

# Fortieth Annual Session

State Convention of Churches of the  
Original Free Will Baptists of North  
Carolina

September 17, 18, 1952



Held with Goshen Church, North  
Belmont, Gaston County, N. C.



# MINUTES

of the

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OF THE ORIGINAL

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NORTH BELMONT, N. C.

Gaston County

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## OFFICERS

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| PRESIDENT . . . . .            | Rev. Lloyd Vernon  |
| VICE-PRESIDENT . . . . .       | Rev. W. B. Carter  |
| SECRETARY . . . . .            | Rev. R. N. Hinnant |
| ASST. SECRETARY . . . . .      | Rev. M. L. Johnson |
| PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR . . . . . | Rev. M. L. Johnson |
| TREASURER . . . . .            | Mr. Rom W. Mallard |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                              |                 |
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| REV. LLOYD VERNON . . . . .  | Mount Olive     |
| REV. W. B. CARTER . . . . .  | East Rockingham |
| REV. R. N. HINNANT . . . . . | Micro           |
| MR. ROM W. MALLARD . . . . . | Trenton         |
| REV. W. B. RAPER . . . . .   | Snow Hill       |
| REV. L. B. MANNING . . . . . | Fountain        |
| REV. J. W. ALFORD . . . . .  | Morehead City   |

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CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, 1953

Rev. F. B. Cherry, 1954

Rev. Allen Bryan, 1955

## ORPHANAGE BOARD

Mr. Jesse Gay, Mr. H. M. Mallard, Mr. R. McLeod—1953

Dr. M. Hinnant, Mr. Robert Spencer, Rev. M. L. Baxley—1954

Rev. Paul Brown, Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Rev. C. B. Hansley—1955

## BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. Alice Lupton, 1953

Mr. M. V. Avery, 1954—Rev. M. L. Johnson, 1955

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, 1956—Rev. Charles W. Maness, 1957

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. P. C. Wiggs, 1953

Rev. J. A. Evans, 1954

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 1955

Rev. N. D. Barrow, 1956

Rev. J. W. Alford, 1957

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. D. B. Sasser, 1953

Rev. Earl Glenn, 1954

Rev. R. H. Jackson, 1955

Rev. Roy Rikard, 1956

Rev. D. W. Hansley, 1957

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY STOCK

Rev. Wade Calvert, 1953

Rev. C. B. Hansley, 1954

Rev. R. P. Harris, 1955

## REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS STOCK

Rev. N. B. Barrow

## REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION STOCK

Rev. Albert T. Coats

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rev. T. E. Beaman, 1953

Rev. J. C. Griffin, 1954

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, 1955

## MINISTERS PRESENT

Revs. J. W. Alford, R. W. Allman, L. E. Ambrose, Sherman Branch, Hubert Burress, Bruce Barrow, N. D. Beaman, M. L. Baxley, W. L. Barrs, A. B. Bryan, Charles Brown, Noah Brown, C. M. Brown, W. S. Burns, J. C. Calvert, W. H. Calvert, Walter Carter, Arthur B. Chandler, Floyd Cherry, Albert T. Coates, L. H. Clayton, E. O. Connelly, J. R. Davidson, Mitchell W. Davis, Paul Davis, Walter L. Dodson, J. A. Evans, Wiley Ferrell, J. E. Floyd, W. R. Floyd, Earl H. Glenn, L. D. Gray, G. Herman Griffin, J. C. Griffin, C. B. Hansley, D. W. Hansley, C. D. Hamilton, C. J. Harris, R. P. Harris, W. L. Hart, Herman Hersey, R. N. Hinnant, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, J. W. Jones, M. L. Johnson, David E. McDonald, Warren Mallard, C. W. Maness, L. B. Manning, W. Russell Millard, H. M. Minchew, Romie Mitchell, W. L. Moretz, R. C. Mumpower, J. B. Narron, J. R. Newton, Sherman H. Oakes, Norman Perkins, L. M. Pierce, W. B. Raper, Walter Reynolds, Roy Pickard, F. A. Rivenbark, B. L. Sawyer, Paul J. Sheehan, B. L. Shook, S. A. Smith, Thurman C. Smith, Wayne Smith, J. Walter Stanley, G. S. Stevens, Earnest Strickland, J. B. Sturnes, Lloyd Vernon, Lee Whaley, Leonard Woodall, Joseph C. Yates.



## CHURCH — DELEGATE

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

- Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention*—Mrs. Walter Stanley.
- Bethel*—Valton Moor.
- Hopewell*—Raeford Matthews.
- Powhatan*—J. V. Barbour.
- Raleigh*—Phillip Hinnant.
- Tee's Chapel*—Johnnie Woodall.
- Robert's Grove*—Warren Jackson.
- Prospect*—Fred Parker.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

- Black Jack*—J. S. Smith.
- Pleasant Hill*—Herman Stocks.
- Central Conference*—H. A. Moor.
- Daniel's Chapel*—C. W. Pittman, Jr.
- King's Cross Roads*—J. A. Fulford.
- Hull Road*—Levi Hill.
- Howell Swamp*—G. O. Mewborne.
- Greenville*—Mrs. Harvey Moore.
- Rocky Mount*—James O. Taylor.
- Spring Branch*—Louis Galloway.
- Sts. Delight of Ormondsville*—Robert L. Tripp.
- Sweet Gum Grove*—Roy Worthington.

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

- St. Delight*—Elza Collins.
- Ruth's Chapel*—Fred Hagan.
- Folkstone*—Mrs. S. A. Hansley.
- Whaley's Chapel*—Cecil A. Howard.
- St. Mary's*—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.
- Friendship*—Harold Mallard.
- North East*—Mrs. Russell Millard.
- Woodington*—Mrs. H. M. Morris.
- Long Ridge*—Mrs. Ben Sutton.
- Beulaville*—Mrs. S. A. Smith.
- Third Eastern Union*—Fountain Taylor.
- Third Eastern Union*—Mrs. Lloyd Vernon.

*Gethsemane*—L. H. Wetherington.  
*May's Chapel*—D. A. Wilkins.  
*Morehead City*—Mrs. O. B. Willis.

#### FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION

*Swannanoa*—Mrs. Wayne Smith.  
*Horney Heights*—Mrs. Bynum Lance.

#### PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

*First Church Gastonia*—J. B. Bouldin.  
*Mable Avenue*—Mrs. J. C. Calvert.  
*Goshen*—Mrs. Georgia Mae Calvert.  
*East Belmont*—E. S. Carpenter.  
*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. L. H. Clayton.  
*Caroleen*—E. O. Connelly.  
*Lowell*—J. C. Haney.  
*Piedmont Association*—Mrs. Roy Rikard.  
*Cramerton*—J. P. Warren.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

*Elwood Lane*—W. M. Deans.  
*Holly Springs*—Jonas Hinton.  
*Kenly*—Mrs. Felton Watson.  
*Owen's Chapel*—Weimar Little.  
*Piney Grove*—J. A. Pittman.  
*Pleasant Grove*—Alpheus Jones.  
*Pleasant Plain*—M. V. Avery.  
*Marsh Swamp*—Lester Fulghum.  
*Micro*—H. J. Corbett.  
*Rains' Cross Roads*—Chester Radford.  
*Rose Bud*—Lloyd Wiggs.  
*Saratoga*—Herman Owens, Jr.  
*Sherron Acres*—Mrs. C. E. Ladd.  
*Union Grove*—Albert Morris.  
*Wilson*—Raymond Sasser.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Fortieth Session of the North Carolina State Convention, convened with Goshen Church, Gaston County, Belmont, N. C., September 17, 18, 1952.

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. C. J. Harris, Jr. The congregation joined in singing the "Doxology," followed with prayer by Brother Harris. He read for his Scripture lesson, 1 John 4:7-21, expressing the importance of love for each other in a meeting of this kind.

Rev. W. H. Calvert, pastor of the local church, extended a hearty welcome to all and Rev. J. A. Evans responded with gratitude on behalf of all present.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

*Resolutions*—Revs. J. W. Alford, J. A. Evans, R. W. Allman.

*Credentials*—Revs. R. H. Jackson, D. W. Hansley, W. B. Raper.

*Temperance*—Revs. Wiley Ferrell, S. H. Oakes, J. C. Griffin.

*Memorial*—Revs. A. B. Chandler, Charlie Hamilton, W. L. Dodson.

*Nominating*—Revs. M. L. Johnson, F. A. Rivenbark, Walter Carter, C. B. Hansley, Mr. J. A. Fulford.

*Seven Point Program*—Rev. M. L. Johnson.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met in Ayden, N. C., October 5, 1951. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Coates.

Members present: L. B. Manning, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, D. W. Alexander, D. W. Hansley, proxy for S. A. Smith, C. H. Coates, proxy for L. R. Ennis, R. W. Mallard.

Visitors: Bruce Barrow, J. A. Evans, M. L. Johnson, H. M. Mallard.

The purpose of the meeting, as stated by the President, was to consider all matters referred to the Executive Committee by the Convention in session.

The president appointed M. L. Johnson and R. N. Hinnant to study the Constitution and By-Laws of the convention and recommend to the Executive Committee, at any called meeting, any changes necessary to bring them up to date.

The President called the representatives of the various boards together and proceeded to organize the Commission for studying the setting up of headquarters, as requested by the Convention. The organization was as follows: J. A. Evans, Chm., M. L. Johnson, Vice-Chm., R. N. Hinnant, Sec., H. M. Mallard, D. W. Alexander, D. W. Hansley, Bruce Barrow were appointed as members.

(Motion the matter of a state wide uniform questionnaire for the ordination of ministers be deferred until a later date.

Motion the Treasurer be paid twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per year for his services, retroactive as of the past year.

Motion the contract of the Promotional Secretary be renewed for one year at a salary of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month.

Motion that the Promotional Department be allocated twenty seven hundred (\$2700.00) dollars for the year of 1951-1952.

Motion that all boards pay their expenses in promoting their respective enterprises, with the exception of the secretary's work, through the Promotional Department.

Motion that two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated for the expense of the Commission appointed to set up headquarters.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary were appointed as a committee to arrange a program for the 1952 session of the Convention.

L. B. Manning, R. N. Hinnant and M. L. Johnson were named as a committee to purchase the necessary equipment for the office of the Promotional Secretary.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. J. A. Evans.

Rev. L. B. Manning, *President*

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

The Executive Committee met in called session at Ayden, N. C., May 27, 1952.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Members present: L. B. Manning, S. A. Smith, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, L. R. Ennis, D. W. Alexander, R. W. Mallard.

Visitors: M. L. Johnson, J. A. Evans, D. W. Hansley.

The minutes of the October 5, 1951 meeting were read for information.

After a ten minutes session of the Headquarters Commission was allowed by the President, for review of their recommendations, the following report was made:

1. We recommend Wilson, N. C., as the city for our headquarters.
2. That Wilson, N. C., become the permanent mailing address for our Promotional Department as of October 1, 1952.
3. That we ask the Executive Committee to work to the end of providing suitable space for said State Headquarters as soon as possible.

Signed—M. L. Johnson

Motion that we accept the resignation of S. A. Smith as Vice-President of the State Convention and Lloyd Vernon was elected to fill the unexpired term of Brother Smith.

The recommendations of the Headquarters Commission were adopted in their entirety and R. N. Hinnant, L. R. Ennis and Lloyd Vernon were appointed as a committee to secure a Promotional Secretary and set up an office as was recommended by the Commission.

Motion the expenses of the committee be paid same as in attendance of Executive Meetings, while performing their duty.

Rev. L. B. Manning, *President*

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

Motion that Section 2 of the report of the Headquarters Commission above, be deleted from the records.

The Executive Committee of the State Convention met in Ayden, N. C., August 8, 1952.

Members present: L. B. Manning, Lloyd Vernon, R. N. Hinnant, L. R. Ennis, D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant proxy for J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley proxy for R. W. Mallard.

Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The president stated that all business deferred from previous meetings of the Committee will be considered.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read for information.

Motion the committee appointed to revise the Constitution consider the setting up of a uniform questionnaire for ordaining of ministers throughout the state and make recommendations to the Convention.

Motion that the secretary express to the auxiliaries the appreciation of the Executive Committee relative to their desire to place a woman on the Orphanage Board but the Charter will only allow nine members.

NOTE: Some of the Ladies' Auxiliaries were anxious to add a woman to the Board, at large, to represent the interest of those auxiliaries.

Motion the report of the committee appointed in the May 27th meeting be adopted.

Motion that the contract of the Promotional Director be renewed for the year of 1952-1953.

Your Committee on the Establishment of a State Headquarters for Free Will Baptists in Wilson, North Carolina, has held two consultation meetings, investigated available rental property, and restudied the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining a central administrative and promotional headquarters in the city of Wilson for Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

We submit the following statements of opinion and recommendations:

1. It is the opinion of this Committee that adequate funds for the maintenance of a creditable state headquarters in Wilson, North Carolina, cannot be made available at this time without diserving the enterprises and institutions of the State Convention and the National Association.

2. It is the opinion of this Committee that your Executive Board should authorize the preparation of appropriate resolutions prescribing the integration of all administrative and promotional services engaged in by departmental boards, institutions, and subordinate general organizations of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists; and that said resolutions, thus approved by the Executive Board, be submitted to the 1952-session of the Convention for adoption.

3. This Committee recommends that the action passed by the Executive Board in the previous session, held May 27, 1952, which authorized the establishment of a state headquarters for Free Will Baptists in Wilson, North Carolina, be rescinded as of this date.

4. This Committee recommends, subject to the approval of the Executive Board and the State Convention, the negotiation of an agreement with the Free Will Baptist Press for the indefinite use of adequate offices for the accommodation of the general administrative and promotional services of the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and all its agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE:

*R. N. Hinnant*

*L. R. Ennis*

*Lloyd Vernon*

#### REASONS COMMENDING SELECTION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS AS HEADQUARTERS FOR NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

1. The public recognition and prestige of the Press.
2. The patronage of the Press would inspire loyalty among Free Will Baptists toward general promotional service.
3. The Press would realize advantages as the publishing agency of Free Will Baptist literature for the denomination as a whole.
4. Accessibility to printing and mailing service.
5. Economy is indispensable to the success of state headquarters.
6. Employees will derive essential educational, social, and spiritual advantages.

Motion that the Executive Committee extend to R. N. Hinnant, L. R. Ennis and Lloyd Vernon a rising vote of thanks for their services rendered as members of the above committee.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Rev. L. M. Manning, *President*

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

Motion that the above recommendations and reasons for the recommendations, be tabled for one year.

The Executive Committee met in joint session with the Executive Committee of the Rock Fish Conference, September 4, 1952, at Rockingham, N. C.

The purpose of the meeting was to concur in the effort of the Rock Fish Association in trying to hold the property of Pine Grove Church intact for the worship of the true Free Will Baptist members belonging to said church.

After hearing all information available a motion was made that M. L. Johnson and R. N. Hinnant represent the Executive Committee in any responsibility that might arise in reference to the case.

Members present at this meeting were L. B. Manning, R. N. Hinnant, J. W. Alford, L. R. Ennis and D. W. Alexander. Rev. M. L. Johnson represented the Promotional Department in the meeting.

L. B. Manning, *President*

R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

The President, in his message made an appeal to the Convention for co-ordinated effort on the part of all to further the work of the Convention.

The revised Constitution of the State Convention, as prepared by the Committee for said work, was read at 11:15 a. m. and a motion was made that it lie on the table until 9:50 a. m., Thursday.

The report of the Historian, by motion, was tabled indefinitely.

### REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1952

During the past year I have made at least one visit into the sections covered by each of the Conferences or Associations. I have attended seven (7) annual Conferences or Associations and have attended ministers meetings and Executive Committee meetings in three (3) other Associations. I have attended all other public meetings of the various bodies of our denomination that it was possible to attend. In all of these meetings I have presented the United Program and have found a growing interest in our state wide program.

During the year I have served as treasurer for three of our boards; namely: Church Finance Association, Inc., Board of Superannuation and the Board of Christian Education. I have also been the receiving agent for funds for Cragmont Assembly. In addition to the above I have received some funds for each of the other Boards and have forwarded said funds to the proper boards.

During the year I have helped each of the boards with their promotional work. I have mailed letters for each of the boards for the special drives during the months designated for them. I have attended at least one meeting of each board and in some cases more than one meeting.

During the year I have done a great deal of writing and speaking in the interest of our denominational work in this state. I have gathered all the statistics available from the various Conferences and Associations and from these I prepared the report that was sent to the National Association. I believe this to be the most complete report ever prepared for Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. I submit herewith a copy of this report as my statistical table for this Convention. (See copy attached.)

*The cost of the operation of this office for the year has been:*

|   |            |
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| Director's Salary .....                         | \$1,100.00 |
| Office Help .....                               | 70.82      |
| Supplies: Paper, Envelopes, Stencils, Etc. .... | 142.89     |
| Postage .....                                   | 253.99     |
| Mileage .....                                   | 134.40     |
| United Program Posters .....                    | 46.50      |
| Telephone (Long Distance Calls) .....           | 9.63       |
| TOTAL COST .....                                | \$1,758.23 |

*This cost has been paid as follows:*

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Board of Superannuation .....         | \$ 24.23 |
| Church Finance Association, Inc. .... | 24.23    |
| Cragmont .....                        | 39.87    |

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| Mission Board                 | 32.58             |
| Orphanage                     | 25.73             |
| Board of Christian Education  | 25.73             |
| State Ministerial Association | 23.09             |
| State Convention              | 1,562.77          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$1,758.23</b> |

The above amounts paid by the various boards was for the postage and envelopes used for mailing their letters, etc. No charges have been made for any other service or supplies.

SIGNED: M. L. Johnson, Promotional Secretary

## REPORT OF N. C. CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Prepared for report to National Association

NAME OF STATE: North Carolina

NUMBER STATE WIDE BODIES: Four (4)     *Sunday School Convention*  
    *League Convention*  
    *Woman's Auxiliary Convention*  
    *State Convention of Churches*

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| Number District Conferences or Associations | 11  |
| Number Churches                             | 353 |
| Number Members Died During the Year         | 483 |
| Number Members Lost in Other Ways           | 707 |

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| TOTAL LOSS DURING THE YEAR              | 1,190 |
| Number Members Baptised During the Year | 2,840 |
| Number Gained in Other Ways             | 1,075 |

TOTAL GAIN DURING THE YEAR 3,915

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| Total Membership of Churches               | 46,156 |
| Number Ordained Ministers                  | 346    |
| Number Licensed Ministers                  | 69     |
| Number Churches Having Sunday Schools      | 295    |
| Number Sunday School Members               | 36,857 |
| Number Churches Having Woman's Auxiliaries | 219    |
| Number Auxiliary Members                   | 5,475  |
| Number Churches Having Leagues             | 105    |
| Number League Members                      | 3,990  |

*Money Spent for the Year:*

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Paid to Pastors         | \$ 238,915.43 |
| Sent for Missions       | 17,346.38     |
| Sent for Orphanage      | 78,668.71     |
| Sent for Education      | 14,550.82     |
| Sent for Superannuation | 5,118.66      |
| For All Other Purposes  | 497,541.72    |

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| TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES                         | \$ 852,141.72  |
| Value of Local Church Property                 | \$2,758,186.04 |
| Value of Denominational Property in This State | 340,000.00     |

*Total Value of Free Will Baptist Property in This State* \$3,098,186.04

This Report prepared from latest available statistics.

June 30, 1952

M. L. Johnson, Promotional Secretary



Report of expenses of operating the Promotional Department for eleven (11) months, September 1, 1951, through July 31, 1952:

|  | Estimated Cost<br>at first of the<br>Conv. Year. | Spent for the<br>first eleven<br>Months.. |
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| Director's Salary .....                              | \$1,200.00                                       | \$1,000.00                                |
| Office Help .....                                    | 600.00   | 68.57                                     |
| Supplies; Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Stencils, Etc. .... | 150.00   | 140.59                                    |
| Postage .....  | 200.00   | 253.99                                    |
| Equipment .....                                      | 200.00   |   |
| Mileage .....  | 350.00   | 98.04                                     |
| United Program Posters .....                         |  | 46.50                                     |
| Telephone (Long Distance) .....                      |  | 9.63                                      |
| <b>TOTALS</b> .....                                  | <b>\$2,700.00</b>                                | <b>\$1,617.32</b>                         |

The above amount of \$1,617.32 is the total used by this Department for the first eleven months of the year. Of this amount the State Convention has paid \$1,421.86. The various Boards that have used the service of this Department have paid the following amounts for Postage used for them:

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|---|-------------------|
| Board of Superannuation .....                   | \$ 24.23          |
| Church Finance Association, Inc. ....           | 24.23             |
| Cragmont .....                                  | 39.87             |
| Mission Board .....                             | 32.58             |
| Orphanage .....                                 | 25.73             |
| Board of Christian Education .....              | 25.73             |
| State Ministerial Association .....             | 23.09             |
| <b>Total Paid by the State Convention</b> ..... | <b>\$1,421.86</b> |
| <b>TOTAL FOR ELEVEN MONTHS</b> .....            | <b>\$1,617.32</b> |

This statement by: M. L. JOHNSON, *Promotional Secretary*.

Rev. R. P. Harris led the congregation in singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Rev. W. L. Dodson rendered a special message in song, "Stand By Me." Rev. J. A. Evans introduced the speaker, Rev. Wayne Smith, who delivered the Introductory Sermon. His subject, "Courage and Enthusiasm," reading Joshua 1:7-9 as a Scripture lesson.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

## LUNCH

After a delicious lunch served cafeteria style, the Convention was called in session by Rev. W. B. Raper, who led the afternoon devotions. The congregation joined in singing, "I Love To Tell The Story." Scripture reading, Acts 9:1, and prayer by Brother Raper.

Brother M. E. Howard made a report of the work among the Free Will Baptists in the State of Virginia. He reported that a church had been organized in the city of Richmond.

REPORT OF  
CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, INCORPORATED

September 16, 1952

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS,

Goshen Church, Belmont, N. C.

Greetings:

We, your co-laborers, bring the best report ever from the total operations of Cragmont and its supporters.

Operations in the Assembly this summer, by J. B. Hall, Jr.: Receipts, \$6,485.25; Expenses, \$5,516.50; balance on operations, \$768.75.

1951-1952—Receipts from all other sources, by Mr. Fountain Taylor: Promotional Department, M. L. Johnson—\$2,240.27; Treasurer, Mr. Taylor—\$1,399.65; Total Receipts—\$3,639.92; Expenses—\$3,605.53; Balance—\$34.39.

Extra Information: Payment on Mortgage, \$1,000.00; Bus Payments, \$2,400.00.

The Board of Christian Education for The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, wishes to make the following report to The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, to be held September 17th, and 18th, 1952, with Goshen Original Free Will Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina.

1—The Board of Christian Education has held four regular meetings this year. The purpose of the meetings was to carry out the recommendations that were recommended to the Board of Christian Education during the sitting of The North Carolina State Convention for the year 1951 and recorded in the Minutes of the same year.

2—The Board of Christian Education has met with the Trustees of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and an agreeable contract was entered into between the two boards, whereby the proposed Junior College at Cragmont Assembly can be established. (See Contract Copy.)

3—The Board of Christian Education suggested that the college be known as Mount Allen Junior College and it is chartered by that name.

4—A Charter for the incorporation and operation of a Junior College has been granted to The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, by the State of North Carolina. The Charter is on file in the Court House of Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina. (See Copy of Charter.)

5—A Catalogue for Mount Allen Junior College has been printed. The Catalogue in many details was not complete at the time of printing, but due to the limited time it was the best we could do under prevailing circumstances. (See Copy of Catalogue.)

6—We have been fortunate to secure the services of the following persons to teach in the College: Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Mount Olive, North Carolina, Teacher, President; Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, North Carolina, Dean of Boys, Teacher;

Rev. A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, North Carolina, Business Education, Teacher. Other teachers and personnel will be added as the need arises.

7—The suggested time for the College to open is Monday September 22nd, 1952, 10 o'clock a. m.

8—We have received 10 applications from students who wish to attend the College.

9—The suggested courses of study, up to this time, for this school year, are as follows: High School Subjects, Business Education, Religious Education, Bible Institute and Music. The courses of study will be regulated as the need arises and according to the individual needs of the students who apply for admittance to the College.

10—The financial income from our people has not been as much as we would prefer it to be, but we are grateful to those that have given for this great purpose. Hoping for an increased interest on the part of all our people to this great and worthy cause. (See Treasurer's Report by Promotional Secretary.) (See Copy of Proposed Budget.)

11—There are many other things that have been done that are of a detailed nature. All that has been done, great or small, by the Board of Christian Education, has been done with God and our people at heart and the youth of our church in mind. We are asking each person to pray with us and help us with your means and time to make this great cause of our church and state, a success, in the name of Christ who gave Himself in death, "that we might have life and it more abundantly."

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1—That the Promotional Secretary for the North Carolina State Convention continue to act as the Treasurer for the Board of Christian Education.

2—That the Budget for the Mount Allen Junior College for the School Year of 1952 and 1953 be (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars.

Humbly submitted,

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

David W. Hansley, *Chairman*

R. H. Jackson, *Secretary*

S. A. Smith

D. B. Sasser

Roy Rikard

## REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

The following is a report of all funds handled, by this Department, for the Board of Christian Education for the year Sept. 1, 1951, to August 31, 1952.

### Receipts

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Balance brought forward Sept. 1, 1951 .....   | \$ 35.00 |
| Received for General Fund (During Sept. and Oct., before the 50-50<br>division of funds became effective) ..... | 690.31   |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Received for Christian Education ..... | 1,158.67 |
| Received for National Use .....        | 1,642.68 |
| Received for State Use .....           | 185.75   |
| Special Student Fund .....             | 35.00    |
| Refund .....                           | 1.60     |

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$3,749.01

*Disbursements*

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Regular Postage and Mailing .....                | \$ 47.70   |            |
| Board Meetings .....                             | 217.23     |            |
| Travel and Special Mailing for Mt. Allen .....   | 79.09      |            |
| Expense for Securing Charter for Mt. Allen ..... | 72.00      |            |
| Printing for Mt. Allen (Bulletin) .....          | 70.00      |            |
| Special Student Fund Paid Out .....              | 35.00      |            |
| Sent to Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. ....     | 2,675.42   |            |
| TOTAL PAID OUT .....                             | \$3,196.44 | \$3,196.44 |

BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 31, 1952 ..... \$ 552.57

This balance is as follows:

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| General fund ..... | \$ 12.99 |
| State Use .....    | 539.58   |

This report prepared and submitted by:

M. L. JOHNSON

*Promotional Secretary and Treasurer*  
for the Board of Christian Education

By motion, we express to the Board of Christian Education, a rising vote of thanks for the work they did the past year.

By motion, we accept the resignation of Rev. S. A. Smith from the Board of Christian Education.

## MISSION BOARD

North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists

*Report for September 17, 18, Conventions*

**RECEIPTS**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Received in Offerings ..... | \$16,704.53 |
| Missions .....                    | 3,491.10    |
| Home Missions .....               | 2,858.16    |
| Foreign Missions .....            | 10,355.27   |
| Interests Received .....          | 45.00       |
| Accounts Received .....           | 1,500.00    |

*Expenses*

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Office .....  | \$ 1,202.96 |
| (Board Meeting, Traveling, Office Equipment and Supplies, Tent Expenses and Repairs, Bonds, Taxes Check Returned Expenses and Evangelistic) |             |
| Purchased Home Mission Equipment .....  | 3,457.93    |
| Salary of Home Missionary .....   | 640.00      |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| National Home Mission Board .....                           | 431.68    |
| National Foreign Mission Board .....                        | 10,679.08 |
| Allocations to Missions, Churches, and Mission Boards ..... | 881.05    |

NOTE: We have made cash allocations to promote the Rural Church program of the State: Washington Church; Fair View Church; Williamston Church; Raleigh Church; Grifton Church.

NOTE: We, the Mission Board, request the return of Brother Alford to the Mission Board.

*Our Proposed Anticipated Budget for 1952-53:*

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| National Home .....    | (quota) \$ 1,500.00 |
| National Foreign ..... | (quota) 13,000.00   |
| For State Use .....    | 6,500.00            |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>     | <b>\$21,000.00</b>  |

N. Bruce Barrow, *Secretary*

**REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc., 1952**

We submit this report of the Church Finance Association, Inc. as of Sept. 1, 1952.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Number of Members of the Association .....                    | 264          |
| Number Members Holding at Least One \$25.00 Certificate ..... | 160          |
| Number \$25.00 Certificates Now Held .....                    | 358          |
| Membership Fees Collected This Year .....                     | \$ 753.60    |
| Total Membership Fees Now Held .....                          | 10,039.10    |
| Number New Loans Made During This Year .....                  | 4            |
| Total Amount of These New Loans .....                         | \$ 17,000.00 |
| Total Loans Made Since 1940 .....                             | 33           |
| Total Amount of Loans Made Since 1940 .....                   | \$ 97,047.45 |
| Number Loans Now on Our Books .....                           | 14           |
| Our Total Receipts During the Past Year Were .....            | \$ 28,414.86 |
| Our Total Disbursements During the Past Year Were .....       | \$ 25,744.89 |
| Our Balance on Hand Sept. 1, 1952 is .....                    | \$ 2,669.97  |

The Following Figures Are Taken From the Annual Report on Jan. 1, 1952:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Our Total Assets on Jan. 1, 1952 Were .....            | \$ 36,426.53 |
| Our Total Liabilities on Jan. 1, 1952 Were .....       | 33,682.15    |
| Our Earned Profit or Surplus on Jan. 1, 1952 Was ..... | \$ 2,744.38  |

Our next Annual Meeting will be held with the Sts. Delight Church at Ormondsville on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1953.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

By: R. H. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secy-Treas.*

An offering was received for Cragmont amounting to \$48.56.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. W. L. Hart.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday evening services were under the direction of the Board of Christian Education. An offering for Mt. Allen College was taken amounting to thirty-two dollars.

## THURSDAY MORNING

The morning devotions were led by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. Singing, "Give of Your Best to The Master," by the congregation, followed with prayer by Rev. R. W. Allman. Brother Rivenbark read Luke 15:22 as a Scripture lesson.

The Minutes of the previous day were read for information.

At 9:50 a. m. the Constitution and By-Laws, as revised, were read for the second time. After discussion from the floor and alterations made, it was moved and carried that they be adopted in their entirety.

(Note: For a complete report see Constitution and By-Laws.)

## BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR YEAR 1951-52

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report and recommendations, divided into nine (9) items as follows:

### 1-DEATHS

With sincere regrets we report the death, during the past year, of the following Superannuated Ministers: Rev. B. E. Guthrie and Rev. H. C. Adcox.

### 2-FINANCIAL REPORT

Our receipts and disbursements for the year have been:

#### *Receipts*

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward .....                             | \$ 637.83         |
| Regular receipts for the year .....                       | 4,051.77          |
| Interest income from "George P. Best Memorial Fund" ..... | 194.09            |
| Interest income from "Reserve Fund" .....                 | 38.03             |
| Refund of check issued after death of a minister .....    | 7.50              |
| <b>TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....</b>                         | <b>\$4,929.22</b> |

#### *Disbursements*

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Paid to Superannuated Ministers .....      | \$2,770.00        |
| Paid to Minister's Widows .....            | 920.00            |
| Office Expense .....                       | 95.36             |
| Salary .....                               | 50.00             |
| Paid to National Board .....               | 384.04            |
| Board Meeting Expense .....                | 66.04             |
| Transferred to "Reserve Fund" .....        | 232.12            |
| <b>Total Disbursements .....</b>           | <b>\$4,517.56</b> |
| <b>BALANCE ON HAND SEPT. 1, 1952 .....</b> | <b>\$ 411.66</b>  |

### 3—PENSION CHECKS

There are now 22 ministers receiving monthly checks from this Board. There are also 22 widows receiving quarterly checks. If there are other ministers or widows who should be receiving these checks their application should be filed with this board not later than Dec. 1, 1952.

### 4—PROTECTIVE INSURANCE

The amount of Retirement Insurance available through the National Board of Superannuation is still \$2,000.00 for each minister who can qualify. Application Blanks can be had by asking this board for them.

### 5—GEORGE P. BEST MEMORIAL FUND

The amount of the George P. Best Memorial Fund is still \$6,459.55. This fund is invested and earned \$194.09 this year in interest. This interest has been transferred to the Reserve Fund.

### 6—RESERVE FUND

The Reserve Fund is that amount of interest earned by the George P. Best Memorial Fund. The total of this fund is now \$1,499.84.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7—BUDGET

We recommend that our total budget for the next year be \$10,000.00 and that we ask our people to try to raise this amount by raising at least 25c per member.

### 8—AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We recommend favorable action upon the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of this Convention, that would establish the number of members of this board at five members.

### 9—MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

We are submitting, for the approval of this Convention, a plan for a Ministerial Retirement System whereby the churches and pastors may work together in building up a fund from which the ministers may draw their pension upon their retirement. (See copy of plan attached.)  
Submitted by the Board of Superannuation.

M. L. Johnson, *Chairman-Treas.*

## MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

In order to help the ministers and other Christian workers of our great denomination to provide for their retirement or disability, the Board of Superannuation offers the following plan:

1—*Membership*: Those ministers or Christian workers of our denomination who are regularly employed by churches or other organizations of the denomination of our state may become members of this system by meeting the following requirements:

A - There shall be an agreement between the employee and employer that they both enter this system by paying into the funds of this system equal amounts.

B - The above agreement shall be the payment into the funds of this system a designated percentage of the employee's salary received as compensation for service rendered and a like amount paid into the funds of this system by the employer. This payment shall be made not less than monthly.

2-*Investment of Funds:* The funds of this system shall be faithfully invested in an effort to increase the benefits for those belonging to the system. All earnings of the fund shall become a part of this fund except the amount that shall be used for the actual expense of the administration of this system. Gifts may also be made directly to this fund by those desiring to help provide greater benefits for our retired and disabled ministers. True and faithful records shall be kept of the payments into the fund by the member employers and employees and there shall be declared an annual dividend for each member based upon the earnings of the fund and the amount paid into the fund by the members.

3-*Withdrawal from the System:* Any employee member of this system may withdraw from the system at any time, but shall not be allowed to receive in refund more than the actual amount he or she has paid into the fund. In such case the employer member shall be permitted to determine the disposition of the actual amount paid by them. The accumulated profits for such member shall revert back to the funds of the system.

4-*Benefits:* At the time of retirement or permanent disability the minister or Christian worker shall begin receiving the payments of a pension based on the following schedule:

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Payment of 1% of salary—Pension, \$50.00 | 4% of salary—\$ 87.50 |
| 2% of salary—Pension, \$62.50            | 5% of salary—\$100.00 |
| 3% of salary—Pension, \$75.00            |                       |

In cases where a member has paid varying percentages the monthly pension shall be based upon an average percentage for the time payments have been made.

These payments shall continue so long as the amount paid in by the member and his employer plus the accumulated earnings of the member shall last.

In case of the death of the member before all the benefits have been received, the remaining balance shall continue to be paid in like amounts to the widow or widower of the member. In the case of the death of both parties and in the event of the absence of provisions contained in a last will and testament the remaining balance shall revert back into the funds of this system.

5-*Retirement and Disability:* The age of retirement under this system shall be sixty-five (65). Permanent disability before the age of sixty-five (65) shall be established by a statement from the Moderator and Clerk of the conference or association to which the member belongs and from the member's family physician stating that it is their opinion that the member is permanently disabled to continue his employment.

6-*Administration of the Ministerial Retirement System:* The Board of Super-



annuation shall be charged with the responsibility of administering this system. Upon the adoption of this plan by the Convention the Board of Superannuation shall proceed to have suitable contracts and blanks prepared and offer this system to our ministers and Christian workers. The Board of Superannuation shall secure competent legal advice in preparing said contracts and blanks.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Middlesex, North Carolina

### TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

31 August 1952

#### ASSETS

##### CASH ON HAND AUGUST 31, 1952

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| General Account .....                            | \$ 3,520.70        |
| Albemarle Cottage Account .....                  | 64.89              |
| Capital Account .....                            | 6,717.89           |
| Albemarle Cottage Bed & Furnishing Account ..... | 308.98             |
| Girls' Building Account .....                    | 1,678.58           |
| <i>Total Bank Balances</i> .....                 | <u>\$12,291.04</u> |

##### NOTES, BONDS, & PETTY CASH

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| McLeod Educational Loan Fund .....                | \$ 810.00          |
| War Bond .....                                    | 25.00              |
| Petty Cash Fund .....                             | 100.00             |
| <i>Total Notes, Bonds, &amp; Petty Cash</i> ..... | <u>\$ 935.00</u>   |
| <i>Total Assets</i> .....                         | <u>\$13,226.04</u> |

#### LIABILITIES

##### Capital

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Deed of Trust:<br>(Prin. \$15,000, Int. \$600.00) ..... | \$15,600.00        |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i> .....                          | <u>\$15,600.00</u> |

S. A. SMITH, *Treasurer*

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1 September 1951 through 31 August 1952

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Balance on Hand 1 September 1951 ..... | \$ 4,061.03 |
|--|-------------|

#### RECEIPTS

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Religious Organizations .....      | \$ 53,765.69 |
| Duke Endowment .....               | 3,265.58     |
| Parents and Relatives .....        | 1,060.80     |
| Friends .....                      | 9,113.74     |
| Refunds and Adjustments .....      | 670.98       |
| Young People's Friend .....        | 467.01       |
| Concerts and Representatives ..... | 9,403.29     |
| Farm, Dairy and Cash Sales .....   | 12,171.27    |

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Coupons .....                                 | 300.98   |
| Money Borrowed Outside Sources .....          | 1,500.00 |
| (Jesse Gay and S. A. Smith)                   |          |
| Chapel .....                                  | 5,700.34 |
| Cottage .....                                 | 3,592.14 |
| Sale of Cows, Vehicle, Office Equipment ..... | 989.61   |

*Total Receipts for Year* ..... \$101,991.38

TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR ..... \$106,062.40

#### DISBURSEMENTS

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Salaries .....                              | \$ 15,119.25 |
| Office Supplies .....                       | 459.77       |
| Telephone and Telegraph .....               | 466.45       |
| Insurance .....                             | 2,166.41     |
| Board and Conference Expense .....          | 956.26       |
| Financing and Publicity .....               | 1,320.60     |
| Travel (Administrative) .....               | 517.12       |
| Food .....                                  | 9,214.54     |
| Clothing and Toilet Articles .....          | 7,664.47     |
| Refunds .....                               | 46.89        |
| Laundry .....                               | 517.39       |
| Household Supplies .....                    | 2,286.77     |
| Recreation .....                            | 141.62       |
| Travel Relating to Care of Children .....   | 119.18       |
| Health and Health Supplies .....            | 569.59       |
| Education .....                             | 838.49       |
| Fuel, Light, Power, Water, Ice .....        | 6,411.39     |
| Plant Operation, Repair & Maintenance ..... | 8,324.41     |
| Farm Supplies .....                         | 6,256.73     |
| Replacement of Livestock .....              | 1,467.07     |
| Travel (Farm) .....                         | 158.77       |
| Young People's Friend .....                 | 243.09       |
| Repayments of Borrowed Money .....          | 1,500.00     |
| Landscaping .....                           | 435.00       |
| New Buildings .....                         | 4,990.38     |
| New Equipment, Furniture, & Fixtures .....  | 2,572.03     |
| Mortgage or Capital Loans Repaid .....      | 16,574.01    |
| Annuity Bond Payments .....                 | 364.45       |

*Total Disbursed for Year* ..... \$ 93,771.36

CASH BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1952 ..... 12,291.04

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTED FOR ..... \$106,062.40

#### DONATED COMMODITIES

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Food .....  | \$3,395.86 |
| Clothing .....                                    | 607.27     |
| Household Supplies .....                          | 1,243.69   |
| Other (Farm Supplies, Services, Recreation) ..... | 3,090.17   |

*Total Donated Commodities Value* ..... \$8,336.99

## BUDGETS RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

| CONFERENCE           | RAISED IN 1951-52  | QUOTA FOR 1952-53  |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Eastern .....        | \$21,064.69        | \$22,000.00        |
| Central .....        | 15,966.26          | 16,000.00          |
| Western .....        | 10,513.78          | 11,000.00          |
| Cape Fear .....      | 4,731.40           | 5,000.00           |
| Albemarle .....      | 1,954.21           | 2,000.00           |
| French Broad .....   | 2,832.77           | 3,000.00           |
| Piedmont .....       | 2,284.39           | 3,000.00           |
| Rockfish .....       | 910.62             | 1,000.00           |
| Fee Dee .....        | 712.25             | 1,000.00           |
| Jack's Creek .....   | 556.04             | 1,000.00           |
| Toe River .....      | 91.00              | 1,000.00           |
| Western Yearly ..... | 53.35              | 500.00             |
| <b>TOTALS</b> .....  | <b>\$61,670.76</b> | <b>\$66,500.00</b> |

While the congregation sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," an offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$76.00.

### REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

The Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., is one of the most beneficial Institutions of our denomination. It serves our people with the printed page designed to keep them informed as to our needs, progress and activities in every phase of our work. It not only serves our people as mentioned above, but makes financial contributions to various causes as the profits will permit. During the past fiscal year \$1,500.00 was given to the Orphanage Homes, in the various states, belonging to the Free Will Baptist denomination and gifts to other enterprises.

The audit value of the press as of August 31, 1952, was \$98,783.30.

The income to this institution during the past year was \$112,556.64.

The expenses for operation were \$106,062.46.

An operating profit of \$6,494.18.

This statement from the Auditor: "The Press is in excellent financial condition. The records have been maintained satisfactorily and appear adequate to furnish all necessary information."

We have sixteen employees on full time employment.

During the past year approximately \$20,000.00 has been spent for new equipment and with these new installations we are able to render more service to our people with greater efficiency and quicker production.

It is our purpose to increase the service of the colportage department of the press so as to be of greater service to our churches.

We invite you to visit the press and any helpful suggestions from you will be welcomed indeed.

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

At 11:30 business was suspended and the Conventional sermon was delivered by Rev. F. B. Cherry, using as a text: "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Mr. Raymond Sasser.

LUNCH

Rev. R. P. Harris led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Rev. W. L. Hart.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Whereas it is a privilege to live in a country that is democratic in form of government, Be it resolved that we urge our people who are eligible, to vote in the November election. That the present privilege may continue to be ours as a Nation.

FRED A. RIVENBARK

Resolved that all appeals for money needed by any church or mission point for preaching the Gospel be made direct to the Conference of which the Church or Mission point is a member and through them to the State Mission Board in a cooperative plan; that each Conference or Association not having a Mission Board elect such a board to work with the Church in cooperation with State Mission Board.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists extend to our National Association an invitation to hold its 1954 session in our state.

If unable to meet with us in 1954 our state convention continues to extend the invitation yearly until accepted.

N. B. BARROW

R. H. JACKSON

Be it resolved that this body in session expresses its appreciation to the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina, for the wonderful hospitality and entertainment extended to us during this session.

Whereas it has been brought to the attention of this committee of the condition existing at Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Rockingham, N. C., in which the former pastor has attempted to carry the membership and church property into another denomination; and

Whereas the executive committee of the State Convention met with the minority group of the said church which minority group is headed by Deacon Clyde Cox, and

Whereas they were instructed to institute restraining orders against this former pastor to the end that our church property be not dissipated; and

Whereas said restraining orders have been issued and the hearing to determine whether said orders shall be made permanent is to be held on September 29 or 30:

Therefore, be it resolved, that this State Convention in session at this time at the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church at Belmont, N. C., endorse the suggestions

and advice of the Executive Committee of the State Convention and also the appointment of two members of said Executive Committee in the persons of Revs. M. L. Johnson and R. N. Hinnant to continue contact and collaboration with the said minority group of the Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church; and

Be it further resolved that this Convention allocate the sum of one hundred dollars to be used at the discretion of Brothers Johnson and Hinnant in the behalf of the said minority group of the Pine Grove Church.

SIGNED: *J. W. Alford*

## REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Lord has seen fit to call Brothers B. E. Guthrie, M. H. Taylor, members of the French Broad Conference, and Brother H. C. Adcock from the Pee Dee Conference, home to their eternal home of peace and rest. Our loss has been Heaven's gain. May we stand in one minute's silent prayer in memoriam to our departed brothers.

*W. L. Dodson*

*A. B. Chandler*

*Charlie Hamilton*

After a moment of silent prayer, Rev. Roy Rikard closed the prayer. Rev. W. L. Dodson sang "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me."

By motion a temporary committee of nine members be elected to study the advisability of a uniform examination for ordination of ministers and report their findings to the 1953 session of the convention.

Committee elected for the above motion: Revs. J. R. Bennett, D. W. Alexander, L. R. Ennis, F. A. Rivenbark, Wayne Smith, L. E. Ambrose, Winford Floyd, A. L. Duncan, L. H. Clayton.

The President ruled that the committee on revision of Constitution and By-Laws be continued until the work is completed.

Mrs. Alice Lupton made a verbal report of the Woman's Auxiliary work in the State and it was received as information.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

As there has come no one before the committee, we have no further report to make.

*R. H. Jackson*

*D. W. Hansley*

*W. B. Raper*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNITED PROGRAM

Your Committee on the United Program recommends that we continue the United Program as for the past year, with the following months designated for denominational enterprises.

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| February         | Cragmont                         |
| March and April  | Mission                          |
| June and July    | Education                        |
| May and November | Orphanage                        |
| August           | Promotional Service              |
| September        | Church Finance Association, Inc. |
| October          | Superannuation                   |

SIGNED: M. L. Johnson  
Committee

## REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

TO

*North Carolina Free Will Baptist Convention*

convening at

North Belmont, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 1952

### Greetings:

When we look at the facts given to us by the Promotional Secretary of the State Convention, of the number of leagues and league members in North Carolina, they should stop us and we should ask ourselves: what is the reason for this? One hundred and five leagues out of three hundred and fifty-three churches and three thousand and nine hundred and ninety-nine league members out of a membership of forty-six thousand and one hundred and fifty-six Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

Seemingly we have forgotten or neglected the Great Commission of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He said, "Go ye therefore into all the world and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even until the end of the world." Jesus is talking to us as a church. Dr. Evans in *Great Doctrines of the Bible*, says that one of the vocations of the church is to develop the personality of the individual believer. The League stated its purpose as being the training unit of our church. Let us see the league then as something that is for the whole church membership and not just for the young person. The league is not a dead, uninteresting organization, but has a huge dynamic purpose. Let us train soldiers of the cross.

The State League Convention met at Whaley's Chapel, Jones County, June 14, 1952. The Convention was a great success with a program arranged to do the thing that we have finished discussing, the great avenues of the ministry of the church. Minutes of this convention have been mimeographed and mailed to the different pastors and churches of North Carolina.

We solicit your cooperation in this great work of training men and women, boys and girls in the riches of the gospel of Christ.

In His Name,

*Rev. J. B. Narron*

President, N. C. Free Will Baptist League Convention

# North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute REPORT

To the Delegates, Ministers, and Visitors of the 1952 session of the State Convention of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina  
Greetings:

On behalf of our North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute, it is my pleasure to bring you our report of our organization.

Sponsored by your state convention, our Sunday schools were organized into a state convention thirteen years ago at Little Rock Church, in Wilson County. Since that time our state Sunday school convention has grown steadily, until now we have an executive board that is rendering full time service to our schools throughout the state.

A brief statistical report of our last annual convention, which convened April 24 and 25 at our Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., is as follows:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Sunday Schools Represented .....                                   | 102    |
| Members, Average Enrollment .....                                  | 11,191 |
| Members Average Present Each Sunday .....                          | 8,487  |
| Members Average on Time .....                                      | 4,476  |
| Members Average Studied Lesson .....                               | 2,525  |
| Members Averaged Making an Offering .....                          | 3,432  |
| Members Averaged Bringing Their Bibles .....                       | 1,234  |
| Members Averaged Attending Church .....                            | 4,694  |
| Sunday School Council Meetings Held .....                          | 279    |
| Study Courses Held .....   | 61     |
| Sunday Schools Reported as Using the Six Point Record System ..... | 12     |
| Delegates Sent to Cragmont .....                                   | 23     |
| Classes in 102 Schools Reporting .....                             | 586    |
| Class Rooms in the 102 Schools Reporting .....                     | 462    |

**Contributed to:**

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| Orphanage .....                            | \$6,905.19 |
| Missions .....                             | 1,801.68   |
| Superannuation .....                       | 395.93     |
| Christian Education .....                  | 916.31     |
| Church Finance Assn. ....                  | 88.43      |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc. ....               | 631.76     |
| State Promotional Service .....            | 238.05     |
| The State S. S. United Program .....       | 479.82     |
| State S. S. Convention, 1952 Session ..... | 593.60     |

The attendance records for 90 schools were carefully estimated because they did not use six point records. All schools using these records have the best system of records, and they report in every instance that their use encourages students to become better Bible students, and to be more regular in attendance, studying the Bible, etc.

Our 1952 session authorized the executive board to hire a *Field Secretary* at the earliest possible date. Raymond T. Sasser has been hired as a part time Field Secretary and he is at work in the field, holding county wide Sunday School Rallies. Thus far rallies have been held at Kinston, Goldsboro and Greenville. Rallies scheduled to be held are as follows: New Bern, St. Mary's Church, Sept. 21;

Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 28; Aleo Church, East Rockingham, N. C., Oct. 5; and Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., Oct. 12. Other rallies are being planned, and announcement will be made about them at a later date.

These rallies are for the purpose of encouraging our Sunday school leaders, the officers and teachers in each county, or otherwise geographically located district, to become more closely united in their activities, that they may learn to work together as a unit, all striving to make theirs a better group of Sunday schools. As soon as a full time secretary can be employed he will then begin to hold county wide training schools for officers and teachers, and other work of a Sunday school missionary and promotional nature. This work is scheduled to cover the state as fast as conditions will permit.

All schools are urged to support the *State United Sunday School Program*, which was authorized by the 1951 session of our convention. Each school supports this program by sending 10 per cent of its offerings each month to our state treasurer, Mr. Milton Wiggs, Smithfield, N. C. These funds are for three purposes: 1. To support Cragmont property expansion and Sunday School Institute work. 2. To support State Sunday School Field Secretary work. 3. To support the State Sunday School Convention program in general.

As a result of the practical usefulness of this plan for Cragmont, the executive board at its last meeting appropriated \$500.00 to help retire the debt on Cragmont, thus fulfilling the requirements of our constitution, by having the support of schools throughout the state who have regularly supported the United Program.

The support of this program has been gratifying, however there are some schools who have not yet begun to support it, and it is felt that the county rallies will better inform them of this program that they may see the need and rally to its support. The sooner more schools support it regularly, the sooner a full time secretary can be put on the field.

The 1952 session also took another broad step forward. For thirteen years our organization has seen the need of a Sunday School *officers and teachers manual*, a Free Will Baptist Manual. Since none was available, about six years ago the convention authorized its president to prepare this manual for publication. After six years of study and work on this project, holding several institute study courses with the manuscript he was ready at our 1952 session to offer it for publication. The convention immediately gave its spontaneous endorsement, and the manual is now being offered for sale to officers and teachers and prospective officers and teachers. The net proceeds from the sale of the manual are being contributed to the United Program by our president for use in Field Secretary work.

We urge each Sunday school in the state to order a dozen or two copies of this manual, its study by individuals and groups will make them better prepared officers and teachers.

To the 1952 session of our state convention of churches, the Sunday schools of our state extend hearty greetings and prayers for a most successful convention.

Owen Thomas, *Secretary*

Raymond T. Sasser, *President*



## REPORT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Motion Passed by Alumni Association of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage  
Middlesex, North Carolina*

On May 25, 1952, motion made and unanimously approved that we ask the State Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptists to place a member of the alumni association on the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Board.

Ralph Pate, *President*  
Horace Mixon, *Secretary*

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

As your Temperance Committee, we recommend that we adhere strictly to our Church Covenant and urge that this covenant not only be read to members when being received into the church, but that it be read at least quarterly to the church at such time as the pastor of the church may deem proper.

#### *Covenant:*

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

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

We, your committee know of nothing better than the inserted portion of our church covenant to go by in being temperate in all things.

Sherman H. Oakes  
J. C. Griffin  
Wiley Ferrell

### N. C. STATE CONVENTION—TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance Brought Forward .....                  | \$1,821.69        |                   |
| Receipts for 1951 .....                        | 1,601.60          |                   |
| Received Late .....                            | 50.00             |                   |
| Received for Promotional Work .....            | 462.20            |                   |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....                    | <b>\$3,935.49</b> |                   |
| <i>Expense for the Year</i>                    |                   |                   |
| Press .....                                    | \$ 21.50          |                   |
| Secretary .....                                | 65.28             |                   |
| Minutes .....                                  | 200.00            |                   |
| National Association Fee .....                 | 65.00             |                   |
| Study Commission .....                         | 200.00            |                   |
| Promotional Work .....                         | 1,587.12          |                   |
| Executive Board Meetings .....                 | 293.80            |                   |
| Treasurer .....                                | 25.00             |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE FOR YEAR</b> .....            | <b>\$2,457.70</b> | <b>\$2,457.70</b> |
| <i>Balance in Bank September 1, 1952</i> ..... |                   | <b>\$1,477.79</b> |

By motion the report of the Historian be removed from the table.

By motion the report of the Historian be adopted.

The State Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptists—

Greetings:

I regret that illness in the family prevents my attendance at this session of the Convention.

During the year I have been able to again piece together some of the missing links in the chain of history of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Considerable progress has been made.

I have located copies of all sessions of the Convention since its organization, except 5. I believe that some where they exist, and I still have hopes of finding them. I am recording the history of the convention in a special loose-leaf book.

I have much material on the history of our people. Much of it of course is my private property since I was collecting these documents, etc., long before I was appointed historian of the Convention. All of this material is available as historical collects, and I expect to leave them to the Free Will Baptists. I have complete certain phases of the history of North Carolina, and have in the finished product 188 typewritten pages, enough to make a sizeable book.

There yet remains a lot of work to be done. It has been no easy task to piece together this material since there were no records kept until recent years.

Respectfully submitted

Thos. E. Beaman, *Historian*

By motion the Historical Commission be instructed to procure all material belonging to the Convention held by Rev. T. E. Beaman and turn same over to the Recording Secretary for permanent filing.

Report of Nominating Committee—See Officers elected.

By motion a rising vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers for their services.

By motion the Convention instructed the Home Mission Board to advance \$165.00 to the Committee appointed for the saving of Pine Grove Church to supplement the \$100.00 advanced by the Convention.

By motion Rev. Bruce Barrow be added to the committee to represent the Home Mission Board in dealing with the Pine Grove Church.

An invitation for the 1953 session of the State Convention was extended by the pastor of Marsh Swamp Church and duly accepted by the body.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing song, "Jesus Calls Us."

Benediction by Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

L. B. Manning, *President*

R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

# CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS Of the North Carolina State Convention Of Original Free Will Baptists

## PREAMBLE

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, assembled in order to advance, promote, and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this Constitution and these By-Laws.

## Constitution

### ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: This assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

SECTION 2: This Convention shall hold an annual session commencing on Wednesday after the second Sunday in September of each year. The place of such meetings to be determined by the Convention or the Executive Committee. Special sessions may be called by the Executive Committee in the event of the existence of needs of sufficient urgency.

### ARTICLE II

SECTION 1: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Promotional Director, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2: The Convention shall be composed of the general officers, members of standing boards, committees or commissions, and all ordained ministers who belong to churches that are affiliated with the convention; one delegate from each church in good standing; one delegate from each Union Meeting, Conference or Association in good standing for every one thousand members or a fraction thereof.

## By-Laws

### ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: The work of this Convention shall be departmentalized, with a board of control over each department. Each board shall be governed by rules set forth by the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Convention to solicit the cooperation of the Conferences and Associations in promoting the work of these departments.

SECTION 2: All members of the Convention shall have a right of voice and vote on any issue before the body, providing they have been properly recognized by the Presiding Officer. They shall serve the Convention in any capacity when called upon by the proper authority. Before membership in the Convention is established, all ministers and delegates must be properly registered.

## ARTICLE II

### *Officers, Boards, Committees and the manner of their election*

SECTION 1: *President*: The President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. He shall not be elected to succeed himself.

SECTION 2: *Vice-President*: The Vice-President shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 3: *Recording Secretary*: The Recording Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 4: *Assistant Recording Secretary*: The Assistant Recording Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 5: *Promotional Director*: The Promotional Director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year under such contract as may be agreed upon by himself and the Convention or its Executive Committee. In case of a vacancy in this office between sessions of the Convention the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy until the next session.

SECTION 6: *Treasurer*: The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION 7: *Orphanage Board*: The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, shall be composed of nine (9) members with the terms of three members expiring each year, the vacancies to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 8: *Board of Superannuation*: The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of five members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 9: *Board of Missions*: The Board of Missions shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 10: *Board of Christian Education*: The Board of Christian Education shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 11: *Board of Trustees*: The Board of Trustees shall be composed of three (3) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 12: *Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock*: The Stock held by this Convention in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall be represented by three members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 13: *Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Stock*: The stock held

by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall be represented by one member elected annually by the Convention.

SECTION 14: *Representative of Church Finance Association Stock*: The stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall be represented by one member elected annually by the Convention.

SECTION 15: *Historical Commission*: The Historical Commission shall be composed of three members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

SECTION 16: *Executive Committee*: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and three members elected by the Convention for a term of two years.

### ARTICLE III

#### *Duties and Responsibilities*

SECTION 1: *President*: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have power to declare any office of the Convention vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Convention or the Executive Committee. He shall have authority to call meetings of the Executive Committee, when such is needful, and preside over said meetings.

The President shall be ex-officio member of all boards, standing committees and commissions of the Convention.

SECTION 2: *Vice-President*: The duties of the Vice-President shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.

SECTION 3: *Recording Secretary*: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender the same to his successor in office.

SECTION 4: *Assistant Recording Secretary*: The duties of the Assistant Recording Secretary shall be the duties of the Recording Secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the Recording Secretary when called upon.

SECTION 5: *Promotional Director*: The Promotional Director shall maintain an office for the purpose of centralizing the work of the Convention. He shall prepare statistical tables necessary to keep the Convention informed as to the growth and progress of the denomination. He shall work with the Convention, the Executive Committee, all boards, committees and commissions of the Convention in placing the work of the denomination before the various bodies of the state for their information and support; also perform any other promotional duties as directed by the Convention or the Executive Committee.

When designated by a board, committee or commission the Promotional Director shall receive and (or) pay out any money controlled by said board, committee or commission as directed by them.

The Promotional Director shall be ex-officio member of all boards, standing committees and commissions of the Convention.

SECTION 6: *Treasurer*: The Treasurer shall hold all money belonging to the Convention. He shall pay all bills ordered by the Convention or the Executive Committee; other bills paid must be approved by the President and Recording Secretary. He shall give an annual report to the Convention; also make reports to the Executive Committee when called for.

SECTION 7: *Orphanage Board*: The Orphanage Board shall be responsible for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex. It shall give an annual report to the Convention setting forth its progress, needs and achievements.

SECTION 8: *Board of Superannuation*: It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this State Convention. They shall seek to provide for our aged, retired and infirm ministers in some form of a superannuation program; also seek to offer to our active ministers some program whereby they may help to provide for their future security and retirement.

SECTION 9: *Board of Missions*: The Board of Missions shall regulate and supervise all mission work under the control of this Convention. It shall co-operate with the Mission program of the National Association. It shall endeavor to raise money for missions and build sentiment favorable to missions.

SECTION 10: *Board of Christian Education*: The Board of Christian Education shall keep our people informed as to our educational needs; endeavor to promote the cause of, receive funds for and stimulate interest among our people in the cause of Christian Education. It shall be their duty to co-operate with the educational institutions of our denomination and use all funds for the best interest of Christian Education as directed by this Convention and the donors of funds for education.

SECTION 11: *Board of Trustees*: The Board of Trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this Convention. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the Convention.

SECTION 12: *Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock*: The Representatives of the stock held by this Convention, in Cragmont Assembly, Inc. shall work jointly with representatives of other auxiliaries holding stock in said institution.

SECTION 13: *Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Stock*: The Representative of the stock held by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the stockholders of the Press at Ayden, N. C., to transact any business that may come before them.

SECTION 14: *Representative of Church Finance Association Stock*: The Representative of the Membership Stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the stockholders of the corporation for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before them.

SECTION 15: *Historical Commission*: The Historical Commission shall make research, compile same and record historical events of the denomination to date; these documents become the property of the Convention and shall be held by the Recording Secretary.

SECTION 16: *Executive Committee*: The work of the Executive Committee shall

be that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. It shall call as many sessions as necessary between the annual sessions of the Convention to transact business. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when such officer proves a failure in duties, proves non-Christian or detrimental to the cause of Christ and appoint another to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies made by any other cause.

The Executive Committee shall supervise the work of the Promotional Department between the annual sessions of the Convention as most practicable to our state work and in keeping with the expressed will of the annual sessions of the Convention.

A report of all transactions of this Committee shall be made to the Convention in annual session.

## AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and these By-Laws shall not be changed or altered except by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read not less than twice in open Convention.





# MINUTES

## Of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention of 1952

The twenty-fifth annual session of the North Carolina State Free Will Baptist League Convention convened at Whaley's Chapel, Jones County, Saturday, June 14, 1952. Rev. J. B. Narron presided over the meeting until the president arrived. Leah McGlohon acted as recording secretary in the absence of the secretary.

The convention was opened with the congregation singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and devotions led by Rev. J. B. Narron, who challenged Leaguers to present themselves as living sacrifices to God. Rev. J. R. Davidson led the group in prayer.

Rev. Henry Melvin delivered an inspirational message on the theme of the Convention, "The Call of Life."

The President's message encouraged Leaguers to subscribe to the paper, *The Leaguer*, and urged them to push the League Convention.

A business period followed in which the following committees were appointed: Reports Committee—Oscar Webster, chairman, Mrs. Oscar Webster and Rev. T. O. Terry; Nominating Committee—Rev. James A. Evans, chairman, Rev. R. H. Jackson, Juanita Dunn, Rev. Fred Rivenbark and Howard Wood.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the Orphanage, expressed his thanks for the support that the leagues have given the Orphanage and urged continued support.

"The Call to Life through Christian Education" was the topic of the message delivered by Rev. T. O. Terry, who used as his text 2 Timothy 2:15. Mr. Terry stated that Christian Education presents the following challenge: The challenge to prepare and in the preparation to choose an institution that is fundamental, that exalts Christ, and that is practical; the challenge to proclaim; and the challenge to promote Christian Education.

A Singspiration followed which featured "The Gospeliers," the quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The following ministers were present: Revs. James A. Evans, William Phipps, Eddie Corn, Ralph Lightsey, Henry Melvin, Rashie Kennedy, T. O. Terry, J. R. Davidson, Fred Rivenbark, George Branning, Warren Mallard, J. B. Narron, Lee Whaley, David Wooten, Boyce Wallace, Lloyd Vernon, R. H. Jackson, W. B. Raper, Floyd B. Cherry, S. A. Smith and L. E. Ballard.

Rev. Lightsey made a few remarks about the Bible College and told of the importance of choosing a college that is fundamental.

An announcement of the Youth Fellowship Week to be held at Cragmont the week of June 16th was made by the director. Afterwards we were dismissed for lunch.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises," and "Nothing But the Blood."

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Editor-in-Chief of the Free Will Baptist Press, delivered a message on the "Call of Life through Christian Guidance."

A business period followed in which several reports were given. Leah McGlohon gave a brief report on last year's National League Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. R. H. Jackson gave a report on the proposed Mount Allen Junior College which is to begin at Cragmont this fall. Mr. Fountain Taylor reported on Cragmont.

Rev. J. R. Davidson spoke on the "Call to Life through Christian Recreation and Social Life."

The treasurer's report was made and accepted.

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| Amount on Hand June 18, 1952 .....                                | \$112.72        |
| Amount Received by State 10% Dues .....                           | 132.37          |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>                                       | <b>\$245.09</b> |
| Total Disbursements .....   | 224.63          |
| BALANCE JUNE 14, 1952 .....                                       | \$ 20.46        |
| Earmarked for the Convention of the Third Eastern League Union    | \$ 10.00        |
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| BALANCE OF YEAR 1951-52 .....                                     | \$ 10.46        |
| Contributions to Convention including the Earmarked \$10.00 ..... | \$ 88.00        |
| Received for F. M., Christian Education, Cragmont .....           | 6.00            |
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| TOTAL BALANCE JUNE 16, 1952 .....                                 | \$104.46        |

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report: President: Rev. J. B. Narron, Vice-President—Rev. T. O. Terry, Recording Secretary—Alice Webster, Assistant Recording Secretary—Leah McGlohon, Corresponding Secretary—Rev. R. P. Harris, Treasurer—Rev. Lee Whaley. The Stockholder for Cragmont to be elected from the floor. The sessions was opened for nominations from the floor, but as none were nominated, a motion was made and carried that the report of the nominating committee be accepted.

The Reports Committee submitted the following report: Two district Conventions made reports and leagues from eighteen churches. The best reports for each department were made by Adult, Senior, and Junior Leagues of Free Union F. W. B. Church of Beaufort County and the Primary and Intermediates of Sherron Acres of Durham.

A motion was made and carried that we send a mimeographed copy of the minutes to each church in North Carolina.

Since no one knew who the stockholders for Cragmont were and no record could be found in a hurried search of minutes, a motion was made and carried that three new people be elected to replace whoever is on the board.

Revs. James A. Evans, Burkette Raper, and J. R. Davidson were elected to fill these positions.

By motion these three will serve three, two, and one years respectively in the order of their nomination.

The following motions were made and carried.

1. That the secretary notify the secretary of the Cragmont Board of Directors of the above Stockholders for Cragmont.
2. That we present shields to those who had the best reports at minimum cost.
3. That all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Board.

The Sword Drill was not conducted because of the shortage of time, and as there was only one Intermediate candidate, Jo Ann Wood of 200 W. Spring St., Rocky Mount, will be the North Carolina candidate for the 1953 National Sword Drill.

On motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to Whaley's Chapel for their hospitality.

We close with the League benediction.

REV. J. B. NARRON  
President

LEAH MCGLOHON  
Assistant Recording Secretary

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES

| CHURCHES                    | To Convention | No. Members | Value of Property | Members Received | Members Lost | Pastor's Salary | Cragmont | Missions | Orphanage | Education | Promotional | Church Finance | Superannuation | Raised by Church | Raised by Sunday School | Raised by Auxiliary | Raised by League | COUNTY     |                |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|
| <i>Albemarle Conference</i> | \$            |             | \$                |                  |              | \$              | \$       | \$       | \$        | \$        | \$          | \$             | \$             | \$               | \$                      | \$                  | \$               |            |                |
| Free Union                  | 10.00         | 399         | 8,000             | 22               | 2            | 1,200           |          |          |           |           |             |                |                | 2,246            | 170                     |                     | 55               | Beaufort   |                |
| First Ch., Portsmouth, Va.  | 10.00         | 139         | 25,000            | 20               | 2            | 3,380           |          | 143      | 25        | 20        |             |                | 34             | 5,107            | 35                      | 25                  | 20               | Portsmouth |                |
| Hickory Chapel              | 10.00         | 164         | 25,000            |                  | 7            | 2,080           | 10       | 92       | 458       | 140       | 12          |                | 26             | 5,179            | 703                     | 187                 | 74               | Hertford   |                |
| Malachi's Chapel            |               | 352         | 14,000            |                  | 2            | 550             |          |          | 256       |           |             |                | 86             |                  |                         |                     |                  | Tyrell     |                |
| Piney Grove                 |               | 88          | 12,000            |                  | 2            | 343             |          | 10       | 11        |           |             |                |                |                  | 31                      |                     |                  | Washington |                |
| Sidney                      | 10.00         | 95          | 18,000            | 11               | 0            | 633             |          | 135      | 96        | 17        | 19          |                | 17             | 3,502            | 69                      | 1,057               | 140              | Beaufort   |                |
| Union Chapel                | 5.00          | 77          | 5,000             |                  | 1            | 1,205           |          | 250      | 79        | 250       | 250         |                | 250            | 1,194            | 967                     |                     |                  | Washington |                |
| <i>Cape Fear Conference</i> |               |             |                   |                  |              |                 |          |          |           |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            |                |
| Bethel                      | 10.00         | 205         | 5,000             | 3                | 31           | 1,205           | 10       | 31       | 278       | 82        | 15          |                | 22             | 40               | 3,311                   | 782                 | 297              | 225        | Johnston       |
| Bethel                      | 2.00          | 58          | 10,000            | 11               | 3            | 1,120           |          | 10       | 28        | 3         |             |                |                |                  | 828                     | 588                 | 220              |            | Lenoir         |
| Casey's Chapel              | 5.00          | 97          | 10,000            |                  |              | 770             |          |          | 139       | 50        |             |                |                | 25               |                         |                     |                  |            | Wayne          |
| Corinth                     | 10.00         | 83          | 2,000             | 1                | 1            | 240             |          | 30       | 243       |           |             |                |                |                  | 477                     | 242                 | 214              |            | Sampson        |
| Goldsboro                   | 10.00         | 227         | 30,000            | 15               | 3            |                 |          |          |           |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            | Wayne          |
| Hopewell                    | 10.00         | 272         | 10,000            | 3                | 8            | 960             | 20       | 50       | 25        | 25        | 25          |                | 25             | 30               | 200                     | 234                 | 295              |            | Johnston       |
| Johnson's Union             |               | 312         | 10,000            | 5                | 4            | 1,200           |          | 25       | 50        | 25        | 25          |                | 25             | 25               | 175                     |                     |                  |            | Johnston       |
| Oak Grove                   | 10.00         | 196         | 6,000             | 18               |              | 600             | 10       | 9        | 75        | 7         | 11          |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            | Sampson        |
| Powhatan                    | 5.00          | 224         | 10,000            |                  | 1            | 1,222           |          | 25       | 159       | 25        |             |                | 25             | 50               |                         |                     |                  |            | Johnston       |
| Prospect                    | 10.00         | 290         | 26,000            | 19               | 3            | 720             | 33       | 114      | 538       | 25        |             |                |                | 54               | 1,155                   | 1,850               | 169              |            | Harnett        |
| Raleigh                     | 2.00          | 35          | 24,000            | 10               |              | 955             |          |          | 75        | 50        |             |                |                |                  | 2                       |                     |                  |            | Wake           |
| Shady Grove                 | 15.00         | 322         | 20,000            | 19               | 4            | 1,200           |          | 60       | 190       |           |             |                |                | 25               | 4,255                   | 1,044               | 196              |            | Sampson        |
| Smithfield                  | 10.00         | 186         | 35,000            | 8                | 2            | 1,197           | 33       | 48       | 198       | 28        | 12          |                |                | 12               | 7,009                   | 610                 |                  |            | Johnston       |
| Stevens' Chapel             | 7.00          | 60          | 4,000             | 2                | 1            | 183             |          |          | 53        |           |             |                |                | 15               | 794                     | 45                  |                  |            | Johnston       |
| St. Paul                    | 10.00         | 195         | 4,000             | 1                | 5            | 440             |          | 25       | 80        |           | 10          |                |                | 25               |                         |                     | 35               |            | Sampson        |
| Tee's Chapel                | 2.00          | 271         | 6,000             | 14               | 4            | 600             |          | 30       |           |           |             |                |                |                  | 30                      |                     |                  |            | Johnston       |
| West Clinton                | 10.00         | 50          | 5,000             | 10               | 4            | 750             |          | 15       | 12        | 10        |             |                |                | 2                | 852                     | 225                 | 100              | 50         | Sampson        |
| Yelverton's Grove           | 10.00         | 118         | 5,000             | 2                | 0            | 207             | 1        | 7        | 17        | 1         | 1           |                |                | 1                |                         |                     |                  |            | Johnston       |
| St. John's                  | 10.00         | 179         |                   | 1                | 2            | 420             |          | 10       | 85        | 10        |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            | Wayne          |
| <i>Central Conference</i>   |               |             |                   |                  |              |                 |          |          |           |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            |                |
| Antioch                     | 10.00         | 158         | 25,000            | 20               | 3            | 600             | 20       | 20       | 152       |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            |                |
| Aspin Grove                 | 10.00         | 160         | 25,000            | 15               | 2            | 450             |          |          | 500       |           | 11          |                |                |                  | 13,073                  | 300                 | 376              | 200        | Wayne          |
| Ayden                       | 10.00         |             | 25,000            | 15               | 4            | 1,500           |          |          | 109       |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            |                |
| Black Jack                  | 25.00         | 385         | 34,000            | 7                | 11           | 1,680           |          | 57       | 492       |           |             |                |                |                  |                         |                     |                  |            |                |
| Daniel's Chapel             | 10.00         | 139         | 10,000            | 15               | 3            | 360             | 20       | 10       | 366       | 30        | 25          |                |                | 25               | 2,454                   | 300                 | 80               |            | Pitt<br>Wilson |

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| Dawson's Grove              | 10.00 | 62  | 3,000  | 1  | 4  | 925   | 40 | 32  | 151   | 25  | 19 | 14 | 31  |        |       |       |     |  | Halifax   |
| Dilda's Grove               | 10.00 | 78  |        | 17 | 0  | 400   | 7  | 36  | 81    |     |    |    |     | 1,334  | 55    | 141   |     |  | Pitt      |
| Elm Grove                   | 10.00 | 294 | 75,000 | 9  | 4  | 894   | 9  | 24  | 242   | 46  |    |    | 27  | 16,695 | 49    | 67    | 12  |  | Pitt      |
| Edgewood                    | 10.00 | 107 | 10,000 | 4  | 4  | 480   | 13 | 10  | 40    |     |    |    |     | 63     |       |       |     |  | Edgecombe |
| Free Union                  | 10.00 | 406 | 25,000 | 34 | 4  | 1,200 | 10 | 17  | 318   | 38  | 4  |    | 40  |        |       |       |     |  | Greene    |
| Greenville                  | 15.00 | 583 | 35,000 | 96 | 10 | 3,700 | 45 | 797 | 375   | 474 | 22 | 22 | 104 |        |       |       |     |  | Pitt      |
| Grimsley                    |       | 178 | 18,000 | 18 | 3  | 480   | 32 | 140 | 285   | 125 | 25 |    | 78  | 3,381  | 125   | 75    |     |  | Greene    |
| Howell's Swamp              | 5.00  | 138 | 15,000 | 5  | 6  | 1,330 | 35 | 40  | 367   | 58  | 25 | 25 | 41  | 2,698  | 338   | 269   |     |  | Greene    |
| Hugo                        | 5.00  | 200 | 16,500 | 15 | 4  | 865   | 10 | 26  | 52    |     |    |    | 15  |        |       |       |     |  | Lenoir    |
| Hull Road                   | 25.00 | 488 | 30,000 | 20 | 8  | 1,500 | 50 | 289 | 907   | 240 | 40 |    | 30  | 7,537  | 865   | 509   | 113 |  | Greene    |
| King's Cross Roads          | 10.00 | 200 | 7,000  | 11 | 7  | 830   |    |     | 309   | 29  |    |    | 6   |        |       |       |     |  | Pitt      |
| LaGrange                    | 10.00 | 81  | 18,000 | 4  | 2  | 752   | 25 |     | 186   |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Lenoir    |
| Little Creek                | 10.00 | 107 | 10,000 | 0  | 8  | 600   |    | 12  | 100   |     |    |    | 12  | 2,026  | 200   | 24    |     |  | Greene    |
| Marlboro                    | 10.00 |     |        |    |    | 600   |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Pitt      |
| Parker's Chapel             | 5.00  | 164 | 10,000 | 24 | 8  | 445   |    | 58  | 173   |     |    |    | 10  | 1,100  | 518   | 210   |     |  | Pitt      |
| Pleasant Hill               | 5.00  | 113 | 10,000 | 2  | 1  | 900   |    | 32  | 346   |     |    |    | 27  | 1,785  | 426   | 102   | 5   |  | Pitt      |
| Piney Grove                 | 10.00 | 227 | 20,000 | 10 | 7  | 625   |    | 4   | 256   |     |    |    |     | 2,886  | 867   | 1,031 |     |  | Pitt      |
| Owen's Chapel               | 7.00  | 149 | 10,000 | 39 | 3  | 840   | 30 | 20  | 125   | 10  |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Wilson    |
| Reedy Branch                | 25.00 | 229 | 12,000 | 14 | 6  | 1,500 | 60 | 10  | 820   | 164 |    |    | 10  | 747    | 234   | 83    |     |  | Pitt      |
| Rocky Mount                 | 5.00  | 144 | 25,000 | 18 | 4  | 2,888 | 29 | 93  | 203   | 20  | 5  |    | 10  | 3,804  | 2,573 | 1,461 | 89  |  | Edgecombe |
| Saratoga                    | 10.00 | 223 | 6,000  | 16 | 3  | 1,209 | 35 | 10  | 503   | 20  |    |    | 24  | 3,182  | 43    | 112   | 10  |  | Wilson    |
| Spring Branch               | 15.00 | 219 |        | 4  | 4  | 540   | 30 | 45  | 420   | 20  | 10 |    | 15  | 45     | 173   |       | 216 |  | Greene    |
| Shiloh                      | 10.00 | 325 | 2,000  | 1  | 2  | 1,200 | 45 | 45  | 200   | 10  |    |    | 5   |        |       | 250   |     |  | Beaufort  |
| Sr's. Delight, Ormondsville | 10.00 | 340 | 10,000 | 12 | 6  | 700   | 7  | 10  | 373   | 95  | 8  |    | 5   | 2,716  | 550   | 150   | 10  |  | Greene    |
| Sweet Gum Grove             | 10.00 | 194 |        | 10 | 5  | 600   | 10 | 20  | 427   | 10  | 40 |    | 10  | 10     | 214   |       |     |  | Pitt      |
| Walnut Creek                | 5.00  | 67  | 2,600  | 1  | 1  | 403   | 9  | 27  | 70    |     |    |    | 6   | 906    | 72    |       |     |  | Wayne     |
| Winterville                 | 10.00 | 167 | 15,000 | 19 | 2  | 840   |    | 20  | 50    | 73  |    |    | 25  |        |       |       |     |  | Pitt      |
| <i>Eastern Conference</i>   |       |     |        |    |    |       |    |     |       |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  |           |
| Antioch                     | 5.00  | 132 | 20,000 | 2  | 4  | 1,200 | 21 | 40  | 325   |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Craven    |
| Beaufort                    | 10.00 | 125 | 19,000 |    | 10 | 1,040 |    | 25  | 181   |     |    |    |     |        | 143   | 150   |     |  | Carteret  |
| Bethel                      | 10.00 | 100 | 4,500  | 4  | 5  | 480   | 17 | 46  | 122   | 20  | 8  |    | 11  | 29     | 3,809 | 210   |     |  | Pamlico   |
| Beulaville                  | 20.00 | 192 | 5,000  | 6  | 0  | 540   | 21 | 30  | 574   | 30  |    |    |     |        | 800   | 637   | 220 |  | Duplin    |
| Brice's Creek               | 5.00  | 103 | 500    | 1  | 0  | 327   | 5  | 10  | 47    | 5   | 5  |    | 10  |        | 737   |       |     |  | Craven    |
| Bridgeton                   | 10.00 | 184 | 25,000 | 7  | 0  | 1,200 | 15 | 54  | 250   | 128 | 3  |    | 5   | 53     | 3,560 | 1,560 |     |  | Craven    |
| British Chapel              | 10.00 | 135 | 7,000  | 1  | 4  | 240   |    | 5   | 84    |     |    |    |     |        |       | 18    |     |  | Lenoir    |
| Cabin                       | 10.00 | 134 | 7,500  | 4  | 3  | 720   | 44 | 38  | 347   | 15  | 35 |    | 51  | 1,409  | 224   | 455   |     |  | Duplin    |
| Christian Chapel            | 5.00  | 175 | 5,000  | 10 | 1  | 875   | 11 | 32  | 407   | 34  | 13 |    | 15  | 25     | 1,837 | 25    | 10  |  | Lenoir    |
| Core Creek                  | 15.00 | 295 | 12,000 | 15 | 3  | 1,250 | 17 | 337 | 1,069 | 101 | 21 |    | 32  | 30     | 4,606 | 23    |     |  | Craven    |
| Core Point                  | 1.00  | 27  |        | 1  | 1  | 305   | 2  | 19  | 30    |     |    |    |     |        | 468   | 157   |     |  | Beaufort  |
| Dailey's Chapel             | 10.00 | 114 | 2,000  | 4  | 2  | 350   |    |     | 78    |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Lenoir    |
| Davis                       | 25.00 | 172 | 30,000 |    | 1  | 1,895 | 66 | 846 | 356   | 525 |    |    | 75  | 8,398  |       | 115   | 110 |  | Carteret  |
| Deep Run                    | 10.00 | 259 | 12,000 |    | 7  | 960   | 15 | 79  | 376   | 77  | 38 |    | 10  | 1,999  | 375   | 877   |     |  | Lenoir    |
| Edward's Chapel             | 5.00  | 125 | 5,000  |    | 0  | 1,032 | 20 | 108 | 327   |     |    |    | 35  | 2,063  | 516   | 141   | 104 |  | Carteret  |
| Ephesus                     | 10.00 | 108 | 1,500  | 5  | 0  | 365   |    |     | 43    |     |    |    |     | 173    | 24    | 22    |     |  | Beaufort  |
| Friendship                  | 25.00 | 180 | 6,500  | 1  | 12 | 480   | 15 | 15  | 375   | 15  | 15 |    | 15  |        |       |       |     |  | Jones     |
| Free Union                  | 5.00  | 55  | 12,000 |    | 7  | 327   |    | 10  | 53    |     |    |    |     |        | 715   | 70    | 46  |  | Carteret  |
| Folkstone                   | 10.00 | 216 | 15,000 | 12 | 2  | 540   | 37 | 15  | 115   |     |    |    |     | 1,248  | 78    | 497   |     |  | Onslow    |
| Gethsemane                  | 10.00 | 130 | 15,000 | 12 | 2  | 900   |    | 96  | 125   |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Craven    |
| Grant's Chapel              | 10.00 | 75  | 10,000 | 2  | 2  | 240   |    | 14  | 20    |     |    |    |     |        |       |       |     |  | Wayne     |
| Crav Branch                 | 5.00  | 188 | 3,000  | 8  | 10 | 420   |    | 20  | 20    |     |    |    | 20  | 1,730  |       |       |     |  | Lenoir    |











