

M I N U T E S

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M T. MITCHELL ASSOCIATION
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organizational Meeting
Held
March 9 and 10, 1956

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
HELD WITH
SOUTH BEND CHURCH, AUGUST 20-22, 1970

Joe Woody Moderator
Vinita Miller Deyton Clerk

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Scheduled to Convene with Mine Fork Church
Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in August
1971 at 10:30 a.m.

Sister Vinita Deyton to Deliver the Introductory Message
Brother Cassie Thomas to be the Alternate Speaker

IN DEDICATION



BROTHER SAM MOORE

We speak of giving flowers to the living. May the dedication of this MINUTE to Brother Sam Moore be reckoned so. He has served well. And in these days when his physical condition hinders his serving, we wish him to know we appreciate him. As Frederick Robertson said, "It is not possession of extraordinary gifts that makes extraordinary usefulness, but the dedication of what we have to the service of God."

PROCEEDINGS

The fifteenth annual session of the Mt. Mitchell Free Will Baptist Association convened with the South Bend Church, Route 2, Green Mountain, North Carolina, Thursday, August 20, 1970, at 10:30 a.m. The choir sang "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Old Camp Meeting Days." Welcome given by pastor of host church, Brother Charlie Miller. Prayer led by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Brother Cassie Thomas read Revelation 2:10, 1st Corinthians 4:2, Luke 19:12-26. He brought a good message on the subject "A Faith That Endures." After a handshake and a testimony we were dismissed in prayer by Brother Sam Moore for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for business. Service began with the choir singing "Lord, Lead Me On." Sister Bernice Metcalf sang "Every Hour and Every Day." Devotional conducted by Sister Edith Pauley, reading Revelation 14:1-5. Prayer led by Ronald Creech. Opening remarks by the Moderator, Brother Joe Woody. Business called to order.

Elected Brother Joe Woody as Moderator, Brother Guy Honeycutt as Assistant Moderator. Elected Sister Vinita Deyton as Clerk. Appointed Sister Edith Pauley as reading clerk. Appointed the following committees:

To receive Disabled Ministers' Fund ... Brother Joe Woody
To receive Foreign Missions Fund Brother Sam Moore
To receive Old Folks Home Fund... Brother Charlie Miller
To receive Minute Fund Sister Vinita Deyton

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

BOWDITCH - Sisters Adlee Briggs, Bertie Hensley
GREEN MOUNTAIN - Sister Peggy Wilson, Brother Charles

Wilson

MINE FORK - Brothers Frank Laws, Lloyd Laws.

- PATTERSON BRANCH - Sisters Belle Deyton, Madge Bryant,
Anna Scott; Brothers Jack Webb, Stanley Deyton.
PRICES CREEK - Sister Camilee Thomas, Brother Moscoe
Towe.
SOUTH BEND - Brothers Levi Deyton, Joe Peterson, Jay Briggs,
R. C. Edwards.
TERRYS FORK - Sisters Ruby Metcalf, Bernice Metcalf;
Brothers Charles Metcalf, Wayne Metcalf,
Kenny Chambers.

Welcomed Brothers Jesse Rice, R. N. Smith, and Ronald
Creech as visiting ministers.

Appointed Brother Wade Murphy to preach at the Thursday
evening service; Sister Edith Pauley at the Friday morning
service.

The following committees were appointed:

- CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN - Brothers Levi Deyton, Oscar
Letterman; Sister Lucy Deyton.
CHURCHES AND PASTORS - Brothers Charlie Miller, Cassie
Thomas, Jack Webb.
DEEPER DEVOTION - Brothers Cassie Thomas, Moscoe Towe;
Sister Belle Deyton.
DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND - Brothers Levi Deyton, Oscar
Letterman; Sister Lucy Deyton.
EDUCATION - Sisters Vinita Deyton, Lydia Duncan.
INVESTIGATION - Brothers Guy Honeycutt, Charlie Miller,
Jack Webb.
LORD'S ACRE - Brothers Wade Murphy, Oscar Letterman,
Stanley Deyton.
MISSIONS - Sisters Bula Thomas, Belle Deyton, Elsie Thomas.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS - Brothers Oscar Letterman, R. C.
Edwards, Charles Wilson.
TEMPERANCE - Brother R. C. Edwards; Sisters Madge
Bryant, Peggy Wilson.

Enrolled the following ministers:

Sisters Vinita Deyton
Edith Pauley

Brothers Guy Honeycutt
Charlie Miller
Sam Moore
Wade Murphy
Cassie Thomas

Brother R. N. Smith, of the Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee, spoke to us concerning the plans and progress of that department.

Brother Ronald Creech, State Evangelist, spoke to us about the work of North Carolina Free Will Baptists: 1. Home for the Aged; 2. Youth Work; 3. Missions; 4. Fund for Aged Preachers; 5. The Bookstore and Witness.

We were dismissed with prayer by Brother Charlie Miller until 9:30 Friday morning.

THURSDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

The 7:30 worship service began with the choir singing "I Never Shall Forget the Day" and "Let Me Live Close to Thee." Opening remarks by Brother Charlie Miller. Altar prayer led by Sister Edith Pauley. Brother Wade Murphy read Joel 3:13, 14, and St. John 4:34-37. He brought a good message on the subject "Harvest Time." After a handshake we were dismissed in prayer by Brother Gene Thomas.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service convened at 9:30 a.m. The choir sang "I Rejoice in the Lord." Devotional conducted by Brother Cassie Thomas, reading Romans 12:1-21. Altar prayer led by Brother Raymond Whitehead.

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

Enrolled Brother Roosevelt Briggs.

Welcomed Brother Raymond Whitehead from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Report of Committee on Care for Aged and Children called for. Read by Brother Jack Webb. Discussed by Brother Jack Webb and Sister Lucy Deyton. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Churches and Pastors called for. Read

by Brother Charlie Miller. Discussed by Brothers Charlie Miller, Guy Honeycutt, Sister Vinita Deyton. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Deeper Devotion called for. Report from last year adopted. Read by Brother Cassie Thomas. Discussed by Brothers Cassie Thomas, Jack Webb. Received and adopted.

Business session adjourned for preaching at 11:00 o'clock.

WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 a. m.

The choir sang "Victory in Jesus." Prayer led by Brother Cassie Thomas. Sister Edith Pauley read II. Chronicles 5:1-14, Acts 2:1-8. She brought a good message on the subject "The Glory of God." There was a handshake with much presence of the Lord. Dismissed with prayer for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Reconvened at 1:15 p.m. for business. The choir sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Devotional conducted by Brother Charles Wilson, reading Proverbs 22:17-29. Prayer led by Brother Raymond Whitehead.

Business session called to order by Moderator. Voted to buy some flowers for E. P. Blevins, Sister Josephine Blevins' son, who is in the hospital. The money for the flowers to be taken from the Conference Flower Fund.

Report of Committee on Disabled Ministers' Fund called for. Read by Brother Levi Deyton. Discussed by Brothers Levi Deyton, Cassie Thomas, Joe Woody, Raymond Whitehead. Statistics report read by Clerk. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education called for. Read by Sister Vinita Deyton. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Lord's Acre called for. Read by Brother Wade Murphy. Discussed by Brothers Levi Deyton, Jack Webb, Guy Honeycutt, Roosevelt Briggs. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions called for. Report adopted from the year 1959. Read by Sister Bula Thomas. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools called for. Read by Brother Charles Wilson. Discussed by Brother Charles Wilson. Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance called for. Read by Brother R. C. Edwards. Received and adopted.

Adjourned until we meet with the Mine Fork Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1971. Sister Vinita Deyton to deliver the introductory message; Brother Cassie Thomas to be the alternate speaker.

(Evening worship omitted due to revival at Prices Creek Church.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGED AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND

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

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" I. Corinthians 9:11

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." I. Corinthians 9:14.

"For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing."
Romans 13:6

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." Psalms 71:9

We challenge each church to realize the responsibility of all lay members toward our aged and disabled ministers. Carried from the year 1968 is the suggestion that each church set aside the fifth Sunday collection for this fund.

Levi Deyton
Oscar Letterman
Lucy Deyton

Treasurer's Report:

Amount on hand at close of last Association	\$1,389.24
Paid to Sister Josephine Blevins	180.00
Deduction for bonding fee	10.00
Amount on hand after above deductions	1,199.24
Received at Ministers' Conferences	73.00
Received at 1969 Association	137.74
Interest paid by Bank	57.58
Balance of August 1970	\$1,467.56

CARE FOR AGED AND CHILDREN

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

"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I. Corinthians 16:2

"Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17

Jack Webb
Charlie Miller
Lucy Deyton

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28. St. John 21:15-17

"Then saith He unto His disciples, The Harvest truly is Plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." St. Luke 9: 37, 38. St. Matt. 22:1-10.

Charlie Miller
Jack Webb
Cassie Thomas

DEEPER DEVOTION

We, your Committee on Deeper Devotion present the following: We believe that Deeper Devotion means giving or surrendering to God completely; to be set apart; to be dedicated to the cause of Christ; going on to perfection.

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

Arm yourselves with the whole armour of God, as instructed in Ephesians 6:11-17. And put on the additions of the Spirit as mentioned in II. Peter 1:5-7. "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." If you take heed to do these things, you will not fall. Be fully given to the cause of Christ, for His return is near.

"I beseech you therefore, brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1, 2

Scripture reference . . . Daniel 6:10, 11

Cassie Thomas
Moscoe Towe
Belle Deyton

EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education submit the following:
Two preachers of old, Zechariah and Malachi, spoke of the "burden of the Word of the Lord." O, for that burden among preachers and teachers today! It is not enough for your young people to be reared Free Will Baptists. Young and old alike need to be acquainted with the Word of God. In facing a scoffing world we need some things to believe in. And we need to know why we believe those things. The education offered in public schools is good for this life only. But human beings are eternal souls. And the amount of Biblical education or lack of it may determine salvation or damnation for our young and old alike. The first two things we need are these:

1. A wholesome respect for the Word of the Lord. We regard this Book too lightly.
2. An acquaintance with the Book. It is amazing how unfamiliar a book the Bible really is to most of us. In a congregation, how many can answer the question: "How many books are in the Bible?" Have a Bible Drill--among young or old. Ask quickly that they find Habakkuk 2:1 or Haggai 1:2 or Jude 3. Too many times you will hear "Is that in the Bible?" or, "New or Old Testament?" It is first to our shame that we don't know more about the Bible.

Secondly, it is to our shame that we don't know more of what is in the Bible. Jesus said "Search the Scriptures," (John 5:39). Luke said of the Bereans that they "searched the scriptures daily," (Acts 17:11). Our children need to know Moses and Abraham, Peter and Paul better than they know George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. But do they? How much do we search Genesis and Judges . . . besides the other thirty-five books of the Old Testament, though God has told us those things were written for our examples? How much do we search Zechariah and Daniel, though we would know our own day better if we did? How much do we search the New Testament epistles, many of them written from a prison cell or mission fields afar from home, though they offer us hope for eternity?

But to search, tools are needed. Few lay members are going to search. The Holy Ghost challenges us who preach or teach-- and that challenge is "Study to show thyself approved." Love the Book, search the Book, and that Word will become alive to you. Knowledge of the Bible is the only really worthwhile thing you can give to others. These are some tools you must have with which to search:

1. A readiness of mind - Acts 17:11
2. An awareness of your inability . . . "If any of you lack wisdom"
3. A knowledge of how to remedy the inability . . . "let him ask of God" (James 1:5).

Besides the Bible, these two books are necessary for study:

1. A concordance
2. A dictionary

Use any means to advance your knowledge of the Bible. Pray for a way to interest your listeners in the Word. Let us let that Book have its rightful place!

Vinita Deyton
Lydia Duncan

BIBLE SCHOOL attendance for 1970:

Green Mountain - 37	Prices Creek - 32	Mine Fork - 27
South Bend - 47	Terrys Fork - 24	Big Creek - 24

LORD'S ACRE

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

We urge all the churches to take part in this project. It can be a great blessing to each one. We feel sure God is pleased to have a working church to help those in need.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." I. Corinthians 16:2

Wade Murphy
Oscar Letterman
Stanley Deyton

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions submit the following:

We believe that it is impossible for one to fully believe and obey the Word of God without believing in and practicing missions. Our Lord's last command to his disciples before his ascension was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19,20). Jesus, Himself, was the first Gospel foreign missionary. In his parables of the kingdom, He tells us, "The field is the world." (Matthew 13:38) He did not say a certain

portion of the world, but "the world" meaning all the inhabited earth. He also said, "As my Father hath sent me, so send I you." John 20:21

We further believe that Jesus gave his own pattern for missionary labor when he said, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Divine order is:

1. Empowerment by the Holy Ghost.
2. Witnessing begins at home.
3. Spreads to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We further submit that the early Church was strongly missionary-minded in its faith and practice. See the entire book of the Acts of the Apostles, especially Chapter 15:1-4. Our recommendation is, therefore, that all our Churches realize the responsibility laid upon us by our Lord himself, and that both as individuals and as a body - we take Him at His word and obey His command.

We believe that when God calls one of our members to foreign mission service, we should deem it one of the greatest honors He could bestow upon us and pledge ourselves to support such, both in school while preparing to support such, both in school while preparing and after he or she is on the field. Acts 13 is our authority for this recommendation.

Bula Thomas
Belle Deyton
Elsie Thomas

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

'Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that

layeth on it; that keepeth the sabbeth from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isaiah 56 :2

"Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the Lord in the sabbeths and in the new moon." Ezekiel 46:3

Oscar Letterman
Charles Wilson
R. C. Edwards

TEMPERANCE

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

"Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galations 5:23

"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." II Peter 1:6

R. C. Edwards
Madge Bryant
Peggy Wilson

REPORT OF "CROSS BEAMS"

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!" (Psalm 34:1-3)

Truly, Friends, as I consider what the Lord has done for Cross Beams--and through this ministry, for the multitudes--I feel that I must have help to "magnify the Lord, and exalt His name" The financial report gives no inkling of the thousands of

people who have heard the Gospel, or the multitudes saved and blessed. That report is on Heaven's record. But since the members of the Mt. Mitchell Association are so largely used in the financial support of the work, I feel you are entitled to such report as I am able to give.

Cross Beams is presently being heard on 42 stations scattered through 15 states. Total costs for air time alone from September 1, 1969 through September 1, 1970, amount to \$12,329.65, which averages out to more than \$1,000.00 per month for air time alone. Add to this tapes and office supplies in the amount of more than \$250.00, plus postage uncounted but estimated to average at least \$20.00 per month, plus regular mission support, and I think it is safe to say that Cross Beams total expense had not been less than \$15,685.65. This averages out to more than \$1300.00 per month. I am continually amazed at how the Lord meets this need just in time. Sometimes I go to the bank to make a deposit, and there is more in the purse than I counted just before leaving home! I don't know how: I only know that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," and I ask you to "let us exalt His name together."

Mission support is sent regularly to care for the needs of native workers in Mexico, Venezuela, and Zululand, South Africa: \$70.00 monthly to Mexico, \$50.00 monthly to Venezuela, and \$50.00 monthly to Zululand. Our mission funds are administered by American missionaries on the field, who are so much better able to judge the need and worthiness of the native worker than I, (or any mission board based here). Money is not even taken out of the gifts for postage, so that every penny given reaches the field. From September 1, 1969, through September 1, 1970, the Lord has enabled Cross Beams to contribute \$2,866.00 to the cause of world missions through Cross Beams tithes and designated gifts. We praise Him, Who alone is "sufficient for all these things . . . "

The amounts shown on the statistical table as having been contributed by the various churches have for the most part been gifts

from individuals and families within the churches. Prices Creek Church leads the list, with a total of \$1,883.00. This is a Union Church, (Free Will Baptist and Missionary Baptist), and members of both have helped to make this report possible. Several families in this community support a station or contribute regularly to mission support, and I have also included in this total the personal support which many of my good neighbors have contributed to me. Patterson Branch and Terrys Fork also have either families or individuals who support stations, and some of the people from the other churches make regular contributions. I would like to give recognition to each of these, but forebear for lack of space and the fear I might leave someone out. The total contribution from the seven churches of the Mt. Mitchell Association, if I have correctly counted, is \$3,115.81. Friends, I have no words to thank you, but I praise God for you, and I know that He will reward you abundantly . . . Not long ago, Darryl and Karen Deyton, who support the Morganfield, W.Va. station, had some extra expense that I happened to know about, and when they came to pay their station support, I said something like this: "Children, if you want to let that go until you're more able, it's all right." One of them quickly answered, "No, the more we give the better we get along!" And I thought, "They have learned early a lesson many people never learn: that putting God first pays great dividends, not only in the world to come, but even here . . . "

May I ask that each of you pray daily for this ministry in the coming year? Your prayers are needed as much--even more--than your money; and I thank you from my heart for both prayers and gifts in His Holy Name, Whose I am and Whom I serve . . .

Report submitted by
Frances Radford
Minister of Cross Beams

SESSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>
16	Mine Fork Church	1971
17	Prices Creek Church	1972
18	Terrys Fork Church	1973
19	Green Mountain Church	1974
20	Bowditch Church	1975
21	Patterson Branch Church	1976
22	South Bend Church	1977

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Prices Creek Church	November 27, 1970
Green Mountain Church	January 29, 1971
Patterson Branch Church	May 28, 1971
Mine Fork Church	August 28, 1971
Bowditch Church	October 29, 1971
Terrys Fork Church	January 28, 1972
South Bend Church	April 28, 1972

IMPORTANT: It is expected of the women of the churches to serve lunch at the Association on Thursday and Friday; at the Conference on Friday only.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The 54th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Bowditch Church on November 28, 1969. Choir sang "I'm Redeemed." Prayer led by Brother Raymond Whitehead. Brother Roosevelt Briggs read I. Kings 18:22, using for his subject "Power With God."

Business session. Reading of last minutes. Welcomed following

ministers: Brother Howard Munsey of Morristown, Tennessee;
Brother Raymond Whitehead of Elizabethton, Tennessee;
Brothers Roscoe Briggs and Dave Blevins of Burnsville, North
Carolina. Ministers present during two-day period were:

Sisters Josephine Blevins

Vinita Deyton

Edith Pauley

Brothers Roosevelt Briggs

Guy Honeycutt

Charlie Miller

Sam Moore

Wade Murphy

Cassie Thomas

T. A. Greene

Received \$30.00 for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Received \$7.05 for Flower Fund. Topic discussed: "The
Anointing of the Lord."

Evening worship service. Choir sang "Living by Faith."

Sister Cathy Austin sang "One More Valley." Janie Towe sang
"Our Redemption Draweth Nigh." Prayer led by Sister Vinita
Deyton. Brother Howard Munsey read Revelation 2:2-17, using
for his subject "Our Church Age."

Saturday morning business session. Choir sang "Jesus Spoke
to Me." Prayer led by Sister Edith Pauley. Topic discussed:
"Strength for the Soul." Granted Brother Claude Bradley license
for one year.

Worship service. Choir sang "I'm Going That Way." Brother
T. A. Greene read Matthew 28:9, using for his subject "The
Great Commission: Go."

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator

Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The 55th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Terrys

Fork Church on March 27, 1970. Choir sang "I Never Shall Forget That Day." Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Brother Wade Murphy read Luke 19:1-10, using for his subject "This Day is Salvation Come to Thy House."

Business session. Reading of last minutes. Those ministers present during the two-day period were:

Sisters Edith Pauley	Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Frances Radford	Charlie Miller
Vinita Deyton	Wade Murphy
	Cassie Thomas
	Guy Honeycutt

Received \$20.00 for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Received \$6.00 for Flower Fund. Report of Investigating Committee concerning delinquent preachers read. Topic discussed: "Why Do We Have Conference?"

Evening worship service. Choir sang "Heaven's Jubilee." Sister Donna Metcalf sang "Who Am I?" Brother Zenus Allen sang "Model Church." Brother Charlie Miller read Acts 3:1-8, using for his subject "Something Better Than Gold."

Saturday morning business session. Choir sang "I Rejoice in the Lord." Devotional conducted by Brother Guy Honeycutt. Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Topic discussed: "The Mystery of Christ."

Worship service. Choir sang "Amazing Grace." Sister Edith Pauley took a text from II. Timothy 1:1-10, referring to verse 7: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The 56th session of Ministers' Conference met with the Mine Fork Church on May 29, 1970. Choir sang "Heaven's Jubilee." Sister

Janie Towe sang "There's Nothing My God Can't Do." Prayer led by Brother Roy Whitson. Brother Guy Honeycutt read I. Corinthians 10:1-21, using for his text "Why Israel Fell."

Business session. Reading of last minutes. Welcomed the following visiting ministers: Brother Raymond Whitehead of Elizabethton, Tennessee; Brother Dave Blevins of Burnsville, North Carolina; Brother Andy Johnson of Relief, North Carolina.

Enrolled these ministers during the two-day period:

Sisters Edith Pauley	Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Frances Radford	Guy Honeycutt
Vinita Deyton	Charlie Miller
	Wade Murphy
	Cassie Thomas
	Roy Whitson

Received \$23.00 for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Received \$5.53 for Flower Fund. Voted to omit Brother Arnold Briggs' name from roll, as he has joined another Conference and returned his credentials.

Voted to omit from Article 14 the following words: "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."

Letter of application for license submitted by Brother Raymond Whitehead. Submitted him to watchcare of Conference for three months. Topic discussed: "Teaching the Right Way to be Saved."

Evening worship service. Choir sang "An Old Account Was Settled." Prayer led by Brother Roosevelt Briggs. Brother Roy Whitson read Joel 1:10-12, using for his subject "A False Alarm."

Saturday morning business session. Choir sang "Lord, Lead Me On." Prayer led by Brother Roosevelt Briggs. Topic discussed:

"What did the Lord say He would send a famine for in the last days?"

Worship service. Choir sang "Jesus Spoke to Me." Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Brother Wade Murphy read John 4:1-16, using for his subject "He Must Needs Go Through Samaria."

Brother Cassie Thomas, Moderator
Sister Vinita Deyton, Clerk

FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION

The 57th session of Ministers Conference met with South Bend Church on August 22, 1970, in connection with the Association. Choir sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." Prayer led by Brother Charlie Miller. Minutes of last Conference read.

Enrolled following ministers:

Sister Vinita Deyton

Brothers Roosevelt Briggs
Charlie Miller
Wade Murphy
Cassie Thomas
Claude Bradley

Voted to restore Brother Claude Bradley's vote of which he was deprived due to being absent for two Conferences.

Voted to omit Article 5 of the Bylaws of the Ministers' Conference.

Elected Brother Cassie Thomas as Moderator; Brother Wade Murphy as Assistant Moderator; Sister Vinita Deyton as Clerk.

Received \$17.87 for Aged and Disabled Ministers' Fund. Received \$7.03 for Flower Fund.

Retained Brother Charlie Miller as Chairman of Ordaining Council; re-elected Brothers Roosevelt Briggs, Wade Murphy to serve with him. Elected Brothers Cassie Thomas, Roosevelt Briggs, Wade Murphy as Committee of Investigation.

Report of Committee on Investigation submitted concerning Brother to serve with him. Elected Brothers Cassie Thomas, Roosevelt Briggs, Wade Murphy as Committee of Investigation.

Report of Committee on Investigation submitted concerning Brother Raymond Whitehead of Elizabethton, Tennessee. Voted to give Brother Raymond Whitehead license for one year.

Topic for discussion at next Conference: "What Type of Love Do We Have?" 1. John 3:1-3

Joe Woody
Wade Murphy
Roosevelt Briggs

Adjourned until Conference at Prices Creek Church. Brother Claude Bradley to preach introductory message; Brother Raymond Whitehead to be alternate speaker.

OBITUARIES

The Terrys Fork Church Community has lost by death this year the presence of two fine women: Sisters HATTIE ROBINSON and MAE McINTOSH, both aged in their seventies, and both of whom went to their reward during the month of June, 1970. Both held membership in neighboring churches, but since they lived in our community, both attended services with us when they were able. And both left testimony, both by life and by lip--of their hope of Heaven. Sister Robinson was the widow of John Robert Robertson, and leaves a number of children and grandchildren to mourn her passing. Sister McIntosh leaves sisters, nieces and nephews. We trust to see them again, where battles end in victory and where those who trust in Jesus do "rest from labors, and their works do follow them . . . "

Frances Radford, Pastor

Mrs. Flossie Harris

Mrs. Flossie Harris departed this life on April 3, 1970, at the age of 81 years, 2 months, and 17 days. She leaves behind the husband, Lee Harris of Micaville, 12 children, grandchildren, and an abundance of friends.

She was a faithful member of the Bowditch Church until sickness hindered her. Her life lives on in many memories: her pleasant loving ways; her ready testimony, in church or outside of it; and her victorious faith.

"They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies.

Nor can spirits ever be divided, that love and live in the same divine principle, the root and record, of their friendship . . .

Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still . . .

This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present because immortal." --William Penn

We believe she is where "the weary be at rest." Job 3:17

Vinita Miller Deyton

Mrs. Martha Renfro

Mrs. Martha Renfro passed away February 27, 1969, at the age of 92. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. U. B. Deyton, Sr., Mrs. Eva Beaver, of Burnsville, N.C., Mrs. Clyde Maynard, of Asheville, N.C., a son, J. H. Renfro of Johnson City, Tennessee. Also surviving are three brothers, Walter, Gus, and Saul Edwards and 18 grandchildren.

She was the widow of the late Rev. Zeb Renfro and a member of the Mine Fork Church.

Surely in her was fulfilled Job 5:26 . . . "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Vinita Miller Deyton

Mal McCurry

Mal McCurry left his earthly abode on October 28, 1969, at the age of 85 years, 5 months. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fern Tipton; five sons, George, Grant, Glen, Sam and Ivan, and 25 grandchildren.

He attended the Mine Fork Church. His place is empty and always will be, for those who loved him.

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

.....
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead--he is just - away!

--James Whitcomb Riley

Vinita Miller Deyton

Mrs. Mal McCurry

On April 1, 1970, five months and three days after the departure of Mal McCurry, his widow, Belle McCurry, followed him. She was 86 years old. She, too, leaves behind the 6 children and 25 grandchildren.

She attended the Mine Fork Church. She had a "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." I. Peter 3:4

They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit;
There's not a place in earth or Heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whispered yes or no,
There's not a life, or death, or birth,
That has a feather's weight of worth,
Without a woman in it.

--Author Unknown

Vinita Miller Deyton

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS: If there is an obituary you want in the Minutes next year, please have it written and hand it to the Clerk during Association!

MINISTERS ROLL

ORDAINED

Roosevelt Briggs	Green Mountain, N.C.	28740
Guy Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Charlie Miller	Box 612, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Sam Moore	Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Wade Murphy	Rt. 1, Box 126, Relief, N.C.	
Frances Radford	Box 155, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Cassie Thomas	Rt. 5, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Roy Whitson	Green Mountain, N.C.	28740

PERMANENT LICENSE

Josephine Blevins	Rt. 2, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Vinita Miller Deyton	Rt. 1, Burnsville, N.C.	28714
Edith Pauley	Erwin, Tennessee	

LICENSE

Claude Bradley	Rt. 1, Weaverville, N.C.	
Raymond Whitehead	Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.	37643

HONORARY MEMBERS

T. A. Green	2013 Cedar Fork Drive Greensboro, North Carolina	
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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, AGED HOME
AND LORD'S ACRE WORK COMMITTEE

<u>Church and Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk and Address</u>	<u>Aged Home 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	Mr. Bruce D. Laws Burnsville, N.C.	Carmon Laws	Hubert Freeman
Patterson Branch Frances Radford	Mrs. Burdette Deyton Route 1, Box 98 Burnsville, N.C.		
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	Mrs. D. Z. Thomas Route 3, Box 263A Burnsville, N.C.	Moscow Towe	James Burleson
Terrys Fork Joint Pastors: Frances Radford Claude Bradley	Miss Judy Metcalf Route 2 Mars Hill, N.C.	Wayne Metcalf	Phil Anderson

TABLE OF STATISTICS

	(Union) Bowditch	Green Mountain	Mine Fork	Patterson Branch	Prices Creek	South Bend	Terrys Fork
Meeting Days	2-4	1-3	2-4	1, 2, 4	2-4	2-4	Full
Number Baptized	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Added Otherwise	4	1	0	5	0	12	1
Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Communion Services	3	1	1	1	2	1	1
Number in Sunday School	35	80	45	45	50	65	65
Total Membership	64	138	50	92	80	95	80
Times Pastor Present	30	23	24	28	24	30	Full
Minute Fund	15.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	21.25	25.86	20.00
Paid Pastor	473.80	603.64	376.95	849.46	772.35	384.04	1,650
Paid for Revivals	42.00	123.83	70.40	256.25	188.17	202.32	250.00
Foreign Missions	106.25	99.84	82.87	210.87	646.47	249.50	236.50
Home for Aged	36.25	260.00	51.76	50.00	174.10	175.50	60.00
Poor and Sick	79.12	300.00	43.66	42.00	264.65	48.25	150.00
Monthly Missions Pledge	0	4.00	3.00	0	29.00	3rd Off.	0
Value Church Property	10,500	10,500	9,000	3,236	7,676	8,242	10,850
Improvements	0	0	1,000	1,245	0	665.75	600.00
Disabled Ministers' Fund	0	50.00	0	42.55	50.20	0	22.00
Visiting Ministers	0	90.00	165.31	106.50	89.01	0	250.00
Lord's Acre Receipts	0	403.00	0	0	0	0	0
Sunday School and Local							
Church Operating Expense	310.95	240.00	526.55	186.00	235.41	246.54	400.00
Paid for Bible School	0	97.00	60.00	25.00	125.00	61.00	60.00
Paid to Cross Beams	171.00	50.00	10.00	556.80	1,883.00	71.01	374.00

Total
590

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 I

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 deliberations 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.

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.

ARTICLE 22

(Added as an amendment to ARTICLE 14)

Every minister coming from another Conference to seek membership in our body must bring with him a letter of recommendation from the Conference he is leaving.

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

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

ARTICLE 6

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 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 Missions support \$ _____ per month. Our
church property is valued at \$ _____ . We have
spent approximately \$ _____ for church property
improvement. Number of revivals _____ . Conducted by
_____ ; Lord's Acre Receipts
\$ _____ . Paid for Bible School \$ _____ .
Paid to Cross Beams Radio Ministry _____ .
We believe our general spiritual condition as compared with a
year ago is _____

Pastor this year _____

Pastor-elect _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

Steward _____

