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NOTES

MEMORIAL TREE WILL BE PLANTED IN THE NORTH CAROLINA

Organizational Meeting Held

March 9 and 10-1956

Tenth Annual Session Held With  
Miss York Church  
August 19-21, 1964

T. E. Woody ..... Moderator  
Vienna Miller Dwyer ..... Clerk

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Scheduled to Convene With Miss York Church  
Thursday-Sunday the Fourth Sunday in  
August 1965 at 10:30 A. M.

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## MINUTES OF THE NINTH SESSION

The ninth annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptists Association convened with the Mine Fork Church, Route 1, Burnsville, North Carolina, Thursday, August 20, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. Service began with choir "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian." Rev. Charlie Miller, pastor of the church, gave the opening remarks and welcomed the people. Prayer led by Rev. T. E. Woody. Rev. Paul Silver read for the scripture lesson St. John 1:1-5, using for his text "The Need of the Light." He brought a good message. A Christian handshake followed as the choir sang. Good testimonies by Sisters Frances Radford and Cathalene Blankenship. The Spirit manifest. Closing remarks by Moderator, Rev. Sam Moore. Dismissed for lunch to meet at 1:30 p.m. for business.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for business. Service began with the choir singing "When I See the Blood." Devotional conducted by Sister Edith Pauley, reading I Timothy 6:1-6. Prayer led by Brother Joe Woody.

Proceeded with business. Appointed Sisters Edith Pauley and Vinita Deyton as reading clerks. Retained Brother Levi Deyton to receive Disabled Ministers' Fund, Sister Edith Pauley to receive Foreign Mission Fund. Appointed Brother Gene Thomas to receive Orphanage Fund and Sister Bula Thomas to receive Minute Fund.

Church letters were then read and delegates seated as follows:

Bowditch Church - Brothers Fred Blankenship, Clarence Byrd, Sisters Bill Burleson, Marie Thomas, Julie Boone.

Green Mountain Church - Brother James Walker, Sisters Mary Laws, Geneva Briggs, Magdaline Miller, Marie Laws.



Mine Fork Church - Brother U. B. Deyton, Sisters Mary Laws, Marjorie Edwards.

Prices Creek Church - Sisters Cathy Austin, Camilee Thomas, Tomylee Burleson, Ruth Towe, Brother W. R. Arrowood.

South Bend Church - Brothers Levi Deyton, Gene Thomas.

Terrys Fork Church - Sisters Betty Anderson, Hazel Robinson, Vivian Gardner.

Elected Sister Vinita Deyton as clerk of Association.

The following committees were appointed:

Voted to retain last year's Committee on Investigation - Brothers Levi Deyton, Moscoe Towe, Joe Woody.

Committee on Missions - Sisters Vinita Deyton, Edith Pauley, Tomylee Burleson.

Committee on Education - Sisters Frances Radford, Ruth Towe, Bula Thomas.

Committee on Sabbath Schools - Brothers W. R. Arrowood, Joe Woody, Levi Deyton.

Committee on Temperance - Brothers Charlie Miller, Gene Thomas, Sister Bessie Woody.

Committee on Deeper Devotions - Brother T. E. Woody, Sisters Edith Pauley, Julie Boone.

Committee on Sessions - Sisters Camilee Thomas, Betty Anderson, Brothers James Walker, Fred Blankenship, Levi Deyton, U. B. Deyton.

Committee on Orphanage Building Fund retained from last year - Brothers Joe Woody, Junior Briggs, Levi Deyton. (Moved to change name of this committee to Committee for Care for Children and Aged.)

Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund - Brothers Joe Woody, Frank Laws, Sister Bertie Hensley.

Committee on Lord's Acre Work - Sisters Bessie Woody, Marie Thomas, Brother Paul Briggs.

Committee on Churches and Pastors - Brothers Charlie Miller, Clarence Byrd, Sister Bill Burleson.

Committee on Topics - Brothers Cassie Thomas, Joe Woody, Sisters Frances Radford, Edith Pauley.

Elected Rev. T. E. Woody as Moderator.

Ministers roll called. Ministers present were: Rev. T. E. Woody, Rev. Sam Moore, Rev. Charlie Miller, Rev. Frances Radford, Rev. Edith Pauley, Rev. Vinita Deyton. Those present after the first day were: Rev. Cassie Thomas, Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Rev. E. P. Blevins, Rev. Josephine Blevins.

Called for visiting ministers. Rev. Paul Silver welcomed to a seat in our body.

Unfinished business called for. None presented. Dismissed by Rev. T. E. Woody to meet at 7:30 p.m. for preaching by Sister Edith Pauley.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The 7:30 p.m. service began with the South Bend Duet singing "We'll Tour the Golden City." Opening remarks by Rev. Charlie Miller. Prayer led by Rev. Roosevelt Briggs. Sister Edith Pauley read the scripture lesson from

Deuteronomy 7:6 and Romans 9, using for her text, "A Special People." She brought a very inspiring message. There were several wonderful testimonies. Dismissed by Rev. Whitson.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The association convened at 9:30 a.m. for business. Service began with the choir singing "Kneel at the Cross." Devotional given by Rev. Roscoe Briggs, reading Romans 5:1-5. His discussion of the scripture was inspiring and challenging. There was a Christian handshake while the choir sang, with much manifestation of the Spirit. An altar prayer was led by Sister Frances Radford. The association was called to order by Moderator. Visiting ministers called for. None present.

Proceedings of Thursday's session of association was read by clerk and was adopted as read. Offering received for minute fund. Amount of \$12.00.

Report of Committee on Missions called for. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Discussed by Sisters Deyton, Tomylee Burleson, Frances Radford. Adopted.

Intermission given.

The worship service at 11:00 a.m. began with the choir singing "In the Shadow of the Cross." Remarks by Rev. Charlie Miller. Prayer led by Rev. E. P. Blevins. Rev. T. A. Greene read for the scripture lesson II Timothy 1: 9-10; Philippians 3:8-10, using for his text, "Death, Life, Immortality." His message was so very stirring, revealing God's Presence was very real. While the choir sang there was a Christian handshake. Dismissed for lunch to meet at 1:30 p.m. for business.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:15 p.m. for business. Service began with choir singing "Near the Cross." We were greatly blessed as Sister Cathy Austin sang "Cup of Loneliness" and "Every Hour, Every Day." Devotional given by Rev. Cassie Thomas, reading Colossians 3:1-25. An altar prayer led by Rev. T. A. Greene. Business brought to order by Moderator.

Called for report of Committee on Education. Read by Sister Ruth Towe. Received and adopted without discussion.

Report on Deeper Devotions called for. Read and received. Discussed by Sister Josephine Blevins. Adopted.

Report on Temperance called for. Read, received, adopted.

Report of Committee for Children and Aged called for.

Report retained from last year. Brother Joe Woody explained fully the buying of the rest home for the aged and children. Voted unanimously to use money in Orphanage Building Fund to pay on the buying of the rest home property near Burnsville. Had altar prayer, with laying of hands on the bank book which represented the money, to dedicate money to God for this purpose. General discussion. Welcomed Rev. Sherman Branch, one of the members of the state-wide Board of Care for Children and the Aged. Voted to give our treasurer for the Orphanage Building Fund power to submit this money to the Board of Care for Children and the Aged at any time necessary. Discussed the matter of canning for the rest home. Nominated men from each church to gather these goods on October 15. Men chosen for this purpose are:

Green Mountain Church	-	Earl Fox
Mine Fork Church	-	Theodore Freeman
Terrys Fork Church	-	Phil Anderson, Wayne Metcalf
Prices Creek Church	-	James Burleson

South Bend Church - Gene Thomas  
Bowditch Church - Clarence Byrd

Appointed Sister Frances Radford, Brothers Joe Woody, Levi Deyton, Cassie Thomas, Roscoe Briggs to bring report explaining this project to association.

Report on Sabbath Schools called for. Read and received. Discussed by Brothers Joe Woody, James Walker, Sister Frances Radford. Adopted.

Report on Lord's Acre Work called for. Read and received. Discussed by Brother Joe Woody. Adopted.

Sister Vinita Deyton gave report on success of the five Bible Schools she helped to conduct during the summer: the harvest being 26 conversions.

Moved to discontinue association for all to attend the revival in which Sister Frances Radford was engaged at Patterson Branch. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday for business.

Revival services at Patterson Branch Church, where members of the association were gathered, began at 7:30 p.m. Service began with choir singing "After the Sunrise." Special singing by Byrd Branch Duet and Sister Cathy Austin. Opening remarks by Rev. Zenus Allen, pastor. Altar prayer led by Rev. Charlie Miller. Sister Radford read the scripture lesson from Matthew 16 and Mark 6, using for her text, "To Know Him, the Son of God." She brought a needful, searching message. An invitation to the unsaved was given. One soul was saved and one reclaimed. There were several good testimonies, with much outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We were dismissed by Sister Radford.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association convened at 9:45 a.m. for business. Service began with Brother and Sister Ralph Towe singing "Wonderful Peace." Devotional given by Rev. Cassie Thomas, reading II Corinthians 4. Prayer led by Rev. T. E. Woody. Business brought to order by Moderator. Proceedings of Friday's session of association read and adopted.

Called for report of Committee on Sessions. Received and adopted.

Called for report of Committee on Churches and Pastors. Read and received. Discussed by the Reverends Charlie Miller, T. A. Greene, T. E. Woody, Frances Radford. Adopted.

Called for report of Committee for Care of Children and the Aged. Read, received, adopted.

Rev. T. A. Greene presented himself as object of prayer that the way might be opened for him to fully carry out the work of God.

It was moved that the association pay the Moderator and Clerk their regular dues.

Adjourned to meet with the Prices Creek Church, Burnsville, North Carolina, Route 3, for the next association in 1965.

## REPORTS OF FORMERLY NAMED COMMITTEES

### Committee on Missions

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following scriptures for your consideration. St. John 4:31-37, St. Matthew 13:38A, Philippians 4:10-17.

Surely if Jesus should enter our midst in His once-used form; surely if we would listen to Him speak in His Spirit, we would hear Him say as He did long ago: "Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." How can we follow Him and not have as our meat the finishing of His work?

We hear Paul, the greatest of the foreign missionaries, writing to the Philippian church concerning their support of him. For Paul, like our missionaries today, depended largely on the churches for his livelihood. Paul praised this church for its offerings, not because he desired much for himself, but because in supporting him, they gained fruit to their account. Ah! How much we gain by fully obeying God's Word; how much we lose in this life and how our eternal reward is lessened by our failure to do all He has said.

Sister Vinita Deyton  
Sister Tomylee Burleson  
Sister Edith Pauley

Mission Secretaries in our Churches are:

Frances Hughes	Bowditch Church
Vinita Miller Deyton	Green Mountain Church
Carmon Laws	Mine Fork Church
Moscoe Towe	Prices Creek Church
Lydia Duncan	South Bend Church
Frances Radford	Terrys Fork Church

Harold and Josephine Stevens' address:

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens  
Private Bag P.O. Mkuze  
Zululand, South Africa



Louis and Florine Coscia's address:

Rev. and Mrs. Louis N. Coscia  
Caixa Postal 273  
Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo  
Brazil, South America

Committee on Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following scriptures for your consideration:

I. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

II. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

Education is the getting of knowledge, the performance or exercising of our abilities. We should use every means possible to get the meaning of God's Word. If we, as God's people, will make the effort, God will do that which is impossible with us.

III. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God." Hebrews 6:1.

We recommend for further study the following scriptures: Proverbs 1:1-9; 9:9, 10; I Corinthians 12:28; Colossians 1:28.

For the benefit of any of our young people desiring a Christian higher education, we recommend the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, as one of the very few really Christ-centered colleges.

Sister Frances Radford  
Sister Ruth Towe  
Sister Bula B. Thomas

Committee on Sabbath Schools

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, recommend that all our churches have a Sabbath School and that extreme care be taken in selecting teachers. All teachers should be the best members of the church, because we believe the study of the Bible is the life of the church and the greatest work of the Lord to get the Word to our children's hearts. We should be very careful that our teachers teach only that which corresponds with the Bible, and to refrain from corrupt literature, scattered by various religious organizations, that is very popular in our land today. Teachers should take interest in all church work. We feel this will advance the cause of Christ.

Brother Joe Woody  
Brother W. R. Arrowood  
Brother Levi Dayton

Committee on Churches and Pastors

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors, recommend the following scriptures:

Acts 6:1-7, Acts 20:28, Jeremiah 23:1, 2; James 1:22, 23.

First, to the Pastors, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28.

Second, to the Churches, "Not a hearer of the Word is justified but a doer of the Word. Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." James 1:22, Matthew 5:16.

Rev. Charlie Miller  
Sister Bill Burleson  
Brother Clarence Byrd

Committee on Orphanage Building Fund

We, your Committee on Orphanage Building Fund, recommend that each church in our association has one Sunday each month set aside for an offering for the Orphanage Building Fund. Also, all who have Lord's Acre Projects set aside a certain per cent of them for this cause.

Brother Joe Woody  
Brother Levi Deyton

Treasurer's report on Orphanage Building Fund:

Total Amount in treasury . . . . \$3,780.00

Trustees:  
Brother Levi Deyton  
Brother Arnold Miller  
Brother Cassie Thomas

Committee for Care of Children and Aged

We, your Committee on Care for Children and Aged, recommend the following practical means for helping to care for the Rest Home purchased by our State Association:

I. The Association having appointed a committee in each church to gather produce - canned goods, frozen food, fruits, potatoes, bed linens, or anything else churches may wish to give - we request that this committee gather these gifts on or before the 15th of October and deliver them to the home in Burnsville by that date.

II. We further urge that the pastor and committee appointed to this business in each church put this matter before the

churches, emphasizing the need and importance of the work and urging that the people give sacrificially and their best for this is "for the Lord" and He will accept nothing less than our best.

Sister Frances Radford  
Brother Joe Woody  
Brother Levi Deyton  
Brother Cassie Thomas  
Brother Roscoe Briggs

Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund

We, your Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund, submit the following: "The righteous sheweth mercy and giveth." Psalm 37:31.

We urge all churches to set a goal toward this worthy cause. Those who have given their service to God and to us while they were able need our support when they can no longer serve.

Brother Joe Woody  
Brother Frank Laws  
Sister Bertie Hensley

Treasurer's report on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund:

Amount on hand	\$1,197.82
Received at association	157.97
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Gave to Rev. Sam Moore	50.00
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Present Total	\$1,305.79

Committee on Deeper Devotion

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion, submit the following Scriptures for consideration:

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." - Matthew 10:37, 38.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." - Matthew 16:25.

"I beseech ye, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." - Romans 12:1.

1. Following Christ means to DENY OURSELVES.
2. It means to WALK IN THE LIGHT.
3. It means to CLEANSE OURSELVES.
4. It means to OBEY THE WORD.

Rev. T. E. Woody  
Sister Edith Pauley  
Sister Ruth Towe

### Committee on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: Temperance as the word is used in the Bible means a limited use of lawful enjoyments, keeping every sense under proper restraint and never permitting the body to bring the Spirit under subjection, in other words self-control. It is one of the additions to faith mentioned in II Peter 1:6, which if they be in us and abound, they make us to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a part of the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:23. We are taught in I Corinthians 9:25 that every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Titus 1:8 teaches that one of the qualifications a bishop must have is temperance. The use of the word temperance is not properly used in relation to the use of alcoholic beverages, from which all Christians should abstain, this subject should be discussed

in relation to bodily subjection such as eating, talking, visiting and be careful that nothing brings us under subjection.

Rev. Charlie Miller  
Brother Gene Thomas  
Sister Bessie Woody

Committee on Lord's Acre Work

We, your Committee on Lord's Acre Work, believe that all churches should have a Lord's Acre Program and put it to practice. We believe that God is not pleased without a working church. I Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:11 - And that ye study to be quiet and to do your own business and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

Sister Bessie Woody  
Sister Marie Thomas  
Brother Paul Briggs

Lord's Acre Receipts

Green Mountain Women's Club \$183.05  
Green Mountain Junior Class \$110.97

Committee on Sessions

We, your Committee on Sessions, recommend that the next session will be held at the Prices Creek Church, Route 3, Burnsville, North Carolina, beginning on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1965 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. T.A. Greene to preach the Introductory Message.

Sister Camilee Thomas      Brother Fred Blankenship  
Sister Betty Anderson      Brother Levi Deyton  
Brother James Walker      Brother U. B. Deyton

OBITUARY OF MR. HOBERT CARROLL

Mr. Hobert Carroll died May 3, 1964 at the age of 64 years. He was a member of the Bowditch Church for many years. He attended church well and took good interest in helping to build the new church building. He leaves a wife, two children, and a host of friends to mourn his going. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He is gone, but not forgotten.

Written by Sister Frances Hughes

Report of Committee on Conference Sessions

South Bend Church .....	November 27, 1964
Green Mountain Church .....	January 29, 1965
Bowditch Church .....	May 28, 1965
Prices Creek Church .....	August 28, 1965
Terrys Fork Church .....	October 29, 1965
Mine Fork Church .....	January 28, 1966

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference met in the 28th session with the Green Mountain Church September 27, 1963. Singing by the choir. Prayer led by Rev. Roscoe Briggs. Sister Edith Pauley delivered a wonderful message on "Active Love." Spirit manifest.

Met at 1:30 p.m. for business. Devotional by Rev. Sam Moore. Prayer led by Rev. J. C. Letterman. Comments by Moderator. Reading of last minute. Roll call of ministers. Amount of \$15.25 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Fellowship called; all responded. Church letters read; delegates seated. Visiting ministers called for. None present. Called for applications for license or ordination. None presented. Accepted pledges on Orphanage Building Fund.

The 7:00 p.m. message brought by Sister Vinita Deyton, reading Psalm I using for text "Two Groups: the Blessed and



the Accursed." Handshake; singing by Southside Trio.  
Good testimonies.

Met Saturday morning at 9:30. Devotional by Rev. Roscoe Briggs. Prayer led by Sister Frances Radford. Discussed matter of delinquent preachers. Authorized clerk to write each, stating our requirements for them. Topic, "God's House," reading Isaiah 56:7, discussed thoroughly.

Rev. Sam Moore brought the 11:00 a.m. message, reading St. Luke 15:8, 9. Text: "Looking for Something." Good message.

Met at 1:30 p.m. Prayer led by Rev. Roscoe Briggs. Rev. Cassie Thomas presented topic, "The Purpose of Preaching the Gospel," reading Ephesians 3:1-21. Good discussion.

Agreed that Brothers Sol Hensley and Johnny Wilson always have a seat in our conference. Adjourned.

Rev. Charlie Miller,  
Moderator  
Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

The second quarterly conference met in the 29th session with the Bowditch Church, December 27, 1963. Singing by the choir. Prayer led by Rev. J. C. Letterman. Rev. T. E. Woody read Romans 5:1-8, using for his text "A Needed Growth." The message was inspiring. A handshake and good testimonies followed.

Met at 1:30 p.m. for business. Devotional by Rev. Arnold Briggs. Prayer led by Rev. Sam Moore. Comments by Moderator. Reading of last minute. Roll call of ministers. Amount of \$19.00 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Called for fellowship; all responded. Clerk reported she had written delinquent preachers; had received no answer. Called for visiting ministers. Welcomed Rev.

William Dale Robinson to a seat in our body. Church letters read; delegates seated. Called for applications for license or ordination. None presented. Report of formerly appointed Topic Committee called for and presented, which consisted of:

1. Is a Ministers' Conference scriptural?
2. What is the purpose of a Church and Ministers Conference?
3. How can we as ministers best get the Word of God to the people?

Topic discussed.

The 7:00 p.m. message brought by Rev. T. A. Greene, reading Ephesians 1:7-14 and Romans 8:18-23, using for his text "God's Plan of Redemption." After the much needed message there were several good testimonies.

Met Saturday morning at 9:30 for business. Prayer led by Rev. T. A. Greene after reading of scripture lesson from I Thessalonians 3 by Moderator. Formerly named Topic Committee presented report: "How can the strong best bear the infirmities of the weak?" Discussion followed by good testimonies.

The 11:00 a.m. message brought by Rev. Arnold Briggs, reading St. Luke 12:22-34, using for his text, "Simple Bible Faith," with much edification of the body resulting. Adjourned.

The third quarterly conference met in the 30th session with the Prices Creek Church, March 27, 1964. Singing by the choir. Prayer led by Rev. J. C. Letterman. Rev. Charlie Miller read St. Luke 23:32-34 and brought a Spirit-directed message dwelling on the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Christian handshake and good testimonies followed. Proceeded with business. Letters from four churches read; delegates seated.

Met at 2:00 p.m. for business. Prayer led by Rev. J. C.

Letterman after he read Jeremiah 9:1-9. Two remaining church letters read. Roll call of ministers. Amount of \$22.55 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Called for fellowship; all responded. Called for visiting ministers. Welcomed Rev. Milton Hollifield, from Blue Ridge Association. Floor was yielded to him. Rev. Hollifield discussed the new State Association, the Witness (our paper) and the building of homes for children and the aged. Afterwards we heard a recorded message from Rev. Harold Stevens, missionary to Zululand, South Africa.

The 7:30 p.m. message brought by Sister Edith Pauley, reading Hebrews 10:34-38, using for her text "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." She brought a needed message, followed by good testimonies.

Met Saturday morning at 10:00 for business. Devotional given by Sister Frances Radford, reading Romans 12:1-21. Prayer led by Rev. T. E. Woody. Remarks by Moderator. Called for applications of license; none legally presented. Called for applications of ordination; Rev. Arnold Briggs presented himself.

Yielded service to Ordaining Council. Rev. Arnold Briggs was ordained after examination by the anointing of oil, and prayer. There was much rejoicing.

The 11:00 a.m. message brought by Rev. Arnold Briggs, from St. John 11:39, on the subject "There is something for us to do." A good message, followed by spiritual testimonies. Adjourned.

The fourth quarterly conference met in the 31st session with the Terrys Fork Church, May 29, 1964. Singing by the choir. Prayer led by Brother Joe Woody. Sister Vinita Deyton read for her text II Corinthians 5:20, speaking on the phase: "We are ambassadors for Christ." A Christian handshake and several testimonies followed.

Met at 1:30 p.m. for business. Devotional given by Sister Edith Pauley, reading Hebrews 3:1-6. Prayer led by Rev. Cassie Thomas. Called to order by Moderator. Reading of last minute. Roll call of ministers. Amount of \$13.00 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Called for fellowship; all responded. Church letters read; delegates seated. Called for application of license or ordination. None presented. Called for visiting ministers. Welcomed the Reverends Louis and Florine Coscia. Yielded service to them. Wonderful testimony by Sister Florine; challenging message from Mark 16:16-20 by Brother Louis. Amount of \$16.00 taken for Louis and Florine. Moved that churches buy car for Sister Vinita Deyton to enable her to conduct the Bible Schools in the six churches.

The 7:30 p.m. message brought by Rev. Milton Hollifield, reading from Isaiah 43, using for his text, "Man made for the glory of God." Brother Carroll Metcalf ordained as deacon by prayer and laying on of hands. Much rejoicing.

Met Saturday morning at 10:00 for business. Prayer led by Sister Frances Radford after Rev. Cassie Thomas read I John 3:1-18. Comments by Moderator. Brother Rosevelt Briggs presented request for license. Discovered letter to be wrong kind. Agreed to give Brother Briggs liberty to preach under watchcare of conference until proper letter of application is submitted.

The 11:00 a.m. message brought by Rev. T. E. Woody, using for his text Matthew 7:13, 14. Very good message. Adjourned.

The 32nd conference met with the Mine Fork Church, August 22, 1964, in connection with association. Business brought to order by Moderator. Omitted reading of last minute due to absence of report. Roll call of ministers. Amount of \$14.00 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Retained Rev. Charlie Miller as Moderator. Elected Rev.

Cassie Thomas assistant Moderator. Appointed the Reverends Cassie Thomas, Arnold Briggs, and Vinita Deyton for Topic Committee to have report for next conference.

Called for unfinished business. None presented. Called for application for license or ordination. None presented.

Moderator expressed sincere thanks of the whole body for the wonderful care of the association which the Mine Fork Church provided.

Adjourned to meet with the South Bend Church, November 27, 1964. Rev. T. A. Greene to deliver the introductory message; Rev. Cassie Thomas to be his alternate.

Rev. Charlie Miller, Moderator  
Rev. Vinita Deyton, Clerk

### MINISTERS ROLL

Rev. Arnold Briggs	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. Junior Briggs	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Roscoe Briggs	Rt. 2, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. E. P. Blevins	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Josephine B. Blevins	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. Vinita Gayle Deyton	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. T. A. Greene	2013 Cedar Fork Drive Greensboro, N. C.
Rev. Guy Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. Burl Ledford	(address unknown)
Rev. J. C. Letterman	Spruce Pine, N. C.
Rev. Arnold Miller	Relief, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Miller	Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. Sam Moore	Burnsville, N. C.
Rev. Edith Pauley	Erwin, Tennessee
Rev. Frances Radford	Rt. 2, Mars Hill, N. C.
Rev. Cassie Thomas	Micaville, N. C.
Rev. T. A. Watts	Rt. 1, Weaverville, N. C.
Rev. T. E. Woody	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

	(Union) Bowditch	Mine Fork	Green Mountain	Prices Creek	South Bend	Terrys Fork
Meeting Days	2-4	2-4	1-3	2-4	2-4	Full Time
Number Baptized	6	8	7	5	5	2
Added Otherwise	1	10	4	0	2	2
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	2	0	5	2	0	2
Deaths	1	0	0	0	0	2
Communion Services	2	1	1	0	1	2
Number in Sunday School	45	-	80	-	58	45
Total Membership	61	45	126	77	95	77
Times Pastor Present	44	24	20	23	23	Full Time
Minute Fund	15.00	13.00	20.00	14.00	15.87	15.00
Paid Pastor	278.95	110.00	408.02	689.04	182.50	580.00
Paid for Revivals	148.25	49.42	33.50	-	62.25	110.00
Foreign Missions	-----	15.00	77.17	466.76	121.50	180.00
Home for Aged	0	0	331.00	74.75	25.00	0
Poor and Sick	40.00	26.50	500.00	130.00	40.00	130.00
Monthly Mission Pledge	10.00	0	4.00	18.00	0	19.00
Value Church Property	10,500.00	6,000.00	8,545.25	7,000.00	7,140.00	3,300.00
Improvements	340.00	410.00	695.25	-	8.00	0
Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund	0	0	0	20.00	10.00	0
Visiting Ministers	21.75	43.00	137.99	59.50	92.00	65.00
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	0	294.02	0	0	0
Sunday School and Local Church Operating Expense	110.00	25.00	279.90	230.00	151.39	110.00

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ORPHANAGE  
AND LORD'S ACRE WORK COMMITTEE

<u>Church and Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk and Address</u>	<u>Orphanage Chairman</u>	<u>Lord's Acre Work Chmn.</u>
(Union) Bowditch Sam Moore	Mrs. Frances Hughes Micaville, N. C.	Bertie Hensley	Alec Hensley
Green Mountain Charlie Miller	Mrs. Joe Woody Route 1 Burnsville, N. C.	Earl Fox	Earl Fox
Mine Fork Charlie Miller	Mrs. Clair Laws Route 1 Burnsville, N. C.	Carmon Laws	Hubert Freeman
South Bend Charlie Miller Co-Pastor - Vinita Deyton	Mrs. Lydia Duncan Route 2 Green Mountain, N. C.	Luther Renfro	Levi Deyton
Prices Creek John Murphy	Mr. Moscoe Towe Route 3, Box 241 Burnsville, N. C.	Moscoe Towe	James Burleson
Terrys Fork Joint Pastors: Cassie Thomas Frances Radford	Virginia Anderson Route 2 Mars Hill, N. C.	Wayne Metcalf	Phil Anderson



CONSTITUTION OF MOUNT MITCHELL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be known as the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

The objects of this Association shall be: to proclaim a full salvation and lift up a standard of holy living in accordance with the teaching of the Bible; to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship and cooperation within the bounds of our own churches, and Christian charity toward all Christians; to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises than can be carried on by one church; to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel, and all of its benevolent enterprises.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Association shall be composed of all licensed and ordained ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church within its bounds, said delegates being duly recommended by letter from the church to which they belong.

2. Each church, irrespective of size, shall be entitled to five (5) delegates, with an additional delegate for every ten (10) members or fraction thereof above fifty (50). Each church is expected to defray the expenses of the Association and the causes which it fosters.

3. The Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business, but it shall not disrespect the Association and those placed in authority by the proper processes.

#### ARTICLE 4

The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegation, providing, however, that any church accused of disorderly walk or unscriptural doctrine shall have the same rights as an individual in the church to have specific charges presented in writing, together with convincing evidence; a fair opportunity for defense and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

#### ARTICLE 5

This Association shall make use of the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists adopted by the National Association November 7, 1935 at Nashville, Tennessee; recognizing however, the truth stated therein; that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our only infallible rule of faith and practice.

#### ARTICLE 6

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully examined and approved as to doctrine and practice before being received as members.

#### ARTICLE 7

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be elected for a term of two years, except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices at the close of the current session.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

3. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, to superintend printing and distribution of the minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly elected successor.

5. The Clerk shall be paid a fee to be determined by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist Ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all the funds for which he is responsible.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future, especially a file of all the minutes, and to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also be required to give over all properties of the office to the successor to the office.

#### ARTICLE 8

The Association shall appoint annually such committees as it shall deem necessary to expedite its business. These committees may be called upon to serve in either a temporary or standing capacity. Temporary committees complete their work and make a report of it during the same session in which they are appointed. Standing committees are appointed to assist in such matters as may require service both during and between sessions. The Moderator is empowered to choose the Chairman of each Committee, and the delegates may assist in choosing other members of said committees from among their own ranks.

#### ARTICLE 9

The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian

and three (3) members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their respective offices, shall be Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE 10

It shall be the duty of this Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

#### ARTICLE 11

A Church may become a member of this Association by making request by delegation, which delegation shall present a letter showing vital statistics of said church, providing however, that such church shall be examined as to doctrine, practice and willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association.

#### ARTICLE 12

The bylaws of this Constitution shall be read annually immediately after the body is organized.

#### ARTICLE 13

This Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and sufferings of our Lord at least twice a year, with the service of feet-washing to follow the communion.

#### ARTICLE 14

The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September for the purpose of worship and the transaction of business. There shall be no less than two (2) worship services daily while the Association is in session.

#### ARTICLE 15

This Association's printed Minutes shall consist of a record of all business transacted and all worship services during the annual meeting, the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of Conference, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ministers' Conference, the Church Covenant, and such tables of statistics and blank forms as may be necessary.

#### ARTICLE 16

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

### BYLAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### ARTICLE 1

A session of this Association shall meet annually.

#### ARTICLE 2

This Association shall be opened with Bible reading and prayer.

#### ARTICLE 3

There shall be no conversation with members, one with another, so as to interrupt business, while in session.

#### ARTICLE 4

Every person wishing to speak shall first arise to his feet, address the moderator and receive recognition.

#### ARTICLE 5

No member shall interrupt another who is speaking.

#### ARTICLE 6

Every member shall attend to the subject under consideration.

#### ARTICLE 7

No member shall speak more than three (3) times on any one subject.

#### ARTICLE 8

Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon after suitable discussion unless withdrawn by those who made it.

#### ARTICLE 9

A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

#### ARTICLE 10

On all motions, when a vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

#### ARTICLE 11

The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

#### ARTICLE 12

We will admit of no other title but that of Brother or Sister while in Session.

#### ARTICLE 13

No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without permission of the Moderator.

#### ARTICLE 14

Any person transgressing these bylaws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

#### ARTICLE 15

No less than seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE 16

These bylaws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF  
MT. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE  
WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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ARTICLE 1

This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Mount Mitchell Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

This body is formed under and by the authority of the Mt. Mitchell Association, and shall be composed of its licensed and ordained ministers, with such delegates as provided by Article 8.

ARTICLE 3

This body shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then being eligible for ordination, providing he can meet all other requirements set forth by the Ordaining Council.

ARTICLE 4

We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel not to receive anyone as a minister who has two living wives.

ARTICLE 5

Suitable women may be ordained to the Christian ministry, provided there are no objections to such endorsement other than the matter of sex. (NOTE: This is a word for word copy of a ruling passed in the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church in 1886.)

ARTICLE 6

We believe the Bible teaches that Christian women should wear modest apparel, have long hair, and avoid adorning their persons with useless jewelry. This body shall require its female



members to be guided by these principles.

#### ARTICLE 7

The officers of this Conference shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers.

#### ARTICLE 8

Each church shall be advised by its pastor to send two delegates to each session of this Conference, with a letter of authorization from the church, which delegation shall enjoy equal privileges with the ministry, both in deliverations and voting.

#### ARTICLE 9

Each year, upon being organized, this body shall elect an Ordaining Council. This Council shall consist of three (3) ordained ministers. One member of this Council shall be retained from the preceding year's Council, the other two (2) to be elected at the discretion of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE 10

The Ordaining Council, when properly organized, shall have charge of all examinations and ordinations of candidates for the ministry, who have been ordered before it by the Conference. It shall also conduct due investigation into the social life of any candidate for ordination.

#### ARTICLE 11

This Conference may receive any Christian minister as a visiting member, and when thus received he may enjoy all rights and privileges of regular members except voting privileges.

#### ARTICLE 12

This Conference shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday, with some church in the Association previously agreed upon, or at the call of the Moderator, provided that more than one session may not be held with any church during the same Conference year; and providing also that there be no session held at the fifth Sunday in April immediately following the adoption of this Constitution.

### ARTICLE 13

The Moderator is empowered, and it is his duty, to call an extra session of the Conference, upon receiving a properly signed petition from five (5) members, at least (3) three of whom shall be ordained ministers.

### ARTICLE 14

Each applicant for either license or ordination shall present a letter of recommendation from his church, properly signed by both pastor and clerk. He must of necessity be a member of a church within the bounds of this Conference. Any minister coming from another denomination shall first unite with one of our churches, then present a letter of recommendation from the church, just as any applicant for license or ordination.

### ARTICLE 15

Any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for two (2) successive sessions of Conference shall be charged with delinquency and shall be deprived of his vote on any question until his disability is removed by vote of the Conference. However, if the delinquent brother offers a satisfactory reason for his absence, a majority vote of the Conference may remove his disability.

### ARTICLE 16

The Conference may withdraw fellowship from any member who becomes disorderly, provided however, all Scriptural and Christian means have first been used to help him.

### ARTICLE 17

The Moderator is empowered to appoint any Committee the Conference deems necessary to expedite its business.

### ARTICLE 18

Any article of this Constitution or its Bylaws may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

### ARTICLE 19

A session of Conference shall be held in connection with the yearly Association.

## ARTICLE 20

Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum, provided at least three (3) of them shall be ordained ministers.

## BYLAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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No licentiate shall succeed to ordination unless he can furnish sufficient evidence that he has obeyed the Scriptural admonition to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." The Ordaining Council must be satisfied that he or she is divinely called, and the fruit of life and work during the period served under license must be satisfactory to the Ordaining Council. If it deems such a course advisable, the Ordaining Council may require a licentiate to renew his license, for as often as may be necessary, before ordination.

## ARTICLE 2

Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contribution or by assessment of its members.

## ARTICLE 3

No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, care for its pastor according to its ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the advancement of the cause of Christ.

## ARTICLE 4

Any member who meddles with the work of another, or injures another's reputation for usefulness shall be subject to a charge of disorderly conduct, and shall be dealt with according to Article 16 of the Constitution.

## ARTICLE 5

Each member, not excused by age or infirmity, is expected to do some work to advance the Cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

## ARTICLE 6

Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry.

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### FAITH

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation; an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit; and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God; but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

Scripture references to Faith: II Cor. 7:10; Prov. 28:13; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; James 2:17; Phil. 1:29; Gal. 3:26.

### CHURCH COVENANT

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

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist Church, now in session, send Christian greetings to the Mt. Mitchell Association, and the following delegates to represent us in your body.

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Our statistics are as follows:

Our regular preaching days are \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Number baptized \_\_\_\_\_ ; Members added otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Excluded \_\_\_\_\_ ; Dismissed \_\_\_\_\_ ; Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Total membership \_\_\_\_\_ ; Average number in Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Number of Communion and feet-washing services \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Number of times pastor present \_\_\_\_\_. We paid our pastor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Paid for revivals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 Paid for Aged & Children's Home Support \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 For Foreign Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ; for local church and Sunday School operating expense \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 To aged and disabled ministers' fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ; For minutes fund \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_; for poor and sick \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and to visiting ministers \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We pledge to pay to Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_; To foreign missions support \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. Our church property is valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We have spent approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for church property improvement. Number of revivals \_\_\_\_\_. Conducted by \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord's Acre Receipts \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We believe our general spiritual condition, as compared with a year ago is \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Pastor this year \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor-elect \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Steward \_\_\_\_\_



