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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

(Addresses will be found in Associational Membership Roll)

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Vice-Moderator Rev. Mack F. Crisp

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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Willard W. Howard

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Rev. R. P. Sawyer

Rev. Alfred Absher

Rev. Mack F. Crisp

Rev. W. W. Howard

Rev. Grover C. Bare

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Rev. W. W. Howard

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address	Telephone
✓ Rev. Alfred Absher, Route 2, Box 155, Rockwell, N. C.		857-5421
✓ Rev. Grover C. Bare, 601 Terrace Dr., Kannapolis, N. C., 28081		932-5321
✓ Rev. W. J. Correll, Route 1, Iron Station, N. C.		735-6345
✓ Rev. Mack F. Crisp, 7 Longview St., Lexington, N. C. 27292		249-9372
✓ Rev. Donald R. Fritts, 1419 Foust Ave., High Point, N. C.		889-6554
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✓ Rev. Kenneth Goforth, 316 Chestnut Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081	WE3-0465	
✓ Rev. Willard W. Howard, Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C. 27292	243-2072	
✓ Rev. J. C. Huneycutt, 504 E. Guilford St., Thomasville, N. C.		
✓ Rev. Raeford L. James, 139 Douglas Ave., Statesville, N. C.		
✓ Rev. William Johnson, Route 1, Wadesboro, N. C.		
✓ Rev. J. P. Langley, 205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292		246-2557
✓ Rev. R. G. Mason, Route 2, China Grove, N. C.		UL7-2582
Rev. Glen Parker, (Report returned—Moved from Route 1, Wingate, N. C.)		
✓ Rev. I. W. Plyler, Route 1, Troutman, N. C.		
✓ Rev. D. D. Rochester, 1825 Younger Ave., Statesville, N. C.		
✓ Rev. R. P. Sawyer, 2101 Clay St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081		933-0422
✓ Rev. J. Henry Swaim, Route 3, Box 305-A, Statesville, N. C.		LA8-5534
✓ Rev. Dewey W. Tilley, 917 N. Walnut Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081		
✓ Rev. Johnny Triplette, 810 E. Sunrise Ave., Thomasville, N. C.		475-1047
✓ Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff, 1922 Rayon St., Statesville, N. C.		

CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	Address
Arrington Heights	Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Arnold Rd., Welcome, N. C.	
Friendship	No information or report sent in	
Gospel	No information or report sent in	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Vennie Ashby, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	
Near Calvary	Mrs. W. W. Howard, Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C.	
North View	Mrs. Evelyn Marlowe, 143 Buffalo S., Statesville, N. C.	

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in 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 the 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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 the evangelistic effort 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.

RULES OF THE DECORUM

- (1) The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- (2) There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
- (3) Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.
- (4) No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
- (5) We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.
- (6) Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- (7) No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
- (8) Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
- (9) No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.
- (10) On all motions made, where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- (11) The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member provided the chair is filled.
- (12) Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.
- (13) Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

YADKIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by each church and sent to the Association to represent the church.
- (2) Each church is required to select the best qualified members of the body to represent the church and carry on business.
- (3) The Association, when assembled, shall first elect a Moderator and Clerk.
- (4) The rules of the decorum must be read immediately after the Association is assembled.
- (5) The Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour: that the plan of salvation, presented by Christ, is strictly and definitely Grace, and, as presented by the gospel, will save all human beings who accept it.
- (6) Any minister, in good standing with his church, or Association, may be invited to a seat in our Council and may take part in the deliberations, and his name enrolled in our minutes.
- (7) It is the duty of the Association to appoint, or elect, committees to take care of special business, etc. Each committee report must be in writing, and turned in to the Clerk for reading before the assembly.

- (8) All queries regularly presented to the Association by any Church shall be attended to.
- (9) Any church wishing to become a member of this Association may do so by making application by letter and represented by the delegates of said church. The church must adopt our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.
- (10) The Association may withdraw from any church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by the body.
- (11) It is to be understood that the Association assumes no higher authority than that of an Advisory Council.
- (12) Any church wishing a letter of dismissal from this Association may do so on the grounds of a two-thirds (⅔) majority of the members of said church.
- (13) Any minister found casting his influence against any church or, in any way, marring the character unjustly of another minister, or working in any way to secure the church of a fellow minister, will be dealt with by the Association.
- (14) This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by two thirds (⅔) votes of the delegates attending. Providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first sitting of said meeting after permanent organization.
- (15) The Ordination Council shall have authority to ordain Pastors of churches entering this Association between Sessions.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- (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: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. 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. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- (9) Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who would 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 (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).
- (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."

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The Ministers' Conference shall have authority to elect the Ordination Council. (Association of 1954).
- (2) All Ministers of this Association, licensed and ordained, shall have a seat, voice and vote at all Ministers' Conferences, and, along with all delegates, at Association Conferences. (Amended thus Association 1966).
- (3) Any Minister failing to send a report to this Association shall subject his name to be placed on the Nominal Roll of Ministers. (Association of 1956).
- (4) Worship service shall be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday during the Association (Association of 1958).

RULES GOVERNING ORDINATION COUNCIL

- (1) No minister may be granted license or certificate of ordination unless he presents a letter of recommendation from the church to which he belongs. Also, this church must be a member of this Association.
- (2) No licensed minister may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license unless he is called to be full-time pastor of a church.
- (3) No licensed minister, even though called to be assistant pastor, may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license.
- (4) All Ministers being admitted to this Association must promise to relinquish the credentials they hold from this Association if, and when, he joins another Association, or when he is adjudged by the Ministers' Conference to be disqualified to preach the gospel.
- (5) All Ministers entering this Association from another Free Will Baptist Association must present a letter of recommendation from the Association he is leaving. Also he must surrender the credentials he holds from the Association he is leaving.
- (6) The Ordination Council shall not have the authority to license women to preach.
- (7) This Council shall not issue credential to brethren who have two (2) living companions, even though divorced.
- (8) These rules must be read to each minister asking for entrance into this Association.

ANNUAL MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1966

The Annual Minister's Conference of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptist convened on Saturday, September 3, 1966, with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. at 10:00 A. M. A song entitled, "When The Ro'l Is Called Up Yonder" was sung and prayer was led by Rev. Donald Fritts. The Pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley, extended a most cordial welcome to the conference and read a Scripture which was taken from James 6. Service was then turned over to the Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. W. Howard, in the absence of the Moderator.

Rev. Howard called on Rev. R. P. Sawyer to lead us in another prayer, after which the house was declared in order for business. The roll of Ministers was called and the following answered to their names: Reverends W. W. Howard, Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, Mack F. Crisp, Donald Fritts, William Gilmore, J. P. Langley, and R. P. Sawyer. The Rules of the Decorum were read.

The officers of the Ministers' Conference were elected as follows:

Moderator Rev. Willard W. Howard
Vice-Moderator Rev. Alfred Absher
Clerk Rev. J. P. Langley

Ordination Council was elected as follows:

Rev. R. P. Sawyer Rev. Alfred Absher Rev. Mack F. Crisp
Rev. Willard W. Howard Rev. Grover C. Bare

A request from Rev. J. W. LeViner for a letter from this conference was disregarded, due to the fact he has been dropped from our membership roll since 1962.

The next Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in December, 1966 at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. of which Rev. Grover C. Bare is pastor. The church is located just off Old China Grove Road on Sunset Avenue.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$4.00.

A motion was carried that the Moderator of the Ministers' Conference appoint the minister to preach at the next Ministers' Conference and each succeeding Ministers' Conference. The Moderator appointed Rev. William Gilmore to preach at the next Ministers' Conference on the first Saturday in December, 1966.

Conference was then adjourned and Rev. Alfred Absher dismissed.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 9, 1966

The Fourteenth Annual Association of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptist met on September 9, 1966 at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. A song entitled "He Abides" was sung by the congregation after which Rev. Henry Swaim led our hearts in prayer. The pastor of the local church gave a short welcome address. Rev. Ronald Creech, a representative of the State Association, was welcomed and given a seat and voice; also Rev. Billy Morris—State Association moderator. Rev. W. W. Howard read as devotions, Psalm 149. The service was then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Mack Crisp for business.

Rev. Crisp declared the house in order for business and asked the clerk to read the Rules of the Decorum. The roll was called and the following ministers answered to their names: Reverends Alfred Absher, Mack Crisp, William E. Gilmore, W. W. Howard, J. P. Langley, R. G. Mason, R. P. Sawyer, J. Henry Swaim.

The Church reports were read by the Reading Clerk, Rev. J. P. Langley. The Prince of Peace Church report was carried over to the Saturday morning session for discussion, hoping that the pastor, Rev. J. E. Fisher would be in this session.

Minister's Reports were read by the Reading Clerk, as were the Sunday School Reports and the Ladies' Auxiliary Report.

The election of officers for the coming year were then filled as follows:

Moderator	Rev. J. P. Langley
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Mack Crisp
Clerk	Jack Langley, Jr.
Treasurer	William House
Reading Clerk	Patricia Payne
Association Evangelist	Rev. William Gilmore

A song was sung "Amazing Grace", after which an old fashioned prayer was enjoyed by the congregation. The service was then turned over to Rev. Ronald Creech, who told about the need for subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Witness (State Association paper), after which *Rev. Creech brought an inspiring message.

A motion was made to adjourn until the Friday Evening Session. Rev. Alfred Absher dismissed us until 1:30 PM for lunch.

*A letter from Rev. Creech may be found elsewhere in these minutes.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION SEPTEMBER 9, 1966

The afternoon session convened at 1:30 P.M. with a song entitled "Stand Up For Jesus" and a congregational prayer was enjoyed, after which Rev. J. P. Langley read the Scripture which was found in Psalms 133:1.

The following committees were elected by the Moderator:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Mack Crisp, Rev. Henry Swaim, Mrs. Patricia Payne.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

William House, Rev. W. W. Howard, Mrs. Reva Payne.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gail Langley, Mrs. Vennie Ashby, Rev. Alfred Absher.

HOME FOR AGED COMMITTEE

Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Mrs. Alva Craven, Rev. Henry Swaim.

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jessie Ostwalt, Mrs. Rachael Passmore, Rev. R. G. Mason.

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

William House, Jack Langley, Jr., Rev. W. W. Howard.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jessie Ostwalt, Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Rev. William Gilmore.

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gail Langley, Mrs. Evelyn Marlowe, Mrs. Grace Craven.

A motion was made to take Article No. 8 from the Ordination Council Rules. It was voted on and approved.

A motion was made by Rev. Mack Crisp that Article No. 6 be changed; thus the Ordination Council would not have authority to license women to preach. It was seconded by Rev. R. P. Sawyer. After which was a discussion and it was voted on and carried.

A motion was made by Rev. R. P. Sawyer to elect an Executive board. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Rev. Swaim that the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer fill the first three offices of this board. It was seconded by Brother Ostwalt. The other members elected by the body were: Rev. Crisp, Rev. Sawyer, Rev. Mason and Rev. Howard.

A motion was made by Rev. Sawyer to strike out Rule No. 1 in Rules and Regulations and it was seconded by Rev. Mack Crisp.

A motion was made to amend Rule No. 3 and include (of this assoc.) in this rule.

Rev. Billy Morris, Moderator of the State Association, gave a wonderful talk on the activities of the State Association.

A motion was made by Rev. W. W. Howard and seconded by Rev. Mack Crisp to write a check for \$50.00 to the Free Will Baptist Witness and turn \$30.00 from the Ministers Conference over to the Yadkin Valley Association. The motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made to adjourn till 10:00 A.M. Saturday by Rev. Crisp. It was seconded by Rev. Howard. The congregation was dismissed by Rev. Henry Swaim.

Below is a letter to the Association from Rev. Ronald Creech.

Yadkin Valley Association
Jack Langley, Clerk
Lexington, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

I am so thankful for the opportunity of visiting with you in your annual session. My heart was greatly blessed and I enjoyed every minute of the Association as well as the blessed fellowship with every delegate and preacher.

I was thrilled to death at the \$50 gift to the State Work and also \$16 in subscription money.

May God bless your hearts for this tremendous generosity. I surely do hope that I can attend next year. You folks have made me want to come back again. May God bless every church and preacher.

Please pray for me and this new work.

Sincerely,
Ronald Creech, Editor
FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 10, 1966

The Saturday morning Session convened at 10:00 A. M. at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C.

A song was sung by the body entitled, "The Royal Telephone," led by Brother Jack Langley, Jr. An inspiring prayer was enjoyed, led by Brother H. I. Odum, after which Scripture reading was rendered by Rev. J. C. Humeycutt from Mark 1:1-14.

The House was declared in order by the Moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley. Roll call was made by the clerk and the following ministers answered to their names: Reverends J. P. Langley, Johnny Triplette, Alfred Absher, W. W. Howard, Grover C. Bare, Mack F. Crisp, R. P. Sawyer, and J. C. Humeycutt.

The Rules of the Decorum were read, followed by a church report from Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of which Rev. Grover C. Bare is pastor. A Minister's report from Rev. Johnny Triplette was read.

A motion was made by Rev. R. P. Sawyer to change Article No. 15

of the Constitution to read as follows; "The Ordination Council shall have the authority to ordain Pastors of Churches entering this Association between Sessions." This motion was seconded by Rev. W. W. Howard, voted on and passed unanimously.

Another motion was made that Rule No. 5 be removed from Rules and Regulations and also was passed.

The various committee reports were read and approved. These reports may be found elsewhere in this booklet.

A report from Prince of Peace church was discussed and disregarded since this church has shown no interest in the Association in the past.

A motion was made and passed that both, the Ordaining Council and the Executive Committee meet at the next Minister's Conference for the purpose of re-wording the Ordination Certificates.

An offering was taken for the treasurer, amounting to \$10.33.

The meeting was then adjourned for the Worship Service. A song entitled, "Some Day" was sung after which an old-fashioned prayer was enjoyed by the congregation. Rev. J. P. Langley dismissed the meeting and went immediately into the worship service.

Rev. Grover C. Bare read a Scripture from Acts 3:1-6 and preached an inspiring message on the subject, "What have we to offer?" After the message, Rev. Alfred Absher dismissed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, do hereby recommend the following:

- (1) That each church send fifty-cents (\$.50) per member, annually to this Association.
- (2) That each Sunday School send twenty-cents (\$.20) per member, annually to this Association.
- (3) That each Minister send five dollars (\$5.00) annually to this Association. In addition to this, we recommend that each pastor receive a free will offering on the last Sunday before the Annual Association.
- (4) That the Association pay the Clerk twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year for his services.
- (5) That the Association pay the Treasurer ten dollars (\$10.00) per year for his services.
- (6) If the Executive Committee is called to a church, said church shall pay the traveling expenses of the members of the council.

REV. MACK F. CRISP
REV. HENRY SWAIM
MRS. PATRICIA PAYNE

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Missions Committee, do hereby recommend that each church give to both Home and Foreign Missions, and that each pastor encourage his church in this matter. We also recommend that each church send ten dollars (\$10.00) per year to the Association for missions and the church sending the money specify whether the money is for Home or Foreign Missions. (Larger Churches may send in larger amounts).

REV. W. W. HOWARD
BRO. WILLIAM HOUSE
MRS. REVA PAYNE

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, do recommend that each Sunday School use Free Will Baptist literature, that officers and teachers be members of the Church, and that officers and teachers hold regular meetings among themselves.

MRS. GAIL LANGLEY
MRS. VENNIE ASHBY
REV. ALFRED ABSHER

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your Singing Convention Committee do hereby recommend the following:

- (1) That we have two (2) Singing Conventions each year, the first to be held on the first Sunday in May at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. (Off old China Grove Road on Sunset Ave.), and the second to be held on the first Sunday in August at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N. C. (Woodbine St.)
- (2) That all of our churches call off their eleven o'clock worship hour on these two Sundays and meet with the church which is selected for each of these occasions, bringing a picnic lunch to be spread on tables provided by the host church; lunch to be spread not later than 1:00 p.m.
- (3) That each group of singers participating in these conventions be recorded in the Minutes of the annual Association.

BRO. WILLIAM HOUSE
BRO. JACK LANGLEY, JR.
REV. W. W. HOWARD

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Evangelism, do hereby recommend that this Association appoint an evangelist for the purpose of organizing new churches.

REV. R. P. SAWYER
REV. WILLIAM GILMORE
MRS. JESSIE OSTWALT

MINISTER'S REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Minister's Reports, do hereby recommend that each minister attend the quarterly Minister's Conferences if at all possible; attend the annual Associations and bring to these Associations a complete report of their work during the past year, this report to contain the following information:

Minister's name, address, telephone number, name of church he pastored (if any), number of sermons he preached, number of revivals he conducted, number of professions, number of members received into church, number baptized, number of funerals conducted, number of couples united in Matrimony, number of homes visited, number of Sunday School lessons taught, number of visits to hospitals, amount of money received in religious work, amount of money given for religious work, and the approximate number of miles traveled in religious work.

We also recommend that pastors of churches call Free Will Baptist ministers, or, ministers in harmony with Free Will Baptist doctrine, to conduct their revivals.

MRS. JESSIE OSTWALT
MRS. RACHAEL PASSMORE
REV. R. G. MASON

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

We, the Committee for the Home For The Aged do hereby recommend that each church in the Association send ten cent (\$.10) per Sunday School member to Rev. W. H. Calvert, 402 E. Fifth St., Gastonia, N. C., as its contribution to the Home For The Aged. This offering is to be sent each quarter on the basis of average Sunday School attendance of the present three month period. We urge each church to comply with this recommendation.

REV. R. P. SAWYER
MRS. ALVA CRAVEN
REV. HENRY SWAIM

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, the ladies auxiliary committee do recommend that pastors encourage the ladies of their church to start a Ladies Auxiliary. As each organizes an auxiliary, let the other churches know about the step they took, then each Auxiliary could correspond and give each other encouragement. Send any interesting news to Mrs. Betty Hill, Grifton, N. C. (State Women's Auxiliary President).

MRS. GAIL LANGLEY
MRS. EVELYN MARLOWE
MRS. GRACE CRAVEN

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Superintendent, William Starr, 11 Hill St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Route 8, Box 23, Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on roll at present, 249, Average No. on roll, 243, No. present last Sunday, 159, Average No. present for year, 176.

Mt. Zion: Superintendent, Howard Ashby, Route 2, High Point, N. C.; Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Abshur, Route 2, Rockwell, N. C.; No. on roll at present, 68, Average No. on roll, 50, No. present last Sunday, 36, Average No. present for year, 20.

Near Calvary: Superintendent, Charles Passmore, Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Howard, Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on roll at present, 35, Average No. on roll, 30, No. present last Sunday, 21, Average No. on roll for year, 20.

North View: Superintendent, Junior Goodin, Route 4, Statesville, N. C.; Secretary, J. D. Ostwalt, Jr., P. O. Box 382, Troutman, N. C.; No. on roll at present,* Average No. on roll,* No. present last Sunday, 60, Average No. present for year, 65.

*No figures given.

Friendship and Gospel: No Sunday School Reports sent in.

SCHEDULE

First Quarterly Minister's Conference will be held on the first Saturday in December, 1966.

Second Quarterly Minister's Conference will be held on the first Saturday in March, 1967.

The first Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in May, 1967, at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.

Third Quarterly Minister's Conference will be held on the first Saturday in June, 1967.

The second Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in August, 1967 at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N. C.

The Annual Minister's Conference will be held on Saturday, one week before the Association. The date of this Conference is September 2, 1967.

The Annual Association will be held on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. The dates of this Association are September 8 and 9, 1967.

All of the above Conferences and Association meet at 10:00 A.M. on the days mentioned except the Singing Conventions. Time for these may be found in the Singing Convention Committee Report.

Groups participating in the first annual Singing Convention at Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C., May 1, 1966.

The ISENHOUR QUARTET—Statesville, N. C.—Representing North View Rickey Isenhour—Shirley Isenhour—Jewel Isenhour—Susan Isenhour

The FAITHFULAIRES TRIO—203 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. Representing Arrington Heights. Roland Langley—Becky Murph—Jack Langley, Jr.—Joe Langley.

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS CHURCH CHOIR—Lexington, N. C.—Representing Arrington Heights. Roland Langley—Rev. J. P. Langley—Mrs. J. P. Langley—Becky Murph—Mrs. Joe Langley—Mrs. Roland Langley—Miss Tryphenia Gibbs—Mrs. John Berrier—Mrs. George Langley—George Langley—John Berrier—Grady Robert—Mrs. Jack Langley, Jr.—Jack Langley, Jr.—Mrs. Allen Everhart—Allen Everhart—Dorothy Bates—Joyce Bates—Joe Langley, Pianist.

The COVENANT QUARTET—1221 N. Greensboro St. Lexington, N. C.—Representing Arrington Heights. Roland Langley—Frank Gunter—David Holland—Wade Finney—Jack Langley, Jr., Pianist.

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS TRIO—203 Hames St., Lexington, N. C.—Representing Arrington Heights. Roland Langley—Gail Langley—Becky Murph—Joe Langley, Pianist.

The HOWARD FAMILY—Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C.—Representing Near Calvary. Rev. W. W. Howard—Mrs. W. W. Howard—Mrs. Ruby Reynolds—Mrs. Ruth Huneycutt—Mrs. Reva Payne—Mrs. Rachel Passmore.

The NEAR CALVARY SINGERS—108 Oakdale Rd., Lexington, N. C.—Representing Near Calvary. Johnny Payne—Mrs. Reva Payne—Mrs. Patricia Payne—Charles Passmore—Mrs. Rachel Passmore—Bill Lambeth.

Groups participating in the second annual Singing Convention at North View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C., Aug. 7, 1966.

Floyd Swaim—No other information given.

The FERN HILL HAPPY TRIO—Visitors from Fern Hill Baptist Church. No other information given.

The NORTHVIEW SINGERS—Route 1, Troutman, N. C., Representing Northview. Pattie Ostwalt—Peggy Benge—Joyce Benge—Linda Williams.

LAMBERT SINGERS—1215 Winston Ave., Statesville, N. C.—James Lambert—Diana Lambert—James Ray Lambert.

The FAITHFULAIRES TRIO—204 Hames St., Lexington, N. C.—Representing Arrington Heights. Roland Langley—Gail Langley—Becky Murph—Joe Langley, Pianist.

ELLER FAMILY—Route 4, Mooresville, N. C.—Representing Oak Grove. No other information given.

CAROLINA GOSPEL BOYS—Box 132, Cornelius, N. C.—Visitors. Dollin Buarkett, Roger Garret, Harvey P. Garrett, Harvey W. Garrett, Jr., Lonnie Sherall.

SUNSHINE QUARTET—221 East Side Drive, Statesville, N. C., Representing North View. Ricky Isenhour, Shirley Isenhour, Jewel Isenhour, Susan Isenhour.

GOSPEL SINGERS—Route 2, Box 188, Statesville, N. C.—Vistors from Poplar Springs Church of God, Statesville, N. C.

All of these groups are available for homecomings, revivals, church services, etc., and may be contacted by the given addresses.

Also, the Association would like to thank each and every group for their co-operation in the singings, and invite them to each one of the Associational Singings in the future. These dates and places may be found in the Schedule of these Minutes.

Also, it is the duty of each church belonging to this Association to help make these singings grow by their full co-operation in attending them and sending groups from their church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ministers	Received
Rev. J. P. Langley	\$10.00
Rev. J. Henry Swaim	5.00
Rev. R. G. Mason	5.00
Rev. R. P. Sawyer	6.00
Rev. W. W. Howard	10.00
Rev. Mack F. Crisp	5.00
Rev. Alfred Absher	10.00
Rev. William E. Gilmore	5.00
Rev. Donald R. Fritts	6.00
Rev. Grover C. Bare	10.00
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley	5.00
Rev. Johnny Triplette	5.00
Rev. Kenneth Goforth	5.00
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt	5.00
Rev. Raeford L. James	5.00
Rev. I. W. Plyler	5.00
Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff	5.00
Total received from Ministers	\$107.00

Churches and Sunday Schools	Received
Arrington Heights	\$50.00
Mt. Zion	50.60
Near Calvary	27.50
North View	14.00
Friendship	10.00
Total received from Churches and Sunday Schools	\$152.10

Other Offerings and Collections	Received
Contribution from Minister's Conference	\$30.00
Special Offering taken for Treasurer	10.33
Total of other offerings and collections	\$ 40.33
Total of all monies received	\$299.43

Disbursements	Paid Out
Free Will Baptist Witness	\$50.00
Clerk	25.00
Treasurer	10.33
Total of all disbursements	\$ 85.33
Balance in treasure	\$214.10*

The balance above does not include the price of the Minutes. This will be included in the 1967 Treasurer's report.

NOMINAL ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. J. Correll, Rev. George Galloway, *Rev. Kenneth Goforth,
 *Rev. J. C. Huneycutt, Rev. William Johnson, Rev. Glen Parker, *Rev.
 Arthur G. Woodruff, Rev. D. D. Rochester.
 *Sent \$5.00 contribution but no Minister's Report.

CHURCH REPORTS

	Rec'd by Letter	By Baptism	By Statement	Total Rec'd	Dismissed by Letter	By Erasure	By Death	Total Dismissed	Gain	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Other Salaries	Paid for Evang- elistic Purposes	Contributions to Charitable Causes	General Fund (Assoc. Expenses)	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous Purposes	Indebtedness	Value of Church Property
Arrington Heights	0 11 6 17 0	3 1 4 13 55	\$6753	\$660	\$255	\$284	\$50	\$5000	\$593	\$24,000	\$60,000								
Friendship	2 2 2 6 0	2 0 2 4 35	960	75	0	125	10	850	0	1,142	9,200								
Gospel *																			
Mount Zion	4 4 0 8 1	0 0 1 7 28	570	0	40	15	51	1029	0	2,303	15,000								
Near Calvary	1 10 0 11 2	0 0 2 9 29	700	0	117	44	28	1672	100	0	10,000								
North View	0 5 1 6 0	0 0 0 6 30	1000	20	0	75	27	331	0	7,000	20,000								
TOTAL	7 32 9 48 3	5 1 9 39 177	\$9,983	\$755	\$412	\$543	\$166	\$8,882	\$693	\$34,445	\$114,200								

No Church Report sent in

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME	CHURCH PASTORED (IF ANY)	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Members Received	Number Baptized	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Visits to Hospitals	Weddings Performed	\$. S. Lessons Taught	Money Given For Religious Causes	Money Received in Religious Work	Approximate Miles Traveled	Expenses Connected With Religious Work
Absher, Alfred	Mount Zion	120	1	5	7	4	1	25	15	2	5	\$200	\$600	6,000	\$700
Bare, Grover C.	Friendship	104	0	0	5	2	1	25	20	0	35	48	96	3,500	25
Crisp, Mack F.		0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	*	0	*	0
Fritts, Donald R.		40	1	10	0	0	0	10	5	0	0	248	385	200	150
Gilmore, William E.		40	0	4	0	11	0	25	15	0	50	375	30	2,000	*
Howard, Willard W.	Near Calvary	90	0	28	10	13	2	31	25	3	45	300	700	1,000	250
James, Raeford L.	Oak Grove	40	0	12	25	11	0	25	50	1	10	400	500	700	*
Langley, J. P.	Arrington Heights	102	0	5	8	4	4	80	40	7	51	816	7,014	12,000	1,523
Mason, R. G.		35	0	*	0	0	0	35	15	0	25	50	0	1,300	75
Plyer, I. W.		*	2	0	0	0	0	25	15	0	*	25	0	*	10
Sawyer, R. P.		25	1	19	0	0	0	25	6	0	25	75	0	2,000	*
Swalm, J. Henry	North View	80	0	15	5	5	0	30	45	5	5	230	1,000	14,000	300
Tilley, Dewey W.		18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	200	0	1,000
Triplette, Johnny		0	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	0	1	30	0	1,000	15
TOTAL		694	5	100	60	50	8	341	276	18	26	2,997	10325	44,700	3,048

*No Record

