

MINUTES
of the
Western Free Will Baptist Association
62nd ANNUAL SESSION

August 16-17, 1968

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QUARTERLY MEETING
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SESSIONS

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M I N U T E S
of the
WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened with the Connelly Springs Church
Connelly Springs, N. C.
August 16th and 17th, 1968
The Association Met at 10:15 A. M.

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.
Assistant Moderator Rev. Lelon Greene
Clerk Sister Faye Nations
Assistant Clerk Robert Odiear
Devotional Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Song "Everybody Will Be Happy"

House was announced in order by Moderator. Delegates were seated from each church. Moved and seconded that the Moderator select the committees. The following committees were appointed.

ARRANGEMENTS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Leroy Seay.

MEMBERS: Bro. Robert Odiear, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Bro. Troy Whitesides, Bro. Robert Freeman.

REPORT

Friday Evening: Rev. Howard Honeycutt.

Saturday Morning: Rev. Lelon Greene.

Saturday Evening: Rev. Ronald Creech.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHAIRMAN: Sis. Elsie Greene.

MEMBERS: Sis. Mary Franklin, Sis. Edna Whiteside, Sis. Naomi Lunsford, Bro. Harvey Ward.

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 in our Sunday Schools. We think that all Sunday School Superintendents should check all literature to be sure it is according to the Bible, and check publishers of the literature to find out where our money is being spent.

MISSIONS

CHAIRMAN: Rev. Albert Herron.

MEMBERS: Sis. Edna Whiteside, Sis. Faye Hardin, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Lelon Greene.

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 Baptists don't believe in Foreign Missions. Let us convince them we do believe in and support Foreign Missions.

TEMPERANCE

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Troy Whiteside.

MEMBERS: Bro. Leonard Mayfield, Bro. Elmer White, Bro. Lelon Greene, Bro. Albert Herron.

REPORT

We your committee on Temperance solemnly recommend each Church and each individual to go according to the word of God, in 2nd Corinthians Chapter 6, verse 14 through 17 as following:

14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness.
 15. And what concord hath Christ with Be'li-al? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
 16. And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols, for you are the temple of the living God. As God hath said I will be their God and they shall be my people.
 17. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.
- And to stand behind the last report of the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Bill Russell.

MEMBERS: Bro. Elmer Parker, Sis. Edna Odiear, Sis. Linda Herron, Sis. Edna Whiteside.

REPORT

We your committee on Resolutions stand for the faith of the Free Will Baptists, 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 and that Churches come together in one mind and one accord. It is best not to make a resolution unless you can keep it.

The following Church letters were read and adopted from all Churches except Atoah.

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH

August 1967 - August 1968

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes with Connelly Springs Church, Connelly Springs, N. C.; we send as delegates: Bro. Robert Freeman, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Sis. Faye Hardin, Sis. Naomi Lunsford, and Bro. Bill Russell.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Route 1, Hayesville, N. C.

Clerk: Pauline W. Adams, Box 535, Andrews, N. C.

Membership: 90

Increase: By letter 4, Baptism 5

Decrease: By death 2

Sunday School Superintendent: Charles W. Gibson, Jr.

Assistant Superintendent: Willard Hardin

Secretary and Treasurer: Lorene Wise

Number of Classes: 5

Average Attendance: 55

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valuation of Church Property	\$8,500.00
Church and Sunday School Expenses	435.23
Charity or Flowers	27.27
Foreign Missions	45.30
Pastor's Salary	330.00
Visiting Ministers	151.98
Field Workers	27.08
Minutes	25.00

Installing Furnace	912.30
Gutters and Walk	60.29
Total Expenses	2,014.45

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Mayfield
Clerk: Pauline Adams

CONLEYS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of the Free Will Baptists, which will convene at the Connelly Springs Church, we send as delegates: Rev. Herbert Nations, Sis. Helen Nations, Bro. Ronnie Nations, Bro. Robert Odiear, Sis. Edna Odiear, Bro. Albert Parris, Sis. Della Parris, Rev. Lelon Greene, Sis. Elsie Greene, Rev. Jay Burnette, Sis. Ruth Burnette, Rev. Roy Greene, and Bro. Collins Greene.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Lelon Greene
Superintendent: Rev. Herbert Nations
Clerk and Secretary: Sis. Ethel Messer
No. of Deacons: 6
No. of Classes: 4
Increased: 10
Decreased: None
Revivals: 1
Average Attendance: 42
Membership: 60

Ministers belonging to our Church are: Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Worley Wikle, Rev. Herebrt Nations, and Rev. Jay Burnette.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Pastor	\$ 125.17
Field Worker	36.08
Flowers	27.60
For Sick and Needy	53.06
Light Bill	23.17
Literature	17.51
Minutes	25.00
Treats for Christmas	45.00
Home Mission	23.76
Foreign Mission	17.11
For Singers	24.10
Bought Benches	160.00
Built Two Sunday School Rooms	638.57
Communion Service Set	30.48
Other Expenses	54.31
Total	\$1,300.92
Valuation of Church Property	\$3,500.00

Moderator: Rev. Lelon Greene
Clerk: Sis. Ethel Messer

CONNELLY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 16, 1968

To the Western Association yearly meeting which will convene with Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church this Friday and Saturday, August 16-17, 1968, we send as delegates to sit with you in conference the following: Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Howard Honeycutt, Rev. Charles Lowery, Bro. Print Blevins, Bro. Lee Roy Seay, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Elmer Parker, and Bro. Harvey Ward.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

No. of members on roll: 62
No. added to roll this year: 12
No. Baptised: 10
No. by letter: 2
No. of deaths this year: None
No. of dismissals: 5
No. of Revivals: 2 and 1 week-end Revival
No. of Teachers: 5
Average Sunday School Attendance: 62
Average Offering: \$69.98
Pastor: Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Superintendent: Bro. Howard Honeycutt
Clerk: Sis. Ethel Berry
Choir Director: Bro. Junior Maney
Secretary: Sis. Dorothy Hoilman
Pianist: Sis. Sylvia Jean Ward
Treasurer: Bro. Elmer Parker
Ministers holding membership at our church are:

Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Box 131, Connelly Springs, N. C.
Rev. Howard Honeycutt, P. O. Box 228, Rutherford College, N. C.

Rev. Elmer White, Route #1, Watauga, Tenn.

Rev. Charles Lowery, Valdese, N. C.

We have preaching service each Sunday morning and Sunday night. Prayer service each Wednesday night and special singing service each 3rd Saturday night in every month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pastor's Salary	\$2,042.66
Visiting Evangelist	120.30
Needy Families	85.00
Field Worker	20.00
Building Expenses	468.64
Literature	11.55
Fuel Oil	116.62

Power Bills	43.76
Flowers	114.14
Minutes	25.00
Christmas Treats	44.97
Janitor	290.00
Visiting Singers, Appro.	100.00
Church Supplies	119.45
Payments on Furnace	362.25
Paint for Church Benches	107.48
Total Paid Out	\$4,081.82
Church Valuation	\$9,500.00

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Clerk: Sis. Ethel Berry

MT. VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association which will convene with the Connelly Springs Church, Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, 1968.

We send as delegates for Friday: Bro. Thomas Cloer, Sis. Frances Cloer, Bro. Albert Herron, Sis. Linda Herron, Sis. Ollie Greene, Sis. Mary Franklin.

As delegates for Saturday: Bro. Clyde Jones, Sis. Glenda Jones, Bro. Thurman Greene, Bro. Russell Cloer, whom we pray sit with you in Godly deliberations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Religion: King James Version

Pastor: Rev. Albert Herron

Superintendent: Bro. Clyde Jones

Assistant Superintendent: Bro. Clint Burnette

Secretary and Treasurer: Sis. Glenda Jones

Clerk: Sis. Ann Welch

Dismissed: None

Letters Granted: 6

Increased: 2

Baptised: None

Officers and Teachers: 7

Sunday School: Good

Average No. of Attendance: 52

Literature: Free Will Baptist

Ministers belonging to our Church: Rev. Claude Bridges,

Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Clyde Nations,
Rev. Joe Greene.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Salary	\$ 450.00
Home Mission	80.00
Bible School	70.57
Foreign Mission	104.00
Minutes	25.00
Flowers	49.96
Field Workers	30.00
Janitor and Secretary	90.00
Miscellaneous Items	51.84
Literature	64.06
Work on Church	178.79
Light Bills	50.60
Oil	133.21
Offering to Baptist Hospital	71.50
Visiting Preachers	80.00
Total	\$1,540.34
Valuation of Church	\$7,500.00

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

Moderator: Rev. Albert Herron
Clerk: Sis. Ann Welch

SAW MILL HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which
will convene with the Connelly Springs Church this August
16 and 17, 1968, we send as delegates: Bro. Troy Whiteside, Sis.
Edna Whiteside.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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

Clerk: Sis. Lexie Winchester, Rt. #3, Bryson City, N. C.

Church Membership: 69

Increase during year: 3

No. of revivals: 1

Superintendent: Don McHan, Rt. #3, Bryson City, N. C.

Assistant Superintendent: Fred Winchester

Treasurer: Ethel Hall

Choir Director: Don McHan

Pianists: Faye Nations and Irene Parton

No. of Classes: 5

No. of Officers: 8

Average Attendance: 60

Preaching Service and Sunday School Sunday Morning

Preaching Services Sunday Night

Sunday School Excellent

Choir Practice each Wednesday Night

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Our Pastor	\$1,478.77
Paid Choir Director	381.49
Visiting Evangelist	101.00
Foreign Mission	129.87
Water System	334.05
Fuel	151.39
Literature	128.54
Bible School Literature	51.53
Power Bill	61.58
Miscellaneous	133.16
Minutes	25.00
Total	\$2,976.38
Property Evaluation	\$8,500.00

Due in order of Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church,
August 11, 1968.

Moderator: Arvel Dehart
Clerk: Lexie Winchester

ATOAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists, which will convene with the Connolly Springs Free Will Baptist Church on August 16-17, 1968, we send as delegates to sit with you in conference: Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Glenn Eller, and Bro. James Eller.

Pastor: Rev. Claude Bridges, Rt. #2, Bryson City, N. C.
Clerk: Mrs. Olean Beasley, Rt. #1, Robbinsville, N. C.
Treasurer: Hugh Beasley, Rt. 1#, Robbinsville, N. C.
Song leader: Jim Eller, Rt. #1, Robbinsville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Superintendent: Arlin Jenkins
Assistant Superintendent: Glenn Eller
Secretary: Mrs. Olean Beasley
No. of Active Members: 37
No. of Officers and Teachers: 7
No. of Classes: 3
Average Attendance: 50
No. of Deacons: 4
Decreased by death: 1

Minister holding membership in our church: Rev. Glenn Eller, Rt. #1, Robbinsville, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastor's Salary	\$ 374.30
Visiting Preachers	76.95
State Evangelist	20.00
Visiting Evangelist	74.67
Charity	100.00
Flowers	24.72
Insurance on Church	54.00
Fuel Oil	102.08
Light Bill	100.56
Literature for Sunday School	42.73
Christmas Supplies	36.53
Minutes	21.47
	25.00
Total	\$1,051.01
Valuation of Church Property	\$8,000.00

Done in order of Atoah Free Will Baptist Church, August 10, 1968.

Pastor: Rev. Claude Bridges
Moderator: Rev. Glenn Eller
Clerk: Mrs. Olean Beasley

Conference was adjourned until the Evening Service.

Bro. Elmer White dismissed the service.

Song—"When We All Get To Heaven."

Sermon—Rev. Leonard Mayfield

Evening service opened with "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Atoah's Church letter was read and delegates seated. Reports were read and adopted, except Temperance which was postponed for Saturday.

Committee on the Ministers Report was appointed.

Chairman: Bro. Junior Maney.

Members: Bro. Robert Odiear, Bro. Troy Whiteside, Sis. Ollie Greene, Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. James Eller.

Money for the Association minutes that was left was given to Association Clerk, Sis. Faye Nations as a gift.

Ordaining service for Rev. Howard Honeycutt was enjoyed by all. Good fellowship, prayer and ministers hand shake with new minister and wife. All of the ordaining council was present. Evening service was adjourned until Saturday morning. Evening sermon was presented by Rev. Howard Honeycutt, taken from the 10th chapter of Jeremiah, 13th verse.

Meeting was called to order Saturday morning at 10:15 A. M.

Song: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand".

Devotional: Rev. Ronald Creech.

Scripture: Several passages from the 119th Book of Psalms.

Moderator announced the house in order for transaction of business.

Committees appointed: Orphanage.

Chairman: Bro. Howard Honeycutt.

Members: Sis. Ruth Burnette, Sis. Glenda Jones, Sis. Edna Whiteside, Sis. Faye Hardin, Bro. James Eller.

REPORT

We your committee on orphanage feel that each church should send an offering each year to the orphanage to help support our Children's Home and to give as much love and help to the children who have lost one or both of their parents. Also we your committee recommend that our churches support as much as possible, our Old Folks Home at Burnsville, N. C. (Free Will Baptist Home, Burnsville, N. C.)

SESSIONS

CHAIRMAN: Rev. Jay Burnette.

MEMBERS: Bro. Russell Cloer, Bro. Troy Whiteside, Bro. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Leonard Lindsey.

REPORT

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CHANGES

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Clyde Jones.

MEMBERS: Bro. Troy Whiteside, Bro. Robert Freeman, Rev. Glenn Eller, Bro. Junior Maney, Rev. Lelon Greene.

REPORT

Conleys Creek Church: Built 2 Sunday School rooms, bought benches: Got a picture of the Lord's Supper, a gift from Glen Williamson and Jay Burnette.

Connelly Springs Church: Painted benches, put in new furnace.

Mt. Vernon Church: Rewired the main building with heavier wire.

Atoah Church: No changes.

Saw Mill Hill Church: Put water to church, built permanent tables, painted and landscaped.

Beavers Creek Church: Installed new furnace, new gutters and poured new walkway.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Roy Whitesides.

MEMBERS: Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. James Eller, Bro. Leroy Seay, Sis. Glenda Jones, Sis. Edna Odiear.

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, Rev. Clyde Nations, Sr., Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Glen Eller, Rev. Jay Burnette, Rev. Albert Herron.

Any Minister not in good fellowship with their Church and Association is not recommended until they get in good fellowship. Charles Lowery has been set aside, to be ordained as a minister.

OBITUARIES

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Bill Russell.

MEMBERS: Bro. Glen Eller, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Thurman Greene, Sis. Elsie Greene, Sis. Edna Whiteside.

REPORT

Beaver Creek Church:

Bro. Gorden Jones passed away Dec. 15, 1967. Although he had not always attended church and lived the kind of life that he should have, his friends will be glad to know that his last testimony was that he had made it right with God and was ready to go.

Bro. Joe Henry Franks passed away July 7, 1968. He was one of our most active and faithful members as long as he

was able to attend church. We extend our sympathy to both families.

Atoah Church:

Bro. Willy Moody — A Deacon.

Mt. Vernon Church:

We at Mt. Vernon Church have had two deaths: Bro. Andy Tuck and Sis. Ellen Herron Watkins.

EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Claude Bridges.

MEMBERS: Bro. Harvey Ward, Sis. Edna Odiear, Sis. Mary Franklin, Sis. Edna Whiteside, Sis. Naomi Lunsford.

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.

MINISTERS LETTERS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Posey Maney, Jr.

MEMBERS: Sis. Ollie Green, Bro. Robert Odiear, Bro. Troy Whiteside, Bro. James Eller.

REPORT

Your committee on Ministers Letters have read and approved all letters that we have at this time.

FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

August 15, 1968

As your Field Minister I respectfully submit my report for the year 1967-1968 to the 1968 Association of the Free Will Baptists.

I visited six churches in our Association. I have helped in two revival meetings this past year. I have visited the sick at homes and our hospitals and rest homes. I have visited our churches in the spirit of fellowship and was welcomed in the same feeling.

May the Lord help us to continue to grow in grace and to help us grow in brotherly love one with another and fellowship together. I have enjoyed serving as your field worker. The more we do for the Lord the more the Lord will bless us.

I have listed the approximate total miles traveled to each church and the contributions made to me by them as follows:

Andrews	240 miles	\$ 27.08
Sawmill	20 miles	10.00
Mt. Vernon..	5 miles	38.25
Connelly Springs	200 miles	20.00
Conleys Creek	100 miles	36.08
Robbinsville	80 miles	none
Totals	645 miles	\$131.41

Rev. Joseph M. Green

Bro. Jay Burnette: To the 62nd Annual Association. In the past year I've preached in every church I've had an invitation and tried to get the lost saved and help to build up the Church of the Living God. I attended almost every service at my church except when I preached elsewhere.

Sermons preached, 61; homes visited, 29; homes prayed in, 20; revivals, 2; funerals, 2; sick visits, 40; conversions, 15; miles traveled, 2,775; expenses, \$300.

Off. rec. \$72.51.

To the 62nd Session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association:

I have pastored the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church at Robbinsville, N. C. for the last 9 months and have been re-elected for another year. I have made 55 trips, preached 48 sermons, traveled 4,950 miles. Received \$384.30 and have given \$300.00 to the cause of the churches.

I feel we have accomplished a few things at Atoah and have enjoyed working with the people of this church. We are looking forward to a more fruitful year in 1969.

Rev. Claude Bridges

To the Western Association:

I accepted my calling in Dec. 1967. I was licensed the 28th Jan. 1968. I have preached wherever I could get an opportunity. I have preached in several different churches and also at place of employment. I have witnessed 10 to 12 confessions. Have visited many homes and hospitals.

Charles Lowery
Route 7 Box 521
Morganton, N. C.

Rev. Clyde Nations Jr.

Aug. 16, 1968

I have pastored the Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church for the past year and have been in every service that was convenient for me, outside of my church.

I have been re-elected back for another year and I plan to go on working harder each day to upbuild the kingdom of God. I have baptized 3. Have married 3 couples. Have had 5 funerals. My offerings for the past year are approximately \$300.00 and my salary from the church has been \$1,478.77. I visited and prayed with the sick and needy. I hope to do a better job as a minister of the gospel in the future, with God's help.

God bless you all is my prayer.

Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey

August 16, 1968

To the Western Association Annual Meeting:

For the past 12 months I have pastored the Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church. I have attended my church regularly except when I was called on to fill appointments at other churches.

Offerings received from the Connelly Springs Church \$2,042.66. This offering does not include hand to hand love offerings.

Five months of last year I also pastored the Mount Vernon F. W. B. Church on Alarka. While pastoring both churches, I went to Mt. Vernon Church two week-ends in each month.

Offerings received from Mt. Vernon Church was approximately \$300.00.

Other than pastor work, I have preached in two revivals. Number of confessions unknown.

I have helped baptize ten. I preached one funeral and I've married six couples.

I have preached by appointments in three churches other than the ones I've pastored. I have been in many churches, carrying the Gospel in song. I have visited and prayed in several homes and with the sick in the hospital.

Since February, 1968, I have been conducting the Old Fashioned Gospel Hour every Sunday evening on WSVM, Val-des-e radio station. I have received many love offerings toward the expense of the broadcast.

God has blessed me in every effort that I've put forth to preach the Gospel of our Wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Box 131, Connelly Springs, N. C.

Rev. Albert Herron.

To the Western Association's 62nd Annual Meeting: Since Feb. 10, 1968 I have pastored Mt. Vernon Church. I have averaged two sermons per week at the church. I have visited several homes in the community. I have received approximately \$190.83 offering. Rt. 2, Box 144, Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Howard Honeycutt

Aug. 14, 1968

To the Western Association Meeting: For the last 12 months I have preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have helped in one revival, held 2 week end revivals. There were five confessions under my preaching. Helped baptize 10. Filled in for pastor in his absence. I have never missed appointment in any church, preached in 7 different churches. I have visited the hospital many times and prayed with the sick. I have visited the sick and the widows in their affliction. Been a Sunday School teacher. I have received as a love offering about \$125.00.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Howard Honeycutt
P. O. Box 228
Rutherford College, N. C.

Rev. Elmer White

Aug. 16, 1968

To the Western Association Annual Meeting: Sermons preached 35, confessions 15, revivals 2, marriages 1. I have visited the hospital many times and prayed with the sick.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Elmer White
Route 1, Watauga, Tenn.

August 18, 1968

To the Western F. W. B. Association: I Rev. Lelon W. Greene have pastored Conleys Creek F. W. B. Church. We have had one revival, helped baptize 5, and I have attended the church regularly.

My collection was \$125.00, besides all other that was given from the members.

We have had some great times in the past year. We have had 10 to join the church, besides some that haven't been taken in full fellowship with the church.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Lelon W. Greene

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association:

I have pastored and attended Beaver Creek Church for the past year. I have visited and prayed in several homes and have traveled a number of miles.

Your Bro. in Christ
Rev. Leonard Mayfield
Route #1, Hayesville, N. C.

The committee on Temperance presented their report. Many discussions on this subject in good order. Leonard Lindsey moved that the committee report be accepted; Glen Eller seconded the motion. The floor vote 100%.

Song—"Glory To His Name".

Sermon—Lelon Greene.

Committee on Arrangements was called in order to decide on minister for evening in absence of Rev. Herbert Nations, who was scheduled to bring the Saturday evening sermon. Rev. Ronald Creech was appointed by committee for evening sermon. Meeting was adjourned till evening.

Saturday evening session was announced in order for transaction of business.

Reports were read and adopted.

Field Ministers report was read and adopted.

The Field Minister for coming year was selected. Bro. Russel Cloer nominated Bro. Howard Honeycutt. Bro. Troy Whiteside seconded. Floor voted 100%.

Ordaining Council was selected by the Moderator as follows: Bro. Leroy Seay, Bro. Robert Odiear, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Bro. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Glen Eller, Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr. Br. Junior Maney nominated these men, Rev. Lelon Greene seconded. Floor voted 100%.

Election of officers for the coming year.

Clerk—Bro. Robert Odiear was nominated by Glen Eller, seconded by Leonard Mayfield.

Assistant Clerk—Frances Cloer was nominated by Thurman Greene, seconded by Russell Cloer.

Floor voted 100% for Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Moderator—Bill Russell nominated Claude Bridges, seconded by James Eller.

Bro. Elmer White nominated Bro. Leonard Lindsey, seconded by Troy Whiteside.

Bro. Leroy Seay nominated Bro. Leonard Mayfield, Bro. Leonard Mayfield turned down the nomination .

Leroy Seay withdrew his nomination.

Claude Bridges—Had 5 votes.

Leonard Lindsey—Had 26 votes.

Leonard Lindsey was elected by a majority vote for moderator for the coming Annual Associational Year. Bro. Elmer White nominated Bro. Lelon Greene assistant moderator, seconded by Bro. Troy Whiteside. Floor voted 100%.

Business was adjourned until Friday and Saturday before 3rd Sunday in August, 1969.

Sermon for the final service was preached by Rev. Ronald Creech, Durham, N. C. His sermon was enjoyed by all and an old fashioned Christian handshake ended the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Free Will Baptists.

Note: To Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church:

Your friendly, cordial, welcome and hospitality while we were in your church for the Western Association's 62nd Annual Meeting was most appreciated. We are looking forward to meeting with your Church again in the future and also next year at our next Church on the list. God bless you is our prayer, may you ever grow in love and strength for our Savior.

Your Continued Friend in Christ,
Faye Nations

To all of you, I want to say I have a deep love for this association and a deep desire to see it grow more and more each year, with Christ at the Head I'm sure it wil. God Bless you always.

Faye Nations.

B Y - 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 and 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 session.

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 may 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 Savior 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: Baptisms or the immersion of believers in water and the Lord's Supper are ordinances 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.

