

MINUTES OF

The Pilgrim Association

OF THE

**Original Free Will
Baptist Churches**

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

WAS HELD AT THE

Oak Grove
Freewill Baptist Church

CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 8, 1979

The next Annual Session will be held on the second Saturday in September at OAK GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, China Grove, North Carolina.

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MINISTERS PAYING DUES

Rev. Henry Sides.....	\$10.00
Rev. J. E. Mainer, Jr.....	\$10.00
Rev. Harold Oakes.....	
Rev. Wildon Gill.....	\$10.00
Rev. Kenneth Oliver.....	
Rev. Vaudry Tucker.....	\$10.00
Rev. W. C. Eggers.....	\$10.00
Rev. S. A. Graybeal.....	\$10.00
Rev. Charles Bittle.....	\$10.00
Rev. James Deal.....	
Rev. James Darby.....	\$10.00
Rev. Lewis Fisher.....	\$10.00
Rev. William West.....	\$10.00
Rev. E. W. Huffman.....	\$10.00
Rev. William Tilley.....	\$10.00
Rev. James Martin.....	\$10.00
Rev. Lock Hooper.....	
Rev. David Miller.....	\$10.00

CHURCHES PAYING DUES

Cedar Grove F. W. B.....	
First F.W.B. of Maiden.....	\$30.00
Oak Grove F.W.B.....	\$13.75
Community F.W.B.....	\$2.00
Zion F.W.B.....	\$6.25
Long Shoales.....	
James St. F.W.B.....	\$6.00
First F.W.B. of Pageland.....	\$13.75
Eighth St. F.W.B.,.....	\$4.00
Old Rugged Cross F.W.B.....	
Gospel Lighthouse F.W.B.....	

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator..... Rev. Henry Sides
Vice Moderator..... Rev. S. A. Graybeal
Clerk..... Mrs. Rita Darby
Treasurer..... Rev. Vaudry Tucker

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman..... Rev. W. C. Eggers
Member..... Rev. William West
Member..... Rev. Wildon Gill
Member..... Rev. S. A. Graybeal
Member..... Rev. Vaudry Tucker

ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELIST

Rev. James Darby

TRUSTEES

Rev. W. C. Eggers..... Member
Rev. S. A. Graybeal..... Member
Rev. Vaudry Tucker..... Member

LADIES AUXILIARY

Oak Grove..... \$5.00

TREASURER's REPORT

LADIES AUXILIARY

Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church

President.....	Mrs. Martha Sides
Vice President.....	Mrs. Odelia Vann
Secretary, Treasurer.....	Mrs. Shirley Trexler
Assistant Secretary, Treasurer.....	Mrs. Elnita Robinson
Total Members.....	14
Average Attendance.....	9
Money Received.....	\$391.88

- Offerings
- Sale of Bracelets
- Chicken and Dumpling Dinners

Money Spent Out.....\$593.76

Projects

New Pulpit Stand

New Floor Covering for the Fellowship Building

New Windows for the Fellowship Building.

New Curtains and Rods for the Fellowship Building.

New Cabinets and Formica for the Fellowship Building.

RETIRED MINISTER'S ROLL

Rev. S. A. Graybeal

Rev. James Deal

Rev. Lock Hooper

Rev. E. W. Huffman

COMMITTEES OF THE FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the finance committee have agreed that each church will pay 25% of it's membership to the association fund, or \$25.00 per 100 members.

Rev. James Darby
Rev. William West
Rev. Lewis Fisher

We agree that the Minister's Fee will be \$5.00 per Minister. Submitted by the Finance Committee.

Rev. W. C. Eggers
Rev. William West
Rev. David Miller

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We the Home Mission committee agree that a Sunday School Offering be given once a year by each church in the Association on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Lewis Fisher
Rev. William West
Rev. Glen Willaims

CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

We the Children's Home Committee recommend that each church in the association make a special offering of \$25.00 or more on the First Sunday before Thanksgiving for the Children's Home.

Rev. James Darby
Rev. W. C. Eggers
Rev. Lewis Fisher

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Rev. Henry Sides

FLOWER FUND

\$61.34

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction to the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, or fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful to one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will, everywhere, hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and the evangelistic effort for the salvation of the world.

RULES OF DECORUM

- (1) The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- (2) There shall be no conversation by members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
- (3) Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.
- (4) No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
- (5) We shall admit no other title in session but that of Brother and Sister.
- (6) Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- (7) No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
- (8) Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to unless withdrawn by the Person who made it.
- (9) No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.
- (10) On all motions made where the vote of the body is taken, a Majority shall prevail.
- (11) Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.
- (12) Not less than 2/3 majority shall constitute a quorum.

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by churches of this body to represent the churches annually.
- (2) The Association when assembled, shall first elect a moderator and clerk.
- (3) Rules of decorum must be read immediately after the Association is assembled.
- (4) The Association will encourage a sound ministry such as presents CHRIST all sufficient SAVIOR that the plan of salvation presented by CHRIST, is strictly and definitely grace and as presented by the Gospel, will save all human beings who accept it.
- (5) Any minister in good standing with their Church or Association may be invited to a seat in our Council, take part in our deliberations and their name be enrolled in our minutes.
- (6) It is the duty of the Association to appoint or elect, Committees to take care of special business. Each Committee report must be in writing and turned in to the clerk for reading before the Assembly.
- (7) All questions presented to the Association by any Church or Minister shall be attended to.
- (8) Any Church wishing to unite with this Association may do so, by letter presented by delegates of said Church. The Church must accept our articles of faith and Church covenant.
- (9) The Association may withdraw from any Church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by this body.
- (10) It is to be understood that this body assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.
- (11) Any Minister found casting his influence against any Church, or in any way marring the character unjustly of another Minister will be dealt with by the Ministers conference.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His Divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our everpresent Saviour and Lord.
4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constituting and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. **The terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are : 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's life to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take to the water of life freely.
12. **Perserverance.** All believers in Christ who through grace perservere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordianacess to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, " Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God prospered him. " (I Cor. 26 : 2 a).
15. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.
16. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of life and they that have done evil into the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. "

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The Annual Association shall elect all officers and committies.
- (2) All Ministers, licensed and ordained, shall have a seat, voice and vote to all Minister's Conferences, and, along with all delegates, at Associational Conferences.
- (3) Any Minister failing to send a report to the Association in two (2) Annually Association shall be dropped.

RULES GOVERNING ORDINATION COUNCIL

- (1) We the Committee decided that if a man is called to preach in his church, the church license him through the Association for one year before being ordained unless called to pastor as full time to a church, and that any Minister coming from any denomination, that he carry Minister license one year unless he has already been ordained
- (2) No licensed minister may be ordained under one year from date of license unless he is called to be a full time pastor.
- (3) All ministers being admitted to this association must promise to give up the credentials they hold from this association if and when he is adjudged by ministers conference to be disqualified to preach the gospel in compliance to our faith.
- (4) Council shall or ordain any person qualifying by rules of THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.
- (5) Council shall not issue credentials to brethren who have two living companion without a Bible right.
- (6) This council must not use partiality in the issuance of credentials.
- (7) These rules must be read to each minister asking for entrance into this association.
- (8) This ordination council shall have ministers conference authority in the interim.

THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 8, 1978

A special meeting of the Pilgrim Association was called at Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, China Grove, N. C. Rev. Henry Sides, Pastor.

Rev. Sides welcomed everyone to the church. He called Bro. Wade Dixon to lead the opening song "The Unclouded Day ". The opening prayer was lead by Rev. S. A. Graybeal. The opening scripture, John 9:1-3 was read by Rev. Henry Sides.

Moderator Sides called the meeting into conference. Due to the death of Rev William Correll, we must elect someone to take his place on the ordaining council. Rev. Eggers made a move that we elect Rev. Charles Bittle, Second by Rev. Mainer Jr. Passed.

Next the clerk read a letter from Gospel Lighthouse F. W. B. Church asking that they be united with the Pilgrim Association. Rev. Tucker made a motion that we accept them. Second by Rev. Miller. Passed.

Moderator Sides asked Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Fisher to come to the alters so the Association could give them the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Rev. Eggers made a move that we go out of conference. Second by Rev. Fisher. Dismissal Prayer by Rev. Vaudry Tucker.

THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 9, 1978

The first ministers conference was held at James St. F. W. B. Church, Gastonia, N. C. Rev. W. C. Eggers, Pastor.

Rev. Eggers welcomed everyone to the church. He said he wanted everyone to feel right at home. Prayer request was taken, he called on Rev. Mainer to lead the opening prayer. The opening song, "Amazing Grace" was lead by Rev. Mainer. The opening scripture, Luke 17:32-33, was read by Rev. Eggers. Rev. Eggers then turned the service over to the Moderator, Rev. Henry Sides.

Rev. Sides again welcomed everyone then he called the meeting into conference. He called for the clerk to read the Rules of Decorum.

Next the clerk read a letter from the Eastern Conference of the F. W. B. They requested a letter for Rev. Millard C. Hardman, who has joined their Association. Rev. Eggers made a motion that we grant Rev. Hardman his letter. Second by Rev. Mainer. Passed

Moderator Sides announced that Rev. Tony Cox has returned his ordination papers to us.

Moderator Sides said that our Flower Fund was very low. We only have a balance of \$4.40. A special offering was taken. We now have \$22.30 in the Flower Fund.

The moderator asked that all churches and ministers have their yearly reports ready and turn them in at the annual association meeting.

Rev. J. E. Mainer said that he thought it would be nice if the Association would show it's appreciation to Rev. S. A. Graybeal, the founder of the Pilgrim Association, at Christmas time. He made a motion that we give Rev. Graybeal a love offering. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed. A love offering was given to Rev. Graybeal.

Rev. Eggers made a motion that we go out of conference. Second by Rev. Darby. Passed

The dismissal prayer was by Rev. James Darby.

After a short intermission, everyone came back for the morning worship. Rev. J. E. Mainer led the song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old". The service was turned over to Rev. Henry Sides, who brought the morning message. His text was "Weeping Over a City" taken from Luke 19:41.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. J. E. Mainer Jr.

THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION

MARCH 10, 1979

The Second Ministers Conference was held at the First F. W. B. Church of Maiden, Rev. Wildon Gill Pastor.

Rev. Gill welcomed everyone to the church. He said he wanted everyone to feel free. Rev. Gill then asked Rev. Eggers to lead the opening prayer. The opening song "Victory In Jesus" was lead by Rev. Mainer. The opening scripture, Psalms 23, was read by Rev. Gill. At this time he Turned the service over to the Moderator, Rev. Henry Sides.

Moderator Sides called the meeting into conference. He called for Mrs. Martha Sides to read the Rules of Decorum. (Our clerk was absent because of a recent operation).

The next order of business, Rev. Charles Bittle asked to be relieved of the Flower Fund. He explained that he lived too far away. Rev. Bittle made a motion that we elect Rev. Henry Sides. Second by Rev. Mainer. Passed.

Rev. Eggers talked about the passing of Rev. William Correll. He said someone will have to step in and fill his place. He asked that everyone remember the Correll family in prayer.

Moderator Sides announced that the State Association will be holding their annual meeting in Charlotte N. C. this year. Everyone is invited to attend. Moderator Sides asked if each church would take a special offering to be sent to the state Association to help with the expences.

At this time Rev. Gill made a motion that we go out of conference.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. J. E. Mainer Jr.

An offering was taken for the Flower Fund, \$13.50 was recieved.

THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION

JUNE, 1979

The third ministers conference was held at Zion F. W. B. Church, Kannapolis, N. C. Rev Vaudry Tucker, Pastor.

Rev. Tucker welcomed everyone to the church. He said that he wanted all to feel at home. He said he wanted everyone to worship God in spirit and truth. The opening song, "Kneel At The Cross", was lead by Mrs. Jean Tucker. The opening prayer was lead by Rev. S. A. Graybeal. The opening scripture, St. John 15:1, was read by Rev. Tucker.

The service was then turned over to the moderator, Rev. Henry Sides. Moderator Sides called the meeting into conference. He called for the clerk to read the Rules of Decorum. After this the clerk called the roll. There were nine ministers present.

The next order of business was a report of the treasure. We have a balance of Forward \$441.34 .

Next we had a report of the Flower Fund. We had a total of \$34.91 .A offering was recieved, we now have a total of \$48.66 .

Rev. Graybeal made a motion that we have a roll for our retired ministers. Second by Rev. Tucker. Passed.

Rev. Mainer Jr. made a motion that we go out of conference. Second by Rev. Tucker. Passed.

An alter of prayer was held in behalf of Rev. Vaudry Tucker and Family, led by Rev. West.

Dismissal prayer by Rev Hooper.

After a short intermission, everyone came back for the morning worship. Opening song "Amazing Grace " sung by all. The morning message was brought by Rev. Vaudry Tucker. His text was "The Holy Roadmap " taken from John 3:3

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Lock Hooper.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PILGRIM FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OAK GROVE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 8, 1979**

Rev. Henry Sides, Pastor of Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church, opened the service. He welcomed everyone to the church. He said he wanted them to feel at home. He called for Rev. Glen Williams to come and lead the opening song, "Amazing Grace", sung by all. The opening scripture, "Matt. 17: 14-15, was read by Rev. Sides. The opening altar of prayer was lead by Rev. Glen Williams.

Moderator, Rev. Henry Sides called the meeting into conference. He called for the clerk to read the rules of decorum.

The first order of business was to elect a Moderator, Rev. Eggers made a motion that we re-elect Rev. Henry Sides, Second by Rev. James Darby. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Vice Moderator. Rev. Tucker made a motion that we re-elect Rev. S. A. Graybeal. Second by Rev. Eggers. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a clerk. Rev. Miller made a motion that we re-elect Mrs. Rita Darby. Second by Rev. Eggers. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a treasurer. Rev. Graybeal made a motion that we elect Rev. Vaudry Tucker. Second by Rev. Miller. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Ordaining Council. Rev. Sides made a motion that we elect Rev. W. C. Eggers. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed.

Rev. Graybeal made a motion that we elect Rev. Vaudry Tucker. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed. Rev. Eggers made a motion that we elect Rev. Wildon Gill. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed. Rev. Darby made a motion that we elect Rev. William West. Second by Rev. Tucker. Passed. Rev. Eggers made a motion that we elect Rev. S. A. Graybeal, Second by Rev. Darby. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Evangelist for the Association. Rev. Graybeal made a motion that we elect Rev. James Darby. Second by Rev. Eggers. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect our Trustees. Rev. West made a motion that we elect Rev. S. A. Graybeal, Rev. W. C. Eggers, and Rev. Vaudry Tucker. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Finance Committee. Rev. Sides made a motion that we elect Rev. James Darby. Rev. Lewis Fisher and Rev. William West. Second by Rev. Graybeal. Passed

We the Finance Committee have agreed that each church should pay twenty-five cents per member a year. Finance Committee no. 1.

The next order of business was to elect a committee to take care of the Ministers Fee. Rev. Sides made a motion that we elect Rev. W. C. Eggers, Rev. William West, and Rev. David Miller. Seconed by Rev. Graybeal. Passed.

We the Finance Committee on Ministers Fees have agreed that the Ministers Fee's will be \$5.00 a year.

Rev. Eggers made a motion that we accept these reports. Seconded by Rev. Miller. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Home Mission Committee. Rev. Sides made a motion that we elect Rev. Lewis Fisher, Rev. William West, and Rev. Glen Williams. Second by Rev. Eggers. Passed.

We the Home Mission Committee agree that a Sunday School Offering be given once a year by each church in the Association on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Eggers made a motion that we accept the report of the Home Mission Committee. Second by Rev. S. A. Graybeal. Passed.

Rev. James Darby made a motion that we change the name of "Foreign Mission" to Home Mission. Second by Rev. Graybeal. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a committee for the Children's Home. Rev. Sides made a motion that we elect Rev. James Darby, Rev. W. C. Eggers, and Rev. Lewis Fisher. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed.

We the Children's Home Committee recommend that each church in the Association make a special offering of \$25.00 or more, the first Sunday before Thanksgiving for the Children's Home.

Rev. Miller made a motion that we accept the report of the Children's Home Committee. Second by Rev. Gill. Passed.

The next order of business was to elect a Flower Committee. Rev. West made a motion that we elect Rev. Henry Sides. Second by Rev. Darby. Passed.

Mrs. Jean Tucker made a motion that all offerings to be given to the Home Mission and to the Children's Home, be sent to the clerk of the Association. The clerk will send all the money at the same time. Second by Rev. Martin. Passed.

At this time the moderator called for a short intermission.

After the intermission. Rev. Glen Williams led in the singing of "I'll Live In Glory". Then the moderator turned the service over to Rev. Guy Owens. He is the Minister at Large for the State Association. He talked for a few minutes about his job and his travels for the Lord. Rev. Owens brought the morning message, his text was "The High Cost Of a Free Salvation", taken from Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8. Rev. Owens spoke of God's love toward us, He gave His own son to die on the cross for our sin's. He told of the high price that Jesus paid so that we could be free. He also told us of the high price that the sinner had to pay for rejecting the Son of God.

After the morning message, Rev. Owens turned the service over to Rev. Sides. Moderator Sides asked Rev. Graybeal to dismiss for lunch.

The Pilgrim Association would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the very delicious lunch they served.

We would like to thank Mrs. Jean Tucker for playing the piano for us.

After lunch, Moderator Sides called the meeting back into conference. Moderator Sides said that we had a young minister who wanted exchange papers with the Pilgrim Association. The Ordaining Council examined Rev. Alfred Mayne. The recommended that we accept him. Rev. Martin made a motion that we give him his Ordination Papers. Second by Rev. West. Passed.

All Ministers and Deacons present gathered around the altar and prayed for him.

Rev. Sides made a motion that we reduce our ministers conference to one a year because of the gas shortage. Second by Rev. Graybeal. Passed.

The next order of business was to take a offering for the Flower Fund. We have a total of \$81.34 .

Next the Moderator turned the service over to Rev. Guy Owens. He showed slides of his visit to our Association last year. There was also slides of other churches through North Carolina. We also saw slides of the Children's Home, The Rest Home. We also saw slides of the Bible College. There was also slides of the Missionaries. Rev. Owens told of the importance of supporting each of these organizations. We have plenty of opportunity to hear the Gospel preached in the United States, but overseas its a different story, they are starving to hear the Gospel.

Rev. Vaudry Tucker made a motion to go out of conference. Second by Rev. Eggers. Passed.

The dismissal Prayer was by Rev. James Darby.

Our Ministers Conference will be held the second Saturday in March 1980. At the Gospel Lighthouse Freewill Baptist Church, Gastonia. N. C. Rev. Lewis Fisher, Pastor

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	CHURCH NAME	Number on Roll	Average Attendance	Money in Treasury at Beginning of Year	Total	Paid Out During Year	Balance	
Donald Bowlin	Oak Grove F. W. B.	72	55	1407.54	1700.55	3108.09	950.00	2358.09
Grover Fuller	Cedar Grove F. W. B.	50	20	250.00	2800.00	3050.00	2,730.00	375.00
Anthony Funderburk	Community F. W. B.	8	10					
Bob Schism	1st. F. W. B. of Maiden	50	28	630.87	5000.00	5630.87	5,400.00	230.87
Ronnie Tucker	Zion F. W. B.	57	25	457.76	3509.34	3967.10	3,227.33	739.77
	Long Shoals F. W. B.							
	James St. F. W. B.							
Lewis McManus	1st. F.W.B. of Pageland	55	48	2194.26	4957.39	4957.39	3,850.00	1200.67
Brenda Tilley	8th. St. F. W. B.	16	30	266.35	1530.20	1796.55	1,238.20	458.35
	Old Rugged Cross, F. A. B.							
J. N. Nations	Gospel Lighthouse F. W. B.	47	40	689.00	350.00			

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MINISTER'S NAME	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Members Received	Members Baptised	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Hospital Visits	Weddings Performed	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Given	Money Received	Approximate Miles Traveled	Expenses
Rev. Henry Sides	112	1	25	14		2	75	80	2	3	1075.00	2300.80	8200	750.00
Rev. S. A. Graybeal	10	0	3				25	10	3		50.00		500	
Rev. J. E. Mainer, Jr.	166		2	9	0	1	125	250	1		1100.00		1200	700.00
Rev. Charles Bittle														
Rev. Vaudry Tucker	104	1	10	2	0	1	25	75	2	0	617.05	700.	7000	
Rev. W. C. Eggers			11		16	5	40	38	1	0		1200.00		
Rev. James Dean														
Rev. Lewis Fisher	88	0	19	47	12	0	50	40	0	0	1000.00	0	2000	400.00
Rev. Harold Oakes														
Rev. James Darby	20	0	0	0	0	0	10	75	1	15	-	-	-	-
Rev. James Martin	80	0	2		0		30	2			644.50	492.00	15,000	
Rev. Wildon Gill	35	0	0	4	0	6			4			2,000.00		
Rev. Kenneth Oliver														
Rev. William West	90	0	20	13	7	0	51	27	0	0	1250.00	4,957.39	6000	450.00
Rev. Lock Hooper														
Rev. Guy Tilley	104	1	10	8	8	2	30	97	0	0	480.00	60.00	3000	
Rev. E. W. Huffman														
Rev. David Miller	12	0	6	0	0	1	4	24	3	12	30.00	0	16,000	

