

Minutes

of the
Fifth Annual Session
Sixth Annual Session
and
Seventh Annual Session
of the

PALMER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, May 14, 1977
Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church
Winterville, N. C.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, May 13, 1978
Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Hookerton, N. C.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, May 12, 1979
St. John Free Will Baptist Church
Goldsboro, N. C.

General Officers' Executive Committee

Moderator: Johnny Pike — 1980
Assistant Moderator: Ted Reynolds — 1980
Secretary-Treasurer: Alfred Cates — 1980
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Alvis Harris — 1980

Members At Large

Robert Durham — 1980
John Moran — 1980

Membership Committee

Frank Davenport — 1979
Eugene Hales — 1979
Roger Tripp — 1980
Jack Cox — 1980
Van Dale Hudson — 1981
Earl Hanna — 1981

Youth Committee

Ron Williamson — 1979
Lorenza Stox — 1979
Billy Keith — 1979

Quarterly Meeting Program Committee

Richard Kennedy — 1979
Frank Davenport — 1979
Robert Durham — 1979

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 privileges 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 the 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.

This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds (2/3) 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 the 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. Only business necessary to receive new churches and new ministers into the association will be transacted.

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 expected to be represented by written report and messenger from the church at each meeting. In the event this cannot be done a letter should be sent to the association stating the circumstances. Regular attendance and communication should 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 expected to attend 75 percent of the regular meetings. In the event an absence becomes necessary a letter should 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 should be sent to the association stating the same. Regular attendance and communication should be maintained with the association to remain in good standing.

C. Should a church or licensed/ordained minister be called into question the association shall direct the membership committee to investigate and report.

Section 6. Amendment.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the messengers present.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Avery	W. Glenn Hill
Bobby Aycock	Van Dale Hudson
Willie Bell	Bobby Jackson
Duke Burgess	Danny Keen
Fred Carraway	Rashie Kennedy
Alfred Cates	Richard Kennedy
L. B. Coley	George C. Lee
Jack Cox	John Moran
Frank Davenport	David Paramore
Al Davis	Darrell Pickle
LaRue Davis	Johnny Pike
Harvey Dupree	James Pittman
Robert Durham	Douglas Randlett
Novis Edwards	Ted Reynolds
Raymond Gaskins	James Sadler
Tommy Godley	Gordon Sebastian
Eugene Hales	Lorenza Stox
Earl Hanna	Roger Tripp
Alvis Harris	J. D. Vernelson
R. P. Harris	Eugene Waters, Sr.
Gordon Hart	Rodney Whaley
Robert Hesselmeyer	Dwight Whitworth
Cecil Winstead	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Mark Brock
David Carter
Ray Connor
William Eason
Harold Moore

MINUTES
of the
Fifth Annual Session
of the
Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists
Saturday, May 14, 1977
Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church
Winterville, North Carolina

The session was opened at 9:30 a.m. with congregational singing led by Douglas Randlett of Temple Church, Greenville.

A welcome to the session was extended by Alfred Cates, pastor of the host church.

A response to this welcome was given by the moderator, George Lee.

Devotions were conducted by John Moran of Belvoir Church on the subject, "Going Back to Calvary." His text was taken from Titus 2:11.

The roll call of churches revealed 22 out of 25 representing by letter and/or messengers.

The roll call of ordained ministers revealed 23 out of 36 in attendance.

The roll call of licensed ministers revealed 3 out of 8 in attendance.

The minutes of the Fourth Annual Session dated Saturday, May 8, 1976, convening at Grace Church in Greenville were read and the following corrections made:

(1) The Finance Committee should read as follows:

Alfred Cates, Chairman

Darrell Pickle

Richard Kennedy

(2) The Committee on Committees should read as follows:

Lorenza Stox, Chairman

Jack Cox

Rodney Whaley

John Moran

Phillip Cooper

(3) Recommendation 5, Finance Committee Report, should read \$370.48 in lieu of \$370.38.

The following Digest Committee was appointed by the moderator:

Harvey Dupree, Chairman

Jack Cox

James Marcum

The following Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator:

Robert Hesselmeier, Chairman

Gordon Hart

Alfred Cates

The following Committee on Committees was elected by the body:

James Pittman, Chairman

John Moran

Richard Kennedy

Rodney Whaley

Eugene Hales

The following visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed to the association:

R. P. Harris, Rocky Mount, N. C.
R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee
Stanley Outlaw, Nashville, Tennessee
Don Pegram, Newport News, Virginia

An evaluation and recommendation concerning Section 5 of the By-Laws of the Palmer Association from the Executive Committee was read by Douglas Randlett and distributed to the body for their consideration during the afternoon business session. Attached as Appendix No. 1.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Youth Committee was given by Lorenza Stox. There is an evident lack of participation by the churches of the association. Bro. Stox encouraged the body to get involved in competitive activities. The committee reported receipts in the amount of \$152.00, expenses of \$135.45, with a balance on hand May 16, 1977 of \$16.55.

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

MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

The morning preaching service began with congregational singing led by Douglas Randlett, Special music was provided by a ladies' trio from Temple Church, Greenville.

Dr. Stanley Outlaw, Professor of Bible and New Testament Greek, Free Will Baptist Bible College, brought the morning message on the subject of "Responsibility of Leadership." His text was taken from Numbers 20:1.

Before the break for lunch, a Ministerial Character Committee consisting of L. R. Ennis, Chairman, Rashie Kennedy, and Frank Davenport was elected by the body to investigate Jack Paramore's competence for continued membership in this association. Report attached as Appendix No. 2.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing was led by Douglas Randlett. Devotions were offered by Melvin Clark, Missionary Appointee to Mexico on the subject, "One at a Time." His text was taken from John 17:20.

A report on the current needs of the North Carolina State Mission Board was presented by the moderator.

Greetings and a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College were extended by Robert Crawford.

A motion was made and seconded that the recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning Section 5 of the By-Laws be approved.

A motion was made and seconded that this motion be tabled indefinitely. Motion defeated.

The motion to approve the recommendation was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to elect a committee of five to study this report and report back to the next quarterly meeting. We were reminded that no business could be transacted at the quarterly fellowship meetings and the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made and seconded to delay action on those churches and ministers failing to comply with Section 5 of the By-Laws until next year and that a committee of five be elected to review and make recommendations concerning this section and report their recommendation to the body. Motion carried and the following committee elected:

Jack Cox, Chairman
Eugene Hales
Douglas Randlett
Frank Davenport
Darrell Pickle

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Digest Committee was presented by Harvey Dupree. It was received by the body. The final report, excluding financial data, is attached as Appendix No. 3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Finance Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

Previous Balance	\$635.15
Checks Received from Churches	315.00
Morning Offering	44.96
Present Balance	\$995.11

Recommendations:

1. That we give \$200.00 to Dr. Stanley Outlaw, our speaker, to cover travel expenses and as an honorarium.
2. That we give \$200.00 to the North Carolina State Mission Board General Fund.
3. That we give \$100.00 to the Palmer Association Youth Committee.
4. That we give \$100.00 to the National Home Mission Account of Melvin Clark, Missionary Appointee to Mexico.
5. That we give \$100.00 to Fred Carraway of Castle Haynes, North Carolina.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Hesselmeyer, Chairman
Gordon Hart
Alfred Cates

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Membership Committee Report was presented by Eugene Hales and adopted by the body.

Membership Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That James Avery be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
2. That Mark Brock be received into the Palmer Association as a licensed minister.
3. That Earl Hanna be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
4. That Johnny Pike be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
5. That Rodney Whaley be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
6. That Eugene Waters, Sr. be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
7. That Cecil Winstead be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, pending a letter from Grace Church, Rocky Mount.
8. That Roger Tripp be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
9. That Dwight Whitworth be received into the Palmer Association as a licensed minister.
10. That the First Free Will Baptist Church, Grimesland, be received into the Palmer Association as a member church.
11. That the Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, be received into the Palmer Association, pending a letter from the church.
12. That the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, be received into the Palmer Association, pending a delegation from the church in attendance at the next quarterly fellowship meeting.
13. That a letter of recommendation for Walter Summerlin be forwarded to the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. R. Ennis
Eugene Hales
Frank Davenport
Alvis Harris
Rashie Kennedy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report attached as Appendix No. 4 and No. 5.

The following report of the Committee on Committees was received and individuals elected to positions indicated:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Roger Tripp (80)
Jack Cox (80)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Rodney Whaley (79)
Billy Keith (79)

QUARTERLY MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Richard Kennedy (79)
Frank Davenport (79)
Robert Durham (79)

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

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.
Respectfully submitted this 14th day of May 1977.

George Lee, Moderator
Alfred Cates, Secretary

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING Saturday August 14, 1976, 9:30 a.m. Grace Free Will Baptist Church Rocky Mount, North Carolina

The moderator, George Lee, called the association to order and extended a welcome. The meeting began with a singspiration under the leadership of Phillip Cooper. Special music was rendered by the Lighthouse Choir from the host church.

Rashie Kennedy reported on the successful ministry to the aged at Faith Free Will Baptist Church. Testimonies as to the importance of this program within their lives were given by Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. Cindy Rhodes, and Mrs. Sara Pate.

In addition to the testimonies of these ladies, a number of rest home residents, attending the host church, gave testimony as to the value of the handicapped bus ministry of the church.

Harvey Dupree brought the morning message on the subject, "What to Do in the Time of Storm." His text was taken from Acts 27:14.

An offering in the amount of \$27.93 was received.

The session was adjourned in prayer by L. R. Ennis.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of August 1976.

George Lee, Moderator
Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Saturday
November 13, 1976
Grifton Free Will Baptist Church
Grifton, North Carolina**

The session opened with singing led by Alex Oberneder of the host church. Devotions were offered by Johnny Pike who also led in prayer.

Paul Brunner of Peace church presented a puppet ministry known as the "Backyard Ministry."

Jack Paramore brought the morning message on the subject, "Can A Saved Man Be Lost?" His Scripture was taken from 1 Timothy 1:18-20.

An offering in the amount of \$31.52 was received.

The session was adjourned with prayer by Tommy Godley.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November 1976.

George Lee, Moderator
Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING
Saturday**

**February 12, 1977, 9:30 a.m.
Hope Free Will Baptist Church
Scotland Neck, North Carolina**

The session was called to order and a welcome extended by the moderator, George Lee. Earl Hanna brought the morning devotions and led in prayer.

George Lee informed the body of HR Bill 451, dated January 4, 1977, and now pending in Congress. He stressed the effect this bill would have and urged that we write and express our opposition to this bill.

Mrs. Thomas Matthews, Stop ERA Official, gave an enlightening report on the Equal Rights Amendment and urged our participation in the movement to stop the passage of this amendment in our state.

Frank Davenport brought the morning message on the subject of "Feet Washing." His text was John 13.

An offering was received in the amount of \$24.48.

The session was adjourned with prayer by Eugene Hales.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February 1977.

George Lee, Moderator
Alfred Cates, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING SECTION 5 OF THE PALMER ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

It does appear that our Palmer Association is in trouble. Interest and

attendance in this quarterly function seems to be dwindling. Since this association traditionally represents a very important part of our Free Will Baptist heritage there are those who sincerely feel that the cause behind this decrease in participation is a growing lack of love and loyalty for the Free Will Baptist denomination. Yet, when examined objectively with the present progress of our movement in mind other more logical reasons come into focus.

Years ago when most churches were very small and mostly rural, our denomination power base was found, to a large degree, at these quarterly meetings. Once every three months the churches in a specified area of a state would come together, both laymen and ministers, for an entire Saturday of preaching, business, food, and fellowship. Most ministers pastored more than one church, usually on a part time basis. Few women were employed and most were free on Saturday to attend these tri-monthly affairs.

However, today our Palmer Association, like many other Free Will Baptist Associations of its kind, has undergone a complete change from what it once was. Our meetings are brief. There is no need for the traditional "dinner on the ground," no business transacted, and few laymen attend. Today our local churches are in actuality our denominational power base. With almost all the wives employed and many husbands holding down a second job, Saturday is just too valuable a day to sacrifice to a quarterly meeting. Many pastors are not present to answer the roll call. Saturday is the only day they can catch many of their parishioners at home, it's the big day for their weekly bus visitation, and a hundred things have to be done on this last day of the week that were missed earlier in the week. Thus, only a small percentage of our pastors attend on a regular, consistent basis.

Is it fair to conclude that this tragic decline of interest in our traditional quarterly association stems from a lack of love or loyalty for the Free Will Baptist denomination? No! This decline of interest does not indicate a lack of love, but rather a change in our society and a healthy growth among our local churches. Today's typical church of the Palmer Association is not the former small, part time church in a rural setting. Instead it is more and more the larger urban church with a multi-ministry and a full time, full salaried staff. Our general lack of involvement in associational meetings is not due to any denominational disloyalty, but rather to the blessings of God upon our movement causing our local churches to grow and multiply as at no time in our past history.

What are we to do with our Palmer Meetings? Should we continue meeting tri-monthly on Saturday as we have in the past and just ignore the increasing lack of participation? Or, should we continue with rigid regulations requiring faithful attendance by all our ministers and churches? Or, should we give up and do away with these meetings altogether?

The solution to our dilemma will not be found in any of the aforementioned alternatives. Love and a desire for fellowship cannot be legislated and it is ridiculous to punish churches and pastors for their growth and progress. Nor should we ignore our need for interchurch cooperation and fellowship and the growing gap between our congregations.

Is there another alternative? We believe there is! Why not reevaluate our present situation in the light of our past and present needs and then adopt a quarterly meeting more in keeping with this evaluation? This has been given serious study by the Executive Committee composed of men interested both in the sovereignty of the progressive local church and the preservation of our Free

Will Baptist heritage and the inter-fellowship of our Free Will Baptist churches.

The Executive Committee of the Palmer Association, being concerned with this matter called three special meetings to discuss this problem and consider solutions. From these meetings, the committee offers the following proposal to replace Section 5 of the Palmer Association By-Laws.

(1) Rather than meeting three times a year on Saturday, our quarterly meetings would meet every third month on a Monday morning at 10:30 A.M. at one of our member churches (alphabetically as we do now). These meetings would be for inspiration and fellowship. There would be a brief devotional service and then those present could adjourn to a nearby restaurant for fellowship and food. For most pastors, Monday morning is the best time in the week for such meetings. Nonetheless it would be well for each minister to endeavour to bring to these meetings as many laymen as he can.

(2) Once a year there would be the annual business meeting conducted on Saturday according to our present practice.

(3) For a minister or church to remain in good standing with the Palmer Association, they affirm their desire to do so by submitting the annual report. This policy is in harmony with the Free Will Baptist Treatise, Part IV, Chapter III, Section IV, Number 5 (1977 ed.).

Failure to submit the report after being notified would subject the church to disciplinary action in accordance with the Free Will Baptist Treatise, Part IV, Chapter III, Section IV, Numbers 4 and 5 (1977 ed.).

s/George Lee
GEORGE LEE
Moderator

s/Gordon Sebastian
GORDON SEBASTIAN
Asst. Moderator

s/Alfred Cates
ALFRED CATES
Clerk

s/Alvis Harris
ALVIS HARRIS
Asst. Clerk

s/Darrell Pickle
DARRELL PICKLE
Member At Large

s/Douglas Randlett
DOUGLAS RANDETT
Member At Large

Greetings:

A special committee of three members was appointed at the annual session of the Palmer Association on May 14, 1977, which was charged with the responsibility of determining the standing of Rev. Jack Paramore who has enjoyed a most fruitful ministry among Free Will Baptists for many years.

A letter addressed to Rev. L. R. Ennis from Brother Paramore dated June 7, 1977, announced to your committee his transfer of church membership from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, to Black Jack Church of Pitt County. It is the opinion of your special committee that this transfer of church membership to a church of another denomination cancels and consummates the assignment made to your special committee by the Palmer Association in its annual session May 14, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,
s/L. R. Ennis
L. R. Ennis, Chairman

s/Rashie Kennedy, Sr.
Rashie Kennedy, Member

Frank Davenport, Member (Resigned)

Digest of Reports—May 14, 1977
Reporting Period—April 1, 1976—March 31, 1977

	Parsonage	Church Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Average	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average	Mid-Week Prayer Service
Antioch, Pikeville		145	1		91	59			31	11			8
Beacon, Farmville		67	2		59	49							35
Belvoir, Greenville	1		2		290	215	100	75	20	15			75
Bethel, Kinston			1										290
Faith, Goldsboro		387	5			509	186	189					250
Fellowship, Micro	1	119	1	1	195	173	60	54					58
Grace, Greenville		297	1	1	342	288				35		20	
Grace, Rocky Mount		369	3		420	350			20	15			140
Grifton, Grifton	1	170	2		280	203	125	103	22	14			80
Grimesland, Grimesland		41	1		46	35							10
Hope, Scotland Neck	1	109	1	1	112	105			18	12			50
Immanuel, Winterville	1	115	1		87	74	50	47	30	28			54
Liberty, Ayden	1		1		92		32						
Living Waters, Bethel													
Maranatha, Greenville	1	120	1		143	118	45	40	16	12			55
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton	1	300	1			350							175
Parkers Chapel, Greenville	1	499	4	1	453	350	55	35	17				115
Peace, Wilson		717	2	6	919	680							250
Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount													
St. John, Goldsboro		141	1		123	75			18	9			
Tabernacle, Kinston		255	2	1	322	275							125
Temple, Greenville		200	3		400	320							125
Trinity, Greenville		603	2	3	550	390	65	50	44	32	50	45	150
Trinity, La Grange		144	1		108	80							55
Victory, Goldsboro	1	184	3		190	150	110	90	30	22	40	25	90
West Duplin, Warsaw		260	1	1	260	235	50	45					105
White Oak Hill, Baily	1	200	1		248		40	35	32	28			80
Wildwood, Wilson		25											
Totals	11	5,467	44	15	5,690	5,083	863	783	316	250	90	90	2,375

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following treasurer's report was presented by the treasurer, Alfred Cates, and adopted by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT PALMER ASSOCIATION

May 8, 1976—May 14, 1977

RECEIPTS:

Aug. 14, 1976

At Grace Church, Rocky Mount, N. C.	\$187.73
Offering	\$27.73
Checks from churches	155.00
Received late from churches	5.00

Nov. 13, 1976

At Grifton Church, Grifton, N. C.	\$206.52
Offering	\$31.52
Checks from churches	155.00
Received late from churches	20.00

Feb. 12, 1977

At Hope Church, Scotland Neck, N. C.	\$199.48
Offering	\$24.48
Checks from churches	165.00
Received late from churches	10.00

April 29, 1977

Received from Eugene Hales, former treasurer	\$100.22	\$100.22
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BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR:\$693.95\$693.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

Oct. 18, 1976 Postage	\$13.00
Feb. 12, 1977 Honorarium (Mrs. Matthews)	10.00
March 11, 1977 Annual Report Forms	5.20
April 20, 1977 Postage	25.20
May 5, 1977 Printing	15.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$58.8058.80

BALANCE ON HAND May 14, 1977\$635.15

* See Appendix No. 5.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
TREASURER'S REPORT
PALMER ASSOCIATION**

May 8, 1976—May 14, 1977

May 7, 1976
Balance Brought Forward \$427.81

RECEIPTS:

May 5, 1976
At Grace Church, Greenville, N. C. \$287.67
Offering \$32.67
Checks from churches 255.00

BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR \$715.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 9, 1976
Youth Committee 100.00
May 9, 1976
Committee for Justice and
Sandra Dupree 100.00
May 9, 1976
Honorarium (Bobby Aycock) 25.00
May 9, 1976
Annual Report Forms 3.90
June 9, 1976
N. C. State Association 50.00
Dec. 2, 1976
Printed Minutes 321.36
Dec. 5, 1976
Postage Stamps 15.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$615.26 \$615.26
BALANCE ON HAND \$100.22*

* Received from Eugene Hales, former treasurer, and deposited on April 29, 1977. See Appendix No. 4.

MINUTES
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of the
Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists
Saturday, May 13, 1978
Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Hookerton, North Carolina

The session began at 9:30 a.m. with congregational singing led by Dwight Whitworth. Robert Durham led us in prayer.

A welcome was extended by the moderator, George Lee.

Devotions were brought by Novis Edwards, pastor of Antioch Church.

The roll call of churches revealed 26 out of 28 representing by letter and/or messengers.

The roll call of ordained ministers revealed 29 out of 36 in attendance.

The roll call of licensed ministers revealed 2 out of 4 in attendance.

The minutes of the fifth annual session were read and the following corrections made:

So much as reads, "A motion was made and seconded to delay action on those churches and ministers failing to report until next year and that a Disciplinary Committee of five be elected to meet with those in violation of Section 5 of the By-Laws and report their recommendations to the body," should read, "A motion was made and seconded to delay action on those churches and ministers failing to report until next year and that a committee of five be elected to review and make recommendations concerning Section 5 of the By-Laws and report their recommendations to the body." MOTION CARRIED.

The following Digest Committee was appointed by the moderator:

John Moran, Chairman
Billy Keith
G. H. Hales

The following Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator:

Alvis Harris, Chairman
Darnell Pickle
Johnny Pike

The following Committee on Committees was elected by the body:

Earl Hanna, Chairman
Lorenza Stox
Richard Kennedy
Roger Tripp
Gordon Hart

Visiting minister Roy Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee was recognized and welcomed to the association.

The following matters of old business were brought before the body:

(1) Report of the Ministerial Character Committee elected at the fifth annual session to investigate Jack Paramore's competency for continued

membership in the association was received. (Reference Appendix No. 2, Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session.)

(2) Report of the Committee elected at the fifth annual session to review and make recommendations concerning Section 5 of the By-Laws was received. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the necessary two-thirds majority vote to amend Section 5 to read as follows:

A. Churches. Each church which is a member of the association is expected to be represented by written report and messengers from the church at each meeting. In the event this cannot be done a letter should be sent to the association stating the circumstances. Regular attendance and communication should 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 expected to attend 75 percent of the regular meetings. In the event an absence becomes necessary a letter should 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 should be sent to the association stating the same. Regular attendance and communication should be maintained with the association to remain in good standing.

C. Should a church or licensed/ordained minister be called into question the association shall direct the Membership Committee to investigate and report.

A motion was made and seconded that the clerk review the associational records and forward a list of churches and ministers who have failed to report to the Membership Committee and that this committee query those involved as to their desire for membership in the association. MOTION CARRIED.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Youth Committee was given by Billy Keith.

A motion was made and seconded that we adopt the standards of dress and appearance established by the National CTS Board for all our youth activities. MOTION CARRIED.

The moderator declared a break period until the 11:00 a.m. Preaching Service.

MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

The morning preaching service was opened with congregational singing led by Dwight Whitworth. Special music was rendered by a quartet composed of Dwight Whitworth, Douglas Randlett, G. W. Harris, and Rodney Whaley. We were led in prayer by Robert Hesselmeier.

Roy Thomas, Director of National Home Missions, brought us greetings from the home mission family and reported concerning the needs of the Harley

Bennett Account. He also brought us information concerning the physical condition of Bob Shockey. He brought the morning message on the subject, "America in Trouble." His text was taken from Leviticus 25:10.

Following the preaching service, we enjoyed a delicious noon meal provided by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing was led by George Lee. Devotions were rendered by Duke Burgess. Steve Davenport led us in prayer.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Membership Committee Report was presented by Eugene Hales and adopted by the body:

Membership Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Novis Edwards be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
2. That Van Dale Hudson be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
3. That Ted Reynolds be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
4. That Duke Burgess be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
5. That R. P. Harris be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
6. That Danny Keen be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister.
7. That Dwight Whitworth be received into the fellowship of the Palmer Association as an ordained minister upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from Grace Church, Greenville.
8. That David Carter be received into the fellowship of the Palmer Association as a licensed minister upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from Wildwood Church, Wilson.
9. That James Sadler be received into the fellowship of the Palmer Association as an ordained minister upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from Parkers Chapel Church, Greenville.
10. That William Eason be received as a licensed minister into the Palmer Association.
11. That the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, N. C. be received into the Palmer Association as a member church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Davenport
Eugene Hales
Jack Cox
Roger Tripp

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

The Report of the Digest Committee was presented by John Moran. It was received by the body. The final report, excluding financial data, is attached as Appendix No. 1.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report and recommendations from the Finance Committee were presented by Johnny Pike, The report and recommendations were adopted by the body.

The Finance Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

Previous Balance	\$933.80
Checks Received from Churches	315.00
Morning Offering	54.00
Present Balance	\$.1,302.80

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we give \$250.00 to Roy Thomas, our speaker, to cover travel expenses and as an honorarium.
2. That we give \$100.00 to the Home Missions Account of Harley Bennett.
3. That we give \$100.00 to the State Promotional Department.
4. That we give \$100.00 to the Palmer Association Youth Committee.
5. That we give \$50.00 to the associational clerk as an honorarium.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvis Harris, Chairman
Johnny Pike
Darrell Pickle

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report attached as Appendix No. 2.

The following report of the Committee on Committees was received and individuals elected to positions indicated:

Moderator—Johnny Pike
Asst. Moderator—Ted Reynolds
Secretary/Treasurer—Alfred Cates
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer—Alvis Harris

Members at Large:

Robert Durham
John Moran

Membership Committee:

Van Dale Hudson (81)

Earl Hanna (81)

Youth Committee to fill unexpired terms of Rodney Whaley & Douglas Randlett

Ron Williamson (79)

Lorenza Stox (79)

Frank Davenport gave a report concerning the taxation of certain Christian School and Church employees by the Federal government. Even though this seems to be limited to those churches operating schools, it could eventually carry over into other churches and/or church related organizations.

A motion was made and seconded that the clerk attach a recommendation from this body to the State Association recommending that they, in turn, recommend to the National Association that the Church Report Form be changed to delete information concerning the finances of the local church. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made and seconded that the Palmer Association, in annual session, elect a youth camp committee composed of five members, with one member rotating off annually beginning in 1979 and, that this committee be responsible for planning the associational camping program, and that the dress code adopted by the association for youth activity competition be adopted for the youth camp. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Ted Reynolds gave a report concerning the State Mission Board. A motion was made and seconded that we give \$200.00 to the State Mission Board. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made and seconded that Section 3, Paragraph B of the by-laws, be amended to include the following sentence, "Only business necessary to receive new churches and new ministers into the association will be transacted." MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made and seconded that the moderator be authorized to appoint messengers to the State Association meeting in Belmont, N. C. during that meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made that we give a rising vote of thanks to Mt. Calvary Church for their gracious hospitality to this body. The motion was amended to include the thanks of this body to the outgoing associational officers. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made that we adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

We were adjourned with prayer by Harvey Dupree.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of May 1978.

George Lee, Moderator

Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**
Saturday
August 13, 1977, 9:30 a.m.
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
Ayden, North Carolina

The moderator, George Lee, called the session to order and extended a welcome. The meeting began with a singspiration under the leadership of Rodney Whaley. We were led in prayer by Robert Hesselmeier.

Our theme for the day was "Getting Ready for Revival." Following introductory remarks by the moderator on the subject, "How We Can Prepare Self and Church for Revival," members of the association spoke on various phases of revival, as follows:

- "Pastor Prepares for Revival" — Gordon Sebastian
- "Minister of Music Prepares for Revival" — Rodney Whaley
- "The Evangelist Prepares for Revival" — Richard Kennedy

The speakers were followed by Frank Davenport who led in a question and answer period. This program created a good response from those in attendance.

An offering in the amount of \$27.90 was received.

The session was adjourned with prayer by L. R. Ennis.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of August 1977.

George Lee, Moderator
Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**
Saturday
November 12, 1977, 9:30 a.m.
Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church
Bethel, North Carolina

George Lee, the moderator, called the session to order and recognized R. P. Harris who led us in congregational singing. Rashie Kennedy led us in prayer.

Devotions were offered by Danny Keen. He spoke on the subject, "The Need for Men of Prayer." His text was taken from Ephesians 6:18.

Dr. Joseph G. Ange, Director of Religious Activities, Free Will Baptist Bible College, brought the morning message on the subject, "Peace in Unlikely Places." His text was taken from John 14:27.

An offering was received in the amount of \$51.60.

Alfred Cates, secretary, was instructed to submit for publication an article in the Free Will Baptist Witness and Contact informing our churches of the current status of Jack Paramore in relation to this association. (Secretary's Note: This article appeared in the Witness, but no response was received from the Editor of Contact.)

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of November 1977.

George Lee, Moderator

Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

Saturday

February 11, 1978, 9:30 a.m.

Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church

Greenville, North Carolina

The moderator, George Lee, called the session to order. The meeting began with a singspiration under the direction of Dwight Whitworth. We were led in prayer by Richard Kennedy.

Devotions were brought by Ted Reynolds. His subject was "The Need of the Day." His text was taken from Colossians 2:1-3.

A panel discussion on the topic, "My Successful Sunday School Campaign" was conducted by Jack Cox, Robert Durham, and Gordon Sebastian.

Johnny Pike brought the morning message from Titus, Chapters 1 through 3. His text was taken from Titus 1:5.

An offering was received in the amount of \$25.07.

The session was adjourned with prayer by George Lee.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of February 1978.

George Lee, Moderator

Alfred Cates, Secretary

Digest of Reports—May 13, 1978
Reporting Period—April 1, 1977—March 31, 1978

Church Name	Parsonage	Church Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Average	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average	Mid-Week Prayer Service
Antioch, Pikeville		141	1		91	60			32	15			10
Beacon, Farmville		26	2		90	60	50	40	21	15			45
Belvoir, Greenville	1	220	1		250	210	75	75	20	18			75
Bethel, Kinston													
Faith, Goldsboro		336	6		636	609		204					250
Fellowship, Micro	1	126	1	1	219	165	65	40					53
Friendship, Pink Hill													
Grace, Greenville		290	2	2	325	290	30	30	20	15			125
Grace, Rocky Mount		369	4	1	385	300			25	15			146
Grifton, Grifton	1	170	2		240	180							85
Grimesland, Grimesland		47	1			20							
Hope, Scotland Neck	1	100	2	1	109	85			15	12			
Immanuel, Winterville	1	123	1		85	75	50	54	30	28			55
Liberty, Ayden													
Living Waters, Bethel		40	1						7	7			
Maranatha, Greenville	1	117	1	1	138	110	35	30	16	12			60
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton													
Parkers Chapel, Greenville	1	505	3	1	417	340		60	35	17			120
Peace, Wilson		685	2	5	730	610							225
Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount			1		161	130		90					100
St. John, Goldsboro		135	1		123	80			18	9			
Tabernacle, Kinston													
Temple, Greenville		211	2		450	310							135
Trinity, Greenville		574	2	3	471	340			50	40			140
Trinity, LaGrange													
Victory, Goldsboro	1	175	3		190	175	110	95	27	21	30	25	100
West Duplin, Warsaw		235	1	1	265	180	65	50					80
White Oak Hill, Baily	1	175	1		240	218	40	40	42	32			110
Wildwood, Wilson		29		1	50								
Totals	9	4,829	41	17	5,665	4,547	520	818	358	276	30	25	1,914

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following treasurer's report was presented by the treasurer, Alfred Cates, and adopted by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT PALMER ASSOCIATION

May 15, 1977—May 13, 1978

May 14, 1977
 Balance Brought Forward \$635.15

RECEIPTS:

May 14, 1977
 At Immanuel Church, Winterville, N. C. 359.96
 Offering 44.96
 Checks from Churches 315.00

Aug. 13, 1977
 At Liberty Church, Ayden, N. C. 197.90
 Offering 27.90
 Checks from Churches 160.00
 Received late from churches 10.00

Oct. 20, 1977
 Palmer Association share of 100.39 100.39
 final balance in closing of
 General Conference Account.

Nov. 13, 1977
 At Living Waters Church, Bethel 206.60
 Offering 51.60
 Checks from Churches 135.00
 Received late from churches 20.00

Feb. 11, 1978
 At Maranatha Church, Greenville, N. C. 200.07
 Offering 25.07
 Checks from Churches 170.00
 Received late from churches 5.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1,064.92 1,064.92

BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR: \$1,700.07

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 14, 1977
 Dr. Stanley Outlaw (Honorarium) 200.00
 State Mission Board 200.00
 Palmer Youth Committee 100.00
 National Home Missions 100.00
 Fred Carraway 100.00

Aug. 2, 1977	
Mimeograph Paper (2 Rms)	7.28
Aug. 6, 1977	
Postage	13.00
Aug. 18, 1977	
Flowers (Ennis Funeral)	15.60
Jan. 24, 1978	
Postage	13.00
May 2, 1978	
Minister's Cards (50 each)	2.56
April 17, 1978	
Printing and Envelopes	14.83
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	766.27
	766.27
BALANCE OF HAND May 13, 1978	\$933.80

Appendix No. 2

PALMER ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NAME	PASTOR	CLERK
Antioch—Pikeville (1880) Route 1, Box 103 Pikeville, N. C. 27863	Novis Edwards Route 1, Box 103 Pikeville, N. C. 27863 919/735-7889	Mrs. Rachel Kirby Route 1, Box 137 Pikeville, N. C. 27863
Beacon P.O. Box 455 Farmville, N. C. 27829	Tommy Godley P.O. Box 455 Farmville, N. C. 27829 919/753-3158	Lois Godley P.O. Box 455 Farmville, N. C. 27829
Belvoir Route 4, Box 62A Greenville, N.C. 27834	John Moran Route 4, Box 62A Greenville, N. C. 27834 919/752-6711	Gene Windham Route 4, Box 50A Greenville, N. C. 27834
Bethel (1940) Route 8, Highway 258 Kinston, N. C. 28501 919/523-1184	David Paramore 201 Branchwood Drive Kinston, N. C. 28501 919/527-1218	Unknown
Faith (1961) P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N. C. 27530 919/734-8700	Frank Davenport P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N. C. 27530 919/734-3644	Peggy Wade P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Fellowship P.O. Box 13 Micro, N. C. 27555	Robert Hesselmeier P.O. Box 13 Micro, N. C. 27555 919/284-2886	Mrs. Mary E. Pittman Route 2, Box 32 Micro, N. C. 27555

Friendship Route 1 Pink Hill, N. C. 28572	Danny Keen Route 1 Pink Hill, N. C. 28572 919/568-4143	Unknown
Grace (1953) P.O. Box 1845 Greenville, N. C. 27834 919/752-5031	Roger Tripp P.O. Box 1062 Winterville, N. C. 28590	George Pleasant P.O. Box 1845 Greenville, N. C. 27834 919/756-8073
Grace (1960) 509 Kingston Avenue Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801 919/442-1683	Robert Durham 329 Kingston Avenue Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801 919/446-8593	Unknown
Grifton (1952) P.O. Box 537 Grifton, N. C. 28530 919/524-5901	James Pittman P.O. Box 537 Grifton, N. C. 28530 919/524-5465	Edna Avery Route 2 Grifton, N. C. 28530
Grimesland P.O. Box 280 Grimesland, N. C. 27837	Unknown	Unknown
Hope 704 Chestnut Street Scotland Neck, N. C. 27874	Harvey Dupree 704 Chestnut Street Scotland Neck, N. C. 27874 919/826-3876	Betty Avery E. 9th Street Scotland Neck, N. C. 27874
Immanuel (1962) P.O. Box 415 Winterville, N. C. 28590 919/756-2670	Alfred Cates P.O. Box 906 Winterville, N. C. 28590 919/756-4083	Betty Lou Brock Route 1, Box 569 Winterville, N. C. 28590
Liberty P.O. Box 102 Ayden, N. C. 28513	Raymond Gaskin P.O. Box 102 Ayden, N. C. 28513 919/746-6430	Mrs. Charles Hart Ayden, N. C. 28513
Living Waters P.O. Box 1092 Bethel, N. C. 27812	Willie Bell Route 4, Box 369 Tarboro, N. C. 27886 919/752-0980	Doug Killingsworth P.O. Box 817 Bethel, N. C. 27812
Maranatha (1956) 1407 E. 14th Street Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/758-0615	Alvis Harris 301 Nichols Drive Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/758-0272	Connie Garris Route 9, Box 493 Greenville, N.C. 27834
Mt. Calvary (1958) P.O. Box 157 Hookerton, N.C. 28538 919/747-3186	Jack Cox P.O. Box 157 Hookerton, N.C. 28538 919/747-2715	Unknown
Parkers Chapel (1855) Route 5, Box 113 Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/752-4179	Ted Reynolds Route 5, Box 113A Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/752-7120	Margaret Landen Route 5, Box 120 Greenville, N.C. 27834
Peace (1972) Route 4, Box 586B Wilson, N.C. 27893 919/291-1080	Gordon Sebastian 509 Harrison Drive Wilson, N.C. 27893 919/237-1421	Carolyn Culpepper 713 Grove Street Wilson, N.C. 27893

Rocky Mount (1969)
P.O. Box 2354
Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801
919/446-5732

St. John (1900)
Route 3
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Tabernacle
1003 West New Bern
Kinston, N.C. 28501
919/523-0000

Temple (1974)
P.O. Box 7106
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/756-1004

Trinity (1964)
East 264 By Pass at Golden Rd.
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/758-1000

Trinity (1965)
P.O. Box 216
LaGrange, N.C. 28551

Victory (1966)
1806 Wayne Memorial Drive
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
919/735-9485

West Duplin (1971)
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398
919/293-7519

White Oak Hill (1887)
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807
919/235-3868

Wildwood (1977)
P.O. Box 7104
Wilson, N.C. 27893

W. Glenn Hill
P.O. Box 2354
Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801
919/442-7490

Unknown

Johnny Pike
2300 Godman Road
Kinston, N.C. 28501
919/523-6671

Richard Kennedy
104 Arrendale Circle
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/756-2759

Van Dale Hudson
109 John Street
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/752-0268

Earl Hanna
301 E. Railroad Street
LaGrange, N.C. 28551
919/566-4818

George C. Lee
1403 E. Ninth Street
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
919/734-7670

Eugene Hales
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398
919/293-4545

Darrell Pickle
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807
919/235-3193

David Carter
1112 Delano Avenue
Wilson, N.C. 27893
919/243-6326

Unknown

Mrs. Leonard Rouse, Sr.
Route 3, Box 394
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Unknown

David Horne
P.O. Box 1142
Greenville, N.C. 27834

Janie Adams
1810 Sulgrave Road
Greenville, N.C. 27834

Unknown

Mrs. Michael West
307 N. James Street
Goldsboro, N.C. 27430

Peggy Huffman
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398

Earlene Pitts
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807

Edna Tomlinson
1121 Churchill Avenue
Wilson, N.C. 27893

**MINUTES
OF THE
Seventh Annual Session
of the
Palmer Association of Free Will Baptists
Saturday, May 12, 1979
St. John Free Will Baptist Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

The session began at 9:30 A.M. with congregational singing led by Steve Ashby. Steve Ashby led us in prayer.

A welcome was extended by the moderator, Johnny Pike.

Devotions were brought by A. C. Morgan, pastor of Immanuel Church, Winterville.

The roll call of churches revealed 25 out of 29 representing by letter and/or messengers.

The roll call of ordained ministers revealed 21 out of 39 in attendance.

The minutes of the sixth annual session were read and approved.

The following Digest Committee was appointed by the moderator:

Roger Tripp, Chairman
Rashie Kennedy
Gordon Hart

The following Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator.

Bob Hesselmeyer, Chairman
Ronnie Williamson
Gene Hales

The following Committee on Committees was elected by the body:

Frank Davenport, Chairman
Robert Durham
George Lee
Van Dale Hudson
Carroll McLawhorn

A motion was made to have the fifth, sixth and seventh annual session of minutes printed together, with summary reports of the quarterly meetings. Motion carried.

The moderator declared a break period until the 11:00 a.m. preaching service.

MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

The morning preaching service was opened with congregational singing led by Steve Ashby. We were led in prayer by Johnny Pike. Special music was rendered by Steve Ashby.

Guy Owens brought the morning message on the subject "Remember Not

To Forget." His text was taken from Deuteronomy 4:8-10, 6:12; 1 Corinthians 10:1-15.

Following the preaching service, we enjoyed a delicious noon meal provided by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing was led by Steve Ashby. We were led in prayer by Bobby Jackson. Devotions were rendered by Randy Sawyer.

Guy Owens gave a brief report concerning our State Work. He stated that the Rest Home is now in operation. The State meeting June 11-12 was mentioned. The churches were encouraged to bring an offering to the meeting. Encouragement was given to attend the National Association in July. Churches were asked to send a check to help host the National Association.

A. C. Morgan gave a brief report for the State Mission Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report and recommendations from the Finance Committee were presented by Bob Hesselmeyer. The report and recommendations were adopted by the body.

The Finance Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

Previous Balance	\$875.76
Checks Received From Churches	200.00
Morning Offering	28.60
Present Balance	1,104.36

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we retain \$700.00 for printing of minutes.
2. That we give \$50.00 to Rev. Guy Owens our speaker, as an honorarium.
3. That we give \$50.00 for hosting the National Association
4. That we given \$100.00 to the N. C. State program.
5. That we give \$100.00 to Free Will Baptist Bible College General Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Hesselmeyer, Chairman
Ronnie Williamson
Gene Hales

The Digest Committee Report was presented by Roger Tripp. It was received by the body.

The Committee on Committees report is attached as Appendix No. 1.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following membership Committee Report was presented by Van Dale Hudson and adopted by the body.

Membership Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That A. C. Morgan be received into the Palmer Association as an ordained minister, upon receipt of recommendation from the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, in Winterville.

A motion was made that those ministers who are no longer a member of a church in our Association be dropped from the roll. Motion carried.

These include: Harley Bennett, Owen Ganey, Burt Hall, Jim Mullen, Chester Phillips, Richard Polston, James Avery, Duke Burgess, Douglas Randlett, Rodney Whaley, Ted Reynolds, Alfred Cates, Harold Moore.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Youth Committee was given by Lorenza Stox. The Committee reported receipts in the amount of \$333.67 and expenses of \$195.91, with a balance on hand May 12, 1979 of \$137.76.

A motion was made that we give a rising vote of thanks to St. John Church for their gracious hospitality to this body. Motion carried.

A motion was made that we adjourn. Motion carried.

We were adjourned in prayer by Johnny Pike.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May, 1979.

Johnny Pike, Moderator

Alvis Harris, Secretary

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Saturday

August 12, 1978, 9:30 a.m.

Parkers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Greenville, North Carolina

The moderator, Johnny Pike, called the association to order and led in the opening prayer. The meeting began with Ron Williamson leading us in singing "At Calvary." In the absence of Danny Keen, Johnny Pike brought our devotions on the subject, "We're In Trying Times." His text was taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58.

The Membership Committee recommended that Steve Ashby be received into the fellowship of the Palmer Association, as an ordained minister. MSC to accept this recommendation.

Ronald Creech brought greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Van Dale Hudson brought an enlightening message concerning the subject of abortion. Jack Moran was asked to investigate the cost involved in having this

message aired for television.

Following a short break, Jack Cox brought a message on the subject, "The place of Divorcees in the Church."

An offering in the amount of \$29.08 was received.

The session was adjourned in prayer and we retired to the Church gymnasium for a delicious lunch provided by the host church.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August 1978.

Johnny Pike, Moderator

Alfred Cates, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY**

**November 11, 1978, 9:30 a.m.
Peace Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina**

The moderator, Johnny Pike, called the association to order and Robert Durham led in opening prayer. The meeting began with R. P. Harris leading us in singing "To God Be The Glory" and "Count Your Blessings."

The moderator had letters distributed in the congregation from Guy Owens Minister At Large, informing us of the needs around our State. The moderator made mention that our minutes have not been printed due to the fact that our by-laws did not give the clerk the authority to print more than two years from the time of voting.

Our devotion was brought by David Carter, reading from Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53:1-8.

We had the roll call of churches and ministers. There were 21 ordained ministers present and 1 licensed preacher.

Brother R. P. Harris led us in the song "Joy Unspeakable," after which Darrell Pickle brought a message from Acts 20:35 on "Stewardship."

Following a short break we were led in another song by R. P. Harris, the song was "Glory To His Name." Following the song Steve Davenport brought a message on "Fund Raising In The Local Church," from 1 Chronicles 29.

Prayer requests were made by Frank Davenport and Robert Durham concerning Christian schools.

The session was adjourned in prayer by the moderator, Johnny Pike.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of November, 1978.

Johnny Pike, Moderator
Alvis Harris, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE
QUARTERLY
FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

**Saturday
February 17, 1979, 9:30 a.m.
Rocky Mount Free Will Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina**

The moderator, Johnny Pike, called the association to order and Steve Ashby led us in prayer. Cecil Winstead led us in song service by singing, "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story." William Eason brought our devotion from 1 Corinthians 8:8-13 and spoke on the subject, "Don't Offend A Brother."

The theme for the service today is "Equipping The Saints." Ephesians 4:11-16. Frank Davenport brought a study on the "Reasons For Equipping The Saints."

Following a short break we were led in a song, "Rescue The Perishing." Gordon Sebastian spoke on the subject "The Need For Training The Saints For Service."

An offering was received in the amount of \$25.50.

The session was adjourned in prayer by Brother James Pittman.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 1979.

Johnny Pike, Moderator
Alvis Harris, Secretary

The following report of the Committee on Committees was received and individuals elected to positions indicated:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Assistant Moderator) Darrell Pickle (80)
(Secretary-Treasurer) Stephen Ashby (80)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

John Moran (82)
Bob Hesselmeyer (82)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Ronnie Williamson (81)
Lorenza Stox (81)
Randy Sawyer (81)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Eugene Hales (81)
Robert Durham (81)
Frank Davenport (81)
Appendix No. 1

Church Name	Parsonage	Church Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average	CTS Enrollment	CTS Average	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Women's Auxiliary Average	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average	Mid-Week Prayer Service
Antioch, Pikeville		146	1		102	67							18
Beacon, Farmville		75	2		95	70	35	30	17	14			45
Belvoir, Greenville	1	225	1			200				20			100
Bethel, Kinston		600	1	1									
Faith, Goldsboro		463	5			602		193					250
Fellowship, Micro	1	116	1	1	219	161	65	45					49
Friendship, Pink Hill													
Grace, Greenville		293	2	2	370	285	15	15	35	35	35	35	100
Grace, Rocky Mount		398	6		260				25	19	35		150
Grifton, Grifton	1	182	2		240	170			21	14			60
Grimesland, Grimesland													
Hope, Scotland Neck													
Immanuel, Winterville	1	102	1		66	50							32
Liberty, Ayden													
Living Waters, Bethel		35	1		35	30			12	9			
Maranatha, Greenville	1	116	1		130	100			16	12			50
Mt. Calvary, Hookerton													
Parker's Chapel, Greenville	1	493	2		417	339		60	35	16			120
Peace, Wilson		712	1	5	719	605							225
Rocky Mount, R. Mount		154	1		163	130		90					100
St. John, Goldsboro		141	1	1	123	80							22
Tabernacle, Kinston		125	2		225	191							
Temple, Greenville													
Trinity, Greenville		649	2	2	460	375							
Trinity, LaGrange	1	178	1	1	143								75
Victory, Goldsboro	1	159	2		190	165	110	85	24	22			85
West Duplin, Warsaw		241	1		225	180	65	50					85
White Oak Hill, Bailey													
Wildwood, Wilson		69	1		80	60							50
Totals	8	5,672	38	13	6,073	4,565	290	568	185	161	70	35	1,616

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following treasurer's report was presented by the treasurer, Alvis Harris, and adopted by the body.

TREASURER'S REPORT PALMER ASSOCIATION

May 13, 1978—May 11, 1979

May 13, 1978	
Balance Brought Forward	\$933.80
Receipts:	
May 13, 1978	
At Mt. Calvary Church, Hookerton	369.00
Offering	\$54.00
Checks From Churches	315.00
August 12, 1978	
At Parkers Chapel, Greenville	124.08
Offering	29.08
Checks From Churches	75.00
Received late from churches	20.00
November 11, 1978	
At Peace Church, Wilson	140.00
Checks from Churches	140.00
February 17, 1979	
At Rocky Mount Church, Rocky Mount	150.50
Offering	25.50
Checks From Churches	125.00
April 23, 1979	
Checks From Churches	30.00
February 1, 1979—May 11, 1979	
Checks earmarked for Hosting National Association in July.	675.00
Total Receipts	1,488.58
Balance To Account For	2,422.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

May 13, 1978	
Rev. Roy Thomas (Honorarium)	250.00
National Home Missions	100.00
Palmer Youth Committee	100.00
Minister-At-Large	100.00
N. C. State Missions	200.00
Clerk (Honorarium)	50.00
July 24, 1978	
Postage (100-15¢ Stamps)	15.00

Quick Copy (Printing Letters)	1.82
September 8, 1978	
Mrs. Trudy Hodges (Typing)	15.00
November 30, 1978	
Bank Charge69
January 22, 1979	
Postage (100-15¢ Stamps)	15.00
February 24, 1979	
Hosting National Association	575.00
February 27, 1979	
Annual Report Forms	2.87
March 8, 1979	
Hosting National Association	50.00
March 27, 1979	
Postage (100-15¢ Stamps 28-13¢)	18.64
April 23, 1979	
Hosting National Association	50.00
May 10, 1979	
Ministerial Certificates	2.60
 Total Disbursements	 1,546.62
 BALANCE ON HAND MAY 12, 1979	 875.76

PALMER ASSOCIATION

CHURCH NAME	PASTOR	CLERK
Antioch—Pikeville (1880) Route 1, Box 297 Pikeville, N.C. 27863	Novis Edwards Route 1, Box 297 Pikeville, N.C. 27863 919/735-7889	Mrs. Rachel Kirby Route 1, Box 137 Pikeville, N.C. 27863
Beacon Route 2 Farmville, N.C. 27829	Unknown	Lois Godley P.O. Box 495 Bell Arthur, N.C. 27811
Belvoir Route 4, Box 62A Greenville, N.C. 27834	John Moran Route 4, Box 62A Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/752-6711	Gene Windham Route 4, Box 50A Greenville, N.C. 27834
Bethel Route 2, Box 385 Kinston, N.C. 28501	David Paramore 201 Branchwood Drive Kinston, N.C. 28501 919/522-0275	Ruby L. Hines Route 9, Box 160 Kinston, N.C. 28501
Faith (1961) P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N.C. 27530 919. 734-8700	Frank Davenport P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N.C. 27530 919/734-3644	Peggy Wade P.O. Box 1159 Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
Fellowship P.O. Box 13 Micro, N.C. 27555	Robert Hesselmeier P.O. Box 13 Micro, N.C. 27555 919/284-2886	Mrs. Mary E. Pittman Route 2, Box 32 Micro, N.C. 27555

Friendship Route 1 Pink Hill, N.C. 28572	Danny Keen Route 1 Pink Hill, N.C. 28572 919/568-4143 Roger Tripp P.O. Box 1062 Winterville, N.C. 28590 919/756-8073	Unknown
Grace (1953) P.O. Box 1845 Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/752-5031		George Pleasant P.O. Box 1945 Greenville, N.C. 27834
Grace (1960) 509 Kingston Avenue Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801 919/442-1683	Robert Durham 329 Kingston Avenue Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801 919/446-8593	Pattie Winstead 2604 Gary Road Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801
Grifton (1952) P.O. Box 537 Grifton, N.C. 28530 919/524-5901	James Pittman P.O. Box 537 Grifton, N.C. 28530 919/524-5465	Edna Avery Route 2 Grifton, N.C. 28530
Grimesland P.O. Box 280 Grimesland, N.C. 27837	James Stepps	Unknown
Hope 704 Chestnut Street Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874	Harvey Dupree 704 Chestnut Street Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874 919/825-3876	Betty Avery E. 9th Street Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874
Immanuel (1962) P.O. Box 415 Winterville, N.C. 28590 919/756-2670	A. C. Morgan P.O. Box 415 Winterville, N.C. 28590	Betty Lou Brock Route 1, Box 569 Winterville, N.C. 28590
Liberty P.O. Box 102 Ayden, N.C. 28513	Raymond Gaskin P.O. Box 102 Ayden, N.C. 28513 919/746-6430	Mrs. Charles Hart Ayden, N.C. 28513
Living Waters P.O. Box 860 Bethel, N.C. 27812	Willie Bell Jr. P.O. Box 533 Tarboro, N.C. 27886	Douglas Killingsworth P.O. Box 817 Bethel, N.C. 27812
Maranatha (1956) 1407 E. 14th St. Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/758-0615	Alvis Harris 301 Nichols Dr. Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/758-0272	Marie Ramsey 2617 Crockett Dr. Greenville, N.C. 27834
Mt. Calvary (1958) P.O. Box 157 Hookerton, N.C. 28538 919/747-3186	Jack Cox P.O. Box 157 Hookerton, N.C. 28538 919/747-2715	Unknown
Parkers Chapel (1855) Route 5, Box 113 Greenville, N.C. 27834 919/752-4179	Unknown	Margaret Landen Route 5, Box 120 Greenville, N.C. 27834
Peace (1972) Route 4, Box 586-B Wilson, N.C. 27893 919/291-1080	Gordon Sebastian 509 Harrison Dr. Wilson, N.C. 27893 919/237-1421	Carolyn Culpepper 413 Fleming St. Wilson, N.C. 27893
Rocky Mount (1969) P.O. Box 2354 Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801 919/446-5732	W. Glenn Hill P.O. Box 2354 Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801 919/442-7490	Melinda Parrish 112 Dunbarton Rd. Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801

St. John (1900)
Route 3
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Stephen Ashby
Route 3, Box 293-E
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
919/778-7551

Mrs. Leonard Rouse Sr.
Route 3, Box 394
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Tabernacle
1003 West New Bern Rd.
Kinston, N.C. 28501
919/532-0000

Johnny Pike
2300 Goodman Rd.
Kinston, N.C. 28501
919/523-6671

Unknown

Temple (1974)
P.O. Box 7106
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/756-1004

Richard Kennedy
104 Arrendale Circle
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/756-2759

David Horne
P.O. Box 1142
Greenville, N.C. 27834

Trinity (1964)
East 264 By Pass at Golden Road
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/758-1000

Van Dale Hudson
109 John Street
Greenville, N.C. 27834
919/752-0268

Janie Adams
1810 Sulgrave Rd.
Greenville, N.C. 27834

Trinity (1965)
P.O. Box 216
LaGrange, N.C. 28551
919/566-4818

Earl Hanna
Route 4, Box 328
LaGrange, N.C. 28551
919/566-4818

Alice Faye Skinner
Route 2
LaGrange, N.C. 28551

Victory (1966)
1806 Wayne Memorial Drive
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
919/735-9485

George C. Lee
1403 E. Ninth Street
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
919/734-7670

Mrs. Michael West
307 N. James St.
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

West Duplin (1971)
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398
919/293-7519

Eugene Hales
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398
919/293-4545

Peggy Huffman
Route 2, Box 136 A-1
Warsaw, N.C. 28398

White Oak Hill (1887)
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807
919/235-3868

Darrell Pickle
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807
919/235-3193

Earlene Pitts
Route 2
Bailey, N.C. 27807

Wildwood (1977)
P.O. Box 7104
Wilson, N.C. 27893

David Carter
1112 Delano Ave.
Wilson, N.C. 27893
919/243-6326

Edna H. Tomlinson
1121 Churchill Ave.
Wilson, N.C. 27893

