

**FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

*In this copy of the minutes are the minutes
from August 1986 through May 1987*

**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*

**MODERATOR: Rev. Leroy England
CLERK: Rev. Billy Allen**

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES..

ELECTED May, 1987....

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Executive Board.. Rev. Keith Carson, Rev. Ronnie Bolin, Rev. Doug Mathis....The Moderator,Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer are ex officio members of the Executive Board.....

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 1987

FINANCE COMMITTEE.. Rev. Paul Childers(1988)
Rev. Harold Holcombe(1989) Mr. Dennis Ward(1990)

YOUTH COMMITTEE.. Rev. James Townsend(1988)
Rev. Robert Harris(1989) Mr. Donald Justice(1990)

FOREIGN MISSIONS..Rev. Randy Richardson(1988)
Rev. David Henderson(1989) Rev. Kenneth Breedlove(1990)

HOME MISSIONS...Rev. Keith Carson(1988) Rev. Paul
Julian (1989) Rev. James Townsend(1990)

PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE..Rev. Ray Summey(1988)
Rev. Larry Collins (1989) Rev. Harold Holcombe(1990)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.. Rev. Lattie Slagle, Rev.R.J.
Reynolds, Rev. Keith Carson..

HISTORIAN...Mrs. Gwen Allen

TRUSTEES...Mr. Johnny Hemphill, Rev. Tommy Hensley,
Rev. Lattie Slagle

Song Leader.....Rev. R.J. Reynolds.....
Assistant.....Rev Billy Allen

Pianist.....Rev..John Cody
Assistant...Mrs-Susanne Breedlove

**THE MINISTERS OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION
ADDRESS REGISTER OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING:**

According to the ruling of the Association
Men who are absent from the meetings for
5 consecutive meetings without sending
word:their names shall be dropped from
the roll and in respect to the ones who
desire to return they must contact one
of the local meetings and present them-
selves to the body for consideration:

Unfortunately there are some who have
not been with us for some time and it
saddens our hearts to remove the names:
The Ones Who have not been here in
Over One Year and have not reported to
the Association in any fashion have
withdrawn their fellowship ffrom us
and therefore their names must be removed

Men who have not reported for over one year
are as follows:

Rev. Gorman Burgin
Rev. Bob Ballard
Rev. Mark Gilbert
Rev. Ronald Loftis
Rev. Ronnie Weathers
Rev. Ernest Philbeck

Although He was faithful
Rev. Lester Hughes has
joined another Associa-
tion.. by letter....

Rev. Dwight Hastings
has left the Association

If we have made an error please contact
the Association Clerk so that we may correct
it...

The Following Pages are the Ministers who
Have been in contact with the Association
either by being present or by letter or word
of mouth ..It is the hope of the Association
that all men would be faithful to the meetings
at least by letter

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ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTISTS OF N.C. AS OF MAY
1986 And Pastors of the Churches as of May *

Bethel F.W.B. Fort Mill S.C. Rev. Jerry Owenby

Bethel F.W.B. Marion N.C. Rev. R.J. Reynolds

Community Chapel F.W.B. Gray Court S.C.
Rev. Leslie Ballinger

First F.W.B. Simpsonville S.C.

Without Pastor at this time:

First F.W.B. Of Walhalla S.C.
Rev. Morris Cobb

Friendly F.W.B. Morganton N.C.
Rev. Daniel Hensley

Holly Grove F.W.B. Waynesville N.C.
Rev. Haskel Davis

Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Marion N.C.
Rev. Phillip Duncan

Mt. Carmel F.W.B. York S.C. Rev. John Cody

Mt. View F.W.B. Kings Mountain N.C.
Rev. Ronnie Weathers

Mt. Bethel F.W.B. Weaverville N.C.
Without Pastor at this time...

First F.W.B. Dallas N.C. Rev. Thomas Rogers

Northview F.W.B. Statesville N.C.
Rev. Leroy England

CONSTITUTION OF THE FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION

churches of the Foothills Cont:

Cornerstone F.W.B. Chester S.C. Rev. Paul Childers

Gospel Temple F.W.B. Forest City N.C.
Rev. Horace Skipper

Pecan Grove F.W.B. Gastonia N.C. Rev. Ronnie Wilson

Redeemed F.W.B. Marion N.C. Rev. Tommy Hensley

Robertson Creek F.W.B. Bostic N.C. Rev. Troy Smith

Salem F.W.B. Old Fort N.C. Rev. Lattie Slagle

Trinity Hill F.W.B. Nebo N.C. Rev. Carl Roland

Way Of The Cross F.W.B. Shelby N.C.
Rev. David Henderson

West 5th Avenue F.W.B. Gastonia N.C. Rev. Billy Allen

Gospel Way Freewill Baptist Church Gastonia N.C.
Rev. Ronnie Bolin

First Freewill Baptist Mission Blacksburg S.C.
Rev. Leroy Sexton...

Springwood Freewill Baptist Church Gastonia N.C.
Rev. D.J. Boyd...

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 presbtery 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.

DUTIES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

This committee shall have the oversight of anything that pertains to foreign missions. They shall report annually to the Association and present recommendations of ways in which the body can better support foreign missions.

HOME MISSIONS

This committee shall have the oversight of anything that pertains to home missions. They shall report annually to the Association and present recommendations of ways to better support and promote home missions.

PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

This committee shall be responsible for promoting the work of the association among local churches. They shall encourage the churches to support the association with its presence and finances. They shall report their work to the association annually.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

This committee shall have the oversight of our youth. They shall explore plans to get our youth involved in the work of the association. They shall make plans for special activities and work for our youth. They shall be responsible for planning youth services, and report annually to the association of the accomplishments of said committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee shall be responsible for presenting all nominees for offices in the association. They shall be responsible in contacting nominees in advance of their presentation before the body at the annual session. The body shall retain the right to nominate from the floor when the committee gives its reports.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee shall have the oversight of the finances of the association. They may prepare a budget for the Association to consider and make recommendations to the body concerning the distribution of finances belonging to the body; and their work shall be reported to the annual session of the Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee shall have the oversight of appointed tasks: which will be assigned by the moderator and shall assist in scheduling meetings of the association. This committee shall also encourage attendance local support of the association, by visitation to delinquent ministers and churches.

MINUTES OF THE FOOTHILLS
ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL
FREEWILL BAPTISTS OF N.C.
August 1986 till May 1987

The August session met at the Mt. Calvary F.W.B. church in Marion, N.C.: The meeting was called to order by Rev. Lattie Slagle. The congregation was led in song by Rev. Carl Roland after which the devotion and welcome was given by Rev. Phillip Duncan, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Church. The Moderator made remarks concerning the Faithfulness to God's House.. The clerk made the roll call and 18 churches reported with representatives reporting. There were 6 visiting churches present The First Church of Spruce Pine, The Pleasant Hill Church of Maiden The South Point Church of Belmont, The First Church of Clover S.C. The Gospel Way Church of Gastonia..

There were 35 Foothills Ministers reported and 6 visiting ministers.. After the roll call a brief report was made by the clerk concerning the minutes and the pocket cards for Foothills Ministers..

The Visitors were made welcome by the Moderator and a motion was made to allow them all the privileges of the body except that of voting M.S.C. to grant them the privileges. Call for reports by Moderator:

Rev. J.C. Lynn gave a report from the F.W.B. Rest Home and Brother Dennis Ward Gave a treasurers report from the Foothills Association: There was a motion to accept the reports: M.S.C. to adopt the reports.

The moderator asked for the song leader to come back and lead the congregation in song and an offering was received. The Gospel Lights Singing Group done the special singing and were such a blessing to us all: Rev. Keith Carson delivered the message that challenged many hearts: there were several responded as the invitation was given..

At the conclusion of the invitation the moderator asked for the boards to report:

When the boards completed their reports the clerk read a letter of petition for membership by the Gospel Way F.W.B. in Gastonia.. The body proceeded with a Motion to accept the church under watch care untill the next meeting which will be in Nov. 1986 M.S.C. to accept the church in such a fashion which is customary in the Foothills Association..

Rev.. John Cody gave a report from the Childrens Home in Turbeville that had been sent to him by Rev. J.B.Rice..the Administrator of the Home...

The Attendance trophy was awarded to the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. church by Salem F.W.B. of Old Fort.

M.S.C. to hold the November session at the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. in York.. Rev. Billy Allen Pastor of the W. 5th Ave F.W.B. in Gastonia, read a letter concerning the organization of a Bible Institute at the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. church which is to begin on Sept..2nd 1986 .. M.S.C. to adopt the letter as information: M.S.C. to adjourn to lunch by invitation of the women's auxiliary of Mt. Calvary: And We all were well fed Our thanks to the women of Mt. Calvary for a fine meal....

November 1986

The meeting was called to order at Mt. Carmel Nov. 8th by the Moderator Rev. Lattie Slagle. The congregation was led in song by Rev. Carl Roland. Welcome Devotion and Prayer was by Rev. Larry Collins a Member of Mt. Carmel F.W.B. The response was by Rev. Norman Hansley, of Maiden N.C.. The roll call was made with 16 Churches Reporting and 24 Foothills Ministers and 4 visiting ministers. The Moderator made his remarks concerning Drug and Alcohol Abuse and also made reference concerning the delinquent ministers and churches in attendance to the Foothills Association:

At the conclusion of the Moderators Remarks We recognized visitors and gave the privileges of the body except that of voting M.S.C. to allow them these privileges....

At the conclusion of his remarks Rev. Leroy England made a motion that the Foothills Clerk write a letter to the Surgeon General of the USA and express our concern about the Aids Situation and that we go on record as taking a stand against all homosexual activity with scripture references with the hope that the government will recognize this abomination as the reason for the destruction of Sodom and Gomarrah, and the reason for the dreaded disease that now plagues the world..Also that we as christians resolve that we do not now or will at any time support programs that are sympathetic or in support of homosexuality or the use and support of drugs and alcohol..M.S.C. to write the letter..The clerk made the roll call of churches 17 churches reported 28 ministers 2 visiting churches and 4 visiting ministers..The attendance trophy was presented to W.Fifth Ave. Rev. R.J. Reynolds motioned that the association proceed with the worship service M.S.C. to proceed: Rev. Jerry Owensby of Fort Mill & Bethel F.W.B. of Fort Mill delivered the message....After a series of testimonies and special songs ... At the conclusion of the message: a brief business session was held, a letter was read by the clerk concerning bible school crafts which Rev. and Mrs. Owenby had prepared concerning bible school; crafts. Rev. J.C. Lynn gave a report from the F.W. Baptist Rest Home, M.S.C. to receive his report.. M.S.C. to give a love offering to the widow of Rev. Cecil Parker (Mrs. Gladdys Parker) Rev. Phillip Duncan was instructed to notify Brother Dennis Ward our treasurer that the Association voted to give Mrs. Parker \$100.00 . Rev. Harold Holcombe gave a Finance Committee report.Proposed that the funding for Foreign Mission come from each local church each 6 months as a special offering to be used at the discription of the Finance committee subject to approval by the body.. M.S.C. to receive as information the report and that each pastor make his church aware of the need..

A Brief report of boards was given. and Rev. Lester Hughes gave a report from the executive committee. concerning the visitation of the delinquent ministers and churches.. Rev. J.C. Lynn gave the Rest Home report with a thank you to the Foothills Association for their loyal support of the home.. The Mt. Carmel Trio done the special singing and Rev. Horace Skipper of Forest City delivered the message after a congregational song and offering. The congregation was led by Rev. Billy Allen the Assistant song leader..

At the conclusion of the message a brief business session was held.. M.S.C. to donate \$600.00 to the Steve Lytle Missionary Fund..M.S.C. to donate \$1000,000 to the land fund..Rev. R.J. Reynolds asked the association to consider each church if they were able to buy bonds that would make the addition to the F.W.B. Rest Home possible in Candler N.C. A letter was read by the clerk concerning a Mission that had been set in order at Blacksburg S.C. Rev. Leroy Sexton who is a member of the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. organized the mission and Mt. Carmel set it in Order..M.S.C. to adopt the letter as information. M.S.C. to adjourn and accept the invitation from Rev. Billy Allen to meet at W. 5th Ave. in Gastonia for the Feburary Session: Thanks for the dinner provided in the fellowship building by the women of Mt. Carmel: Everyone was well fed...

Feburary 1987

Meeting in session at W. 5th Ave. F.W.B. in Gastonia N.C. Feb 14 1987.. Meeting was called to Order by Rev.. Lattie Slagle and the welcome prayer and devotion was by Rev. Billy Allen, pastor of W. 5th Ave.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Carl Roland of Trinity Hill F.W.B.

Moderator's remarks by Rev. Slagle concerning the AIDS Epidemic in the U.S.A. and other Countries.. with emphasis on the Judgement of God against the abomination of homosexuality in the world...

It has been brought to the attention of the association that the Palmetto Conference of S.C. may be interested in joining the Foothills Association M.S.C. for our Association to consider the request and that our executive board visit the Conference meeting and report their findings to our association prior to any final arrangements.. Ref. Rev. Johnnie Bullman gave the invitation for the members of the board to visit with the Palmetto Conference...

Rev. J.B. Rice gave a report from the Childrens Home in Turbeville, S.C. M.S.C. to receive the reports as information...MSC to hold the Annual Meeting at the Salem Freewill Baptist Church in Old Fort N.C. M.S.C to adjourn the meeting to lunch.. The Ladies of W. 5th Ave. provided a wonderful meal for the Association for which we say Thank You All It was Delightful....

Annual Meeting May 1987 Meeting at Salem F.W.B In Old Fort N.C. Rev. Lattie Slagle Host Pastor....

The service was opened with congregational singing and with welcome, scripture an prayer by the host pastor, Special singing was prvided by the host church with the Justice family, The singing was good and in the Spirit of the Lord..and was enjoyed by all..... The speaker was introduced to the body... The Rev. Ron Callaway Our Missionary to Spain.. Rev. Callaway brought a wonderful message which challenged us all to get involved in carrying out the great commission... At the conclusion of the message.. The Conference went into the Business Session..

The clerk declared the meeting to be session for business and after the moderator made his remarks the clerk called the roll of Ministers and Churches.. The Moderator then recognized the visitors Rev. Ron Callaway Rev. Wade Parker and Rev. J.C. Lynn he granted to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting... Rev.. D.J. Boyd pastor of the Springwood Freewill Baptist Church of Gastonia . . . united under the watchcare of the body by letter from a S.C. Confrence..M.S.C. to Receive ..M.S.C. that the body give a special gift of \$500.00 to Foreign Missions..(Ron Callaway Account) Today's Offering was also given to that account.. The Moderator called for the reports of all boards and committees which was given and adopted... The nominating committee which gave a partial report at the begining of the session gave it's final report and the body proceeded to elect officers and committes which are recorded in the front of these minutes... After which the body was adjourned in prayer.. to lunch and fellowship the lunch provided by the ladies of the Old Fort Church would be hard to equal and was enjoyed by all....

The Light Of The World



"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." — John 8:12