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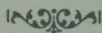
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BEN AVENUE	Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. James Pauley
BETHLEHEM	Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. Herman Griffen
BESSEMER CITY	Bessemer City, N. C. Rev. Lee Whaley
BOGER CITY	Boger City, N. C. Rev. Earl Bittle
CENTER GROVE	Waxhaw, N. C. Rev. Oscar Sullivan
CRAMERTON.	Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Roy Rikard
EMMANUEL.	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Gaither Summitt
EAST BELMONT	Belmont, N. C. Rev. M. 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.
LIVING HOPE	Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Burel Bryant
LOWELL	Lowell, N. C. Rev. Lloyd Gray
LAUREL	Charlotte, N. C. Rev. James Stancill
MARY GROVE	Cherryville, N. C. Rev. Ralph Willis
MOUNTAIN VIEW	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Homer Savage
MOUNT HOLLY	Mount Holly, N. C. Rev. Homer Arrowood
OPEN DOOR	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Charles Ruff
PECAN GROVE	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Henry Gipson
PLEASANT HILL	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Lester Hughes
RIDGEVIEW.	Mount Holly Rev. Jerry Wyatt
SPRINGWOOD	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. John R. Newton
WEST FIFTH AVE.	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Oscar Gray

## CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVE. — Wayne Marelow, Mrs. Wayne Marelow, Don Wilson, Mrs. Don Wilson & Mrs. Harold McManus.  
BETHLEHEM — No Delegates  
BESSEMER CITY — Jean Kirk, Ethel Whaley.  
BOGER CITY — Grady Williams, Dianne Williams.  
CRAMERTON — None  
CENTER GROVE — Ester Dawkin, Viola Harrison, Mae Robinson, Auther Bliss, Harold Patterson.  
EMMANUEL — None  
EAST BELMONT — None  
CHINA GROVE — Harold Smith, Larry Pinkston, Ted Davis, Brian Carter & Wayne Alley  
FIRST DALLAS — Macon Smith, Robert Hildebrand.  
FIRST GASTONIA — Bill Lingerfelt, W. A. Bradley, Mrs. W. A. Bradley.  
FIRST STANLEY — F. E. Miskelly, Anne Lee Miskelly, Jo Ann Astley.  
FIRST MAIDEN — None  
GOSHEN — None  
LAUREL — Mr. Graylon, Mrs. Elsie Russell, Mrs. Mary King  
LIVING HOPE — Ola Riley, Annie Grant, Peggy Bryant, W. S. Eslinger.  
LOWELL — Ruth Haney, Edith Melton, Ida Fore  
MARY GROVE — None  
MOUNT HOLLY — Clarence Hester.  
MOUNTAIN VIEW — Donald Payne.  
PECAN GROVE — Homer Leatherwood, Roy Gibson  
PLEASANT HILL — Mrs. Lester Hughes, Mrs. John Lutz  
OPEN DOOR — None  
RIDGEVIEW — Dewitt Gibson, Clyde King, Howard Williams, Robert Cochrane.  
SPRINGWOOD — Marvin Swanson, James Morgan, Sr.  
WEST FIFTH — Buddy Tate, Mrs. Sissy Tate, Mrs. Nora Hyleman.

## MINISTERS (Who Registered)

Lester Hughes, Gaither Summitt, Don Tindall, L. D. Gray, Jerry Wyatt, Burel Bryant, James Stancill, John R. Newton, Oscar Gray, Herman Griffen, David Miller, Weldon Key, W. H. Calvert, Homer Savage, Bobby Weathers, Ralph Willis, David Hovis, Homer Arrowood, Oscar Sullivan, D. L. Whaley, Johnnie E. Floyd Jr., Sherman Branch, Wayne Norris, Henry Gipson, James Pauley, M. T. Sparks, Earl Bittle.

## VISITING MINISTER'S

Rev. Jason Salyer, Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Frank McQuage, Rev. Jack Elder, Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Melvin Worthington.

## VISITORS (Who Registered)

Reid Deese, Lou Deese, Marie Stancill, Bill Buchanon, Kay Rose, Emma Hughes, Leonard Valentine, Eslee Valentine, Shirley Jordan, Vernon Whaley, Betty Summitt, Mrs. D. D. Hunsucker, Frances Stancill, Jerry R. Reno, Mrs. Frank McQuage, Mrs. W. E. Hick, Mr. W. E. Hick, Harold McManus, Arnold Hovis, Elizabeth Sparks, Rex Smith, James Welboren, R. F. Holden.



## 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 Church shall send by the hand of their delegates a report of all the 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 receive Churches into this body. All Churches wishing to come into this Association must petition the Executive Board before the Annual Association. No Church shall be accepted at the Annual Association without first consulting the Executive Board. 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 on 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 Association 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 (1 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) 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 affect till he is called for Pastoral work, provided that he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine. If he is called for Pastoral work and 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 grievence 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." (I 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 12, 1973

The Western Piedmont District Association convened at the Boger City Free Will Baptist Church in Boger City, N. C. at 7:00 P.M. Call to worship with Brother James Welborne leading the congregation in singing "There Is Power In The Blood," and "I Know In Whom I Believe." Invocation by Rev. Lester Hughes. Brother Welborne then led the congregation in "To God Be The Glory." Welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Earl Bittle. Offering for Arrowood Assembly was taken, offertory prayer by Rev. John R. Newton. Special music by a Trio from the Stanley Church. The moderator, Rev. Ralph Willis, then introduced the key note speaker, Rev. Jason Salyer from Marion, N. C. Brother Salyer read his Scripture from Romans 12:1-10. His subject was "The Perfect Will of God." 1. Are you where God wants you? 2. Are you doing what God wants you to do? 3. God has a plan for His children. 4. We need to know God's Will for us. Brother Salyer brought a wonderful message on these four points. Brother Salyer told how God was leading him to Shelby, N. C. to start a Mission work there, and ask that we remember him in prayer. After the closing Hymn the moderator appointed the Credential committee as following: Kenneth Sigmon, Rev. Homer Savage, Rev. Gaither Summitt. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Weldon Key.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 13, 1973

The session opened at 9:30 A.M. with Rev. Earl Bittle leading the congregation in singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer by Rev. Burel Bryant. Welcome by host pastor, Rev. Earl Bittle. Devotions by Rev. James Stancill. The clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, called the Seventh Annual Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Ralph Willis. For his remarks Brother Willis spoke on brotherly love. He said we should let love abound in all things. M/S/C to adopt the program flexible at the discretion of the moderator. The moderator declared the house in order for business. The Credential committee gave a partial report. M/S/C to seat the delegates. The Nominating committee gave a partial report. Mrs. Robert Parris was to remain as clerk and Mr. Grady Williams to remain as assistant clerk, the report was adopted and Sister Parris and Brother Williams were elected by the body. The clerk read the Rules of the Decorum, and called the roll of the ministers. Visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. Rev. Ronald Creech from Durham, N. C., Rev. Melvin Worthington from Georgia, Rev. Jack Elders from S. C., and Vernon Whaley from Georgia, were our morning visitors. Mrs. Parris the clerk read the Executive Board reports. M/S/C to adopt all reports but June 19th, 1972 report. M/S/C to table June report till Saturday morning. M/S/C for the clerk, in behalf of the associational body, to write Brother Deese Hunsucker a letter of appreciation for what he has meant to this Association all these years, and to send him a flower and wish him a speedy recovery. Due to Rev. Branch having to leave at the lunch hour he gave

his report on Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to adopt the report, see the report on other page. Dismissed from the business for the 11:00 A.M. Message. Rev. Bittle led the singing "Let Us Have A Little Talk With Jesus" and "There Is Power In The Blood." Special song by Vernon Whaley. Brother Willis introduced the speaker, Rev. Lloyd Gray. Brother Gray read his Scripture from Revelation 19:7. he had four points: 1. What kind of (wife) does God want his (wife) to be? 2. God wants his (wife) to be loving and kind, 3. God wants his (wife, the Church) to be ready at His coming. Brother Gray brought a wonderful message on what a wife should be. Everyone enjoyed his talk. After the close of the service we were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Rev. Whaley.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**April 13, 1973**

The session opened at 1:30 P.M. with Brother Bittle leading the congregation in singing: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Devotions by Rev. Gaither Summitt. Brother Summitt read his Scripture from St. John 15:1-7. Prayer by Rev. William Calvert. Brother Whaley gave the Ordaining Council report. M/S/C to adopt the councils report. M/S/C to change item (one) and item (four) in the Rules and By Laws for licensing and ordaining ministers. See the changes in the Rules and By Laws on other pages. Brother Grady Williams gave the Christian Education report. M/S/C to adopt his report. There was no Missions report. Brother Calvert gave the Sunday School report. M/S/C to adopt the report. There was no C.T.S. report. No Insurance and Retirement report. No Master's Men report. Report of the Board of Publications was given. M/S/C to adopt the report. Brother Arrowood gave the report for the Home For The Age. M/S/C to adopt the report. Brother Arrowood gave some information on Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to establish a Children Home Board, and that the Nominating committee select the members of the board and have them ready to be elected at the close of the Association, with the rest of the officers. Rev. Ronald Creech gave report on the state work. Dismissed in prayer till the evening service by Rev. Gaither Summitt.

## **FRIDAY EVENING SESSION**

**April 13, 1973**

The session opened at 7:00 P.M. with Brother Grady Williams leading the congregation in singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him," and "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Special song by Grady and Dianne Williams, they sang "The Love of God," and everyone was blessed by their song. Rev. Ralph Willis introduced the speaker, Rev. Frank McQuage, from Maple St. Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, N. C. Before the message Brother and Sister McQuage sang a duet, they sang "The Darkest Hour Is Just Before Dawn." Brother McQuage read his Scripture from Matthew 9:36-38. His subject was "Passion on Lost Souls." He used three points: 1. Jesus had compassion on the lost people. 2. Jesus saw their depravity. 3. Jesus saw the people scattered like sheep without a shepherd. Brother McQuage brought a wonderful message on love and compassion. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Frank McQuage.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

April 14, 1973

The session opened at 9:30 A.M. with a song. Rev. Oscar Gray led the congregation in singing: "Amazing Grace." Devotions by Rev. James Pauley. Brother Pauley read his Scripture from Isaiah 52:13-53. His topic was "It Pleased God to Bruise His Son." M/S/C to remove from the table the minutes of June 19, 1972. The clerk read the minutes of June 19, 1972. M/S/C to adopt the minutes. Final report of the Credential Committee. M/S/C to adopt the Credential Committee report. Treasurer report was given by Brother Ken Sigmon. M/S/C to adopt his report. Brother Arrowood gave the Nominating Committee report. M/S/C to adopt the report. M/S/C to vacate the Trustee Board and elect a new board, see report of all officers on other pages. M/S/C that the moderator appoint delegates to the State Association in Goldsboro, N. C. June 11, 12, 13, 1973. Delegates appointed were Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Betty Summitt, Mrs. Georgia Calvert, Mrs. Peggy Bryant, Mrs. Lloyd Gray and Marvin Swanson. M/S/C to have the next Annual Association at the Springwood Free Will Baptist Church in North Belmont, N. C. April 18, 19, 20, 1974. Quarterly Fellowship Meetings will be the last Saturday in the quarter: July 28, 1973 - October 27, 1973 - January 26, 1974, all meetings at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church. After the close of the meeting the Resolutions Committee gave their report. M/S/C to adopt the 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. Jerry Wyatt.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

APRIL 24, 1972

The Executive Board met with the Living Hope Church at 7:00 P.M. There were five members of the Board present. They were Rev. Robert Rose, the moderator, Mrs. Robert Parris, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mr. Grady Williams. Absent was Rev. Ralph Willis and Mr. Deese Hunsucker. As it is a rule of this Association for the Executive Board to meet with new churches and question them before taking them into the Association. The purpose of this meeting was to question the church. After the devotions part of the service the moderator, Rev. Robert Rose, had charge of the meeting. Brother Rose informed the church of their duties to the Association and all arms of the work. He gave the church a chance to ask the Executive Board questions, and then the Executive Board to ask the church questions. After the question and answer period, the Board excused themselves to another room for a meeting. After prayer by Brother Grady Williams, the Board discussed some questions and other points. Brother Ken Sigmon made a move, Brother Williams seconded the move, to take the church under watchcare of the Executive Board till the approval of the Association at the annual meeting in April, 1973. The move was carried. The Board then went back in, and Brother Rose informed the church of the Boards decision.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams.

JUNE 19, 1972

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute. Five members were present: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Grady Williams, Mrs. Robert Parris. Mr. Kenneth Sigmon and Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. Brother Rose called the meeting to order. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Willis. M/S/C to make new Associational blanks. Some changes were made in the blanks. Brother Willis made a move, Brother Grady Williams seconded the move that Article 6 in the Constitution Of The Western Piedmont Association be changed, move was carried. Article 6 changed to read: This Association shall have an Executive Board who shall have authority to investigate and receive churches into this body. All churches wishing to come into this Association must petition the Executive Board before the Annual Association. No church shall be accepted at the Annual Association without first consulting the Executive Board. 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. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting at Pleasant Hill Church in Maiden, N. C. was made out. M/S/C for Mt. View Church to be in charge of all the music. M/S/C to get Rev. John R. Newton as the guest speaker. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Grady Williams.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Mrs. Robert Parris

**JULY 29, 1972**

The Executive Board met at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M. The following members were present: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Grady Williams, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon, Mrs. Robert Parris, Rev. Gaither Summitt was proxy for Rev. Ralph Willis. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. The moderator, Rev. Rose, called the meeting to order. Brother Grady Williams led in prayer. Brother Rose told the Board the reason for the meeting was to hear from the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis. After some information on the church, and some discussion Brother Branch made a move, Brother Williams seconded the move, to receive the Bethlehem Church under the watchcare of the Executive Board till the annual meeting in April, providing a letter be received at this meeting. The move was carried. The Pastor, Brother Griffen, gave the letter to Brother Rose at this meeting. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Gaither Summitt.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Gaither Summitt, Proxy  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon.

**SEPTEMBER 8, 1972**

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Stanley at 7:00 P.M. with six members present. They were: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Grady Williams, Mr. Kenneth Sigmon and Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Rose, the Moderator, called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Ralph Willis. Brother Branch explained some items about the Arrowood Assembly to the Board. M/S/C to have a special called meeting of the Western Piedmont District Association, Sunday, September 17 at 2:30 P.M. at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Willis made a move Brother Grady Williams seconded the move that all the pastors be contacted by phone and the clerk notify all pastors by letter. Move carried. M/S/C to have two items of business: Item 1. Due to our quarterly fellowship meetings getting so large. Some of the churches are not big enough to seat the people and so many can't get in the buildings. The Board recommended to the Association that we meet in one of the larger churches where all the people can get in and have seats. Brother Branch made a move Brother Willis seconded the move that we meet at the Mt. Holly Church each time because it is more centralized for all the churches, providing it meets with their churches approval. Move was carried. Item 2. M/S/C that we pay all outside speakers (\$25.00) only in special conditions when they travel over (100) miles. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting at West Fifth Ave. Church was made out. M/S/C to have the host church be in charge of the music program. M/S/C to try to get Brother Herman Griffen to be the guest speaker if we can't get brother Griffen get Brother Thomas Rogers. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Branch.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Mrs. Robert Parris, clerk  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Ken Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams

## SEPTEMBER 17, 1972

The special called meeting of the Western Piedmont Association met September 17, at 2:30 P.M. at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church, with a large crowd attending. The meeting opened with a song, "The Old Old Story." Prayer by Rev. Sherman Branch. Mrs. Robert Parris, the clerk, then called the session to order and presented the moderator, Rev. Robert Rose, to the body. The moderator asked Rev. Homer Arrowood to give the report on Arrowood Assembly. In Brother Arrowood's report he gave some figures on a contractor to finish the building, also on bonds sold and unsold bonds. Brother Arrowood was asked to give some details on what Arrowood Assembly is and what it is for. He explained to the people what Arrowood Assembly is and what it would be used for. He then recommended that the Association borrow (\$50,000) to complete the assembly. The moderator asked for a motion. Brother Charles Smith made a move Brother Key seconded the move to borrow the (\$50,000). After much discussing on the matter, Rev. Oscar Gray made a move and Rev. James Pauley seconded the move to table the matter till the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, October 28th. Move was carried. M/S/C to have all Quarterly Fellowship Meetings at the Mt. Holly Church, due to the large crowds we are having the small Churches don't have room. All Quarterly Meetings after the October meeting will be at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Pauley.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk

## OCTOBER 20, 1972

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 7:00 P.M. with six members present. They were: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Ken Sigmon, Mrs. Robert Parris, and Mr. Grady Williams. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Branch. The moderator, Brother Rose, explained the reason for this meeting. M/S/C not to have any business at the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, and to leave the business matter of Arrowood Assembly on the table till a call meeting. Brother Branch made a move Brother Ralph Willis seconded the move to have a called meeting for the Western Piedmont District Association, November 11th, at the Mt. Holly Church, and two items of business be taken care of: 1. That the matter of Arrowood Assembly be taken from the table, 2. That the rules and guides be voted on one item at a time. Move carried. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Ken Sigmon.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Ken Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams

NOVEMBER 11, 1972

The Western Piedmont Association met in a special called meeting at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. The session was called to order by the assistant clerk in the absence of the clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, who was away because of illness in the family. The moderator, Rev. Robert Rose, called the roll of the Churches, Churches represented were as follows:

Ben Avenue	Lowell
Boger City	Living Hope
Bethlehem	Mary Grove
Cramerton	Mt. View
Emmanuel	Mt. Holly
First, Dallas	Open Door
First, China Grove	Pleasant Hill
First, Gastonia	Ridgeview
First, Stanley	Springwood
Goshen	West Fifth Ave.

There were two items of business:

(1) Discussion of rules for Arrowood Assembly.

The moderator suggested to adopt the rules item by item on sheet given at Pleasant Hill. Changes were made in nine and seventeen, and eighteen was added.

(2) Item of Business

M/S/C to remove from table business to present time.

M/S/C to authorize Trustees to borrow up to (\$50,000) to complete existing building and pay off bond indebtedness.

M/S/C to recommend no camping until further work on camp ground for families. Any church may take a group at any time.

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

## ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY GROUND YOUTH CAMP

1. Campers and counselors are not permitted to leave the ground without permission from the director.
2. All campers and counselors are expected to be prompt at all meals and meetings unless excused by the director.
3. Campers and counselors are required to attend all classes, chapel, evening programs, campfire, cabin devotions, and recreation activities.
4. Athletic equipment and facilities are under the control of the recreation director and may be used only as specified by him.
5. Every camper, counselor and staff member must be responsible for his own bath cloths, towels, soap, sheets, blankets, pillow and pillow case, dress clothes, sport clothes, Bible, pencils, note book, ball glove, toilet articles, camera, and musical instruments.
6. Campers should not bring radios, record players, flashlights, tape players, or cassettes to camp.
7. Absolute quiet and attention is expected from every camper during chapel, classes, and fireside programs. Enter the chapel with a spirit of reverence and leave as orderly as possible. These services should be high moments of inspiration.
8. Campers and counselors are required to stay in their cabins each night from the sounding of "lights out" bell until the rising bell, except as directed by the director, no lights or noise will be permitted in the cabins during sleeping hours.

- 9A. The following dress code will be observed for all campers, counselors, staff members, and workers: Girls modest apparel, no shorts or tight clothing. Slacks or pant suits will be permitted during recreation and free time, but dresses must be worn during class time, meal time, and all worship times, and these dresses must be knee length, all girls swimsuits must be modest and one piece only.
- 9B. No clothing will be permitted with slogans carrying evil suggestions or impressions, (this applies to both boys and girls).
- 9C. Boys must wear half sleeve sport or dress shirts during classes, meals, worship and other religious activities, during recreation and off time T-shirts may be worn. Boys must wear shirts, long pants, shoes and socks at all classes, meal time and worship time.  
If a person does not comply with this dress code, their parents will be called and requested to either bring the proper clothing for the child or come and pick their child up and take them home.
10. No "gripping" will be tolerated, any necessary complaints must be made to the counselor or camp director.
11. We encourage a wholesome relationship between the boys and girls, but will not allow any evidence of familiarity. Boys and girls will be separated by age groups and cabins and each cabin will have at least one adult counselor at all times, the cabins will be separated by groups and at no time will the boys be allowed in the girls area or girls allowed in boys area. There will be ample time for fellowship together.
12. All campers, counselors and staff members will be fully covered by hospital and accident insurance.
13. Any case of illness or injury, or infection must be reported at once failure to do so may jeopardize any claim for insurance.
14. There will be no in-coming or out-going telephone calls except in case of emergency.
15. All bathers must wear bath robes to and from the swimming pool.
16. We will have no mixed swimming and a qualified life guard will be on duty at all times.
17. No smoking at all during youth camp.
18. Everyday will be started with prayer, and pledge to the Christian Flag and the U. S. A. Flag.

Recommendation

M/S/C that Arrowood Assembly be confined to the Association.

Signed By:

William Calvert

Sherman Branch

Lloyd Gray

Gaither Summitt

Burel Bryant

Homer Arrowood

James Pauley

Weldon Key

Herman Griffin

Homer Savage

Oscar Gray

Henry C. Gipson

Thomas Rogers

Robert Rose.



### DECEMBER 3, 1972

The Executive Board met at the Laurel Free Will Baptist Mission at 3:00 P.M. with five members present: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Ken Sigmon, Mr. Grady Williams. Mrs. Parris was absent due to illness in her family. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. After a short devotion and prayer the Mission was organized to a Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. James Stancill as pastor. The Church will be under watchcare of the Executive Board till the Annual Association in April. The present Church address is: Laurel Free Will Baptist Church, 229 Austin Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28213. Pastor's phone 596-0978.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Ken Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams

### JANUARY 11, 1973

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 7:00 P.M. with six members present. Members present were: Rev. Robert Rose, Rev. Ralph Willis, Mrs. Robert Parris, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mr. Ken Sigmon, Mr. Grady Williams. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. Brother Rose, the moderator, called the meeting to order. Brother Sigmon led the opening prayer. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting at the Mt. Holly Church, January 27, 1973 was made out. M/S/C to have the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church choir in charge of the music. M/S/C to have Rev. William Calvert to bring the message. The moderator, Rev. Robert Rose, submitted his resignation to the Board. Brother Rose is moving to Timmonsville, S. C. to pastor a Church there. Brother Grady Williams made a move Brother Ken Sigmon seconded the move to accept Brother Rose's resignation, move was carried. As it is just two and one half months till the Annual Association, the vice moderator, Brother Ralph Willis, will be in charge of all meetings. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Branch.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Robert Rose  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Ken Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams

### FEBRUARY 8, 1973

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 7:00 P.M. with five members present. Members present were: Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Sherman Branch, Mrs. Robert Parris, Mr. Ken Sigmon, Mr. Grady Williams. Mr. Deese Hunsucker was absent. Brother Willis called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Branch. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved. The program for the Annual Association that is meeting at Boger City, April 12, 13, 14, 1973 was made. M/S/C to have Rev. Jason Salyer from Marion, N. C. to bring the key note message on Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. April 12th. M/S/C for Rev. L. D. Gray to bring the 11:00 A.M.

message Friday, April 13. M/S/C for Rev. Frank McQuage to be the Missionary Speaker Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. M/S/C not to have a speaker for Saturday morning due to so much business to be taken care of. M/S/C to have Commercial Printers to print the programs. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Ken Sigmon.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Ralph Willis, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Mr. Ken Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams

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

JULY 28, 1972

The Ordaining Council of the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church with all the Council members present. Rev. Dexter Benton called the meeting to order. Rev. John Newton led in prayer.

The Council preceeded to reorganize. Rev. Benton was elected as Chairman of the Council and Rev. Whaley was elected Secretary.

A motion was made and seconded for the Ordaining Council to meet at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church in Bessemer City, North Carolina, at 7:00 P.M. on Friday nights before the Quarterly Fellowship meets on Saturday. The motion carried.

Dwight Whitworth of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church came before the Council with a recommendation from his church, asking for permission to license him to preach the Gospel under the watchcare of the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church. After satisfactorily answering several questions concerning his Christian Life, and his call to preach, also doctorinal belief, a motion was made and seconded to grant the request. The motion carried.

Wayne Dills, who had been licensed to preach one year, came before the Ordaining Council with a recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia asking the Council to examine him and ordain him to preach the Gospel and carry on the work of an ordained minister. The Council preceeded to question him concerning his Christian Life, his call to the ministry and doctorinal belief and duties of a minister. After being satisfied with the examination, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we ordain Brother Dills.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Dexter Benton, Chairman  
Rev. D. L. Whaley, Secretary  
Rev. John Newton

## AUGUST 18, 1972

The Ordaining Council met in a called meeting at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. All members of the Council were present. Reverend Benton called the meeting to order. Reverend Newton led in prayer.

1. Reverend Weldon Key came on recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church in China Grove, North Carolina, requesting acceptance of transfer from the Pilgrim Association to the Western Piedmont Association because the China Grove Church, which Brother Key pastors, has taken membership with the Western Piedmont. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept his letter of transfer.
2. Reverend David Ray Miller came with a recommendation from Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina, requesting an exchange membership from the Piedmont Conference to the Western Piedmont Association. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we write to the Piedmont Conference Ordaining Council requesting a letter of recommendation from them.
3. Reverend Herman Griffen came with a recommendation from the Bethlehem Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina, requesting his membership be transferred from the Piedmont Association to the Western Piedmont Association, since the Bethlehem Church, which he pastors, is already a member of the Association. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we grant the request.
4. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we instruct Mrs. Parris, who is the Associational Clerk, that at the time she informs the Pastors of the meetings of the Quarterly Fellowship that she notify them of the time and place where the Ordaining Council will meet.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Reverend Dexter Benton, Chairman  
Reverend D. L. Whaley, Secretary  
Reverend John Newton

## OCTOBER 27, 1972

The Ordaining Council of the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. All members were present.

Rev. Dexter Benton called the meeting to order. Rev. John Newton led in prayer.

Kenneth Hardison came before the Council with a recommendation from the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church where he is a member, asking that the Ordaining Council approve him to be licensed under the watchcare of the church for one year. After questioning him concerning his doctrinal belief, Christian convictions, and call to the ministry; a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant him permission to be licensed by the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church.

David Hovis came before the Council with a recommendation from the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church, where he is a member, asking the Ordaining Council to approve him to be licensed for one year under the watchcare of the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church. After satisfactorily answering questions concerning his doctrinal belief, Christian convictions, and call to preach the Gospel, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that we authorize the Church to license him.

The West Fifth Avenue Free Will Baptist Church sent a recommendation that the Council examine Raymond Paul Johnson, Jr. to be ordained as he had

been licensed for one year, under the watchcare of the church, and the church was well pleased with his service. The Council proceeded to ask Brother Johnson several questions concerning his doctorinal belief and his attitude toward pastoral duties. The Council having been satisfied as to his soundness in doctrine voted to recommend that he be ordained to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The time and place for the Ordaining Service was to be decided by Brother Johnson and his Pastor, Brother Oscar Gray.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Dexter Benton, Chairman  
Rev. D. L. Whaley, Secretary  
Rev. John Newton

### JANUARY 27, 1973

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church with all members present. Reverend Benton called the meeting to order and Reverend Whaley led in prayer.

1. Donald Tyndall came before the Council with a recommendation from Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, North Carolina, to be licensed to preach under the watchcare of their church for one year. After questioning him concerning his doctorinal belief, Christian stand and his call to preach, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that we grant the request.
2. Macon Smith came before the Council with a recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, North Carolina, to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watchcare of his church for one year. After questioning him concerning his Christian Life, call to preach and doctorinal belief, and being satisfied with his Doctorinal stand and Christian convictions, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we grant the request.
3. William Owens Sr., came before the Council with recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, North Carolina, to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watchcare of their church for one year. After asking him several questions as to his Christian Life, doctorinal belief, and call to preach and being satisfied with the examination, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant the request.
4. William Queen Jr., came before the Council with recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, North Carolina, to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watchcare of their church for one year. After asking him several questions as to his Christian Life, doctorinal belief, and call to preach and being satisfied with the examination, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant the request.
5. Brother Bert Mays came before the Council with a request from the West Fifth Avenue Free Will Baptist Church to be examined for the purpose of being ordained to preach the Gospel of Christ. After asking several questions pertaining to his call to preach, belief in Biblical doctrine; also his Free Will Baptist Church doctrine and duties of a minister, the Council having been satisfied with his answers, made a motion and seconded it to ordain him. The motion carried.
6. Referring back to a motion made at the Ordaining Council's call meeting of August 18, 1972, concerning the exchange of the Ordination Certificate of David Ray Miller from the State Piedmont Conference, the Ordaining Council of the State Piedmont Conference was contacted,

but they refused to grant letter of recommendation as it was against their policy. After talking with Brother Miller's Pastor, Reverend Hermon Griffen, we the Ordaining Council made a motion, seconded, to grant the request to exchange the Ordination Certificate with Reverend David Miller. The motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Reverend Dexter Benton, Chairman  
Reverend D. L. Whaley, Secretary  
Reverend John Newton

#### APRIL 6, 1973

The Ordination Council of the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church April 6, 1973.

Rev. John Newton and Rev. D. L. Whaley were present. Rev. Dexter Benton was not able to be present. Rev. Newton called the Council to order and Rev. Whaley led in prayer.

Rev. James Stancill, Pastor of Laurel Free Will Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, came with a request to be transferred from the General Association of Free Will Baptist to Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists, on promise of a letter of transfer from the General Association. A motion was made, seconded and carried to grant the request on promise of a letter of transfer.

Traywich Smith came before the Council with a recommendation from the Center Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Waxhaw, North Carolina, asking that he be approved for license under the watchcare of the Center Grove Free Will Baptist Church for one year. After questioning him about his call to preach, Christian Life, and doctorinal belief, and being satisfied with his answers, a motion was made and seconded to grant the request.

The motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. John Newton, Acting Chairman  
Rev. D. L. Whaley, Secretary

#### APRIL 13, 1973

The Ordaining Council met to give Rev. Carl Steele a letter of transfer to the Eastern Association in Tennessee from the Western Piedmont Association. M/S/C to give Brother Steele a letter of recommendation, to the Eastern Association in Tennessee.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. John R. Newton, Acting Chairman  
Rev. D. L. Whaley, Secretary

# TREASURER REPORT OF ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY

## APRIL 1, 1972 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1973

Cramerton . . . . .	\$ 1,143.00
First, Gastonia . . . . .	974.70
First, Stanley . . . . .	718.40
Ben Avenue . . . . .	659.10
Mount Holly . . . . .	596.60
West Fifth Avenue . . . . .	562.70
Goshen . . . . .	400.00
Lowell . . . . .	338.00
Mountain View . . . . .	300.00
Living Hope . . . . .	239.20
First, Dallas . . . . .	232.45
Boger City . . . . .	194.00
First, China Grove . . . . .	176.58
Emmanuel . . . . .	147.40
Mary Grove . . . . .	135.00
Ridgeview . . . . .	120.00
Western Piedmont Auxiliary . . . . .	115.00
Pecan Grove . . . . .	50.00
Laurel (Charlotte) . . . . .	35.00
Open Door . . . . .	34.00
Pleasant Hill . . . . .	10.00
First, Maiden . . . . .	.00
Bessemer City . . . . .	.00
Center Grove . . . . .	.00
East Belmont . . . . .	.00
Springwood . . . . .	.00
Bethlehem . . . . .	.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,181.13</b>

As of March 31, 1973 we have as follows:

Bond Account . . . . .	\$ 3,180.19
Building Fund . . . . .	5,437.20
Savings Account . . . . .	<u>7,230.46</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,847.85</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Treasurer

## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are proud of the Piedmont Bible Institute for its stand for fundamental beliefs in these times when other schools are lowering their standards.

We also appreciate Free Will Bible College and its program of training young people for various fields of Christian endeavor.

We commend both schools for their faithfulness to Christian standard and we recommend either or both schools for training of our people.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. James Pauley  
Dean Bryant  
Grady Williams.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We rejoice in the way that God has blessed our Sunday Schools in our Churches this year. Many are breaking all records in attendance.

We recommend that we all set greater goals to reach this year in our Sunday Schools.

We recommend that pastors of all 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 still recommend that a Sunday School workshop be held once a year in our district and that the Sunday School Board be in charge of setting up such a workshop.

Respectfully Submitted:

W. H. Calvert

Wayne Smith

Bobby Combs

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

We the Board of Publications recommend that we keep good Christian Literature in our homes.

We recommend that our church people have family devotions and prayer. We encourage them to use Christian tracts and take our denominational papers. We encourage writers in our Churches to produce Christian booklets.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Lee Whaley

Mrs. Ethel Whaley

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

## REPORT FOR HOME OF AGE

We your Board recommend that each Church visit the rest home in Burnsville, N. C. We thank the Lord for people who will use their time to look after those who are not able to help themselves. Pray that God will provide the needs of the home. Right now they are in need of many things. We recommend that our Auxiliaries take this as a project.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Waureen Arrowood

Miss Elizabeth Norwood

Mrs. Maxie Gray

## 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.

Rev. Oscar Gray

# TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL, 1972 TO APRIL, 1973 FOR WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Balance Brought Forth April, 1972 . . . . .	\$ 516.91
Received Last Association . . . . .	942.50
Received Since Last Association . . . . .	32.50
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>1,491.91</b>
<b>Paid Out . . . . .</b>	<b>619.72</b>
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>872.19</b>

## ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

James K. Childers	
(Speaking at Quarterly Meeting) . . . . .	25.00
Roy Thomas	
(Mission Speaker at Annual Meeting) . . . . .	25.00
Programs for Annual Meeting	
(Commercial Printers) . . . . .	60.32
N. C. State Association . . . . .	25.00
Mrs. Robert Parris	
(Salary) . . . . .	75.00
Commercial Printers for Minutes . . . . .	380.12
Mrs. Robert Parris	
(Stamps, paper, envelopes, phone calls, mailing minutes) . . . . .	29.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 619.72</b>

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. James Pauley
Vice Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Oscar Gray
Clerk . . . . .	Mrs. Robert Parris
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	Mr. Grady Williams
Treasurer . . . . .	Mr. Kenneth Sigmon
Member Executive Board . . . . .	Rev. Sherman Branch
Member Executive Board . . . . .	Rev. Herman Griffen

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman . . . . .	Rev. Drexler Benton
Secretary . . . . .	Rev. Lee Whaley
Member . . . . .	Rev. John R. Newton

## ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

Assistant Treasurer . . . . .	Rev. Sherman Branch
Christian Education . . . . .	Dean Bryant
	Grady Williams
	Joann King
Missions . . . . .	Elizabeth Branch
	Nina Rikard
	Nora Hyleman
Sunday School . . . . .	Wayne Smith
	Bobby Combs
	Harold Jackson



C.T.S. . . . .	Johnnie Murphy Herburt Rikard Harold Rector
Insurance and Retirement . . . . .	Rev. M. T. Sparks Rev. Gaither Summitt Rev. Burel Bryant
Publications . . . . .	Rev. L. D. Whaley Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Rev. Lester Hughes
Master's Men . . . . .	Jerry Ellington Charles Floyd Rev. Weldon Key
Home For Age . . . . .	Elizabeth Norwood Maxie Gray Georgia Calvert
Resolutions . . . . .	Rev. Traves Huffman Rev. Oscar Gray Rev. William Calvert
Children Home . . . . .	Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. William Calvert Mrs. Mandy Gray

### CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman . . . . .	Bill Sawyer Henry Scarborough Rev. Thomas Rogers Rev. Weldon Key Rev. Sherman Branch
Nominating Committee. . . . .	Rev. Ralph Willis Rev. M. T. Sparks Rev. Henry Gipson
Pianist . . . . .	Grady Williams
Assistant Pianist. . . . .	Peggy Bryant

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman . . . . .	Rev. W. H. Calvert Rev. James Pauley Rev. Gaither Summitt
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## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

### APRIL 1972 TO APRIL 1973

**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 deacons: 6. Church membership: 175. Members received: 25. By baptism-7, by letter-9, by statement-9. Members dismissed: by letter-1. Sunday School enrollment: 154. C.T.S. enrollment: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 22. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$24,207.22. General offering: \$22,271.00. Building Fund: \$1,936.22. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$5,200.00, Evangelistic work-\$350.00, Building and repair-\$9,338.90, Literature-\$1,521.48, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$218.36, Caretaker-\$1,260.00, Utilities-\$1,975.45, Bus ministry-\$1,217.87, Others-\$1,621.28. Total local expenditures: \$22,703.34. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$376.94, Home Missions-\$229.00, State and National Education-\$255.12, Children's Home-\$105.12, Arrowood Assembly-\$658.30. Total outside expenditures: \$1,674.48. Value of Church property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$100.00.

**BETHLEHEM:** Kannapolis, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Herman Griffin, 741 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** J. W. Ragan, Jr., 302 Melinda Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Church membership: 85. Members received: 12. By baptism-7, by statement-5. Members dismissed: 4. By letter-1. Sunday School enrollment: 110. Financial report - Total offering: \$16,606.17. Building Fund: \$4,311.58. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$5,395.00, Evangelistic work-\$439.00, Building and repair-\$3,411.13, Literature-\$411.40, Caretaker-\$440.00, Utilities-\$1,377.57, Other-\$4,311.58 & \$1,751.70. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$831.05, Home Missions-\$290.92. State and National Education-\$295.24, Children's Home-\$34.45, State and National Project-\$110.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,561.66. Value of Church property: \$50,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$42.50.

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

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

**CHURCH CLERK:** Max Turpin, 308 E. Indiana Ave., Bessemer City, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 53. By baptism-21, by letter-1, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 13. By letter-2, excluded-11. Sunday School enrollment: 80. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 11. Financial Report - Total offering: \$10,298.00. General offering: \$9,673.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$4,420.00. Evangelistic work-\$500.00, Building and repair-\$40.00, Literature-\$500.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$80.00, Caretaker-\$115.00, Utilities-\$480.00, Bus ministry-\$200.00, Others-\$300.00, Church bonds-\$3,038.00. Total local expenditures: \$9,673.00. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$625.00. Total outside expenditures: \$625.00. Value of Church property: \$45,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$26.50.

BOGER CITY: Boger City, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Earl Bittle, 128 Reid St., Boger City, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Grady C. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 453 N., Dallas, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 35. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 5. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$7,797.55. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$3,357.20, Evangelistic work-\$60.00, Literature-\$239.00, Utilities-\$1,094.25. Total local expenditures: \$4,750.00. Spent for outside causes - Superannuation-\$295.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$224.00. Total outside expenditures: \$519.50. Value of Church property: \$60,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$26.00.

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, N. C.

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

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 92. Members received: 27. By letter-24, by statement-2, by letter-1. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-6. Sunday School enrollment: 80. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$14,177.30. General offering: \$7,766.10. Building Fund: \$6,411.20. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$1,040.00, Evangelistic work-\$90.00, Building and repair-\$15,483.59, Literature-\$119.25, Utilities-\$242.63, Others-\$832.58. Total local expenditures: \$16,908.05. Value of Church property: \$40,000.00.

CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.

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

No Report.

EMMANUEL: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Gaither Summitt, 304 N. College St., Dallas, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Miss Debbie Smith, 420 S. Maple St., Dallas, N. C.

Licensed Ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 50. Members received: 27. By baptism-7, by letter-2, by statement-18. Sunday School enrollment: 50. C.T.S.: 30. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 13. Financial Report - Total offering: \$7,173.97. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$1,115.00, Evangelistic work-\$225.00, Building and repair-\$1,670.36, Literature-\$171.36, Arrowood Assembly-\$159.00. Value of Church property: \$23,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$25.00.

EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.

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

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 56. Members received: 7. By baptism-3, by statement-4. Members dismissed: 8. By letter-1, excluded-7. Sunday School enrollment: 84. C.T.S.: 17. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$12,370.00. General offering: \$11,507.00. Building Fund: \$1,800.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$3,380.00, Evangelistic work-\$124.00, Building and repair-\$1,800.00, Literature-\$234.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.), Miscellaneous-\$780.00, Others-\$2,080.00. Total local expenditures: \$8,440.00. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$50.00, Home Missions-\$134.00, Orphanage-\$20.00, Associational Project-\$30.00. Total outside expenditures: \$213.00. Value of Church property: \$50,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$28.00.

FIRST CHURCH: China Grove, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Weldon Key, Rt. #4, Box 412, Kannapolis, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Nancy Davis, 405 North Bostian St., China Grove, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 130. Members received: 36. By baptism-25, by letter-5, by statement-6. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-4. Sunday School enrollment: 132. Sunday School yearly average: 126. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Yearly average: 10. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$13,478.29. General offering: \$10,878.29. Building Fund: \$2,600.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Evangelistic work-\$165.00, Building and repair-\$177.76, Literature-\$957.96, Utilities-\$650.23, Bus ministry-\$1,117.40, Others-\$5,160.50. Total local expenditures: \$9,528.35. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$385.31, State and National Education-\$901.97, Children's Home-\$75.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$75.99, State and National Project-\$158.12. Total outside expenditures: \$1,596.39. Value of Church property: \$10,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$65.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Dallas, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Nancy Hildebrand, Rt. 1, Box 334B, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 65. Members received: 12. By baptism-9, by letter-2, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 68. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$14,636.87. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$5,460.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$5,779.87, Literature-\$247.00, Caretaker-\$400.00, Bus ministry-\$1,346.00. Total local expenditures: \$13,232.00. Spent for outside causes - Arrowood Assembly-\$204.00. Total outside expenditures: \$204.00. Value of Church property: \$22,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$6,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$32.50.

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. William Calvert, 402 E. 5th St., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Bobby Moody, 833 Lewis St., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 204. Members received: 49. By baptism-37, by letter-7, by statement-3. Members dismissed: 2, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 275. C.T.S.: 89. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 21. Financial report - Total offering received: \$30,040.55. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6,769.00, Evangelistic work-\$360.00, Literature-\$1,125.52, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$78.00, Caretaker-\$1,275.00. Spent for outside causes - Superannuation-\$354.60, Arrowood Assembly-\$739.60, State and National Project-\$240.00. Total expenditures: \$26,697.06.

FIRST CHURCH: Maiden, N. C.

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

No Report.

FIRST CHURCH, Stanley, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Sherman Branch, Box 206, Stanley, N. C.

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

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 156. Members received: 34. By baptism-24, by letter-9, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-6. Sunday School enrollment: 236. Sunday School average: 162. C.T.S.: 80. C.T.S. yearly average: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 15. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$35,857.93. General offering: \$30,613.76. Building Fund: \$5,244.17. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6,620.00, Evangelistic work-\$456.37, Building and repair-\$14,702.74, Literature-\$1,595.31, Caretaker-\$937.00, Utilities-\$1,662.28, Bus ministry-\$706.33, Other-\$7,721.84. Total local expenditures: \$34,401.87. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$25.00, Home Missions-\$216.61, State and National Education-\$85.00, Superannuation-\$361.05, Arrowood Assembly-\$718.40, State and National Project-\$50.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,456.06. Value of Church property: \$80,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$78.00.

GOSHEN: North Belmont, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Lawrence Goudelock, 71 Duncan St., N. Belmont, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 140. Members received: 10. By baptism-7. Members dismissed: 4. By letter-1, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 163. Sunday School yearly average: 120. C.T.S. enrollment: 36. C.T.S. yearly average: 26. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 13. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$36,517.83. Building Fund: \$76,000.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6,760.00, Evangelistic work-\$444.80, Literature-\$989.54, Caretaker-\$660.00, Utilities-\$1,062.40, Bus ministry-\$306.88, Other, Architect partial fee, Saving certificates-\$13,702.58, Other-\$2,392.00. Total local expenditures: \$31,980.03. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$424.86, Home Missions-\$430.18, Bible College-\$200.00, Superannuation-\$72.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$400.00, State and National Project-\$25.00, Others-\$70.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,622.04. Amount sent with letter: \$70.00.

LAUREL: Charlotte, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. James G. Stancill, Rt. 10, Box 72, Evergreen Park, Charlotte

CHURCH CLERK: Frances Stancill, Rt. 10, Box 72, Evergreen Park, Charlotte

Ordained ministers: 1. Church membership: 24. Members received: 10. By baptism-4, by letter-5, by statement-1. Sunday School enrollment: 27. Sunday School yearly average: 21. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Yearly Average of Auxiliary: 8. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$4,768.47. General Fund: \$2,612.40, Building Fund: \$2,156.07. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$551.79, Building and repair-\$720.00, Literature-\$319.42, Utilities-\$120.64, Others-\$225.10, Church land payment-\$2,157.00. Total local expenditures: \$4,093.95. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$19.56, Home Missions-\$314.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$8.00. Total outside expenditures: \$341.56. Value of Church property: \$10,500.00. Amount sent with letter: \$12.00.

LIVING HOPE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Burel Bryant, Box 671, Cramerton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Mozelle Pittman, Cramerton Rd., Cramerton, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 82. Members received: 48. By baptism-13, by letter-17, by statement-18. Sunday School enrollment: 120. Sunday School yearly average: 70. Financial report - Total offering received: \$22,374.77. General offering: \$17,834.16. Building Fund: \$4,540.61. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$840.00, Evangelistic work-\$140.00, Literature-\$240.39. Total local expenditures: \$1,220.39. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$75.00. State and National Education-\$75.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00. Total outside expenditures: \$450.00. Value of Church property: \$40,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$41.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Peggy Bradley, 1313 W. May St., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 86. Members received: 31. By baptism-15, by letter-2, by statement-11. Members dismissed: 2. by letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 103. Sunday School yearly average: 70. C.T.S. enrollment: 40. C.T.S. yearly average: 40. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Yearly average: 6. Financial report - Total offering received: \$12,759.04. General offering: \$1,156.00. Building Fund: \$56.96. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$4,950.00, Evangelistic work-\$231.51, Building and repair-\$12,138.70, Literature-\$512.39, Caretaker-\$480.00, Utilities-\$890.00, Bus ministry-\$921.59, Other-\$1,295.49 & \$10,000.00. Total local expenditures: \$21,409.68. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$15.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$331.00. Total outside expenditures: \$417.90. Value of Church property: \$80,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$43.00.

MARY GROVE: Cherryville, N. C.

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

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 28. Members received: 7. By baptism-5, by statement-2. Sunday School enrollment: 58. Sunday School Yearly average: 25. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$4,325.18. General offering: \$3,880.00. Special Fund: \$445.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$535.00, Evangelistic work-\$125.00, Building and repair-\$1,321.73, Literature-\$119.07, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$36.49, Utilities-\$163.28, Bus ministry-\$550.32, Other-\$550.00. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$30.50, Home Missions-\$10.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$155.00. Total outside expenditures: \$195.50. Amount sent with letter: \$14.00.

MT. VIEW: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Savage, Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, N. C.

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Church membership: 55. Members received: 5. Sunday School enrollment: 51. Sunday School yearly average: 50. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$8,956.62. General offering: \$8,956.62. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$2,440.00. Evangelistic work-\$70.00, Building and repair-\$200.00, Literature-\$154.25, Caretaker-\$295.00, Utilities-\$966.00, Other-\$898.00. Spent for outside causes - Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00, Other-\$2,633.00. Total outside expenditures: \$7,956.62. Value of Church property: \$20,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$27.50.

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

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

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

Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 130. Members received: 24. By baptism-16, by letter-7, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 11. By letter-5, excluded-6. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$20,438.03. General offering: \$551.07. Building Fund: \$665.81. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6,240.00, Evangelistic work-\$304.82, Building and repair-\$1,553.00, Literature-\$729.94, Caretaker-\$923.50, Utilities-\$1,213.59, Bus ministry-\$164.05, Other-\$3,150.12, Bonds-\$3,510.00. Total local expenditures: \$17,789.02. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$413.64, Home Missions-\$413.64, State and National Education-\$413.64, Children's Home-\$518.64, Arrowood Assembly-\$647.70, State and National Projects-\$472.14. Total outside expenditures: \$2,879.40. Value of Church property: \$75,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$18,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$75.00.

OPEN DOOR: Gastonia, N. C.

No Report.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Henry C. Gipson, 1081 Parkview, Dr., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Nellie Huss, 306 E. Gibbs St., Dallas, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 24. Members received: 3. By baptism-3. Sunday School enrollment: 51. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$6,118.28. General offering: \$5,556.28. Building Fund: \$562.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$3,110.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$53.93, Literature-\$108.57, Caretaker-\$341.00, Utilities-\$416.03, Other-\$738.53. Total local expenditures: \$4,768.06. Spent for outside causes - Arrowood Assembly-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$25.00. Value of Church property: \$25,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$20.00.

PLEASANT HILL: Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Lester Hughes, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.

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

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 29. Members received: 12. By letter-2, by statement-10. Members dismissed: 16. Excluded-16. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$2,856.83. General offering: \$1,000.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$1,175.00. Building and repair-\$25.00, Literature-\$80.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$5.50, Other-\$2,052.49. Total local expenditures: \$3,816.99. Spent for outside causes - Arrowood Assembly-\$10.00. Value of Church property: \$20,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$14.50.

RIDGEVIEW: Mt. Holly, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Jerry Wyatt, 178 North Main St., Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Lula Gibson, Rt. 1, Lane Rd., Box 494, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 31. Members received: 11. By baptism-4, by letter-2, by statement-5. Members dismissed: Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 67. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$5,195.89. General offering: \$5,082.89. Building Fund: \$113.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$932.00, Evangelistic work-\$51.00, Building and repair-\$604.13, Literature-\$187.97, Utilities-\$636.63, Other-\$1,971.71. Spent for outside causes - Arrowood Assembly-\$65.55, Other-\$78.50. Value of Church property: \$35,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$15.50.

SPRINGWOOD: N. Belmont, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Helen O'Daniel, 204 Clearwater Lake Rd., Mt. Holly, N.C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 85. Members received: 56. By baptism-19, by letter-11, by statement-24. Members dismissed: deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 125. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$8,638.43. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$5,195.00, Evangelistic work-\$544.81, Building and repairs-\$597.32, Literature-\$540.89, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$890.00, Church upkeep-\$1,065.80, Other-\$82.38. Spent for outside causes - State and National



Education-\$150.00, Love offering-\$200.14. Value of Church property: \$40,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$42.50.

WEST FIFTH AVE.: Gastonia, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Ted Green, 2107 West 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Church membership: 142. Members received: 54. By baptism-30, by letter-4, by statement-20. Members dismissed: 8. By letter-6, excluded-2. Sunday School enrollment: 117. Sunday School yearly average: 92. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 11. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 9. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$26,097.12. General offering: \$24,725.12. Building Fund: \$1,372.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6,520.00, Evangelistic work-\$404.04, Building and repair-\$4,273.40, Literature-\$606.20, Caretaker-\$1,050.00. Utilities-\$1,504.33, Other-\$8,900.27. Total local expenditures: \$23,258.24. Spent for outside causes - Foreign Missions-\$50.00, Home Missions-\$50.00, Children's Home-\$460.74, Superannuation-\$354.60, Arrowood Assembly-\$592.30. Total outside expenditures: \$1,507.64. Value of Church property: \$120,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$28,000.00. Amount sent with letter: \$71.00.

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

J. C. ALMOND: Sermons Preached-25, Professions Witnessed-6, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-350.

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-124, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-35, Number Baptized-24, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-2,700, Amount Received-\$6,740.00.

BUREL BRYANT: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-20, Number Baptized-11, Additions to Church-48, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-1,500, Amount Received-\$850.00.

DREXLER BENTON:

WILLIAM CALVERT: Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-65, Number Baptized-37, Additions to Church-47, Funerals Preached-9, Miles Traveled-22,000, Amount Received-\$6,760.00.

WAYNE DILLS: Sermons Preached-22, Professions Witnessed-17.

JOHNNIE FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached-76, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-78, Number Baptized-7, Addition to Church-10, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-13,234, Amount Received-\$6,760.00.

HERMAN GRIFFIN: Sermons Preached-75, Churches Pastored-1, Number Baptized-7, Addition to Church-12, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-12,000, Amount Received-\$5,395.00.

OSCAR GRAY: Sermons Preached-156, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-75, Number Baptized-30, Additions to Church-54, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-38,500, Amount Received-\$6,520.00.

LLOYD GRAY: Sermons Preached-105, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-35, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-31, Funerals Preached-8, Amount Received-\$5,150.00.

HENRY CLAY GIPSON: Sermons Preached-40, Churches Pastored-1, Number Baptized-6, Additions to Church-3, Funerals Preached-3, Amount Received-\$1,750.00.

LESTER HUGHES: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-2, Professions Witnessed-35, Additions to Church-15, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-4,000, Amount Received-\$600.00.

NATHAN HOLT: Sermons Preached-25, Professions Witnessed-6, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-500.

DAVID HOVIS: Sermons Preached-18, Professions Witnessed-2.

WELDON KEY: Sermons Preached-106, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-25, Additions to Church-36, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-12,000, Amount Received-\$1,500.00.

- GRANT RAY MILLER: Sermons Preached-12, Funerals Preached-1.
- FOSTER WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached-30, Professions Witnessed-4, Miles Traveled-200, Amount Received-\$100.00.
- JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-138, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-21, Number Baptized-12, Additions to Church-30, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-1,600, Amount Received-\$5,200.00.
- JAMES PAULEY: Sermons Preached-138, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-6, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-16, Funerals Preached-2, Amount Received-\$6,000.00.
- THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached-103, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-20, Number Baptized-17, Additions to Church-12, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-14,000, Amount Received-\$5,460.00, Weddings-2.
- JAMES STANCILL: Sermons Preached-122, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-17, Number Baptized-6, Additions to Church-10, Churches Organized-1, Funerals Preached-1, Amount Received-\$552.00, Weddings-1.
- M. T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached-114, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-6, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-7, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-15,000, Amount Received-\$3,500.00, Weddings-2.
- HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-96, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-3, Additions to Church-4, Funerals Preached-4, Amount Received-\$2,440.00.
- OSCAR SULLIVAN: Sermons Preached-138, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-50, Number Baptized-30, Additions to Church-30, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-3,000, Amount Received-\$1,400.00.
- GAITHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-17, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-27, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-1,400, Amount Received-\$1,115.00.
- RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-74, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-10, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-7, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-5,000.
- JERRY WYATT: Sermons Preached-65, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-18, Miles Traveled-2,500.
- D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-19, Additions to Church-21, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-6,600.
- BOBBY WEATHERS: Sermons Preached-20, Professions Witnessed-1.

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