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MINUTES OF THE

**WESTERN
FREE WILL
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

64th ANNUAL SESSION

BY-LAYS
QUARTERLY MEETING
ARTICLES OF FAITH
CHURCH COVENENT

AUGUST 14-15, 1970

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Articles of Faith - Church Covenant - By-Laws**

SESSIONS

Our next session will be held at Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist Church at Alarka, N.C. On Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1971. Should it not be possible to have the session there it will be at Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

The annual sermon will be given by Rev. Julius Hall. If he is not present it will be given by Rev. Jay Burnette.

MINUTES
OF THE
WESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Convened with Beaver Creek Church
Andrews, N. C.
August 14th and 15th, 1970
The association met at 10:05 A.M.

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Claude Bridges
Assistant Moderator Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Clerk Bro. Robert Odiear
Assistant Clerk Sis. Frances Cloer

Devotional: Rev. Leonard Mayfield
Song: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Prayer: Rev. Leonard Lindsey

House was announced in order by Clerk. Session was started with prayer by Rev. Leonard Lindsey. It was moved and seconded that Moderator select the committees.

The following committees were appointed:

ARRANGEMENTS

Chairman: Bro. Thomas Cloer
Members: Bro. Vesta Campbell, Sis. Ethel Hall
Bro. Bill Russel, Bro. Junior Berry, Bro. Robert Odiear.

REPORT

Friday Afternoon - Rev. Julius Hall
Saturday Morning - Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.
Saturday Afternoon - Rev. Glenn Eller

SABBATH SCHOOLS

Chairman: Rev. Jay Burnette
Members: Bro. Thurman Green, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Sis. Fannie Hardin, Sis. Dessie Parton.

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,

teachers and the Pastor should check all literature to be sure it is according to the Bible. We feel that parents should take their children to church.

We feel that parents and teachers should encourage the children and young people to stay in Church for Sunday School and preaching service.

MISSIONS

Chairman: Rev. Albert Herron

Members: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Glenn Eller, Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Rev. Leonard Lindsey.

REPORT

We your committee on Missions, are praying for the leadership of Gods Holy Spirit to lead us, the Pastors, to be more concerned and aware of the needs of home and foreign mission. We the ministers of our Association feel and believe that with your support we will be able to go farther in this field this year than ever before. We also believe that according to Gods word that men everywhere must repent to be saved. Man will not repent except they hear the gospel and we feel that it is our job to get the gospel out where they can hear it.

TEMPERANCE

Chairman: Sis. Faye Hardin

Members: Bro. George Rogers, Sis. Fannie Eller, Sis. Ollie Greene, Rev. Julius Hall, Sis. Lexie Winchester.

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 un-righteousness? 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.

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: Sis. Inez Gibby

Members: Sis. Della Parris, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Sis. Rachel Griggs, Sis. Mary Franklin, Sis. Lillian Hall.

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 through the year.

ORPHANAGE

Chairman: Bro. Vester Campbell

Members: Sis. Iona Freeman, Sis. Mary Barker, Sis. Ethel Hall, Sis. Linda Herron, Sis. Brenda Hall.

REPORT

We your committee on Orphanage feel that each Church should send an offering each year to support a childrens home of their choice. We feel that we should give as much love and help as possible to the children of our communities who have lost one or both of 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 Free Will Baptist old folks home at Burnsville, N. C.

Conference was adjourned until 1:00 o'clock. Bro. Leonard Mayfield dismissed the service.

Sermon: Rev. Leonard Mayfield.

5th Chapter St. Matthew

FRIDAY EVENING

Song: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Prayer: Rev. Lelon Greene

House was announced in order by the Clerk.

Committee reports were read and adopted.

Moved and seconded that conference adjourn until 9:30 A.M.

Saturday.

Dismissed by Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Sermon Rev. Julius Hall, from the 4th chapter 2nd Corinthians.

Everyone enjoyed the sermon of the three looks of Paul

SATURDAY MORNING

Song: Amazing Grace

Prayer: Rev. Lelon Greene

House was announced in order by Clerk at 9:45 A.M.

The following committees were appointed:

SESSIONS

Chairman: Sis. Glenda Mae Jones

Members: Rev. Glenn Eller, Rev. Ted Laney

REPORT

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CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Chairman: Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Members: Rev. Jay Burnette, Sis. Faye Hardin, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Bro. Roy Griggs, Bro. Thomas Cloer.

REPORT

Mt. Vernon Church - Trim in Sunday School rooms, rocked Sunday School rooms.

Conleys Creek Church - Bought picture for Church.

Saw Mill Hill Church - In process of reworking Church, we will give a full report next Association.

Atoah Church - No. changes.

Beaver Creek Church - Paneled Church, bought new door, bought picture for Church.

Connelly Springs Church - New pews, painting of old pews for Sunday School rooms, bought land for cemetery.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Chairman : Bro. Annis Tuck

Members : Bro. Collins Greene, Bro. LeRoy Seay, Bro. Willard Hardin, Bro. Bill Corbin, Bro. Clyde Jones.

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 Church : Rev. Jay Burnette, Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Herbert Nations, Rev. Joe Greene.

Atoah Church : Rev. Glenn Eller.

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

Saw Mill Hill Church : Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Connelly Springs Church : Rev. Elmer White, Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Howard Honeycutt, Rev. Julius Hall, Rev. Ted Laney.

OBITUARIES

Chairman : Bro. Vester Campbell

Members : Bro. George Rogers, Bro. Robert Morgan, Bro. Arvil DeHart, Sis. Cora Lee Bridges, Bro. Junior Berry.

REPORT

We your committee find the following people have passed away the past year :

Mt. Vernon Church - Sis. Geneeive Becker.

Atoah Church - Bro. Hobart Eller.

Connelly Springs Church - None

Beaver Creek Church - None

Saw Mill Hill Church - Sis. Nora Winchester Sutton.

Conleys Creek Church - Bro. Albert Parris, Sis. Polly Davis, Bro. Tom McIntyre.

We feel truly that our loss is Heavens gain.

EDUCATION

Chairman : Sis. Thelma DeHart

Members : Bro. Vester Campbell, Rev. Jay Burnette, Bro. Bill Russell, Bro. Leroy Seay, Sis. Ollie Greene.

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 feel that parents should teach the Holy Bible to their children at home. We think each Church should have a vacation Bible School this coming year if possible.

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 Beaver Creek Church Friday and Saturday August 14 and 15, 1970.

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

For Saturday we send: Bro. Thurman Greene, Sis. Ollie Greene, Sis. Frances Cloer, Sis. Mary Franklin, Bro Thomas Cloer, Sis. Mary Franklin, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Bro. Blackie Gunter, Bro. Clyde Jones, Sis. Glenda Jones, and Bro. Odis Smith, whom we pray sit with you in Godly deliberations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Religion: King James Version
Pastor: Rev. Albert Herron
Superintendent: Bro. Clyde Jones
Assist. Supt.: Bro. Leonard Waldroup
Secretary & Treasurer: Sis. Frances Cloer
Clerk: Sis. Ann Welch
Dismissed: None
Letters Granted: None
Deaths: 1
Increased: 13
Baptized: 12
Officers and Teachers: 7
Sunday School: Good
Average Number of Attendance: 75
Literature: Free Will Baptist
Ministers belong to our Church: Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Clyde Nations, Sr.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastors Salary	\$946.92
Home Mission	242.32
Foreign Mission	115.00
Bible School	72.54

Minutes	27.47
Flowers	20.00
Field Worker	13.00
Janitor	60.00
Miscellaneous Items	307.90
Literature	78.85
Work on Church	1,254.77
Light Bills	101.28
Oil	184.28
Offering to Baptist Hospital	68.78

Total \$ 3,493.04

Valuation of Church \$12,000.00

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

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

Conleys Creek Free Will Baptist Church

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists, which will convene with the Beaver Creek Church, we send as delegates: Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Jay Burnette, Sis. Ruth Burnette, Sis. Mary Barker, Sis. Della Parris, Sis. Cora Herron, Bro. George Rogers, Bro. Floyd Watkins, Sis. Gladys Parris, Bro. Collins Greene, and Rev. Joe Greene.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor: Rev. Lelon Greene

Superintendent: Bro. Robert Odiear

Clerk and Secretary: Sis. Edna Odiear

Number of Deacons: 4

Number of Classes: 4

Increased: None

Decreased by death: 2

Dismissed: 1

Average Attendance: 41

Membership: 58

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Paid Pastor	\$ 222.77
Field Worker	10.00
Other Ministers	24.25
Flowers	31.00
Light Bills	28.24

Treats for Christmas	73.12
Minutes	27.47
Literature	27.36
Home Mission	25.00
Foreign Mission	25.28
Janitor	30.00

Total	\$ 524.49
Valuation of Church	\$3,500.00

Moderator : Rev. Lelon Greene
Clerk : Edna Odiear

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene with the Beaver Creek F.W.B. Church, Andrews, N. C. We send as delegates: Sis. Fannie Hardin, Sis. Inez Gibby, Bro. Bill Russel, Sis. Iona Freeman, Bro. Robert Freeman, Sis. Faye Hardin, Rev. Leonard Mayfield, Rev. Paul Mayfield, Sis. Lola Joe Hardin, and Bro. Willard Hardin.

Church and Sunday School Report

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Mayfield

Rt. 1, Hayesville, N. C.

Church Clerk: Pauline W. Adams

Box 535, Andrews, N. C.

Membership: 94

Increased by baptism: 1

Sunday School Superintendent: Charles W. Gibson, Jr.

Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer: Lorene Wise

Number of Classes: 5

Average Attendance: 55

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valuation of Church Property	\$10,000.00
Church and Sunday School Expenses	669.63
Pastor	304.00
Visiting Ministers	320.16
Flowers	9.00
Minutes	27.47
Foreign Mission	58.45
Charity	50.17
Paneling and Doors	520.00

Donation on rural Fire Truck	35.00
Visiting Singers	68.75

Total\$ 2,062.63

Ministers holding membership in our church: Rev. Leonard Mayfield, and Rev. Paul Mayfield.

Moderator: Rev. Leonard Mayfield

Clerk: Pauline W. Adams

ATOAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene at Beaver Creek F.W.B. Church, Andrews, N. C. We send as delegates to sit with you in conference: Bro. Bill Corbin, Sis. Eloise Corbin, Bro. Brad Wiggins, Sis. Hildred Wiggins, Rev. Glenn Eller, Bro. Vester Campbell, Sis. Fannie Eller, and Sis. Grace Hooper.

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

Secretary: Olean Beasley

No. of active Members: 40

No. of Officers and Teachers: 7

No. of Classes: 3

Average attendance: 45

No. of Deacons: 4

Increase by letter: 1

Decrease by death: 1 - Bro. Hobart Eller

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering for Pastor	\$ 475.27
Visiting Preachers	26.50
Visiting Evangelist	32.00
Charity	50.00
Flowers	12.36

Insurance on Church	27.00
Christmas	23.63
Minutes	27.47
Literature	26.92
Oil	126.97
Light Bills	39.36
Miscellaneous	18.93
Plywood for tables	18.54
Painting Church	274.39

Total \$1,179.34

Valuation of Church property \$8,000.00

Done in order of Atoah Free Will Baptist Church, July 31,
1970.

Moderator : Rev. Claude Bridges
Clerk : Mrs. Olean Beasley

SAW MILL HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene with the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Church at Andrews, N. C. this August 14 and 15, 1970, we send as delegates : Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Sis. Faye Nations, Sis. Jean Winchester, Sis. Dessie Parton, Sis. Ethel Hall, Sis. Rachel Griggs, Sis. Nellie Lowe, Sis. Lexie Winchester, Bro. Arvil DeHart, Sis. Thelma DeHart, Bro. Annis Tuck, Bro. Roy Griggs.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Pastor : Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Rt. 3, Bryson City, N. C.

Clerk : Lexie Winchester

Church Membership : 66

No. Revivals : 1

No. added to roll this year : 1

No. dismissed : 3 by request

No. Deaths : 1 - Nora Winchester Sutton

Superintendent : Arvil DeHart

Treasurer : Ethel Hall

Pianist : Faye Nations

Choir Director : Clyde Nations, Jr.

No. of Classes : 5

No. Officers : 9

Average Attendance : 55

Preaching Sunday morning and Sunday night. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pastors Salary	\$ 1,234.31
Visiting Evangelist	100.00
Visiting Preachers and Love Offering	205.25
Flowers	81.56
Fuel	93.28
Power Bill	98.11
Literature	91.11
Miscellaneous expenses	103.60
Minutes	27.47

\$ 2,035.69

Expenses on new auditorium \$5,413.06

Total \$ 7,448.75

Valuation of Church Property \$25,000.00

Done in order of Saw Mill Hill Free Will Baptist Church
August 9, 1970.

Moderator : Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

. Clerk : Lexie Winchester

CONNELLY SPRINGS

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Western Association for the Free Will Baptists. Which will convene with the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Church August 14 and 15, 1970, we send as Delegates to sit with you in conference. Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Rev. Julius Hall, Bro. Jack Berry, Jr., Bro. LeRoy Seay, Sis. Lillian Hall, and Sis. Brenda Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

No. on Roll : 81 (some inactive)

No. added to Roll this year : 3

No. Baptised : 1

2 candidates for Baptism.

No. dismissed : 2

No. of revivals : 2

No. of teachers : 5

Sunday School attendance : approx. 60

Average offering : approx. \$70.00 (Sunday Night offering not included.)

OFFICERS

Pastor : Rev. Leonard Lindsey
 Superintendent : Bro. LeRoy Seay
 Clerk : Sis. Marilyn Maney
 Secretary : Sis. Dorothy Wheeling
 Treasurer : Bro. Herman Wilson
 Choir Director : Bro. Posey Maney
 Pianist : Sis Sylvia Jean Ward

Ministers attending Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church : Rev. Leonard Lindsey, Box 131, Connelly Springs, N. C. and Rev. Julius Hall, Lenoir, N. C.

REGULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
 Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
 Worship Service Sunday Night 7 : 00 P.M.
 Wednesday Night Services 7:00 P.M.
 Special Song Service every 3rd Saturday Night in each Month.

TREASURER 'S REPORT

Foreign Mission	\$ 125.00
Needy Family	235.05
Christmas gift for Pastor	55.00
Christmas bags and Fruit Baskets	97.08
Piano tuning	31.41
Oil Bill	108.34
Field Worker	20.00
Sunday School Literature	7.56
Minutes	27.47
Singing School Teacher	100.00
Visiting Preachers	263.85
Vacation Bible School	59.40
Flowers	146.85
Bank Note	208.00
Furnace Serviced	16.18
Song Books	32.49
Light Bill	41.79
Church Repairs	215.57
Janitor	287.50
New Pews	1,581.83
Land for Cemetary and Surveying	850.00

Pastors Salary	1,323.33
Total	\$5,833.65
Church Valuation	\$9,500.00
Done in order of Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, August 9, 1970.	

Moderator : Rev. Leonard Lindsey
Clerk : Marilyn Maney

FIELD WORKER'S REPORT

Rev. Glenn Eller

To the Western Association Annual meeting of August 14 and 15, 1970.

For the past 12 months as Field Worker I have visited and preached in the Churches of Western Association and have enjoyed the fellowship with each Church. I received \$55.00 in offerings.

I also enjoyed the fellowship with each Church.

Rev. Glenn Eller

The session was adjourned until 10:45 A.M. Session was dismissed by Rev Leonard Lindsey.

The house was announced in order at 10:55

Prayer by Rev. Glenn Eller.

Committees were read and adopted.

Rev. Julius Hall was ordained to preach God's Holy Word. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful service. He is a man that we believe God has called and that he will be a great servant for the Lord.

Meeting was adjourned until evening session.

Dismissed by Rev. Leonard Mayfield.

Sermon by Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

SATURDAY EVENING

House was announced in order at 1:20 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. Ted Laney.

Officers were elected.

MODERATOR: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr. was nominated by Thomas Cloer, second by Lelon Greene. Rev. Claude Bridges was nominated by Bill Russell and withdrawn by request of Claude Bridges. Leonard Lindsey moved that nomination cease, Thomas Cloer second. Vote was 100 per cent.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Bro. Bill Russell nominated Rev.

Lelon Greene, Leonard Mayfield second. Thomas Cloer moved that nomination cease. Vote was 100 per cent.

CLERK: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr. NOMINATED Bro. Robert Odiear, Lelon Greene second. Vote 100 per cent.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Rev. Lelon Greene nominated Frances Cloer, Bill Russel second. Vote 100 per cent.

Field Worker was elected:

Thurman Greene nominated Rev. Ted Laney, second by Thomas Cloer. Vote 100 per cent.

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Leonard Lindsey made the move a new committee be appointed from the floor by the Moderator.

Rev. Leonard Mayfield

Rev. Leonard Lindsey

Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Rev. Glenn Eller

Rev. Jay Burnette

Rev. Albert Herron

It was suggested by Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr. that a delegation from our Association be sent to the State Association in Gastonia, N. C. on May 3, 4, 5, 1971.

The following Delegates were appointed:

Atoah - Vester Campbell

Beaver Creek - Bill Russel

Saw Mill Hill - Clyde Nations, Jr.

Connelly Springs - Julius Hall, Leonard Lindsey

Conleys Creek - Robert Odiear

Mt. Vernon - Thomas Cloer

There being no other business on hand Conference adjourned until Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1971.

A love offering was taken for the officers.

Sermon: By Rev. Glenn Eller

Song: "If We Never Meet Again"

A fellowship hand shake ended the 64th session of our Association.

MINISTERS LETTERS

Rev. Herbert Nations :

To the Western Association meeting. For the past year I have preached the Gospel. I have preached in prayer meetings and some in Church. I have witnessed several confession. I have visited the Hospital and homes and prayed with the sick.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Herbert Nations
Rt. 1, Box 221
Flowery Branch, Ga.

Rev. Albvert Herron :

To the 64th Session of the Free Will Baptist Association,
I have pastored the Mt. Vernon Church for the past year and have attended each service faithfully. I have baptized twelve people and have married three couples. I have received \$946.92 in offerings from the Church.

I have visited most of the Churches in the Association this past year with our singing group and have enjoyed their fellowship very much.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Albert Herron
Rt. 2, Box 144
Bryson City, N. C. 28713

Rev. Leonard Mayfield :

To the 64th Session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored Beaver Creek Church since last September. I have traveled a number of miles and have visited in homes and prayed with them.

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

Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr.

Report to the Western Association of Free Will Baptist.
August 1969 - August 14, 1970.

I have pastored Saw Mill Hill Church at Lauada, N. C. for 11 years and am elected again for the 12th year.

Have traveled a lot to several Churches to help in services, and have worked hard to be active in God's work in all fields and have preached his word for 13 years, and with his help I

hope to go on until he calls me away.

I have conducted 5 funerals this past yer : have married 6 couples.

My offerings for Church and donations outside Church has been approximately \$1,300.00.

I would desire a very special prayer on my behalf.; from all the Preachers, Deacons and members of the Western Association.

God bless all of you,
is my prayer,
Sincerely,
Clyde Nations, Jr.

Rev. Claude Bridges :

I have pastored the Atoah Free Will Baptist Church at Robbinsville for the past 3 years and have now started on my 4th year. We have had a wonderful time this last year. We have seen quite a bit of improvement in our Church. We have a good singing choir of which I am very proud.

I have preached - 55 sermons

Traveled - 5,325 miles

Revivals - 2

Confessions - 16

Received as outside love offering - \$45.00

Atoah Church paid me - approx. \$475.00

Expenses - \$200.00

We are looking forward to another year with the Atoah Church. Pray for us.

Your brother,
Rev. Claude Bridges

Rev. Lelon Greene :

To the 64th Session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored the Conleys Creek Church for the past and went down to Valdese, N. C. in a weeks revival. We had a good time in the Lord, and I was elected as pastor back at Conleys Creek F.W.B. Church.

Yours in Christ
Rev. Lelon W. Greene
Route 2, Box 123
Bryson City, N. C.

Rev. Elmer White: To the Western Free Will Baptist Association. For the past twelve months, I have preached 50

times in several different Churches in Tenn. and N. C. and have been on radio station in Valdese for the past 6 months, 30 min. each week. I have conducted 2 revivals with 30 confessions, baptized 2, funerals one, love offerings \$125.00. I have visited several homes and hospitals and prayed for the sick. I have organized the Friendly Free Will Baptist Church in Hildabran, N. C. of which I am now pastoring.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Elmer White
Box 855
Valdese, N. C.

Rev. Joseph M. Greene:

To the 64th Annual Session. I am very sorry I can't be with you this annual Session. I will miss this session very much and I pray you will forgive me.

I have visited most of our Churches this past year, I have visited the sick, and I have visited the Hospitals and rest homes. I have attended my home Church most of the time this past year. Every Church that I visited this past year welcomed me very much, they were very kind to me, I love them all very much. And pray that you all will have a good session this year.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. May the Lord bless and keep you all until we meet again. We love you very much.

Yours truly,
Rev. Joseph M. Greene

Rev. Howard Honeycutt:

To the Western Association annual meeting of August 14 and 15 of 1970.

For the past 12 months I the Rev. Howard Honeycutt, have pastored the Cane Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Bakersville, N. C. I have been elected for 12 more months, have baptized 3, and 8 confessions under my preaching. I have visited the Hospitals many times and prayed with the sick. I have helped conduct 3 funerals. I have also been elected Pastor at the Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Tipton Hill, N. C.

I have preached the Gospel in several different Churches. And I hope to do more for the Lord in the next 12 months. I have received as love offering \$1,855.35.

Rev. Rev. Howard Honeycutt
Route 4, Box 70-A
Bakersville, N. C.

Rev. Jay Burnette:

I, Jay Burnette, send to the Free Will Baptist Association session of 1970 the following report.

2 revivals with 15 confessions, Home visited, prayed in and sick calls 32. Traveled 1068 miles with expenses approximately \$200.00, received \$90.50.

Again I ask my Brothers and Sisters in Christ to continue praying for me that I will do more in the coming year.

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

Rev. Julius R. Hall:

To the Eastern Association annual meeting August 15 and 16, 1970

For the past 12 months I have preached the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the very best of my ability. I have preached in 9 different Churches, held one revival in the state of Maryland and preached in 4 different states. There has been 5 professions of faith under my preaching.

I have standing monthly appointments in 2 rest homes, one in Conover, N. C. and the other in Morganton, N. C.

We also have visited the Caldwell Co. prison and the Hospitals and prayed with the sick. Have preached in several Cottage prayer meetings. We also visited the Childrens home in Greenville, Tenn.

I also teach the Adult class at Connelly Springs.

As a brother in Christ we desire your prayers that we may do more for the Lord in the next year.

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

Rev. Ted Laney:

To the Western Free Will Baptist Association. Greetings my Brothers in Christ. I have preached many times this year and seen a number of people saved. I have preached 2 funerals.

I have visited the sick and prayed for them. Where God leads I try to follow. With his help I want to do more for him next year.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ted Laney
Marion, N. C.

Rev. Leonard Lindsey :

To the 64th annual session of the Western Free Will Baptist Association.

I have pastored the Connelly Springs Free Will Baptist Church for the past year.

No. of revivals preached - one

No. Baptized - one (two more to Baptize)

No. of funerals conducted - two

No. of couples married - three

I have received \$1,323.33 from my Church. Love offerings and from other places not included.

I have preached in several other Churches and places such as radio and rest home. I have visited and prayed with the sick in homes and hospitals. All in all I feel that my work this year for our Lord has been the slowest of the five that I have been preaching. When I think about what God has done for us and then what we are doing for him, then our works seem very little. Pray for me that I may be the soul winner that God wants me to be.

Yours in Christ,
Leonard Lindsey

Note to the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Church :

On behalf of the entire Association, I would like to express our appreciation to the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Church for the interest and effort put forth by each one to make our session a success.

Thank you,
and God bless you,
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.

