

MINUTES

OF THE

MT. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organizational Meeting

Held

March 9 and 10, 1956

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHURCH, AUGUST 24-26, 1967

T. E. Woody Moderator

Vinita Miller Deyton Clerk

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Scheduled to Convene With Bowditch Church
Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in August 1968
at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Charlie Miller to Deliver the Introductory Message
Brother Guy Honeycutt to be the Alternate Speaker

IN DEDICATION



This MINUTE is lovingly dedicated to the Ministers of the Conference as a whole. On the back row are Josephine Blevins, Charlie Miller, a Visiting Minister, Roscoe Briggs, William Dale Robinson, Frances Radford; in front are Vinita Deyton, Cassie Thomas, T. E. Woody, Wade Murphy, and Edith Pauley. Not present for the making of the picture were Arnold Briggs, Roosevelt Briggs, T. A. Greene, Guy Honeycutt, Arnold Miller, Sam Moore, and Roy Whitson.

OFFICERS OF MOUNT MITCHELL ASSOCIATION
AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

ASSOCIATION

Moderator T. E. Woody, Burnsville, N. C.
Clerk Vinita Miller Deyton, Burnsville, N. C.
Treasurer, Disabled
Ministers' Fund Gene Woody, Burnsville, N. C.
Committee for
Disabled Ministers' Fund Joe Woody
Moscoe Towe
Committee of Investigation Cassie Thomas
Sam Moore, Moscoe Towe

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator Cassie Thomas
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Clerk William Dale Robinson
Assistant Vinita Miller Deyton
Ordaining Council Charlie Miller, Chairman
Roscoe Briggs, Cassie Thomas
Committee of Investigation Cassie Thomas
Roscoe Briggs, Sam Moore

PROCEEDINGS

The twelfth annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Green Mountain Church, Route 1, Burnsville, North Carolina, Thursday, August 24, 1967, at 10:30 a.m. The choir sang "Lord, Lead Me On" and "Rock of Ages". Welcome given by pastor of the host church, Brother Charlie Miller. Prayer led by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Sister Edith Pauley read Matthew 7:1-5 and Luke 6:36-38, after which she again led us in prayer. On the subject "Judge Not - That Ye Be Not Judged" she brought a good, necessary message. While the congregation sang "We'll Reap What We Sow" there was a Christian handshake with rejoicing in the Spirit. Good testimonies by Sister Frances Radford and Brother William D. Robinson. Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for business. Service began with the choir singing "Where We'll Never Grow Old". Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller.

The Moderator, Brother T. E. Woody gave the opening remarks. Appointed Sister Frances Radford to preach at the 7:30 p.m. worship service; Brother Sam Moore to preach at Friday morning 11:00 service.

Proceeded with business. Appointed Sister Frances Radford and Brother Moscoe Towe as reading clerks. Appointed the following committees:

To receive Disabled Ministers' Fund .. Brother Cassie Thomas
To receive Foreign Missions Fund Brother Charlie Miller
To receive Old Folks Home Fund Brother Joe Woody
To receive Minute Fund Brother Wade Murphy

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

BOWDITCH - Sisters Maxine Hensley, Clara Lee Chrisawn, Pearl Briggs, Bertie Hensley, Julia Boone.

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Sisters Marjorie Allen, Virginia Mitchell, Ester Fox.

MINE FORK - Brothers Lloyd Laws, James Fox, Frank Laws.

PRICES CREEK - Sisters Judy Fox, Adalene Blankenship, and Brother Moscoe Towe.

SOUTH BEND - Sisters Lucy Deyton, Shirley Peterson; Brothers Levi Deyton, R. C. Edwards.

TERRYS FORK - Sisters Vivian Gardner, Betty Anderson; Brother Phil Anderson.

Called for fellowship; all responded.

The following Committees were appointed:

MISSIONS - Sisters Adalene Blankenship, Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton.

EDUCATION - Brothers Moscoe Towe, Roscoe Briggs; Sister Josephine Blevins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS - Brother Roscoe Briggs; Sister Josephine Blevins.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS - Brothers Joe Woody, Sam Moore; Sister Judy Fox.

CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN - Sister Bonnie Brinkley; Brothers Joe Woody, Levi Deyton.

DISABLED MINISTERS - Brothers Cassie Thomas, Nathan Renfro, Sam Moore.

TEMPERANCE - Sisters Josephine Blevins, Edith Pauley; Brother Charlie Miller.

DEEPER DEVOTION - Sisters Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton; Brother Wade Murphy.

LORD'S ACRE - Sisters Lucy Deyton, Bertha Bennett; Brother Joe Woody.

INVESTIGATION - Brothers Cassie Thomas, Sam Moore, Moscoe Towe.

Elected Brother T. E. Woody as Moderator; Brother Cassie Thomas as Assistant Moderator.

Called for visiting ministers. None present.

Called for unfinished business. Received an offering for the Minute Fund amounting to \$13.37.

Brother Cassie Thomas asked to be replaced as Treasurer of Disabled Ministers' Fund due to his many duties as pastor of three churches. Elected Brother Gene Woody as Treasurer.

Sister Frances Radford reported on the "Dad Woody Building" on the Mission Territory in Mexico. It is a new kitchen built with funds submitted as follows:

Terrys Fork Church	\$100.00
Prices Creek Church	100.00
Patterson Branch Church	100.00
Big Creek Church	100.00
T. E. Woody	100.00
Lucy Dayton	10.00
Mrs. Kenneth Chambers	5.00
Interest from Bank	1.01
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	\$516.01

We were dismissed by Brother Sam Moore until the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The 7:30 p.m. worship service began with the choir singing "I Have Somebody With Me". Brother Rothy Ogle sang "No Wars in Heaven" and "Reunion in Heaven". An offering amounting to \$20.45 was received to aid Brother Ogle in the repair of his guitar. Welcome was extended to Brother Janice Sluder of the French Broad Association. An altar prayer was led by Brother Sluder. Sister Frances Radford

read I. Peter 5:7, 8; Romans 8:14-25, and Isaiah 25:6-9. On the subject "The Day the Whole Universe is Waiting For" she brought a wonderful, Spirit filled message. While singing "I Feel Like Travelling On" the congregation shook hands. We were dismissed in prayer until the 10:00 o'clock Friday morning service.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service convened at 10:00 a.m. The choir sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Devotional given by Brother Wade Murphy, reading John 10:1-5. Prayer was led by Brother Charlie Miller.

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

Called for visiting ministers. Welcomed to our body Brother James Childers of the Blue Ridge Association, pastor of the Rocky Pass Church and Brother J. W. Depew, of Kingsport, Tennessee.

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

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

Report of Committee on Missions called for. Read by Sister Adalene Blankenship. Discussed by Sisters Frances Radford,

Vinita Deyton, Josephine Blevins; Brother T. E. Woody.
Received and adopted.

Upon request Brother J. W. Depew sang "On Zion' Hill"
and "Thankful". God greatly blessed us through his singing.

Business session adjourned until 1:30 p.m. for preaching
at 11:00 o'clock.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Worship service began with the choir singing "I'd Rather Be
an Old Time Christian". Brother Sam Moore read Luke
8:22-40. Prayer led by Brother James Childers. From verse
39 Brother Moore took the text "Return to Thine Own House
and Shew How Great Things God Hath Done unto Thee". He
brought a very good message. The congregation sang "The
Old Time Religion" while there was a Christian handshake
We appreciated the testimony given by Brother Childers.
Dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for business. Devotional conducted
by Sister Frances Radford, reading Micah 6:6-8. Brother
Ronald Creech led us in prayer.

Business called to order. Welcomed Brother Ronald Creech,
Moderator of the State Association and editor of the
WITNESS, to a seat in our body.

Brother Creech spoke to us concerning his work, of promo-
tion among the Free Will Baptists, dwelling on the Free Will
Baptist Witness, our state paper, and our new F. W. B.
Book Store. Received an offering amounting to \$17.26 for

aid in the State Association work.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools called for. Read by Sister Josephine Blevins. Discussed by Sister Blevins, Brother Roscoe Briggs. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Care for Aged and Children called for. Read by Sister Bonnie Brinkley. Discussed by Sister Brinkley; Brothers Joe Woody, Dewey Mitchell. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion called for. Report read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Discussed by Sisters Deyton, Josephine Blevins. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education called for. Report read by Brother Moscoe Towe. Discussed by Sisters Josephine Blevins, Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton; Brother Towe. Received and adopted.

Received an offering amounting to \$17.50 for the Minute Fund.

Appointed Sister Josephine Blevins to preach at the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

Adjourned until 7:30 worship service.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The 7:30 p.m. worship service began with the choir singing "A Beautiful Life" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" Opening remarks by Brother Charlie Miller. Prayer led by Sister Vinita Deyton. Sister Josephine Blevins read I. Corinthians 11:3-19, Ephesians 4:10-13. On the subject "Christ and His Bride, the Church" she brought a wonderful

message. The congregation sang "I Want to Love Him More". There was a handshake with much presence of the Holy Spirit. There were testimonies by Sisters Frances Radford, Vinita Deyton and Brother Wade Murphy. Appointed Brother Wade Murphy to preach at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning service. Dismissed to meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service convened at 10:00 a.m. The choir sang "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There". Devotional conducted by Brother Cassie Thomas, reading John 17:1-26. Prayer led by Sister Vinita Deyton.

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

Called for visiting ministers. Welcomed Brother Charles Webb to a seat in our body.

Report of Committee on Lord's Acre Work called for. Read by Sister Lucy Deyton. Discussed by Sisters Deyton, Frances Radford; Brothers Levi Deyton, Cassie Thomas, Joe Woody, Moscoe Towe.

Moved that each pastor appoint in the church he pastors a committee to be responsible for the Lord's Acre Work within the church. Report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for. Report read by Sister Edith Pauley. Discussed by Brothers Joe Woody, Cassie Thomas, Moscoe Towe, Guy Honeycutt, Charlie Miller, T. E. Woody, J. C. Letterman. Received and adopted.

Business session adjourned until 1:00 p.m. for preaching.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Worship service began with the Phil Anderson Family singing "I've Been to Calvary" and "Still I Believe". Brother Wade Murphy read Matthew 24:4-15. On the subject "The Signs of the Coming of Christ" he brought an encouraging message. After a handshake we were dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The 1:00 o'clock p.m. business session began with prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

Business called to order by Moderator.

Report of Committee on Temperance called for. Report received and adopted as read by Sister Josephine Blevins.

Report of Committee on Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund called for. Report read by Brother Cassie Thomas. Discussed by Sisters Frances Radford, Josephine Blevins; Brother Cassie Thomas.

It was moved and agreed upon that Sister Josephine Blevins and Brother T. E. Woody should receive ten dollars each month instead of the former amount of five dollars.

Brother T. E. Woody expressed our appreciation to the church for the care of the Association.

Adjourned until we meet with the Bowditch Church on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in August of 1968; Brother Charlie Miller to preach the introductory message; Brother Guy Honeycutt to be the alternate speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND

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

That it is the privilege and not just the duty, of all Christians to share in the support of our aged preachers. To help those who blazed so faithfully the way before us is a debt we owe. And Christians pay their debts.

Cassie Thomas
Nathan Renfro
Sam Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Amount on hand	\$1,344.96
Received at Association	128.41
Total	<u>\$1,473.37</u>

NOTE: Through a misunderstanding the following report was written for the topic submitted by the committee, but was discussed under the topic heading given after this paragraph.

CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN

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

We urge all churches to do their very best to build this fund as much as possible.

We know that it is our duty to take care of all ministers who cannot provide for themselves. They have given

their services to God and to us while they were able. Therefore we know it is pleasing to God for us to take care of them when they are aged or disabled.

II Corinthians 9:7... "For God loveth a cheerful giver."
Psalms 37:21... "The righteous sheweth mercy and giveth."

Bonnie Brinkley
Levi Deyton
Joe Woody

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

We, your Committee on Churches and Pastors submit the following for study:

Jeremiah 3:15... "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Acts 2:28... "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

We recommend that churches choose a pastor as the Holy Ghost will direct, praying God's will be done. We feel that a church will prosper when a pastor is chosen by God.

Ephesians 5:27... "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Judy Fox
Joe Woody
Sam Moore

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion submit the following:

Devotion is understood as attachment or zeal. We could easily explain it as our investment in the riches of God.

Deuteronomy 6:5 tells us what to invest... "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might."

Psalms 55:17a tells us when to invest... "Evening, morning, and at noon will I pray..."

Luke 18:29, 30 tells us the outcome of our investing... "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."

Vinita Deyton
Frances Radford
Wade Murphy

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education submit the following:

Study the Word of God in the Spirit because it is spiritually discerned. It is wiser than the works of men. God has said the wisdom of this world is foolishness unto Him. The natural man cannot understand spiritual things, for they are contrary the one to the other. If we lack wisdom, let us ask God who gives to all men liberally and upbraideth not.

Ephesians 4:22-24... "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man....and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man..."

Matthew 25:15... "And unto one he gave five talents...to every man according to his several ability."

I Corinthians 12:8... "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit." He is an all-sufficient Saviour. If we put our trust in Him and keep His commandments we can ask what we will and He will grant it according to His will. He knows what we need.

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."

Moscoe Towe
Josephine Blevins
Roscoe Briggs

CLERK'S NOTE: We feel greatly pleased that one of our members, Brother William Dale Robinson, has devoted enough years of study of the Bible by correspondence course with the Moody Bible Institute to have received from that educational organization an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Of the six Vacation Bible Schools conducted in the Green Mountain, Mine Fork, Prices Creek, South Bend, Terrys Fork, and Big Creek Churches there were 209 children in attendance. Of this number there were 34 professions of faith.

LORD'S ACRE

We, your Committee on the Lord's Acre Work submit the following:

We believe that all churches should have a Lord's Acre Work. It would be a great blessing to old and young. It gives little children a chance to do and give to the Lord in their youth.

Acts 20:35... "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lucy Deyton
Joe Woody

Proceeds for Lord's Acre Work of the Green Mountain Church for the year following the Association of 1966:

JUNIOR CLASS: \$122.74	-- Piano for Rest Home
45.62	-- Paid for Christmas Gifts
20.00	-- Paid to Sick
<u>260.05</u>	

MISSIONS

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

Matthew 13:38... "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one."

Acts 2:38-40... "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Romans 10:9-15... "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

What we do we must do quickly. We recommend that each church support the spreading of the gospel at home, in nearby areas, and throughout the nations of the world by study, prayer, correspondence, and giving.

We are keenly aware that all of man's efforts are useless and without meaning unless we have the infilling of the Holy Ghost in our lives, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain us in our times of trouble and labor, and the love of God instilling in all of us His compassion for all men.

Adalene Blankenship
Frances Radford
Vinita Deyton

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

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

We should strive to keep our children in Sunday School and try to select the most devoted people to teach them. We should encourage the children and help them because the Devil is using all his wisdom to teach them the sinful things of this world.

Josephine Blevins
Roscoe Briggs

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

Because You Cared

Because you cared
Someone's day was made brighter,
Their burden lifted,
Made much lighter.

Because you cared
A heart was made to rejoice;
A tear didn't fall --
This was your choice.

Because you cared
For young and old
You gave them joy
That can't be told.

Because you cared
Someone didn't fall,
When to Christ your Lord
You gave your all.

Because you cared
Others wanted to share;
The cross of some weary one
They wanted to bear.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

Temperance is the state or quality of being temperate, habitual moderation especially in the indulgence of any appetite, observing moderation or self-control.

I Corinthians 6:12... "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

We should be temperate in all that we do or say and never do anything that we would not do if the Lord were standing by.

Philippians 4:5... "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

Josephine Blevins
Edith Pauley
Charlie Miller

SESSIONS OF ASSOCIATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>
13	Bowditch Church	1968
14	South Bend Church	1969
15	Mine Fork Church	1970
16	Prices Creek Church	1971
17	Terrys Fork Church	1972
18	Green Mountain Church	1973

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

PRICES CREEK CHURCH October 27, 1967
SOUTH BEND CHURCH December 29, 1967
TERRYS FORK CHURCH March 29, 1968
GREEN MOUNTAIN CHURCH June 28, 1968
MINE FORK CHURCH December 27, 1968
BOWDITCH CHURCH 1969

IMPORTANT: It is expected of the women of the churches to serve lunch at the Conference for Friday only.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The 40th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Green Mountain Church October 28, 1966. Choir sang "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer led by Brother Wade Murphy. Brother Roy Whitson read Ezekial 37:1-10, using for his text, "Valley of Dry Bones". Good message. Several testimonies.

Met at 1:15 p.m. for business. Devotional by Brother Wade Murphy. Prayer led by Brother Joe Blankenship. Reading of last minutes. Roll call of ministers. Those present were:

Sisters Josephine Blevins
Vinita Deyton
Edith Pauley
Frances Radford

Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Roscoe Briggs
Guy Honeycutt
Arnold Miller
Charlie Miller
Sam Moore
William Robinson
Cassie Thomas
Roy Whitson
T. E. Woody

Amount of \$28.00 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Church letters read; delegates seated.

Discussion of letters tabled last conference. Moved to strike last clause of Article 21 (added as amendment to Article 15), "Sickness or death being the only acceptable reason for non-attendance."

Ordained Brother William Dale Robinson with prayer after his being questioned by Ordaining Council.

Evening service began with choir singing "I'm Going That Way". Sister Thurlene Ward sang "I'm Building a Bridge". Prayer led by Brother Roy Whitson. Brother Wade Murphy read Acts 16:22-31, using for text "Will It Do?".

Met Saturday morning for business. Choir sang "Jesus Spoke to Me". Devotional by Brother Joe Blankenship. Prayer led by Brother Roy Whitson. Business called to order. Topic: "A Closer Walk With God"; good discussion.

Enrolled Brothers Arnold Briggs and J. C. Letterman.

Received offering for Rest Home.

Moved to strike motion of making list of questions to ask applicants for ordination.

Worship service. Choir sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Prayer led by Sister Edith Pauley. Brother Guy Honeycutt brought good message from James 3:18. Great presence of Spirit.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Brother William D. Robinson, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The 41st session of Ministers' Conference met with Bowditch Church January 27, 1967. Choir sang "I Have Somebody With Me". Altar prayer led by Brother Junior Briggs. Sister Frances Radford read Ezekiel 43:1-7, using for her text "Living Waters". Wonderful message.

Met at 1:30 p.m. for business. Choir sang "Living By Faith." Devotional by Brother Sam Moore. Prayer led by

Sister Edith Pauley.

Last minutes read. Enrolled these ministers at roll call:

Sisters Josephine Blevins
Vinita Deyton
Edith Pauley
Frances Radford

Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Roscoe Briggs
Guy Honeycutt
Arnold Miller
Charlie Miller
Sam Moore
William D. Robinson
Cassie Thomas
T. E. Woody

An amount of \$25.38 was received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Seated Brothers Wade Murphy and Junior Briggs as visiting ministers. Church letters read; delegates seated. Received offering to pay for flowers bought for Brother Sol Hensley's funeral.

Evening worship service began with choir singing "I Can Tell You the Time". Ralph Cook Family sang "Holy Manna". Prayer led by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Brother Charlie Miller read Matthew 22:14, using for his text "Many Are Called But Few Are Chosen". Good message. Closing prayer for sick.

Saturday morning business service began with choir singing "Redeemed". Devotional conducted by Brother Levi Deyton. Prayer led by Brother Roscoe Briggs.

Enrolled Brother Roy Whitson.

Discussed topic "The Pulpit and Its Purpose".

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Brother William Robinson, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The 42nd session of Ministers' Conference met with the Mine Fork Church April 28, 1967. Choir sang "Near the Cross". Altar prayer led by Sister Frances Radford. Brother William Dale Robinson read Mark 8:34, using for his text "The Trail of the Cross". Good message.

The 1:30 p.m. business service began with choir singing "No, Not One". Altar prayer led by Sister Vinita Deyton.

Last minutes read. Church letters read; delegates seated.

Enrolled following ministers:

Sisters Josephine Blevins
Vinita Deyton
Edith Pauley
Frances Radford

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

Amount of \$22.00 for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. All responded to call of fellowship. Welcomed Brother Wade Murphy, visiting minister.

Submitted Brother Wade Murphy to watchcare of Conference for three months at his request for license.

Evening worship service began with choir singing and special selections by Mine Fork Trio. Altar prayer led

by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Brother Roosevelt Briggs brought a Spirit filled message, reading Luke 15:18. Altar prayer; one profession of faith.

Saturday morning business service began with choir singing "Standing On The Promise". Devotional by Brother Roscoe Briggs. Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller.

Discussion of topic, "Praying in the Holy Ghost", Jude 20.

Ordained Brother Roy Whitson with prayer after examination by Ordaining Council.

Worship service. Sister Edith Pauley read Isaiah 26:3, using for her text "Those Whose Mind is Stayed on God." Wonderful message.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Brother William D. Robinson, Clerk
Sister Vinita Deyton, Assistant Clerk

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION

The 43rd session of Ministers' Conference met with the Green Mountain Church in connection with Association.

Last minutes read. Enrolled following ministers:

Sisters Josephine Blevins
Vinita Deyton
Edith Pauley
Frances Radford

Brothers Roscoe Briggs
Guy Honeycutt
J. C. Letterman
Charlie Miller
Sam Moore
William D. Robinson
Cassie Thomas
T. E. Woody

Amount of \$21.31 received for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Granted license to preach one year to Brother Wade Murphy.

Topic report submitted for next conference:

Our conduct toward each other in the church
and out.

James 1:19-27

James 3:1-4

Elected Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator; Brother
Roscoe Briggs, Assistant. Elected Brother William Dale
Robinson, Clerk; Sister Vinita Deyton, Assistant.

Elected Ordaining Council: Brother Charlie Miller,
Chairman; Brothers Cassie Thomas, Roscoe Briggs.

Granted letter of dismissal in good fellowship to Brother
J. C. Letterman, as he plans to do pastoral work among
the Missionary Baptist.

Voted that lunch be served at Conference gatherings on
Friday only.

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

OBITUARIES

JUNE BENNETT

June Bennett departed this life April 24, 1967 after a long illness. Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Bennett, of Green Mountain, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Jirmie Johnson of Bakersville, N. C., Mrs. Jack Love of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Bill Gardner of Travelers Rest, S. C.; two brothers, Jake of the home and Buster of Relief, N. C.

June was a sweet person, always wearing a smile. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. She was patient in her suffering. We believe she has gone to live with Jesus where there is no sorrow, pain, or suffering, where she will be happy and free from everything that hindered her on earth.

You are not a forgotten loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore;
As time goes by we miss you more:
Your loving smile, your gentle face.
No one can fill your vacant place.

Her Parents and
Lydia Duncan

CPL. LEONARD RAY

Leonard Ray was born on September 6, 1941. On May 16, 1967 he was killed in battle in Vietnam. He was the son of Maxie Ray of Micaville and the late James Ray. Surviving besides the mother is the wife; three brothers and three sisters. His civilian life was spent in Bowditch Community where all knew him as a good child and adult citizen. Before leaving for service in Vietnam he professed faith in God. We have the assurance that he is gone to rest.

He is gone, but not forgotten
Never will his memory fade.
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where he is laid.

Frances Hughes, Clerk

JOHN GARRETT PETERSON

John Garrett Peterson departed this life October 28, 1966 following a long illness. He was the son of the late Oliver and Emaline Bailey Peterson and a lifelong resident of Yancey County.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Jane Renfro Peterson; a daughter, Maud Letterman; three sons, Claude of Burnsville, Park and Fred of Green Mountain, N. C.; three sisters, eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

He united with North Bend Church February 25, 1925 and was a member there for 33 years. He united with South Bend Church at the time of its organization, August 19, 1958. He loved the Church, helped in the erecting of the

building, attended almost every service until he was disabled by sickness. He was devoted to the cause of Christ in every way. He taught the Men's Sunday School Class for many years; studied faithfully the Bible; visited the sick; helped those in need. He lived a useful life; he is greatly missed, not only by his family, but also by his many relatives and friends.

His seat is vacant in the church
The voice we loved is still.
But we believe that on that day
When all the dead in Christ shall rise
That we will see him once again
In Heaven where no one ever dies.

Mrs. Mary Peterson and
Lydia Duncan

OLIVER PETERSON

Oliver Peterson departed this life May 19, 1967 at the age of 101 years. He was the son of the late Samuel and Nancy Peterson. He lived most of his life in Yancey County. He was united in marriage to Hester Deyton who preceded him in death on May 20, 1946. To this union were born eight children, all of whom survive: Geter and France of Erwin, Tenn.; Mrs. Belle Renfro and Mrs. Ineze Bennett of Green Mountain; Mrs. Grace Prather of Greenwood, S. C.; Mrs. Kate Furches of Jonesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. Eva Lee Reed of Elizabethton, Tenn.; and Mrs. Zula Constable of Akron, Ohio. Also surviving are 37 grandchildren, 77 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

He united with the North Bend Church in 1891 and was a member there for 33 years. He helped in the building of

South Bend Church with money, influence and any possible way. He joined this body on August 19, 1958. He attended services regularly until he became disabled. Although confined to the bed and a wheel chair he was happy still. He always had words of encouragement for those who are Christians. We believe his reward will be with the faithful.

Mrs. Fulton Bennett

MALLIE TOWE

Mallie Towe was born May 14, 1899 and departed this life October 31, 1966 after a lengthy illness. Surviving are the husband, Moscoe Towe; a daughter, Mrs. Francis Arrowood; two sons, Quentin and Ralph, all of Burnsville. She was a member of the Prices Creek Church and was a devoted Christian from early childhood. She is gone to be with Jesus forever. Written by the one who knew her best, loved her the most, and misses her more than anyone on earth.

Her Husband

MINISTERS ROLL

Arnold Briggs	.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Roosevelt Briggs	.....	Green Mountain, N. C.	
Roscoe Briggs	.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Josephine Blevins	.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Vinita Miller Deyton	.....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
T. A. Greene	.....	2013 Cedar Fork Drive Greensboro, N. C.	
Guy Honeycutt	.....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Arnold Miller	.....	Relief, N. C.	
Charlie Miller	.....	Box 612, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Sam Moore	.....	Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Wade Murphy	.....	Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Edith Pauley	.....	Erwin, Tennessee	
Francis Radford	.....	Box 155, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
William Dale Robinson	.....	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.	28714
Cassie Thomas	.....	Micaville, N. C.	
Roy Whitson	.....	Green Mountain, N. C.	
T. E. Woody	.....	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N. C.	28714

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	2	1	2	0	13	5
Added Otherwise	1	1	2	1	2	2
Excluded	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	1	0	0	1	3	0
Communion Services	4	1	1	1	1	1
Number in Sunday School	45	40	80	50	75	60
Total Membership	51	55	133	80	106	73
Times Pastor Present	46	24	24	26	22	Full
Minute Fund	15.00	10.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	20.00
Paid Pastor	343.27	217.17	476.10	607.50	386.80	1,277.79
Paid for Revivals	105.17	49.50	45.47	169.00	103.91	175.00
Foreign Missions	119.98	36.84	72.00	611.67	172.00	555.00
Home for Aged	36.97	36.99	365.00	127.28	196.15	87.00
Poor and Sick	30.00	0	175.00	330.76	149.00	683.00
Monthly Mission Pledge	10.00	0	4.00	14.00	6.00	19.00
Value Church Property	10,500	4,900	9,000	11,451.50	7,586	10,000.00
Improvements	0	700.00	300.00	915.49	446.00	2,000.00
Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund	0	0	50.00	20.00	0	10.00
Visiting Ministers	7.00	68.75	263.11	225.00	14.61	240.10
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	0	333.31	0	0	0
Sunday School and Local Church Operating Expense	250.00	201.65	338.75	104.08	178.64	150.00

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. Gene Thomas Route 2 Green Mountain, N. C.	Luther Renfro	Levi Deyton
Prices Creek Cassie Thomas	Mr. Doyle Fox Route 3, Box 266 Burnsville, N. C.	Moscoe Towe	James Burleson
Terrys Fork Joint Pastors: Cassie Thomas Frances Radford	Miss Judy Metcalf 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.

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 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 Saviour 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 _____

