

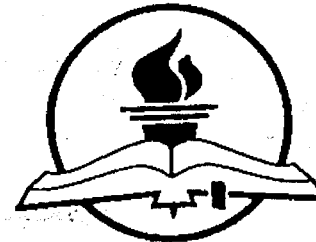
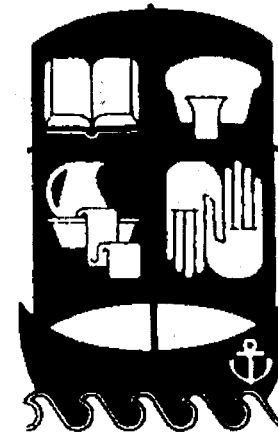
FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA

In this copy of the minutes are the minutes
from August 1983 through August 1984.

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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FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

The Free Will Baptist denomination is Baptist in government, recognizing the autonomy of each local church. Local churches are organized into Quarterly Meetings which in turn are grouped into District Associations. These District Associations come together in State Associations and the various State Associations comprise the National Association.

The National Association meets annually for the purpose of carrying on its business and to formulate its program of work. Denominational ministries are represented through seven departments—Foreign Missions Department, Home Missions and Church Extension Department, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Executive Department, Sunday School Department, Church Training Service Department, and the Department of Retirement & Insurance. The work of each department is projected through its board which is elected by the National Association.

The National Office Building of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is located at 1134 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, Tennessee 37217. The Sunday School Department is located at 114 Bush Rd., Nashville, Tennessee 37217.

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Jim and Karen Cowart
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Ken and Marvis Eagleton
Terry and Jamie Eagleton
Dave and Pat Franks
Tommy and Nancy Hughes
John and Kay Metcalf
Jim and Susan Moser
Bobby and Geneva Poole
Jim and Vicki Sturgill

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Allan and LaRue Crowson
Jerry and Barbara Gibbs
Tom and Patty McCullough
Lynn and Ramona Miley
John and Pansy Murray
Steve and Becky Riggs
Charolette Tallent
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Jerry and Janice Webb

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Steve and Judy Lytle

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Lynn Midgett
Dennis and Treva Owen
Lonnie and Anita Sparks
Jeff and Susan Turnbough

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Alice Faye Smith
Dawn Sweeney
Robert and Pam West
Arilla Wode

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Jerry and Janice Banks
Dale and Sandra Bishop
Mirial Gainer
Fred and Evelyn Hersey
Jim and Olens McLain
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Don and Billie Sexton
Mabel Bailey Willey

Introducing Free Will Baptists HISTORY

The rise of Free Will Baptists in America can be traced to the influence of Baptists of Arminian persuasion who settled in the colonies from England.

The denomination sprang up on two fronts at almost the same time. The southern line, or Palmer movement, traces its beginnings to the year 1727 when one Paul Palmer organized a church at Chowan, North Carolina. Palmer had previously ministered in New Jersey and Maryland, having been baptized in a congregation which had moved from Wales to a tract on the Delaware River in northern Pennsylvania.

The northern line, or Randall movement, had its beginnings with a congregation organized by Benjamin Randall June 30, 1780, in New Durham, New Hampshire. Both lines of Free Will Baptists taught the doctrines of free grace, free salvation, and free will, although from the first there was no organizational connection between them.

The northern line expanded more rapidly in the beginning and extended its outreach into the West and Southwest. In 1910-1911 this body of Free Will Baptists merged with the Northern Baptist denomination, taking along more than half its 1,100 churches and all denominational property, including several major colleges. On December 28, 1916, at Pattonsburg, Missouri, representatives of remnant churches in the Randall movement reorganized into the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists.

Free Will Baptists in the southeastern United States, having descended from the Palmer foundation, had often manifested fraternal relationships with Free Will Baptists of the Randall movement in the north and west, but the slavery question and the Civil War prevented formal union between them. The churches in the southern line were organized into various associations and conferences from the beginning, and had finally organized into a General Conference by 1921. These congregations were not affected by the merger of the northern movement with the Northern Baptists.

Now that the remnants of the Randall movement had reorganized into the Cooperative General Association and the Palmer movement had organized into the General Conference, it was inevitable that fusion between these two groups of Free Will Baptists would finally come. In Nashville, Tennessee, on November 5, 1935, representatives of these two groups met and organized the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This body adopted a treatise which set forth the basic doctrines and described the faith and practice that had characterized Free Will Baptists through the years. Having been revised on several occasions, it serves as a guideline for a denominational fellowship which comprises more than 2,400 churches in 42 states and 14 foreign countries.

In this copy of the Foothills Association Minutes are the minutes of the sessions from August 1983 to August 1984. Also in these minutes are the by-laws and the constitution and these special rules were adopted by the Foothills Association to help govern the body. We are also including the latest revisions and amendments through August 1984...

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committees cont.....

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 Rev. Tommy Hensley..Marion N.C. Rev. Lattie Slagle
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Pianist...Tammy Willis...Assnt..Randy Allen..

Song Leader...Rev. Carl Roland Assnt..Rev. Joe Helms

this concludes boards and committees... We would like
 to keep all addresses and phone numbers current if
 you change address or phone numbers please contact
 the association clerk..as soon as possible...thank you..

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 The following pages are the names and addresses and
 phone numbers(if-known) of the Ministers who are
 either liscened or ordained men of the Foothills
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FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION MINUTES AUGUST 83---AUGUST 84

Meeting In session August 1983 at Statesville N.C.
 after congregational song Prayer and Devotion by
 Rev. Harold Holcombe Welcom to the association by
 the Host Pastor with responce by Rev. Ronald Loftis,
 Roll call of Churches and Ministers by Rev. John Cody
 Ministers present were Rev. Billy Allen Rev Leslie
 Ballinger Rev. Kenneth Breedlove Rev. John Cody
 Rev. Phillip Duncan , Rev. Chris Buchanan Rev. Harold
 O'Dear, Rev, Leroy England, Rev. Daniel Hensley, Rev.
 Norman Hansley, Rev. Mark Gilbert, Rev. Robert Harris,
 Rev. Harold Holcombe Rev. Paul Julian Rev. William
 Justice, Rdv. Ronald Loftis, Rev Ronald Marlowe,
 Rev. Steve Reese, Rev, Carl Roland Rev.Ernest Philbeck
 Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Haskel Davis, Rev. Allen
 Fredell, Rev. Dewight Hastings, Rev. James Townsend.
 Visiting Ministers Rev.H.J. Sawyer, Rev. Tom Lilly,
 Rev. James Lynn, Rev. Robert Hagler, Churches Present
 were. Bethel, Mt. Calvary Mt. Carmel , Ist. Simpson-
 ville, W.5th Ave, Friendly, Broad St., Northview,
 Trinity Hill, Community Chapel, Mt. Bethel, Robertson
 Creek,..Moderators remarks were to include a mention
 of the State conference and the reccomendation to
 send all local moderators to a conference of Moderators
 before next quarter..Specil Singing By Rev.William
 Justice and Wife, Rev. John Cody and Wife, Message
 By Rev. William Justice, At Conclusion of Message
 A Business Session that included an appeal for
 assistance to the Freewill Baptist Rest Home by
 Rev. J.C. Lynn...and A presentation of the State's
 disbursments of funds by Rev. Tom Lilly who presented
 a graph to show the body that the State is over
 extending itself;;by sending more to the support of
 the National than it is keeping for itself...He
 expressed the desire to see the State hold some of
 the dollars that it is sending(giving)**away to the
 National Association..At Present the State is only
 keeping 12% of it's income and sending 88% to the
 National Association Brother Lilly has asked that

the State keep at least 40% and send the 60% that remains to the National Support...The Clerk presented a letter from Rev. Wade Parker asking the Association to maintain his membership even though his present pastorate is in another association..Also a letter of thanks from the Freewill Baptist Childrens Home in Turbeville S.C. for the Foothills Association's support of the Home..Clerk also received a letter from the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Mill S.C. petitioning the association for membership..M.S.C. to receive Bethel into the Foothills Association for watch care of 90 days that is the November 1983 Session.. Voted to have the Next meeting at Bethel, Fort Mill S.C. We then dismissed to lunch which the Ladies of Northview prepared for us.....A wonderful meal.....

FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION MINUTES NOVEMBER 1983

Nov. 1983 the Foothills Association met in session at The Bethel Church in Fort Mill S.C. Rev. Joe Helms led the congregation in song after which Prayer and devotion were given by Rev. Lester Hughes Welcome to the Association by Rev. Faulkner the host pastor..With a response by Rev. Harold Holcombe..The roll call was given by Mr. Fred Curtin the Assistant Clerk and there were 12 churches present ant 24 Foothills Ministers Present Churches were Mt. Bethel, Bethel Ft. Mill, Bethel Marion, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Carmel, Ist. Simpsonville, Community Chapel, Mt. View Mission, W.5th Ave..Robertson Creek, Salem, Northview...Ministers Present were. Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Leslie Ballinger, Rev. Richard Ball, Rev. Kenneth Breedlove, Rev. John Cody, Rev. Joey Beam, Rev. Chris Buchanan, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Phillip Duncan, Rev. Leroy England, Rev. Daniel Hensley, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Mark Gilbert, Rev. Norman Hansley, Rev. Joe Helms Rev. Harold Holcombe, Rev. William Justice..

Rev. Paul Julian Rev. Ronald Marlowe, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Steve Reese, Rev. Ernest Philbeck. Rev. Lattie Slagle...Visiting Ministers were Rev. J.B. Rice. Rev J.C. Lynn, Rev. Marshal Mayberry, Next Rev. England (Moderator's Remarks) Reckognized Visitors and visiting churches; and exhorted them to feel free to participate in the service of the association..Special singing by Rev. William Justice and wife and Rev. John Cody and wife, after which the moderator asked Rev. Justice and wife to sing another song, and one person came to the altar for prayer.

Moderator then asked Rev. Norman Hansley to come and deliver the message..After the message and invitation were completed we were brought in session for business: the moderator made some remarks concerning the 40-60% division of funds asked for by the state..Motion to adopt by Rev. R.J. Reynolds, but then his motion was withdrawn and mentioned that the issue should be discussed among the local church before being voted on. Kings Mtn.:Mtn.View church presented a letter to the association requesting that the association take the churches deed into their possession to insure that the Kings Mountain church would always remain a Freewill Baptist Church they had had some difficulty with a group that had tried to impose some contrary doctrine in the church..Motion was made by Rev. Billy Allen to receive the church into the Association but to appoint the Executive Committee to investigate all the Legal aspects of obtaining deed and accepting the responsibility for payments on the Churches indebtness before receiving the deed in the Association's name..Motion was made by Rev. William Justice to table discussion untill all arrangements could be made to examine the legality of King Mtn's church request..M.S.C. Motion by Rev.Lattie Slagle to assist the King Mtn. Church with the Jan 84 payment of \$225.00 if necessary..M.S.C. Rev. R.J. Reynolds presented a State Bond issue concerning the expansion of the Freewill Baptist Rest Home Motion by Rev. Billy Allen to hear treasurers report M.S.C. Report was given by Mr. Fred Curtin.

Motion by Rev. Billy Allen to buy one bond from the rest home for \$1000.00 to help with the rest home work. M.S.C. to buy bond.. Motion concerning the meeting places of the Association by Rev. R.J. Reynolds Rev. Reynolds asked the Association to consider meeting 3 sessions in a central location and going out to some remote church on the fourth meeting: Discussion about the churches in the central location would have to make arrangements for the Association to meet and be prepared for fixing the Association lunch on the days we meet. M.S.C. to assemble in this fashion in hope that we would have better attendance by doing so..... Motion to give one time gift of \$100.00 to the Christain Action Leauge..M.S.C. to give the gift to support the fight against immorality in the peidmont area.. Mt. Calvary F.W.B. volunteered to host the association for Feb.84 session M.S.C. to accept their invitation and meeting was adjourned to lunch that was provided by the Ladies of Bethel Church..We appreciated the wonderful meal.....

Feburary 1984 meeting in session at Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Marion N.C. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and Devotion and Prayer by Rev. Steve Reese..Welcome to the Association by the Host Pastor Rev. Phillip Duncan..Response by Rev. Kenneth Breedlove. Roll call of churches and ministers by the clerk..Present at the meeting were the following churches: Bethel, Mt. Calvary, Simpsonville W.Fifth Ave, Salem, Friendly, Mt Carmel, Community Chapel, Holly Grove, Robertson Creek, Mt. Bethel, Trinity Hill, Northview, Mt. View, And the churches that visited us were: Grace F.W.B. Black Mtn. Spruce Pine. Burgins Chapel, Redeemed Marion. The following ministers were present Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Pat Buchanan Rev. Leslie Ballinger, Rev Gorman Burgin, Rev. Richard Ball, Rev. Kenneth Breedlove, Rev. Joey Beam Rev. John Cody, Rev. Chris Buchanan, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Phillip Duncan, Rev. Benny Duncan, Rev.Leroy England, Rev. Daniel Hensley.....

Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. Robert Harris, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. Paul Julian, Rev. William Justice, Rev. Ronald Loftis, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Steve Reese, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Haskel Davis, Rev. Jamws Townsend, ..Visiting Ministers Rev. Milton Hollifeild, Rev. Calvin Grogan, Rev. J.C. Lynn, After the roll call and a welcome to the visitors Reference to the Rest Home by Rev. J.C. Lynn. After a breif report Rev. Lynn asked the Association for their support and mentioned the bond program, Rev. Hollifeild in his report supported the bond program and also mentioned that some of the churches had already responded.

We also received a report from the Ladies Auxiliary and they encouraged our Foothills Association to attend the District Auxiliary meeting to be held at the Friendly Freewill Baptist Church in Morganton N.C...Spe. Singing we enjoyed from two trios and Mr. Frank Mckintosh. After the Special singing and testimonies the message was brought by Rev. Leslie Balinger of the Community Chapel F.W.B. At the Conclusion and invitation the moderator brought the body is session for business,, A motion was made to take the old business from the table and to act on the matter of the Kings Mtn. Church.

At the request of the Church the clerk read a letter to the Association which informed the association that since last session the church was doing real fine as far as meeting it's own expenses and asked that the association would just continue to pray for them and that it would no longer need the association to support them with financial help. They also reported to the association that the church had went into confrence and elected Rev. Lester Hughes and that we were asked to drop the matter for they could manage since Rev. Hughes had agreed to pastor the church..The body responded with an ovation and Praise the Lord and commended the church on the progressive way they were handeling their own affairs.. The 40-60 percent measure was also brought from the table and Mr. Dennis Ward the association treasurer was asked what amount the Association was paying into the state and national work! Mr. Ward responded

that at present the association was paying into the State work 50% and to the National 50% Rev. Joe Helms made the motion to continue paying the same rate that we were paying because to change our method of payment would result in the state losing 10% of what we were now paying to them. Rev. Kenneth Breedlove seconded the motion and the association voted by saying aye to the motion.

Also in the business session we received a letter from the Broad Street F.W.B. asking that the church be dropped from the roll since they were no longer a F.W.B. Church but were planning to sell the building M.S.C. to remove their names from the roll. Rev. R.J. Reynolds asked that the churches co-operate in sending their funded gifts to the Nationl by sending the gifts through the N.C. Association M.S.C. to do so except in the support of the Childrens Home at Turbeville S.C. which is under the S.C. Association. Rev. Joe Helms offerd his church as a meeting place for the next session..2nd Sat in May 84 for the Annual meeting..M.S.C. to meet at the Salem F.W.B. at Old Fort. After the session was closed we were invited to lunch by the Mt.Culvary Church and we were all well fed thanks to the Ladies of the church...

MAY 1984 Annual Meeting

Registration from 9:30 till 10:00 A.M. and the session was opened at 10:00 A.M. At Salem F.W.B. In Old Fort N.C. Meeting called to order by Rev. Leroy England the Moderator asked for devotion and prayer which was given by Rev. Ernst Philbeck..Welcome to the association by Rev. Helms and the Response by Brother Dennis Ward. Nominating Committee reported Brother Fred Curtin as their Nominee for the clerk..and as Assnt. Rev. Harold Holcombe..No further nominations from the floor so these men were voted into office.. Rev. Billy Vanderford pastor of the Mt. Bethel Church petitioned the Association for membership M.S.C. to accept Rev. Vanderford pending a letter from the Beaver Creek Association: The roll call of churches and ministers was given by the clerk and the churches responded were Mt. Calvary, Mt. Carmel, Bethel, Ist. Simpsonville,

W.5th Ave. Salem, Friendly, Northview, Trinity Hill, Community Chapel, Mt. Bethel, Robertson Creek, Mt.View & Redeemed..... Ministers Present were. Rev. Billy Allen Rev. Leslie Ballinger, Rev. Richard Ball, Rev. Kenneth Breedlove, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Phillip Duncan, Rev. Leroy England, Rev. Daniel Hensley, Rev. Mark Gilbert, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. Norman Hansley, Rev. Robert Harris, Rev. Lester Hughes Rev. Harold Holcombe, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. Paul Julian, Rev. Ronald Marlowe, Rev. Clarence Parker, Rev. Cecil Parker, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Steve Reese, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Ernst Philbeck, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Allen Fredell, Rev. James Townsend,. Rev. Paul Julian Brought the Message and give the invitation,, The Moderator recognized visitors and we were glad to have representatives from the Pleasant Hill F.W.B. and also Calvary F.W.B. in Valdese N.C...We also were blessed by the Special singing from the Salem Church...After the recognition of visitors the Redeemed F.W.B. petitioned the association for membership..M.S.C. to receive them by statement of faith into our fellowship... The meeting was dismissed to lunch and thanks to the Salem Church Ladies there was plenty of food for everyone..We extend our thanks to them.. The Association was inside for business at 1:15 P.M. Rev. Ronald Marlowe held devotion and then the financial report was given by Mr. Dennis Ward..M.S.C. The executive board reccomended that we have added to our officers a Promotional Director established and elected year by year and that he would be financed by the churches with freewill offerings... M.S.C. The nominating committee made their report for the 1984- 85 session.. Song Leader..Rev. Carl Roland M.S.C. to elect Assnt. Song Leader Rev. Joe Helms M.S.C. to elect Pianist...Sister Tammy Willis, M.S.C. to elect Assnt. Pianist...Randy Allen, M.S.C. to elect.. Finance Committee: Rev. Mark Gilbert, Rev. Ronald Marlowe, Rev. Steve Reese...M.S.C. to elect...

Youth Director, Rev. Robert Harris M.S.C. to elect. Director, Rev. William Justice, M.S.C. to elect. Youth Director Assnt. Youth Director Rev. Mark Gilbert. M.S.C. to elect. Foreign Missions. Rev. William Justice, M.S.C. to elect. Foreign Missions. Rev. Joey Beam, Rev. Tommy Hensley, M.S.C. to elect. Home Mission Board. Rev. Kenneth Breedlove, Rev. Paul Julian, M.S.C. to elect. Treasurer, Mr. Dennis Ward. M.S.C. to elect. Assnt Treasurer, Rev. Chris Buchanan. M.S.C. to elect. Promotional Director Rev. Robert Harris M.S.C. to elect. Assnt Promotional Director. Rev. Kenneth Breedlove. M.S.C. to elect. Executive Board. Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Phillip Duncan, Rev. Carl Roland, M.S.C. to elect. Moderator. Rev. Leroy England Assistant Moderator... Rev. R.J Reynolds, M.S.C. to elect. Nominating Committee; Recommended that the next years nominating committee be nominated from the floor. those nominated were Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Joe Helms, Rev. Harold Holcombe M.S.C. to elect... All Nominees should be made aware of the nominations contacted by the committee and asked if they would accept the office if elected. before bringing them before the body. M.S.C. to do so from now on unless otherwise voted by the body... Moderator asked that the clerk contact and invite all chairmen to the quarterly meeting following election... The executive board recommended to the body to change the paragraph on pages 14 and 15 of the 1983 minutes as follows.... We the executive board met and discussed the problem of men who hold Foothills Credentials and are not active in the association, We submit to the body that all ordained men of the Association, whether pasors or not be required to carry a pocket credential that would insure the validity of his membership : as many of the men who hold Foothills Certificates have been slack in attendance to the association and some have left the association altogether, some have joined other demonstrations.. All such men are no longer concerned with the Foothills Association and they will be contacted by person and will be asked to return their pocket card

However if they do not, their membership will be null and void without the proper pocket credential, which will be renewed at the Annual Association Meeting in May of each year.. We submit to the body that all Ordained men take the responsibility to renew their pocket cards annually (that in person) or in the case of sickness or some unforeseen circumstance write a letter explaining his reason for not being present at the annual meeting: Failure to report will hereafter result in having the ministers name dropped from the membership roll.. Pocket cards will be filled out by the clerk and signed by the presiding moderator year by year dated May to May After May each year all cards that are not renewed will be void.. M.S.C. to adopt this paragraph in place of paragraph on page 14 and 15 of the 1983 minutes. After body had heard and voted on this paragraph.. we heard a report from Rev. Tom Lilly the State Promotional Director, And also from Rev. J.C. Lynn the Rest Home Administrator, and Rev J.B. Rice the Director of the childrens home in Turbeville S.C... Rev. Billy Allen gave the Finance committees recommendations to the body which are as follows Each church support the association, with a 2% offering of their total income to be presented at each quarterly meeting M.S.C. and that each minister support the association with a \$5.00 offering at each quarterly meeting: M.S.C. also that the association adopt the 40/60 plan with designated gifts going to the designated ministries: M.S.C. The committee recommended that the gas expensence of 15¢ per mile be paid to each board member and that each board meet in each committee at least once or maybe more each year: The committee also recommended that the clerk and the treasurer be paid \$125.00 each annually for their work in the association.. M.S.C. Home Mission report by Rev. Leslie Ballinger. Promotional Committee report by Rev. James Townsend. Rev. Robert Harris gave the Youth Report, Rev. R.J. Reynolds gave an invitation to the association to Bethel for the August Meeting.. M.S.C. to accept and Adjourned....

August 1984 Meeting at the Bethel F.W.Baptist in Marion N.C...Registration began at 9:30 and at 9:45 the host pastor welcomed the association and opened the session with prayer, Congregational singing was led by Rev. Carl Roland and the Message was by Rev. Tom Lilly the N.C. Promotional Director. After the message the roll call was made for Churches and ministers present. Ministers present were Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Patrick Buchanan, Rev. Leslie Ballinger, Rev. Richard Ball, Rev. Kenneth Breedlove, Rev. Joey Beam, Rev. Bob Cable, Rev. John Cody, Rev. Chris Buchanan, Rev. Harold O'Dear, Rev. Phillip Duncan, Rev. Leroy England, Rev. Daniel Hensley, Rev. Tommy Hensley, Rev. Norman Hansley, Rev. Robert Harris, Rev. Lester Hughes, Rev. Harold Holcombe, Rev. Paul Julian, Rev. William Justice, Rev. Ronald Loftis, Rev. R.J. Reynolds, Rev. Steve Reese, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev. Haskel Davis, Rev. H.J. Sawyer, Rev. James Townsend.. The Churches Present were..Bethel Marion, Bethel Fort Mill, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Carmel, Ist. Simpsonville, W.5th Ave. Friendly, Holly Grove, Northview, Trinity Hill, Community Chapel, Mt. Bethel, Robertson Creek, Mt. View Kings Mtn..We also had visiting churches present and a new church to join our association: Visiting were the Pecan Grove Church, First F.W.B. Dallas N.C. Calvary F.W.B. Gastonia, Visiting Pastors Rev. Tom Rogers, Rev. Gary Gibson, Rev. Milton Hollifeild,.. Also visiting with us Rev. J.C. Lynn, Rev. John Miran ..The moderator recognized these visitors and then asked for business: The chairman of each committee made a brief report and Rev. J.C. Lynn asked the association to support the bond program. Rev. Chris Buchanan is begining college at the F.W.Baptist Bible College and A Motion was made to extend to Rev. Buchanan \$500.00 towards his expenses.. Motion by Rev. Billy Allen and Second by Rev.R.J. Reynolds, motion was carried by the body..We also heard a letter from the F.W.Baptist Childrens Home...

M.S.C. to elect Rev. John Cody Association Clerk. We received a report from the ladies Auxiliary that was given by Mr. Dennis Ward via letter from the District Auxiliary..Motion was made also about the \$5.00 fee that the ministers were to pay, the motion was to rescind a motion made in the previous session, in that someone may be financially unable at the session to give the \$5.00 and would be embarrassed when asked for the fee..Also in the motion was that instead of bringing the \$1.00 offering to the front as we have in the past, an offering plate be passed to receive a general offering and the ministers, could present their \$1.00 offering at this time.... again: to prevent embarrassment to anyone who may not have the offering at the time..M.S.C. to continue with the \$1.00 offering in the manner described.... M.S.C. to hold our next session at Statesville N.C. and an announcement of our Youth Meeting at the Bethel F.W.Baptist in Marion N.C.....At the conclusion of the announcements we adjourned to lunch which was prepared for us by the ladies of Bethel Church:.

This Concludes the Minutes for the 1983 1984 session of the Foothills Association. In the following pages are the By-Laws and Rules of Decorum of the Foothills Association and also a copy of the Constitution.....

Rev. John W. Cody
Foothills clerk.....

CONSTITUTION OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. 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 recognizes 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 presbtery of at least (?) 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 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 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.