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# **MINUTES**

**of the**

**Western Free Will Baptist Association**

**61st ANNUAL SESSION**

**August 18-19, 1967**

**BY-LAWS**

**QUARTERLY MEETING**

**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

**CHURCH COVENANT**

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**SESSIONS**

Next sessions will be at Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Connelly Springs, N. C. On Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1968. Should it be impossible to have the session here, it will be at the Atoah Church in Robbinsville, N. C. Annual sermon will be given by Rev. Leonard Mayfield. If he is absent it will be given by Rev. Leland Greene.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
Convened With the Saw Mill Hill Church, Lauada, N. C.  
**AUGUST 18-19, 1967**  
Met at 10:00 A.M.

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Leland Greene  
Clerk ..... Sister Faye Nations  
Assistant Clerk ..... Robert O'Dear

DEVOTIONAL: Bro. Howard Honeycutt Scripture: 14th  
Chapter of St. John.

SONG: "Jesus Paid It All".

Altar Prayer was led by Bro. Junior Maney.

House was announced in order by the Moderator. Delegates from each church were seated. The following reports were assigned:

**ARRANGEMENTS**

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Thurman Greene

MEMBERS: Bro. Robert O'Dear, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Vester Campbell, Bro. Robert Freeman, Bro. Leonard Winchester.

**REPORT**

Friday Evening: Bro. Howard Honeycutt

Saturday Morning: Bro. Leonard Mayfield

Saturday Evening: Bro. Roy Greene

**SABBATH SCHOOLS**

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Dom McHan

MEMBERS: Bro. Joe Greene, Bro. Albert Parrish, Bro. Elmer Parker, Bro. Glen Eller, Bro. Bill Russell.

## **REPORT**

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, recommend that individual and group searching of the King James Version of the Bible should be the primary source of study and Inspiration in our Sunday School classes. That every Sabbath School office should be filled with Christians, and they be willing to accept the position to which he is elected, and be consistent in attendance, and that Sunday School Studies should be presented in such a way as to appeal to the younger people and offer them Spiritual guidance and strength.

## **MISSIONS**

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Howard Honeycutt

**MEMBERS:** Bro. Elmer Rogers, Sister Pauline Adams, Sister Edna Whitesides. Bro. Russell Cloer, Bro. Asbury Heron.

## **REPORT**

We your committee on Missions, do resolve to try to get over to our people that both Foreign and Home Missions are important in our churches. Because it is one of the teachings of Christ. Mark 16: 15. It has been said Free Will Baptist don't believe in Foreign Missions. Let us convince them we do believe in and support Foreign Missions.

## **TEMPERANCE**

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Marshall McClung

**MEMBERS:** Sister Jessie Ballard, Sister Jean Winchester, Bro. Joe Greene, Sister Ethel Messer, Bro. Leonard Lindsey.

## **REPORT**

We go on record as approving the Temperance report given last year with this addition: If and when it ever comes to a vote in your community, as it has in the surrounding ones, as to whether or not you will have an ABC store, may you be reminded that it is our duty as a Christian to vote against it. Also against any public office seeker who would be for alcohol. May God help us to live up to this report and not just give it.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Lelon Greene

**MEMBERS:** Bro. James Wilson, Sister Eloise Corbin, Sister Fannie Hardin, Sister Nellie Lowe, Sister Ollie Greene.

## REPORT

We your Committee on Resolutions stand for the Faith of the Free Will Baptist, endeavoring to hold the banner high for the cause of Christ, and His Kingdom. Which without Faith is impossible to please Christ. Be it resolved in as much as possible, the preachers of our Association visit the churches within the Association and that churches come together in one mind and one accord.

After reports were appointed, it was moved and seconded to adjourn Conference until Evening Session.

SONG: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

SERMON: Rev. Leonard Lindsey

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:16

Sermon was enjoyed by all, ending with an old fashioned handshake.

SONG: "Amazing Grace"

Friday evening session was called to order by Moderator at 1:15 P. M.

Committee reports were handed to the Clerk and were read and adopted.

Meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning.

SERMON: Bro. Howard Honeycutt

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 12:38

SONG: "Glory To His Name"

Meeting was called to order on Saturday at 10:30 A. M.

SONG: "Heavens Jubilee"

DEVOTIONAL: Rev. Leonard Mayfield

SCRIPTURE: St. Luke 18:1

Delegates were seated.

The following reports were appointed:

## ORPHANAGE

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Edsel Dennie

MEMBERS: Bro. Lelon Greene, Sis. Mary Franklin, Sis. Irene Parton, Bro. Bill Corbin, Sis. Pauline Adams.

## REPORT

We your committee on Orphanage, truly urge each of our churches and each individual member to help to support our Children's Homes and to give as much love and help to the children who have lost one or both of their parents.

## SESSIONS

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Marshall McClung

**Members:** Bro. Gordon Luther, Sis. Lexie Winchester, Bro. Thurman Greene, Bro. Robert O'Dear, Bro. Elmer White.

## REPORT

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## CHANGES

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Joe Greene

**MEMBERS:** Bro. Collins Greene, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Leonard Winchester, Bro. Elmer Rogers, Sis. Fannie Hardin.

## REPORT

Connelly Springs Church: Added new Sunday School rooms, new benches (15), new utility room, and erected new church signs.

Saw Mill Hill Church: Built new rest rooms, temporary tables, bought chairs to replace benches in class rooms, put flowers and shrubbery around church.

Mt. Vernon Church: Erected new rest rooms, put in aluminum windows.

Atoah Church: Built new class room, erected new rest rooms.

Conleys Creek Church: Minor repairs on building.

Beaver Creek Church: Some minor repairs.

## MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

**CHAIRMAN:** Bro. Elmer White

**MEMBERS:** Bro. Robert O'Dear, Sis. Mary Franklin, Bro. Troy Whitesides, Bro. Bill Corbin, Bro. Gordon Luther.

## REPORT

We your committee on Ministerial Character believe, if a man is called of God to preach, he will and should be, "About

His Father's Business". We also believe those desiring the office of a Bishop should qualify according to first Timothy 1:7.

We recommend the following Ministers as being in good standing with our Association:

Rev. Herbert Hoover Nations, Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Elmer White, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Joe Greene and Rev. Clyde Nations, Sr.

Any Minister not in good fellowship with their church and Association is not recommended until they get in good fellowship. Howard Honeycutt has been set aside as a Minister.

## **OBITUARIES**

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Junior Maney

MEMBERS: Sis. Della Parrish, Sis. Ollie Green, Sis. Jean Winchester, Bro. Vester Campbell, Sis. Pauline Adams.

## **REPORT**

Saw Mill Hill Church:

Bro. Billy Lawrence Winchester, one of our younger members, departed from this life Dec. 18, 1966. He is missed very much by all of us. We share with the family their grief at his passing.

Sister Martha Greene, affectionately known as "Aunt Matt", passed away Feb. 27, 1967. She was a charter member of Saw Mill Hill Church. She was very faithful to attend church and always attended the Association as long as her health permitted.

## **EDUCATION**

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Arvil Dehart

MEMBERS: Sister Lois Eller, Sis. Fannie Hardin, Bro. Thurman Greene, Bro. Roy Greene, Bro. James Wilson.

## **REPORT**

We your Committee on Education recommend that both young and old alike obtain the best education possible. We feel that everyone who can, should attend our Free Will Baptist Bible College. We further feel that parents should teach Bible to their children at home. We urge every possible means

of keeping unsound literature from our children. We think each church should have a Vacation Bible School sometime this year if possible.

Following the reports by the committees were the Ministers' Reports. They were read and adopted as follows:

Bro. Elmer White is an active member of the Connelly Springs Church. He has run two revivals with 15 to 18 conversions. He has helped Bro. Clyde Nations, Sr., to carry on services in his newly organized church in Hickory. The Associations Ordaining Council took him in as a member of our Association back in the spring of 1967. His address is Rev. Elmer White Box 762, Drexel Avenue, Drexel, N. C.

Bro. Clyde Nations, Sr., has organized a Free Will Baptist Church in Hickory. He has preached in different churches and has a radio program in Valdese, N. C. His address is P. O. Box 71, Connelly Springs, N. C.

Bro. Jay Burnette: This past year I've attended Conleys Creek Church. I've preached many times at the invitation of the pastor. I have felt very welcome and did all I could to win the lost to Christ and for the spiritual welfare of the church. I have also preached once at Connelly Springs, three times at Atoah, one funeral and one baptizing. I conducted prayer services in homes and preached wherever I could. I've lived for my Lord and tried to work to build up his church, although I've worked under trying circumstances. My church, Mt. Vernon, backed Pastor Vaughn in a personal grudge and had me set aside as an inactive member. I supported my church until that time and can't work with a fake charge over me. I haven't been allowed to preach at Mt. Vernon in two years, but I've preached elsewhere. Homes visited, approximately 50; homes prayed in — 20; conversions — 10; funerals — 1; miles traveled — unknown. Rt. 2, Bryson City, N. C.

Bro. Howard Honeycutt: To the Western Associations Ministers Report. I accepted my calling April 29, 1967. I preached 9 sermons, 7 professions; served as Superintendent and Teacher; helped baptize 7; I have received \$10.00 offering. I have visited many homes and hospitals. P. O. Box 228, Rutherford College, N. C.

Rev. Lelon Greene: To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist, August 18-19, 1967. For the past year I have pastored the Conleys Creek Church, run one revival, baptized 2, helped ordain 2. I have witnessed 11 professions and rededications in the church. My offering from church is \$119.59. Rt. 2, Box 123, Bryson City, N. C.



Rev. Leonard Mayfield: To the Western Association, I have preached and attended my church regularly for the past 12 months. I have baptized 2. I have made a good number of home calls. Yours in Christ, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Gen. Del., Andrews, N. C.

Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.: To the Associations 61st annual meeting. I have attended all the regular church services of my church at Saw Mill Hill, except when I was away at other special meetings or services in other churches. I have held one revival since Association last year, with 2 conversions. Have had one conversion in our church service. I have tried to help the other churches in our Association several times on different occasions. I have married four couples in the past year. Preached three funerals. Regular offering from my church \$1,646.97. Offering for revivals, donations, etc., not recorded. I have had one baptizing in our church with six candidates. Have had 11 members to join church. Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 219, Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey: To the Associations Annaul Meeting, August 17, 1967. I have pastored the Connelys Springs Free Will Baptist Church. I have received as salary, \$2,017.19. I have preached in two revivals, with eight confessions. I have baptized nine. Offering received from revivals \$101.82. Total offerings \$2,119.01. I have preached one funeral. I averaged two sermons per week at my church. I have preached two sermons on radio, and preached in three different homes. I have visited and prayed in many homes, and with the sick in three hospitals. I was also elected Pastor part time at the Mt. Vernon Church the 2nd Saturday night in August, 1967. Rev. Leonard Lindsey, P. O. Box 131, Connely Springs, N. C.

The following Church Letters were read and approved:

## **BEAVER CREEK CHURCH**

**August 1966 - August 1967**

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist, which convenes with the Saw Mill Hill Church, Bryson City, Lauada Community; we send as delegates the following: Bro. and Sis. Robert Freeman, Bro. and Sis. Willard Hardin, Bro. and Sis. Gordon Luther, Sis. Lorene Wise, Sis. Jessie Barnard, Rev. Paul Mayfield, Bro. Bill Russell, Sis. Pauline Adams.

## **CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Gen. Del., Andrews, N. C.

Clerk: Sister Pauline W. Adams, Andrews, N. C.

Membership: 83

Increase: 2 by baptism  
Superintendent: Charles Gibson, Jr.  
Assistant Superintendent: Willard Hardin  
Secretary and Treasurer: Sis. Lorene Wise  
No. of Classes: 5  
Average Attendance: 55

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Valuation of Church Property .....      | \$6,600.00 |
| Church and Sunday School Expenses ..... | 735.27     |
| Charity .....                           | 50.44      |
| Foreign Missions .....                  | 45.00      |
| Flowers .....                           | 55.30      |
| Pastor's Salary .....                   | 609.08     |
| Visiting Ministers .....                | 74.50      |
| Minutes .....                           | 20.00      |
| Total Expenses .....                    | \$1,589.59 |

Ordained Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Paul Mayfield.

We have had one revival and one week of Vacation Bible School.

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Mayfield  
Clerk: Pauline W. Adams

### SAW MILL CHURCH — 1966-1967

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist, which will convene here at Saw Mill Hill Church, August 18-19, 1967.

We send as delegates to be seated in Conference: Bro. Fred Winchester, Sister Jean Winchester, Sister Nellie Lowe, Sis. Mary DeHart, Bro. Leonard Winchester, Bro. Tommy Winchester, Bro. Arvil DeHart, Bro. Troy Whitesides, Sis. Edna Whitesides, Sis. Rachel Griggs, Bro. Roy Griggs, Bro. Don McHan, Sis. Irene Parton, Sis. Ethel Hall, Sis. Thelma DeHart, Sis. Betty Winchester, Sis. Dessie Parton, Sis. Lexie Winchester.

Pastor: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 219, Bryson City, N. C.

Clerk: Sister Edna Whitesides, Rt. 3, Bryson City, N. C.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Church Membership: 66  
Increased: 11  
Decrease by death: 2

Superintendent: Donald McHan  
 Secretary and Treasurer: Ethel Hall  
 Choir Director: Donald McHan  
 Pianists: Faye Nations and Irene Parton  
 No. of Classes: 5  
 No. of Officers and Teachers: 8  
 Preaching services: Sunday Morning; Sunday School,  
 Morning Worship. Sunday Night Worship. Wednesday Night Song Service for Junior Choir, and Adult Choir.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Pastor's Salary .....                               | \$1,646.97 |
| Visiting Evangelist .....                           | 105.00     |
| Field Worker .....                                  | 27.50      |
| Minutes .....                                       | 20.00      |
| Paid Missionary (Bro. and Sis. Thomas Willey) ..... | 65.00      |
| Flowers .....                                       | 75.15      |
| Literature for Bible School .....                   | 63.00      |
| Choir Director .....                                | 200.00     |
| Other Church Expenses .....                         | 224.98     |
| Total .....   | \$2,427.60 |
| Church Valuation .....                              | \$7,500.00 |

Done in order of Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church, this August 13, 1967.

Moderator: Rev. Tommy Berch  
 Clerk: Edna Whitesides

### ATOAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist, which will convene with the Saw Mill Hill Church this August 18-19, 1967. We send as delegates to sit with you in Conference: Rev. Glen Eller, Bro. Elmer Rogers, Bro. Vester Campbell, Bro. Marshall McClung, Sis. Fannie Eller, Sis. Hildred Wiggins, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Sis. Lois Eller, and Bro. Hugh Beasley, Sis. Olean Beasley.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Treasurer: Hugh Beasley, Rt. 1, Robbinsville, N. C.  
 Clerk: Olean Beasley, Rt. 1, Robbinsville, N. C.  
 Number of Active Members: 37  
 Increase during year: 1  
 Dismissed by Letter: 1  
 Superintendent: Brad Wiggins

Assistant Supt.: Hugh Beasley  
 Song Leader: Jimmy Eller  
 Secretary: Olean Beasley  
 No. of Officers and Teachers: 7  
 No. of Classes: 3  
 Average Attendance: 50  
 No. of Revivals: 1  
 Ministers holding membership in our Church: Rev. Glenn  
 Eller, Rt. 1, Robbinsville, N. C.  
 No. of Deacons: 4

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Compiled since we joined the Association. March 11, 1967  
to August 18, 1967.

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| Field Worker .....                    | \$ 17.19   |
| Chairman of Ordaining Council .....   | 10.00      |
| Visiting Preachers .....              | 24.25      |
| Visiting Evangelists .....            | 111.47     |
| Finished Paying Bank Notes .....      | 134.69     |
| Flowers .....                         | 24.72      |
| Charity .....                         | 10.32      |
| Light Bill .....                      | 23.24      |
| Literature for Sunday School .....    | 27.50      |
| Supplies .....                        | 6.47       |
| Bought Stove and Oil for Church ..... | 235.95     |
| Total .....                           | \$ 605.77  |
| Church Valuation .....                | \$8,000.00 |

Done in order of Atoah Free Will Baptist Church, July  
29, 1967.

Moderator: Rev. Glenn Eller  
 Clerk: Mrs. Olean Beasley

## MOUNT VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association, which will  
convene with the Saw Mill Hill Church, Friday, August 18-19,  
1967. We send as delegates: Sis. Bertha Cochran, Sis. Mary  
Franklin, Sis. Ann Welch, Bro. Charles Welch, Sis. Ollie  
Greene, Sis. Joe Greene, Bro. Clyde Jones, Bro. Thurman  
Greene, Sis. Frances Dorsey, Sis. Emma Burnett, Sis. Elsie  
Cloer, Bro. Russell Cloer, and Sis. Glenda Jones, whom we  
pray sit with you in Godly Deliberations.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Religion: King James Version  
 Pastor: Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Superintendent: Bro. Clint Burnett  
 Assistant Superintendent: Bro. Clyde Jones  
 Secretary and Treasurer: Sis. Glenda Jones  
 Dismissed: 2  
 Letters granted: 1  
 Increased: 11  
 Baptized: 6  
 Officers and Teachers: 8  
 Sunday School: Fair  
 Membership: 186  
 Average No. of Pupils: 65  
 Literature: Free Will Baptist  
 Ministers belonging to our Church: Rev. Lelon Greene,  
 Rev. Joe Greene, Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Jay Bur-  
 nett, Rev. Albert Herron, all of Bryson City, N. C.  
 Jimmy Vaughn, Robbinsville, N. C. Rev. John Hicks,  
 New York, N. Y.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Pastor's Salary .....     | \$1,200.00 |
| Home Missions .....       | 172.80     |
| Bible School .....        | 84.63      |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 116.00     |
| Minutes .....             | 20.00      |
| Flowers .....             | 30.00      |
| Field Worker .....        | 15.00      |
| Janitor .....             | 60.00      |
| Miscellaneous Items ..... | 41.03      |
| Literature .....          | 58.67      |
| Work on Church .....      | 342.18     |
| Light Bill .....          | 33.98      |
| Oil .....                 | 88.72      |
| Song Books .....          | 28.25      |
| Totals .....              | \$2,291.26 |
| Church Valuation .....    | \$7,500.00 |

Done in order of Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist Church,  
 Rt. 2, Bryson City, N. C.

Moderator: Clyde Nations, Jr.  
 Clerk: Sis. Ann Welch

### CONNELLYS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist which  
 will convene with the Saw Mill Hill Baptist Church, Lauada,  
 N. C. We send as delegates: Bro. Robert O'Dear, Sis. Edna

O'Dear, Bro. Albert Parris, Sis. Della Parris, Bro. Herbert Nations, Sis. Helen Nations, Bro. Ronnie Nations, Sis. Arzelia O'Dear, Bro. Asbury Herron, Bro. Glen Williams, Sis. Cora Herron, Sis. Gladys Parris, Bro. Floyd Watkins, Sis. Betty Watkins, Bro. Collins Greene, Sis. Annie Greene, Rev. Lelon Greene, Sis. Elsie Greene, Sis. Ethel Messer, Rev. Roy Greene.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Lelon Greene

Superintendent: Rev. Herbert Nations

Clerk and Secretary: Ethel Messer

No. of Deacons: 6

No. of Classes: 4

Increased: 1

Decreased: 3

Membership: 50

Revivals: 1

Average Attendance: 33

Ministers belonging to our Church: Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Worley Wikle, Rev. Herbert Nations.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Pastor's Salary .....       | \$ 119.59  |
| Field Worker .....          | 19.40      |
| Flowers .....               | 27.73      |
| For Sick and Needy .....    | 63.01      |
| Light Bill .....            | 21.60      |
| Literature .....            | 10.92      |
| Revivals .....              | 36.82      |
| Minutes .....               | 20.00      |
| Other Church Expenses ..... | 69.23      |
| Total .....                 | \$ 388.30  |
| Church Valuation .....      | \$2,500.00 |

Moderator: Rev. Lelon Greene

Clerk: Sis. Ethel Messer

## CONNELLYS SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association's Yearly Meeting which will convene with Saw Mill Hill Church this Friday, Aug. 18-19, 1967. We send as delegates to sit with you in Conference, the following: Bro. Print Blevins, Bro. Elmer Parker, Bro. Howard Honeycutt, Bro. Edsel Dennie, Bro. Charles Lowery, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. James Wilson, Rev. Elmer White and Rev. Leonard Lindsey.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Lindsey  
 Clerk: Sis. Pearlene Seay  
 Superintendent: Bro. Howard Honeycutt  
 Secretary: Sis. Velma Wilson  
 Choir Director: Bro. Junior Maney  
 Pianists: Sis. Sylvia Wilson and Sis. Faye Elkin  
 No. of Teachers and Officers: 9  
 No. of Classes: 4  
 Average Attendance: 72  
 Average Offering: \$85.00  
 Sunday School: Excellent  
 No. of Active Members on Roll: 55  
 No. of Revivals: 4  
 No. of Members added to Roll: 16  
 No. Baptized: 7  
 No. by Statement: 3  
 No. by Letter: 6  
 No. of Deaths: 0  
 No. of Dismissals: 4  
 Ministers holding membership in our Church are: Rev.

Howard Honeycutt, P. O. Box 228, Rutherford College,  
 N. C. Rev. Elmer White, Valdese Avenue, Box 762,  
 Drexel, N. C. Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Box 131, Con-  
 nelly Springs, N. C

Preaching services are held each Sunday and Sunday  
 night. Prayer services on Wednesday night. Singing on 3rd  
 Saturday night.

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| Pastor's Salary .....                           | \$2,017.19 |
| Visiting Evangelist .....                       | 257.51     |
| Needy Families .....                            | 266.91     |
| Field Worker .....                              | 20.00      |
| Building Expenses for Sunday School Rooms ..... | 2,061.00   |
| Piano .....                                     | 295.00     |
| Literature .....                                | 27.25      |
| Fuel .....                                      | 42.78      |
| Power Bills .....                               | 33.72      |
| Flowers .....                                   | 135.00     |
| Minutes .....                                   | 20.00      |
| Treats at Christmas .....                       | 37.56      |
| New Benches .....                               | 350.00     |
| Travel Expenses for Ordination Council .....    | 24.00      |
| Janitor .....                                   | 150.00     |

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| Land Surveying .....                       | 30.00      |
| Visiting Singers .....                     | 51.30      |
| Free Will Baptist Missions for Piano ..... | 50.00      |
| New Church Sign .....                      | 70.00      |
| Church Supplies .....                      | 70.00      |
| Revivals .....                             | 182.51     |
| Total .....                                | \$6,191.73 |
| Church Valuation .....                     | \$9,500.00 |

Due to the loss of our church books last year, our letter to the Association was estimated. This year's report is accurate.

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Lindsey  
Clerk: Pearlene Seay

Following the Church Letters was the Field Ministers Report.

As your Field Minister, I respectfully submit my report for the year 1966-1967, to the 1967 Association of Free Will Baptists. I visited five churches in our Association. I have listed the approximate total miles traveled to each church, and the contributions made to me by them as follows:

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| Andrews Church .....    | 210 miles | \$ 29.60 |
| Conleys Creek .....     | 120 miles | \$ 25.23 |
| Connellys Springs ..... | 200 miles | \$ 20.00 |
| Mt. Vernon .....        | 5 miles   | \$ 15.00 |
| Robbinsville .....      | 280 miles | \$ 30.72 |
| Saw Mill Hill .....     | 40 miles  | \$ 25.50 |
| TOTAL .....             | 855 miles | \$146.05 |

I visited each church in the spirit of fellowship and was welcomed in the same feeling. May we, as Free Will Baptists, continue to grow in brotherly love, and fellowship, one with the other. I have enjoyed serving as your Field Worker. I also served as substitute on Ordaining Council at one service in Conley's Creek Church.

Rev. Joseph M. Greene

Conference was adjourned until evening service.

Sermon: Rev. Ronald Creech

Scripture: Revelations 2: 1

Saturday Evening Session was announced in order by Moderator at 1:30 P. M.

Nomination for Field Minister for another year was brought forward.

Joe Greene was nominated and motion was seconded.



Bro. Howard Honeycut was nominated, but he asked to be dropped from nomination, since he was going to be called to another church in another city.

Bro. Joe Greene was elected for another year, with 100% for him.

Clerk was next. Nomination and seconded for same clerk, Sis. Faye Nations, with 100% votes.

Assistant Clerk. Nomination for Bro. Robert O'Dear, present assistant, moved and seconded, 100% votes.

Moderator: Moved and seconded for present Moderator to be re-elected, he was elected with a 100% vote.

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Lelon Greene. Nomination for reelecting same, a second and 100% voted for him.

Officers were installed for the coming year with all humbleness. Full house voted and all was carried on in good fellowship.

Moved and seconded for Conference to adjourn until Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1968.

SERMON: Rev. Roy Greene

SONG: "In The Sweet Bye and Bye"

Dismissed with Prayer and fellowship handshake.

### **QUARTERLY MEETING — APRIL 15, 1967**

SONG: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

PURPOSE: The purpose for the meeting was to bring the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church back into our Western Association.

House was announced in order by Moderator, Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Association agreed to give Moderator permission to appoint committees, they were as follows:

Connelly Springs: Chairman, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Bro. LeRoy Seay, Rev. Elmer White; Conleys Creek: Rev. Lelon Greene, Bro. Albert Parris; Mt. Vernon: Bro. Clyde Jones, Bro. Thurman Greene, Rev. Joe Greene; Beaver Creek: Rev. Leonard Mayfield; Saw Mill Hill: Bro. Arvil DeHart, Bro. Troy Whitesides.

Meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes.

Business was resumed.

Chairman of the Committee appointed was Rev. Leonard Lindsey, and he brought forth the decision of the Committee. Their decision was to bring the Church back into the Association. The motion was made by Bro. Leonard Winchester, and seconded by Sister Glenda Jones. The motion was carried by full house.

Moderator announced that the Association minutes were ready to be given to the churches.

Conference was adjourned until Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August.

Moderator: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.  
Clerk: Sister Faye Nations

## BY - L A W S

1. Each session of this Conference shall be called to order by the Standing Clerk, and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

2. Each session and adjourned sitting shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. After the opening of each session of the Yearly Meeting, the Moderator takes the chair. If he is not present a chairman is appointed. A committee of not less than three persons shall be chosen to examine the credentials for membership in this Yearly Meeting. After the report of this committee and enrollment of members present, the Yearly Meeting shall proceed to elect a Moderator and to the transaction of other business.

5. At each session the Yearly Meeting shall appoint such standing committees as shall be for the good of our denomination on subjects such as the following: Printing, Establishments, Education, Sabbath Schools, Temperance, Ministry, Missions, etc. All business shall be reported to the appropriate committee. Special committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the Yearly Meeting.

6. The Yearly Meeting may hold correspondence with other Yearly Meetings or Religious bodies as it may seem advisable.

7. This Yearly Meeting may sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Yearly Meeting may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the body.

9. Any Christian in good standing in their own church in other denominations may be invited to seats.

10. It shall be the duty of the Standing Clerk to furnish the minutes of the previous session of the Yearly Meeting and a full record in the yearbook.

11. The Yearly Meeting shall determine the time of the opening and closing of the daily sessions.

12. It shall be the duty of each member to be present at the time of the opening and closing of each session unless released by the Moderator.

13. No member shall retire from the session to go out without leave of the Moderator.

14. Every member wishing to speak in the session shall first obtain leave of the Moderator and address the Moderator.

15. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any time nor more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Yearly Meeting.

16. No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the Yearly Meeting.

17. No whispering can be allowed while in session without leave of the Moderator. All must give heed to business.

18. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person on any committee provided the member nominated be elected.

19. A majority of the members in session shall be the power of rule. A respectable majority may take an appeal to the General Conference.

20. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at any Yearly Session, provided such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed at the previous session.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

### ARTICLE 1:

**THE BIBLE:** The scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

### ARTICLE 2:

**GOD:** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

### ARTICLE 3:

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 ever present Saviour and Lord.

### ARTICLE 4:

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of man.

### ARTICLE 5:

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD:** God exercises wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution of laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare requires.

#### ARTICLE 6:

**THE SINFULNESS OF MAN:** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inheriting a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

#### ARTICLE 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 all salvation by faith.

#### ARTICLE 8:

**THE TERMS OF SALVATION:** The conditions of salvation are repentance or sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. Faith of the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with the 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 domination of sin and becomes a child of God in the continuance of faith and obedience until death.

#### ARTICLE 9:

**ELECTION:** God determined and from the beginning, to save all who comply with the conditions of salvation, hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

#### ARTICLE 10:

**FREEDOM OF THE WILL:** The Human will is free and self-controlled, having to yield to the influence of the truth and Spirit or to resist them and perish.

#### ARTICLE 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 the water of life freely.

#### ARTICLE 12:

**PERSEVERANCE:** All believers in Christ who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life have the promise of salvation.

#### ARTICLE 13:

**GOSPEL ORDINANCES:** Baptism or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper are ordinates to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.

#### ARTICLE 14:

**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH:** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment

and amusements for rest, worship, Holy works, and activities, and personal communion with God.

#### ARTICLE 15:

**RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION:** The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done evil unto the resurrection of judgment; these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Faith; we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

To solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied in a profession of faith, and in a spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray. Watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation; and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak. .

We promise, by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

We also agree to use our influence for the support of the gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also, we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of our own faith.

We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

We agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use any as a beverage or to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

We agree to encourage home and foreign missions.

## NOTE TO THE SAW MILL HILL CHURCH:

On behalf of the entire Association, I would like to say Thank You, for doing a wonderful job and showing so much fellowship during the Association. May God bless every one of you is my prayer.

Robert O'Dear  
Assistant Clerk

