

Minutes

Of the
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
and
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

**Palmer Association
of
Free Will Baptists**



THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, May 10, 1975
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
Kinston, N. C.



FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, May 8, 1976
Grace Free Will Baptist Church
Greenville, N. C.

General Officers & Executive Committee

Moderator: George Lee — 1978
Assistant Moderator: Gordon Sebastian — 1978
Secretary - Treasurer: Alfred Cates — 1978
Assistant Secretary - Treasurer: Alvis Harris — 1978

Members At Large

Darrell Pickle — 1978
Douglas Rondlett — 1978

Membership Committee

Glenn Hill — 1977	L. R. Ennis — 1978
Alvis Harris — 1977	Frank Davenport — 1979
Rashie Kennedy — 1978	Eugene Hales — 1979

Youth Committee

Rodney Whaley — 1977
Phillip Cooper — 1977
Lorenza Sox — 1977

Quarterly Meeting Program Committee

Richard Kennedy — 1977
Frank Davenport — 1977
Robert Durham — 1977



ORIGINAL OFFICERS

Moderator	David Nobles
Assistant Moderator	Jim Nason
Secretary-Treasurer	Eugene Hales
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Owen Ganey

CONSTITUTION

of the

Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE.

This organization shall be known as the Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists and by this name shall it be designated in all its work, government and fraternal relations. The general purpose of the Association shall be the exaltation of Christ, the great Head of the Church, the edification of its members through the effective teaching and mutual encouragement in the use of the manifold means of grace; the unification of the methods and programs of its affiliated churches and subordinate organizations; and the coordination of persistent efforts in church extension, Christian education, benevolence and evangelism.

ARTICLE 2. COMPOSITION.

This association shall be composed of churches, ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that are associated with the association and recommended by the membership committee and accepted by the body in session and approved by the messengers from the churches.

ARTICLE 3. REPRESENTATION.

Voting privilege shall be accorded to all approved ordained ministers of the association who remain above reproach and five messengers from each church and one additional messenger for every 100 members or fraction thereof, properly seated.

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL OFFICERS.

The general officers of the association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary-treasurer, an assistant secretary-treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years beginning at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the general officers of the association together with two members elected from the churches at large for a term of two years. It is understood that this committee has no authority other than that which is expressly stated in this constitution and by-laws.

Section 2. A Membership Committee of six members shall be elected for a term of three years, the tenure of two expiring each year.

Section 3. A Quarterly Fellowship Program Committee consisting of three members shall be elected for a term of two years.

Section 4. A Youth Committee consisting of three members shall be elected for a term of two years.

Section 5. A Digest Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the moderator at each annual session to serve only during that session.

Section 6. A Finance Committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the moderator at each annual session to serve only during that session.

Section 7. A Committee on Committees consisting of five members shall be elected at each annual session to serve only during that session.

Section 8. Special committees may be elected or appointed at the option of the association.

ARTICLE 6. ORDINATION.

The Palmer Association recognizes that the authority to ordain ministers has its source in the local church.

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual session of the association shall meet on the second Saturday in May at 9:30 a.m.

Section 2. The Quarterly Fellowship meetings shall meet on the second Saturday in August, November and February at 9:30 a.m.

ARTICLE 8.

The Reporting Year for Associational Churches shall be April 1 through March 31.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENT.

This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS.

No person shall serve more than four (4) years successively in any one office or combination of offices.

A. The moderator shall preside according to accepted parliamentary procedure over the sessions of the association.

B. The duties of the assistant moderator shall be those of the moderator when the latter shall so direct or when he is absent.

C. The secretary-treasurer shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the association and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the association and pay out same by order of the association. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the association.

D. The duties of the assistant secretary-treasurer shall be those of the secretary-treasurer when the latter shall so direct or when he is absent.

SECTION 2. COMMITTEES.

A. The Executive Committee shall plan the program for the annual session in consultation with the host pastor. They shall perform any other duties as directed by the association in session.

B. The Membership Committee shall examine the credentials of ministers who apply for membership in the association and applications of churches that desire membership in the association and shall make recommendations according to their judgment.

C. The Quarterly Fellowship Program Committee shall plan the program for the Quarterly Fellowship meetings in consultation with the host pastor.

D. The Youth Committee shall plan, promote and direct youth ministries and activities within the association and shall present an annual report of activities and finances.

E. The Digest Committee shall receive the annual reports from the churches and compile a digest of information contained therein and report the same.

F. The Finance Committee shall compile a financial status of the association and make recommendations accordingly.

G. The Committee on Committees shall make nominations for each standing office and committee member whose term expires or is left vacated and present the same.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS.

A. The Annual Meeting shall be for the purpose of fellowship, inspiration, and the transaction of business.

B. The Quarterly Meetings shall be for the purpose of fellowship, inspiration, and instruction in the work of the Lord.

SECTION 4. ORDINATION.

The Palmer Association recognizes the authority of the local church to ordain men to the ministry of the gospel. It further recognizes the authority of the local church to ordain men to general Christian ministries. The following is suggested procedure in the ordination of a minister.

A. The Candidate should be licensed for at least one year.

B. The church should call together at least three ordained Free Will Baptist ministers to examine the candidate as to doctrine and general qualifications. The committee should make written recommendations to the church.

C. The ordination service generally includes a sermon, presentation of the Bible, charge to the candidate, laying on of hands and prayer of dedication.

SECTION 5. PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

A. Churches. — Each church which is a member of the association is required to represent by written report and messengers from the church at each meeting. In the event this cannot be done a letter must be sent to the association stating the circumstances. Regular attendance and communication must be maintained with the association to remain in good standing.

B. Ministers. — Each ordained and licensed minister who is a member of the association is required to attend 75 percent of the regular meetings. In the event an absence becomes necessary a letter must be sent to the association stating the circumstances. When a licensed or ordained minister is attending an educational institution and is unable to attend, a letter must be sent to the association stating the same. Regular attendance and communication must be maintained with the association to remain in good standing.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bobby Aycock	Gordon Hart
Willie Edgar Bell	Bob Hesselmyer
Harley Bennett	W. Glenn Hill
Fred Carraway	Bobby Jackson
Alfred Cates	Phillip James
L. B. Coley	Rashie Kennedy
Phillip Cooper	Richard Kennedy
Jack Cox	George C. Lee
Donald Craft	James L. Marcum
Frank Davenport	John Moran
Al Davis	Jim Mullen
La Rue Davis	David Paramore
Harvey Dupree	Jack Paramore
Robert J. Durham	Chester Phillips
L. R. Ennis	Darrell Pickle
Owen Ganey	James Pittman
Raymond Gaskin	Douglas Randlet
Tommy Godley	Gordon R. Sebastian
Eugene Hales	Lorenza Stox
Burt Hall	Walter Summerlin
Alvis Harris	J. D. Vernelson

LICENSED MINISTERS

Dallas Carter	Harold Moore
Jimmy Cone	Aaron McDaniel
Ray Connor	Rodney Whaley
Bill Howard	Roy Winstead
Johnny Hudson	

MINUTES
of the
Third Annual Session
of the
PALMER ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Saturday, May 10, 1975

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
Kinston, North Carolina

The session was opened promptly at 9:30 a.m. with congregational singing led by Billy Oliver from the host church.

David Paramore, the host pastor welcomed the session to Bethel Church. Devotions were presented by Jim Markum, pastor of Trinity Church in LaGrange. Scripture was read from Isaiah 1:7 and I Timothy 4:1 and he spoke on the subject of "Our Country Is Desolate".

The Moderator, Robert Durham, welcomed the Pastors, Messengers, and visitors to this session.

Special music was presented by a young men's quartet from the host church.

The following were appointed to the Digest Committee by the moderator: Philip Cooper, Gordon Hart and David Paramore.

The following were appointed to the Finance Committee by the moderator: L. B. Coley, Harley Bennett , and Gordon Sebastian.

The minutes of the Second Annual Session dated Saturday, May 18, 1974, convening at Gethsemane Church in Wilson were read and approved.

A motion was made and passed that we adjourn to give the committees a chance to meet.

The session reconvened by the call of the moderator. Tommy Godley gave a report of the new mission work at Farmville.

A letter from our State Evangelist, Ronald Creech, was read by the moderator. A motion was made and passed that the facts of this letter be included in the minutes. They are as follows:

“I want to thank you for the support the Palmer Association churches have given to the work of the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists. On behalf of all of our departments, I send sincere thanks and appreciation.

A check into the matter the other day revealed that North Carolina had given \$267,407.35 to the causes of the National Association in 1974. That is fantastic! I do want to commend our churches. I do not want to take away from that one minute nor pour any cold water on our enthusiastic rejoicing over it. But I do want to point out that the combined budgets in North Carolina are about \$55,000.00. Sometimes we have difficulty reaching our budgets.

Brethren, this ought not to be! Let’s not cease doing one thing we are doing for the National Association, but at the same time, let’s take care of our North Carolina causes too. Please get the North Carolina work in the budget of your church.

Thanks for all that you have done for the State Association in the past. Please increase your giving if you can.”

Finance Committee Report

Financial Statement:

Present Fund Balance	\$462.33
Checks from churches	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Funds Available	\$612.33

Recommendations:

1. That the Youth Committee be given \$100.
2. That the Harley Bennette Missionary Account for Pocatella, Idaho be given a love offering of \$100.
3. That the Faith Free Will Baptist Mission of Washington, N. C., be given a love offering of \$100.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. B. Coley
Gordon Sebastian
Harley Bennette

A motion was made and passed to receive the report and adopt the recommendations.

A list of the next meetings of this association were called for. They were listed as follows:

August 9, 1975 Faith, Goldsboro
November 8, 1975 Fellowship, Micro
February 14, 1976 Gethsemane, Wilson
May 8, 1976 Grace, Greenville

A motion was made and passed that all regular planned meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made and passed that reports from the churches to the association be uniform as to dates for which the report covers. The dates chosen were April 1 - March 31.

A motion was made and passed that we adjourn for the preaching service.

The service was opened by congregational singing led by Billy Oliver. An offering in the amount of \$12.90 was received. Special music was rendered by Phillip Cooper. It was a solo entitled, "I Know, I Know". The message was delivered by Charles Brown, pastor of Collingswood Free Will Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. His text was from Daniel 3 and the subject was "Christian Principle".

A motion was made and passed to adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The Assistant Moderator, Harvey Dupree, called the session to order and led in prayer. Billy Oliver led the congregation in singing Devotions were given by Harley Bennette, missionary to Pocatello, Idaho on the subject of prayer.

Membership Committee Report

Recommendations:

1. That Jim Markum, pastor of Trinity Church in LaGrange, be received as an ordained minister.

2. That Rashie Kennedy of the Faith Church in Goldsboro be received as an ordained minister.

3. That Jack Cox, pastor of the Mount Calvary Church in Hookerton, be received as an ordained minister pending a letter of petition on his behalf by Mount Calvary Church.

4. That Ray Connor of Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Scotland Neck be received as a licensed minister.

5. That Roy Winstead of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount be received as a licensed minister.

6. That Temple Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville be received into full fellowship and encouraged to support the work of the association.

7. That Richard Kennedy, pastor of Temple Free Will Baptist Church, be received as an ordained minister.

8. That Douglas Randlet of Temple Free Will Baptist Church be received as an ordained minister.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Davenport
Alvis Harris
L. R. Ennis
Harvey Dupree
John Reed

A motion was made and passed that each one be received, their messengers be seated and the right hand of fellowship be extended. It was done.

Digest of Reports — May 10, 1975
Reporting Period — April 1, 1974 -- March 31, 1975

Church Name	Church Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average	Church Training Service Enrollment	Church Training Service Average	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Average	Total Outside Causes	Value Church Property	Value Parsonage Property
Antioch, Pikeville	151	1			89	59			31	11	456	\$50,000	
Ayden, Liberty	1 170	1			115	95	80	60	18	14	1,100	150,000	27,000
Belvoir, Greenville	1 210	2	2		175	160	70	66	25	20	1,500	155,000	30,000
Bethel, Kinston	710	1	1		912	800					8,100	1,224,351	
Faith, Goldsboro	368	4	2	6	525	561	200	181			1,827	780,000	
Fellowship, Micro	1 112	1			166	132	66	56	12	9	1,202	100,000	30,000
Gethsemane, Wilson	80	1			85	60					950	75,000	
Grace, Greenville	435	1			500	375					2,375	575,000	
Grace, Rocky Mount	449	1	4		500	400	25	20	40	25	2,555	300,000	
Grifton, Grifton	1 164	1	1		163	143	60	65	22	18	3,590	80,000	20,000
Hope, Scotland Neck	1 200	1	2		116	110			20	15	725	50,000	15,000
Immanuel, Winterville	1 102	1			98	74	50	48	19	15	375	56,000	26,000
Living Waters, Bethel	90	1			110	85					1,100	50,000	
Maranatha, Greenville	1 109	1			144	115	55	45	12	10	2,190	90,000	25,000
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton	1 272	1	1	5	283	265					2,410	400,000	30,000
Parker's Chapel, Greenville	1 515	5	3		398	360	84	84	20	17	7,388	202,000	50,000
Peace, Wilson	1 602	1	5		830	530	150	120			4,027	260,000	30,000
Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount	1 231	2	1		188	130	60	46			1,990	150,000	35,000
St. John, Goldsboro	143	1			126	85			17	8	199	75,000	
Temple, Greenville	150	3			300	200					600	87,000	
Trinity, Greenville	496	3			561	398	71	45	24	33	10,025	800,000	
Trinity, La Grange	109	1			109	95					1,200	25,000	
Victory, Goldsboro	1 196	2			200	166	100	78	27	18	5,856	180,000	25,000
West Duplin, Warsaw	211	2		4	285	210					2,184	290,000	
White Oak Hill, Baily	1 242	1			225	167			20	16	1,084	240,000	40,000
Totals	13 6517	40	22	In.	7203	5775	1071	914	307	229	65,008	6,444,351	383,000

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Report of Digest Committee

Church Name	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average	Mid-Week Prayer Service	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	All Other	Total Local Causes	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Higher Education	Assound Projects	State and National Projects
Antioch, Pikeville			10	\$3,000	\$428	\$310	\$3,738	\$136	\$100	\$200		\$20
Beacon, Farmville	15	10	45	7,800	500	7,700	16,000	300	150	300		350
Belvoir, Greenville	20	16	75	7,800	500	20,200	28,500	800	200	300		200
Bethel, Kinston			440	4,420	100,000	54,480	158,900	2,900	1,000	4,000		200
Faith, Goldsboro			271	8,320	10,000	351,680	370,000	766	592	469		
Fellowship, Micro			50	7,800	7,000	4,500	19,300	480	240	480		712
Grace, Greenville			25	5,200	200	3,600	9,000	300	200	350		100
Grace, Rocky Mount			145	12,960		77,040	90,000	600	400	1,300	75	
Grifton, Grifton			175	10,800		58,200	69,000	1,200	300	555		500
Hope, Scotland Neck			65	6,920	582	7,200	14,702	1,220	361	1,560	360	88
Immanuel, Winterville			40	6,500	5,000	7,415	14,415	200	300	200	25	
Liberty, Ayden			20	6,500	500	3,000	10,000	200	75	100		
Living Waters, Bethel			40	6,500	300	7,200	14,000	400	200	500		
Maranatha, Greenville			55	6,600	1,100	10,844	18,544	1,036	150	569	75	360
Mount Calvary, Hookerton			165	7,800		41,800	49,600	600	600	610		600
Parker's Chapel, Greenville			93	7,840	23,939	37,988	69,767	2,371	1,381	1,977		1,659
Peace, Wilson			250	7,500	1,000	86,150	94,650	2,000	350	1,000		677
Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount			101	10,400		27,000	37,400	450	500	500	520	20
St. John, Goldsboro				3,100	156	5,697	8,953		124		75	
Temple, Greenville			125	7,750	88,000	17,000	38,000	140	50	150		
Trinity, Greenville	40	40	100	7,700	228,000	53,000	75,000	7,000	2,000	1,000		25
Trinity, LaGrange			50	6,240		5,760	12,000	600	350	250		
Victory, Goldsboro			90	9,130	6,234	36,580	51,944	3,485	879	1,404	87	
West Duplin, Warsaw			91	5,720	551	129,719	136,377	981	482	162		558
White Oak Hill, Baily			75	5,530		13,466	18,996	421	393	270		
Totals	75	66	2596	179,830	473,990	1,067,529	1,428,786	28,586	11,377	18,206	535	6,069

A motion was made and passed to receive this preliminary report of the Digest Committee.

The following Quarterly Fellowship Meeting Program Committee was elected:

Richard Kennedy, Chairman (1977)

Frank Davenport (1977)

Robert Durham (1977)

Report of Youth Committee

The Report of the Youth Committee was given by Gordon Hart. He also announced the Palmer Association Competitive Activities Run -Off for Saturday, May 17, 1975, at Faith Church in Goldsboro.

Report of the Study Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

The following recommended changes were proposed, considered and adopted:

1. Under Article 2, Composition, insert the following words after the word association: "And recommended by the membership committee and accepted by the body in session."

2. Under Article 3, Representation, insert the following words after the word accorded: "All approved ordained ministers of the association who remain above reproach"; strike out the words: "the pastor of each church in session"; add the words "properly seated" after the word thereof.

3. Under Article 7, Meetings, add Section 1 for Annual Meetings and add 9:30 a.m. as the time to meet. Add Section 2 for Quarterly Fellowship Meetings which shall meet on the second Saturday in August, November and February at 9:30 a.m.

4. Add Article 8, Reporting Year for the associational churches shall be April 1 through March 31.

5. All officers and committees are to be properly inserted with information as to number of members, terms of office and method of selection.

A motion was made and passed that the moderator appoint the messengers to the State Association just prior to the same.

A motion was made and passed to send \$50 to the State Association with our report.

A motion was made and passed to give \$25.00 as an honorarium to Charles Brown who was our speaker during the 11:00 a.m. Preaching Service.

A motion was made and passed to include a summary of the Quarterly Meetings in our minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The following Treasurer's Report was received: May 18, 1974
- May 9, 1975

5-18-74 Balance Brought Forward\$496.65

At Gethsemane Church, Wilson, N.C.

RECEIPTS

5-18-74 Checks from the churches	\$180.00	
5-18-74 Offering received	61.85	
7-2-74 From late church report	5.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$246.85	...\$246.85
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR\$743.50

DISBURSEMENTS

5-18-74 Dr. Robert Picirilli - Honorarium	\$125.00	
5-18-74 N. C. State Mission Board - James Stepps account.....	61.85	
5-28-74 Palmer Association Youth Committee .	\$125.00	
4-26-74 Randall Book Store - Report Forms	3.86	
6-10-74 State Association Registration	50.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$365.71	...\$365.71
8-9-74 Balance on Hand\$377.79
8-10-74 Balance Brought Forward\$377.79

At Rocky Mount Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

RECEIPTS

8-10-74 Checks from the Churches	\$100.00	
8-10-74 Offering Received	29.84	
8-16-74 From Late Church Report	10.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$139.84	\$139.84
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$517.63

DISBURSEMENTS

8-10-74 Honorarium - Guy Owens	\$25.00	
8-10-74 Travel Expense - Guy Owens	22.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$47.50	\$47.50
11-8-74 Balance on Hand		<u>\$470.13</u>
11-9-74 Balance Brought Forward		\$470.13

Antioch Church, Pikeville, N.C.

RECEIPTS

11-9-74 Checks from the Churches		
11-9-74 Offering Received		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$130.00	\$130.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$600.13

DISBURSEMENTS

None

2-7-75 Balance on Hand		<u>\$600.13</u>
2-8-75 Balance Brought Forward		\$600.13

At Belvoir Church, Greenville, N.C.

RECEIPTS

2-8-75 Checks from the Churches		
2-8-75 Offering Received		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	140.00	140.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$740.13

DISBURSEMENTS

4-14-75 Postage	\$10.00	
4-14-75 Printing of Minutes	\$267.80	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$277.80	\$277.80
5-9-75 Balance on Hand		<u>\$462.33</u>

The following Youth Committee was elected:

Jack Cox, Chairman (1977)

Phillip Cooper (1977)

Lorenza Stox (1977)

The following officers and committee members were elected
Officers:

Moderator - Robert Durham

Assistant Moderator - Harvey Dupree

Secretary-Treasurer - Eugene Hales

Assistant Treasurer - John Reed

Membership Committee:

L. R. Ennis (1978)

Rashie Kennedy (1978)

Frank Davenport (1976)

(filling unexpired term

of Conrad Williford)

Executive Committee Members at Large:

Harley Brown (1977)

David Paramore (1977)

A motion was made and passed that cards of Standing in the association be prepared annually and presented to each ordained minister who is a member in good standing.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 1975.

Robert J. Durham, Moderator

Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
FELLOWSHIP
QUARTERLY MEETING**

Saturday
August 10, 1974

Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, N. C.

The session was opened with a singspiration led by Harley Bennett.

The moderator, Robert Durham, gave the moderator's remarks of welcome and challenge. Alvis Harris read Psalm 73 and offered prayer on behalf of the session.

The moderator appointed Harvey Dupree and Harley Brown as proxies to the membership committee.

A panel was presented on the topic of The Christian Day School. Those serving on the panel were Jim Nason, pastor of Trinity Church in LaGrange giving the aspect of the pastor, Lorenza Stox, Principal of Faith Christian Academy giving the aspect of High School and John Reed, Principal of West Duplin Christian Academy giving the aspect of the Elementary School.

After congregational singing, Jack Cox solicited Christian testimonies from the congregation. Rashie Kennedy and Billy Keith were mentioned among the visitors.

Special singing was presented by Lorenza Stox and Harley Bennett. The song was entitled, "There Is a River".

An offering in the amount of \$29.84 was received.

The morning message was preached by Guy Owens, pastor of Liberty Church in Durham, N. C. His text was I Timothy 3:1-7 and the subject was, "Ministerial Ethics".

Jim Nason gave a report of our State Mission work. The Membership Committee suggested that Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville be put under watchcare until our annual meeting, May 8, 1975. It was agreed upon.

A suggestion was made that our speaker be given 15 cents per mile for travel and an honorarium of \$25.00. It was agreed upon.

The session was dismissed by prayer.

Respectively submitted this 10th day of August in the year of our Lord 1974.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

Saturday
November 9, 1974

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church
Pikeville, North Carolina

The meeting was opened with a singspiration led by Jim Nason. Scripture and prayer was presented by Jack Cox.

A panel discussion on "The Minister and His Moral Standards" was conducted. Those serving on the panel were Gordon Sebastian, Harley Brown and Rashie Kennedy.

After a fifteen minute break a panel discussion on "The Minister and His Finances" was conducted. Those serving on the panel were Frank Davenport, Eugene Hales and Tom Lilly.

The session was dismissed by prayer.

Respectively submitted this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord 1974.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

February 8, 1975

Belvoir Free Will Baptist Church
Greenville, North Carolina

The session was opened with a singspiration led by Rodney Whaley who also rendered special music. Scripture and prayer was presented by Larry Coats. After the moderator's remarks, Mr. Spence of Spencewood Camp Grounds, presented the ministry of the camp.

A panel discussion on "The Minister and His Ministry to His Own Church" was conducted by Frank Davenport.

After a fifteen minute break, appropriate congregational singing and a report from the Washington, N. C. Mission another panel discussion on "The Minister and His Ministry to Other Churches" was conducted by Jack Cox.

The session was discussed by prayer.

Respectively submitted this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord 1975.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

MINUTES
of the
Fourth Annual Session
of the
PALMER ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Saturday, May 8, 1976

Grace Free Will Baptist Church
Greenville, North Carolina

The session was opened promptly at 9:30 a.m. with congregational singing led by Billy Keith of Grace Church in Rocky Mount.

A welcome to this session was extended by the interim pastor of the host church, Fred Carraway.

A response to this welcome was given by the moderator, Robert Durham.

Devotional thoughts were presented by George Lee from the Book of Luke on the subject of The Gospel Rooster.

The Moderator shared timely remarks relative to our pastors and churches.

The roll call of the churches revealed 12 out of 25 representing by messengers.

The roll call of ordained ministers revealed 18 out of 39 in attendance.

The roll call of licensed ministers revealed 2 out of 11 in attendance.

The following Digest Committee was appointed:

Owen Ganey, Chairman
Cecil Waters
L. B. Coley

Youth Committee Report

The report of the Youth Committee was given by Lorenza Stox. The District Youth Competitive Activities will be Saturday, May 8, 1976, at Faith Church in Goldsboro at 7:30 p.m. The State Youth Competitive Activities will be Saturday, May 15, 1976 at Liberty Church in Durham. The National Youth Conference will be July 11-14, 1976 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A motion was made and passed to break until the 11:00 a.m. Preaching Service.

Morning Preaching Service

The morning preaching service was opened by singing and prayer led by Billy Keith. An offering in the amount of \$32.67 was received.

Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil, South America, gave an up-to-date report on the work in Brazil which was very favorable. He then preached the message, "What Has Gone Wrong With The Harvest?" using the text Matthew 9:35-38.

Before the break for lunch, Frank Davenport gave a report from the Committee for Justice and Sandra Dupree. It was agreed to include the following letter from the Executive Committee of this group in these minutes.

THE COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE AND SANDRA DUPREE

Box 321
Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874

May 10, 1976

Dear Brother Pastor:

On March 11th, Sandra Dupree, wife of Harvey Dupree, pastor of Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, North Carolina, shot a man who subsequently died March 15th.

The basic facts of the case are as follows:

1. Sandra's son, Mark, had been assaulted previously by juveniles and a 24 year old adult while on his paper route.
2. Sandra went out looking for Mark on March 11th and found him being assaulted by a 21 year old black man. She attempted to free Mark and the attacker turned on her.

3. After being knocked to the ground 4 times, glasses broken, clothing torn and beaten, she was able to get a pistol from her purse, carried because of fear of assault, and shot the man. After his death March 15th she was charged with first degree murder, denied bail and is now held in Halifax County Jail, Halifax, North Carolina.

4. Racial tension in the area has complicated the case demanding that Sandra have the best legal defense possible.

Defense for Sandra will cost in excess of \$20,000. She has no source except her own Christian friends throughout the Free Will Baptist Churches. We are therefore appealing to you, a North Carolina Free Will Baptist pastor, to urge your people to give to her legal defense fund. Your IMMEDIATE response is needed. The trial is now set for June 7th. We suggest that you either receive offerings or appoint a committee in your church to receive gifts for Sandra. Again, this is URGENT! Please do something now.

In addition, we are urging all of our people to pray for Sandra, her husband Harvey and her 4 children. On May 15th we are suggesting a special day of prayer and fasting. During the week of her trial, June 7-13 we are asking all of our people to pray each morning at 7 o'clock.

SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE AND SANDRA DUPREE

BOX 321

SCOTLAND NECK, NC 27874

Executive Committee

Committee For Justice and Sandra Dupree: Rev. Frank Davenport, Chairman
Rev. Jack Paramore, Vice Chairman, Rev. Jack Cox, Chairman of Finance;
Rev. John Moran, Chairman of Prayer; Rev. George C. Lee, Information
Chairman

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing was led by Billy Keith. Devotional thoughts were presented by Raymond Gaskins using the subject "Things That Take Our Eyes Off Jesus", with the scripture text Matthew 14:30.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

The preliminary report of the Digest Committee was presented by Owen Ganey. It was properly received. The following is the final report.

Digest of Reports — May 8, 1976
Reporting Period — April 1, 1975-March 31,
1976

CHURCH NAME	Parsonage	Church Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average	Church Training Service Enrollment	Church Training Service Average	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Average	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average
Antioch, Pikeville		152	1		89	59			31	11		
Beacon, Farmville		50	1		60	40						
Belvoir, Greenville	1	220	2	2	180	165	75	70	27	21	20	16
Bethel, Kinston		750	2	1	960	850						
Faith, Goldsboro		427	5	2	560	600	205	186				
Fellowship, Micro	1	112	1	1	165	133	65	50	14	16		
Grace, Greenville		332	1		375	300						
Grace, Rocky Mount		460	1	3	505	400	35	30	40	25		
Grifton, Grifton	1	180	1	1	190	143	120	110	22	20		
Hope, Scotland Neck	1	215	1	2	120	115						
Immanuel, Winterville	1	106	1		85	75	50	48	25	24		
Liberty, Ayden	1	175	1		120	100	82	62	18	14	15	10
Living Waters, Bethel		115	1		140	110						
Maranatha, Greenville	1	113	1		151	124	56	48	16	12		
Mount Calvary, Hookerton	1	273	1	2	350	320						
Parker's Chapel, Greenville	1	481	5	2	424	361	85	85	35	27		
Peace, Wilson		690	1	6	812	610						
Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount	1	262	2	1	210	160	70	55				
St. John, Goldsboro		144	1		123	75			20	8		
Temple, Greenville		185	3		400	300						
Trinity, Greenville		525	3		600	425	75	55	30	40	40	40
Trinity, LaGrange		109	1		109	189						
Victory, Goldsboro	1	207	3		200	170	100	88	24	20		
West Duplin, Warsaw		255	1		275	248						
White Oak Hill, Baily	1	242	1		193	205	40	38	22	18		
Totals	12	6780	42	23	7396	6177	1058	925	324	256	75	66

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report and recommendations from the Finance Committee were presented by Alfred Cates. The report and the recommendations were adopted.

The Finance Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

Previous Balance	\$427.81
Checks Received From Churches	235.00
Morning Offering	<u>32.67</u>
Present Balance	<u>\$695.48</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we give \$100.00 to the Youth Committee for their use to supply needs for State and National competition.
2. That we give \$100 to the Committee for Justice and Sandra Dupree for Defense Fund.
3. That we give an honorarium of \$25.00 to our speaker, Missionary Bobby Aycock.
4. That a total of \$100.00 be disbursed for any other need indicated by this body.
5. That the remainder of \$370.48 be retained by the Treasurer for publication of minutes and other associational expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alfred Cates
Richard Kennedy
Darrell Pickle

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Youth Committee Report was presented by Gordon Hart and adopted by the body.

INCOME:

From former Youth Board	\$22.00
From Palmer Association	109.00
TOTAL	<u>131.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Medals & Awards	75.72
TOTAL	55.28
Bills Outstanding	<u>23.28</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 5-8-76	<u>\$32.00</u>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Membership Committee Report was presented by Alvis Harris and adopted by the body.

Membership Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Fred Carraway be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
2. That Jack Paramore be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. The Clerk is to write for his letter from the Cumberland Association in Tennessee.
3. That Burt Hall be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter from Parker's Chapel Church in Greenville. The Clerk is to write for his letter in the Kanawha Conference in West Virginia.
4. That James Pittman be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
5. That Bob Hesselmeyer be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter from Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Micro. The Clerk is to write for his letter in the Greater Tulsa Association in Oklahoma.
6. That Jim Mullen be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter from Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro.
7. That Tommy Godley be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister. P.O. 455, 108 W. Pine St.
8. That Harold Moore be received into the Palmer Association as a licensed minister, pending a letter from Parker's Chapel Church.
9. That the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church in Farmville, be received into the Palmer Association as a member.
10. That these ministers be dropped from the roll of the Palmer Association: I. Bennie Turner, Joe Hailey, John Reed, and Harley Brown.
11. That due to a merger with another church, the Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, N. C., be dropped from our roll of churches.
12. That these persons be dropped from the roll of Licensed Ministers: Bill Hartshorne, Larry Wells, Wayne Lee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Davenport
L. R. Ennis
Rashie Kennedy
Alvis Harris

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report was presented by the treasurer, Eugene Hales, and adopted by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT PALMER ASSOCIATION May 10, 1975 - May 7, 1976

5-9-75 Balance Brought Forward \$462.33

RECEIPTS:

5-10-75	At Bethel Church, Kinston, N. C.		\$247.90
	Offering	\$12.90	
	Checks from Churches	235.00	
8-9-75	At Faith Church, Goldsboro, N. C.		142.26
	Offering	\$17.26	
	Checks from Churches	125.00	
11-8-75	At Fellowship Church, Micro, N. C.		130.00
	Offering	\$25.00	
	Checks from Churches	105.00	
2-7-76	At Gethsemane Church, Wilson, N. C.		125.55
	Offering	\$25.55	
	Checks from Churches	100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>\$645.71</u> <u>645.71</u>
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR			\$1,108.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

5-10-75	Youth Committee	\$100.00	
5-12-75	Harley Bennett	100.00	
5-12-75	Washington Mission	100.00	
5-29-75	State Association	50.00	
5-12-75	Charles Brown	25.00	
5-30-75	Stamps, Minute Book	42.97	
8-15-75	Pastors and Workers Conference	132.26	
11-15-75	Bobby Robertson	100.00	
2-9-76	Frank Hammerick	30.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u>\$680.23</u> <u>680.23</u>
BALANCE ON HAND May 7, 1976			\$427.81

The final draft of the Constitution and By-Laws was presented and adopted. The same is printed in the front of this minute book.

The following officers were elected:

GENERAL OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator George Lee (1978)
Assistant Moderator Gordon Sebastian (1978)
Secretary-Treasurer Alfred Cates (1978)
Assistant Sec.-Treas. Alvis Harris (1978)
Members at Large Darrell Pickle (1978)
..... Douglas Randlett (1978)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank Davenport (1979) Eugene Hales (1979)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

To replace the unexpired term of Jack Cox Rodney Whaley (1977)

A motion was made and passed that the moderator be authorized to appoint messengers to the State Association meeting in Stanley, N. C., during this year.

A motion was made and passed that a rising vote of appreciation be taken on behalf of the outgoing officers and committee members. It was done.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Respectively submitted this 8th day of May in the year of our Lord 1976.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Saturday
August 9, 1975 9:30 A.M.
Faith Free Will Baptist Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

The moderator, Robert Durham called the session to order and extended a welcome. Gene Waters led in a singspiration. Special music was rendered by the Youth Trio from Faith Church. Their songs were, "The Dawning of That Day" and "I'll See You in the Rapture".

Scripture was read by Robert Durham from James 1:1-6 and prayer was offered by the same. Gene Waters led in the singing of "Since Jesus Came into My Heart."

Ronald Creech, the State Evangelist gave a report of the State Work. Jack Paramore announced the Pastor's School to be held at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee during the month of November. A panel discussion on the subject of Christian Stewardship was conducted. Those on the panel were Frank Davenport, Richard Kennedy and Robert Durham.

An offering in the amount of \$17.26 was received. The fellowship meeting was concluded by the showing of the film, "The Burning Hell".

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of August 1975.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

Saturday

November 8, 1975

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
Micro, North Carolina

The session opened with singing led by Rodney Whaley. Scripture and prayer were offered by Joe Hailey.

The message was brought by Bobby Robertson, pastor of Gospel Light Baptist Church, Walkertown, North Carolina, on the subject of, "The Bus Ministry".

After a brief intermission, Eugene Walters, assistant to the pastor at Faith Church in Goldsboro, N.C., presented the ministry of puppets and the Junior Church.

The session was dismissed by prayer.

Respectively submitted this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1975.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

Saturday

February 7, 1976

Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina

The moderator, Robert Durham, called the meeting to order. Rodney Whaley led the congregation in two songs, "He Keeps Me Singing," and "Blessed Assurance". Prayer was offered by Jim Mullins.

Gordon Sebastian extended the welcome on behalf of the host church. Scripture and prayer were given by Robert Hesselmeier.

A suggestion was made that the Executive Committee draw up special requirements for membership. Ronald Creech, the State Evangelist, gave his report and announced the following meetings: March 14-18, Annual Bible Conference, Nashville, Tennessee; May 4, State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Grifton, N. C.; May 15, State Youth Rally, Liberty Church Durham, N. C.; June 14, 15, State Association, Stanly, N. C.; July 11-15, National Association, Tulsa, Okla.

The program was presented by Frank Hammerick, President of Positive Action For Christ out of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The presentation consisted of the complete "Pro-Teen" program for youth.

After singing a song, "O How I Love Jesus" and offering in the amount of \$25.55 was received. A panel followed on the subject of "The Teen Ministry." Those serving on the panel were Doug Randlett, Fred Carroway and Rodney Whaley. Cecil Winstead closed the session by prayer.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February 1976.

Robert Durham, Moderator
Eugene Hales, Secretary

PALMER ASSOCIATION

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