

MINUTES
of the
Western Free Will Baptist Association
63rd ANNUAL SESSION

August 15-16, 1969

BY-LAWS
QUARTERLY MEETING
ARTICLES OF FAITH
CHURCH COVENANT

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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Articles of Faith Church Covenant By-Laws

SESSIONS

Our next session will be at Beaver Creek Church at Andrews, N. C., on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Should it not be possible to have the session there, it will be at Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist Church at Alarka, Swain County.

The annual sermon will be given by Rev. Leonard Mayfield. If he is not present it will be given by Rev. Claude Bridges.

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened with Atoah Church
Robbinsville, N. C.
AUGUST 15th and 16th, 1969
The Association met at 10:20 A.M.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lelon Greene
Clerk	Bro. Robert Odiear
Assistant Clerk	Sister Frances Cloer
Devotional	Rev. Claude Bridges

SONG: "I Feel Like Traveling On"

House was announced in order by Clerk. Session was started with prayer by Rev. Roy Greene. Delegates were recognized and seated from each church. It was moved and seconded that Moderator select the committees. Moderator read a letter from the Saw Mill Hill Church requesting a leave of absence due to working on church. A leave of absence was granted. The following committees were appointed.

ARRANGEMENTS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Thomas Cloer

MEMBERS: Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Robert Odiear, Bro. Robert Freeman, Bro. Elmer Rogers.

REPORT

Friday Afternoon: Rev. Ted Laney

Saturday Morning: Rev. Jay Burnette

Saturday Afternoon: Rev. Albert Herron

SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Albert Parris

MEMBERS: Sis. Nellie Davis, Sis. Linda Herron, Sis. Frances Eller, Sis. Iona Freeman.

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 sources 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. We feel that parents should take their children to church and should be taught to live right.

MISSIONS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Vesta Campbell

MEMBERS: Bro. Julius Hall, Bro. Jay Burnette, Bro. Bill Russell, Sis. Frances Cloer.

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. Leonard Mayfield

MEMBERS: Bro. Elmer White, Bro. Lelon Greene, Bro. Thurman Greene, Bro. Claude Bridges.

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? 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 separte saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.

We agree that if 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.

RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Junior Maney

MEMBERS: Bro. Joe Greene, Sis. Ollie Greene, Bro. Glenn Eller, Bro. Robert Freeman.

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 and the churches come together in one mind and one accord.

It is best not to make a resolution unless you can keep it. We believe it would be good to have quarterly meetings throughout the year.

ORPHANAGE

CHAIRMAN: Sis. Mary Franklin

MEMBERS: Sis. Marilyn Maney, Sis. Della Parris, Sis. Iona Freeman, Sis. Eloise Corbin.

REPORT

We your committee on Orphanage feel that each church should send an offering each year to help support our children's homes, and to give as much love and help as possible to the children who have lost their parents.

We feel that we must strive to win those young souls to Jesus because they will help make up the church of tomorrow. We also recommend that our churches not forget to support and pray for our Old Folks Home at Burnsville, N. C. (Free Will Baptist Home).

The following church letters were read and adopted.

MT. VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association, which will convene with the Atoah Church Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16, 1969,

We send as delegates for Friday and Saturday, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Sis. Frances Cloer, Bro. Thurman Greene, Sis. Linda Herron, Sis. Mary Franklin, and Sis. Ollie Greene.

As delegates for Saturday only, Bro. Leonard Waldroup, Sis. Emma Waldroup, Bro. Charles McGaha, whom we pray sit with you in Godly deliberations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Religion: King James Version

Pastor: Rev. Albert Herron

Superintendent: Bro. Charles Welch

Assistant Superintendent: Bro. Clyde Jones

Secretary and Treasurer: Sis. Frances Cloer

Clerk: Sis. Ann Welch

Dismissed: None

Letters Granted: One (1)

Increased: Six (6)

Baptized: Four (4)

Officers and Teachers: Seven (7)

Sunday School: Good

Average No. of Attendance: Seventy-Seven (77)

Literature: Free Will Baptist

Ministers belonging to our Church: Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Clyde Nations,

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sr.	
Pastor's Salary	\$ 641.88
Home Mission	158.57
Bible School	65.00
Foreign Mission	89.00
Ministers	25.75
Flowers	41.00
Field Worker	21.72
Janitor and Secretary	90.00
Miscellaneous Items	200.60
Literature	79.47
Work on Church	2,722.34
Light Bills	68.75
Oil	133.10
Serviceman's Monument	50.00
Offering to Baptist Hospital	86.71
Total	\$ 4,473.89
Valuation of Church	\$10,500.00

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

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

CONLEY'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptist Church,
which will convene with the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church,
we send as delegates: Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Jay Burnette,
Sis. Ruth Burnette, Bro. Albert Parris, Sis. Della Parris, Sis.
Gladys Parris, Bro. Junior Nations, Sis. Myrtle Nations, Rev.
Roy Greene, Bro. Floyd Watkins, Bro. Collins Greene.

Pastor: Rev. Lelon Greene
Superintendent: Bro. Robert Odiear
Clerk and Secretary: Sis. Ethel Messer
Number of Deacons: Five (5)
Number of Classes: Four (4)
Increased: Three (3)
Decreased by Death: Two (2)
Average Attendance: Forty (40)
Membership: Sixty-one (61)

Ministers who hold membership with us are: Rev. Roy
Greene, Rev. Worley Wikle, Rev. Herbert Nations, Rev. Jay
Burnette, and Rev. Joe Greene.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Pastor	\$ 177.00
Field Worker	17.06
Other Ministers	38.54
Flowers	58.71
Light Bill	30.01
Treats for Christmas	60.00
Finished paying for and repainted Church Benches...	106.11
Bought two small electric heaters	20.58
Finished paying for Class Rooms	85.03
Put gravel in front of Church	22.46
Coal bill	26.27
Minutes	25.75
Literature	20.75
Other Church expenses	26.84
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Total	\$ 715.45
Valuation of Church	\$3,500.00

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

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene with the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church, Robinsville, N. C., we send as delegates: Rev. Paul Mayfield, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Bro. Willard Hardin, Bro. Robert Freeman, Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. Robert Morgan, Sis. Shirley Mayfield, Sis. Mary Russell, and Sis. Pauline Adams.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Paul Mayfield, Rt. 1, Hayesville, N. C.
Church Clerk: Pauline W. Adams, Box 535, Andrews, N. C.
Membership: (93)
Increased by Baptism: (5)
Decreased: (2) 1—by letter, 1—by request
Sunday School Superintendent: Charles W. Gibson, Jr.
Sunday School Secretary & Treasurer: Lorine Wise
No. of Classes: (5)
Average Attendance: (55)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valuation of Church property	\$8,500.00
Church and Sunday School expenses	608.07
Pastor's Salary	704.00
Visiting Ministers	37.06
Flowers	32.17
Minutes	25.75
Foreign Mission	36.00
Offering to sick and needy of our community	35.00
Refinishing Floor	60.85

Moderator: Rev. Paul Mayfield
Clerk: Sis. Pauline W. Adams

ATOAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes here at Atoah, we present as delegates: Bro. Glenn Eller, Bro. Elmer Rogers, Bro. Vester Campbell, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Sis. Fannie Eller, Sis. Grace Hooper, Sis. Mildred Wiggins, Sis. Alma Eller, Sis. Lois Eller, and Rev. Claude Bridges.

Pastor: Rev. Claude Bridges
Clerk: Mrs. Olean Beasley
Treasurer: Hugh Beasley
Song Leader: Jim Eller

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Superintendent: Arlin Jenkins

Assistant Superintendent: Glenn Eller
 Secretary: Olean Beasley
 No. of Active Members: (37)
 No. of Officers and Teachers: (7)
 No. of Classes: (3)
 Average Attendance: (45)
 No. of Deacons: (4)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings for Pastor	\$ 444.35
Visiting Preachers	40.00
Visiting Evangelist	36.33
Charity	60.00
Flowers	6.18
Insurance on Church	27.00
Christmas	28.45
Minutes	25.75
Literature	28.92
Oil	109.68
Light Bill	74.40
Miscellaneous	16.41
Total	<hr/> \$1,367.47
Valuation of Church property	\$8,000.00

Done in order of Atoah Free Will Baptist Church, August 2, 1969.

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

SAW MILL HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene with the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church this August 15-16, 1969. We send our Church report being unable to attend this year, hoping to be with you next year if the Lord be willing.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Clyde Nations, Jr., Rt. 3, Bryson City, N. C.
 Clerk: Lexie Winchester
 Church Membership: (68)
 No. of Revivals: (1)
 Increase during year: (1)
 Decrease: (2) By death, Bro. E. L. Greene and Sis. Emily McHan

Superintendent: Arvie DeHart
 Treasurer: Ethel Hall
 Pianist: Faye Nations
 No. of Classes: (5)
 Officers: (8)
 Average Attendance: (50)
 Preaching Sunday morning and Sunday night.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid our Pastor	\$1,558.97
Visiting Evangelist	100.00
Flowers	96.44
Light Bills	79.60
Fuel Bills	88.78
Music	105.45
Field Worker (one visit)	10.00
Literature	62.00
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Total	\$2,101.24

Done in order of Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church
this August 10, 1969.

Moderator: Rev. Clyde Nations
 Clerk: Lexie Winchester

Building larger auditorium. Have report of expenses next
year.

CONNELLY SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 6, 1969

To the Western Association for the Free Will Baptists, which will convene with the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church on August 15th and 16th of 1969, we send as delegates to sit with you in Conference: Rev. Elmer White, Bro. Junior Maney, Sis. Nellie Davis, Sis. Marilyn Maney, Bro. Print Blevins, Sis. Peggy Lindsey, and Rev. Julius Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Number of members on roll: (78), some inactive
 Number added to roll this year: (18)
 Number Baptized: (12)
 Number by Letter: (2)
 Number by Statement: (4)
 Number of Dismissals: (2)
 Number of Revivals: (2)
 Number of Teachers: (4)

Average Sunday School Attendance: (approx. 60)
Average Offering: (approx. \$70.00) Sunday night not included

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Superintendent: Bro. Bill Bollinger

Clerk: Sis. Nellie Davis

Secretary: Sis. Marilyn Maney

Treasurer: Bro. Herman Wilson

Choir Director: Bro. Junior Maney

Pianist: Sis. Sylva Jean Ward

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Ministers holding membership at our Church are: Rev.

Leonard Lindsey, P. O. Box 131, Connelly Springs, N. C.; Rev. Howard Honeycutt, P. O. Box 228, Rutherford College, N. C.; Rev. Elmer White, Rt. 1, Watauga, Tenn.; Rev. Julius Hall, Lenoir, N. C.; Rev. Charles Lowery, Morganton, N. C.

We have Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock and Preaching service at 11:00 o'clock. Prayer meeting each Wednesday night and special Singing Service every third Saturday night in every month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pastor's Salary	\$1,775.44
Visiting Evangelist	217.49
Visiting Singers (approx.)	100.00
Needy Families	215.33
Field Worker	40.00
Building Expense	190.58
Miscellaneous Expense	89.69
Fuel Oil	74.99
Flowers	112.79
Minutes	25.75
Christmas Treats and Pastor's Gifts	113.34
Janitor	300.00
Foreign Mission	100.00
Payments on Furnace	102.00
Grading and gravel for parking lot	281.75
Paid on Church Bus	215.00
Insurance on Church Bus	96.00
Bus repairs and gas	62.50
Total	<hr/> \$4,012.65
Church Valuation	\$9,500.00

Done in order of Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, August 6, 1969.

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Clerk: Nellie Davis

Conference was adjourned until the evening session.

Bro. Joe Greene dismissed the service.

SONG: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

SERMON: Rev. Elmer White

Evening session was opened with "Precious Memories". House was announced in order by clerk. Prayer by Rev. Julius Hall.

Committee reports were read and adopted.

It was suggested and passed, that a separate copy of delegate's names be sent with church letters to the Association to be given to Moderator.

Evening service was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Collins Greene.

SONG: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Sermon by Rev. Ted Laney, 14th chapter of Exodus, 29th verse. Everyone enjoyed the sermon on God's work.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M.

SONG: "I'm In The Gloryland Way".

DEVOTIONAL: Rev. Lelon Greene, 4th Chapter of Ephesians.

PRAYER: Bro. Glenn Eller.

House was announced in order by Clerk. Delegates were recognized and seated.

The following committees were appointed:

SESSIONS

CHAIRMAN: Bro. James Eller

MEMBERS: Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. Charles McGaha, Bro. Collins Greene, Bro. Print Blevins.

REPORT

Our next session will be held at Beaver Creek Baptist Church in Andrews, N. C., on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1970. Should it not be possible to have the Session there, it will be at Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist Church at Alarka in Swain County. The Annual Sermon will be given by Rev. Leonard Mayfield, if he is not present it will be given by Rev. Claude Bridges.

CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

CHAIRMAN: Sis. Pauline Adams

MEMBERS: Sis. Mildred Wiggins, Sis. Linda Herron, Bro. Albert Parris, Bro. Julius Hall.

REPORT

Beaver Creek: Refinished floors.

Conley's Creek: Painted benches, graveled yard.

Atoah Church: Repainted Church.

Mt. Vernon Church: Bought new pews, bought yard light, bought new piano, installed new water system.

Connelly Springs Church: Bought Church bus, painted Church pews, painted Church inside and out, tiled floors, graveled road and Church yard.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Leonard Waldroup

MEMBERS: Bro. Elmer Rogers, Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. Junior Maney, Bro. Floyd Watkins.

REPORT

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

Mt. Vernon Church: Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Clyde Nations, Sr., Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Claude Bridges.

Conleys Creek: Rev. Joe Greene, Rev. Herbert Nations, Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Jay Burnette.

Atoah Church: Rev. Glenn Eller.

Beaver Creek: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Paul Mayfield.

Saw Mill Hill: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Connelly Springs: Rev. Elmer White, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Howard Honeycutt.

Rev. Julius Hall has been licensed to preach.

OBITUARIES

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Joe Greene

MEMBERS: Sis. Nellie Davis, Bro. Albert Herron, Bro. Vesta Campbell, Bro. Leonard Mayfield.

REPORT

Conleys Creek: Bro. Odell Parris and Bro. Andrew Davis

passed away since our last Association.

Mt. Vernon Church: Bro. George Wood.

Saw Mill Hill Church: Bro. Elisha Greene departed from this life since our last Association. Bro. Greene was one of the oldest members in our Association. He has preached in most of our churches and was loved by all who knew him.

EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Bro. Julius Hall

MEMBERS: Sis. Della Parris, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Bro. Leonard Mayfield, Bro. Claude Bridges.

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 College. We further feel that parents should teach the Holy 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 this year if possible.

The following Minister's letters were read and adopted.
Rev. Joseph M. Greene:

I visited most of our churches in our Association this past year and I was welcomed by all. I enjoyed the fellowship with them. I helped some in revivals and I visited some sick people in homes and in hospitals. By the help of the Lord I can do more this year than I have done this past year.

I am sorry I don't have the amount of love offering given to me this past year. I don't have the number of miles I traveled this past year. I hope the Association will forgive me for not doing all that I could have done this past year. I love you all.

Yours truly,
Rev. Joseph M. Greene
Route 2,
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey:

To the 63rd Session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association.

For the past year I have pastored the Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church. I have attended my Church regularly except when I was called away in the service of the

Lord. God has been good to us at Connelly Springs, sometimes the way seemed a little slow, but I have seen many souls confess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Offerings received from my Church \$1,775.44. This does not count all love offerings I have received. I have preached in one revival, preached 2 funerals, baptized 12, and married one couple. I have done some radio work on WSUM Valdese. Number of times preached unknown. I have visited the prison camp, hospitals, and Western Carolina Center. I have visited many homes and prayed with the sick and unsaved. I hope to do more for God next year than I have this year that has passed.

Yours in Christ,
Leonard Lindsey
Box 131,
Connelly Springs, N. C.
Phone 874-8481

Rev. Claude Bridges:

To the 63rd Session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored the Atōah Free Will Baptist Church for the past two years and I have been re-elected for another year. It is very great to work with these people, they have been a blessing to me. I have made 82 trips, traveled 6,150 miles, preached 49 sermons, held 1 revival, with Rev. Jay Burnette as the Evangelist, baptized 1, received \$444.35, expenses \$250.00.

Rev. Claude Bridges
Route 2,
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Leonard Mayfield:

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association. I have attended church regularly the past year. I have run one revival and have preached at different churches. I have traveled a number of miles to church. I have visited and prayed in several homes.

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

Rev. Albert Herron:

To the 63rd Session of the Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored the Mt. Vernon Church for the past year. My work has been in the Church and community. I have preached about three times a week at the Church. We have

had several to join the Church this year. My offering has been approximately \$600.00.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Albert Herron
Route 2, Box 144
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Lelon Greene:

To the 63rd Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored Conleys Creek Free Will Baptist Church for the past year, and was re-elected for another year. Conducted 1 wedding and helped conduct 2 funerals.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lelon Greene
Box 123
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Elmer White:

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association. For the past 12 months I have preached in several different churches in North Carolina and Tennessee. I have preached in one revival with 7 confessions. Other than this revival I have preached 45 different times with 10 confessions. Love offerings received approx. \$200.00. I have visited and prayed with the sick in several homes and hospitals.

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

Rev. Jay Burnette:

I, Jay Burnette, send to the Western Free Will Baptist Association Annual Session of 1969 — to be held with the Atoah F.W.B. Church of Robbinsville the following report.

Revivals 2, Sermons preached 49, Sunday School Classes 32, Conversions 26, Homes visited 21, Homes prayed in 14, sick visited 19, miles traveled 2,430, expenses \$294.00, offering received \$91.82.

In the past year I've mostly Evangelized and worked wherever I was called. I ask the prayers of all my Brothers and Sisters that I will continue in the will of God, and do more in the coming year.

Rev. Jay Burnette
Route 2, Box 119
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Julius Hall:

To the Western Association annual meeting. I accepted my calling December 1967, my family and I joined the Con-

nelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church June 4, 1969. I was licensed June 11, 1969 to preach the wonderful gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For the past 12 months I have preached in 9 different churches and also have an appointment to preach at Liberty F.W.B. Church in Marion, Virginia and regular appointments at a rest home in Newton, N. C. I go quite often to the Caldwell County prison and have preached there also. We visited a number of hospitals and homes and prayed with them. I have preached in a number of cottage prayer meetings. There was 4 confessions under my preaching. I helped baptize 2, and have preached one funeral. I hope to do more for the Lord in the ministry in the future by his help.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Julius Hall
147 Clarks Chapel Rd.
Lenoir, N. C.

FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

Rev. Howard Honeycutt:

To the Western Association annual meeting of August 15 and 16, 1969.

For the past 12 months I, the Rev. Howard Honeycutt, have tried to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the very best of my ability. I have held one revival and helped in one revival. I have had 9 confessions under my preaching. Helped baptize 10.

I have preached the Gospel in 11 different churches. I have never missed an appointment at my church. I have visited the hospital many times and prayed with the sick. I am now pastor at the Cane Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Bakersville, N. C. I have received as a love offering \$311.00. As your Field Worker in the Association, I have visited the churches one time each and enjoyed every trip. I have traveled over one thousand miles as your Field Worker and received as a love offering \$112.30.

Field Worker's report was read and adopted.

Ordaining Council was appointed by Moderator as follows: Chairman, Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Jay Burnette, Rev. Elmer White, Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Field Worker was elected.

Rev. Jay Burnette was nominated but would not accept. He nominated Rev. Glenn Eller and Bro. Joe Greene seconded. The vote was 100%.

Business was adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

SONG: "Heaven"

DISMISSED BY: Rev. Julius Hall

SERMON: Rev. Jay Burnette

SATURDAY EVENING

Evening service was opened with "Almost Inside". House was announced in order by Clerk. Prayer was by Bro. Collins Greene.

Rev. Ted Laney requested to be taken into our Association. Moderator read a letter of dismissal from the Jack Creek F.W.B. Ministers Conference. Rev. Joe Greene made a move to accept and Rev. Glenn Eller seconded. The vote was 100%.

Rev. Ronald Creech was asked to give his testimony, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

Committee reports were read and adopted.

Election of officers for the coming year.

CLERK: Bro. Robert Odiear was nominated by Albert Parris, seconded by Thomas Cloer, vote 100%.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Sis. Frances Cloer was nominated by Lelon Greene, seconded by Albert Parris, vote 100%.

MODERATOR: Bro. Joe Greene nominated Rev. Claude Bridges, seconded by Thomas Cloer. Rev. Leonard Lindsey was nominated by Elmer White, seconded by Leonard Mayfield. Rev. Lelon Greene was nominated by Albert Parris, seconded by Bill Russell.

VOTE:

Rev. Leonard Lindsey — 11

Rev. Cladde Bridges — 25

Rev. Lelon Greene — 2

Rev. Claude Bridges was elected by majority for the coming year.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. Leonard Lindsey was nominated by Elmer White, seconded by Thomas Cloer, vote 100%.

By-Laws were discussed and adopted to keep as they were.

Rev. Ted Laney was given right hand of good fellowship into the Association. A love offering of \$36.00 was taken and divided between Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk.

There being no other business on hand it was moved by Lelon Greene and seconded by Glenn Eller to adjourn until next session.

Sermon for final service was preached by Rev. Albert Heron. It was a great sermon and was enjoyed by everyone. A

Christian handshake ended our 63rd Annual Session of our Association.

NOTE TO THE ATOAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

We would like to thank the Atoah Church for such wonderful fellowship and love that was given by each one. We think that on our first session at your Church there was a great effort put forth by everyone to make it a success. Hope to see everyone next year.

Clerk: Robert Odiear

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.

