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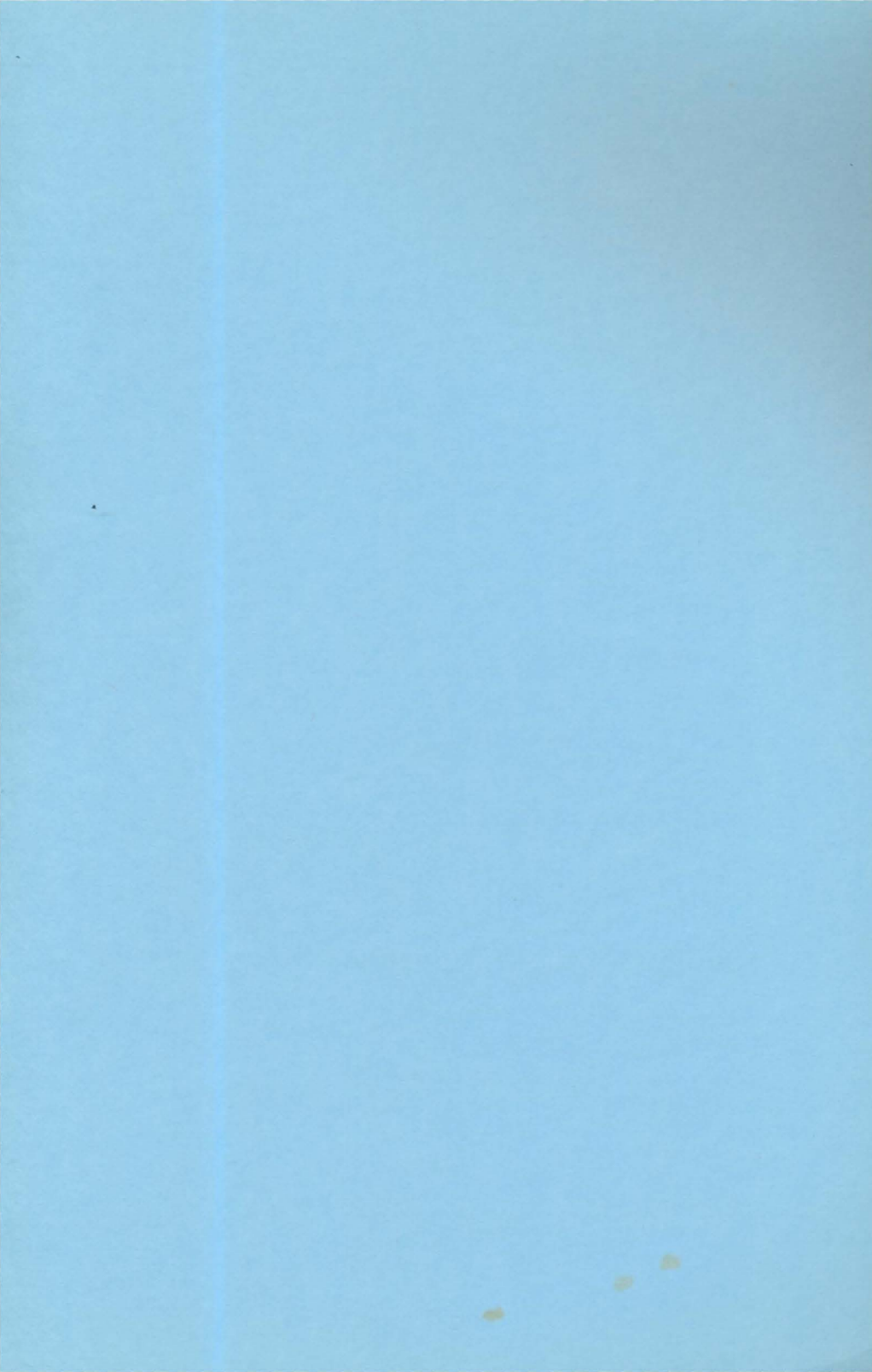
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## OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

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HOME FOR AGED:	Maxie Gray (1975), Georgia Calvert (1976), Elizabeth Branch (1977).
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ASSISTANT PIANIST:	Mrs. Ethel Whaley
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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. Wayne Dills
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 .....	China Grove, 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
MOUNT ZION .....	Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. Edward Turnage
OPEN DOOR .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Charles Ruff
PECAN GROVE .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Henry Gibson
PLEASANT HILL .....	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Lester Hughes
RIDGEVIEW .....	Mount Holly, N. C. Rev. Jerry Wyatt
SPRINGWOOD .....	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. John R. Newton
WEST FIFTH AVE. ....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Oscar Gray

## 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 indifinité 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 absence 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 effect until he is called for full-time Christian work provided he has proved himself for one year, is faithful, of sound character, and doctrine. If he is called for full-time 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.

## ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY 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, his parents will be called and requested to either bring the proper clothing for the child or come and pick their child up and take him 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 be separated by groups and at no time will be 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 as failure to do so may jeopardize any claim for insurance.
14. There will be no in-coming our 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 Adopted at the 1972-1973 Annual Session Page 22.  
M/S/C that Arrowood Assembly be confined to the Association.

### CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVE. — Harold McManus, Jeanette Morgan, Helen Rowell, Ray Rowell,  
Danny Key.

BETHLEHEM — Thelma Bullock, Bulah Sheets, Henry Bullock.

BESSEMER CITY — Ethel Whaley, Mrs. A. C. Dugan.

BOGER CITY — Grady C. Williams.

CRAMERTON — No Delegates

CENTER GROVE — Etta Leary, Viola Harrison, C. L. Newell.

EMMANUEL — None

EAST BELMONT — Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks

CHINA GROVE — Ted Davis, Curtis Davis, George Hamilton.

FIRST DALLAS — Nancy Hildebrand, Diane Hutchison, Arthur Bliss, Randy  
Hutchison, Jim Lanier.

FIRST GASTONIA — Billy Lingerfelt.

FIRST STANLEY — Kenneth D. Sigmon.

FIRST MAIDEN — Elsie Gill, Louise Fisher.

GOSHEN — None

LAUREL — Graylon Jordon, Shirley Jordon, Frances Stancill.

LIVING HOPE — G. C. Taylor, Mrs. Annie Grant, Mrs. Peggy Bryant.

LOWELL — Mrs. Ila Fore, Mrs. Edith Melton, Mrs. Jo Anne McCarn.

MARY GROVE — None

MOUNT HOLLY — Ronald Harrison, Tom Smith.

MOUNT ZION — None

MOUNTAIN VIEW — None

PECAN GROVE — Homer Leatherwood, Roy Gibson.

PLEASANT HILL — Sam Talley, Troy Green, John F. Lutz.

OPEN DOOR — None

RIDGEVIEW — Earnest E. King, Carl C. Jenkins.

SPRINGWOOD — Mrs. Thelma Wallace, James Morgan, Sr.

WEST FIFTH — Joseph M. Green, Percy W. Collins, Junior Morrison.

### **MINISTERS (Who Registered)**

Jerry Wyatt, Thomas Rolen, David Hovis, James Stancill, James Pauley, Sherman Branch, Wayne Dills, Lee Whaley, Homer Arrowood, Burel Bryant, T. K. Smith, John Newton, R. P. Sawyer, Herman Griffin, Homer Savage, Oscar Gray, Ramon Johnson Jr., Wildon A. Gill, Earl Bittle, Weldon Key, W. H. Calvert, Lester Hughes, Murray T. Sparks, Eddie Turnage, Thomas Rogers, Ralph Willis, Gaither Summitt, L. D. Gray, Johnnie E. Floyd Jr., Henry Gibson, Robert J. Hildebrand, David Miller, Drexler L. Benton, Bobby Weathers.

### **VISITING MINISTERS**

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Robert Rose.

### **VISITORS (Who Registered)**

Barbara Ensley, Marsha Rolen, Paul Rolen, C. W. Eslinger, Grant Ensley, Doris Hovis, Cardell Hendine, Elsie Russell, Marie Stancill, Robbie Bazzle, Allison Bazzle, Sandy Hartsell, Sharon Hartsell, B. J. Whaley, Kathy Foster, Randy Arrowood, Mrs. Homer Arrowood, Mrs. Annie Grant, Mrs. Burel Bryant, Tonya Bryant, Wade Simpson, Mrs. Grady Williams, Shannon Williams, Mr. Gerald Sheets, Mrs. Polly Earley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Absher, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Steen, Mrs. Herman Griffin, Floyd B. Buchanan, Mrs. H. N. Hudson, H. N. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wayne, J. A. Small, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Weaver, Willard Breedlove, Patricia McManus, Mary Ann Hampton, Alice Newell, Mrs. L. D. Gray, Mrs. Mike McCune, Mattie King, Jerry R. Reno, Angelita Lucas, Frank J. Wallace, Boyce B. O'Daniel, Mrs. Edward Turnage, Elizabeth Burgess, Mrs. Wayne Dills, Sally Winebarger, Rita Winebarger, Kay Rose, Mandy Gray, Jack Gray, Mrs. Gerald Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, Denise Williams, Randall Sheets, Juanita Jacobs, Margaret McLain.

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

April 18, 1974

The Eighth Annual Association met at the Springwood Church. The meeting was opened with a song led by Gerald Sheets, "Oh, How I Love Jesus," and "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Weldon Key. The host pastor welcomed the congregation. The moderator, Rev. James Pauley made some announcements. An offering for Arrowood Assembly was received. Offertory prayer by Rev. Sawyers and special music was provided by the Happy Travelers from Bethlehem Church in Kannapolis. The Moderator then introduced the speaker. In the absence of Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Sherman Branch was the speaker. Brother Branch brought a wonderful message on, "The Four Wills of God," reading his Scripture from Eph. 1: 1-14. After the message, Rev. Pauley appointed the Credential Committee as following: Rev. Homer Savage, Rev. James Stancill, and Rev. Burel Bryant. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Pauley.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 19, 1974

The session opened at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Earl Bittle leading the congregation in singing, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," and "Victory In Jesus." Prayer was offered by Rev. Earl Bittle. Then, there was the welcome by the host pastor, Rev. John Newton. Devotions were given by Rev. Lee Whaley, whose scripture was taken from Isaiah and John. His topic was "How Christ Lifts Us Up." The clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, called the Eighth Annual Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. James Pauley. For his remarks, Rev. Pauley read from Heb. 12: 12-13. M/S/C to adopt the program flexible at the discretion of the moderator. The clerk read the Rules of Decorum. M/S/C to seat the delegates. The Nominating Committee gave a partial report. M/S/C that Grady Williams serve as clerk and Mrs. Peggy Bryant serve as assistant clerk. M/S/C to give Mrs. Robert Parris a rising vote of thanks for her conscientious and faithful work as clerk. The clerk then read the roll call of ministers. Twenty were present. Visiting ministers and visitors were recognized. The clerk then proceeded to read the Executive Board reports. M/S/C to adopt reports. M/S/C to change Article 4 p.11 (Associational Requirements) 1973 minutes to read: When a brother is licensed, his license shall be in effect until he is called for full-time Christian work provided he has proved himself for one year, is faithful, of sound character, and doctrine. If he is called for full-time work and is ordained, his ordination shall be in effect for life provided he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine. M/S/C to accept Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church and its Pastor, the Reverend Eddie Turnage into this Association. Dismissed from the business session for the 11:00 a.m. message. Rev. Earl Bittle led the singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Special singing was provided by Danny Key who sang, "The Haven of Rest." Brother Pauley then introduced the speaker, Rev. Homer Arrowood. Rev. Arrowood used Luke 9: 1-2, 10 as his text and used as his topic, "Being Filled With The Wrong Spirit." He used five points to illustrate his message: 1.

Inflated Spirit (building ourselves up), 2. Incompassionate Spirit (not caring for anyone but self), 3. Indifferent Spirit, 4. Impatient Spirit, and 5. Wrong Spirit. Rev. Arrowood brought a wonderful message. M/S/C to adjourn for lunch.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**April 19, 1974**

The session opened with a song led by Rev. Earl Bittle, "Power In The Blood." Devotions were given by Rev. William Calvert. He used Jeremiah 18: 1 and used as his topic "Let Us Go Down To The Potter's House." After the devotions, Bro. Ronald Creech reported on the progress of the state work and reminded those in attendance of the state association which meets June 10, 11, 12 at the Swananoah Free Will Baptist Church. The National Association is to convene in Wichita, Kansas, July 14-18. Rev. Lee Whaley gave the Ordaining Council report. M/S/C to accept this report. M/S/C to accept Credentials Committee report. M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board Report. (A final report will be given on Saturday morning concerning a loan-fund to be set up for students in our area wishing to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College who need financial assistance.) The Missions Board did not report. Reports were not received from the Sunday School Board nor the CTS Board. However, the delegates were reminded of the district CTS Rally on Friday May 17, 7:00 p.m. Those in competition should meet at 6:30. Then, on Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. there will be a CTS Leadership Seminar. Both events will be at the First Church, Gastonia. M/S/C to accept Insurance and Retirement Board report. M/S/C to accept Publications Board report. The Masters Men Board and the Home for Aged Board did not report. This last board will still function to keep the delegates up-to-date on state work. Arrowood Assembly report was given in three parts: (a) Treasurer report was given. M/S/C to accept this part. (b) Building Committee progress report, M/S/C to accept this part with one item tabled for Saturday (Request for association to buy a refrigerator at an approximate cost of \$1,300.) (c) Board of Directors Report given. M/S/C to accept this report. M/S/C to adjourn.

## **FRIDAY EVENING SESSION**

**April 19, 1974**

The session opened at 7:00 p.m. with Danny Key leading the congregation in two songs, "Footprints of Jesus," and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Missions offering was received in the amount of \$26.50. Special music was presented by the Mount Zion Church, Kannapolis. Rev. James Pauley then introduced the speaker, Rev. Eddie Turnage. He brought a good message based on I Peter 4: 12-17 and Acts 2: 1. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Pauley.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

**April 20, 1974**

The session opened at 9:30 a.m. with singing. Rev. Earl Bittle led the delegates in two songs, "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In," and "Living

By Faith." The devotions were given by Rev. Wayne Dills, pastor of the Center Grove Church, Waxhaw. His thoughts were taken from Deut. 2: 1-3. After the devotions, the Moderator established the dates for the next Quarterly Fellowship Meetings as follows: July 27, at Mount Holly Church; October 26, at Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis; January 25, 1975, at Mount Holly Church. The dates for the next annual session were set for April 17, 18, 19, 1975, at the First Church, China Grove. Next the delegates listened to unfinished business by the Christian Education Board and the Credential Committee. M/S/C to set up a Loan Fund to be called the Daddy Jones Memorial Loan Fund. Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee will choose a student from our Association to be the recipient of this loan, which amounts to \$300.00. M/S/C to accept the completed report of the Credential Committee. M/S/C that the Association buy refrigerator for Arrowood Assembly at an approximate cost of \$1,300.00. M/S/C to accept the Children's Home Board Report. The Superintendents at the Turbeville, S. C. Home and the home at Greenville, Tennessee are respectively, Paul Shehan and James Earl Raper. M/S/C to remove Rev. Pauley from Board of Trustees and include Rev. Homer Arrowood. M/S/C that Executive Board contact churches and ministers not reporting to encourage their attendance and support. M/S/C to adopt the report of Treasurer. M/S/C to send the Friday night mission offering of \$26.50 to the Shelby Mission where Rev. Jason Salyer is pastor. Rev. Ralph Willis gave the Nominating Committee Report. M/S/C to accept report. M/S/C that Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association in Swananoah, N. C., June 10, 11, 12, 1974. Delegates appointed were Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Ira Fore, Mrs. Ruth Haney, Mrs. Sparks, Pat Hamrick, and Mrs. Edith Melton. Alternates appointed were Mrs. JoAnn Astley and Mrs. Anna Miskelly. M/S/C to accept report of the Resolutions Board. As there were questions from the delegates concerning the responsibilities and duties of the respective boards, the Executive Board is to define these responsibilities and duties. M/S/C to give the host church and the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to adjourn with prayer.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

May 21, 1973

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 6:00 p.m. Five members were present: Rev. James Pauley, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Herman Griffin, Mrs. Robert Parris, and Mr. Ken Sigmon. Absent were Rev. Oscar Gray and Mr. Grady Williams. The moderator, Rev. James Pauley called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Ken Sigmon. The program for the Quarterly Fellowship meeting was made out. Quarterly Fellowship meeting was planned to meet at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church, July 28, 1973, at 7:00 p.m. M/S/C to have the Boger City Choir in charge of the music. M/S/C to have Rev. Earl Bittle as guest speaker. Rev. Bittle is now pastor of the Boger City Free Will Baptist Church. There were some talks on Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Herman Griffin.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley  
Mrs. Robert Parris  
Rev. Oscar Gray  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Rev. Herman Griffin

September 3, 1973

The Executive Board met at 7:00 p.m. at the Piedmon Bible Institute, with five members present: Rev. James Pauley, Rev. Oscar Gray, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Herman Griffin, and Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Lee Whaley and Rev. Burel Bryant met with the Board. Brother Pauley, the moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Bryant. The clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, read the minutes of the last meeting, minutes were approved as read. The moderator called for the business. Brother Bryant came before the Executive Board about the Associational requirements of ordaining ministers in Article 4 of the minutes. After much discussion on Article 4, Brother Branch made a move that this matter of Article 4 of Associational requirements be wavered until the Annual Association for further information. Brother Oscar Gray seconded the move which was carried. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting for October was made out. The meeting of October 27 was to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. Brother William Calvert is host pastor. Emmanuel Church Choir is to be in charge of the music and Rev. James Stancill from Charlotte, N.C. is the speaker. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Oscar Gray.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley  
Mrs. Robert Parris  
Rev. Oscar Gray  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Rev. Herman Griffin

### September 22, 1973

The Executive Board met with the Waxhaw Church on Saturday night. The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The Chairman of the deacon board of the church turned the service over to the moderator of the Executive Board, Rev. James Pauley. Rev. Pauley read from the 133 Psalm. Rev. Branch led in prayer. The meeting was called because the pastor of this church, Rev. Oscar Sullivan, had resigned. The members wanted the Executive Board to help find a new pastor. The matter was settled, and the church now has Rev. Wayne Dills as their pastor. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Oscar Gray.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley  
Rev. Oscar Gray  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Rev. Herman Griffin  
Mr. Robert Parris  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon

### January 7, 1974

The Executive Board completed the program for the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting to be at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church January 28, 1974. The First Church in Dallas is to be in charge of all the music, and Rev. Herman Hursey is to be the speaker. Rev. Hursey is with the Insurance and Retirement Board at Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Hursey brought a wonderful message at the meeting. His subject was "Prepare to Meet Thy God." There was 325 present at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley  
Mrs. Robert Parris  
Mr. Grady Williams  
Rev. Sherman Branch  
Rev. Oscar Gray  
Mr. Kenneth Sigmon  
Rev. Herman Griffin

### February 9, 1974

The Executive Board met at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church at five o'clock, with all members present: Rev. James Pauley, Mrs. Robert Parris, Rev. Oscar Gray, Grady Williams, Rev. Sherman Branch, Kenneth Sigmon, and Rev. Herman Griffin. The moderator, Rev. Pauley called the meeting to order. Prayer by Brother Grady Williams. Rev. Pauley opened the meeting for business. Rev. Edward Turnage and some deacons from the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis came before the Executive Board with a petition to come into the Western Piedmont Association. After being questioned by the Board, Rev. Edward Turnage explained to the Board why they wanted to come into the Western Piedmont Association. It is more convenient for the church to attend the meetings. Rev. Oscar Gray made a move, Rev. Branch seconded the move that the church come under the watch care of the Executive Board until the annual meeting in April. The move was carried. Rev. Turnage and his deacons were then excused from the meeting and the Board continued with their

business. Rev. Gray made a move, Rev. Griffin seconded the move that the Board recommend to the Association that the Quarterly Fellowship Meetings be divided — one to meet in October in Kannapolis, July and January to meet in Mount Holly. Move was carried. The program for the annual meeting at the Springwood Church in April was made out. Moved, seconded and carried for Brother Danny Key to lead the singing for Thursday evening, The Happy Travelers to do the special singing, and Rev. Ronald Creech to bring the key note message. Move carried and seconded the Rev. Earl Bittle lead the singing for Friday. Rev. Whaley to bring the morning devotions and Rev. Homer Arrowood to bring the message, Rev. William Calvert to bring the 1:30 devotions. Move carried. Move and seconded for Gerald Sheets to lead the singing Friday evening with special music from Mount Zion Church and Rev. Edward Lee Turnage to bring the missionary message. Move was carried. Move and seconded that Rev. Bittle lead the singing Saturday, Rev. Wayne Dills to bring the devotions. Move was carried. M/S/C to have Commercial Printers to print the programs. M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Sherman Branch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley

Mrs. Robert Parris

Mr. Kenneth Sigmon

Mr. Grady Williams

Rev. Oscar Gray

Rev. Sherman Branch

Rev. Herman Griffin



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

**April 20, 1973**

The Ordaining Council met in a called meeting at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Drexler Benton and Rev. D. L. Whaley were present. Rev. Benton called the meeting to order and Rev. Whaley led in prayer.

Kenneth L. Hardison Sr. came from the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church with a recommendation that we examine him to be ordained to preach the Gospel as a Free Will Baptist minister, since he is a full-time pastor of Mable Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis and needs to be ordained. The Council proceeded to examine him by asking him several questions pertaining to his call to preach and his doctrinal belief and duty to the ministry. Being satisfied with his answers, a motion was made, seconded and carried to ordain him. A motion was made to adjourn.

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

**July 27, 1973**

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. All members of the Council were present. Rev. Benton called the meeting to order and Rev. Newton led in prayer.

1. Brother David Hovis came from Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church with a letter of recommendation and requested to be examined for ordination, as he had been called to serve as assistant pastor of the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

As the Council did not have a copy of the motion made at the Annual Association pertaining to the new ruling on ordaining candidates, a motion was made, seconded and carried to postpone the examination requested and referred it to the Executive Board for further study.

2. Rev. R. P. Sawyer came from the First Free Will Baptist Church of China Grove, North Carolina with a request to be transferred from the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist to the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist. A motion was made, seconded and carried to grant the request upon receiving a letter of recommendation from the Piedmont Association. (The letter has been received.)

3. The First District Meeting of the Free Will Baptists of South Carolina ask for a letter of recommendation for Robert Rose in transferring to that association. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that a letter of transfer to granted.

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

**January 25, 1974**

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. All members were present. Rev. Benton called the meeting to order. Rev. Newton led in prayer.

1. Grover Holland of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church came with a request from his church asking that the Council examine him to be licensed to preach under the watch care of the church until he is ready to be ordained. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the Pleasant Hill Church to license him.

2. Norman Hansley of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church came with a request from his church asking that the Council examine him to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church until he is ready to be ordained. After questioning him on his doctrinal belief he was instructed to study the Free Will Baptist doctrine on the Charasmatic movement; however, the request was granted.

3. Robert Hildebrand of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas came with a request from his church asking that the Council examine him to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church until he is ready to be ordained. After questioning him on his doctrinal stand and call to the ministry, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we recommend him to be licensed by his church.

4. Earl Bittle came before the council requesting to be transferred from the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist to the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept him in the association pending a letter of recommendation from the Blue Ridge Association.

5. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas sent the licenses of William H. Queen and William H. Queen, Jr. asking that these two men be dropped from the list of licensed ministers. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we drop them. A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rev. Drexler Benton, Chairman  
Rev. D. L. Whaley, Secretary  
Rev. John Newton

**April 13, 1974**

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. All Council members were present. Brother Benton called the meeting to order, Brother Newton led in prayer.

1. Rev. Eddie Turnage of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist came asking that his membership be transferred from the Blue Ridge Association to the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept his request of transfer and that Brother Turnage be placed under the watch care of the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists until a letter of transfer is received from the Blue Ridge Association.

2. Tommy Rolen of the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church came with a request from his church that we examine him to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church. After questioning him concerning his doctrinal belief, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we grant the request.

3. Larry Liverett came with a request from the First Free Will Baptist Church Gastonia that we examine him to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of his church. After questioning him concerning his doctrinal belief, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that we grant the request. A motion was made that we adjourn.

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

**A. TREASURER REPORT OF ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY  
APRIL 1, 1973 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1974**

West Fifth Avenue .....	\$ 816.00
First, Dallas .....	697.08
First, Gastonia .....	852.80
Ben Avenue .....	832.00
First, Stanley .....	811.20
Mt. Holly .....	757.00
Woman District Aux. ....	572.50
Lowell .....	357.00
First, China Grove .....	334.92
Mt. View .....	325.00
Living Hope .....	300.00
Emmanuel .....	260.00
Bethlehem .....	250.00
Boger City .....	150.00
Laurel (Charlotte) .....	123.00
Mary Grove .....	110.00
Pecan Grove .....	108.00
East Belmont .....	100.00
Goshen .....	100.00
Ridge View .....	<u>45.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,889.50</b>
(Kitchen)	925.00
Thursday Night Offering	<u>39.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,853.50</b>

**B. PROGRESS REPORT ON ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY**

The \$50,000 was borrowed to complete the building and the old bonds are retired. Presently the building is complete.

At this time the kitchen equipment is being installed and the Board is seeking contractors for the sewage system.

The Board has three recommendations:

1. Encourage the churches to support-10¢ per member.
2. Encourage the churches to buy kitchen equipment.
3. Encourage the Association to buy refrigerator which is required by the state.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Arrowood  
Rev. Branch  
Rev. Calvert

**C. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Rules Committee met October 9, 1973, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., with the following members present: Bill Sawyer, Rev. Tom Rogers, Rev. Weldon Key and Henry Scarborough.

Homer Arrowood had been contacted since the last meeting and had accepted the job of being in charge of camp assignments.

The following new items were discussed and recommended:

1. Fee for one week at camp be \$18.00; \$5.00 with application, \$13.00 on arrival.
2. A job of Director be created. It will be his responsibility to obtain instructors, life guard, dietician and nurse. Director will be in charge of all activities.
3. Recommend for Camp Director for 1974-1975 to be Sherman Branch.
4. Rally days: June 8, 1974 at 10:00  
August 17, 1974 at 10:00

Director: Rev. Homer Savage

### **REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Piedmont Bible Institute is operated by Free Will Baptists in this area and is recommended for Sunday School teachers, men going into the ministry, and for those who want a greater understanding of Free Will Baptist doctrines.

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, is recommended to all high school students whether they seek a liberal arts education, a ministerial program, or some other area of Christian Education.

We recommend that this Association begin a fund to help students in our area with the expense of going to Free Will Baptist Bible College.

This Fund could be called a memorial or a student loan and could be given each year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dean Bryant  
Grady Williams  
Joann King

### **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:

Harold Jackson  
Wayne Smith  
Bobby Combs

### **SPECIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

The Credential Committee met in a special session Friday afternoon, April 19, 1974 in co-operation with Brother Grady Williams of the Christian Education Board and Sister Ethel Whaley as special advisor, to discuss the proper channels that should be taken toward setting up an Associational educational fund for the expressed purpose of aiding Free Will Baptist young people in their Christian education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Western Piedmont Association authorize a student loan fund to aid worthy Free Will Baptist young people in their christian education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. It has been suggested the educational fund be named as a memorial to Brother J. W. Jones or the "Daddy Jones" Memorial Student Loan Fund.

This of course is subject to approval of the Association.

3. We recommend that the Association allocate \$300.00 into a student loan for this year, 1974. Thereafter, 10% of the Association's annual income of \$1500.00. The remaining \$150.00 to be given in free will offerings by the Associational churches, etc.
4. We recommend the Christian Educational Board to do further research to secure more information needed for proper evaluation into the recommended student loan fund. For example:
  - a. Be responsible for securing or writing a proper application form to be used by those wishing to apply for financial aid.
  - b. Write a standard of requirements (including spiritual and moral).
  - c. Recommend ways to promote the student loan fund.
  - d. Determine amount of interest to be paid on loans if any.
  - e. The length of time allotted before loan is to be paid back.

Respectfully Submitted:

Homer Savage  
Burel Bryant  
Grady Williams  
Ethel Whaley  
James Stancill

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS**

We the Publications Board submit the following report:

1. That in this day of all the new versions of the Bible, that we give a stronger, firmer support to the King James Version.
2. That we increase our fight against those who put un-Godly literature into the hands of our people (especially our children).
3. That we encourage our people not to forsake family devotions, realizing that our greatest publication is God's Holy Word.
4. That we more strongly support our Free Will Baptist writers, both by buying and reading their publications, and by praying for them as God leads them to write.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Lester Hughes  
Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.  
Ethel Whaley

### **REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD**

Our area is served by two homes: Greenville, Tenn. and Turbeville, S. C. The First Church in Gastonia has already placed seven. For further information contact Superintendent Paul Shehan, Turbeville, S. C. on James E. Raper, Greenville, Tenn.

Recommendations:

1. Systematic Support - Through Church Budget, or set aside a particular Sunday for the Children Home.
2. Adoption of children - Provide support for some of these boys and girls by buying school clothes, Christmas presents, etc.
3. Supplying of needs - Anyone can send sheets, towels, non-perishable goods.
4. Mailing List - Clerk is to send a list of churches names and addresses so they can be placed on the mailing list of both homes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Homer Arrowood

**TREASURER REPORT FOR  
APRIL, 1973 TO APRIL, 1974  
WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION  
Kenneth Sigmon-Treasurer**

Balance Brought Forward April 1973 .....	\$ 872.19
Received Last Association .....	1,065.53
Received Since Last Association .....	<u>29.00</u>
Total Income .....	1,966.72
Paid Out .....	<u>766.46</u>
Balance .....	1,200.26

**ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR**

Rev. Jason Salyer (Mission Speaker at Annual Meeting) .....	55.18
Rev. Frank McQuage (Speaking at Annual Meeting) .....	25.00
D. L. Whaley (1 Tufhide Attache case for Ordaining Council) .....	14.56
Programs for Annual Meeting (Commercial Printers) .....	37.44
N. C. State Association .....	25.00
Mrs. Robert Parris (Salary) .....	75.00
Commercial Printers for Minutes .....	436.80
Mrs. Robert Parris (Mailing Expense) .....	30.88
Herman Hersey (Speaking at Quarterly Meeting) .....	25.00
Programs for 8th Annual Meeting (Commercial Printers) .....	<u>41.60</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 766.46</b>

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Moderator .....	Rev. William Calvert
Vice Moderator .....	Rev. Earl Bittle
Clerk .....	Mr. Grady Williams
Assistant Clerk .....	Mrs. Burel Bryant
Treasurer .....	Mr. Kenneth Sigmon
Member Executive Board .....	Rev. Herman Griffen
Member Executive Board .....	Rev. M. T. Sparks

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Chairman .....	Rev. John R. Newton
Secretary .....	Rev. Lee Whaley
Member .....	Rev. James Pauley

**ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD**

Assistant Treasurer .....	Rev. Sherman Branch
Christian Education .....	Grady Williams
	Dean Bryant
	Mrs. Robert Parris

Missions .....	Nina Rikard Nora Hyleman Elizabeth Sparks
Sunday School .....	Ray Rowell Harold Jackson Mrs. Homer Arrowood
C.T.S. ....	Harold Rector Johnnie Murphy Charles Odom
Insurance and Retirement .....	Rev. M. T. Sparks Rev. Burel Bryant Rev. Gaither Summitt
Publications .....	Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Rev. Lester Hughes Rev. L. D. Whaley
Master's Men .....	Charles Floyd Rev. Weldon Key Rev. James Stancill
Home For Aged .....	Maxie Gray Georgia Calvert Elizabeth Branch
Children's Home .....	Rev. William Calvert Mrs. Mandy Gray Rev. Homer Arrowood
Nominating Committee .....	Bob Hilderbran Rev. Sherman Branch Rev. L. D. Gray
Pianist .....	Mrs. Peggy Bryant
Assistant Pianist .....	Mrs. Ethel Whaley

#### **CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman .....	Bill Sawyer Henry Scarborough Rev. Sherman Branch Rev. Thomas Rogers Rev. Weldon Key
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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairman .....	Rev. W. H. Calvert Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. Gaither Summitt
Resolutions .....	Rev. Oscar Gray Rev. W. H. Calvert Rev. Johnnie Floyd Jr.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION BOARD

1. Be it resolved that the Resolution Board's Report be placed on the annual agenda after the election of Associational Officers and Boards.
2. Be it resolved, that our churches consider our Pastor's finances during this time of inflation, and raise their salaries accordingly. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to all of our churches.
3. 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.
4. Be it resolved that we request all boards and committees meet at least one time during the associational year in order to carry out their elected duties and make proper reports. Be it further resolved, that any board or committee which fails to function and report that the Chairman of said board or committee be called on at the annual session to give explanation of why it has failed to function.
5. Be it resolved that we give the host church and all outgoing officers a standing vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Travis Huffman  
Rev. Oscar Gray  
Rev. William Calvert

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES APRIL 1973 TO APRIL 1974

**BEN AVENUE:** 611 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.

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

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Pat McManus, 512 Dial Street, Landis, N. C. 28088

Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 193. Members received: 30. By baptism-14, by letter-10, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-1, excluded-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 360. Sunday School yearly average: 235. C.T.S. enrollment: 68. C.T.S. yearly average: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 28. Yearly average of auxiliary: 19. Financial Report-Total offering received: \$55,895.00. General offering: \$44,863.00. Building fund: \$11,032.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$5,200.00, Evangelistic work-\$350.00, Building and repair-\$443.00, Literature-\$1,209.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$174.00, Caretaker-\$1,260.00, Utilities-\$2,295.00, Bus Ministry-\$3,877.00, Other-\$36,200.00, Total local expenditures-\$51,008.00. Spent for outside causes - Foreign missions-\$475.00, Home missions-\$475.00, State and national education-\$909.00, Children's home-\$475.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$832.00, Other-\$222.00, Total outside expenditures-\$3,390.00. Value of church property-\$145,000.00. Value of parsonage property-\$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.-\$100.00.

**BESSEMER CITY:** Edwood Road and Rhyne St., Bessemer City, N. C.

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

**CHURCH CLERK:** Sybil Huffstickler, 310 E. Indiana Ave., Bessemer City, N.C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 60. Members received: 9. By baptism-7, by letter-2. Members dismissed: 11. By letter-2, excluded-9. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 49.



Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of auxiliary: 8. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$14,819.00. General offering: \$14,019.00. Building fund: \$800.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary: \$6,112.00. Evangelistic work: \$550.00. Loan payment: \$636.00. Literature: \$250.00. Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$76.00, Caretaker-\$250.00, Utilities-\$500.00, Bus Ministry-\$250.00, Other-\$3,840.00. Total local expenditures: \$12,464.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$925.00, Home missions-\$80.00, State and national education-\$500.00, State projects-\$50.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,555.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

BETHLEHEM: 721 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. G. Herman Griffin, 741 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: J. W. Ragan, 302 Melinsla Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.

Ordained ministers: Drexler Benton, 109 South Ridge, Kannapolis, N. C., David Miller, 104 Orchard Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 97. Members received: 17. By baptism-11, by letter-2, by statement of faith-4. Sunday School enrollment: 95. Sunday School yearly average: 69. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 19. Yearly average of auxiliary: 18. Financial Report - Total offering received: \$19,527.90, General offering-\$18,677.90, Building fund-\$850.00. Spent for local causes - Pastor's salary-\$6010.00, Building fund-\$1,101.50, Literature-\$376.46, Caretaker-\$540.00, Utilities-\$1,326.23. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$1,200.00, Home missions-\$300.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00, State and national projects-\$60.00.

BOGER CITY: Huss Street, Lincolnton, N. C.

PASTOR: Earl R. Bittle, 128 Reid Street, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Grady Williams, Rt. 2, Box 459M, Dallas, N. C. 28034

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 60. Members received: 31. By baptism-8, by letter-20, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 3 By letter-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 103. Sunday School yearly average-64. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$11,538.86. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,900.00, Evangelistic work-\$85.00, Building and repair-\$1,833.16, Literature-\$298.28, Utilities-\$1,120.36. Total local expenditures: \$7,236.80. Spent for outside causes: Superannuation-\$432.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$180.00. Total outside expenditures: \$612.00. Value of church property: \$70,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees. etc.: \$30.00.

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, N. C.

PASTOR: Wayne C. Dills, Rt. 6, Box 504, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Etta Mae Robinson, Rt. 2, Box 166, Indian Trail, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 84. Members received: 39. By baptism-22, by letter-10, by statement of faith-7. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 70. Sunday School yearly average-70. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Yearly average of auxiliary-8. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$4,504.35. General offering-\$3,671.02, Building fund-\$833.33. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,200.00, Building and repair-\$1,532.74, Literature-\$82.24, Caretaker-\$40.00, Utilities-\$527.88, Love offerings-\$363.63. Total local expenditures: \$3,746.49. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$42.00.

EAST BELMONT: 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Murray T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont, Ave., Belmont, N.C. 28012

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont, Ave., Belmont, N.C. 28012

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 60. Members received: 5. By statement of faith: 5. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 90. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,078.00. General offering: \$10,078.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,380.00, Evangelistic work-\$60.00, Literature-\$226.00, Caretaker-\$100.00, Utilities-\$780.00, Other-\$2,080.00. Total local expenditures: \$6,666.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$150.00, Home missions-\$287.00, Home of Age-\$25.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$125.00. State and national projects-\$30.00. Total outside expenditures: \$607.00. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

EMMANUEL: Box 453, Dallas, N. C. 28034

PASTOR: Gaither Summitt, 304 N. College St., Dallas, N. C. 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Miss Debbie Smith, 4904 April Dr., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 46. Sunday School enrollment: 60. C.T.S. enrollment: 44. C.T.S. yearly average: 35. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Yearly average of auxiliary: 16. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,407.13. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,675.00. Evangelistic work-\$250.00, Building and repair-\$5,132.82, Literature-\$320.00. Utilities-\$454.06. Total local expenditures: \$7,831.88. Spent for outside causes: State and national education-\$120.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$240.00. Total outside expenditures: \$360.00. Value of church property: \$42,000.00.

FIRST: 405 North Bostion Street, China Grove, N. C. 28023

PASTOR: Weldon Key, Route 4, Box 412, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Nancy Davis, 405 North Bostion Street, China Grove, N. C. 28023

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 117. Members received: 20. By baptism-10, by statement of faith-10. Members dismissed: 6. Excluded-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 117. Sunday School yearly average: 106. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 14. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$15,112.34. General offering: \$12,592.34. Building fund: \$2,520.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Evangelistic work-\$310.00, Building repair-\$375.75, Literature-\$595.67, Miscellaneous-\$578.03, Utilities-\$500.00, Bus ministry-\$924.07, Other-\$395.00, Loan and Insurance-\$3,167.00. Total local expenditures: \$7,135.52. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$292.75, Home missions-\$40.00, State and national education-\$787.70, Children's Home-\$75.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$292.75, State and national projects-\$146.33. Total outside expenditures: \$1,634.50. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$58.50.

FIRST: 603 S. Lorraine St., Dallas, N. C. 28034

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Nancy Hildebrand, Rt. 2, Box 219-A-11, Gastonia, N.C.

Licensed ministers: 3. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 68. Members received: 14. By baptism-9, by letter-1, by statement of faith-2. Members dismissed: 11. By letter-2, excluded-8, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 68. Sunday School yearly average: 70. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$18,268.55. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,500.00, Evangelistic work-\$250.00, Building and repair-\$6,000.00, Literature-\$260.00, Advertising-\$50.00, Caretaker-\$444.00, Bus ministry-\$1,800.00. Total local expenditures: \$15,304.00. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$100.00, Children's Home-\$150.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$899.88. Total outside expenditures: \$1,149.88. Value of church property-\$30,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$34.00.

FIRST: 400 East 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

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

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

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 243. Members received: 67. By baptism-41, by letter-23, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-5, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 287. Sunday School yearly average-237. C.T.S. enrollment: 86. C.T.S. yearly average-83. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$40,968.10. General offering-\$37,497.40, Building fund-\$3,470.70. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,280.00, Evangelistic work-\$885.31, Building and repair-\$4,338.00, Literature-\$2,989.34, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$1,352.00, Caretaker-\$1,860.00, Utilities-\$2,094.37. Total local expenditures: \$21,018.14. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$70.54, Home missions-\$240.00, State and national education-\$251.98, Superannuation-\$432.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$771.20, State and national projects-\$1,000.00, Other-\$560.00. Total outside expenditures-\$3,325.72. Value of church property-\$164,000.00. Value of parsonage property-\$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$121.50.

FIRST: Box 206, Stanley, N. C. 28164

PASTOR: Sherman Branch, Box 756, Stanley, N. C. 28164

CHURCH CLERK: Jo Ann Astley, 112 Bost St., Lincolnton, N. C. 28092

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 193. Members received: 31. By baptism-4, by letter-20, by statement of faith-7. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 294. Sunday School yearly average-215. C.T.S. enrollment: 86. C.T.S. yearly average-70. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 35. Yearly average of auxiliary-22. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$79,327.20. General offering-\$36,526.58. Building fund-\$42,800.62. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,200.00, Evangelistic work-\$1,556.62, Building and repair-\$21,730.73, Literature-\$1,594.44, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$102.19, Caretaker-\$1,284.96, Utilities-\$1,714.84, Bus ministry-\$1,147.99, Other-\$9,501.69. Total local expenditures: \$45,833.46. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$850.82, State and national education-\$180.00, Children's home-\$100.00, Superannuation-\$432.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$811.20, State and national projects-\$189.00, Other-\$1,015.96. Total outside expenditures: \$3,578.98. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$96.50.

GOSHEN: North Belmont, N. C.

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

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 140. Members received: 26. By baptism-15, by letter-6, by statement of faith-5. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-4, deceased-3. Sunday School enrollment: 193. Sunday School yearly average: 120. C.T.S. enrollment: 65. C.T.S. yearly average: 45. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 30. Yearly average of auxiliary: 25. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$48,846.72. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,980.00, Evangelistic work-\$426.78, Building and repair and local expenses-\$23,252.91, Literature-\$815.23, Caretaker-\$660.00, Utilities-\$1,049.39, Bus ministry-\$419.43. Total local expenditures: \$33,603.74. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$60.00, Home missions-\$2,152.61, State and national education-\$250.00, Superannuation-\$72.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$100.00, Other-\$539.18, Total outside expenditures-\$3,243.79. Value of church property: \$450,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$10,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$70.00.

LAUREL: 229 Austin Dr., Charlotte, N. C.

PASTOR: James G. Stancill, 6301-72 Old Concord Road, Charlotte, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Mary S. King, Rt. 7, Box 511-R4, Charlotte, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 27. Members received: 5. By letter-4, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 2. Excluded-2. Sunday School enrollment: 35. Sunday School yearly average: 28. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$6,443.00. Pastor's salary and allowances: \$961.06. Evangelistic work-\$95.00, Building and repair-\$720.00, Literature-\$541.33, Utilities-\$151.00, Other-\$2,500.00. Total local expenditures: \$4,958.39. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$114.00, Home missions-\$102.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$126.00, Other-\$35.00. Total outside expenditures-\$377.00. Value of church property: \$11,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$15.00.

LIVING HOPE: Lowell-Bethesda Rd., Gastonia, N. C.

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

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

Licensed ministers: 3. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 104. Members received: 24. By baptism-11, by letter-10, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-1, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 119. Sunday School yearly average-97. Financial report: Total offering received: \$45,516.64. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,700.00, Building and repair-\$23,279.51, Literature-\$301.44, Utilities-\$632.00. Total local expenditures: \$29,912.95. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$175.00, State and national education-\$75.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00, Other-\$350.00. Total outside expenditures: \$900.00. Value of church property: \$65,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$52.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Ledwell, 1313 W. May St., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 97. Members received: 16. By baptism-5, by statement of faith-11. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-3. Sunday School enrollment: 109.

Sunday School yearly average: 85. C.T.S. enrollment: 53. C.T.S. yearly average: 27. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Yearly average of auxiliary: 5. Financial report: Total offering received: \$12,702.96. General offering: \$12,364.14. Building fund: \$348.82. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,840.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$1,346.11, Literature-\$572.50, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$9.00, Caretaker-\$590.00, Utilities-\$1,067.22, Bus ministry-\$1,676.75, Love offerings-\$250.39. Total local expenditures-\$5,660.31. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$16.50, Home missions-\$46.11, State and national education-\$16.45, Arrowood Assembly-\$352.00, State and national projects-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$107.58. Value of church property: \$80,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$48.50.

MARY GROVE: Rt. 2, Cherryville, N. C. 28021

PASTOR: Ralph Willis, 104 School Street, Belmont, N. C. 28012

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

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 25. Members received: 3. By baptism-2, by letter-1. Members dismissed: 4. By letter-3, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 54. Sunday School yearly average: 24. Financial report: Total offering received: \$4,175.60. General offering: \$3,961.11. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$700.00, Building and repair-\$871.60, Literature-\$131.79, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$25.00, Utilities-\$265.49, Bus ministry-\$365.10, Other-\$70.45, \$190.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,619.44. Spent for outside causes: \$34.75, Arrowood Assembly-\$105.00, State and national projects-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$164.75. Value of church property: \$22,350.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$12.50.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, N. C. 28034

PASTOR: Homer Savage, Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, N. C. 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Carolyn Norris, 832 Howard St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Ordained ministers: 2. Church membership: 53. Members received: 3. By baptism-2, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 50. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary: 7. Financial report: Total offering received: \$10,198.24. General offering: \$10,198.24. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,160.00, Evangelistic work-\$150.00, Literature-\$190.74, Caretaker-\$255.00, Utilities-\$972.26, Other-\$3,920.24. Total local expenditures: \$9,648.24. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$50.00, Home missions-\$100.00, State and national education-\$100.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00. Total outside expenditures: \$550.00. Value of church property: \$25,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$26.50.

MOUNT HOLLY: 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120

PASTOR: Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Norwood, 602 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 148. Members received: 28. By baptism-13, by letter-13, by statement of faith-2. Members dismissed: 10. Excluded-9, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment:

166. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Yearly average of auxiliary: 13. Financial report: Total offering received: \$25,662.91. General offering: \$25,269.61, Building fund-\$393.30, Pastor's salary-\$6,355.00, Evangelistic work-\$235.00, Building and repair-\$9,434.51, Literature-\$839.01, Caretaker-\$894.00, Utilities-\$1,672.94, Bus ministry-\$265.32, Other-\$8,465.84. Total local expenditures: \$28,161.62. Foreign missions-\$435.01, Home missions-\$460.01, State and national education-\$435.01, Children's home-\$694.23, Arrowood Assembly-\$701.00, State and national projects-\$435.01. Total outside expenditures-\$3,160.27. Value of church property-\$90,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$74.00.

PECAN GROVE CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Henry Clay Gibson, 1081 Parkview Dr., Gastonia, N. C.

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

Church membership: 50. Members received: 20. By baptism-18, by statement of faith-2. Sunday School enrollment: 97. Sunday School yearly average: 50. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary: 9. Total offering received: \$9,465.70. Pastor's salary-\$3,450.50, Building and repair-\$3,666.37, Literature-\$155.12, Caretaker-\$384.00, Utilities-\$282.18, Other-\$823.63. Total local expenditures: \$8,887.80. Arrowood Assembly-\$108.00. Total outside expenditures: \$108.00. Value of church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc., \$25.00.

PLEASANT HILL: Route 2, Maiden, N. C. 28650

PASTOR: Lester Hughes, Route 2, Box 252A, Maiden, N. C. 28650

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Floyce Talley, Route 1, Denver, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 38. Members received: 20. By baptism-16, by letter-2, by statement of faith-2. Members dismissed: 14. Excluded-10, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 50. Sunday School yearly average-40. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of auxiliary: 10. Financial report: Total offering received: \$9,201.43, General offering: \$9,201.43. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$2,280.00, Building and repair-\$620.00, Literature-\$156.00, Utilities-\$731.00, Loan on Church parsonage-\$684.00. Total local expenditures: \$5,466.00. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$10.00, Total outside expenditures: \$10.00. Value of Church property: \$25,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$19.00.

RIDGEVIEW: Route #6, Charlotte, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Lula Gibson, Route #1, Lane Road, Box 494, Mt. Holly

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 31. Members received: 11. By baptism-8, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-7. Sunday School enrollment: 37. Sunday School yearly average: 31. Financial report: Total offering received: \$5,553.99. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$785.28, Building and repair-\$234.45, Literature-\$272.30, Caretaker-\$130.00, Bus ministry-\$1,500.00, Other-\$50.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,972.03. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$45.00. Total outside expenditures: \$45.00. Value of church property: \$40,000.00.

**SPRINGWOOD:** Forest Drive, Belmont, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. John R. Newton, 440-17th Street, Cramerton, N. C.

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

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 46. Members received: 8. By baptism-2, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 48. Deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Financial report: Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,200.00, Literature-\$50.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$858.00, Caretaker-\$780.00, Utilities-\$360.00, Total local expenditures-\$7,248.00. Value of church property: \$40,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$23.00.

**WEST 5th AVENUE:** 2145 W. 5th Avenue, Gastonia, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Oscar L. Gray, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Tobie Green, 2107 W. 5th Avenue, Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 163. Members received: 57. By baptism-26, by letter-10, by statement of faith-21. Members dismissed: 43. By letter-3, excluded-40, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 132. Sunday School yearly average: 105. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of auxiliary: 8. Financial report: Total offering received: \$28,837.36. General offering: \$27,578.66. Building fund: \$1,258.70. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,832.00, Evangelistic work-\$175.00, Building and repair-\$2,367.78, Literature-\$671.00, Caretaker-\$1,127.50, Utilities-\$1,344.46, Other-\$9,463.77. Total local expenditures: \$21,981.51. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$100.00, Home missions-\$455.00, Children's home-\$520.24, Arrowood Assembly-\$1,336.00. Total outside expenditures: \$2,411.24. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$24,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$81.50.

### **CHURCHES NOT REPORTING BY LETTER**

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

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

**OPEN DOOR:** Gastonia, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Charles Ruff

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

**J. C. ALMOND:** Sermons Preached-150, Professions Witnessed-20, Members Baptized-5, Funerals Preached-2, Amount Received-\$4,000.00.

**HOMER ARROWOOD:** Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-55, Number Baptized-13, Additions to Church-28, Funerals Preached-9, Miles Traveled-26,000, Amount Received-\$6,655.00.

**EARL R. BITTLE:** Sermons Preached-170, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-10, Additions to Church-32, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-25,000, Amount Received-\$4,000.00.

SHERMAN A. BRANCH: Churches Pastored-1.

BUREL BRYANT: Sermons Preached-84, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-23, Number Baptized-11, Additions to Church-24, Funerals Preached-9, Miles Traveled-8,000, Amount Received-\$5,700.00, Weddings-2.

WILLIAM H. CALVERT: Sermons Preached-155, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-85, Number Baptized-41, Additions to Church-67, Funerals Preached-14, Mile Traveled-27,000, Amount Received-\$7,280.00.

WAYNE C. DILLS: Sermons Preached-58, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-62, Additions to Church-40, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-2,200, Amount Received-\$1,100.00.

JOHNNIE E. FLOYD JR.: Sermons Preached-75, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-65, Number Baptized-10, Additions to Church-25, Funerals Preached-7, Miles Traveled-17,000, Amount Received-\$6,840.00.

HENRY CLAY GIBSON: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Number Baptized-18, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-4, Amount Received-\$3,450.00.

WILDON A. GILL: Churches Pastored-1, Additions to Church-7.

L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-16, Funerals Preached-15, Amount Received-\$4,840.00.

OSCAR L. GRAY: Sermons Preached-204, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-87, Number Baptized-26, Additions to Church-57, Funerals Preached-7, Miles Traveled-36,500, Amount Received-\$6,832.00.

G. HERMAN GRIFFIN: Sermons Preached-75, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-11, Number Baptized-11, Additions to Church-17, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-12,000, Amount Received-\$6,010.00.

ROBERT J. HILDERBRAND: Sermons Preached-10.

NATHAN HOLT: Sermons Preached-12, Funerals Preached-1.

DAVID W. HOVIS: Sermons Preached-27.

LESTER HUGHES: Sermons Preached-160, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-25, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-25,000, Amount Received-\$1,500.00.

RAYMON JOHNSON: Sermons Preached-75, Professions Witnessed-5, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-500.

WELDON KEY: Sermons Preached-115, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-35, Number Baptized-10, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-12,000, Amount Received-\$1,300.00.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-143, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-21, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-10, Funerals Preached-4.

WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached-35, Professions Witnessed-10.



JAMES PAULEY: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-5, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-20, Additions to Church-14, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-15,000, Amount Received-\$6,000.00.

THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-20, Additions to Church-12, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-13,000, Amount Received-\$6,500.00.

HOMER R. SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-82, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-21, Number Baptized-4, Additions to Church-3, Funerals Preached-9, Amount Received-\$4,160.00.

R. P. SAWYER: Sermons Preached-15, Professions Witnessed-7, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-500.

TRAY K. SMITH: Sermons Preached-50, Professions Witnessed-9, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-1,200.

MURRAY T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached-127, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-9, Additions to Church-5, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-15,000, Amount Received-\$4,115.00, Weddings-1.

JAMES G. STANCILL: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-18, Additions to Church-5, Funerals Preached-2, Amount Received-\$961.00.

GAITHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-5, Miles Traveled-17,000, Amount Received-\$1,675.00.

BOBBY G. WEATHERS: Sermons Preached-40, Professions Witnessed-1.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-20, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-9, Miles Traveled-1,000.

RALPH L. WILLIS: Sermons Preached-60, Churches pastored-1, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-3, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-\$5,200, Amount Received-\$700.00.

JERRY WYATT: Sermons Preached-75, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-22, Number Baptized-11, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-1, Amount Received-\$800.00.



