

FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE, WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA

In this copy of the minutes are
From August 11th 1979 through
May 9th Annual meeting of the
FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

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.*

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FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Moderator	Rev. R.J. Reynolds
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Billy Allen
Clerk	Rev. Johnny Cody
Assistant Clerk	Donald Hensley
Treasurer	Dennis Ward.
Assistant Treasurer	Freddie Curtain

OTHER OFFICES BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Rev. R.J. Reynolds	Marion N.C.
Rev. Billy Allen	Gastonia N.C.
Rev. Paul Clayton	Marion N.C.
Rev. David Wheeler	Marion N.C.
Rev. Johnny Cody	Gastonia N.C.
Mr. Dennis Ward	Marion N.C.
Rev. Patrick Buchanan	Marion N.C.

Historian- Gwen Allen, Trustees- Mr. Johnny
Hemphill, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Tommy Hensley
Foreign Missions- Rev. Ronald Marlowe, Rev.
Gordon Walker, Rev. Junior Morrison, Home Missions
Rev. Gorman Burgin, Rev. Haskell Davis Rev. Leroy
Walker Youth Director Mr. Ronnie Grant Assistant
Mrs Louise Grant, Nominating Committee Rev. Joe
Helms Rev. Billy Allen Rev. David Wheeler Rev.
Lester Hughes, Rev. Paul Roland.....

CHURCHES OF THE
FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

Bethel--R.J. Reynolds--- Marion N.C.
Mt. Calvary Paul Clayton -Marion N.C.
Northview -Leroy England -Statesville N.C.
Robertson Creek---Carl Cook---Bostic N.C.
Salem---Joe Helms-----Old Fort N.C.
Trinity Hill---Carl Roland-- Nebo N.C.
West Fifth Ave.--Billy Allen-Gastonia N.C.
Mt. View -John Busler-- Kings Mt. N.C.

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Friendly F.W. Bapt. Morganton N.C.
Sunnyview-Leroy Parker---Old Fort, N.C.
; the following; pending letters;

Holly Grove Freewill Bapt. Haskell Davis
Waynesville N.C.
First Freewill Bapt. In Simpsonville S.C.
Paul Roland

MINISTERS OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Billy Allen, Gastonia, N.C.
Rev. Patrick Buchanan, 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. 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.
Rev. James Townsend Gastonia N.C.

Ministers who are pending letters from their
respective Conferences are.

Rev. Norman Hansley Yadkin Valley
Rev. Paul Roland Palmetto

Two Churches currently have pastors that are
not members of this association they are
Mt. View. Kings Mt. and Robertson Creek Bostic.

(ABOUT) MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION
clerks note;;

It is the intent of these minutes to bring you
the record of and the status of the Association.
Any information that is not accurate or that may
lack clarification should be given to the clerk
or the moderator for correction -- Method of
reporting is outlined in Article 2 of the
Constitution of the Association. Everyone is
encouraged to help keep the record straight
and thereby making the information to be
current and accurate.

The Minutes of each session is available to
everyone and everyone is invited to read and
check the information in the minutes. Each copy of
minutes cost someone a lot of time and effort
if the information is not correct.. Represent
your church at each Meeting and thereby be made
familiar with the business and also the good
Christian fellowship that all share in common

Immediately following the Constitution
Duties of Officers and the Rules of Decorum
We have prepared the minutes of the Sessions
from Aug. 11 1979 to Aug. 9th 1980

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 solemn 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 or 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 officer 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.

NORTHVIEW FREEMILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 First quarterly meeting Aug. 11 1979

The foothills association convened at the Northview Freewill Baptist Church Aug. 11, 1979 at Statesville N.C. Rev. Leroy England Pastor

Congregational Singing By Brother Rev. Carl Roland,

Devotion was led by Rev. Ronnie Loftis Pastor of a new work in Rutherford County he read Isa. 56-9 with comment.

Rev. Johnny Bullman Pastor of the Peace Freewill Baptist Church in Spartanburg S.C. led in Prayer.

Welcome was given by the Pastor Rev. Leroy England.

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers was read by the clerk.

Churches Present; were;

W. Fifth Ave, Northview, Bethel, Rutherford Mission, Trinity Hill, Mt. Calvary, Robertson Creek, Sunnyview, ..

Ministers Present:

Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Harold Holcombe, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Ronald Loftis, Rev. J.C. Almond Rev. Robert Johnston, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Thomas Swain, Visiting Ministers were also present they are: Rev. Jesse Mayberry, Kings Mt. Rev. Johnny Bullman, Spartanburg. Rev. Kenneth Breedlove Gastonia, Rev. Jim Kirkland, Virginia. Rev. Leroy England, Statesville.

Motion was made that visitors should be given a voice in deliberations except to vote: Carried: Congregational Singing led by Rev. Carl Roland.

Rev. Jim Kirkland Sang several songs and the spiritual fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Johnny Bullman sang Touching Jesus and everyone was blessed, As the Northview Singers sang God filled our hearts with a great spiritual outpouring of his Spirit.

Business Session

M.S.C. that Mountainview Freewill Baptist Church of Kings Mountain that Petitioned by letter be Accepted into our fellowship pending a letter from the Piedmont Association.

Youth Report

Rev. Harold W. Holcombe Gave a report on the youth meetings of our Association and reported that the next meeting was scheduled to be held at the W. Fifth Ave. Church, Friday Aug. 17 at 7:30 P.M.

M.S.C. To Adjourn
 Dismissed in Prayer

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
 MEETING**

The executive board met on the 8th of Oct. 1979 at the Bethel F.W. Baptist Church for the Purpose of Planning the Next Quarterly Meeting to be held at the Trinity Hill F.W. Baptist Church in Nebo. N.C. Present at the meeting. were Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. Benny Duncan, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, and Brother Dennis Ward.

TRINITY HILL FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

November 10 1979 The Foothills Association met
at the Trinity Hill F.W. Baptist Church of Nebo,
N.C.

Fellowship and Registration from 9:30
untill 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Carl Roland Led the congregation in singing,
and Rev. Paul Clayton led in prayer.
Devotions were conducted by Rev. Patrick Buchanan
Welcome by the Host Pastor Rev. Carl Roland,
Response given by Rev. Joe Helms,

Assistant Moderator Rev. Joe Helms presided
over the meeting in the Absence of Rev. Billy
Allen.

Roll call of Churches and Ministers was made
by the clerk Ministers Present and Churches
Present..not recorded in the minutes for this
session..

Rev. Paul Clayton petitioned the Association
by promise of a letter from the Eastern Conference
of the Original Freewill Bantists in South Carolina
M.S.C. to be accepted into fellowship pending
letter from the Eastern Conference.

Rev. Paul Roland along with the Ist Freewill
Baptist Chruch of Simpsonville Petioned the
Association Pending a letter from the Palmetto
Conference of South Carolina M.S.C. by the body.

Rev. Ronnie Marlowe Substitute Pastor of the
Robertson Creek F.W. Baptist was received in
to our fellowship-- He was liscensed by
Robertson Creek Church..

Rev. Paul Julian was received M.S.C. pending
letter from the Beaver creek Association of
South Carolina.

Rev. Leslie Ballinger and Rev. Dennis Jones
were also received M.S.C. pending a letter
from the Palmetto Association of South Carolina,
Rev. Clarence Parker was received into our
Fellowship by virtue of membership and
liscensing of the Salem F.W. Baptist Church
Old Fort.

MODERATOR REMARKS

Rev. Joe Helms Assnt. Moderator gave remarks
to the Association with exhortation concerning
our steadfastness in the Faith..

YOUTH REPORT

Rev. Joey Beam gave a report of the Youth
activities to the Association M.S.C. to Accept
Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bro. Ward gave Treasurer Report M.S.C.
to accept report

M.S.C. to meet at Mountainview F.W. Bapt.
Church in Kings Mountain for meeting in Feburary
1980

Brother Paul Roland gave
Prayer of Dismissal to Lunch
Motion to Adjourn to Lunch which we enjoyed
very much Thanks to Ladies auxiliary of Trinity
Hill..

Second Saturday in February 1980 the meeting scheduled for quarterly session was cancelled because of snow..

ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 9th 1980

Pastor Johnny Cody from the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church requested that the Annual meeting be held at the W. Fifth Ave. F.W. Baptist Church He asked that since the Mountainview church would not be able to provide Lunch for all the delegates because of small membership to move the Annual Meeting to West. Fifth Ave.

The Foothills Association Opened the Annual Conference at West Fifth Ave. F.W. Baptist Church Gastonia For Purpose of Officer election and General Business 10:00 A.M. May 9th 1980

Congregational Singing was led by Brother Ronnie Grant From W. Fifth Ave.

Devotion by Rev. Benny Duncan of Marion N.C. Devotions from the 12th Chpt of Daniel, with frequent comments that stirred our soul.. Prayer by Rev. Haskell Davis Pastor of Holly Grove F.W. Bapt Church in Waynesville.

Welcome to the Association by Rev. James Townsend of The W. Fifth Ave. Church Gastonia-- A good welcome- all were made to feel welcome.

Response given by Brother Dennis Ward from Mount Calvary F.W. Baptist Church in Marion

Nominations for Clerk for the Association were made Rev. Johnny Cody Pastor of Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church was elected as clerk

Morning Business Session

The morning business session was opened by Rev. Billy Allen Moderator of the Association

1. Appointment of committees for this session
Nominations -- Nominating committee Rev. Haskell Davis and Rev. Carl Roland
2. Credential Committee Rev. Haskell Davis.
Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Joey Beam,
3. Finance Committee
Rev. Paul Clayton, Rev. Harold Holcombe, Rev. R.J. Reynolds,

Roll Call of Ministers Present..

Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Leroy England,
Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Benny Duncan,
Rev. Johnny Cody, Rev. Leslie Ballinger
Rev. Carl Roland Rev. Harold Holcombe,
Rev. Junior Morrison, Rev. Ronnie Marlowe,
Rev. Paul Clayton, Rev. Pat Buchanan,
Rev. Paul Julian Rev. Jesse Mayberry,
Rev. David Wheeler, Rev. Haskell Davis,
Rev. James Townsend.....

Churches Present .. With Representatives
Northview, West Fifth Ave. Mt. Calvary,
Mt. View, Bethel, Trinity Hill, Holly Grove
and the First Freewill Baptist Church in
Simpsonville visitors also Burgins
Chapel of Black Mountain.....

Prayer by Visiting Minister Rev. Frank Jackson

Call to Worship Service Rev. Billy Allen
Congregational Singing Led By Bro. Ronnie
Grant, What a Grand and Glorious Feeling

We enjoyed special singing by the Lattimore Trio- Song Beyond Tomorrow. Special Songs also by the Grant Family I Know They'll Be Looking for Me and He's Coming Soon. Song by Rev. Carl Roland--Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Testamonies by several blessed our hearts too.

Message Rev. Carl Roland
Subject Returning to God II Kings 23
Invitation given-- Prayer for healing
Song by Grant Family

Concluded Morning Session

Rev. Julius Hall Visiting Minister Dismissed Morning Session and Asked the Blessing for Lunch.. Provided by W.Fifth Ave and Mt. Veiv Church..

AFTERNOON SESSION

After Lunch Opened with Congregational Singing Brother Ronnie Grant leading
Devotions-- Rev. Billy Allen Eph. Chpt 2
Prayer Rev. James Townsend..

Business Reports For the Afternoon Session

Credentials Committee ; Report Rev. Paul Clayton
Ministers 17 Delegates 60 Visitors 7
Total 83 with 7 Churches reporting and with 2 visiting Churches.

Foreign Missions No Report
Home Missions No Report.

Motion By Rev. R.J. Reynolds to Send\$100.00 to our Foreign and Home Missions Boards M.S.C. by the Body to send\$100.00 to these boards for this year not as a continuing practice.

Treasurers Report by Brother Dennis Ward
Total for the Year 1979 \$1,510.00 after expenses, including having minutes printed and tithes to the National Association and to the State Association Balance \$301.75

M.S.C. To pay the Clerk\$50.00 for the Years work.....

Received and Read Letters of Good Standing From Blue Ridge;;
Letter for Rev. Gordon Walker From Eastern Conference
Letter For Rev. Paul Clayton

Read Letter of Petition of Holly Grove Freewill Baptist Church Pending Letter from Blue Ridge Association.. M.S.C.

Reporting for Nominating Committee 1980
Rev. Carl Roland and Rev. Haskell Davis.
Moderator Rev. R.J. Reynolds M.S.C. Moderator's Assistant Rev. Billy Allen Nominated from floor M.S.C. elected by vote of assembly..
Treasurer Mr. Dennis Ward M.S.C. Assistant Mr. Freddie Curtain M.S.C.

Foreign Missions : Ronald Marlowe, Gordon Walker, Junior Morrison, M.S.C.

Home Missions Rev. Gorman Burgin, Rev. Haskell Davis, Rev. Leroy Walker. M.S.C.

Youth Director Mr. Ronnie Grant M.S.C.
Assistant Youth Director Mrs. Louise Grant

Nominating Committee ;; Rev. Lester Hughes
Rev. Paul Roland (Pending Letter) Rev. Joe Helmes- Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. David Wheeler,

Finance Committee;

By Virtue of membership of the Northview church in Statesville Rev. Leroy England
Rev. Joey Beam, Rev. Tommy Hensley

Petition From Thoman Swain --Remove Name
foom roll M.S.C. to Remove Name

Petition to Join Association
Rev. Norman Hansley Pending Letter from
Yadkin Valley Association. M.S.C.

M.S.C. To Accept into full fellowship
Rev. Leslie Ballinger, Paul Julian
These two men were under watchcare of the
Association-- M.S.C. that their Watchcare
had been Completed....

Elected as Reporter Rev. Pat Buchanan
Elected as Historian Mrs. Gwen Allen

Motion to Meet next Session at Simpsonville
Church.. August 9th 1980
M.S.C.

Adjourned 1979-80
Annual Confrence

Dismissed in Prayer-- Rev. Gorman Burgin

Youth Meeting Will Be Announced 2 weeks
in advance.....