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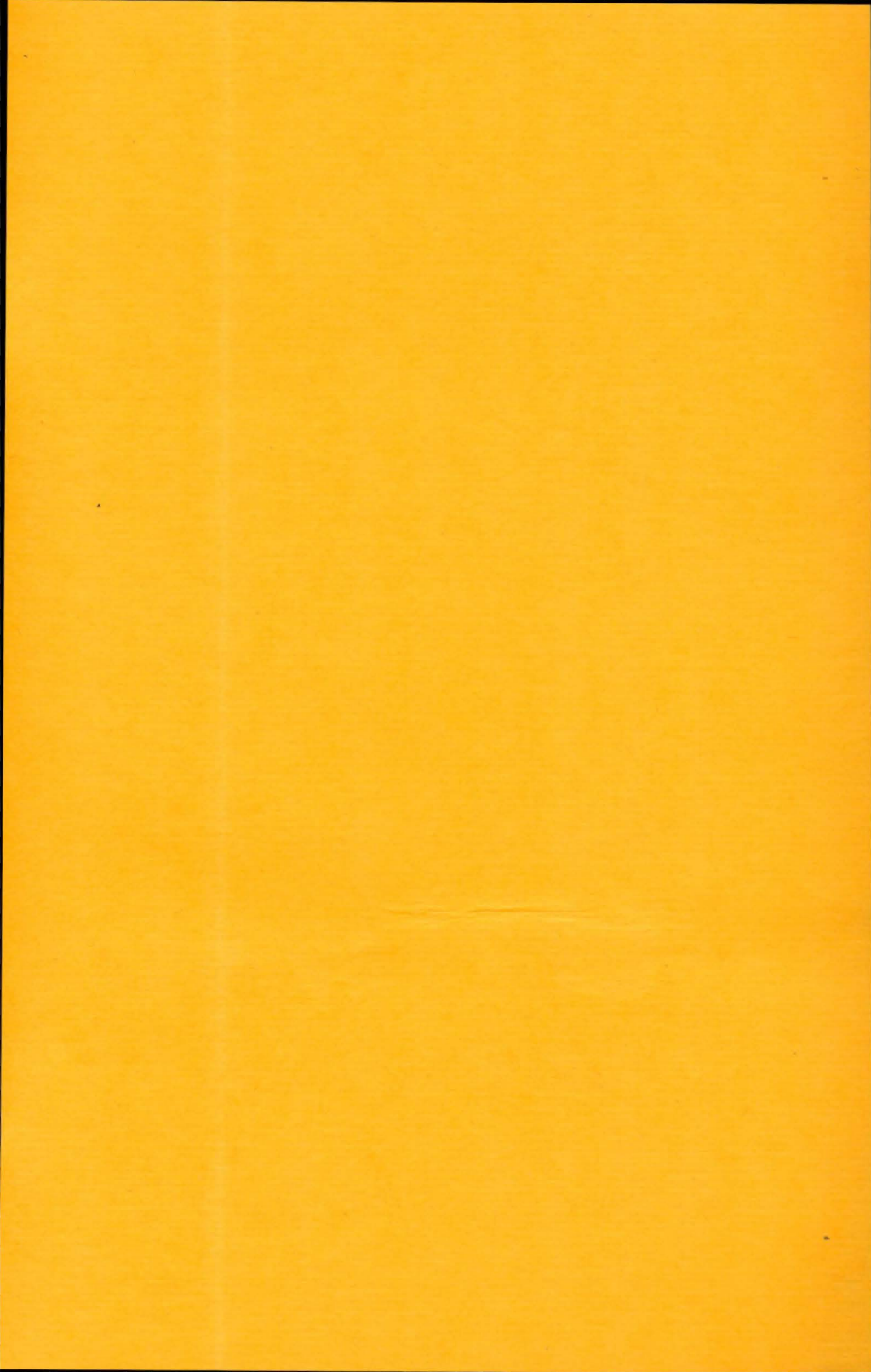
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| C.T.S.: | Johnny Murphy (1976), Charles Odom (1977), Mildred Melton (1978). |
| INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT: | Rev. Burel Bryant (1976), Rev. Gaither Summitt (1977), Rev. M. T. Sparks (1978). |
| PUBLICATIONS: | Mrs. Betty Summitt (1976), Rev. L. D. Whaley (1977), Mrs. Betty Drawdy (1978). |
| MASTER'S MEN: | Rev. Weldon Key (1976), Rev. James Stancill (1977), Larry Abernathy (1978). |
| HOME FOR AGED: | Georgia Calvert (1976), Elizabeth Branch (1977), Maxie Gray (1978). |
| CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD: | Mrs. Mandy Gray (1976), Rev. Homer Arrowood (1977), Rev. William Calvert (1978). |
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| PIANIST: | Mrs. Peggy Bryant |
| ASSISTANT PIANIST: | Mrs. Ethel Whaley |
| CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS: | Chairman, Bill Sawyer (1978), Rev. Sherman Branch (1976), Rev. Thomas Rogers (1977), Rev. Weldon Key (1977), Rev. Homer Savage (1978). |
| BOARD OF TRUSTEES: | Rev. W. H. Calvert, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Rev. Gaither Summitt. |
| RESOLUTIONS: | Rev. W. H. Calvert (1976), Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. (1977), Rev. Robert Hildebran (1978). |

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| BETHLEHEM | Rev. Herman Griffin, Kannapolis, N.C. |
| BESSEMER CITY | Rev. Lee Whaley, Bessemer City, N.C. |
| BOGER CITY | Rev. Earl Bittle, Boger City, N.C. |
| CENTER GROVE | Rev. Wayne Dills, Waxhaw, N.C. |
| CRAMERTON | Rev. Roy Rikard, Cramerton, N.C. |
| EMMANUEL | Rev. Gaither Summitt, Dallas, N.C. |
| EAST BELMONT | Rev. M. T. Sparks, Belmont, N.C. |
| FIRST, CHINA GROVE | Rev. Weldon Key, China Grove, N.C. |
| FIRST, DALLAS | Rev. Thomas Rogers, Dallas, N.C. |
| FIRST, GASTONIA | Rev. William Calvert, Gastonia, N.C. |
| FIRST, MAIDEN | Rev. Weldon Gill, Maiden, N.C. |
| FIRST, STANLEY | Rev. Sherman Branch, Stanley, N.C. |
| GOSHEN | Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., North Belmont, N.C. |
| LIVING HOPE | Rev. Burel Bryant, Gastonia, N.C. |
| LOWELL | Rev. Lloyd Gray, Lowell, N.C. |
| LAUREL | Rev. James Stancill, Charlotte, N.C. |
| MARY GROVE | Rev. Ralph Willis, Cherryville, N.C. |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW | Rev. Homer Savage, Dallas, N.C. |
| MOUNT HOLLY | Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mount Holly, N.C. |
| MOUNT ZION | Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Sr., Kannapolis, N.C. |
| OPEN DOOR | Rev. Charles Ruff, Gastonia, N.C. |
| PECAN GROVE | Rev. Henry Gibson, Gastonia, N.C. |
| RIDGEVIEW | Rev. Jimmy Skipper, Mount Holly, N.C. |
| SAVING GRACE | Rev. Robert Hildebran, Bessemer City, N.C. |
| SPRINGWOOD | Rev. John R. Newton, North Belmont, N.C. |
| WEST FIFTH AVE. | Rev. Troy Smith, Gastonia, N.C. |

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

DOCTRINE

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

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in the store, as God hath prospered him." (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 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 Adopted at the 1972-1973 Annual Session Page 22.
M/S/C that Arrowood Assembly be confined to the Association.

CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVENUE — Patty Marlowe, Wayne Marlowe, Barbara Key, Pat McManus, Jeannie Gainey, Harold McManus, Coyt Joplin.

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

BETHLEHEM — Ralph Williams, Betty Williams, Ruby Funderburk, Effie Collier, Mildred Griffin.

BOGER CITY — Floyd Drum, Albert Jenkins, Frank Dunco.

CENTER GROVE — None.

EMMANUEL — Toni Ling, Doris Smith.

CHINA GROVE — Bobby Burleyson, Curtis Davis.

FIRST, DALLAS — Macon Smith, Randy Hutchison, Betty Lainer, Jewel Baker.

FIRST, GASTONIA — Leon Bryan, Billy Lingerfelt, Georgia Calvert, Brenda Bryant.

FIRST, MAIDEN — Glenn J. Fisher, Earl Waldrop, William Waldrop, Ral Small.

FIRST, STANLEY — Kenneth D. Sigmon.

LAUREL — Herbert Winchester, Janice Winchester, Earl K. Stancill.

LIVING HOPE — Peggy Bryant, Barbara Ensley.

LOWELL — Lucille Connor, Elsie Mercer, Edith Melton.

MARY GROVE — None.

MOUNT HOLLY — Lany Abernathy.

MOUNTAIN VIEW — None.

PECAN GROVE — Roy Gibson, Leon Franklin.

SAVING GRACE — Robert Hildebrand, Geraline Quinn, Betty Drawdy, Nancy Hildebrand, Tammy Hildebrand.

SPRINGWOOD — Harold Nealy, Frank J. Wallace.

WEST FIFTH — Bobbie Smith, Willard Breedlove.

MINISTERS

Homer Arrowood, Drexler L. Benton, Earl Bittle, Sherman A. Branch, Burel Bryant, W. H. Calvert, Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., Henry Clay Gibson, Wildon A. Gill, L. D. Gray, G. Herman Griffin, Jim Hartness, Robert Joseph Hildebrand, David W. Hovis, Weldon Key, John R. Newton, James Pauley, Thomas Rogers, Thomas E. Rolan, Homer R. Savage, R. P. Sawyer, Troy Smith, James G. Stancill, Gaither Summitt, D. Lee Whaley, Ralph L. Willis, Jerry Wyatt.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Fred Green.

VISITORS (Who Registered)

Tammie Guffey, Janice Tutherow, Dollie Tutherow, Dot Brooks, Ray Brooks, Doris Hovis, Robin Hovis, Judy Brooks, Jerry Ellington, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rick, Tonya Bryant, Grant Ensley, Christine Ellington, Katherine Gafford, Cynthia Gafford, Sharon Bittle, Diane Lewis, Robin Helms, Floyd B. Buchanan, J. E. Lanier, Danny Key, Marsha Rolan, Paul Rolan, Bobby Bittle, Cathy Brown, Tammy Davis, Nancy Davis, Ted Davis, Betty Summitt, Rhonda Long, Mrs. James G. Stancill, Myrtle McCaskill, Levader Green, Louise Grant, Dawn Grant, Fred Queen, J. P. Sobacki, Betty Sobacki, Earl Hendrix, Gwendolyn Hendrix, James Wallace, Gene C. Wallace, Mrs. Polly Earley, Jennifer Brown, Trina Brown, Trudy Brown, Sandra Drawdy, Betty Coxey, Minnie Eagle, Mary Helms & family, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Panchal, Tim Griffin, Ransom Brown, Jerry Reno, George Lambert, Sally Winebayer, Mrs. Nancy Pauley, Lee Davis, Gail Dixon.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

April 17, 1975

Service began with call to worship by Yvonne Ellington. She led the congregation in singing, "When We All Get To Heaven," and "Amazing Grace." Welcome extended by Weldon Key. Offering for Arrowood Assembly was received. Special music rendered by Jerry Ellington Family of Living Hope Church. They sang "He Filled A Longing," and "The King Is Coming." The congregation then sang "At Calvary". Then the keynote message was preached by William Calvert. Topic was Ezekiel 16:43-54 - Sin of Conforming to the World. About 100 people attended the service.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 18, 1975

Session opened at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Earl Bittle leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Victory In Jesus". Prayer was offered by Rev. John R. Newton. Welcome by Host pastor, Rev. Weldon Key. Devotions by Rev. Troy Smith, I Peter 4:7-11. The Clerk, Grady Williams, called the Ninth Annual Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. William Calvert. For his remarks, Rev. Calvert read from Esther 4:14. His topic was "A Time Such As This." M/S/C to adopt the program flexible at the discretion of the Moderator. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum. A partial report was given by Credential Report. M/S/C to accept report and to seat delegates. Nominating Committee gave a partial report. M/S/C that Grady Williams be Clerk and Peggy Bryant be Assistant Clerk. Clerk then read roll call of ministers — 21 ministers present — others turned in reports. Welcomed Fred Green, Manager of Bible Book Store, Durham, N.C. The Clerk then read the report of the Executive Board. M/S/C to accept this report. Motion that Treasurer's Report, Executive Board, Ordaining Council, Arrowood Assembly Boards give memographed sheets before giving their reports so delegates will be aware of the various items in these reports. Amendment: All boards with items to be brought to the attention of association be passed to Resolution Board to be read in their report. M/S/C to accept amendment. M/S/C to accept motion. M/S/C to delete from the program acceptance and recognition of New Churches. Dismissed from the business session for the 11:00 a.m. service. Congregational singing led by Rev. Earl Bittle, "I Would Not Be Denied" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Rev. Ralph Willis lead the congregation in prayer. A song was rendered by Rev. Troy Smith, "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You." The message was given by Rev. Burel Bryant. He read from Rev. 3:14.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

April 18, 1975

The session opened with a song led by Peggy Bryant, "The Old Time Religion" and "In The Sweet Bye and Bye." Devotions were given by Rev.

Johnnie Floyd, Jr. He used Matthew 5:38-48 and used as his topic "Going the Last Mile." M/S/C to accept Report of Ordaining Council. M/S/C to drop the action dealing guideline prepared for the ordination by Ordaining Council. M/S/C to drop the action dealing with the Cramerton Church from the Ordaining Council Report. M/S/C to accept guideline prepared for the ordination by Ordaining Council. M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board Report. No report from Mission Board. No report from Sunday School Board. M/S/C to accept report of CTS Board. M/S/C to accept Insurance and Retirement Board Report. M/S/C to increase amount given with minister's card to \$2.00. Also took time for ministers to give their \$10.00 to the Widow's Fund. M/S/C to accept the Publications Board Report. M/S/C to accept Report of master's Men. No report from the Home for Aged. M/S/C to accept Arrowood Assembly Board Financial Report. M/S/C to accept Arrowood Assembly Board Report in addition to borrowing \$12,000.00 to complete sewage system. Fred Green gave a report on the Bible Store in Durham. M/S/C to adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

April 18, 1975

The session opened at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Earl Bittle leading the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Power In The Blood." After prayer an offering was received for missions. Special singing was offered by the Girls Quartet and the Earl Bittle Family from the Boger City Church. The message was delivered by Rev. Earl Hendrix, pastor of First Church, Inmann, S.C. Text from Romans 1.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

April 19, 1975

The session opened at 9:30 with singing led by Peggy Bryant "Glory to His Name." Devotions by Rev. R. P. Sawyer. M/S/C to accept final report of Credential Report. M/S/C that since Moderator is on Resolution Board that Moderator appoint a committee to give their final report. M/S/C to send \$50.00 of Mission Offering to the Free Will Baptist Mission in Washington, N.C. M/S/C to accept final report of Credential Committee. M/S/C to accept the late report of the Sunday School Board. M/S/C to accept the oral report of the Home for Aged given by Mrs. William Calvert. M/S/C to accept report of Children's Home Board. Rev. Ronald Creech reported on progress of our state work. M/S/C that Moderator appoint committee to work out details for a two-or-three day minister's retreat at Arrowood Assembly. Substitute motion — M/S/C that Board of Directors, of Arrowood Assembly serve as committee to plan ministers meeting. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report. M/S/C that student loan fund for this year be raised to \$500.00. M/S/C to accept report of Nominating Committee in its entirety. M/S/C delegates to state meeting: Grady Williams, Danny Key, Peggy Bryant, Georgia Calvert, and Nancy Pauley and that proxies can be chosen by Moderator if any of these cannot attend. M/S/C that quarterly fellowship be at Mt. Holly Church on July 26, Bethlehem Church on October 25, and Mt. Holly Church on January 24, 1976.

M/S/C to have Annual Session at First Church, Dallas, April 15, 16, 17, 1976. M/S/C to accept Resolutions Committee Report and give the host church, the outgoing officers and our senior minister, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to change ministers cards to read **him** in all applicable places. M/S/C that a list be sent out to all churches regarding young ministers who would be recommended for speaking engagements. M/S/C to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 9, 1974

The Executive Board met at the First Church, Gastonia, at 7 p.m. with the following members present: Moderator, Rev. William Calvert; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Earl Bittle; Clerk, Grady C. Williams; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Peggy Bryant; Member, Rev. Herman Griffin.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Griffin. The clerk then read the minutes of the Association which convened at the Springwood Church in April 1974. The minutes were approved as read.

Items of business:

Clerk is to write a list of ministers (licensed or ordained) who didn't report by letter in order to contact these to encourage support and attendance.

Elect a committee to study duties and define those of the various boards. M/S/C to let Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk serve as this committee and report at the next executive committee meeting.

M/S/C that Rev. Calvert contact Rev. Roy Rikard to see if he would be willing to meet with Executive Board to work out differences between his church and this Association. Rev. Rikard is at liberty to bring as many representatives from his church as he desires.

Rev. Griffin requests that the Quarterly Fellowship meeting be held at the Ben Avenue Church rather than Bethlehem because of the larger seating capacity of Ben Avenue Church. M/S/C to meet at Ben Avenue Oct. 26, 1974.

Plan program (Mt. Holly, July 27, 1974) at 7 p.m.

Call to Worship, M. T. Sparks; Congregational Singing; Welcome, Homer Arrowood; Special Singing, First, China Grove; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Singing, M. T. Sparks; Message, Herman Griffin; Announcements, William Calvert.

The Executive Board meeting was dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Peggy Bryant.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

October 12, 1974

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia with the following members present: Moderator, William Calvert; Vice-Moderator, Earl Bittle; Clerk, Grady Williams; Assistant Clerk, Peggy Bryant; Proxy, Eddie Turnage for Herman Griffin; Treasurer, Ken Sigmon.

The clerk prepared a list of ministers formerly connected with this Association.

M/S/C to give list of names to Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to accept the program at the Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, as follows: Call to Worship, Danny Key; Congregational Singing; Welcome, Rev. James Pauley; Special Singing, Living Hope Church, Cramerton, N.C.; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Singing, Danny Key; Message, Rev. Wayne Dills, Center Grove, Church, Waxhaw; Announcements, Rev. Earl Bittle.

M/S/C to adjourn.

January 18, 1975

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia with the following members present: Moderator, William Calvert; Vice-Moderator, Earl Bittle; Clerk, Grady Williams; Assistant Clerk, Peggy Bryant; Treasurer, Ken Sigmon; Member, Herman Griffin.

M/S/C to adopt the following program for the Quarterly Fellowship meeting at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, January 25, 1975: Call to Worship; Congregational Singing, Bill Sawyer; Welcome, Homer Arrowood; Special Singing, First Church, Gastonia; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Singing, Bill Sawyer; Message, Paul Ketterman; Announcements, William Calvert; Annual Session convenes at First Church, China Grove, April 17, 18, 19, 1975.

M/S/C to recommend to this Association that members of the Executive Board and the Ordaining Council be paid ten (10¢) cents per mile for traveling expenses.

M/S/C to adjourn.

February 15, 1975

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia with the following members present: Moderator, William Calvert; Vice-Moderator, Earl Bittle; Clerk, Grady Williams; Assistant Clerk, Peggy Bryant (absent); Treasurer, Ken Sigmon; Member, Herman Griffin; Member, M. T. Sparks (absent).

M/S/C to accept the following program for the Ninth Annual Session which will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, China Grove: On Thursday night, Yvonne Ellington will begin the service with congregational singing followed by the invocation with L. D. Gray. After another congregational song the host pastor will give the welcome. An offering will be received for Arrowood Assembly, special music will be rendered by the Ellington Family, and Rev. William Calvert will be the key-note speaker.

On Friday, Peggy Bryant will be in charge of congregational singing. Devotions will be given by Rev. Troy Smith. During the 11:00 worship service, Rev. Burel Bryant will bring the message. Devotions Friday afternoon will be given by Rev. Johnnie Floyd. The night service will begin with congregational singing led by Rev. Earl Bittle. An offering will be received for missions, special music by the Bittle Family, and the speaker will be Rev. Earl Hendrix.

On Saturday morning, Larry Hartsell will begin the service with congregational singing, followed by devotions with Rev. R. P. Sawyer.

M/S/C to meet at the Saving Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Bessemer City, on Friday, February 28, 1975, at 7 p.m.

February 28, 1975

The Executive Board met at the Saving Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Bessemer City to examine the Church for membership into this Association. The following members were present: Moderator, William Calvert; Vice-Moderator, Earl Bittle; Clerk, Grady Williams; Treasurer, Ken Sigmon; Member, Herman Griffin.

After Rev. Earl Bittle brought the devotions, Rev. William Calvert discussed Associational requirements, read the Constitution, the By-laws, and read the Scriptural Qualifications for licensing and ordaining ministers, and Grady

Williams read the Church Covenant. After questioning the church concerning the Charismatic movement, and observances of the Gospel, the Executive Board voted to accept this church into the Western Piedmont Association pending final decision by the Association.

Various Duties of Association Boards As Defined by the Executive Board:

Christian Education — Promote Christian education, administer Loan Fund, and supply all high schools in this associational area with Bible College Bulletins.

Missions — Report missionary activities in our area, and promote mission conferences in our area.

Sunday School Board — Promote Sunday school seminars and conferences, report on Sunday school drives in our area, and suggest ideas for successful Sunday school campaigns.

CTS — Promote church training service in our local churches, plan and promote youth rallies, and supply pertinent information concerning CTS activities in our association.

Insurance and Retirement — Report to Association the number of church employees involved in this program and supply information dealing with the utilization of Retirement and Insurance.

Publications — Supply the association with a list of appropriate Christian literature, and inform this association of publications which are recommended as good reading for our students by public schools but are not suitable according to Free Will Baptist belief. A list of titles of publications that are not suitable for Christians should be made available.

Home for Aged — Report activities in our area or state involving activities at these homes, number of elders residing in these homes, and the financial condition of these establishments.

Master's Men — Promote this program in every church and report to the association the activities of this group of dedicated men.

Children's Home — Promote the two homes in South Carolina and Tennessee. Report to the association the number of children in these homes, supply information concerning children from our area who live in these respective homes, and plan rally days for support of these homes.

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

May 10, 1974

The Ordaining Council met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Pauley and Rev. Whaley were present. Rev. Herman Griffin served as proxy for Rev. Newton. Rev. Whaley called the meeting to order, and Rev. Griffin led in prayer.

1. David Hovis from the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church, whose request for ordination was postponed last year due to a misinterpretation of the new ordination ruling, reappeared before the Council to be examined for ordination. After asking Brother Hovis several questions concerning the doctrinal points and being satisfied with his answers, a motion was made, seconded and carried that he should be ordained to preach the Gospel in the Free Will Baptist denomination as long as he maintains sound doctrine and moral character.

2. Graylon Jordon came with a recommendation from Laurel Free Will Baptist Church, requesting the Ordaining Council to examine him to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of Laurel Free Will Baptist Church for one year or more. After asking Brother Jordon several questions concerning his call to preach and his doctrinal belief; the Council being satisfied, approved him for licensing by his church.

3. Brother Cardell Oxidine came as a candidate to be licensed to preach the gospel under the watch care of the Laurel Free Will Baptist Church for one year or more. After asking him several questions pertaining to his call to the ministry and his doctrinal belief; the Council being satisfied with the answers, granted the request.

4. M/S/C to Adjourn.

June 5, 1974

The Ordaining Council met at the Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church where all members of the Council were present for the purpose of ordaining David Hovis to the ministry of the Gospel. After a very impressive service, the Council met to reorganize. Rev. John Newton was elected as chairman of the Council and Lee Whaley was re-elected to serve as secretary of the Council for another year.

July 26, 1974

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

1. Brother C. B. Bostic from the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas came before the Council with a request that he be examined for licenses to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church for a year or more. After asking Brother Bostic questions concerning his doctrinal stand, and being satisfied with his answers, the Emmanuel Church was instructed to license him.

2. Brother George Smith came with a request from the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church requesting that the Council examine him for licenses to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church for a year or more. After

questioning Brother Smith pertaining to his salvation and doctrinal belief; being satisfied with the answers, the Emmanuel Church was instructed to license him.

3. A motion was made, seconded and carried to order one dozen treaties and bill the account to the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist.

4. A motion was made to adjourn.

October 25, 1974

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

1. Since Graylon Jordon, who was granted licenses at our May 10th meeting has joined another church which is not in the Western Piedmont Association, the Laurel Free Will Baptist Church requests that we drop him from our licensed list of ministers. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we act accordingly.

2. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept Oscar Gray's ordination credentials, and that we drop him from the list of ministers according to his request.

3. A motion was made to adjourn.

April 18, 1975

The Ordaining Council met at China Grove Free Will Baptist Church with all members present.

1. A letter was received from the Laurel Free Will Baptist Church stating they had recalled the license of Cardell Oxindine who was licensed under the watch care of the Laurel Free Will Baptist Church. M/S/C to accept the action of the Laurel Church and that Cardell Oxindine be removed from the list of the licensed ministers.

2. James T. Hartness came with a request from the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church asking the council to examine him to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church for one year or more. After asking Brother Hartness several questions concerning his call to preach and the Free Will Baptist doctrine, the council being satisfied with his answers granted the request.

3. Rev. Troy Smith came with a request for transfer from the Blue Ridge Association to the Western Piedmont Association. M/S/C that Rev. Smith be placed under the watch care of the Western Piedmont Association until we receive a letter of transfer from the Blue Ridge Association.

4. M/S/C to adjourn.

ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY ANNUAL REPORT

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| Ben Avenue | \$ 2,223.00 |
| West Fifth Ave..... | 2,002.40 |
| First, Gastonia | 1,790.40 |
| Mt. Holly | 1,251.80 |
| First, Dallas | 1,178.51 |
| First, Stanley | 849.80 |
| Mt. View | 825.00 |
| Cramerton Aux. | 570.00 |
| Emmanuel | 480.00 |
| Pecan Grove..... | 447.00 |
| Bethlehem | 400.00 |
| Boger City | 345.00 |
| China Grove..... | 298.74 |
| East Belmont | 225.00 |
| Mary Grove | 220.00 |
| Living Hope | 200.00 |
| Springwood | 200.00 |
| Lowell | 170.00 |
| Laurel, Charlotte | 108.00 |
| First, Bessemer City..... | 73.70 |
| Goshen, Aux..... | 25.00 |
| Ridge View..... | 20.00 |
| First, Maiden..... | 16.50 |

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| TOTAL | \$13,919.85 |
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| Loan Payment | \$ 5,132.82 |
| Duke Power | 145.60 |
| Travel, Eats, Phone | 657.84 |
| Rally Day Posters | 25.58 |
| Kitchen Equipment | 4,738.17 |
| Cutting Grass | 36.00 |
| Paint, Brushes, Rollers, & Ladder | 1,317.94 |
| Insurance | 604.00 |
| Beds | 2,210.90 |

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| EXPENDITURES | \$14,868.85 |
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| Bro. Fwd. | \$ 1,814.37 |
| Church's Gifts | 13,919.85 |
| Quarterly Fellowship | 138.69 |

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| TOTAL | \$15,872.91 |
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| EXPENDITURES | 14,868.85 |
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| BALANCE AS OF 3-22-75 | \$ 1,004.06 |
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PROGRESS REPORT ON ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY

At the last association meeting the kitchen equipment was the main item of consideration. We would like to report all the kitchen equipment, as required by the state, is now installed and paid for.

Since the last association meeting there has been approximately \$3,317 worth of painting done. All of which has been done by free labor.

The sewage plans are now in the hands of the State Inspectors for their approval. We now have estimates on the installation of which the lowest is \$12,000.00

The Board makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that all our churches continue to support with 10¢ per member.
2. We recommend any church that is not supporting with 10¢ per member to begin to do so.
3. We recommend the association authorize the Board of Trustees to borrow the \$12,000.00 from the First Federal Savings and Loan of Marion, N.C., to install the sewage system.

Respectfully Submitted:

Homer Arrowood

Sherman Branch

William Calvert

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

September 3, 1974

The Christian Education Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 7 p.m. Members present were Mrs. Robert Parris and Grady C. Williams.

At the Annual Session meeting at the Springwood Church, the Board was assigned the following tasks relating to the "Daddy" Jones Memorial Loan Fund:

1. Be responsible for securing or writing a proper application form to be used by those wishing to apply for financial aid.
2. Write a standard of requirements (Spiritual and Moral).
3. Recommend ways to promote the student loan fund.
4. Determine amount of interest, if any, to be paid on loan.
5. Determine length of time allotted for repayment of loan.

In accordance with the five areas just listed the Board proposed the following recommendations:

1. A personal data sheet is attached for applicants.
2. Standard of Requirements.
 - A. Must be a Christian
 - B. Should be a church member
 - C. Must be an example of good moral behavior.
3. Promotion of Loan Fund:
 - A. The recipient of this loan while on vacation or any school breaks should visit churches in the Western Piedmont Association to gain financial support for the continuation of this loan to other worthy students.
 - B. The Christian Education Board or its representative can visit the industries in the Cramerton area especially those where Mr. J. W. Jones was employed.
 - C. Ask each church to allocate a certain amount for this fund in its budget.
4. Interest: 3% per quarter. Total interest will amount to \$36.00.
5. Repayment of loan: The loan is to be paid back within one (1) year from the date of graduation or within six months from the termination of

college studies. No interest is charged, but a gift of \$35.00 would be appreciated as an attempt to aid other students. Therefore the repayment of this loan, including the gift of \$35.00 will be \$335.00

Respectfully Submitted:
Grady C. Williams, Chairman
Mrs. Robert Parris

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

We submit the following:

1. That in this day of free thinking, we ask our people to hold firm to the Word of God.
2. Especially do we recommend the King James Version of God's Word.
3. That we ask our people to read good Christian Literature and keep the dirty printed matter out of the hands of their children.
4. That we support our Free Will Baptist Writers by buying and reading their material.
5. That the plain simple reading of Bible devotions be held by our people and their families.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.
Ethel Whaley

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

We would like to thank God for the way he has blessed our Sunday Schools in our churches this year. Many are increasing in attendance and spirituality.

We recommend that the churches encourage their teachers to attend the Piedmont Bible Institute in Cramerton.

We recommend that Pastors and Superintendents share in their promotional ideas with other churches, for we believe what works for one church will possibly work for another.

We 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:
Ray Rowell
Mrs. Homer Arrowood

REPORT OF THE C.T.S. BOARD

The C.T.S. Board met in March 1974, at the First Church in Gastonia. Members present were Johnny Murphy, Hubert Rikard, and Harold Rector. The program for a Rally at the First Church in Gastonia was made out. M/S/C to have Rev. Wayne Dills to bring the message.

February 1975

The C.T.S. Board met at Ben Ave. Free Will Baptist Church. Members present were Johnny Murphy and Chuck Odom.

A program for May 10, 1975 at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church was planned.

M/S/C to have Rev. Sherman Branch to bring the message.

M/S/C to ask each Church to adopt their Budget to give \$10.00 per quarter to the District C.T.S.

M/S/C to have all our District Competition at our May Rally.

Discussed having an all day C.T.S. Rally at Camp Arrowood in August.

We had one Rally on an Associational Level in May, 1974 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, N.C. At this Rally we had our District Competition. The winners of this Competition to Represent us on The State Level were: Bible Declamation, Cathy Odom; Bible Tic Tac Toe, Tim Odom, Stanley Wallace, Beth Upright, Debbi Rowell; Bible Sword Drill, Ray Mills. All of whom are from the Ben. Ave. Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N.C.

Respectfully Submitted:

Johnny Murphy

Chuck Odom

Harold Rector

REPORT OF MASTER'S MEN BOARD

Having met and discussed the Master's Men program as recommended by the National Association, we the members of the Board are in agreement that to promote Master's Men chapters in our Associational churches is worthwhile. If a Master's Men chapter can function as suggested in the National guidelines, then the benefit gained from such an organization could be tremendous to any church. Therefore, we have considered and begun a program to promote Master's Men chapters among the Associational churches.

We have taken the following steps:

1. We have written to and received a reply from Brother Kenneth Lane, chairman of the National Master's Men Board, suggesting ideas in which to promote Master's Men chapters in the local church and the benefits derived from such a chapter.
2. We have sent our promotional materials to encourage our pastors to consider a Master's Men chapter for their individual churches.
3. We have sent out a questionnaire to gain information from each local church as to their interest in a local Master's Men chapter and their interest in a district organization composed of the local chapters coming together for a rally to be held once a year.

It is regretful to report that the response has been poor. However, this does not discourage us. We will continue to promote the Master's Men among our churches and will make strides to organize on the district level. We believe the Master's Men program can aid in spiritual gain among our laymen and rally them to the support of our churches.

We still need the information from the questionnaire sent out. We encourage each pastor to please send this information to us whether your church does or does not have a Master's Men chapter. We thank you for your co-operation in answering our questionnaire and in supporting a district organization of Master's Men.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charles Floyd

Weldon Key

James Stancill

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Two Free Will Baptist Children's Homes are usable for our children. One is in Greenville, Tenn., directed by James E. Raper. The other is in Turbeville, S.C., directed by Rev. Paul Shehan. If anyone wants information concerning the admittance of children in these homes contact one of the directors.

Recommendation:

1. Support from our churches through the church budget or a special Sunday set aside for the home.
2. Adoption of children for their support.
3. Supply needs of the home: sheets, towels, and non-perishable foods.
4. Visit of the homes by the Pastor and his people.
5. Mailing-List.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. William Calvert
Rev. Homer Arrowood
Mandy Gray

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR
APRIL, 1974 TO APRIL, 1975
WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
Kenneth Sigmon-Treasurer**

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| Balance Brought Forward, April, 1974 | \$1,200.26 |
| Received Last Association | 1,075.00 |
| Received Since Last Association | <u>77.00</u> |
| Total Income | 2,352.26 |
| Paid out | <u>2,090.89</u> |
| Balance | \$ 261.37 |

ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

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| Mrs. Robert Parris (Mailing Expenses & Phone Calls) | \$ 10.25 |
| Mrs. Robert Parris (Salary) | 75.00 |
| Home Mission Board (Jason Salyer) | 26.50 |
| N.C. State Association | 25.00 |
| Arrowood Assembly (Refrigerator) | 1,375.00 |
| Bible Book Store Durham N.C. (Free Will Baptist Treatises for Ordaining Council) | 6.58 |
| Commercial Printers for Minutes | 512.72 |
| Programs for Annual Meeting (Commercial Printers) | 45.76 |
| Grady Williams (Mailing Expenses & Phone Calls) | <u>14.08</u> |
| TOTAL | \$2,090.89 |

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| Moderator | Rev. Earl Bittle |
| Vice Moderator | Rev. Homer Arrowood |
| Clerk | Mr. Grady Williams |
| Assistant Clerk | Mrs. Burel Bryant |
| Treasurer | Mr. Kenneth Sigmon |
| Member | M. T. Sparks |
| Member | Rev. J. R. Newton |

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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| Chairman | Rev. Lee Whaley |
| Secretary | Rev. James Pauley |
| Member | Rev. Ralph Willis |

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

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| Assistant Treasurer | Rev. Sherman Branch |
| Christian Education | Lucille Conner Jerry Sobacki Marsha Roland |
| Missions | Nora Hyleman Elizabeth Sparks Patsy Manis |
| Sunday School | Mrs. Homer Arrowood Nancy Pauley |
| C.T.S. | Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Johnny Murphy Charles Odom Mildred Melton |
| Insurance and Retirement | Rev. Burel Bryant Rev. Gaither Summitt Rev. M. T. Sparks |
| Publications | Mrs. Betty Summitt Rev. L. D. Whaley Mrs. Betty Drawdy |
| Master's Men | Rev. Weldon Key Rev. James Stancill Larry Abernathy |
| Home For Aged | Georgia Calvert Elizabeth Branch Maxie Gray |
| Children's Home | Mrs. Mandy Gray Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. William Calvert |
| Nominating Committee..... | |
| Pianist | Mrs. Peggy Bryant |
| Assistant Pianist..... | Mrs. Ethel Whaley |

CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Chairman | Bill Sawyer Rev. Sherman Branch Rev. Thomas Rogers Rev. Weldon Key Rev. Homer Savage |
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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| Chairman | Rev. W. H. Calvert Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. Gaither Summitt |
| Resolutions | Rev. W. H. Calvert Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Rev. Robert Hildebran |

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it Resolved that our association sending a Letter stating our approval to the State Legislature for their defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment and that this Letter be forwarded to proper Authorities.
2. Be it Resolved that we take a more firm stand as parents and Ministers in declaring our stand on Bible standards on fashions and changing morals. (Refer to Item 3 of Last Minutes.)
3. Be it Resolved that we give a standing vote of appreciation to our Senior Minister, Brother R. P. Sawyer, for his Contribution to the Ministry in this area.
4. Be it Resolved that we give the Host Church and all out going officers a standing Vote of Thanks.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Pauley

Rev. Ralph Willis

Danny Key

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

April, 1974 to April, 1975

BEN AVENUE: 611 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

PASTOR: Rev. James Pauley, 613 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

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

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 46. By baptism-37, by letter-6, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 8. By letter-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 425. Sunday School yearly average: 276. C. T. S. enrollment: 115. C. T. S. yearly average: 85. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 32. Yearly average of auxiliary: 18. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$37,732.96. General offering-\$34,288.16, Building fund-\$3,444.80. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,720.00, Evangelistic work-\$450.00, Building and repair-\$2,195.00, Literature-\$1,993.00, Advertising-\$50.00, Caretaker-\$1,300.00, Utilities-\$3,038.00, Bus Ministry-\$4,554.00, Other-\$11,088.16. Total local expenditures: \$30,388.16. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$615.00, Home missions-\$608.00, State and national education-\$713.00, Children's home-\$610.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$832.00, State and national projects-\$579.00, Other-\$453.00. Total outside expenditures: \$4,400.00. Value of church property: \$160,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$124.00.

BESSEMER CITY: Edgewood and Rhyne Street, Bessemer City, N. C. 28016

PASTOR: D. L. Whaley, P. O. Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C. 28016

CHURCH CLERK: Sybil Huffstickler, 312 E. Indiana Avenue, Bessemer City, N. C. 28016

Ordained Ministers: 1, Rev. James Bell, 314 S. E. Third Street, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 53. Members received: 4. By statement of faith-4. Members dismissed: 14. Excluded-14. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 50. C. T. S. enrollment: 35. C. T. S. yearly average: 25. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Yearly average

of auxiliary: 10. Financial report: Total offering received: \$15,640.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,760.00, Evangelistic work-\$300.00, Building and repair-\$400.00, Literature-\$160.00, Advertising-\$100.00, Caretaker-\$300.00, Utilities-\$900.00, Bus Ministry-\$300.00, Bonds-\$2,400.00, Pastor's housing-\$1,020.00. Total local expenditures: \$12,640.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$600.00, Home missions-\$330.00, State and National education-\$200.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$25.00, State and National projects-\$100.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,255.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$26.50.

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

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

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

Ordained Ministers: 2, David Miller, 104 Orchard Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. Drexler Benton, 601 E. 12th St., Kannapolis, N. C. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 100. Members received: 8. By statement of faith-8. Sunday School enrollment: 100. Sunday School yearly average: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 24. Yearly average of auxiliary: 15. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$24,220.86. Building fund-\$1,841.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,560.00, Evangelistic work-\$434.61, Building and repair-\$3,101.98, Literature-\$603.85, Caretaker-\$615.00, Utilities-\$1,234.26, Other-\$143.10, \$298.50. Total local expenditures: \$12,991.30. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$1,200.00. Home missions-\$300.00, State and national education-\$167.00, Children's home-\$43.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00, State and national projects-\$60.00. Total outside expenditures: \$2,070.00. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$50.00.

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

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

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

Ordained Ministers: 1, Rev. Edward Faulkner, 108 Dale Ave., Lincolnton, N. C. Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 7. Church Membership: 67. Members received: 20. By baptism-4, by letter-16. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-3, excluded-3. Sunday School enrollment: 150. Sunday School yearly average: 133. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$15,466.38. General offering-\$14,956.95, Building Fund-\$2,608.98. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,535.00, Building and repair-\$597.64, Literature-\$405.72, Utilities-\$1,436.03. Total local expenditures: \$5,974.39. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$33.16, Home missions-\$190.76, Superannuation-\$382.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$285.50. Total outside expenditures: \$891.43. Value of church property: \$70,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: 35.00.

CENTER GROVE: P. O. Box 92, Waxhaw, N.C. 28173

PASTOR: Rev. Wayne C. Dills, P. O. Box 92, Waxhaw, N. C. 28173

CHURCH CLERK: Etta Mae Robinson, Rt. 2, Box 166, Indian Trail, N. C. 28079

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Church Membership: 156. Members

received: 72. By baptism-26, by letter-19, by statement of faith-27. Members deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 132. Sunday School yearly average: 98. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$19,273.68. General offering-\$15,504.72, Building fund-\$3,768.96. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,425.00, Evangelistic work-\$175.00, Building and repair-\$5,601.72, Literature-\$403.27, Advertising-\$51.40, Caretaker-\$1,009.97, Utilities-\$1,286.31, Insurance and love offerings-\$1,262.21. Total local expenditures: \$13,214.88. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$40.00, Western Piedmont Association-\$42.00. Value of church property: \$45,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$9,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$78.00.

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

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Toni Long, 302 N. College Street, Dallas, N. C. 28034

Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 43. Members received: 6. By baptism-6. Members dismissed: 6. By letter-4, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 70. Sunday School yearly average: 65. C. T. S. enrollment: 35. C. T. S. yearly average: 30. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 14. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,179.34. Spent for local causes: Pastor's expenses-\$2,140.00, Evangelistic work-\$250.00 Building and repair-\$551.69, Literature-\$585.04, Advertising-\$50.00, Utilities-\$575.54. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$75.00, State and National education-\$193.85, Arrowood Assembly-\$240.00. Value of church property: \$43,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$21.50.

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

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

CHURCH CLERK:

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 113. Members received: 16. By baptism-10, by letter-3. Members dismissed: 25. By letter-7, excluded-17, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 86. Sunday School yearly average: 88. Financial report: Total offering received: \$15,601.75. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,300.00, Evangelistic work-\$285.84, Building and repair-\$752.81, Literature-\$509.15, Utilities-\$751.81, Bus ministry-\$505.47. Other: Loan-\$9,400.00, Miscellaneous-\$853.16, Insurance-\$740.00. Total local State and National education-\$621.13, Children's home-\$50.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$311.52, State and National projects-\$156.14. Total outside expenditures: \$1,450.31. Value of church property: \$100,000.00

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

PASTOR: Tom Rogers, 603 S. Lorraine Street, Dallas, N. C. 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Delores Harwood, 104 McGinnis Street, Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 71. Members received: 15. By baptism-10, by letter-4, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-1, excluded-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 63. Sunday School yearly average: 72. Financial report: Total offering received: \$25,538.67. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,800.00, Evangelistic work-\$250.00, Building and repair-\$12,516.00, Literature-\$500.00,

Advertising-\$100.00, Caretaker-\$372.00, Utilities-\$600.00, Bus ministry-\$2,400.00. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$300.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$700.00. Total outside expenditures: \$25,538.67. Value of church property: \$30,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$35.50.

FIRST: 400 E. 5th Avenue, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: William H. Calvert, 402 E. 5th Avenue, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. June Moody, 275 E 5th Street, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 10. Church membership: 244. Members received: 35. By baptism-17, by letter-16, by statement of faith-2. Members dismissed: 11. By letter-8, excluded-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 265. Sunday School yearly average: 245. C. T. S. enrollment: 108. C. T. S. yearly average: 76. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 19. Yearly average of auxiliary: 14. Financial report: Total offering received: \$56,145.87. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,710.00, Evangelistic work-\$1,010.26, Building and repair-\$10,731.63, Literature-\$2,341.99, Advertising-\$1,275.00, Caretaker-\$2,290.00, Utilities-\$2,257.11, Other-\$100.00, State work-\$240.00. Total local expenditures: \$27,955.99. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$481.64, Home missions-\$412.72, State and National education-\$1,048.21, Children's home-\$476.49, Superannuation-\$520.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$979.20, State and National projects-\$639.30, Department of Retirement-\$320.00. Total outside expenditures: \$4,877.56. Value of church property: \$164,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$122.00.

FIRST: Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Weldon Gill, 703 N. Main St., Maiden, N. C. 28650

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Z. Hansley, 603 N. Main St., Maiden, N. C. 28650

Ordained ministers: 2, J. R. Small, Route 1, Box 318, Maiden, N. C. Bobby Hullett, P. O. Box 601, Maiden, N. C. Number of ordained deacons: 2. Church Membership: 34. Members received: 14. By baptism-13, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 13. By letter-5, excluded-8. Sunday School enrollment: 33. Sunday School yearly average: 28. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$3,231.00. General offering-\$2,249.00, Building fund-\$982.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$800.00, Evangelistic work-\$145.00, Building and repair-\$732.00, Literature-\$208.00, Utilities-\$121.00, Other-\$406.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,312.00. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$16.00. Total outside expenditures: \$16.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$19.00.

FIRST: Stanley, N. C.

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

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

Ordained minister: 1, A. E. Lingerfelt, 35 Riverside Dr., Cramerton, N. C. 28032. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 223. Members received: 31. By baptism-12, by letter-10, by statement of faith-9. Members dismissed: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 273. Sunday School yearly average: 221. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25. Yearly average of auxiliary: 15. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$238,924.23. General offering-\$47,884.46, Building

fund-\$191,039.77. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,312.06, Evangelistic work-\$968.83, Building and repair-\$14,886.94, Literature-\$1,672.39, Advertising-\$244.75, Caretaker-\$2,187.51, Utilities-\$2,700.05, Bus Ministry-\$732.25, Other-\$13,586.77. Total local expenditures: \$44,291.55. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$867.96, State and national education-\$897.24, Superannuation-\$474.00, Arrowood Assembly-789.80, State and national projects-\$737.88. Total outside expenditures: \$3,766.88. Value of church property: \$225,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$111.50.

GOSHEN: P. O. Box 223, Perfection Rd., N. Belmont, N. C. 28012

PASTOR: Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., P. O. Box 223, N. Belmont, N. C. 28012

CHURCH CLERK: Jerry Walton, P. O. Box 223, N. Belmont, N. C. 28012

Ordained ministers: 2, J. C. Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C. 28012. Lloyd Abernathy, 219 Howard St., Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 140. Members received: 41. By baptism-17. Deceased: 5. Sunday School enrollment: 216. C. T. S. enrollment: 54. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$54,223.31. Building fund-\$29,476.51. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$9,620.00, Evangelistic work-\$486.40, Building and repair-\$33,681.78, Literature-\$1,308.32, Caretaker-\$965.00, Utilities-\$2,861.36, Bus Ministry-\$296.59, Other-\$1,916.46. Total local expenditures: \$51,135.91. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$420.96, Home missions-\$2,880.29, State and national education-\$598.41, Superannuation-\$72.00, State and national projects-\$95.00. Total outside expenditures: \$4,066.66. Value of church property: \$600,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$70.00.

LAUREL: 6201 Elgywood Lane, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

PASTOR: James G. Stancill, 6301-72 Old Concord Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

CHURCH CLERK: Francis D. Stancill, 6301-72 Old Concord Road, Charlotte, N. C. 28213

Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 34. Members received: 10. By letter-7, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 4. By letter-4. Sunday School enrollment: 43. Sunday School yearly average: 32. C. T. S. enrollment: 18. C. T. S. yearly average: 18. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of auxiliary: 8. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$8,991.00. General offering-\$8,991.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,445.00, Building and repair-\$720.00, Literature-\$282.00, Utilities-\$153.00, Church Promotion-\$105.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,685.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$25.00, Home missions-\$517.00, State and national education-\$150.00. Children's home-\$75.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$117.00. Total outside expenditures: \$884.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$17.00.

LIVING HOPE: Lowell-Bethesda Road, Route 5, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Burch Bryant, P. O. Box 671, Cramerton, N. C. 28032

CHURCH CLERK: Mozelle Pittman, Cramerton Road, Cramerton, N. C. 28032

Ordained minister: 1, David Hovis, Route 3, Box 113, Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Licensed minister: 1. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 133.

Members received: 23. By baptism-10, by letter-9, by statement of faith-9. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 135. Sunday School yearly average: 110. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$35,748.95. General offering-\$28,320.48, Building fund-\$7,428.47. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,563.54, Building and repair-\$20,000.00, Literature-\$400.00, Advertising-\$25.00, Utilities-\$1,134.56. Total local expenditures: \$28,123.10. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$100.00, State and national education-\$115.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$250.00, Other-\$104.20. Total outside expenditures: \$569.20. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$66.50.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

PASTOR: L. D. Gray, P. O. Box 782, Lowell, N. C. 28098

CHURCH CLERK: Mildred Ledwell, 1305 W. May St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 104. Members received: 11. By baptism-5, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 5. By letter-4, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 83. Sunday School yearly average: 75. C. T. S. enrollment: 35. C. T. S. yearly average: 25. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Yearly average of auxiliary: 5. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$15,422.93. General offering-\$12,206.53. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,581.00, Evangelistic work-\$350.00, Building and repair-\$2,547.17, Literature-\$772.89, Caretaker-\$540.00, Utilities-\$1,306.22, Bus Ministry-\$1,914.93, Miscellaneous-\$1,063.66, Other-\$1,112.52. Total local expenditures: \$16,188.39. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$49.12, Children's home-\$25.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$160.00, State and national projects-\$98.51. Total outside expenditures: \$332.63. Value of church property: \$80,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$52.00.

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

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

CHURCH CLERK: Dorothy Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C. 28012

Ordained ministers: 1, Rev. Henry Jones, 112 Black Ave., Cherryville, N. C. Licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 25. Members received: 2. By letter 1, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-1, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Sunday School yearly average: 21. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$4,215.84. General offering-\$3,855.34, Building fund-\$360.50. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$700.00, Evangelistic work-\$213.50, Building and repair-\$1,311.07, Literature-\$129.03, Advertising-\$99.54, Caretaker-\$87.50, Utilities-\$317.72, Bus Ministry-\$286.16, Other-\$91.50. Total Local expenditures: \$3,236.02. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$12.86, Children's home-\$80.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$220.00. Total outside expenditures: \$312.86. Value of church property: \$21,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$12.50.

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

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

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Bell, 222 Brookwood Drive, Belmont, N. C. 28012

Ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 162. Members received: 21. By baptism-10, by letter-10, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 7. By

letter-6, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 192. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 23. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$28,432.53. General offering-\$27,617.19, Building Fund-\$815.34. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,240.00, Evangelistic work-\$434.71, Building and repair-\$2,029.94, Literature-\$1,005.97, Caretaker-\$972.50, Utilities-\$2,191.49, Bus Ministry-\$242.44, Other-\$9,862.71. Total local expenditures: \$22, 979.76. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$577.92, Home missions-\$577.92, State and national education-\$612.92, Children's home-\$715.75, Superannuation-\$520.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$1,451.80, State and national projects-\$577.92, Other-\$220.50. Total outside expenditures: \$5,254.73. Value of church property: \$90,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$81.00.

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, Wayne Norris, 832 Howard St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Bobby Weathers, P. O. Box 333, Belmont, N. C. Church membership: 59. Members received: 6. By baptism-6. Sunday School enrollment: 63. Sunday school yearly average: 59. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$12,570.35. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,000.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$2,964.00, Literature-\$300.00, Caretaker-\$255.00, Utilities-\$1,500.00, Other-\$1,169.35. Total local expenditures: \$11,388.35. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$120.00, State and national education-\$312.00, Children's home-\$100.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$650.00. Total outside expenditures: \$11,820.00. Value of church property: \$25,000. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Henry G. Gibson, 1081 Parkview Dr., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Nettie Huss, 306 E. Gibbs St., Dallas, N. C. 28034

Ordained minister: Von A. Cobb, 1850 Micheal St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 52. Members received: 2. By baptism-1, by statement of faith-1. Sunday School enrollment: 75. Sunday School yearly average: 40. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary: 9. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$7,517.76. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,750.00, Evangelistic work-\$125.00, Building and repair-\$2,483.00, Literature-\$194.17, Caretaker-\$440.00, Utilities-\$442.99, Other-\$557.95. Total local expenditures: \$7,993.11. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$386.00, Other-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$411.00. Value of church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$26.00.

SAVING GRACE: 220 Maryland Avenue, Bessemer City, N. C.

PASTOR: Robert Hildebran, Rt. 2, Box 219-A-11, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Nancy Hildebran, Rt. 2, Box 219-A-11, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 27. Members received: 27. By baptism-6. by letter-15, by statement of faith-6. Sunday School enrollment: 26.

Sunday School yearly average: 20. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$2,000.00. General offering-\$1,900.00, Building fund-\$100.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$300.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$698.00, Literature-\$30.00, Advertising-\$30.00, Utilities-\$367.00, Other-\$281.00. Total local expenditures: \$1,906.00. Value of church property: \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$13.50.

SPRINGWOOD: Church Dr., Belmont, N. C.

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

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

Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 37. Members received: 6. By baptism-1, by statement of faith-5. Members dismissed: 9. By letter-1, excluded-8. Sunday School yearly average: 50. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$11,616.24. General offering-\$9,428.49. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,790.00, Evangelistic work-\$120.00, Building and repair-\$103.66, Literature-\$234.22, Advertising-\$950.00, Caretaker-\$795.00, Utilities-\$401.94, Bus Ministry-\$122.68, Other-\$345.60. Total local expenditures: \$7,863.10. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$223.00, Other-\$360.00. Total outside expenditures: \$8,446.11. Value of church property: \$45,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$18.50.

WEST FIFTH AVENUE: 2136 W. 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Troy W. Smith, 2136 West Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Levader Green, 2427 Rogus Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Ordained Ministers: 1, Ramon Johnson, Jr., Rt. 6, Box 445, Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 121. Members received: 29. By baptism-15, by letter-5, by statement of faith-9. Members dismissed: 47. By letter-4, excluded-41, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 104. Sunday School yearly average: 95. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$29,314.14. General offering-\$26,612.47, Building fund-\$1,043.10. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,262.22, Building and repair-\$6,163.63, Literature-\$504.76, Caretaker-\$1,300.00, Utilities-\$1,866.79, Other-\$433.82. Total local expenditures: \$16,823.37. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$411.54, Superannuation-\$288.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$2,226.20, State and national projects-\$81.50. Total outside expenditures: \$3,007.24. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$60.50..

CHURCHES NOT TURNING IN REPORTS

CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.

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

EAST BELMONT: 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C. 28012

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

OPEN DOOR: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Charles Ruff

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

PASTOR: Jimmy Skipper

MT. ZION: Kannapolis, N. C.

PASTOR: Kenneth Hardison, Sr., 517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

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

LLOYD S. ABERNATHY: Sermons Preached-25, Miles traveled-350, Amount received-\$30.00.

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-175, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-65, Number Baptized-10, Additions to church 21.

DREXLER L. BENTON:

EARL BITTLE: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-4, Profession witnessed-40, Number Baptized-21, Additions to church-18, Churches organized-0, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-20,800, Amount received-\$5,800.00.

SHERMAN A. BRANCH: Sermons Preached-160, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-5, Number Baptized-12, Additions to church-31, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-35,000, Amount received-\$8,500.00.

BUREL BRYANT: Sermons Preached-96, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-0, Profession witnessed-35, Number Baptized-10, Additions to church-28, Churches organized-0, Funerals preached-6, Miles traveled-15,000, Amount received-\$6,500.00, Weddings-3.

W. H. CALVERT: Sermons Preached-170, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-3, Profession witnessed-55, Number Baptized-17, Additions to church-35, Funerals preached-11, Miles traveled-23,000, Amount received-\$7,710.00.

WAYNE DILLS: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-95, Number Baptized-27, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-15,000, Amount received-\$3,425.00.

JOHNNIE E. FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached-88, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Profession witnessed-252, Number Baptized 17, Additions to church-41, Funerals preached-5.

HENRY CLAY GIBSON: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1.

WILDON A. GILL: Sermons Preached-45, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-15, Number Baptized-13, Additions to church-14, Amount received-\$800.00.

L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-20, Number Baptized-5, Additions to church-11, Funerals preached-12.

G. HERMAN GRIFFIN: Sermons Preached-75, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-10, Number Baptized-5, Additions to church-8, Funerals preached-8, Miles traveled-15,000.

ROBERT JOSEPH HILDEBRAND: Sermons Preached-105, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-10, Additions to church-27, Churches organized-1, Miles traveled-2,500, Amount received-\$300.00.

DAVID W. HOVIS: Sermons Preached-15, Profession witnessed-2.

WELDON KEY: Sermons Preached-108, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-25, Number Baptized-15, Additions to church-10, Funerals preached-3, Miles traveled-1,200, Amount received-\$1,300.00.

DAVID RAY MILLER: Sermons Preached-12, Profession witnessed-12.

JOHN R. NEWTON:

WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached-25, Profession witnessed-5, Miles traveled-150, Amount received-\$50.00.

JAMES PAULEY: Sermons Preached-160, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-5, Profession witnessed-65, Number Baptized-37, Additions to church-44, Funerals preached-4, Amount received-\$7,000.00.

THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached-135, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-5, Profession witnessed-14, Number Baptized-22, Additions to church-3, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-14,000, Amount received-\$7,800.00.

THOMAS E. ROLAN: Sermons Preached-21, Profession witnessed-1, Miles traveled-300, Amount received-\$65.00.

HOMER R. SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-99, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-2, Profession witnessed-22, Number Baptized-6, Additions to church-6, Funerals preached-6, Amount received-\$5,000.00.

R. P. SAWYER: Sermons Preached-10, Profession witnessed-6, Funerals preached-2.

MACON SMITH:

T. K. SMITH: Sermons Preached-21, Profession witnessed-5, Funerals preached-2, Miles traveled-4,000.

JEROME P. SOBACKI, SR.: Sermons Preached-3, Profession witnessed-2.

JAMES G. STANCILL: Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-21, Additions to church-10, Funerals preached-2, Miles traveled-4,500, Amount received-\$1,445.00.

GAITHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Number Baptized-8, Additions to church-20, Funerals preached-4, Amount received-\$1,500.00.

GENE C. WALLACE: Sermons Preached-3, Profession witnessed-1.

BOBBY WEATHERS: Sermons Preached-16, Profession witnessed-2, Miles traveled-400, Amount received-\$15.00.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-120, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-10, Additions to church-4, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-10.

RALPH L. WILLIS: Sermons Preached-64, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-12, Additions to church-2, Funerals preached-3, Miles traveled-5,090.

JERRY WYATT: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-29, Number Baptized-11, Additions to church-20, Funerals preached-3, Miles traveled-2,000, Amount received-\$1,200.00.

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Personal qualifications for the receipt of this loan.

- (1) Must be a Christian
- (2) Should be a Church member
- (3) Must be an example of good moral behavior

The receipt of this loan, while on vacation or any school breaks should visit churches in this Western Piedmont Association to receive financial support for the continuation of this loan to other worthy students.

The loan is to be paid back within (1) year from the date of graduation or within 6 months from the termination of college studies. No interest is charged, but a gift of \$35 would be appreciated as an attempt to aid other students. Therefore the repayment of this loan, including the gift of \$35, will be \$335.00.

This loan is not renewable as another student will be chosen each year.

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, will be responsible for selecting the receipt of this loan from all the applications received by the Christian Education Board and then forwarded to the Bible College.

If you are chosen to be the receipt of this loan, do you agree to the terms so stated in this contract. If yes, please sign your name.

Signature

Date

Please mail application to the following address:

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Dallas, N.C. 28034
Telephone 263-8023

