

MINUTES

OF THE

MT. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organizational Meeting

Held

March 9 and 10, 1956

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

TERRYS FORK CHURCH, AUGUST 25-27, 1966

T. E. Woody Moderator

Vinita Miller Deyton.....Clerk

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Scheduled to Convene With Green Mountain Church

Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in August 1967

at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Edith Pauley to Deliver the Introductory Message
Brother William Dale Robinson to be the Alternate Speaker

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Robert Arrowood
1886 - 1965

This MINUTE is lovingly dedicated to the memory of Brother Robert Arrowood, who, though but a lay member, set an example for all Christians in his loyalty to the Church, Conference, and Association. His life was a bright Light...our gatherings know an absence of brightness we had not experienced before his going. And surely Heaven knows a greater brightness because of the presence of this beloved soul.

PROCEEDINGS

The eleventh annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Terrys Fork Church, Route 2, Mars Hill, North Carolina, Thursday, August 25, 1966, at 10:30 a. m. Service began with the choir singing "Where Milk and Honey Flows" and "I Have Somebody With Me". Sister Cathy Austin sang "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love". Opening remarks by pastor of church, Brother Cassie Thomas. An altar prayer was led by Sister Frances Radford. Brother Charlie Miller read I. Corinthians 6:17, using for his text, "Our Union With God". The message was wonderful with great manifestation of the Spirit of God. While the congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee" there was a Christian handshake with much fellowship. Good testimonies by Brothers Roosevelt Briggs, Roscoe Briggs, Sam Moore, T. E. Woody; Sisters Frances Hughes, Josephine Blevins, Sylvia Anderson. Closing remarks by Sister Frances Radford, dismissing us for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 p. m. for business. Service began with the choir singing "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Devotional conducted by Brother Roy Whitson, reading I. Peter 2:21-25. Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller.

The Moderator, Brother T. E. Woody, welcomed to our Association Brother and Sister Harold Stevens and daughter, our missionaries to Zululand, South Africa.

Proceeded with business. Appointed Sister Frances Radford and Brother Joe Woody as reading clerks. Moved to retain the committees appointed in last year's Association as follows:

To receive Disabled Ministers' Fund...Sister Frances Hughes
To receive Foreign Mission Fund..... Brother Charlie Miller
To receive Old Folks Home Fund..... Brother Joe Woody
To receive Minute Fund Brother Cassie Thomas

Church letters read. Churches with delegates were enrolled as follows:

BOWDITCH - Brother Clarence Byrd; Sisters Jula Boone, Bertie Hensley, Marie Thomas, Clara Lee Chrisawn, Shirley Briggs.

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Brothers James Walker, John Randolph; Sisters Bonnie Brinkley, Lora Randolph.

MINE FORK - Brother Clair Laws; Sisters Mary Laws, Malina Laws.

PRICES CREEK - Brother Doyle Fox, Sister Cathy Austin.

SOUTH BEND - Brother Levi Deyton; Sisters Lucy Deyton, Betty Jean Pate.

TERRYS FORK - Brother Carroll Metcalf, Sister Vivian Gardner.

It was moved and seconded that a picture of Brother Robert Arrowood be enclosed in the Minutes in tribute to his faithfulness to the Conference and Association during his lifetime.

An offering was taken for the Minute Fund amounting to \$12.92.

Moved to omit TOPICS from our Committee Reports.

The following Committees were then appointed:

MISSIONS - Sister Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton; Brother Doyle Fox.

EDUCATION - Sisters Josephine Blevins, Vivian Gardner; Brother Woody.

SABBATH SCHOOLS - Brothers Levi Deyton, Roscoe Briggs, Roy Whitson.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS - Brothers Roscoe Briggs, Cassie Thomas; Sister Frances Hughes.

CARE for AGED and CHILDREN - Brothers Levi Deyton, Joe Woody; Sister Bonnie Brinkley.

DISABLED MINISTERS - Sisters Bertie Hensley, Bessie Woody; Brother Roosevelt Briggs.

- TEMPERANCE - Sisters Cathy Austin, Lucy Deyton;
Brother Clair Laws.
- DEEPER DEVOTION - Sisters Opal Blankenship; Cathy
Austin; Brother Cassie Thomas.
- INVESTIGATION - Retained: Brothers Joe Woody, Levi
Deyton, Moscoe Towe.
- LORD'S ACRE - Sisters Betty Jean Pate, Marie Thomas,
Malinda Laws.

Elected Brother T. E. Woody as Moderator of the Association; Brother Cassie Thomas as Assistant Moderator.
Elected Sister Vinita Deyton to fill the office of Clerk for the present year and the year following.

Service given to Brother and Sister Stevens. Introductory remarks given by Brother Harold. Little Rebecca sang and made a speech in the Zulu language. Josephine explained many parts of the mission work. Her talk was so interesting and stirring.

Appointed Sister Vinita Deyton to preach at the Friday morning service.

An altar prayer for the many objects presented was led by Sister Josephine Blevins. We were dismissed to meet at the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The 7:30 p.m. worship service began with the choir singing "Alone in the Garden" and "Because of Him". Brother Rothy Ogle sang "Glorified Body" and "Happy Reunion". Opening remarks by Sister Frances Radford. Prayer was led by Brother Charlie Miller.

Brother Harold Stevens showed the slides of their work in Zululand, South Africa. He then read Romans 10:8-13 and

Matthew 28:19,20. The message of his experiences and the need of the world was soul-stirring and challenging. An offering amounting to \$42.00 was received for Brother and Sister Stevens. We were dismissed by Brother Cassie Thomas to meet at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Service convened at 10:00 a.m. The choir sang "We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials" and "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus". Devotional conducted by Brother William Dale Robinson, reading St. John 4:1-14. Prayer was led by Brother Cassie Thomas.

Business session called to order by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted.

Sister Josephine Blevins, present Treasurer of the Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund, presented her request that another Treasurer be elected due to her being handicapped in carrying on the work of this office. Brother Cassie Thomas was elected by vote of the body to be Treasurer of the Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Those ministers present during the three-day period were enrolled as follows:

Brothers	Arnold Briggs	Sisters	Josephine Blevins
	Roosevelt Briggs		Vinita Miller Deyton
	Roscoe Briggs		Edith Pauley
	Guy Honeycutt		Frances Radford
	J. C. Letterman		
	Charlie Miller		
	Sam Moore		
	William Dale Robinson		
	Cassie Thomas		
	Roy Whitson		
	T. E. Woody		

Called for unfinished business. None presented.

Called for visiting ministers. None present.

Report of Committee on Missions called for. Read by Sister Frances Radford. Discussed by Sisters Radford, Vinita Deyton, Josephine Blevins, Opal Blankenship; Brother T. E. Woody, Cassie Thomas.

It was moved by Sister Radford that the churches of the Association raise the amount of \$300.00 to build a dormitory building at the Mission School in Mexico and to call the building the "Dad Woody Building". It was voted by the Association to raise the money by the end of this year. The amount of \$50.00 was pledged by Sister Opal Blankenship for the Prices Creek Church.

Discussion closed for the worship service. Later received and adopted.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Worship service began with the choir singing "Glory to His Name". Sister Vinita Deyton read I. Thessalonians 5:23, using for her text "Satan's Target: The Christian's Body, Soul, and Spirit". While the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" there was a Christian handshake with much rejoicing in the Spirit. We were dismissed by Brother T. E. Woody for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for business. Devotional conducted by Sister Frances Radford, reading Hebrews 6:1-12. Prayer was led by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

Business called to order. Report of Committee on Education called for. Read by Sister Josephine Blevins. Discussed by Sisters Blevins, Vinita Deyton, Opal Blankenship, Frances Radford and Brother Cassie Thomas. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools called for. Read by Brother Roy Whitson. Discussed by Brothers Whitson, Levi Deyton. The poem written by Sister Loyce Deyton for her class was read by Sister Frances Radford. Moved to print poem in minutes. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for. Report retained from last year. Report read by Brother Cassie Thomas. Discussed by Brothers Thomas, Roscoe Briggs. Received and adopted.

Appointed Brother Roscoe Briggs to preach at the 7:30 p.m. service, Brother Arnold Briggs at the 11:00 a.m. Saturday service. Dismissed by Sister Frances Radford to meet at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The 7:30 p.m. worship service began with the choir singing "I Want My Lord to be Satisfied With Me". The Phil Anderson Family sang "At Calvary" and "Because of Him". Opening remarks by Brother Cassie Thomas. An altar prayer was led by Sister Josephine Blevins. She afterwards sang "There's Room For Me". Brother Roscoe Briggs read Romans 10:9-11; 11:1, preaching on the subject "The Power of Living the Bible". His message was full of great truth and very needful. There was a Christian handshake while the congregation sang. After several good testimonies we were dismissed by Brother Charlie Miller to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning for business.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service convened at 9:30 a.m. The choir sang "What a Day That Will Be". Opening remarks by Moderator. Prayer led by Sister Frances Radford.

Proceeded with business. Called for visiting ministers. Brother Charles Webb was welcomed by vote to a seat in our body.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund called for. Report retained from last year. Read, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance called for. Read by Sister Lucy Deyton. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion called for. Read by Sister Opal Blankenship. Discussed by Sisters Blankenship, Josephine Blevins, and Brother Cassie Thomas. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Investigation called for. No report was given.

Report of Committee on Care for Aged and Children called for. Read by Sister Bonnie Brinkley. Discussed by Sisters Brinkley, Josephine Blevins, Brother Joe Woody. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sessions called for. It was voted by the body that the clerk be authorized to make a list of Association sessions apart from the Conference sessions to be printed in the Minutes.

Report of Committee on Lord's Acre Work called for. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton in the absence of the chairman of the

committee. Discussed by Sister Frances Radford, Brother T. E. Woody. Received and adopted.

It was moved that each church receive an offering to help Sister Josephine Blevins pay the expenses of Brother Blevins' funeral.

Fervent thanks were expressed to the Terrys Fork Church for the wonderful care of the Association. The care the church gave was outstanding.

Adjourned with prayer until we meet with the Green Mountain Church on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August of 1967; Sister Edith Pauley to preach the introductory message; Brother William Dale Robinson to be the alternate speaker.

We were given a recess before preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Brother Arnold Briggs.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Assembled at 11:00 a.m. for worship. The choir sang "What A Day That Will Be". Brother Arnold Briggs read St. Luke 14:16-24, after which he led us in prayer. On the subject, "An Excuse", he brought a wonderful, truth-filled message. There was a great outpouring of the Spirit. There was much spirit of fellowship as the congregation shook hands. We were dismissed for lunch by Brother Charlie Miller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions respectfully submit the following Scriptures for prayerful consideration by our body:

St. John 3:16 and 14:21-24

St. Mark 16:14-16

Romans 10:9-15

We believe that these Scriptures--only a few of dozens on the same theme--represent the very heart-throb of our Heavenly Father, and that we cannot be true Christians if we do not support with all our hearts world-wide mission outreach.

We praise the Lord for the vision He has awakened among our people, but we feel we need to be more deeply stirred to reach earth's unreached billions who have never once heard the Gospel (approximately two-thirds of the world's population). To this end, we recommend:

(1) That our pastors seek to stir our people to greater interest, labor, and prayers, and lead their people in regular financial support of our missionaries. We believe each church should have a definite plan--either by individual pledges, monthly special offerings, or tithing of all church offerings, whichever is the leading of the Lord in each church.

Frances Radford

Vinita Deyton

Doyle Fox

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following:

Education is the systematic development and cultivation of the mind and other natural powers. It begins in the nursery and goes on at school, but does not end there. It continues through life, whether we will it or not.

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

Proverbs 19:8.... "He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good."

Proverbs 22:6.... "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Education is a very vital part of our church work. What we teach our young people is what they will hold onto in later years. We believe we should try to get as many of our young people in Bible College as we possibly can, because the Devil will do his best to get everything he can to promote his work in our public schools. It is very important that we safeguard our children to the very utmost from an educational standpoint.

Josephine Blevins
Vivian Gardner
Joe Woody

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance recommend the following Scripture:

II Peter 1:5-7.... "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

Lucy Deyton
Cathy Austin

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools recommend that all our churches have a Sunday School. We feel it is parents' duty to go and take their children and to see that they stay in Sunday School.

We believe extreme care should be taken in selecting teachers. All teachers should be the best members of the church. We believe the study of the Bible is the life of the church. The greatest work of the Lord is 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. Teachers should take interest in all church work. We feel sure this will advance the cause of Christ.

Levi Deyton
Roy Whitson
Roscoe Briggs

Following is the poem written by Sister Loyce Deyton to the Junior Class of the Green Mountain Church, which she has taught for many years:

My Class

Each face so very sweet,
Each smile I hold so dear;
Those tears you shed
For the cause of Christ
Are bottled up, somewhere.
Each prayer you prayed
For the sick or lost
Our Lord holds very dear.

He heard and will answer
In His own way,
Though it may not be for years.
Each sacrifice that you have made
For the Cause you learned to love
Our Lord has seen and understood ---
He has taken a record above.
When at last you come to the Gates of Home
I believe you will hear Christ say,
"I'm so glad you kept traveling on
That strait and narrow way;
Come on in, we will rest and dine
Together--for endless days".

Loyce Deyton

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion, submit the following:

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

Ephesians 6:18.... "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;..."

Cassie Thomas
Cathy Austin
Opal Blankenship

AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND

We, your Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund submit the following:

Remember thy Brother when he is old who has so faithfully labored among you.

Psalms 37:21.... "The righteous sheweth mercy and giveth."

Bertie Hensley
Bessie Woody
Roosevelt Briggs

Treasurer's Report:

Amount on hand	\$1,441.72
Received at Association...	121.25
Total	<u>\$1,562.97</u>

CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN

We, your Committee on the Care of Children and Aged submit the following:

That each church be urged by the pastor and committee to support the Home. It is our duty as God's children to do so. Each church should send a monthly payment for the Home for the Aged and Children.

A date has been set to gather food or any other gifts for the Home. We urge each church to remember this. The date set is on or before the 15th of October of each year.

We also urge our church members to visit the Home. By doing this we are sure each one will have a greater desire to help. The patients of the Home are made to rejoice when a group sings, prays, or has an old-fashioned prayer meeting with them.

Scripture reference: Isaiah 1:17... "Learn to do well: seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

Jeremiah 7:6,7 reveal that the blessings of God are promised to those who are kind.

Committees in each church are as follows:

Bowditch Clarence Byrd
Green Mountain..... Earl Fox
Mine Fork Theodore Freeman
Prices Creek James Burleson
South Bend Gene Thomas
Terrys Fork Phil Anderson, Wayne Metcalf

Send all checks to: Rev. W. L. Kell
Marion, North Carolina

LORD'S ACRE

We, your Committee on Lord's Acre Work believe that all churches should have a Lord's Acre project and put it to practice.

We believe that when God saved us He intended us to work for Him. We know that no matter how little our work for God may seem, it is not in vain.

I Thessalonians 4:11, 12... "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

Betty Jean Pate
Marie Thomas

Proceeds for Lord's Acre Work of the Green Mountain Church for the year following the Association of 1965:

JUNIOR CLASS: \$404.29 -- Piano for Rest Home
 40.65 -- Missions
 17.68 -- Gifts for Sick
 14.00 -- Christmas Fruit Baskets
 6.18 -- Fathers' Day Flower for Pastor
 \$482.80

WOMENS' GOOD WILL CIRCLE: \$289.00

PASTORS & CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors prayerfully and humbly submit the following observations and recommendations:

First, to the churches: Be prayerful and careful in the selection of a pastor, for not every good preacher is a good pastor... See I Cor. 14:18, 28 and Ephesians 4:11-13. Pastors should never be chosen on the basis of "I like Bro. So and So. Let's get him for pastor next year..." The church is not at liberty to choose the man of God like going to the store and picking out a shirt or dress from the many displayed in the window... The Holy Spirit must be allowed to place the members in the body as "it hath pleased Him" if the church is to prosper, and if the church, with its leaders, will pray and submit to the Lord's will, He will direct, and there will be unity in the selection of a pastor. We recommend that our churches prayerfully agree upon their pastor each year not later than the last of July, so that both church and pastor will have ample time to consider the will of the Lord before the beginning of a new Associational year.... We further recommend that our churches recognize their responsibility for the support of their pastor and His family on an equality with--neither above nor below--the average living standard of the families of the church. We applaud the willingness of our pastors, like Paul, to labor with their hands that they may make the Gospel of Christ without charge, but we do not believe that this is God's perfect

will, for I Corinthians 9:14 tells us that--"God hath ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel", and we believe the church which by-passes God's ordained plan will suffer. If only ten families in a church tithe, then the pastor will be supported on a level with the rest of the church. If all families tithe, not only will the pastor be supported, but all the phases of the work of the church can be carried on without stint.

Second, to the ministry: A pastor is a servant, and an example to the flock; not a lord over God's heritage. We believe he should recognize this truth, and lead, not drive, the church. We believe he should devote Himself to the care of the souls of the flock, giving as much time as possible to prayer, Bible study, visitation, and such like. (We do not believe that the church should leave all the visitation for the pastor, however; for seeing to the material needs of the flock was the original purpose of the ordination of deacons.)

To both pastors and other preachers, we urge an application of Proverbs 24:27: "Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thy house." Jesus said, "The field is the world..." Our older ministers, filled with holy zeal, saw the need of churches being established where no church was. They conducted revivals in homes, old store buildings, brush arbors, or wherever else they could. God blessed, souls were saved, and afterwards "they built their house"...If some of our older ministers had not sacrificed to grub the spiritual new-grounds of our religion, to "work the field," we would not have the organized churches and established groups that we have. Brethren, we must grow or die! We therefore urge strongly that all our Brother ministers not actively serving as full time pastor seek the Lord to find out where He would have them labor "in the field," and that the churches and pastors rally to the help of any who are led of God to clear a new-ground and establish a church.

Cassie Thomas
Roscoe Briggs
Frances Hughes

SESSIONS OF ASSOCIATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>
12	Green Mountain Church	1967
13	Bowditch Church	1968
14	South Bend Church	1969
15	Mine Fork Church	1970
16	Prices Creek Church	1971
17	Terrys Fork Church	1972

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHURCH	.....	October 28, 1966
BOWDITCH CHURCH	.....	January 27, 1967
MINE FORK CHURCH	.....	April 28, 1967
GREEN MOUNTAIN CHURCH	.....	August 26, 1967
PRICES CREEK CHURCH	.....	October 27, 1967
SOUTH BEND CHURCH	.....	December 29, 1967
TERRYS FORK CHURCH	.....	1968

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The 37th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Terrys Fork Church October 29, 1965. Choir sang, "Where Milk and Honey Flows". "Happiness Comes on Spiritual Wings" sung by Sister Cathy Austin. Altar prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Sister Vinita Deyton read St. John 13:15, using for her text "Our Three-Fold Duty". Handshake, with much Presence of Holy Spirit.

Met at 1:15 p.m. for business. Devotional by Sister Josephine Blevins. Prayer led by Sister Edith Pauley. Remarks by Moderator. Reading of last minutes. Roll call of ministers. Those present during the two-day period were:

Sisters Frances Radford
Edith Pauley
Josephine Blevins
Vinita Deyton

Brothers Arnold Briggs
Roosevelt Briggs
Guy Honeycutt
Charlie Miller
Cassie Thomas
Roy Whitson
T. E. Woody

Amount of \$12.65 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. All responded to call for fellowship. Church letters read; delegates seated.

Moved to continue the giving of \$5.00 monthly to Brother T. E. Woody; to give the \$5.00 voted for Brother Blevins to his widow, Sister Josephine Blevins.

Voted that members of church where Conference is held be exempted from bringing letter; that those members present be counted as delegates.

Report of Topic Committee submitted as follows:

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?"

James 2:14

Good discussion.

Evening worship service began with singing by choir. Rev. James Talford, evangelist then conducting services at the church, read from Joshua, first chapter. He brought a good message on the necessity of perserverance in the Christian life, using the conquest of Jericho as illustration. Service closed with altar call.

Met Saturday morning for business. Choir sang "Let My Life Be A Light". Devotional by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Business brought to order. Letter of application for license presented by Brother Roy Whitson. Placed Brother Whitson under watch-care of Conference until next Conference.

Worship service. Brother Roosevelt Briggs read Matthew 24:37, using for his text, "Our Day in Comparison With Noah's". Each word of the message was delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost. There was a great down-pouring of the Spirit upon each one present, in that each one rejoiced.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The 38th session of Ministers' Conference met with South Bend Church May 27, 1966. Choir sang, "In The Sweet Forever". Altar prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Brother Guy Honeycutt read I. Kings 18:17-29, using for his text, "Power". Good message.

Met at 1:15 p.m. for business. Choir sang "I Have Somebody With Me". Devotional given by Brother Roy Whitson. Prayer

led by Brother Cassie Thomas. Moderator welcomed Sister Gertrude Ensor, a visiting minister of the Brethren Church. Last minutes read. Enrolled ministers present:

Sisters Frances Radford	Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Edith Pauley	Roscoe Briggs
Vinita Deyton	Guy Honeycutt
	Charlie Miller
	W. D. Robinson (by letter)

Amount of \$13.50 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Church letters read; delegates seated. All responded to call of fellowship.

Received offering of \$17.25 to buy paint for buildings on Rest Home property.

Following topic presented, with wonderful discussion by many:

Has God spoken in His Word as to His plan for the financial support of His work? If so, what has He said?

Scripture references:

I. Corinthians 16:1,2

II. Corinthians 8:1-5

Matthew 23:23

Evening worship service began with choir singing. Special singing by Brother Rothy Ogle. Prayer led by Sister Edith Pauley. Brother Cassie Thomas read II. Kings 2:19-22 and Mark 9:49,50, using for his text, "Go To The Head of The Waters and Pour In the Salt".

Met Saturday morning for business. Singing by choir. "He's My Saviour" sung by Brother James and Sister Karen Burleson.

Devotional given by Sister Edith Pauley. Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller.

Appointed Brothers Guy Honeycutt, Roscoe Briggs, and Cassie Thomas as committee to visit those preachers who had missed more than two conference.

Granted license to preach to Brother Roy Whitson.

Voted to suspend Brother Roosevelt Briggs' license until August.

Worship service began with choir singing. Sister Frances Radford read I. Timothy 6:1-13, after which she led us in prayer. On the subject "To Be a Good Soldier" she brought a wonderful message.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator

Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The 39th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Terrys Fork Church August 27, 1966, in connection with Association. Service began with singing by choir. Devotional given by Brother J. C. Letterman. Prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Moderator welcomed Brother Charles Webb, visiting minister. Enrolled ministers as follows:

Sisters Josephine Blevins
Edith Pauley
Frances Radford
Vinita Deyton

Brothers Arnold Briggs
Roosevelt Briggs
Roscoe Briggs
Guy Honeycutt
J. C. Letterman
Charlie Miller
William D. Robinson
Cassie Thomas
T. E. Woody
Roy Whitson

Amount of \$18.00 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Appointed Brothers T. E. Woody, Cassie Thomas, Charlie Miller as committee to prepare a list of questions to be used in ordaining ministers.

Topic presented for discussion at next conference:

"A Closer Walk With God". Genesis 5:24

Tabled letter presented by Brother Arnold Miller until next conference.

Brother J. C. Letterman's vote was restored (his absence for several successive Conferences had deprived Brother Letterman of his vote), by vote of majority of body.

Granted Sister Josephine Blevins a certificate of license.
Renewed Brother William D. Robinson's license.

Ordained Brother Roosevelt Briggs with prayer after his being questioned by Ordaining Council.

Appointed Brothers Roscoe Briggs, Charlie Miller and Cassie Thomas as Ordaining Council for the following year.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Brother William Dale Robinson, Clerk

OBITUARIES

H. R. Branch

H. R. Branch, age 74, passed away Monday morning, May 10, 1966, at his home, after a long illness.

Surviving are the widow, Louise Hensley Branch; eight children, eighteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild; one sister, one brother.

He was a retired employee of the Micaville Feldspar Mining Company.

He was a member of the Bowditch Free Will Baptist Church for many years. He was loved by everybody and is greatly missed in this community.

May his children and friends strive to meet him in Heaven.

Church Clerk
Frances Hughes

Thomas W. Branch

Thomas W. Branch departed this life Sunday, October 4, 1965 at his home in Pleasant Gardens. He was a member of Bowditch Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, five children, eight grandchildren, one sister, one brother, and a host of friends. May the family and friends live close to God that we may meet him again.

Church Clerk
Frances Hughes

Tilmon Renfro

Tilmon Renfro was born May 27, 1900 and departed this life February 18, 1966 at the age of 65.

In young manhood he was united in marriage to Alma Renfro, who survives him. To this union were born seven children, of whom four daughters survive: Mrs. Gladys McCurry, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Bill Johnson, Miss Atlas Renfro, all of Johnson City, Tennessee. Also surviving are seventeen grandchildren, two of whom were reared by Tilmon and Alma, and six great-grandchildren. He leaves two brothers, Nathan and Luther, of Green Mountain, N. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Letterman of Green Mountain, N. C., and Mrs. Arvil Tipton of Johnson City, Tennessee.

Tilmon professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with North Bend Church. Later he moved his membership to South Bend Free Will Baptist Church, to which he was faithful until his passing. He was a good husband and father. He lived a Christian life and was loved by all who knew him. Those who knew him best loved him best. He met everyone with a smile and handshake. He is not forgotten; never will the memory of him fade.

Written by his Wife

When We Think of Daddy (In Memory of Brother Tilmon Renfro)

When I think of him
It brings quickly to my mind
A man whose reputation was mighty fine.
He'd bounce the children on his knee
And give a little smile.
Then he'd pick his paper up and read a little while.
Then he'd stop reading and play again.
Seems all he had to do was just to be a pleasant man.

He did much for his neighbors,
But his family was his pride.
No one knows how they've missed him
Since he lay sick and died.
When this day we think of him,
The memories Granddad left us are sweet,
Precious and kind.

Written by a family friend,
Lillian Oliver

Dessie Lingerpelt Byrd

Dessie Lingerpelt Byrd departed this life January 26, 1966, at the age of 35 years.

She is survived by the husband, Robert Byrd; the father, Pierce Lingerpelt; a brother, Edward Lingerpelt; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laws, and a host of friends.

She belonged to the Mine Fork Free Will Baptist Church. She left the testimony that she was ready to go. We greatly miss her.

Vinita Deyton

Tammy Renee Ogle

Infant Tammy Renee Ogle was taken to Heaven September 24, 1966. She was the five-months old daughter of Nora Ann Freeman Ogle, a member of Mine Fork Church, and Troy Ogle. Surviving besides the parents are 2 brothers and a sister; the maternal and paternal grandparents.

We cannot bring her back, but we can go to her.

Vinita Deyton

MINISTERS ROLL

- Arnold Briggs Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
- Roosevelt Briggs Green Mountain, N. C.
- Roscoe Briggs Rt. 2, Spruce Pine, N. C.
- Josephine Blevins Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
- Vinita Miller Deyton Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
- T. A. Greene 2013 Cedar Fork Drive
Greensboro, N. C.
- Guy Honeycutt Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
- J. C. Letterman Spruce Pine, N. C.
- Arnold Miller Relief, N. C.
- Charlie Miller Box 612, Burnsville, N. C.
- Sam Moore Burnsville, N. C.
- Edith Pauley Erwin, Tennessee
- Frances Radford Box 155, Burnsville, N. C.
- William Dale Robinson Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.
- Cassie Thomas Micaville, N. C.
- T. E. Woody Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.
- Roy Whitson Green Mountain, 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
Number Baptized	0	0	2	9	4	1
Added Otherwise	0	1	1	2	4	1
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	4	0	2	1	0	0
Deaths	2	2	0	2	1	0
Communion Services	3	1	1	2	1	2
Number in Sunday School	35	55	85	50	65	55
Total Membership	51	45	131	82	80	81
Times Pastor Present	37	23	23	47	20	Full
Minute Fund	15.10	10.00	20.00	16.30	20.00	20.00
Paid Pastor	263.49	212.00	502.77	536.00	328.40	937.46
Paid for Revivals	34.00	54.95	175.00	167.00	145.25	221.18
Foreign Missions	161.86	47.47	150.65	592.21	53.06	314.00
Home for Aged	27.94	54.94	567.66	53.03	73.18	99.00
Poor and Sick	78.25	73.27	430.06	128.28	125.90	16.25
Monthly Mission Pledge	10.00	0	4.00	15.00	5.00	19.00
Value Church Property	10,500	6,000	8,500	7,000	7,140	8,000
Improvements	170.00	0	0	0	400.98	4,600
Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund	0	0	50.00	43.25	0	15.00
Visiting Ministers	0	10.21	165.97	0	25.75	344.49
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	0	771.80	0	0	0
Sunday School and Local Church						
Operating Expense	137.00	193.69	246.10	525.45	165.19	165.00

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 Quince Miller	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. Gene Thomas Route 2 Green Mountain, N. C.	Luther Renfro	Levi Deyton
Prices Creek Cassie Thomas	Mr. Doyle Fox Route 3, Box 241 Burnsville, N. C.	Moscow Towe	James Burleson
Terrys Fork Joint Pastors: Cassie Thomas Frances Radford	Mrs. Irene Whitt 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 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 proven 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 season.
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 BAPTIST 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

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, having 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.

ARTICLE 21

(Added as an amendment to ARTICLE 15)

Every minister granted license or ordination by this body shall be required to pledge that he will faithfully attend and support the Conference--sickness or death being the only acceptable reason for non-attendance.

BYLAWS OF THE MOUNT MITCHELL
FREE WILL BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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 contributions 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.

ARTICLE 7

All ministers seeking license to preach must be kept under the watchcare of the Conference for the period of three months.

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FAITH

Saving faith is an assent to 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 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.

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 Mis-
sions 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 _____

Pastor this year _____

Pastor-elect _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Steward _____

