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## OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY .....	Rev. Lee Whaley Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C. (Term Expires 1973)
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RESOLUTIONS:	Rev. John R. Newton, (1973); Rev. Travis Huffman, (1974); Rev. Oscar Gray, (1975).
PIANIST:	Grady Williams
ASSISTANT PIANIST:	Mrs. Ethel Whaley
NOMINATING COMMITTEE:	Rev. Homer Arrowood, Rev. Weldon Key, Rev. Lloyd Gray.
CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	
CHAIRMAN -	Bill Sawyer, (1975); Henry Scarborough, (1975); Rev. Thomas Rogers, (1974); Rev. Weldon Key, (1974); Rev. M. T. Sparks, (1973).

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BEN AVENUE .....	Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. James Pauley
BESSEMER CITY .....	Bessemer City, N. C. Rev. D. Lee Whaley
BOGER CITY .....	Boger City, N. C. Rev. Robert Rose
CENTER GROVE .....	Waxhaw, N. C. Rev. Oscar Sullivan
CRAMERTON .....	Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Roy Rikard
EMMANUEL .....	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Gather Summitt
EAST BELMONT .....	Belmont, N. C. Rev. Murray T. Sparks
FIRST CHINA GROVE .....	Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. Weldon Key
FIRST DALLAS .....	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Thomas Rogers
FIRST GASTONIA .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. William Calvert
FIRST MAIDEN .....	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Weldon Gill
FIRST STANLEY .....	Stanley, N. C. Rev. Sherman Branch
GOSHEN .....	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.
LOWELL .....	Lowell, N. C. Rev. Lloyd Gray
MARY GROVE .....	Cherryville, N. C. Rev. Ralph Willis
MOUNTAIN VIEW .....	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Homer Savage
MOUNT HOLLY .....	Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Homer Arrowood
OPEN DOOR .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Lester Hughes
PECAN GROVE .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Carl Steele
PLEASANT HILL .....	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Harold O'Dear
RIDGEVIEW .....	Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Vess Galloway
SPRINGWOOD .....	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. John R. Newton
WEST FIFTH AVE. ....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Oscar Gray

## CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVENUE, Kannapolis, N. C. — Rudy Joplin, Violet Upright, Judy Watts & Naomi Holt.  
BESSEMER CITY, Bessemer City, N. C. — Juanita Cornwell & Marion Rollins  
BOGER CITY, Boger City, N. C. — Mrs. Robert Rose, Mrs. Grady Williams, & Mr. Grady Williams  
CENTER GROVE, Waxhaw, N. C. — Gladys Sullivan, Sander Dawkine, Ester Dawkins, Susan Dawkins & Wanda Harris  
CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C. — Mrs. N. W. Holt, Mrs. Fannie Clubb, Mrs. Mae Black & Mrs. Nina Rikard.  
EMMANUEL, Dallas, N. C. — Debbie Smith & Betty Summitt  
EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C. — Elizabeth Sparks  
CHINA GROVE, Kannapolis, N. C. — Patsy Duncan & James Ruddell  
FIRST, Dallas, N. C. — Gene King  
FIRST, Maiden, N. C. — None  
FIRST, Gastonia, N. C. — Mrs. Grady Carroll, W. A. Bradley & Mrs. W. H. Calvert  
FIRST, Stanley, N. C. — JoAnn Astley, Annie Miskelly, Pat Hamrick & Rex Smith  
GOSHEN, Belmont, N. C. — None  
LOWELL, Lowell, N. C. — Mrs. Gaxie Gray & Mrs. Ruth Haney.  
MARY GROVE, Cherryville, N. C. — None  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Dallas, N. C. — None  
MT. HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C. — Mrs. Minnie Hester & Mr. Clarence Hester.  
OPEN DOOR, Gastonia, N. C. — Rev. Lester Hughes & James David Ruff  
PECAN GROVE, Gastonia, N. C. — Jack Anderson & Henry Gibson  
PLEASANT HILL, Maiden, N. C. — None  
RIDGE VIEW, Mt. Holly, N. C. — None  
SPRINGWOOD, N. Belmont, N. C. — Paul Wentz  
WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C. — None

## MINISTERS (Who Registered)

Sherman Branch, L. D. Gray, James Pauley, W. H. Calvert, Burel Bryant, Robert Rose, John R. Newton, Nathen Holt, Roy Rikard, Lester Hughes, Murray T. Sparks, Homer Savage, Thomas Rogers, Gather Summitt, Oscar Sullivan, Homer Arrowood, Oscar Gray, Ralph Willis, Wayne Norris, Drexler Benton, Weldon Key.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Frank McQuage, Rockingham, N. C.; J. W. Wooten, Rockingham, N. C.; Robert Hagler, Lexington, N. C.; Herman Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C.

## MISSIONARYS

Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Roy Thomas, Home Mission's Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. James Childres, Lenoir, N. C., Mrs. James Childres, Lenoir, N. C.

## VISITORS (Who Registered)

Mr. & Mrs. Horace Shoemaker, Mrs. Eveyleen House, Ronnie Rikard, Freddie Rikard, Jerry Ellington, Yvonne Ellington, Ola Riley, Peggy Bryant, Duane Merck, Barbara Orbison, Gloir May, Kim Keitham, Wayne Marlow, Patty Marlow, Ethel Whaley, Ted Davis, Mrs. M. T. Sparks, Coyt Joplin, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rikard, Judy Sanders, Nancy Pauley, Cornelia Calvert, W. R. Holt, Ramsey Sullivan, Stanley Wallace, Joseph Wallace, Frank J. Wallace, Marie Spencer, Leesa Calvert, Celeste Johnson, Cith Melton, Harold McManus.

## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE 1.** This Association shall be called, The Western Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptists' of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 2.** This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by the Free Will Baptist Churches who are members of this body. All ministers (licensed and ordained) and ordained deacons from our Churches shall be considered "standing" delegates.

**ARTICLE 3.** The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk, assistant moderator, treasurer, and other such officers, boards and committees as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of the body.

**ARTICLE 4.** Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates and one delegate for each fifty members over one hundred or a fraction thereof. This shall be in addition to "standing" delegates.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Churches shall send by the hand of their delegates a report of all work done by them during the year along with all statistics as will be helpful.

**ARTICLE 6.** This Association shall have an Executive Board who shall have authority to investigate and to receive Churches into this body. They shall conduct the necessary business of the Association when it is not in session. This board shall report its work annually to the Association and its work shall be subject to the approval of the body.

**ARTICLE 7.** This Association shall meet annually for business meetings and quarterly for fellowship meetings. The time and place of these meetings shall be decided by the body in its annual sessions. The Executive Board shall have leave to call "special" business when it becomes necessary, provided that the member Churches are properly notified.

**ARTICLE 8.** This Association shall have a council of ordained ministers whose duties shall be to investigate, license, and ordain ministers at the request of any member Church. They shall report their work to the Association annually, and all matters with regards to discipline shall be subject to the approval of the body.

**ARTICLE 9.** This Association recognizes the independence of the local Church, and the historic position of Free Will Baptists' relative to congregational Church government and therefore assumes no higher authority than an advisory capacity. This body assumes no rights over local Church property other than that which may be acquired by legal title.

**ARTICLE 10.** This Association by majority vote may withdraw fellowship from any Church or Minister found to be walking disorderly, contrary to sound doctrine and practices as believed by Free Will Baptists.

**ARTICLE 11.** Each Church or Minister in order to maintain fellowship in this body must report either by letter or in person to the Annual Associational meeting. Each Church should be represented by delegates.

**ARTICLE 12.** This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by vote of two-thirds majority, provided that such notice shall be given at the first session following permanent organization.

## BY-LAWS FOR THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

1. Each session shall be opened with prayer and suitable devotions.
2. The clerk and assistant shall be elected at the beginning of the first session of the annual meeting. The Moderator shall appoint the necessary committees at the first session.
3. The Moderator shall read the rules of decorum and call for adoption of the program.
4. The Executive Board shall have charge of the promotional work of the Association. The officers of the Association (as defined in the constitution Article 3) shall be members ex officio of the board. The board shall consist of six members, with two members being elected on a rotating basis. One for two years, and one for one year. One man will be elected for a two year term each year.
5. The ordaining council shall consist of three members, (ordained ministers in good standing) to be elected on a rotating basis. One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.
6. This Association is affiliated with the N. C. Association of Free Will Baptists' and the National Association. The treatise of the National Association is to be used, regarding our expression of faith and practices.
7. The Association approves and encourages the indifinite pastoral call.
8. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support the programs of our State and National Associations.
9. Each board and committee shall elect its chairman and treasurer. EXCEPTION: The Moderator of the Association is the chairman of the Executive Board and the treasurer of the Association is its treasurer.
10. A member may serve on as many boards and committees as he may be elected. EXCEPTION: No member may serve on the Executive Board and Ordaining Council at the same time.
11. Each Church shall send fifty cents per member (both active and inactive) with their annual report to the Association. This money shall be placed in the general fund and shall be used for the printing of the minutes and other Associational expenses.
12. Each Church should include in its report information concerning any minister who is walking disorderly (unfaithfulness, failure to tithe, etc.) The clerk of the Association should report this to the ordaining council

whose duties shall be to investigate such matters and make recommendations to the Association at the proper time.

13. Since the word of God requires faithfulness (I Cor.: 4:2) a minister in order to remain in fellowship with the Association must be faithful to his Church and Association. A Church must also be faithful. (see constitution article II)
14. A nominating committee shall be elected by the body at the last session of each annual meeting. Their duty shall be to present nominations for all associational offices (except committees appointed by moderator). The body shall have the right to nominate from the floor after this committee gives its reports, and all offices shall be filled by a majority vote.
15. These by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting, provided that a quorum be present.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The clerk, assistant clerk, or senior minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the moderator assumes his place.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used inasmuch as it pertains to Ecclesiastical bodies such as ours.
3. There shall be no conversation by members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
4. Every person wishing to speak must first rise and address the moderator and be recognized by him before speaking.
5. No person shall interrupt (except in extreme emergencies) another while he is speaking.
6. All motions made must be seconded and shall be opened for discussion. The body by majority vote may close discussions at any time.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes each time without special leave from the body.
8. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave from the moderator.
9. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and voted on separately.
10. Motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided that the chair shall be filled.
12. Any decision of the moderator may be overruled by a two-third majority vote.
13. Visiting brethren or sisters shall be entitled to be seated and accorded all the privileges of the body except voting.
14. Unlawful absense from the body denies a member voting privileges for that session.
15. It is urged that each member let Christian charity rule in every situation.
16. A quorum of at least nine members must be present in order to conduct any legal Associational business. These rules may be altered, amended, or suspended at any regular business meeting of the Association, provided that a quorum shall be present.

# **RULES AND BY-LAWS FOR LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS**

**Adopted August 23, 1969**

## **I. SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS**

In order for a brother to be publicly set apart and licensed or ordained to the gospel ministry by this Association, he must first meet the qualifications as set forth in the Holy scriptures, which we hold to be our only rule of faith and practice.

- (A) He must have been born again, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and made a new creature in Him. (Jn. 3:5-7, I Pet. 1:18-25, 2 Cor. 5:17.)
- (B) He must be called of God to preach. (Gal. 1:15-16, Heb. 5:4.)
- (C) He must meet the qualifications of a Bishop as set forth in the Holy Word of God. (I Tim. 3:1-7.)

## **II. ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. He must be a member in good standing for at least six months (to be licensed) and eighteen months (to be ordained) of A Church that is a member of this Association in good standing.
2. He must appear for examination before the duly elected ordaining Council of This Association with a letter of recommendation from his home Church, properly signed by the pastor and clerk, having been acted on by the Church in conference.
3. He must be faithful to his Church in all respects, in attendance, labor, and financial support (tithing). The Churches are requested not to recommend any man who is not faithful. (I Cor. 4:2.)
4. When a brother is licensed, his license shall be in effect for one year, provided that he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine. If he is ordained, his ordination shall be in effect for life, provided he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine.
5. When a brother is licensed, he shall be presented with the treatise of our National Association with instructions to study during his licensing period. When he appears for ordination he shall be expected to answer questions based on our treatise, with regards to Church policy, history, and Bible doctrines as believed by Free Will Baptists'. (2 Tim. 2:15.)
6. He shall be encouraged to use every available means to study the Word of God in order to better prepare himself for the gospel ministry. He shall be advised of the various Free Will Baptist Schools that are available to him.
7. Any brother coming to us from a sister Association (Free Will Baptist) shall be examined by the Council and received under the watchcare of the Association pending receipt of his letter and action of this Association in session. EXCEPTION: If he comes from a denomination whose policy is not to grant letters he may be received under the watchcare of the Association at the discretion of the Council subject to the approval of the Association in session.
8. These rules may be suspended or amended by a majority vote of the Association in session provided that a quorum is present.

### III. DISCIPLINE

1. The Association shall have the authority to discipline ministers only with regards to his standing in the Association. Matters of discipline with regards to his Church membership must be administered by the local Church.
2. A minister who is licensed or ordained by this Association shall be required to submit himself to the discipline of the Association with regards to his credentials which are issued by the Association.
3. If any person shall appear before the Ordaining Council with a just grievance of a private nature against a minister he shall be instructed to settle the matter according to the Word of God. (Matt. 5:22-24, Matt. 18:15-17.)  
After having exhausted all scriptural means of reconciliation the aggrieved may request investigation and action of the Council.
4. If any minister is the subject of discipline all charges must be presented in writing signed by the accusers. A copy of these charges must be presented to the minister at least thirty days before a hearing is held on the matter. The pastor of the minister's home Church must be informed of any charges pending against the minister. The minister so charged shall have the right to prepare his defense, and be represented by counsel of his choosing.
5. If charges arise against a minister which are of a public nature to wit; unfaithfulness, heresy, living in open sin, breach of Associational requirements, The ordaining council shall have the authority and take the proper action in accord with the rules of the Association. All matters of discipline against a minister shall be final only upon approval of the Association in session.
6. When the local Church disciplines a minister according to the Word of God, and it becomes necessary to withdraw fellowship from him, the Church should notify the ordaining council of its action and request that his ordination credentials be suspended. The council shall act in accord at the request of the church.
7. Each Church is expected to co-operate fully with the Association with regards to the discipline of ministers in order to encourage a sound and useful ministry among the brethren, failure to do so could effect the standing of the Church in the Association.
8. If a minister should be found guilty of charges that are properly presented against him, the Association may suspend his credentials as follows: First offense; for one year. Second offense; two years. Third offense; indefinitely.
9. All ministers of this Association are required to report to each annual Association either in person or by letter with a report of his work.
10. These rules of discipline may be suspended or amended by majority vote of the Association, provided that a quorum is present.

## DOCTRINE

1. **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in the store, as God hath prospered him." (1 Corinthians 16:2).
15. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
16. **Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

April 13, 1972

The Western Piedmont District Association, convened at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. at 7:00 P.M. Call to worship, with Brother Tony Rikard leading the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace," and "Send the Light." The Moderator, Brother Sherman Branch, had the Invocation, prayer by Rev. Roy Rikard. Offering for the Arrowood assembly was taken, offertory prayer by Rev. Branch. Special music by the King's Quartet from the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator, Rev. Sherman Branch, introduced the key note speaker, Rev. Robert Rose. Brother Rose read his Scripture from 2 Timothy 4:1-8 using verses 6-7-8 for his message. Brother Rose brought a wonderful message on Paul's letters to his Son in the Gospel Timothy. After the close of the message the Moderator appointed the Credential Committee, as following: Rev. N. W. Holt, Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. William Calvert. Rev. Roy Thomas from the National Home Mission Board brought greetings from the National Home Mission Department. Dismissed in prayer by Brother John R. Newton.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 14, 1972

The session opened with a song. Rev. M. T. Sparks led the congregation in singing "Wonderful Words Of Life," and "O How I Love Jesus." Invocation by Rev. Oscar Gray. Rev. James Pauley, host Pastor, welcomed the association to his church. Rev. Gather Summitt gave the Devotions. Prayer by Rev. Thomas Rogers. The clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, then called the Association to order, and presented the Moderator, Rev. Sherman Branch, to the Associational body. The Moderator read his scripture from Isaiah 54:1-5. His remarks were "Pain of growing in the Church and in the Association." He made a wonderful talk on Growing. Then read the By Laws and Rules of Decorum. M/S/C to adopt the program "Flexible" at the discretion of the Moderator. The Moderator then declared the House in order for business. The Credential Committee gave a partial report. M/S/C to adopt the report and to seat the delegates. The Nominating Committee gave a partial report. Mrs. Robert Parris was nominated to remain as Clerk and Mr. Grady Williams as Assistant Clerk. The report was adopted and Sister Parris was elected Clerk and Brother Williams Assistant, by the body. Roll call of minister's by the Clerk. Visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. Rev. & Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Home Missionaries sang a special, "How About Your Heart." Every one enjoyed their singing and their testimonies. The reports of all Executive Board meetings for the year was read by the Clerk. M/S/C to adopt the reports of the Executive Board. M/S/C to accept the China Grove Free Will Baptist Church into the Western Piedmont Association. Rev. Weldon Key is the pastor of this church. The session was dismissed for the 11:00 A.M. message. Brother Sparks led the congregation in a song, and Rev. & Mrs. E. B. Ledlow sang two specials. Brother Branch introduced the speaker of the hour. Rev. Roy Thomas from the Home Mission Department brought the message. Reading his Scripture from Eph 2:18-22. His message, "What we believe about the church: 1-The church must have a message, 2-The church must have a mission, 3-The church must have an example, a leadership, and the Word of God, 4-The church must have respect for their minister, and support him. 5-The church must have money and to have money it must have a membership." Brother Thomas brought a wonderful message on these five points. After the close of the service we were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Brother W. H. Calvert.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

April 14, 1972

The session convened at 1:30 P.M. Call to worship by Rev. Sparks leading congregation in "Standing On The Promises," and "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes". Rev. Thomas Rogers had the devotions, reading the 23rd Psalms for his Scripture. Prayer by Brother Gather Summitt. Rev. Branch had charge of the session. Brother Branch gave the Finance report on Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to adopt the report. Rev. Homer Arrowood gave report on the work being done on the Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to adopt the report. M/S/C to dissolve the Arrowood Assembly committee and elect a board of five on rotating bases. Two for three years, two for two years and one for one year. See these reports on other pages. Rev. Homer Savage gave the Ordaining Councils Report. M/S/C to adopt the report item by item. All items were adopted, see reports. Committee reports were given. Mission report was given by Mrs. W. H. Calvert. M/S/C to adopt the report. The Sunday School Report was given by Rev. W. H. Calvert. M/S/C to adopt the report. Mrs. Robert Parris gave the C.T.S. report. M/S/C to adopt the C.T.S. report. Rev. Branch and Rev. Rikard made talks on Insurance and Retirement. Rev. Sparks made a talk on Publications. He gave some points on the Importance for good Christian Literature for our youth. Brother Calvert gave a report on Master's Men. M/S/C to adopt his report. Mrs. N. W. Holt gave the report for the Home of Age. M/S/C to adopt the report. We had a special prayer for Brother J. W. Jones who is very sick. M/S/C to adjourn till 7:00 P. M. Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Clarence Hester.

## FRIDAY EVENING

April 14, 1972

Call to worship at 7:00 P. M. With Mrs. Annie Lee Miskelly, leading the congregation in singing "In Sweet By and By," and "There Is Power In The Blood." Prayer by Rev. Wooten. We had three visiting Ministers and the guest speaker and his wife. Rev. Frank McQuage from Rockingham, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Wooten, Rockingham, N. C.; Rev. Robert Hagler, Lexington, N. C.; Rev. & Mrs. James Childers, Sr., Lenoir, N. C. We had a special prayer for our Missionary Rev. E. B. Ledlow whose brother passed away this afternoon. The prayer was led by Rev. L. D. Gray. Special music by Gospletts from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Stanley, N. C. Our hearts were thrilled as the Gospletts sang, "The Lord Bless The People In A Mighty Way." It was a real blessing to be in a service and have the Lord pour out his blessings. After the singing Brother Branch introduced the Speaker, Brother James Childers, Sr., our home Missionary to Lenoir, N. C. Brother Childers read his Scripture from Psalms 126:1-6. His message was "bringing his sheaves with him and the three elements of Soul Winning: 1-We need to go, 2-we need to shed tears, 3-we need seed." He said we had to have all three of these points to be a good Soul Winner. Everyone was blessed by his message. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Frank McQuage.

## SATURDAY MORNING

April 15, 1972

Call to worship at 9:30 A. M. by Rev. Sparks leading the congregation in singing "There Is Power In The Blood." Prayer by Rev. Ralph Willis. Rev. N. W. Holt had the devotions, reading his Scripture from I John 3:4.

The Moderator Brother Branch had charge of the session.

M/S/C for the Executive Board to meet with the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Maiden, N. C.

M/S/C to revise the Church letter. The final report of the Credential Committee given by Rev. W. H. Calvert. M/S/C to adopt his report. 23 churches and all reported. 22 Ministers, 33 delegates, 44 visitors, 3 Missionaries. A total of 102 that registered. Total money received with letters and ministers cards, \$930.00 with letters, \$22.00 with ministers cards. A total of \$952.00. Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Kenneth Sigmon. M/S/C to adopt his report, see the report on other page. Brother Calvert read the Nominating Committees final report. M/S/C to adopt the report, see report on other page.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association at Durham in June. Delegates appointed were, Mrs. William Calvert, Mrs. Robert Parris, and Mrs. Roy Rikard.

M/S/C for the next annual association to be April 12-13-14, 1973, at the Boger City Free Will Baptist Church, in Boger City, N. C.

Quarterly meetings the last Saturday in the quarter. Places for the quarterly meetings this year. Pleasant Hill in Maiden, N. C. July 29, 1972; West Fifth Avenue, October 28, 1972; and Bessemer City, January 27, 1973.

M/S/C to raise the Clerk's pay to \$75.00 a year.

Dismissed from the business session for the 11:00 A.M. message. Brother Sparks led the congregation in a song, special music. A quartet by Rev. & Mrs. W. H. Calvert and Rev. & Mrs. M. T. Sparks. A solo by Mrs. Childres, "I Had Rather Have Jesus Than Anything."

Brother Branch introduced the speaker, Rev. Weldon Key. Brother Key read his Scripture from II Timothy 4:6-8. His message was "The Blessed Assurance of Three Looks. 1-Downward look, the death of Paul; 2-the backward look, to take off the weights; 3-the forward look, The rewards." Brother Key brought a wonderful message on the Life of Paul. After the message the resolutions committee gave their report. M/S/C to adopt their report.

M/S/C to give the host Church and the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks.

The association was dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. D. Gray.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

JUNE 12, 1971

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Stanley, N. C. at 6:00 P.M. With six members present. Those present were Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Robert Rose, Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mr. Horace Shoemaker, and Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Homer Arrowood was absent. The Moderator Brother Branch called the meeting to order, prayer by Brother Shoemaker. There were some items discussed. The Clerk is to write the Pleasant Hill Church in Maiden, N. C. about meeting with them at the next Quarterly Meeting in October. Also to write all committee chairmen about getting their committees together at least one time a year and have their report ready for the annual meeting in April. Pastors Appreciation Day was discussed we are asking each church to sit aside one Sunday a year to have Pastors Appreciation Day. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting at the Ridgeview Church was made out. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Rose.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Horace Shoemaker  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Mr. Deese Hunsucker

OCTOBER 9, 1971

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, N. C. with six members present. They were Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mrs. Robert Parris. Mr. Shoemaker was absent. Brother Branch called the meeting to order. The Clerk, Mrs. Parris, read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read. The Clerk is to remind all the Churches of the Pastors Appreciation Day. Brother Arrowood had a request from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas requesting to join the Western Piedmont Association, as it is a rule of this Association for the Executive Board to meet with new churches and question them, Rev. Arrowood made a move, Brother Sigmon seconded the move, that the Executive Board meet with this Church Friday night October 15, 1971 at 7:00 P.M. Move was carried. There was a recommendation from the Western Piedmont Minister's Fellowship to the Executive Board that we allow one item of business at the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting. The item of business is to elect a Board of Directors for the Arrowood Assembly, one member from each financial support church. M/S/C to accept their recommendation. The program for the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, which will meet at the Pecan Grove Church October 23, was made out. M/S/C that the Mt. Holly Church be in charge of the music. M/S/C to have Rev. James Pauley from Kannapolis, for the guest speaker. M/S/C to adjourn till next meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Deese Hunsucker.

OCTOBER 15, 1971

The Executive Board met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, N. C. with six members present, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Robert Rose,

Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Gather Summitt was Proxy for Mr. Shoemaker. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to question the church about wanting to join the Western Piedmont Association. There was a good number of the church members present at this meeting. After the devotions Brother Branch had charge of the meeting. He informed the Church about their duties to the association. He then gave the church a chance to ask questions. He also asked the members of the Executive Board if they had anything they wanted to ask the church. Brother Kenneth Sigmon made some wonderful remarks about the Piedmont Bible Institute. The Executive Board then met in one of the Sunday School rooms and discussed taking in the church. After prayer and discussing the matter, there was a M/S/C to accept the church under watch care of the Executive Board then returned to the Church auditorium and Brother Branch informed the church of the Boards decision.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Mr. Horace Shoemaker  
Mr. Deese Hunsucker.

#### OCTOBER 23, 1971

The Quarterly Fellowship Meeting was at the Pecan Grove Free Will Baptist Church, with a large crowd attending.

Mr. Chuck Gates from Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church was in charge of the music program. The youth choir did the singing, lead by Brother Chuck Gates, they did wonderful singing. We had twelve churches represented. There was one item of business. The Moderator, Brother Branch, had charge. M/S/C to have a board of directors for Arrowood Assembly, one member from each supporting (financially) church. Each church is to elect one from their church.

Brother Branch introduced the speaker, Rev. James Pauley from Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis. Brother Pauley brought a wonderful message. Reading his Scripture from II Kings 6: 1-7. His text was "the lost ax head."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. William Calvert.

#### JANUARY 11, 1972

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute all members were present. Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mr. Horace Shoemaker, Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Branch called the meeting to order. Prayer by Rev. Rose. The Clerk, Mrs. Parris, read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

M/S/C to have the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting at the Springwood Church, the program for the meeting was made out, M/S/C for the Goshen Church to have charge of the music. M/S/C to get Rev. Clarence Campbell from Marion, N. C. to be the guest speaker. M/S/C to set a fee of \$25.00 for the guest speaker.

M/S/C to adjourn till next called meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Deese Hunsucker.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Mr. Horace Shoemaker  
Mr. Deese Hunsucker

## **FEBRUARY 22, 1972**

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute with six members present, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mrs. Robert Parris, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon and Mr. Horace Shoemaker. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. The Moderator, Brother Branch, called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Shoemaker. The program for the annual meeting at Kannapolis was made out. Brother Arrowood made a motion, Brother Shoemaker seconded the motion, that Rev. Robert Rose bring the key note message, motion carried.

M/S/C to get Rev. Jason Salyer to bring the message Friday morning at 11:00 A.M.

M/S/C to have Rev. James Childers, Sr. for the Missionary speaker Friday evening at 7:00 P.M.

M/S/C to have Weldon Key to bring the message Saturday morning.

M/S/C to have Commercial Printers, Inc. to print the Programs, and to have 1,000 printed. Brother Branch is to call Rev. Childers. Brother Arrowood to call Rev. Salyer. Mrs. Parris to call Rev. Key.

M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Sigmon.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer  
Mr. Horace Shoemaker

## **REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL OF WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**MAY 22, 1971**

The Ordination Board of the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Open Door Free Will Baptist Church in East Gastonia. All members of the Board were present. The following items of business were discussed and approved:

1. Drexler Benton would serve as the Chairman of the Board.
2. D. Lee Whaley would act as secretary.
3. The Board would meet on Friday nights before the regular Quarterly meetings of the Association.
4. The regular meeting place of the Ordination Board would be at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

The Board adjourned its business meeting and entered into the ordination of Brother Charles Ruff. Rev. Homer Savage preached the ordination sermon.

## **JULY, 1971**

The Ordination Board met at the Bessemer City Church. All members of the Board were present. Rev. Drexler Benton called the meeting to order. Rev. Homer Savage led in prayer after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Wayne Dills from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia brought a letter of recommendation from his church, requesting the Ordaining Council to approve Brother Dills to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year under the watch care of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia. After asking Brother Dills some questions pertaining to his call to preach, a motion was made and seconded that we grant the request. This motion was carried. The Board then instructed Brother Dills to ask his Pastor to prepare a certificate of licenses properly signed by the Pastor and the church clerk to be presented to him in a regular church service.

A motion was made and seconded to request the Executive Board of the Western Piedmont Association to purchase a brief case for the ordination records to be kept in. The motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn.

## **OCTOBER 22, 1971**

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Church with Rev. Drexler Benton and Rev. D. Lee Whaley present. Rev. Homer Savage was absent because of illness.

Brother Benton called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following business was transacted:

1. Raymond Johnson, Jr. from West Fifth Avenue Church brought a letter from his church requesting the board to approve his licenses to preach for one year under the watch care of his church. After asking Brother Johnson several questions pertaining to his call to the ministry, a motion was made and seconded that we grant his licenses. The Board then instructed Brother Gray, Pastor of West Fifth Avenue Church to prepare a certificate of licenses and present it to Brother Johnson at a regular service in his church.
2. Rev. Oscar Gray applied to the Board for a transfer from the Tidewater Association of Virginia to the Western Piedmont Association on promise of a letter from the Tidewater Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Brother Gray on the condition as stated above.
3. Rev. Pauley, Pastor of the Ben Avenue Church applied for membership in the Western Piedmont Association on promise of a letter of transfer from the Progressive Association in Alabama. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive him on promise of a letter of transfer.

A motion was made to adjourn.

## **JANUARY 28, 1972**

The Ordination Council met at the Bessemer City Church with all board members present. Rev. Benton called the meeting to order and Brother Savage led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bert Mayes came from West Fifth Avenue Church requesting licenses to preach the Gospel. After questioning him concerning his call to the ministry, a motion was made and seconded to grant Brother Mayes licenses for one year to serve under the watch care of his local church. It was recommended that he attend the Piedmont Bible Institute or the equivalent for at least one year. Motion carried.

Burel Bryant came from the Cramerton Church with a recommendation that he be examined for ordination since he has been licensed for one year. A

motion was made, seconded and carried that he be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel.

Rev. Gather Summitt came with recommendation from the Emmanuel Church in Dallas asking that he be examined for ordination since he has been licensed for one year. After asking several questions on his doctrinal belief a motion was made, seconded, and carried that he be ordained.

A motion was made that we adjourn.

## REPORT OF ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY

During our last report, we reported our plans were to build a building to accommodate (200) people. We reported a contractor had been employed and grading was to soon begin.

We would like to report that plans are well on their way. We have went a long way on our building, we now have the roof on the building, much of our electrical work has been completed, and our plumbing has all been rough in. We are hoping in the very near future to get our floor poured, and get it to where we can use it if only in the rough. We are not as far along as we had hoped to be by this time of the year, but we are not making excuses we have been hendered by several things one thing has been the weather also the State Health Inspector has held us up. They have not as of yet approved our completed plans. They said they were well pleased with what we have done up to this time. We would like to encourage all our people to help us sell the bonds we still have on hand, we need the money to continue our building. Interest may have to be raised on our long term bonds. We are planning a working Saturday, the 22nd beginning at 8:00 A.M. We have Mr. Messer a carpenter from Black Mountain, N. C. who is planning to be there to help us and guide the work. We would like to encourage all our pastors to be there and bring some of your men from the church to help.

Respectuflly Submitted:  
Homer Arrowood  
Roy Rikard  
Sherman Branch

Treasurer Report for Arrowood Assembly Bond Program.

### MONEY RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES FROM MARCH, 1971 THRU MARCH, 1972

Cramerton	\$1,406.00
First Stanley	770.00
Ben Avenue	765.40
Mt. Holly	674.40
First Gastonia	668.80
Lowell	503.00
Goshen	500.00
West 5th Ave.	346.10
Ridge View	285.00
Mt. View	275.00
Boger City	139.60
East Belmont	120.00
Open Door	112.00
Mary Grove	102.00
First Dallas	57.10
Emmanuel	48.00

First China Grove	30.00
First Bessemer City	27.75
Springwood	25.00
First Maiden	5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,860.15</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch

## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Piedmont Bible Institute is recommended for all Free Will Baptist and others who may be interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Bible as well as Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

We commend the Piedmont Bible Institute and Free Will Baptist Bible College for their faithful service to the denomination, and we encourage each church to support both facilities with its prayers as well as financial support.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Grady Williams  
Robert Rose

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

Where as, we members of the Mission Board would like to recommend more emphasis on missions among our people. A type of mission that will concern our young people. We are losing some for lack of youth fellowship and training. And we think one of the best ways is to have camp. Therefore, we recommend everyone to do their best to get Camp Arrowood completed as early as possible. We feel this is a Mission work which needs much prayer and financial support.

Respectfully Submitted  
Georgia Calvert  
Nina Rikard

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We are thankful for the way the Lord has blessed our Sunday School work in our churches. From all of the reports we have received most, all of our churches had a good growth in their Sunday Schools this year. We recommend that the pastors of all our churches encourage their teachers to attend the Piedmont Bible Institute in our district. We believe in doing so they will be better prepared to teach the Word Of God. We farther recommend that a Sunday School Work Shop be held once a year in our district, and that the Sunday School Board be in charge of setting up such a work shop.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Wayne Smith  
John Lutz  
William Calvert

## REPORT OF C.T.S. BOARD

The C. T. S. Board met May 23, 1971, at the Piedmont Bible Institute, Members present were Hubert Rikard and Johnnie Murphy. A rally was planned for the First Church in Stanley, N. C. Rev. Bronco West was the Speaker. The board voted at the meeting to change the name of the rally from C. T. S. Youth Rally to C. T. S. Rally. We had a C. T. S. State Rally in October, 1971 at the First Church in Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Ken Riggs was the Speaker.

The Board met February 21, 1972, to plan the annual meeting on March 18, 1972 at the Cramerton Church. Competition was held at this meeting. The winner that will represent us in the State Association Meeting are the Bible Tic Tac Toe team from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. These girls are Leesa Calvert, Marie Spencer, Celeste Johnson. The Crusader Declamation from Cramerton Church is given by Glenda Sutton. The speaker for this meeting was our National C. T. S. Director, Samuel Johnson. All our meetings and rallies were successful and inspiring.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Johnnie Murphy  
Herbert Rikard.

## MASTER'S MEN REPORT

We urge all churches that do not have a Master's Men to start one and seek to enlist all the men in our churches. We also recommend that one be organized to include our young men of our churches.

We recommend for the young group to include ages 13-35.

We suggest that a district organization of the Master's Men be formed, and that they meet once a year.

We recommend that the Master's Men Board be in charge of getting together the men of our district to organize the district meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:  
W. H. Calvert, Chairman  
Oscar Sullivan

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

We the Board of Publications recommend that we keep good Christian Literature before our children, for them to read, and that our people have family devotions, and family prayer. That we encourage our people to use more Christian tracks, and to distribute them.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. D. L. Whaley

## HOME OF AGE REPORT

We your board would like to recommend that each church visit the rest home in Burnsville, N. C. At the present time there is five residents in the home. We thank the Lord for people who will use their time to help look after those who are not able to help themselves. Remember to pray for the

ones in charge of the home, and pray that God will provide their every need. Right now the home is in need of several half bed mattersses. We would like to recommend that our auxiliaries take this as a project.

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Waureen Arrowood  
 Elizabeth Norwood  
 Nrs. N. W. Holt

## REPORT OF RESOLUTION BOARD

1. Be it resolved that the parents of our churches and our ministers take a firm stand in declaring the Bible standards on fashions and changing morals in our days
2. Be it resolved that we urge our churches and pastors to take an offering for the Arrowood Assembly, on the 4th Sunday in May every year.
3. Be it resolved that we give the host church and the out going officers a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Rev. John R. Newton  
 Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

## TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL, 1971 TO APRIL, 1972 FOR WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Balance Brought Forth April, 1971 . . . . .	\$ 209.87
Received Last Association . . . . .	868.50
Received Since Last Association . . . . .	20.00
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>1,098.37</b>
<b>Paid Out . . . . .</b>	<b>581.46</b>
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>516.91</b>

## ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

Mrs. Robert Parris For Stamps, Paper And Large Envelopes . . . . .	11.40
N. C. State Association . . . . .	25.00
O. G. Penegar For Rubber Stamp For Western Piedmont Association of F.W.B. . . . .	2.00
Mrs. Robert Parris Salary . . . . .	120.00
James B. Rice Speaking At Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	25.00
Rev. James Pauley, Speaking At Quarterly Meeting. . . . .	25.00
Commercial Printers, Inc. For Minutes . . . . .	329.47
Rev. Clarence Campbell, Speaking At Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	25.00
Mrs. Robert Parris, Mailing Expense. . . . .	18.59
<b>Total Expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 581.46</b>

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Robert Rose
Vice Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Ralph Willis

Clerk . . . . .	Mrs. Robert Parris
Assistant Clerk. . . . .	Mr. Grady Williams
Treasurer . . . . .	Mr. Kenneth Sigmon
Member Executive Board. . . . .	Mr. Deese Hunsucker
Member Executive Board. . . . .	Rev. Sherman Branch

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman . . . . .	Rev. Drexler Benton
Secretary . . . . .	Rev. D. L. Whaley
Member . . . . .	Rev. John R. Newton

## ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

Assistant Treasurer. . . . .	Rev. Sherman Branch
Christian Education . . . . .	Grady Williams
	Dean Bryant
	James Pauley
Missions . . . . .	Mrs. Georgia Calvert
	Elizabeth Branch
	Nina Rikard
Sunday School. . . . .	Wayne Smith
	Rev. W. H. Calvert
	Bobby Combs
C.T.S. . . . .	Johnnie Murphy
	Herbert Rikard
	Harold Rector
Insurance and Retirement . . . . .	Rev. L. C. Rankin
	Rev. Gather Summitt
	M. T. Sparks
Publications . . . . .	Mrs. Ethel Whaley
	Rev. Lee Whaley
	Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.
Master's Men . . . . .	Rev. Oscar Sullivan
	Jerry Ellington
	Charles Floyd
Home of Age. . . . .	Mrs. Homer Arrowood
	Elizabeth Norwood
	Maxie Gray
Resolutions . . . . .	Rev. John R. Newton
	Rev. Travis Huffman
	Rev. Oscar Gray
Pianist . . . . .	Grady Williams
Assistant Pianist . . . . .	Ethel Whaley
Nominating Committee. . . . .	Rev. Homer Arrowood
	Rev. Weldon Key
	Rev. L. D. Gray

## CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman, Bill Sawyer
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## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

APRIL 1971 TO APRIL 1972

**BEN AVENUE:** Kannapolis, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. James Pauley, 613 Ben Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, 620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 155. Members received: 19. By letter-3, By baptism-3, by statement-13. Members dismissed: 40. By letter-5, excluded-35. Sunday School enrollment: 165. C.T.S.: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 17. Total offering received: \$20,799.42. General offering: \$19,043.79. Building fund-\$1,756.45, Pastor's salary-\$4,300.00, Evangelistic work-\$231.00, Building and repairs-\$6,982.60. Literature-\$889.96, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$317.20, Miscellaneous-\$4,060.26, Others-\$453.60, \$921.21. Total local expenditures: \$18,150.83. Foreign Missions-\$200.00, Education-\$190.00. Total outside expenditures: \$390.00. Value of Church Property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage: \$12,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$77.50.

**BESSEMER CITY:** Bessemer City, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. D. Lee Whaley, P. O. Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Linda Sneed, Route #1 Box 517, Bessemer City, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 46. Members received: 10. By baptism-3, by letter-5. Members dismissed: 40. By letter-1, excluded-38, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 90. C.T.S.: 25. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$8,781.45. Building fund-\$500.00, Pastor's salary-\$4,160.00, Evangelistic work-\$450.00, Building and repair-\$500.00, Literature-\$300.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$80.00, Miscellaneous-\$480.00, Others-\$150.00, Fund for bond-\$2,400.00. Total local expenditures: \$8,720.00. Value of Church property: \$40,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$24.00.

**BOGER CITY:** Boger City, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Robert Rose, 128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Grady Williams, Route #2 Box 459, Dallas, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 5. Church Membership: 35. Members received: 3. By letter-3, by baptism-0, by statement-0. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-3, Sunday School enrollment: 75. C.T.S.: 29. Woman's Auxiliary: 5. Total offering received: \$6,975.80. General offering: \$6,875.80. Pastor's salary-\$1,565.00, Evangelistic work-\$660.00, Literature-\$135.50, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$16.00, Others-\$493.94. Total local expenditures: \$4,250.69. Cooperative plan or unified program-\$25.00, Home Missions-\$10.00, Superannuation-\$30.55, Association Projects-\$153.60. Total outside expenditures: \$319.15. Value of Church property: \$35,000.00. Value of Parsonage: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$26.00.

**CENTER GROVE:** Waxhaw, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Oscar Sullivan, 51 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Gladys Sullivan, 51 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

Church membership: 50. Members received: 9. By baptism-7, by statement-2. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-3. Total offering received: \$6,196.10. General offering: \$5,754.30. Building fund-\$446.80, Pastor's salary-\$1,040.00, Evangelistic work-\$40.00, Building and repair-\$674.48, Literature-\$95.89, Advertising (radio, programs, etc.)-\$48.00, Miscellaneous-\$404.38, Others-\$200.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,502.75. Other: \$20.00, \$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$45.00. Value of Church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

**CRAMERTON:** Cramerton, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Roy Rikard, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Robert Parris, Route #2 Box 503, Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 3. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 214. Members received: 29. By baptism-16, by letter-5, by statement-8. Members dismissed: 71. By letter-2, excluded-67, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment-354. C.T.S.: 285. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 32. Total offering received: \$45,990.00. Pastor's salary-\$8,580.00, Evangelistic work-\$400.00, Building and repair-\$4,500.00, Literature-\$2,800.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$790.00, Miscellaneous-\$4,500.00, Other-\$8,000.00. Total local expenditure: \$29,570.00. Foreign Missions-\$2,080.00, Home Missions-\$2,080.00, Education-\$2,600.00, Orphanage-\$200.00, Superannuation-\$560.00, Associational Project-\$1,500.00, State and National Project-\$700.00, Other-\$5,169.00. Total outside expenditure: \$14,809.00. Value of Church property: \$275,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$107.00.

**EMMANUEL:** Dallas, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Gather Summitt, Route #2 Gastonia, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Miss Debbie Smith, Maple St., Dallas, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 23. Members received: 13. By baptism-5, by letter-1, by statement-7. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-6. Sunday School enrollment: 25. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$3,199.30. General offering: \$441.25. Pastor's salary-\$505.00, Literature-\$89.96. Total local expenditure: \$592.96. Other-Arrowood Assembly: \$48.00. Value of Church property: \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$14.00.

**EAST BELMONT:** Belmont, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. M. T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 60. Members received: 2. By baptism-2. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-1, excluded-4, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 84. C.T.S.: 14. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received: \$10,162.00. General offering: \$8,462.00. Building fund-\$1,700.00, Pastor's salary-\$5,330.00, Evangelistic work-\$50.00, Building and repair-\$2,450.00, Literature-\$240.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$26.00, Miscellaneous-\$800.00. Total local expenditures: \$8,896.00. Foreign Missions-\$60.00, Home Missions-\$60.00, Associational Project-\$120.00. Total outside expenditures: \$240.00. Value of Church property-\$45,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$30.00.

FIRST CHURCH: China Grove, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Weldon Key, 1606 Vincent St., Kannapolis, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Nancy Davis, 516 Garden Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 132. Members received: 47. By baptism-30, by letter-12, by statement-5. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 190. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Total offering received: \$12,737.91. General offering: \$10,337.91. Building fund-\$2,300.00, Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Evangelistic work-\$210.00, Building and repair-\$5,152.61, Literature-\$1,215.06, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$50.00, Miscellaneous-\$742.32, Other-Piano Furniture and Buses-\$1,913.64. Total local expenditures: \$15,188.40. Foreign Missions-\$371.67, Home Missions-\$163.33, Associational Project-\$42.75, Other-\$30.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,225.23. Value of Church property: \$20,000.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Thomas Rogers, 603 S. Lorraine St., Dallas, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Carolyn Queen, 300 Valley St., Stanley, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 53. Members received: 19. By baptism-19. Members dismissed: 3. Excluded-3. Total offering received: \$6,381.75. Pastor's salary-\$2,064.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$2,152.87, Literature-\$60.00. Total local expenditures: \$4,376.87. Associational Project-\$93.00. Total outside expenditures: \$93.00. Value of Church property: \$18,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$5,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$26.50.

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. W. H. Calvert, 402 E. 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. W. T. Cobb, 2805 Lowell Rd., Lowell, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 7. Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 188. Members received: 38. By baptism-22, by letter-14, by statement-2. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-6, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 275. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$26,925.49. Pastor's salary-\$6,760.00, Evangelistic work-\$618.00, Literature-\$960.00. Total local expenditures: \$8,338.00. Superannuation-\$326.80, State and National Project-\$240.00. Total outside expenditures: \$566.80. Value of Church property: \$100,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$94.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Weldon Gill, 703 N. Main, Maiden, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Raymond Davis

Ordained ministers: 3. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 27. Members received: 14. By letter-9, by statement-5. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-6. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Total offering received: \$2,684.19. Pastor's salary-\$805.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$1,160.00, Literature-\$71.75, Miscellaneous-\$403.41. Total local expenditures: \$2,540.30. Amount enclosed with letter: \$13.50.

FIRST CHURCH: Stanley, N. C.

PASTOR: Sherman Branch, Box 756, Stanley, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: JoAnn Astley, 212 Rd. 1827, Stanley, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 103. Members received: 12. By baptism-8, by letter-3, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased: 2. Sunday School enrollment: 202. C.T.S.: 66. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 20. Total offering received: \$27,077.90. General offering: \$24,253.06. Building fund-\$2,824.84, Pastor's salary-\$6,500.00, Evangelistic work-\$475.00, Building and repair-\$1,542.24, Literature-\$918.47, Advertising (radio program, etc.)-\$145.88, Miscellaneous-\$15,144.72. Total local expenditures: \$24,726.31. Home Missions-\$457.53, Education-\$317.00, Superannuation-\$326.80, Associational Project-\$786.50, State and National Project-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,912.83. Value of Church property: \$75,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$65.00.

GOSHEN: N. Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., P. O. Box 223, N. Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Joe Robinson, Rt. #1, Box 562, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 140. Members received: 27. By baptism-11, by letter-13, by statement-3. Members dismissed: Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 209. C.T.S.: 58. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Total offering received: \$35,515.11. Building fund-\$68,000.00, Pastor's salary-\$6,760.00, Evangelistic work-\$228.00, Building and repair-\$1,539.54, Literature-\$808.92. Total local expenditures: \$31,776.29. Foreign Missions-\$671.72, Home Missions-\$178.59, Education-\$270.00, Superannuation-\$72.00, State and National Project-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,919.71. Value of Church property: \$87,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$70.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Lloyd Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Marsh Rolen, P. O. Box 356, Dallas, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 94. Members received: 5. By baptism-1, by letter-4. Members dismissed: 11. By letter-4, deceased-7. Sunday School enrollment: 103. C.T.S.: 14. Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 4. Total offering received: \$11,548.64. General offering: \$10,320.93, Building fund-\$1,227.91, Pastor's salary-\$4,590.00, Evangelistic work-\$210.00, Building and repair-\$2,167.44, Literature-\$321.26, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$8.84, Miscellaneous-\$2,277.46, Others-\$247.08. Total local expenditures: \$9,822.08. Foreign Missions-\$36.50, Associational Project-\$450.00, State and National Project-\$67.00. Total outside expenditures: \$553.50. Value of Church property: \$80,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$45.00.

MARY GROVE: Cherryville, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Ralph Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Dorothy Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 21. Members received: 3. By baptism-1, by letter-2. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-1, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 52. Total offering received: \$2,996.02. General offering: \$2,725.02. Building fund-\$271.00, Pastor's salary-\$350.00, Building and repair-\$650.00, Literature-\$125.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$47.50, Miscellaneous-\$293.70, Other-\$832.46. Total local expenditures: \$2,698.66. Foreign Missions-\$10.00, Education-\$50.00, Associational Projects-\$112.00. Total outside expenditures: \$172.00. Value of Church property: \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$10.50.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Savage, Rt. Box 222, Dallas, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Wayne Norris, 837 Howard St., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Church membership: 50. Sunday School enrollment: 45. Pastor's salary: \$4,140.00. Value of Church property: \$15,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

MT. HOLLY: Mt. Holly, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Miss Elizabeth Norwood, Rt. 1 Box 316, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 117. Members received: 1. By letter-1. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 155. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Total offering received: \$17,653.30. General offering: \$207.55. Building fund-\$2,875.35, Pastor's salary-\$6,240.00, Evangelistic work-\$170.00, Building and repair-\$370.53. Literature-\$652.32, Miscellaneous-\$835.25, Other-\$8,109.67. Total local expenditures: \$16,377.77. Foreign Missions: \$238.00, Home Missions-\$238.00, Education-\$238.00, Associational Project-\$74.50, State and National Project-\$238.00, Other F.W.B. Children Home-\$238.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$691.24. Total outside expenditures: \$1,955.74. Value of Church property \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$13,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$58.50.

OPEN DOOR: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Lester Hughes, 202A Beam Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Mary Ann Ruff, 1511A Eastview St., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons-none. Church membership: 16. Members dismissed: 19. By letter-6, excluded-13. Sunday School enrollment: 28. Total offering received: \$5,925.00. Pastor's salary-\$1,280.00, Building and repair-\$200.00, Literature-\$220.00, Miscellaneous-\$400.00, Other-\$750.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,850.00. Associational Project-\$135.00. Total outside expenditures: \$135.00. Value of Church property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$8.00.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Carl Steele, Rt. #6 Box 596, Charlotte, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. John Huss, Gibbs St., Dallas, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 38. Members received: 1. By statement-1. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 69. Total offering received: \$4,600.80. Pastor's salary-\$2,280.00, Evangelistic work-\$180.00, Literature-\$461.28, Miscellaneous-\$702.84. Total local expenditures: \$3,624.11, Associational Project-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$25.00. Value of Church property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

PLEASANT HILL: Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rt. #2, Maiden, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. James King, Rt. 1, Maiden, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 34. Members received: 6. By baptism-1, by letter-5. Total offering received: \$4,068.99. Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Building and repair-\$60.00, Literature-\$80.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$333.39, Miscellaneous-\$858.00, Other-\$294.00, \$1,113.60. Total local expenditures: \$4,038.99. Value of Church property: \$20,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$17.00.

RIDGEVIEW: Mt. Holly, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Vess Galloway, Rt. 1, Box 493D, Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Clara Galloway, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 55. Members received: 18. By baptism-9, by letter-2, by statement-7. Members dismissed: 18. Excluded-17, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 75. Total offering received: \$6,513.51. Pastor's salary-\$2,721.00, Evangelistic work-\$254.95, Building and repair-\$2,523.54, Literature-\$114.94, Miscellaneous-\$732.79. Total local expenditures: \$6,347.22. Associational Project-\$288.00, State and National Project-\$48.68. Total outside expenditures: \$336.63. Value of Church property: \$75,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$27.50.

SPRINGWOOD: Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. John R. Newton, 440, 17th St., Cramerton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Henel O'Daniel, 516 West Henry St., Belmont, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 1. Church Membership: 52. Members received: 25. By baptism-15, by letter-2, by statement-8. Members dismissed: 6. Sunday School enrollment: 100. Total offering received: \$9,274.05. Building fund-\$1,320.00, Pastor's salary-\$1,760.00, Evangelistic work-\$554.51, Building and repair-\$2,883.68, Literature-\$534.35, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$558.00, Miscellaneous-\$104.46, Other-\$470.31. Total local expenditures: \$7,165.31. Education-\$82.48, Associational Project-\$45.00. Total outside Expenditures: \$127.48. Value of Church property: \$40,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$26.00.

WEST FIFTH AVENUE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Oscar Gray, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Gladys Wilkes, 2134 West 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 94. Members received: 26. By baptism-5, by letter-10, by statement-11. Members dismissed: 30. By letter-16, excluded-14. Sunday School enrollment: 88. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received: \$17,712.47. General offering: \$16,887.06. Building fund-\$825.41, Pastor's salary-\$5,948.00, Evangelistic work-\$145.00, Building and repair-\$1,207.72, Literature-\$315.29, Miscellaneous-\$2,202.68, Other-\$5,629.00, Foreign Missions-\$128.50, Home Missions-\$227.68, Orphanage-\$279.76, Superannuation-\$232.40, Associational Project-\$293.30, State and National-\$777.88. Total outside expenditure: \$1,938.52. Value of Church property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$23,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$47.00.

## MINISTER'S REPORTS (Those Turning In Cards)

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-40, Additions to Church-1, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-2,420, Amount Received-\$6,240.00.

SHERMAN BRANCH: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Additions to Church-12, Funerals Preached-4.

DREXLER BENTON:

BUREL BRYANT: Sermons Preached-26, Professions Witnessed-3, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-1,400, Amount Received-\$325.00.

WILLIAM CALVERT: Sermons Preached-130, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-55, Number Baptized-27, Additions to Church-31, Funerals Preached-14, Miles Traveled,24,000, Amount Received-\$6,760.00.

JOHNNIE FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached-68, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-55, Number Baptized-10, Additions to Church-27, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-15,207, Amount Received-\$6,760.00.

VESS GALLOWAY: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-18, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-7,000, Amount Received-\$2,721.00.

WELDON GILL: Sermons Preached-90, Churches Pastored-1.

LLOYD GRAY: Sermons Preached-95, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-26, Number Baptized-1, Additions to Church-5, Funerals Preached-16, Amount Received-\$4,640.00.

CLARENCE GREEN: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-3, Additions to Church-26, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-6,000, Amount Received-\$900.00.

OSCAR GRAY: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-2, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-25,000, Amount Received-\$3,900.00.

NATHAN W. HOLT: Sermons Preached-35, Professions Witnessed-3, Miles Traveled-200.

LESTER HUGHES: Sermons Preached-55, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-7, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-5.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-138, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-46, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-25, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-15,000, Weddings-1.

JAMES PAULEY: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2.

ROY RIKARD: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-50, Number Baptized-18, Additions to Church-23, Funerals Preached-25.

ROBERT ROSE: Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-12, Additions to Church-1, Miles Traveled-8,000, Amount Received-\$1,565.00.

THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached-176, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-43, Number Baptized-26, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-13,000, Amount Received-\$3,560.00.

HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-95, Churches Pastored-1, Additions to Church-1, Funerals Preached-6, Amount Received-\$1,040.00.

CARL STEELE: Churches Pastored-1, Additions to Church-2, Miles Traveled-7,500, Amount Received-\$2,280.00.

MURRAY T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached-116, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-7, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-2, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-20,000, Amount Received-\$5,530.00, Weddings-2.

OSCAR SULLIVAN: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-10, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-5,000, Amount Received-\$1,040.00.

GATHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-128, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-13, Miles Traveled-1,700, Amount Received-\$500.00.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-104, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-25, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-10, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-5,000.

RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-64, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-12, Number Baptized-4, Additions to Church-4, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-12,000.



