

FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA

In this copy is a condensed history of the first three years of our association. It is with great joy we bring you these minutes.

Meeting Annually
on
2nd Saturday in May

Meeting Quarterly
2nd Saturdays
AUGUST — NOVEMBER — FEBRUARY

The Foothills Association of original Free Will Baptists is in affiliation with the North Carolina and National Associations of Free Will Baptists.

A. C. Tubbs

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FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS.

- MODERATOR-----Rev. Billy Allen
- ASSISTANT MODERATOR-----Rev. Joe Helms
- CLERK-----Rev. R.J. Reynolds
- ASSISTANT CLERK-----Rev. Ronnie Loftus
- TREASURER-----Mr. Dennis Ward
- ASSISTANT TREASURER-----Mr. Freddie Curtain

OTHER OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Rev. Billy Allen, 2111, Parkdale Ave. Gastonia, N.C. 28052
- Rev. Joe Helms, Old Fort, N.C.
- Rev. R.J. Reynolds, P.O. Box, 1061, Marion, N.C. 28752
- Rev. Allen Jackson, Marion, N.C.
- Rev. Benny Duncan, Marion, N.C.
- Rev. Tommy Hensley, Marion, N.C.
- Mr. Dennis Ward, Marion, N.C.

- HISTORIAN, Mrs. Alice Reynolds, ASSISTANT, Mrs. Gwen Allen
- TRUSTEES, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Mr. Johnny Hemphill.
- FOREIGN MISSIONS, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Junior Morrison, Rev. David Wheeler.
- HOME MISSIONS, Rev. Thomas Swain, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Pat Buchanan.
- YOUTH DIRECTOR, Rev. Joey Beam, ASSISTANT, Rev. Harold Holcombe.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Haskel Davis, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Joey Beam.

CHURCHES OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

- BETHEL, Marion, N.C. Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Pastor
- FRIENDLY, Morganton, N.C.
- MT. CALVARY, Marion, N.C. Rev. Paul Clayton, Pastor
- MTN. VIEW, Kings Mtn. N.C. Rev. J.C. Almond, Pastor
- NORTHVIEW, Statesville, N.C. Rev. Leroy England, Pastor
- ROBERTSON CREEK, Bostic, N.C.
- ROCKY PASS, Nebo, N.C. Rev. Milton Hollifield, Pastor
- SALEM, Old Fort, N.C. Rev. Joe Helms, Pastor
- TRINITY HILL, Nebo, N.C. Rev. Carl Roland, Pastor
- WEST FIFTH AVE. Gastonia, N.C. Rev. Billy Allen, Pastor

MINISTERS OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Billy Allen, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. J.C. Almond, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Patrick Buchannan, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Gorman Burgin, Black Mtn. N.C.
 Rev. Joey Beam, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Bob Cable, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Johnny Cody, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Haskel Davis, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Benny Duncan, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Phillip Duncan, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Elisha Fish, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Joe Helms, Old Fort, N.C.
 Rev. Lester Hughes, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Robert Harris, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Daniel Hensley, Morganton, N.C.
 Rev. Tommy Hensley, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Allen Jackson, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Ronnie Loftus, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Robert Mace, Morganton, N.C.
 Rev. Junior Morrison, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Harold Wayne Holcombe, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Bobby Parker, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Joe Poole, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Leroy Parker, Old Fort, N.C.
 Rev. Wade Parker, Old Fort, N.C.
 Rev. Ralph Reep, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Carl Roland, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Robert Redding, Gastonia, N.C.
 Rev. Thomas Swain, Statesville, N.C.
 Rev. Lattie Slagle, Old Fort, N.C.
 Rev. David Wheeler, Marion, N.C.
 Rev. Gordon Walker, Old Fort, N.C.
 Rev. Leroy Walker, Old Fort, N.C.

MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

TOTAL CHURCHES: 10. TOTAL MINISTERS: 33

Three Pastors, Rev. Milton Hollifield, (Rocky Pass)
 Rev. Leroy England, (Northview) and Rev. Paul Clayton,
 (Mt. Calvary) are not members of this Association at the
 present time.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME PURPOSE AFFILIATION

This Association shall be called, The Foothills Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The purpose of this body is to proclaim and preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that by his grace, we may advance his kingdom among men. We are affiliated with the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, and the National Association. The treatise of the National Association is adopted as an expression of our faith and practices.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

The members of this body shall consist of churches and ministers of like faith and practices. Members may be received by letter from other Free Will Baptist Associations or by letter of petition. Members coming to us from other denominations must be examined by our Executive Board and recommended by them for membership in this body. All members must report by letter to the annual meeting, and must be represented by delegates at our Quarterly and annual meetings. All members must be received by a majority vote of the body in session. The association may by a majority vote withdraw from any member found to be walking disorderly contrary to sound doctrine as believed by us.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

The officers of this association are as follows, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Board and any other officers that we may elect to transact the business of this body. The association may elect or appoint as many boards or committees as may be necessary. The duties of the officers shall be explained in an appendage to this constitution.

ARTICLE 4. INDEPENDANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

This association recognize the independance of the local church and their right to administer their internal affairs. They have the right to discipline their members according to the Word of God, and such discipline ought to be binding on all of our churches. No member should be received into any of our churches who is out of fellowship with another. This body assumes no higher authority over the local church than that of an advisory capacity, and has no claims over local church property except that which may be acquired by legal title.

ARTICLE 5. LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS

This work shall be primarily the responsibility of the local church. After a church has licensed a man to preach and he is called to pastor a church or if his home church considers him eligible, the church may call a presbytery of at least (3) three pastors of the Association to lay hands on him and ordain him according to the Word of God. He must be of sound moral character and doctrine and meet all scriptural qualifications in order to be ordained. If he shall fail to live up to these qualifications, his home church or the church that had him ordained may vote to withdraw ordination from him and he is under solomn obligation to deliver his ordination certificate to the church. No man shall be considered for license or ordination who has been married twice if his first wife is living. No woman shall be considered for license or ordination. No ordination shall be recognized as valid that is not done according to the Word of God. (The Holy Bible)

ARTICLE 6. DISCIPLINE OF MINISTERS

In order to maintain and encourage sound doctrine and moral character, this body recognizes it's responsibility to discipline it's members according to the Word of God. Any charges made against a church or a minister must be presented in writing to the accused at least two weeks before a hearing is held on the matter. The charges must be signed by at least two reliable witnesses. A copy of these charges must be presented to the Executive Board of the Association who shall investigate them and bring the proper recommendations to the body in session. The association may vote to suspend or to withdraw fellowship from any member found to be disorderly by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall meet quarterly and annually for worship and business. The quarterly meetings shall be held on the second Saturdays in February, August, and November. The annual meetings shall be held on the second Saturday in May, or if a two day meeting be desired the meeting shall begin on the first Friday, before the second Saturday in May. All Deacons and Ministers shall be counted as standing delegates and visitors may be granted all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ARTICLE 8. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each church is requested to send at least 1% of their income for the support of the association, and each minister is requested to bring a one dollar offering to each meeting. Offerings may be received at the discretion of the moderator.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended or suspended by a two thirds majority vote at any annual session, providing a quorum of at least nine members is present. The motion to amend must be made at the first session of the annual and must lay on the table until the final session.

APPENDAGE. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. MODERATOR. The moderator shall have the general oversight of the association and shall preside at all business sessions. He shall see that the chair is filled at all times and that proper order is maintained. He shall have the same speaking rights as other members providing the chair is filled. In case of a tie vote, he shall be empowered to break the tie. He shall serve as chairman of the executive board. In his absence or at his request the assistant may assume his duties.
2. CLERK. The clerk shall take the minutes of all business meetings of the body and shall keep a permanent record of them. The clerk shall be responsible for having the minutes printed and shall serve as corresponding secretary of the association. In the absence of the clerk or at the clerk's request the assistant clerk may assume these duties.
3. TREASURER. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all money of the association at the direction of the body. He shall keep an accurate and permanent financial record, and shall give a financial report to the association at least once a year or upon request. In the absence of the treasurer, the assistant may assume these duties.
4. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. This board shall consist of seven members, The moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer, shall be members of the board by virtue of their office, with three additional members being elected by the body. The board shall have interim authority to act for the association between sessions. They shall report their work annually to the association and their work shall be final upon the approval of the body in session. A quorum of at least four members must be present in order for the board to conduct business.
5. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. This board shall consist of three members who shall hold title to all property acquired by the association, and shall represent the body in all matters needing trustees. They shall perform their duties at the direction of the body.

6. HISTORIAN . The historian shall keep records of all historical events of the association. The assistant shall assist the historian in these duties.
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. All officers of the association shall be elected for one year except the historian and board of trustees. These shall be elected for an indefinite period. A nominating committee shall be elected at the last session of the annual meeting. They shall present nominations to the body the following year for all associational offices. When they give their report, the moderator shall call for nominations from the floor.
8. ASSOCIATIONAL RECORDS AND PROPERTY. All finances, records, or property held by any officer of the association shall be turned over promptly to his successor in office upon completion of his term in office.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings shall be opened with scripture reading, prayer, and worship.
2. The clerk, assistant clerk, or the senior minister in years shall call the meeting to order and shall preside until the moderator assumes his place.
3. Any member wishing to speak must first stand and be recognized by the moderator before speaking. He must confine himself to the subject before the body and shall not speak more than twice nor more than ten minutes without special permission from the body. No person shall interrupt another who is speaking except in cases of emergency or in accord with accepted parliamentary procedure. Frivolous motions or filibustering shall not be tolerated by this body.
4. Christian love must be the rule in every session. No title except Brother or Sister shall be used when addressing another. There shall be no conversation between members that will interrupt business while the body is in session.
5. No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the moderator. Anyone violating this rule may be admonished by the moderator. If the violation continues, it may result in loss of voting privileges for that session at the discretion of the moderator. The moderator's decision shall be final unless overruled by a majority vote of the body. Any member may appeal the moderator's decision to the body.
6. Roberts Rules of order shall be used as a guide in our deliberations, and shall be the final authority as it applies to religious bodies such as ours.
7. These rules may be amended or suspended at any regular business session by a simple majority vote, providing that a quorum of at least nine members is present.

PRE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD AT
 ROCKY PASS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
 FELLOWSHIP BUILDING, February, 25, 1977.

The following pastors representing their respective churches were present at this meeting:

- Rev. A. C. Truluck, pastor, Rocky Pass Church, Nebo, N.C.
- Rev. Joe Helms, pastor, Salem Church, Old Fort, N.C.
- Rev. Daniel Hensley, pastor, Robertson Creek Church, Bostic, N.C.
- Rev. Lattie Slagle, pastor, Old Fort Church, Old Fort, N.C.
- Rev. Carl Roland, pastor, Trinity Hill Church, Marion, N.C.
- Rev. R. J. Reynolds, pastor Bethel Church, Marion, N.C.
- Rev. Paul Butler, pastor, First Church, Morganton, N.C.
- Rev. Allen Jackson, pastor, Mt. Calvary Church, Marion, N.C.
- Rev. Billy Allen, pastor, West Fifth Ave. Church, Gastonia, N.C.

The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer. A discussion was held concerning a proposal that had been before the Blue Ridge Association concerning the churches east of Old Fort Mountain having their own quarterly meetings with the churches west of the mountain doing the same. The churches would then meet together annually. After discussing the matter it was decided that it would be best for all concerned for us to form a new association east of the mountain. The pastors agreed to take this idea and present it to their churches and if approved, to set a time and place for an organizational meeting. All churches represented at this meeting were members of the Blue Ridge Association except the West Fifth Ave. Church of Gastonia. The pastor of this church, Rev. Billy Allen was a member of the Blue Ridge Association.

It was agreed that we have no bitterness toward the Blue Ridge Association, and that if we did leave the Association that we would do so by letter in good standing. It was further agreed that we would not entice any pastor or church to leave the Blue Ridge to unite with us. The stated purpose for the organization of the new association was to encourage greater participation of our churches in the association, that both associations might grow and prosper more in the Lord.

This was a blessed meeting and a sweet spirit prevailed. We joined hands in a closing prayer asking the Lord's blessings and guidance. The Lord wonderfully blessed and we left the meeting rejoicing in the Lord.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT BETHEL CHURCH, MARION, N.C.

April, 2, 1977

The meeting opened with scripture reading, prayer, and congregational singing. The meeting was well attended with about two hundred people present. The pastor, Rev. R.J. Reynolds called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of this meeting. Bro. Reynolds was elected temporary moderator and Bro. Carl Roland was elected as temporary clerk. the proposal of organizing a new association was presented to the body by the moderator and the following motions were made and carried.

M.S.C. That we organize a new association.

M.S.C. That the name of this association shall be, The Foothills Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

M.S.C. That the ministers and churches wishing to unite with the new association unite by letter from their respective associations. The following churches being represented by delegates and pastors united by letter, Bethel, Mt. Calvary, Trinity Hill, Rocky Pass, Robertson Creek, Old Fort, Salem, and West Fifth Ave.

M.S.C. That we adopt the treatise of the National Association, and that we petition the North Carolina State Association for membership in that body.

The following were elected as a committee to prepare a constitution for our consideration at the next meeting, Billy Allen, A.C. Truluck, Carl Roland, Lattie Slagle, and Joe Helms.

The following officers were elected for the year, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Moderator, Rev. Billy Allen, Assistant Moderator, Bro. J.E. Suttles, Clerk, Bro. Dennis Ward, Treasurer, Rev. A.C. Truluck, Youth Camp Director, Rev. Wade Parker, Youth Director, Sis. Blanch Jones, Historian, and Sis. Francis Truluck, Women's Auxiliary Coordinator. M.S.C. That our next meeting be held at Trinity Hill church, Nebo, N.C. M.S.C. To adjourn.

Adjourned with prayer. This was a great meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed his people.

Clerk's note: The meeting held at Trinity Hill Church is known as our first annual meeting.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
TRINITY HILL CHURCH
June, 25, 1977.

The meeting opened with devotions led by Rev. Haskel Davis, and congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Roland. The meeting was called to order by the clerk.

The moderator informed the body that each session would begin with devotions and a worship service before business. The host pastor welcomed us to the church. The following churches were represented, Bethel, Mt. Calvary, Trinity Hill, Salem, Rocky Pass, Friendly, Robertson Creek, and West Fifth Ave. Representatives from the following churches were recognized as visitors, Mt. Bethel, Spruce Pines, and Ray's Chapel. Rev. Billy Allen brought the morning message entitled, "The Little Book With Seven Seals," preaching from Revelation: 5. The Lord richly blessed in this service through His Word. The body recessed for lunch with prayer, and a great meal prepared by the host church was enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting opened with scripture reading, prayer, and congregational singing. The Grant family of Gastonia rendered a special number in song.

The moderator called the body to order for business. Rev. Billy Allen read a proposed constitution, rules of decorum, and by-laws. M.S.C. To adopt item by item.

M.S.C. That we tithe our income as follows, 5% to the N.C. State Association, and 5% to The National Association cooperative program.

M.S.C. That we buy license and ordination certificates for ministers belonging to this body, and that we appoint Rev. Billy Allen to design and have them printed.

M.S.C. That a person must be present in order to be elected to office. Rev. A.C. Truluck gave a report on plans for a youth camp to be held in the near future. M.S.C. To adopt as information. M.S.C. That our next meeting (Quarterly) be held at the West Fifth Ave. Church, Gastonia, N.C. M.S.C To adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT WEST FIFTH AVE.
CHURCH, GASTONIA, N.C. August, 13, 1977.

The meeting was opened with scripture reading, prayer and congregational singing. Special singing was provided by the Grant family, the Lattimore trio, and the Bethel Quartet. A time for testimonies was given and was enjoyed by all.

The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers and the following visitors were recognized, Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Paul Roland, and Rev. Odell Holcombe. Rev. Homer Arrowood, moderator of the state association was present and gave us greetings from the State Association. Rev. Joe Helms delivered the morning message preaching from Luke:22:60-63. using as his subject, "The Spiritual Bird." A great message that blessed the Lord's people. The congregation gathered in the altar, and a prayer of consecration was led by Rev. Billy Allen.

The moderator called the body to order for business. The Friendly Free Will Baptist church petitioned by letter for membership in this body. M.S.C. To receive them by letter from The Blue Ridge Association. A report of the youth camp was given by Rev. A.C. Truluck and the report was that we had a great youth camp with a number of souls being saved and baptized. Bro. Truluck recommended that we have a youth retreat during the Thanksgiving holidays, the cost will be \$7.00 per person plus 50 cent for insurance. M.S.C. To receive this report as information and to accept the recommendation. Rev. Joey Beam was elected as Assistant youth director, and Rev. Billy Allen was elected as reporter. M.S.C. That our next quarterly meeting be held at Salem church, Old Fort, N.C. M.S.C. To adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT SALEM
CHURCH, OLD FORT, N.C. November, 12, 1977.

The meeting opened with devotions by Rev. Robert Harris and congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Roland. Rev. Johnnie Bullman led in prayer. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers, and the following visitors were recognized, Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Rev. Paul Roland, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. Ed. Martin, and Rev. Odell Holcombe. Rev. A.C. Truluck brought the message entitled, "The Power Of The Word." (Hebrews:4:12) A great message that challenged and blessed our hearts.

The moderator called the body to order for business. M.S.C. That our ministers meet to organize a minister's conference at West Fifth Ave. church, Gastonia, N.C. the last Saturday in this month.

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QUARTERLY MEETING AT SALEM CHURCH (Continued)

- M.S.C. That a committee be appointed to investigate ministers coming to us from other associations or denominations.
- M.S.C. That we purchase a typewriter for the use of our clerk. The treasurer's report was given which showed a balance of \$909.18. in the treasury. M.S.C. To adopt this report.
- Sis. Francis Truluck gave a report concerning the organization of a women's Auxiliary. M.S.C. To adopt as information.
- M.S.C. That the churches of the association unite for a watch-night service to be held at the Salem church on Dec. 31st with the host pastor working out the details of the service.
- Rev. Gorman Burgin petitioned for membership in this body.
- M.S.C. That he be received pending a letter from the Blue Ridge Association. M.S.C. That our next meeting be held at the Robertson Creek Church, Bostic, N.C.
- M.S.C. To adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROBERTSON CREEK CHURCH, BOSTIC, N.C. February, 11, 1978

The meeting opened with devotions by Rev. Wade Parker, reading from Isaiah:53:3-7. and prayer. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Carl Roland. Bro. Burley Thomas gave us a welcome from the host church, Response was given by Rev. Eddie Dollar. Special singing was provided by the Bethel quartet, and the Grant family. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers, and the following visitors were recognized, Eddie Dollar, Johnnie Bullman, Paul Roland, Henry King, and Ronald Creech. The moderator welcomed them and granted them all the privileges of the body except voting. Rev. Billy Allen brought the message entitled, "When God puts down all rebellion." preaching from Revelation, chapter 20. The Lord blessed and anointed the Word.

The moderator called the body to order for business and the following reports were given, The women's auxiliary report was given by Sis. Lucille Holland, M.S.C. To adopt.

The youth work report was given by Rev. Wade Parker, M.S.C. To adopt. A report was given by Rev. Ronald Creech from the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The body was advised of the School's indebtedness and of the part that the North Carolina State Association had voted to raise. M.S.C. To adopt this report as information and to receive an offering for the Bible College. M.S.C. That we recommend to our churches that we try to raise \$2.00. per member to help pay this debt.

M.S.C. That the next meeting be held at Mt. Calvary Church, Marion, N.C. M.S.C. To adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
 MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MARION, N.C.
 May, 12, 1978. (Friday)

The meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Robert Harris. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Carl Roland. The host pastor gave the body a welcome to the church. Sis. Doris Buchanan sang, "Jesus I love you." an inspiring song enjoyed by all. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers and recognized the visitors. Rev. Johnnie Bullman brought the message entitled, "Untie The Donkey," reading from Matthew:21:1-11. A message truly anointed of the Lord.

The assistant moderator, Rev. Billy Allen presided at this meeting because of the fact that the moderator, Bro. Reynolds was recuperating from an operation. Bro. Reynolds made his remarks to the body and turned the chair over to his assistant.

Rev. Allen read the rules of decorum to the body and Rev. Paul Butler led in prayer. Sis. Lucille Holland gave a report of the women's auxiliary, M.S.C. The body then recessed with prayer for lunch and fellowship.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.
 May, 13, 1978

This session opened with scripture reading, prayer, and congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Roland. Bro. Reynolds advised the body of the State Association meeting on June 12th and 13th. and urged all to attend.

Rev. A.C. Truluck gave a report on the Bible college building fund, M.S.C. To adopt as information.

Bro. Truluck also gave a report of information on the youth camp to be held at Camp Arrowood, Old Fort, N.C. The fee for each camper will be \$20.00. and all churches were urged to participate. M.S.C. To receive this report as information.

M.S.C. That a committee be appointed to assist Bro. Truluck in the camp. The committee was appointed as follows, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. J.C. Almond, and Rev. Daniel Hensley.

M.S.C. That the expenses of the Executive Board be paid at the rate of 8 cent per mile when traveling on associational business.

The nominating committee gave their report and the following officers were elected. Moderator, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Billy Allen, Clerk, Bro. J.E. Suttles, Treasurer, Bro. Dennis Ward, Executive Board, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. A.C. Truluck, Rev. Carl Roland, and Rev. Haskell Davis. Trustees, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. Lattie Slagle, and Bro. Johnny Hemphill. Historian, Bro. Ronnie Grant. Nominating Committee, Rev. Allen Jackson, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. Ronnie Loftus,

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
MT. CALVARY, (Continued)

Rev. Daniel Hensley, and Bro. Joe Duncan.
M.S.C. That next quarterly meeting be held at Friendly church,
Morganton, N.C. M.S.C. To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT THE FRIENDLY
CHURCH, MORGANTON, N.C. August, 12, 1978.

The meeting opened with devotions by Rev. Tim. Rabon from the Free Will Baptist Bible college. Bro. Rabon read from Luke 16 using as his thought, "Some Things In Hell, Needed In The Church" Congregational singing was led by Rev. Carl Roland. The clerk called the roll of minister and churches. Nine churches were represented in this meeting. The message was brought by Rev. Allen Jackson entitled, "Four Questions From God." A timely message enjoyed by all. The scripture reading from Gen:3:7-11.

The moderator called the body to order for business. Rev. Leroy Walker petitioned for membership. M.S.C. To receive him pending a letter from the Blue Ridge Association. The treasurer gave a financial report and recommended that we give a gift of \$100.00 to the Free Will Baptist Witness. (State Paper) M.S.C. To adopt this report and accept it's recommendation. The moderator gave a report on the National Association and informed the body that Dr. L.C. Johnson had resigned as president of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Wade Parker and Rev. Joey Beam were reelected as youth directors of the association. Rev. Tim Rabon, who has been working with the Rocky Pass youth this summer gave a report of the youth camp and reported that ten souls were saved. M.S.C. To adopt this report as information. M.S.C. That our next meeting (quarterly) be held at Bethel church in Marion. M.S.C. To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT THE BETHEL
CHURCH, MARION, N.C. November, 11, 1978.

The meeting opened with devotions by Rev. Gorman Burgin and congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Roland. Bro. Jay Burleson gave us a welcome to the church, and the response was given by Rev. Wade Parker. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers. The following visitors were recognized, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Dennis Ledford, Rev. Guy Owens, and Bro. Lloyd Allison. A minister's quartet, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Eddie Kirkpatrick, and Rev. Billy Allen sang, "That Glad Reunion Day," and "I'll fly away"

QUARTERLY MEETING AT MT. CALVARY CHURCH.
(Continued)

Sis. Barbara Medford sang, "He touched me!" A testimony service followed and the people rejoiced in the Lord. Rev. Guy Owens, State Association Minister at large, delivered the message entitled, "Athletes for Jesus" A wonderful message from God's Word that blessed our hearts. Bro. Owens showed some slides of the state work and of the different churches throughout the state. These slides were enjoyed by all. The body then recessed for lunch and fellowship.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Leroy Walker, and congregational singing led by Rev. Carl Roland. The moderator called the body to order for business.

The Home Missions report was given by Sis. Dorothy Rumpfelt, M.S.C. To adopt. The Youth Work report was given by Rev. Has- kel Davis, in the absence of Rev. Wade Parker. M.S.C. To adopt. The treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$789.00. in the treasury. M.S.C. To adopt. M.S.C. To give \$50.00. to the Free Will Baptist Witness, (State Paper) and \$50.00. as a personal gift to Rev. Guy Owens. M.S.C. That the next meeting be held at the West Fifth Ave. church in Gastonia, N.C. M.S.C. To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT THE
WEST FIFTH AVE. CHURCH, GASTONIA, N.C.
February, 12, 1979.

The meeting was opened with devotions, and congregational singing. Special singing was provided and was enjoyed by all. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers and our visitors were recognized and welcomed. A soul stirring message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Ballard, pastor of Mt. Bethel church, Weaverville, N.C. His subject was, "Looking for Jesus to return."

The Northview church of Statesville petitioned by letter for membership. M.S.C. That they be received by letter from the Yadkin Valley Association. A request was read by the moderator from Rev. A.C. Truluck requesting a letter to the Southwest Georgia Association. M.S.C. To grant him a letter in good standing and that our clerk write a letter of commendation to the Southwest Georgia Association in recognition of the great work Bro. Truluck did among our youth. M.S.C. To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer. Next meeting to be held at Bethel in Marion, N.C.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
 BETHEL CHURCH, MARION, N.C.
 May, 12, 1979.

The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Billy Allen and devotions by Rev. Harold O'Dear. Rev. Gaither Summit. Rev. Joey Beam welcomed us to the host church, and the response was given by Rev. Daniel Hensley. The clerk called the roll of churches and ministers and the following visitors were recognized, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Gaither Summit, and Rev. Gordon Walker. Special singing was provided by the Bethel youth choir, and the Lattimore trio. Beautiful singing that blessed our hearts. Rev. Lester Hughes delivered the message, preaching from Ezekiel:16:1-21. A great message that stirred our hearts.

The moderator called the body to order for business and asked for nominations for clerk. He informed us that Bro. J.E. Suttles wished to be relieved of this job. Bro. R.J. Reynolds was nominated and elected. Rev. Ronnie Loftus was elected assistant clerk. The body recessed for lunch and fellowship with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting opened with devotions and congregational singing. Sis. Anita Martin sang a solo, and Rev. David Wheeler read from John:14:1-6.

The moderator called the body to order for business. A few minor changes in our constitution which been brought before the body in the morning session were adopted. These changes are in the constitution as it appears in these minutes.

The report of the nominating was called for and received. The officers elected at this meeting appear on page I of these minutes as the present officers of the association. M.S.C. That the next quarterly meeting be held at the Northview church in Statesville, N.C. M.S.C. To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer.

Clerks Note: Any church wishing to host the Association at any meeting, please notify the moderator who will bring your invitation before the body. We meet at the different churches by invitation only.



