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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

(Addresses will be found in Association Membership Roll)

Moderator **Rev. J. P. Langley**

Vice-Moderator **Rev. Alfred Absher**

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Moderator **Rev. Grover C. Bare**

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Rev. R. G. Mason

Rev. Raeford James

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Rev. Raeford James

Rev. Donald Fritts

Rev. Grover C. Bare

Rev. J. C. Huneycutt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. P. Langley

Rev. Johnny Triplette

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Name	Address	Telephone
Rev. Alfred Absher, Route 2, Rockwell, N. C.	28138	857-5421
Rev. Grover C. Bare, 416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.	28081	WE2-5321
Rev. Henderson Eller, Route 4, Box 517, Mooresville, N. C.	664-1216
Rev. J. E. Fisher, Route 2, Rockwell, N. C.	28138	
Rev. Donald R. Fritts, 1419 Foust Ave., High Point, N. C.	27260	889-6554
Rev. William E. Gilmore, 504 Bassinger St., T-ville, N. C.	27360	472-3316
Rev. Willard W. Howard, Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N. C.	27292	243-2072
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt, 405 E. Guilford St., T-ville, N. C.	27360	476-4545
Rev. Raeford L. James, 139 Douglas St., Statesville, N. C.	28677	872-3627
Rev. J. P. Langley, 205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C.	27292	246-2557
Rev. R. G. Mason, Route 2, China Grove, N. C.	28023	UL7-2582
Rev. I. W. Plyler, Route 1, Troutman, N. C.	28166	
Rev. D. D. Rochester, 1126 Goldsboro Ave., Statesville, N. C.	28677	
Rev. J. Henry Swaim, Route 3 Box 305-A, Statesville, N. C.	28677	LA8-5534
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley, 917 N. Walnut Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.	28081	
Rev. Johnny Triplette, Route 3, Box 263-B, Thomasville, N. C.	27360	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Wayne Hart, 109 Goldston St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

Retired Ministers

Rev. George Galloway, 321 S. Meline St., Rome, Ga. 30161

Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff, 1922 Rayon St., Statesville, N. C. 28677

CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	Address
Arrington Heights	Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Route 8, Box 28, Lexington, N. C.	
Friendship	Lester Oliver, Route 1 Box 320, Kannapolis, N. C.	
Near Calvary	No Information Received	
North View	Mrs. Virginia Cochran, Route 4 Box 516, Mooresville, N. C.	
Prince of Peace	Ruby Baker, 1609 Daniel St., Kannapolis, 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 Associational 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 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Ministers' Conference of the Yadkin Valley Association convened August 31, 1968 with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. Services began at 10:00 A.M. A song entitled, "When We All Get To Heaven" was sung and Rev. Vernon Church, a visiting minister from the Piedmont Association, led us in prayer. Rev. J. E. Fisher read the devotions from I John: 3 and led us in another short prayer. Another song, "I'll Fly Away" was sung. The host pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr. then turned the service over to the Moderator, Rev. Dewey W. Tilley.

Rev. J. E. Fisher read the Rules of the Decorum and called the Roll of Ministers. The following Ministers answered to their names: Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, J. E. Fisher, Donald Fritts, J. C. Huneycutt, Raeford L. James, J. P. Langley, Henry Swaim, Dewey Tilley, Johnny Triplette, and Henderson Eller.

Rev. W. J. Correll's name was removed from the roll and his credentials revoked.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An offering in the amount of \$4.84 was taken. Rev. Kenneth Goforth was given a Letter of Recommendation at his request to join the Piedmont Association.

Rev. R. P. Sawyer and Rev. Vernon Church were given a voice and seat in our deliberations.

The Ordaining Council was retained from last year. This Council consists of: Reverends Grover C. Bare, R. G. Mason, Raeford James, Donald Fritts, and J. C. Huneycutt, Rev. Grover C. Bare is chairman.

Officers in addition to the Ordaining Council were elected as follows:

Moderator Rev. Grover C. Bare

Vice-Moderator Rev. J. E. Fisher

Clerk Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr.

Our Ministers and the number of Conferences they attended during the year are as follows: (This number also includes the two days of the Association). Reverends Alfred Absher (4), Grover C. Bare (5), J. E. Fisher (4), J. C. Huneycutt (3), J. P. Langley, Sr. (5), R. G. Mason (2) Dewey W. Tilley (4), Johnny Triplette (4), Henderson Eller (4), Willard Howard (1), D. D. Rochester (1), Henry Swaim (4), Arthur G. Woodruff (1), Donald Fritts (1), Raeford James (2), Wayne Hart (3).

The remainder of our Ministers did not attend any of our conferences or the Association.

The next Ministers' Conference will meet with Prince of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. on the first Saturday in December, 1968.

Rev. Vernon Church was appointed by the Moderator to preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour of worship. Conference was then adjourned and was dismissed by Rev. R. P. Sawyer.

At the hour of preaching, Rev. Vernon Church brought a wonderful message taken from Matthew 14:22.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 6, 1968

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists met on September 6, 1968 at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. at 10:00 A.M. The devotional part of the service was opened with the congregation singing a song, "My Name Is Written There." A congregational prayer was led by Rev. Johnny Triplette after which the pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley read the 33rd Psalm and as he was Moderator declared the House in order for business.

The Rules of the Decorum was read by the Moderator then the roll call was made by the Clerk with the following Ministers being present: Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, J. P. Langley, J. Henry Swaim, and Johnny Triplette. Churches represented were Arrington Heights of Lexington, N. C., Friendship of Kannapolis, N. C., and North View of Statesville, N. C.

The Rules Governing the Ordination Council were read and discussed so as to enlighten all Ministers as to their duties and obligations to this Association.

Rev. Broncho West, a visiting minister was welcomed and given a voice and a seat in the conference.

The Associational Officers were elected to fill the positions for the next year. Following is a list of the offices and officers:

Moderator	Rev. J. P. Langley
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Alfred Absher
Clerk and Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Treasurer	Bro. William D. House
Reading Clerk	Rev. Grover C. Bare

The need of an Associational Evangelist was discussed and it was voted on by the body to discontinue this office since there were no specific duties to be performed by this office.

The various committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. Henry Swaim

Mrs. Jennie Leonard

Mrs. Ella Ostwalt

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Triplette Mrs. Mary Swaim Mrs. Johnny Lapish

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Grover Bare Mrs. Minnie Lamb Rev. Johnny Triplette

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

Bro. William House Mrs. Jennie Leonard Mrs. Mary Swaim

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Grover Bare Rev. Henderson Eller Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

Bro. Jack Langley, Jr. Bro. William House Mrs. Minnie Lamb

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Triplette Rev. Henry Swaim Mrs. Ella Ostwalt

The Ladies Auxiliary was held over until Saturday morning.

The meeting was then dismissed by Mrs. Jennie Leonard.

At the 11:00 A. M. service, a song entitled, "If Jesus Goes With Me" was sung by the congregation and Rev. Grover Bare led our hearts to the Throne of Grace in prayer.

Rev. Broncho West had been invited by the moderator to present the message at this hour of worship. He brought an inspiring message from Psalms 23 and 67, using as his text, "Glorying in His Salvation." He compared the young Christian in the 23rd Psalm to the mature Christian in the 67th Psalm.

After the message, the meeting was turned again to the moderator who called on Rev. Henry Swaim to dismiss us for lunch to re-assemble at 1:30 P.M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened with a song, "Sunlight" sung by those present. Prayer was led by Bro. Jack Langley, Jr. Scripture taken from Psalms 15 was rendered by Rev. Henry Swaim then the House was declared in order by the moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley.

A discussion was made at length about ministers leaving the Association and failing to turn in their credentials, as stated in the Ordaining Council Rules. Rev. Grover Bare volunteered to try to get in touch with Rev. R. P. Sawyer concerning this matter relating to him, Rev. Sawyer.

A motion was made by Rev. Grover Bare that the clerk write Rev. D. D. Rochester a letter concerning his lack of co-operation with the Association. This motion was seconded by Rev. Henry Swaim. The motion was made only after a lengthy discussion and recommendations by the body.

The Ministers' Reports and Church Reports were read by the Clerk and also the Reading Clerk.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rev. Bare and Rev. Swaim seconded. We were dismissed by Bro. William House until the Saturday Morning Session.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

A song, "Love Lifted Me" opened the Saturday Morning Session followed by a prayer by Rev. J. E. Fisher. The 100th Psalm was read as devotional portion by the moderator after which he declared the House in order.

Visiting ministers Broncho West, Herman Hersey, and Ronald Creech were given a voice and a seat in deliberations.

Rev. Herman Hersey explained fully a new Retirement Plan available to those who qualify in the Free Will Baptist Associations. Anyone desiring information may write him at Garner, N. C. Questions were asked by the body and answered by Rev. Hersey.

Rev. Ronald Creech, the State Association Evangelist, gave an informative talk about the Witness Book Store, State work and its activities. Anyone having needs of books, Bibles, flannelgraph, etc. should write Rev. Ronald Creech, care Free Will Baptist Witness, P. O. Box 11277, East Durham Station, Durham, N. C. 27703.

An offering of fifty dollars (\$50.00) was taken to help the State work progress. Then the Association adjourned for the worship hour.

"My Name Is Written There" started the worship hour being led by Bro. Roland Langley. Rev. Grover Bare was called upon to lead in prayer. Rev. Herman Hersey had been asked previously to present the message of the Saturday morning service.

He brought a wonderful message explaining the "Rebuilding of the Wall." His Scripture Text was taken from Nehemiah 3. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this inspirational sermon.

Immediately following the message, the House was again declared in order for business by the moderator. Committee Reports were read by the moderator since the clerk and reading clerk were in a committee meeting together. These reports were accepted by a majority voting of the delegates and ministers present.

The Ladies Auxiliary Committee was appointed by the moderator and consisted of Mrs. Gayle Langley, Mrs. Rebecca Murph, Mrs. Minnie Lamb, and Mrs. Vinnie Triplette. They had a brief meeting together and returned with their report. This report along with all other committee reports may be found elsewhere in these Minutes.

There was a discussion concerning the Association purchasing some property that would be used for a camp-meeting site. After this discussion, the moderator appointed a committee to investigate the prospects of this matter. Rev. Ronald Creech told of some property that had been donated to the State Association for this purpose and gave the committee some information concerning it. This committee, consisting of Reverends Johnny Triplette, Grover Bare, and Wayne Hart were asked to investigate this proposal as soon as possible.

The treasurer's report was then read and accepted as correct. A discussion followed this about whether the Association should designate where the money donated to the State Association should be placed exclusively in a fund for the purchase of a Station Wagon for the Book Store or let the State use it where it was most needful. It was voted on and approved that the fifty dollars (\$50.00) given be placed in the Station Wagon Fund.

A motion was made by Bro. Jack Langley, Jr. to adjourn and seconded by Rev. Johnny Triplette. We were then dismissed in a congregational prayer.

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. Henry Swaim
Rev. Johnny Triplette
Mrs. Ella Ostwalt

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. Grover C. Bare
Rev. Johnny Triplette
Mrs. Minnie Lamb

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, do recommend that each Sunday School use Free Will Baptist literature, that officers and teachers be mem-

bers of the Church, and that officers and teachers hold regular meetings among themselves.

Rev. Johnny Triplette
Mrs. Henry Swaim
Mrs. Johnny Lapish

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 cents (\$.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.

Bro. William House
Mrs. Mary Swaim
Mrs. Jennie Leonard

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, the Ladies Auxiliary Committee, do hereby 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 steps 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).

We also recommend that each Ladies Auxiliary set aside at least one night a month for visitation. We recommend that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary encourage more women to attend the Ladies Auxiliary and to attend church.

Mrs. Gayle Langley
Mrs. Rebecca Murph
Mrs. Minnie Lamb
Mrs. Vinnie Triplette

MINISTER'S REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Minister's Reports, do recommend that each minister attend the quarterly Minister's Conferences; if it is absolutely impossible to be at these associations, each minister is urged to send in a report to the clerk in time to be read at the Association. We recommend that each minister 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 baptised, 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.

Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Bro. William House
Mrs. Minnie Lamb

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism do hereby recommend the following:

- (1) That this Association look into the prospect of purchasing and establishing a campground, and that we appoint a committee for this purpose.
- (2) That each of our churches have at least two revival campaigns each year.

Rev. Johnny Triplette
Rev. Henry Swaim
Mrs. Ella Ostwalt

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., and the second to be held on the first Sunday in August at Prince of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.
- (2) That all 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 o'clock P.M.
- (3) That each group of singers participating in these conventions be recorded in the Minutes of the Annual Association.

Rev. Grover Bare
Rev. Henderson Eller
Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.

SCHEDULE

First Quarterly Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in December, 1968.

Second Quarterly Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in March, 1969.

The First Annual Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in May, 1969 at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.

Third Quarterly Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in June, 1969.

The Second Annual Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in August, 1969 at Prince of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.

The Annual Ministers' Conference will be held on Saturday, one week before the Association. The date of this Conference is September 6, 1969.

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 12 and 13, 1969.

All of the above Conferences and Associations 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Superintendent, William Starr, 11 Hill St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Arnold Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll at present—269, Average No. on Roll—263, No. Present last Sunday—142, Average No. Present for year—209.

Friendship: Superintendent, L. V. Lambert, 1408 Moose Rd., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; Secretary, Caffie Clark, 416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll at present—47, Average No. on Roll—49, No. Present last Sunday—56, Average No. Present for year—37.

North View: Superintendent, Junior Goodin, Route 4, Statesville, N. C. 28677; Secretary, J. D. Ostwalt Jr., P. O. Box 537, Troutman, N. C. 28166; No. on Roll at present—65, Average No. on Roll—57, No. Present last Sunday—38, Average No. Present for year—55.

Prince of Peace: Superintendent, Cecil Hughes, 1701 Daniel St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Baker, 1609 Daniel St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll at present—28, Average No. on Roll—25, No. Present last Sunday—25, Average No. Present for year—30.

Near Calvary—No report sent in.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

Arrington Heights: President's Name, Mrs. Ferren Langley, 1 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll—18, No. Present at last meeting—14, Average No. on Roll for year—18, Average No. Present for year—15.

Money in treasury at beginning of year	\$27.69
Money received during year	46.07
Total	\$73.76

Paid out for Easter Breakfast, Furniture Wax for Sale, Books and Cards, Material for Bake Sale, Nursery Curtains	\$54.64
Balance in Treasure	\$19.12

C. T. S. REPORT

For The Minutes Of The Yadkin Valley Association.

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: We started a Church Training Service (CTS) in 1968. Here is a brief report of our Officers and attendance, President, Mrs. Gerrie Langley-1207 W. Mountain St., Kernersville, N. C.; Treasurer, Wayne Leonard-Arrington Drive, Lexington, N. C. No. on Roll-51; No. present at last meeting-14; Average No. on roll for year-*; Average No. present for year-*,

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: Total Membership-59. Membership last year-*. No. received by letter-*, by baptism-1, by statement-6,

Total Received	7
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Dismissed by letter-5, by erasure-3, by death-*

Total dismissed	8
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*No information given

Itemized Financial Report:

Cash on hand July 1, 1968	\$ 876.13
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Expenditures:

National Association	\$ 82.17
State Association	327.94
Yadkin Valley Association	50.00
Foreign Missions	139.34
Pastor Salary	5,708.36
Pastor Expenses	2,002.64**
Janitor Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Salary	60.00
Utilities	682.37
Literature	356.43
Flowers & Wreaths	290.65
Church Payments	2,160.00
Rent on night deposit	20.00
Southern Services (air conditioner)	360.00
Cash Contributions	249.72
Building Additions & Repairs	411.83
Miscellaneous Expenses	122.92
Evangelistic Purposes	296.19*
Christmas Treats	297.41

Insurance on Church and contents	215.00	
Total Expenses	\$14,432.97	(14,432.97)
Total Deposits		15,425.56
Total Cash In Treasury July 1, 1968	\$	992.59

*Includes \$60.00 board for Evangelist

**Includes \$100.00 expenses to Jacksonville, Fla. (Nat'l Assn.)

General Treasury	\$803.26
Building Fund	67.16
Christmas Fund	\$122.17
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	\$922.59

FRIENDSHIP: No. received by letter-1, by baptism-0, by statement-3

Total received	4
Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-0, by death-0,	
Total dismissed	0
Total membership at present	22
Total membership last year at this time	19

Financial Report:

Paid out to Pastor	\$	950.00
Other Salaries		0
Paid out for Evangelistic purposes		16.00
Contributions to Charitable Causes		0
General Fund (to Annual Association for Association expenses)		0
Paid out for Building and Repairs		0
Miscellaneous		3,040.00
Indebtedness		2,945.15
Value of Church Property		\$10,000.00

NORTH VIEW: No. received by letter-*, by baptism-4, by statement-7

Total received	*
Dismissed by letter-3, by erasure-*, by death-*	
Total dismissed	*
Total membership at present	56
Total Membership last year at this time	48

Financial Report:

Paid out to Pastor	1,275.00
Other Salaries	*
Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes	150.00
Contributions to Charitable Causes	*
General Fund (to Annual Association for Associational expenses)	28.00
Paid out for Building and Repairs	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	*
Indebtedness	7,600.00
Value of Church Property	\$18,000.00

PRINCE OF PEACE: No. received by letter-2, by baptism-0, by statement-0

Total received	2
Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-0, by death-0	
Total dismissed	0
Total membership at present	23
Total membership last year at this time	21
Financial Report:	
Paid out to Pastor	\$ 20.00
Other Salaries	0
Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes	0
Contributions to Charitable Causes	50.00
General Fund (To Annual Assoc. for Assoc. expenses)	8.40
Paid out for Building and Repairs	0
Miscellaneous	0
Indebtedness	1,600.00
Value of Church Property	5,000.00

**No record

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in treasure September 6, 1968	\$ 19.36	
Money received from Ministers	75.00	
Money received from churches	103.50	
Special offering taken for State Association	50.00	
Total in treasure before disbursements		\$247.86
Disbursements:		
Paid to State Association	\$ 50.00	
Paid to Clerk	25.00	
Paid to Treasurer	10.00	
Total paid out before payments for Minutes		85.00
Balance before payment for Minutes		\$162.86
Received from Ministers:		
Rev. Alfred Absher	\$ 5.00	
Rev. Grover C. Bare	5.00	
Rev. J. E. Fisher	5.00	
Rev. Donald Fritts	5.00	
Rev. W. W. Howard	5.00	
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt	5.00	
Rev. Raeford James	10.00	
Rev. J. P. Langley	5.00	
Rev. I. W. Plyler	5.00	
Rev. J. Henry Swaim	5.00	
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley	5.00	
Rev. Johnny Triplette	5.00	
Rev. Henderson Eller	5.00	
Rev. Wayne Hart	5.00	
Total received from Ministers	\$ 75.00	
Received from Churches:		
Arrington Heights	\$ 50.00	
Friendship	12.00	
North View	28.00	
Prince of Peace	13.50	
Total received from Churches	\$103.50	

Nominal Roll of Ministers:

Rev. William E. Gilmore, Rev. Willard W. Howard, Rev. R. G. Mason,
Rev. D. D. Rochester.

Retired Ministers—Voted retired by Association.

Rev. George Galloway, Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff.

No Church Report, Sunday School Report, or any other information
was received from Near Calvary Church.

Groups participating in the first annual Singing Convention at North
View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C. May 5, 1968.

Groups representing North View Free Will Baptist Church:

The TRAVELERS TRIO & QUARTET—955 Connor St., Statesville, N. C.

C. L. Bunton Ralph Bunton Ruth Bunton Jim Bunton
Peggy Bunton Billy Hobbs Louise Hobbs

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS TRIO—205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C.
Jack Langley, Jr. Roland Langley Becky Murph
Joe Langley, Pianist

The FAITHFULAIRES—204 Hames Street, Lexington, N. C.
Roland Langley Gail Langley Becky Murph Joe Langley, Pianist

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS JUNIOR CHOIR
R. L. Langley Tammy Langley Lamar Langley Joey Langley
Kelvin Langley Tracy Murph Glenna Murph Eric Murph
Cindy Fortner Kathy Triplette

Groups participating in the second annual Singing Convention at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. August 4, 1968.

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:

The MURPH TRIO—Ellis Murph, Fairfax Road, Lexington, N. C.
Tracy Murph Glenna Murph Eric Murph Becky Murph, Pianist

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS TRIO—205 Hames Street, Lexington, N. C.
Jack Langley, Jr. Roland Langley Becky Murph Joe Langley, Pianist

TAMMY LANGLEY & KATHY TRIPLETTE DUET
Tammy Langley Kathy Triplette

The FRIENDSHIP BOYS—117 McGill Avenue, Concord, N. C.
Edward Davis Tony Bare

The FRIENDSHIP TRIO—803 Popular Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
Lucille Hartéo Marie Perry Edna Mae Stamper

Groups representing North View Free Will Baptist Church:

The TRAVELERS TRIO & QUARTET—955 Connor St., Statesville, N. C.
Tom Bunton Ralph Bunton Jim Bunton Ruth Bunton
Peggy Bunton Billy Hobbs Louise Hobbs

Rev. and Mrs. HENDERSON ELLER

Groups visiting from various churches and denominations:

Jack Wallace of The NORTH STATE QUARTET, Lexington, N. C.
Bob Thacker of The HARVESTERS QUARTET, Charlotte, N. C.

The CHURCH FAMILY from Gospel Light Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N. C.

Cathy Kennady Amy Church Donald Church

The TRIUMPHANT QUARTET from Perry Memorial Church of God, High Point, N. C.

Byrd Myers Kenneth Cook Linda Cook Kenneth Whistnant

The COCHRAN SISTERS & LITTLE RIVER BOYS of Lexington, N. C.
Mary Ann Oeule Ollie Belle Langston Clyde Queen Warren Guy
Willie Wykle Herbert Wiles

The LYMANS from Landis Memorial Baptist Church—213 N. Railroad St.
Extension, Landis, N. C.

Debbie Lyman Mary Jo Lyman Marie Lyman

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH TRIO of Landis, N. C.—511 Patterson St.,
China Grove, N. C.

Mrs. Linda Hill Mrs. Kathy Mason Mrs. Becky Lyman

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME	CHURCH PASTORED (If Any)	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Members Received	Number Baptised	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Visits to Hospitals	Weddings Performed	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Received In Religious Work	Money Given For Religious Causes	Approximate Miles Traveled	Expenses Connected With Religious Work
Absher, Alfred		24	0	0	0	0	5	30	25	2	0	\$ 100.00	\$ 0	1,000	\$ 50.00
Bare, Grover C.	Friendship	108	0	2	4	0	1	12	40	1	6	500.00	950.00	6,000	*
Eller, Henderson	North View	100	2	10	11	4	2	60	25	0	0	550.00	1,000.00	1,000	75.00
Fisher, J. E.	Prince Of Peace	50	1	2	2	0	2	100	75	2	6	50.00	*	300	100.00
Fritts, Donald Ray		52	1	2	0	0	1	50	25	0	0	400.00	35.00	2,000	*
Hart, Wayne		30	0	1	0	0	0	50	15	0	38	500.00	70.00	5,000	450.00
Huneycutt, J. C.		30	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	0	15	*	0	*	*
James, Raeford	Oak Grove	100	0	10	8	10	1	30	50	2	25	250.00	400.00	800	75.00
Langley, J. P.	Arrington Hts.	106	0	5	*	6	8	208	160	5	50	1,010.00	5,708.00	15,000	2,002.00
Plyler, I. W.		0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	30	50.00	*	0	50.00
Swaim, J. Henry		30	0	4	0	3	6	26	26	4	8	150.00	49.50	5,000	*
Tilley, Dewey W.		15	0	2	0	0	0	10	2	0	3	109.00	15.00	400	*
Triplette, John C.		1	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	50.00	5.00	1,700	78.00
TOTAL		636	4	46	25	23	26	621	464	16	181	\$3,719.00	\$8,232.50	42,700	\$2,880.00

* No Record

