.00, Minute fee - \$29.00.

New Hope - Rockingham, N. C. Church membership - 50, Members received - 16, By baptism - 5, By statement of faith - 11, Members dismissed - 4, Sunday School enrollment - 47, Woman's auxiliary - 10, Total offerings received - \$8,036.37, Pastor's salary - \$4,535.00, Evangelistic work - \$350.00, Building and repair - \$300.00, Literature - \$100.00, Advertisement - \$192.00, Home missions - \$10.00, State projects - \$25.00, Value of church property - \$7,500.00, Minute fee - \$15.00.

Ranlo, Ranlo, N. C. Church membership - 70, Sunday School enrollment - 75, Pastor's salary - \$4,800.00, Building and repair - \$1,500.00, Value of church property - \$20,000.00, Minute fee - \$35.00.

Sharon - Gastonia, N. C. Church membership - 65, Members received - 7, By baptism - 1, By statement of faith - 6, Members dismissed - 9, Sunday School enrollment - 80, Total offerings received - \$11,881.07, Pastor's salary - \$2,080.00, Literature - \$179.76, Home missions - \$150.00, Minute fee - \$32.50.

Shining Light - Rockingham, N. C. Church membership - 59, Members received - 3, By baptism - 1, By letter - 2, Members dismissed - 2, Sunday School enrollment - 107, Woman's auxiliary - 15, Total offerings received - \$9,013.30, Pastor's salary - \$2,670.00, Evangelistic work - \$107.62, Building and repair - \$402.91, Literature - \$163.04, Advertisement - \$624.00, Associational projects - \$26.00, Minute fee - \$29.50.

South Point - Belmont, N. C. Church membership - 68, Members received - 19, By baptism - 12, By statement of faith - 7, Sunday School enrollment - 108, Total offerings received - \$23,576.75, Pastor's salary - \$7,800.00, Evangelistic work - \$671.00, Building and repair - \$3,116.84, Literature - \$398.38, Advertisement - \$990.00, Cooperative plan - \$50.00, Foreign missions - \$50.00, Associational projects - \$208.28, Value of church property - \$78,000.00, Minute fee - \$34.00.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE MINISTERS

Clarence Ballew - No statistics

Albert Bell - Sermons preached - 195, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 17, Amount received - \$5,720.00, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 15,000.

Paul Brown - Sermons preached - 25, Revivals held - 1.

Marvin Carson - Sermons preached - 70, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 21, Funerals preached - 2, Miles traveled - 5,000, Amount received - \$203.50.

Samuel Case - Sermons preached - 50, Professions witnessed - 20.

Odell Cook - Sermons preached - 156, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 30, Number baptized - 4, Additions to church - 9, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 5,000, Amount received - \$2,700.00.

Harold Donahue - Sermons preached - 88, Churches pastored - 1, Professions witnessed - 12, Number baptized - 5, Additions to church - 16, Miles traveled - 6,000, Amount received - \$45.00.

Archie Furr - Sermons preached - 180, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 12, Number baptized - 7, Additions to church - 12, Funerals preached - 2, Miles traveled - 8,000.

Clarence E. Green - Sermons preached - 160, Churches pastored - 2, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 33, Number baptized - 2, Additions to church - 27, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 15,000, Amount received - \$2,200.00.

Henderson Gilleland - Sermons preached - 60, Professions witnessed - 10, Miles traveled - 1,000, Amount received - \$125.00.

Kenneth Goforth - Sermons preached - 56, Professions witnessed - 49, Miles traveled - 2,000.

Norris Hawkins - Sermons preached - 40, Professions witnessed - 15, Miles traveled - 550, Amount received - \$1550.00.

Reddin Hill - Sermons preached - 102, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 3, Funerals preached - 2, Miles traveled - 10,000.

William B. Hill - Sermons preached - 150, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 2, Professions witnessed - 30, Number baptized - 10, Additions to church - 14, Funerals preached - 5, Miles traveled - 18,000, Amount received - \$7,650.00.

Clayton Hulin - Sermons preached - 300, Churches pastored - 1, Number baptized - 6, Additions to church - 20, Funerals preached - 3, Miles traveled - 30,000, Amount received - \$2,000.00.

William E. Jacobs - Sermons preached - 181, Churches pastored - 1, Professions witnessed - 35, Number baptized - 9, Additions to church - 16, Miles traveled - 8,000, Amount received - \$1,085.00.

James Jordan - Sermons preached - 25, Professions witnessed - 5, Miles traveled - 1,000, Amount received - \$10.85.

Lewis Lambert - Sermons preached - 110, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 62, Additions to church - 28, Funerals preached - 6, Miles traveled - 25,000, Amount received - \$7,500.00.

R. D. Mason - Sermons preached - 20, Professions witnessed - 5, Miles traveled - 5,000.

John Martin - Sermons preached - 81, Professions witnessed - 12, Miles traveled - 2374.

Charles Maness - No statistics.

Frank McQuage - Sermons preached - 104, Churches pastored - 1, Re-

vivals held - 5, Professions witnessed - 50, Number baptized - 19, Additions to church - 39, Funerals preached - 22, Miles traveled - 40,000. Amount received - \$8501.60.

Orian S. Nunn - Sermons preached - 10, Professions witnessed - 1.

Henry Russell - Sermons preached - 155, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 2, Professions witnessed - 45, Number baptized - 12, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 35,000, Amount received - \$7,800.00

Raymond Ross - Sermons preached - 175, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 4, Professions witnessed - 50, Number baptized - 10, Additions to church - 19, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 15,000, Amount received - \$3,120.00.

E. B. Stamey - Sermons preached - 20, Professions witnessed - 6, Funerals preached - 1.

Larry Taylor - Sermons preached - 75, Churches pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Professions witnessed - 33, Additions to church - 34, Funerals preached - 1, Miles traveled - 5,000.

Lee Roy Williams - Sermons preached - 25, Professions witnessed - 2, Funerals preached - 1, Miles traveled - 300.

J. W. Wooten - Sermons preached - 160, Churches pastored - 2, Revivals held - 4, Professions witnessed - 30, Number baptized - 6, Additions to church - 12, Funerals preached - 3, Miles traveled - 30,000.

