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- Resolution—L. H. Clayton, Chairman; Johnie E. Floyd, Earnest Strickland.
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Ministerial Support—Mitchel Davis, Chairman, E. S. Bradley and Mrs. John Floyd.

Education—Novela Propst, Chairman; Mrs. Walter Carter and Noah Brown.

Home Missions—Wade Calvert, Chairman; Herman Hersey, N. B. Perkins.

Superannuation—William House, Chairman; Paul Brown and L. D. Gray.

Sunday School—D. Benton, Chairman, and Rubert Rikard.

Temperance—Nathan Holt, Chairman; P. S. Bradley and Earnest Lewis.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Writing Study Course for Young Preachers—Walter Carter, Chairman; Herman Hersey and L. H. Clayton.

Free Will Baptist Fellowship Club: Herman Hersey, Chairman; J. B. Starnes, Roy Rikard, E. O. Connley, and John Floyd.

Young People's Week at Cragmont—Mrs. Clyde Brown, Chairman; Miss Betty Floyd and Herman Hersey.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES, LOCATION AND PASTOR

Aleo—East Rockingham—Walter Carter
Arrington Heights—Lexington, N. C.—J. P. Langley
Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—J. B. Starnes
Bethany—Wadesboro, N. C.—Charles W. Maness
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—H. J. Sawyer
Caroleen—Caroleen, N. C.—W. L. Howell
Cedar Grove—Concord, N. C.—Alfred Absher
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard
East Belmont—E. Belmont, N. C.—John R. Newton
East Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—H. L. James
Fifth Avenue—Gastonia, N. C.—Nathan Holt
First—Gastonia—L. M. Pierce
First—Morganton, N. C.—Paul Davis
Goshen Grove—North Belmont, N. C.—Wade Calvert
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Mitchel Davis
Lows Trading Center—Kannapolis, N. C.—E. G. Dawing
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. D. Gray
Meadow View—Concord, N. C.—G. W. Liner
Mt. Beulah—Rockingham, N. C.—Noah Brown
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C.—Willard Howard
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. H. Clayton
New Hope—Rockingham, N. C.—Bernie Player
Ridgeway—Glenwood, N. C.—
Robbins Circle—Lexington, N. C.—Mac. F. Crisp
Robertson Creek—Bostic, N. C.—B. B. Melton

Rocky Pass—Nebo, N. C.—Clyde Fender
Stanley—Stanley, N. C.—D. E. Philbeck
Valley View—Concord, N. C.—W. A. Todd
Wayside—Rockingham, N. C.—Noah Brown
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—F. E. Carver

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. W. Liner, 277 Dingler Street, Concord, N. C.
E. G. Lawing, Route 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis, N. C.
B. B. Melton, Route 2, Bostic, N. C.
D. E. Philbeck, Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
L. M. Pierce, 418 N. Morehead, Gastonia, N. C.
John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.
Alfred Absher, Route 2, China Grove, N. C.
H. J. Sawyer, Boger City, N. C.
H. L. James, No. 6 D St., Lincolnton, N. C.
Bernie Player, East Rockingham, N. C.
J. B. Starnes, Box 455, Kannapolis, N. C.
N. W. Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
J. E. Floyd, Box 201, Marion, N. C.
Mitchell W. Davis, Box 2 Lowell, N. C.
Noah Brown, Route 1, Rockingham, N. C.
Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Walter Carter, East Rockingham, N. C.
Herman Hersey, Box 9134, Charlotte, N. C.
Roy Rikard, Cramerton, N. C.
L. D. Gray, Route 5, Box 383, Kannapolis, N. C.
J. R. Martin, Mt. Holly, N. C.
W. H. Calvert, North Belmont, N. C.
R. P. Sawyer, Route 7, Box 488, Salisbury, N. C.
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Leonard E. Lawing, 309 Broad St., Kannapolis, N. C.
J. B. Lewis, Route 2, Box 1004, Concord, N. C.
L. M. Hooper, Route 4, Box 385-D, Kannapolis, N. C.
John Whitworth, Box 178, McAdenville, N. C.
Earnest King, Route 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
David E. McDonald, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C.
Billy R. Yawn, Box 158, Lowell, N. C.
J. E. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
George Hart, Rockingham, N. C.
Wade Talbert, 411 S. East Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Paul Hobbs, 304 West E. St., Kannapolis, N. C.
W. A. Toss, Cabarrus Hall, Kannapolis, N. C.
D. L. Benton, 311 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.
A. W. Graham, Forest City, N. C.
J. S. Rice, Caroleen, N. C.
Dwight Hutchins, Cramerton, N. C.

Winfred Floyd, Cramerton, N. C.
 A. A. Bradley, Cedar Street, Gastonia, N. C.
 Joe Poole, Marion, N. C.
 C. L. Scarborough, North Belmont, N. C.
 E. L. Ledford, Belmont, N. C.
 E. O. Connley, Kannapolis, N. C.
 D. W. Tilley, Kannapolis, N. C.
 G. T. Puckett, 435 W. Lawrence St., Mooresville, N. C.
 Paul Brown, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.
 Clyde Fender, Route 1, Nebo, N. C.
 J. R. Martin, Route 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.
 W. J. Merediyj, Route 1, Clover, S. C.
 J. W. Sanford, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.
 F. E. Carver, Box 23, Mooresville, N. C.
 J. I. Deal, Mooresville, N. C.
 J. J. Brooks, Box 343, Elizabeth City, Tennessee.
 J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N. C.
 James Self, Gastonia, N. C.
 Mack F. Crisp, Lexington, N. C.
 Weyland Burns, 254 Broad St., Erlanger, N. C.
 Thomas Williams, Rockingham, N. C.
 J. E. Floyd, Jr., Box 201, Marion, N. C.
 Willard W. Howard, Lexington, N. C.
 Paul Davis, Box 59, Caroleen, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISTS

James A. Savage, Gen. Del., Lowell, N. C.
 Homer R. Savage, Gen. Del., Dowell, N. C.
 Ernest G. Strickland, East Rockingham.
 Thomas Williams, Hamlet, N. C.
 Donald Upright, 416 Central Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Edward Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.
 Paul Clayton, Marion, N. C.
 James Clayton, Marion, N. C.
 Floyd Cavin, Kannapolis, N. C.
 I. J. Putnam
 Walter Ramsey

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Piedmont Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist Churches cooperating with this Association and ministers who are members of this Association.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members over one hundred.

ARTICLE 5. The churches cooperating with this Association shall send by the hands of their delegates a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall meet once a year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the preceding session or by its Executive Board.

ARTICLE 7. The Executive Board shall consist of three members elected by the Association one for one year one for two years and one for three years. The Associational officials are members ex-officio of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have interim authority.

ARTICLE 8. Ministers in good standing in our sister associations may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

ARTICLE 9. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to represent by letter or delegate.

ARTICLE 10. This Association shall encourage a sound ministry such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

ARTICLE 11. This Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

ARTICLE 12. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates attending, providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first setting of said meeting after permanent organization.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Associational officials are to be elected by ballot system.

The Clerk is to be elected after Moderator declares the house in order for business. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Treasurer are to be elected at the close of the session.

The Ordination Council is to be elected by the Association.

The Ordination Council is to consist of five members and has interim authority to ordain ministers and has charge of investigations of ministers.

The Ordination Council must report its work annually to the Association.

The Executive Board is to make an annual report to the Association.

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists is to be used.

The Body sponsors the Minister's Conference.

The Body sponsors the Sunday School Convention.

The Body sponsors the Women's Auxiliary Convention.

The Body sponsors the F. W. B. L. League Convention.

The Seven-Point program of the State Association approved.

The indefinite pastor call approved.

When a church calls the Ordination Council it is to pay their expense.

The Executive Board has charge of the Associational Education Program.

The Chairman of each board or committee, is treasurer of its funds.

The Churches sending preachers and delegates to the Association are to pay for their board; the host-church will provide all the sleeping quarters they can, and arrange for rooms that may be rented.

The Minute Fund changed to General Fund, and all churches are requested to send 10c per member

The Moderator authorized to appoint from the floor the Nominating Committee, consisting of five men to nominate, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer and Ordination Council. The Body may place nominations from the floor for each office.

Ordination Qualification:

1. A Bible course satisfactory to the Ordaining Council.
 2. If a minister cannot meet the standard and shows satisfactory fruits in his ministry, he may be ordained.
 3. A minister must be a tither in order to be ordained.
- No man can hold more than one associational office.

CHURCH CLERKS

Aleo—Mrs. Bernie Russel, Mills Rural Sta., N. C.

Arrington Heights—Mrs. Ella Hill, Route 1, Lexington, N. C.

Ben Avenue—J. D. Tyner, P. O. Box ?, Kannapolis, N. C.

Boger City—J. E. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.

Caroleen—Miss Martha Rice, Caroleen, N. C.

Cedar Grove—Bessie Howell, 311 Jackson Park Road, Kannapolis, N. C.

Cramerton—H. A. Shoemaker, Box 635, Cramerton, N. C.

East Belmont—Mrs. Howard McLean, Belmont, N. C.

East Lincolnton—J. E. Shultz, 1-D Street, Lincolnton, N. C.

Fifth Avenue—Mrs. W. C. Grant, Route 1, Gastonia, N. C.

First, Gastonia—W. E. Sawyers, 1413 S. Marietta St., Gastonia, N. C.

First, Marion—Lester Connor, East Marion, N. C.

First, Morganton—Mrs. John Saddrett, 107 Erwin St., Morganton, N. C.

Goshen—Frank W. Willis, North Belmont, N. C.

Lowell—Mrs. Lee O. Sams, Box 158, Lowell, N. C.

Lows Trading Center—Mrs. V. G. Lawing, Route 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis, N. C.

Mable Avenue—Mrs. James Gentry, 901 11th St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Meadow View—Mrs. J. Puckett, Route 2, Mooresville, N. C.

Mt. Beulah—Clayton Steen, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.

Mt. Carmel—Mildred Ballew, Lexington, N. C.

Mt. Holly—K. H. Robertson, Route 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Mt. Zion—Elmer Haskins, 409 Central Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
New Hope—Monnie Howard, Box 371, Rockingham, N. C.
Stanley—James Nicholas, Stanley, N. C.
Robertson Creek—M. E. Meheler, Route 1, Box 17, Bostic, N. C.
Rocky Pass—Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C.
Wayside—Shug Honeycutt, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.
Westover—R. G. Buff, Route 3, Kannapolis, N. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 3, 1951

Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina gathered together in annual sessions with the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., August 3, 1951. At 10:00 A. M. the Moderator, Rev. E. R. Tyner, called the body to devotions.

Rev. J. B. Starnes led as we sang, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Rev. Johnie E. Floyd conducted devotions and Rev. P. S. Bradley led in prayer.

The Host Pastor, Rev. J. B. Starnes, gave the address of welcome. Rev. J. W. Jones gave our response.

The Program was accepted.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees consisting of Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. Walter Carter and Rev. L. D. Gray.

Rev. Walter Carter gave the report of the Publications and Literature Committee. It was accepted.

PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

We have distributed and sold quite a number of books and tracts. We have on hand the following:

Senior League Manual	9
Hell or Endless Punishment of the Wicked	40
One Foundation	44
The Upper Room Ought	92
Why the Atonement was Necessary	85
Tracts—Do You Believe This? App.	4,000
Money in Treasury	\$.88

We recommend that this board be continued and that the Books and Tracts to be sold or printed be recommended by the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association. We further recommend that the Chairman of this board ask offerings from the local churches to carry on this work.

Walter Carter

Mrs. Clyde Brown gave the report on Foreign Missions. It was accepted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Goshen Grove Women's Auxiliary	\$ 25.00
Aleo Church	101.00
Boger City Church	10.00
Lowell Church	40.00
Mt. Zion Church	48.00
Cramerton Church	25.00

\$249.00

Mrs. Clyde Brown

Rev. Wade Calvert gave the report of the Home Mission Board. It was accepted.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Received from Camp Ground fund \$1,100.00

Disbursements:

Lawyer Davis	\$20.00
Real Estate Man	18.50
Paid Trustees	30.00
L. S. Gray	5.00
Telephone	2.15
W. H. Calvert	6.50
Two Dinners	1.76
Sherman H. Oakes	15.00

Total paid \$98.91

Balance in Treasury \$1,001.09

Wade H. Calvert, Chairman

The visitors were given a seat and voice in the Association. We recessed for five minutes.

Deese Hunsucker led in singing "The Royal Telephone." Rev. E. C. Gaskins led in prayer. The trio from Caroleen sang two numbers, after which Rev. M. L. Johnson, a visiting minister from Sims, N. C., spoke from Malachi 3:6 on the subject "The Unchanging God."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P. M. the Moderator called the body to devotions. Rev. J. B. Starnes led in singing "Glory to His Name." Rev. Ernest King had the devotions and Bro. Deese Hunsucker led in prayer.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard spoke on Cragmont. It was voted to appoint a committee to work with her in making plans to have our young people at Cragmont for a week next year. The committee elected was Mrs. Clyde Brown, Miss Betty Floyd and Rev. Herman Hersey.

Walter McD. Croom, the superintendent of our Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., gave us the report of the Orphanage. The report was accepted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

General Fund—August 1 through July 31

Aleo	\$ 83.16
Arrington Heights	199.10
Stanley	27.50
Rocky Pass	31.50
Sunday School Convention	26.00
Convention	25.00
Mt. Holly	80.06

Mable Avenue	64.22
East Belmont	18.00
Ben Avenue	24.65
Pine Grove	100.00
Goshen Grove	177.76
Mt. Carmel	5.00
Cramerton	25.00
New Hope	53.00
Caroleen	34.62
Lowell	26.00
Westover	1.91
First Marion	132.94
Ridgeway	127.68
Wayside	88.40
Mt. Zion	45.10
Robertson Creek	17.94
Bethlehem	22.00
Bethany	5.00

Total \$1,381.54

Clothing Fund

Goshen Grove	\$ 30.00
Cramerton	70.00

Total \$ 100.00

Sheet Fund

Cramerton Auxiliary \$12.00

Donated Commodities

	Household	Food	Clothing
E. Belmont Aux.	\$ 15.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Mable Avenue Aux.	6.45		
Mt. Holly Aux.	16.95		
Mt. Zion	25.00		
First Marion	99.00		
Cramerton	14.00		.75
Aleo (Sheeting Material)	30.00		

Totals

Grand Total Receipts \$1,704.69

Walter McD. Croom, Superintendent

Rev. J. B. Starnes gave the report on Superannuation. It was received as information.

Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd gave the report on the Free Will Baptist League. It was received as information.

Mrs. Walter Carter gave the Women's Auxiliary report. This report was accepted. (See Statistical table in back of Minute.)

It was voted that the Moderator appoint three to act on a committee to name time and place for the next League Rally to meet. Those appointed were Rev. Johnie E. Floyd, Mrs. Clyde Brown, and Miss Novela Propst.

Rev. L. H. Clayton gave the report of the Ordaining Council. It was accepted.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association, beg to submit the following:

September 16, 1950, we met at Cramerton, N. C., with Rev. Roy Rikard as proxy for Rev. L. H. Clayton and Rev. L. M. Pierce as proxy for Rev. J. B. Starnes. We ordained Rev. J. Self, Rev. Winford Floyd and Rev. John Whitworth.

December 2, 1950, we met at High Point F. W. B. Church in Lancaster, S. C., and ordained Rev. Edd C. Gasking.

February 19, 1951, we met with the Robbins Circle Church at Lexington, N. C., with Rev. L. E. Lawing as proxy for Rev. Mitchel Davis, and Rev. Bernie Player as proxy for Rev. J. B. Starnes. We ordained Rev. Mac F. Crisp.

March 17, 1951, we met with Westover Church at Kannapolis, N. C., and ordained and received into the Piedmont Minister's Conference Rev. F. E. Carver.

August 2, 1951, we met with the Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, N. C., and exchanged papers with Rev. H. J. Sawyer, coming from the Beaver Creek Association. We reinstated Rev. Weyland Burns and ordained the following: Rev. W. A. Todd, Rev. J. E. Faulkner, Rev. Alferd Ansher, Rev. J. I. Deal, Rev. Thomas Williams and Rev. J. E. Floyd, Jr. We gave associational licenses to Rev. I. J. Putnam, Rev. Earnest Strickland, Rev. Walter Ramsey, Rev. Donald Upright and Rev. Olin Phillips.

August 3, 1951, we met with the Ben Avenue Church at Kannapolis, N. C., and exchanged papers with Rev. Willard W. Howard, coming from the Western Association. We ordained Rev. J. W. Jones.

Wade H. Calvert, Chairman
L. H. Clayton
J. B. Starnes
Mitchel Davis
Walter Carter

Rev. L. H. Clayton gave the following resolutions from the Ordaining Council and they were all voted on and adopted.

1. Since some of our ministers who are holding certificates of ordination are not attending the Church services, we ask that the Ordaining Council serve as a committee to see why they are not attending Church. We ask that each member of the Ordaining Council be allowed to call in a minister to serve with him on this committee if he is not in reach of other members of council.

2. We recommend that the Church give no certificate of license to

preachers, but recommend them to the Ordaining Council for examination at the Minister's Conferences.

3. We recommend that the licensed minister serve under Conference license until he is called to pastor a Church and that he be enrolled as an evangelist until his call to a church.

It was voted that no man can hold two Associational offices, not to interfere with Article 7 of the Constitution.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in treasury last Association	\$109.47
Received last Association	200.03
Received from Rev. W. Burns	1.00
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Total Received	\$310.50
Paid Rev. Herman Hersey for Clerk's Service	\$ 35.00
Paid Ayden Press for 49-50 Minutes	280.00
Money order and Postage	1.51
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Total Paid Out	\$316.51
In Debt	\$ 6.01

Deese D. Hunsucker, Treasurer

It was voted to pay Rev. Walter Carter \$15.00 to pay for programs.

It was voted that the Clerk mail a program to every minister two weeks before. The Association to pay expenses.

It was voted to send all licensed ministers a report to be sent to next Association.

The following were elected to the following offices for the coming year: Moderator, Rev. Walter Carter; Vice-Moderator, Rev. L. H. Clayton; Treasurer, Brother Deese D. Hunsucker. Rev. Roy Rikard was elected to the Executive Board for three years. The Ordaining Council Rev. J. B. Starnes, Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Mitchel Davis, Rev. L. D. Gray and Rev. Noah Brown. Rev. Wade Calvert was elected chairman for the coming year.

Rev. E. O. Connley resigned as Trustee. Rev. Roy Rikard was elected to replace him.

The Valley View Free Will Baptist Church and the First Free Will Baptist Church in Morganton were received into the Piedmont Association. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. M. L. Johnson urged us to attend the State Association in Bladenboro, September 12-13, 1951.

FRIDAY EVENING

An Ordaining Service was held. Brother Deese D. Hunsucker led the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." The Pierce Trio, the Piedmont Quartette, Gary Ayers, Howard Family Singers and Rev. J. J. Brooks provided the special music. Rev. E. R. Tyner preached from John

15:1-8, using as his subject "Christ-Like Christians." The Piedmont Quartette, the Piedmont and Starnes combined Quartette and the Pierce Trio sang. Rev. L. M. Pierce brought the second message on "That Which is Better."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—AUGUST 4, 1951

Promptly at 10:00 A. M., the Moderator, Rev. E. R. Tyner, called to devotions. Brother D. D. Hunsucker led in singing, "I am Thine, O Lord." Rev. John Whitworth had the devotions and Rev. Roy Rikard led in prayer.

The report of the Brotherhood of Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church was accepted and voted to be put into the minutes.

REPORT OF THE BEN AVENUE BROTHERHOOD

Membership	16
Gain this year	3
Average Attendance	11
Money Received	\$212.75
Charity	\$146.35
Incidental	\$ 1.00
Building and Repairs	\$ 8.00
Total paid out	\$155.35
Balance in treasury	\$ 57.40

Fred Seabolt, Sr., President
Donald Upright, Secretary

It was voted that the Moderator appoint a committee to work out the details of a men's organization in the Piedmont Association. The Committee appointed was: Herman Hersey, J. B. Starnes, Roy Rikard, E. O. Conoley, John Floyd.

It was voted to omit preaching at 11 a. m., in order to finish business.

The Lows Trading Center Free Will Baptist church was received into the Piedmont Association.

The reports of the following committees were received and accepted: Ministerial Support, Temperance, Education, Finance, and Sunday School.

The Clerk's salary was set at \$50.00.

The resolution committee presented the following resolution, "Seeing the great need of qualification of our coming preachers, we ask the body to elect a committee of three qualified men, and give them the right to call in whatsoever help they need, to write out a course of study from the national treatise and qualify our coming preachers on the same."

The resolution was accepted and Rev. Walter Carter, Rev. Herman Hersey and Rev. L. H. Clayton were elected to serve on this committee.

The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was accepted. The association now has resumed responsibility for the support of Miss Volene Wilson and Mrs. Clyde Brown was elected as Foreign Mission Treasurer to handle all foreign mission funds.

The Executive Board's report was read and accepted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board beg to submit the following:

January 6, 1951, the board met with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Wadesboro, N. C. The Bethany F. W. B. Church was received into the Piedmont Association. Pine Grove Church of Kershaw, S. C., was received into the Piedmont Association.

May 5, 1951, the board met at Lowell F. W. B. Church. It was voted to give L. S. Gray thanks for serving as trustee. Rev. L. D. Gray was elected Trustee. It was moved that no property be bought until there was a meeting of the Churches and delegates. Rev. Wade Calvert, Rev. Mitchel Davis and Rev. Herman Hersey were placed on a committee to find some property.

E. R. Tyner
Walter Carter
Herman Hersey
Wade Calvert
L. D. Gray
Harold Goforth
Deese D. Hunsucker

The Orphanage and Sunday School's reports were read and accepted.

The High Point Church in Lancaster, S. C., was given a letter of good standing to the Beaver Creek Association.

It was voted that the South Carolina border line be the line of the Piedmont Association. It was voted to have the Moderator write a letter of apology to the Beaver Creek Association for breaking boundary lines.

It was voted that the next Association meet with the Goshen Grove F. W. B. Church in North Belmont, N. C.

It was voted that E. R. Tyner recommend to the Pine Grove Church that they unite with the Beaver Creek Association. Any further action would be taken by the Executive Board.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Host Church and Pastor. A rising vote of confidence was given Moderator-elect Rev. Walter Carter.

Rev. Jess Cannon and Rev. E. R. Tyner were given letters of good standing to the Beaver Creek Association.

The Association adjourned until Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1952, to meet with the Goshen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, North Belmont, N. C.

E. R. Tyner, Moderator
Herman Hersey, Clerk

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

August 2, 1951

The Free Will Baptist ministers of the Piedmont Association gathered together for the Eighth Annual Session of the Ministers' Conference with the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., on August 2, 1951. At 10:00 A. M., Rev. Wade Calvert, President, called to devotions.

Rev. J. B. Starnes led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Rev. Bernie Player conducted the devotions.

The host pastor, Rev. J. B. Starnes, gave the address of welcome, and the response was given by Rev. Charles Broadway.

The program was adopted.

The President gave his address. The visiting ministers were given a seat and a voice in the conference. Visiting ministers included Revs. A. W. Lawder, B. L. Shook, L. S. Gray, Johnny Bullman, W. E. Carther, Carl Shook, Charles Hampton, M. L. Johnson, R. Whaley and Allman.

The following were elected to office for the coming year: President, Rev. Wade Calvert; Vice-President, Rev. Roy Rikard; Clerk, Rev. Herman Hersey.

The minutes of the last conference were read and approved as correct.

The next conference will be held with Fifth Avenue Church in Gastonia.

It was voted to accept an invitation given by Rev. Lawder, to attend the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference. Roy Rikard, Wade Calvert and J. E. Floyd were elected as a committee to represent us.

Rev. J. B. Starnes led the devotions. A duet from the Morganton F. W. B. Church sang. Mrs. Roy Rikard led in prayer. Rev. Paul Davis, pastor at Morganton, N. C., preached on "Tears of Jesus."

The Conference adjourned until the first Saturday in November, 1952, to meet with Fifth Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, N. C.

THURSDAY EVENING

Brother Deese D. Hunsucker led in a song. The duet from the Morganton Church and the Starnes Quartette sang. Rev. B. L. Shook brought the first message and Rev. Mitchel Davis the second.

Wade Calvert, President

Herman Hersey, Clerk

Statistical Report of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist Churches

Name of Church	Location	Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Statement	Total	Dismissed by Letter	By Erasure	By Expulsion	By Death	Total	Loss	Gain	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Evangelistic	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Superannuation
Aleo	E. Rockingham	6	36			42	4			1	5		37	271	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 208.00	93.00	36.31	128.93		16.00
Arrington Heights	Lexington					12	2			1	2		2	28	545.00	50.00	73.12			199.10	
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	4	8			12	2				2		10	144	3,230.00	426.50	218.19			14.65	
Boger City	Boger City				5	5					3		6	39	466.50		87.00				
Caroleen	Caroleen	2	1		1	4	1	1		1	3		1	127	2,591.78	50.00	100.00		28.08	34.62	
Cedar Grove	Concord	6	1		5	12					7		12	71	437.89	100.00					
Cramerton	Cramerton	7	1		12	20	7		9	3	19		1	250	5,200.00	940.00	444.00	25.00		42.50	
East Belmont	E. Belmont	3	2		11	16	4				4		12	76	1,040.00	176.00	190.00	21.00			
East Lincolnton	E. Lincolnton	4			13	17					17		17	17			15.35				
Fifth Avenue	Gastonia	4	4	4	2	14					14		14	25	406.35		65.00				
First., Gastonia	Gastonia	11	10		6	28	8	65			73	46	150	150	2,400.00	208.00	125.00		49.31		
First, Marion	Marion	18	4	5	6	33	1			1	2		31	461	4,320.00	260.00	410.00	781.00	315.00	57.55	
First, Morganton	Morganton	21	10		20	51	4				4		47	47	936.80		53.00				
Goshen	N. Belmont	2			9	11	2	2		1	5		6	331	4,305.00	240.00	399.50	50.00	192.00	117.76	
Lowell	Lowell	20	10		11	41	5	5			10		31	268	3,250.00	90.00	417.00	46.00	17.00	26.00	
Low's Trading Center	Kannapolis	20	15		3	35				1	1		35	35	30.10		32.40				
Maple Avenue	Kannapolis	9	6	1	3	19	2	1		1	4		15	159	2,630.00	100.00	150.00	13.00		28.22	
Meadow View	Concord	29	7		4	40					40		40	40	50% off.		5.00	44.50		5.00	
Mt. Beulah	Rockingham	5	3		12	20	1			1	2		18	63	2,600.00		93.00	36.31	128.93		
Mt. Carmel	Lexington	2				2	15				15	13		43	972.00					40.00	
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	3	5		11	19	2				2		17	187	3,200.00	240.00	200.00	85.00	109.00	80.00	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis	6		3	2	11	4	4		1	9		2	250	3,978.00	250.00	400.00	48.00		45.00	
New Hope	Rockingham	3	4		7	2				3	5		2	47	12.00		94.00	10.00	51.90	32.00	
Pine Grove	Kershaw, S. C.	56	24		43	123	4			1	5		118	123	33% off.		100.00		50.00		
Robertson Creek	Bostic		1		1	1	3	6		1	10	9		23	88.07					15.50	
Rocky Pass	Nebo	11	2	1	2	16	1				1		15	36	270.47		96.20			25.00	
Stanley	Stanley	7	10		11	28	7				7		21	50	859.89	42.55	70.00				
Wayside	Rockingham			2	1	3					3		3	66	500.00		100.00				
Westover	Kannapolis	3	8		2	13					13		13	65	416.83	23.00	20.00			5.00	
Grand Total		262	172	16	192	643	84	93	9	17	198	76	518	3,497	\$48,559.68	\$3,404.05	\$5,149.76	\$1,175.31	\$986.72	\$817.90	\$21.00

Name of Church	Location	Education	Benevolence	Incidental	General Fund	Building & Repairs	In Treasury	Total	Church House	Parsonage	Furnishings and Equipment	Indebtedness
Aleo	E. Rockingham	\$ 16.85	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,046.61	\$ 27.10	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 459.05	\$ 8,327.66	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	
Arrington Heights	Lexington		72.66	236.24	5.00	440.00	46.20	1,574.12	5,000.00		500.00	257.00
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis		304.10	1,827.96	14.40	303.28	188.23	6,513.61	4,000.00		1,000.00	
Boger City	Boger City	11.00	110.00	320.00	10.00	342.15	114.70	1,361.40	2,500.00			751.79
Caroleen	Caroleen		50.00	155.79	5.00	38.53	315.94	3,326.21	50,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	
Cedar Grove	Concord		20.00		5.00	337.12	103.25	1,107.69	4,000.00		2,000.00	
Cramerton	Cramerton		510.00	750.00	22.50	3,500.00	422.00	21,650.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	13,500.00	4,300.00
East Belmont	E. Belmont			1,550.00	10.00	177.34	233.73	3,389.07	3,000.00			
East Lincolnton	E. Lincolnton			77.50	3.00	100.00	293.95	371.52				
Fifth Avenue	Gastonia		20.00		2.50		103.95	936.52	2,000.00			918.54
First,, Gastonia	Gastonia	70.00	116.42	118.60	11.50	3,000.00	200.00	6,357.33	10,000.00			1,000.00
First, Marion	Marion	505.00	87.00	426.00	5.00	3,001.18	146.20	10,169.63	25,000.00	5,500.00	5,000.00	3,792.00
First, Morganton	Morganton				5.00	700.00	41.00	1,735.80	8,000.00		600.00	2,500.00
Goshen	N. Belmont	528.00		7,064.00	33.10	1,907.93	36.10	14,387.60	20,000.00	10,000.00	3,400.00	640.00
Lowell	Lowell		500.00	3,408.78	7.00	3,391.90	550.00	11,703.68	3,000.00		3,550.00	800.00
Low's Trading Center	Kannapolis				5.00	1.05	114.87	183.42	4,000.00		30.54	
Maple Avenue	Kannapolis	12.00	195.24	743.60	10.00	40.00	786.00	3,922.06	8,000.00		3,500.00	
Meadow View	Concord			1,225.00	10.00		50.00	1,389.50	3,000.00		500.00	545.00
Mt. Beulah	Rockingham		31.20	100.00	10.00	750.00	95.66	3,921.10	900.00	3,500.00	3,900.00	400.00
Mt. Carmel	Lexington						117.40	1,422.40				
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	32.00	150.00	1,510.00	5.00		373.00	5,606.00	10,000.00	7,000.00		
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis		1,312.00	403.00	10.00	754.50	86.91	7,287.41	32,500.00	4,700.00	2,344.00	
New Hope	Rockingham					21.00	208.12	423.94	3,000.00		250.00	
Pine Grove	Kershaw, S. C.				5.00	45.00	283.29	2,490.26	4,175.00			
Robertson Creek	Bostic			100.00	5.00	21.83	33.71	264.11				
Rocky Pass	Nebo			208.93	5.00	500.78	117.15	1,223.53	1,500.00			
Stanley	Stanley				2.50	826.15	68.56	1,258.45	1,500.00			125.00
Wayside	Rockingham				5.00	35.00	88.00	840.00	3,000.00		700.00	700.00
Westover	Kannapolis		23.00	559.34		10.00	5.13	1,062.30	10,000.00		1,000.00	
Grand Total		\$1,174.85	\$3,701.62	\$23,594.42	\$238.60	\$21,244.73	\$5,682.10	\$124,261.32	\$267,075.00	\$56,700.00	\$52,274.54	\$16,729.33

Statistical Report of Piedmont Association Woman's Auxiliary

Church	Membership	Gain This Year	Money Received	Paid Orphanage	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Superannuation	Charity	Literature	Incidental	Other	Pastor Help	Building Repairs	Convention Dues	Total Paid Out	Balance in Treasury	
First Church, Gastonia	18	0	\$ 196.50	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 59.18	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$102.57	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 5.40	\$ 167.15	\$ 29.35	
Mt. Holly	19	5	270.02	10.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4.78	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4.00	192.77	77.23	
Lowell	10	0	6.25	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6.25	
Mable Avenue	5	0	462.63	5.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	437.33	.00	.00	.00	442.63	20.30	
New Hope	12	2	8.51	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	3.00	3.60	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Cedar Grove	19	2	377.73	5.00	.00	5.00	5.00	.00	50.80	.00	.00	.00	.00	178.20	5.70	249.70	128.03	
First Church, Marion	27	9	520.89	48.00	82.00	114.65	17.20	.00	35.18	13.38	118.34	.00	15.00	75.00	5.00	480.74	43.48	
Cramerton	26	5	524.98	114.98	30.00	50.00	.00	35.00	15.00	13.60	35.00	.00	25.00	148.48	5.00	473.06	51.92	
Goshen Grove	15	0	340.06	75.00	55.00	50.00	.00	20.00	10.00	3.70	.00	51.84	12.86	.00	4.50	283.80	56.26	
Mt. Zion	16	7	453.90	25.00	.00	20.00	.00	.00	14.50	.00	7.50	202.77	.00	90.00	4.80	339.59	114.23	
Aleo	25	7	36.00	30.00	.00	40.00	.00	5.00	96.00	10.80	.00	.00	.00	76.55	7.50	.00	.00	
Robertson Creek	9	0	13.20	4.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6.43	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	2.70	35.17	5.00
Mt. Beulah	17	0	460.18	.00	.00	26.50	.00	25.00	200.00	75.00	.00	.00	61.50	15.00	5.10	408.18	60.00	
Stanley	12	6	176.27	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	20.00	.00	34.37	.00	.00	117.90	.00	17.22	4.00	
E. Lincolnton	4	0	32.60	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4.50	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	4.50	28.10
Ben Avenue	14	8	275.25	5.00	.00	5.00	.00	.00	75.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	22.00	5.10	75.22	105.00	
Totals	248	51	\$4,154.97	\$321.98	\$167.00	\$311.15	\$ 81.38	\$ 85.00	\$530.41	\$124.86	\$297.78	\$691.94	\$114.36	\$723.13	\$ 54.80	\$3,169.73	\$729.15	

Statistical Report of Sunday Schools of Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists for Year Ending August 2, 1951

Church	Supt. and Address	No. on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Collections	Total Collections	In Treasury	Kind of Literature	No. of Classes	No. of Departments
Aleo	Lonnie Clark, Mills Rural Sta., Rockingham	225	175	\$120.00	\$ 6,240.00		F.W.B.	9	
Arrington Heights	Wm. D. House, 532 E. Center, Lexington	101	80	4.77	248.16	33.86		4	
Ben Avenue	C. E. Bradburn, Gen. Del., Kannapolis	131	76	9.15	475.78		F.W.B.	5	5
Boger City	J. E. Faulkner, Boger City	42	33	5.00	257.75			4	1
East Belmont	C. R. Farmer, East Belmont	50	55	8.00		287.73	F.W.B.	5	
East Lincolnton	H. L. Jones, 6 D St., Lincolnton		20	5.00	293.95	288.62	F.W.B.	3	1
Fifth Avenue	W. P. Barker, Box 353, Cramerton	57	54	8.00	102.00		F.W.B.	5	1
First, Gastonia	J. B. Bouldin, Smyre Station, Gastonia	156	136				F.W.B.	6	
First, Marion	Wilson Stone, Clinchfield Station, Marion	330	207	30.28	1,574.24	250.37	F.W.B.	8	5
Lowell	Curtis Hancy, Lowell	160	155	15.00			F.W.B.	6	1
Mable Avenue	James Nance, 909 Valley St., Kannapolis	105	78	52.42	2,725.92		F.W.B.	6	1
Meadow View	Frank Benton, Rt. 4, Concord	54	51	5.00				4	4
Mt. Beulah	Leroy Barbee, East Rockingham	150	110	75.00	3,900.00		F.W.B.	7	
Mt. Holly	A. H. Reno, Stanley	100	96	11.92	719.72	90.74	F.W.B.	6	3
New Hope	Talmadge Brown, Rockingham	61	56	3.00				5	5
Pine Grove	Henry Thompson, Rt. 2, Bethune, S. C.	156	125	8.00	40.00	283.79		5	1
Roberson Creek	Charles E. Sick, Rt. 1, Bostic	81	40	3.32	173.07			4	4
Rocky Pass	Lewis Holland, E. Marion St., Marion	70	60	3.50	170.00		F.W.B.	4	4
Stanley	Roy D. Miller, Box 334, Mt. Holly	85	47	4.31	230.19	13.38		4	2
Westover	W. R. Thompson, Rt.3, Mooresville	89	82	5.00			F.W.B.	6	4
TOTALS		2203	1741	\$361.82	\$17,150.74	\$1,248.49		106	42

Statistical Report of Ministers Who Pastored Churches

	No. of Churches	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Professions	Members Received	Baptized	Funerals	Homes Visited	United in Matrimony	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Rec'd for Church	Money Given	Money Received	Approx. Miles Traveled
Alfred Absher	1	75		20	121	10		100		10	\$	\$ 100.00	\$ 437.38	15,000
Noah Brown	2	174	3	36	20	5	2					340.00	2,800.00	15,000
W. H. Calvert	1	206	10	381	9	2	8	300	3	2	1,050	550.00	4,500.00	22,000
Walter Carter	1	234	9	42	20	15			1		390			
L. H. Clayton	1	184	7	248	11	2	2			48		600.00	4,987.00	25,000
Mitchell Davis	1	162	4	177	41	22	4	470	1	1	100	379.00	3,680.00	5,000
J. E. Floyd	1	201	5	306	28	18	13	1200	12	2	4,320	968.00		21,000
L. D. Gray	1	126	4	36	19	9	7	45		3		275.00	2,950.00	
Herman Hersey	1	135	4	40	5		1	50		30				15,000
N. W. Holt	1	54		20	14	3		100			20	405.15	406.35	5,000
H. L. Jones	1	55	2	5	13	4		10		3		125.00		250
J. P. Langley	1	106		3			3	49	1	8		245.60	577.33	1,500
E. G. Lawing	1	151		41	41	31	3	51	3	20		250.00	750.00	2,000
G. W. Limer	1	150	1	71	40	29			2	25	310		705.00	1,500
J. W. Martin	1	40	1	78	28	7	1	200				85.00	859.89	
B. B. Melton	1	108	1	20	1	1	1						88.07	
John R. Newton	1	100	1	25	19	11		25	2	15			1,000.00	
Norman Perkins	1	125	2	50	19	3	5	365					3,240.00	16,000
D. E. Philbeck	2	65		34				75		5			812.50	2,000
L. M. Pierce	1	104	2	35	27	18	4	500		20		280.00	2,400.00	5,000
Bernie Player	1	88	1	20	7	7	2	150	1	16		202.10	500.00	5,000
Roy Rikard	1	97	1	45	20	7	5	250	1	12	5,200	596.00		2,000
H. J. Sawyer	1	47	1	9	1	7	1	46				241.00	238.79	3,200
J. B. Starnes	1	120	1		12	4	1		5			330.00	3,230.00	
Totals	27	2887	59	1700	530	218	78	3986	34	217	\$11,390	\$6,736.85	\$33,662.31	161,200

