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# Directory of Association

## OFFICERS

Rev. Roy Rikard, Moderator	Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Nathan Holt, Vice-Moderator	Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Clerk	Box 5190, N. Charlotte, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	Route 3, Box 263, Kannapolis, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Roy Rikard, Chairman	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Nathan Holt, Vice-Chairman	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Clerk	N. Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. L. H. Clayton	Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Clyde Cox	Concord, N. C.
Rev. Drexler Benton	311 Mulberry St., Kannapolis, N. C.

## TRUSTEES

Rev. J. C. Calvert	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Howard Taylor	Route 1, Concord, N. C.
Rev. J. A. Baskins	Route 3, Lexington, N. C.

## ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Walter Carter	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Norman Perkins	Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. L. D. Grey	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Charles Maness	Rockingham, N. C.

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. Sherman Branch, President	Box 669, Stanley, N. C.
Rev. Nathan Holt, Vice-President	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. R. J. Reynolds, Clerk	N. Charlotte, N. C.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Roy Rikard, President	Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. Drexler Benton, Secretary	Kannapolis, N. C.
Mrs. Walter Carter, Field Worker	Rockingham, N. C.

## Associational Officers

**Resolutions**—Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. Nathan Holt.  
**Orphanage**—Mr. Earnest Fore, Mrs. Vivian Barnette, Rev. Clarence Ballew.  
**Temperance**—Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Sherman Branch, Mr. Claude Eagle.  
**Superannuation**—Rev. J. A. Baskins, Rev. Norman Perkins, Rev. H. A. Goforth.  
**Ministerial Support**—Rev. L. D. Grey, Mr. Skidmore, Rev. Roy Rikard.  
**Education**—Rev. Donald Upright, Rev. Charles Maness, Rev. Noah Brown.  
**Sunday School**—Rev. Paul Brown, Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Chester Lowe.  
**Finance**—Mr. D. D. Hunsucker, Rev. John R. Newton, Rev. William Calvert.  
**Foreign Missions**—Mrs. Dennis Riley, Mrs. John Floyd, Rev. Walter Carter.  
**Nominations**—Rev. Nathan Holt, Rev. L. H. Clayton.

# Church Directory

## CHURCHES, LOCATION, AND PASTOR

Aleo—E. Rockingham, N. C.—Walter Carter  
Bethlehem—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. O. Grey  
Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—William Calvert  
Bethel—Rockingham, N. C.—Carl Moree  
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—W. C. Eggers  
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard  
East Belmont—Belmont, N. C.—John R. Newton  
East Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—J. E. Faulkner  
Fairview—Rockingham, N. C.—C. B. Hopkins  
First—Gastonia, N. C.—Nathan Holt  
Goshen—N. Belmont, N. C.—  
Independence Square— Mooresville, N. C.—Harold Goforth  
Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain, N. C.—Paul J. Lanning  
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Howard Taylor  
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—J. C. Calvert  
Maple Avenue—Rockingham, N. C.—W. F. McQuage  
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C.—Junior Ballew  
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins  
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. H. Clayton  
Near Calvary—Lexington, N. C.—J. A. Baskins  
Near the Cross—Kannapolis, N. C.—Blaine Lewis  
Robbin's Circle—Lexington, N. C.—C. D. Lowe  
Roberson Creek—Bostic, N. C.—M. T. Sparks  
Stanley—Stanley, N. C.—Sherman Branch  
Wayside—Charlotte, N. C.—R. J. Reynolds  
Wayside—Rockingham, N. C.—Paul Brown  
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—R. P. Sawyer

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Alfred Absher, Route 1, China Grove, N. C.  
Sherman Branch, Box 669, Stanley, N. C.  
Noah Brown, 204 N. 11th Street, Morehead City, N. C.  
J. C. Calvert, North Belmont, N. C.  
William Calvert, North Belmont, N. C.  
Walter Carter, East Rockingham, N. C.  
L. H. Clayton, Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Paul Clayton, East Marion, N. C.  
Raymond J. Cook, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.  
M. T. Sparks, Route 1, Box 379, Forest City, N. C.  
Colen Hudson, Albemarle, N. C.  
Thomas Williams, Route 1, Rockingham, N. C.  
David White, East Rockingham, N. C.  
Charlie Rogers, Rockingham, N. C.

Walter Ramsey, Rockingham, N. C.  
J. B. Lewis, 1320 Walnut Street, Albemarle, N. C.  
Clyde W. Cox, 122 E. Depot Street, Concord, N. C.  
Paul Davis, Caroleen, N. C.  
J. I. Deal, Route 3, Box 260-A, Concord, N. C.  
Edward J. Faulkner, Boger City, N. C.  
C. B. Hopkins, East Rockingham, N. C.  
Harold Goforth, Route 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Paul M. Hobbs, 304 W. East Street,  
Nathan W. Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.  
J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N. C.  
Earnest King, Globe Mills, Route 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Paul J. Lanning, Box 2112, Pinkey Station, Gastonia, N. C.  
A. E. Lingefelt, Route 1, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
J. B. Lewis, 1320 Walnut Street, Albemarle, N. C.  
C. W. Maness, Rockingham, N. C.  
D. E. McDonald, 406 N. Grover Street, Gastonia, N. C.  
John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.  
Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Gilbert T. Puckett, 435 W. Lawrence, Mooresville, N. C.  
R. J. Reynolds, P. O. Box 5190, N. Charlotte, N. C.  
Roy Rikard, Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.  
Carl Roland, Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.  
H. J. Sawyer, Boger City, N. C.  
R. P. Sawyer, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Boyd L. Shook, Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Howard Taylor, Route 1, Concord, N. C.  
Elmer Goodwin, 1712 Wilmington Street, New Bern, N. C.  
Earnest Strickland, Rockingham, N. C.  
W. T. Knotts, Wadesboro, N. C.  
Boyd Jacobs, Rockingham, N. C.  
L. D. Grey, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Sylvester C. Crawford, N. Belmont, N. C.  
James A. Baskins, Route 3, Lexington, N. C.  
Carl Moree, Fourth Avenue, E. Rockingham, N. C.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISTS

Junior K. Ballew, Box 382, Lexington, N. C.  
L. P. Arrants, Alexis, N. C.  
Billy Allen, Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.  
Thomas Williams, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.  
Jimmy Corder, East Rockingham, N. C.  
George Hart, East Rockingham, N. C.  
Carl Brown, East Rockingham, N. C.  
Ed Prevatte, East Rockingham, N. C.  
Alton Todd, 307 S. Main, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Drexler Benton, Mulberry Street, Kannapolis, N. C.

C. E. Bradburn, Kannapolis, N. C.  
L. J. Davis, Gastonia, N. C.  
A. A. Bradley, 1312 Cedar Street, Gastonia, N. C.  
James Savage, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.  
David E. McDonald, Gastonia, N. C.  
Billy R. Yawn, Box 158, Lowell, N. C. (Ordained)  
James F. Skipper, West Cramerton, N. C. (Ordained)  
P. L. Price, Lowell, N. C.  
C. T. Ballew, Lexington, N. C.  
Frank Hembree, Stanley, N. C.  
James Weaver, Iron Station, N. C.  
D. W. Tilley, 910 Walnut, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Harold Donahue, 709 Martin Circle, Kannapolis, N. C.  
H. L. Buckner, Arcadia, S. C.  
Clarence Ballew, C. C12, Box 382, Lexington, N. C.  
L. E. Lawing, 309 W. Broad, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Taylor Puckett, Mooresville, N. C.  
Ray Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Earnest King, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Claude Beam, Jr., Rockingham, N. C.  
F. W. Cavin  
John D. Owens, Kings Mountain, N. C.  
Arthur Lackey, Kings Mountain, N. C.  
S. M. Parks, Rockingham, N. C.  
Julian King, Rockingham, N. C.  
H. A. Sawyer, Pineville, N. C.  
H. J. Sawyer, Pineville, N. C.  
J. R. Martin, Stanley, N. C.  
Roy Miller, Stanley, N. C.  
James C. Richardson, Gastonia, N. C.  
J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N. C.  
John Whilworth, McAdenville, N. C.  
Raymond Cook, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.  
J. F. Summey, Boger City, N. C.  
I. J. Putman, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.  
W. C. Eggers, Maiden, N. C.  
Homer R. Savage, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.  
J. W. Mayberry, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.

# 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 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 Ministers' Conference.

The body sponsors the Sunday School Convention.

The body sponsors the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The body sponsors the F. W. B. 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 with church report.

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 QUALIFICATIONS

1. A Bible course satisfactory to the Ordaining Council.

2. If a minister cannot meet the standard but 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—Mildred Russell, East Rockingham, N. C.

Ben Avenue—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, Kannapolis, N. C.

Bethel—Gene Goodwin, Rockingham, N. C.

Boger City—Mrs. Pearl Schull, Route 5, Lincolnton, N. C.

Cramerton—W. A. Rabb, Cramerton, N. C.

Fairview—Annie L. Griffin, Rockingham, N. C.

First Gastonia—W. F. Sawyer, Gastonia, N. C.

Friendship—

Marion—Leroy Grant, Marion, N. C.

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

East Lincolnton—Mrs. Sid Hoyle, Lincolnton, N. C.

Goshen—A. G. Hooker, Box 224, N. Belmont, N. C.

Independence Square—Mrs. Edna Goforth, Kannapolis, N. C.

Kings Mountain—Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Box 2112, Gastonia, N. C.

Lowell—Mrs. Goldman Cook, Lowell, N. C.

Mable Avenue—Mrs. Hazel Cox, 600 E. Tenth, Kannapolis, N. C.



Maple Avenue—Ema Blake, Rockingham, N. C.  
Mt. Carmel—Allie Bell Queen, Lexington, N. C.  
Mt. Holly—Cora Lea Mullis, Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Mt. Zion—Elmer Hopkins, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Near Calvary—Mrs. Maggie Fortner, Lexington, N. C.  
Near the Cross—Mr. Clifford Furr  
Robbin's Circle—Francis Sutton, Lexington, N. C.  
Roberson Creek—Violet Poteat, Route 1, Bostic, N. C.  
Stanley—Everett Nicholas, Stanley, N. C.  
Wayside (Charlotte)—Mack Smith, 1215 S. Graham, Charlotte, N. C.  
Wayside (Rockingham)—S. H. Honeycutt, Rockingham, N. C.  
Westover—Joice Dowell, Kannapolis, N. C.

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 30, 1954

The Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont Association of North Carolina gathered together in annual session with the Stanley Free Will Baptist Church, Stanley, North Carolina, July 30, 1954, at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Walter Carter, the Moderator, called the body to devotions.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Rev. J. E. Revis and family from the Beaver Creek Association.

The Moderator called for nominations for a new Clerk. Rev. R. J. Reynolds, pastor of the Wayside Church of Charlotte, was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motion made and seconded that the printed program be followed in this session. Motion carried.

A special song was rendered by Rev. Clyde Cox, singing "Is He Satisfied."

Motion made and seconded that church letters be accepted in partial report at present time in this session only. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded by a special investigative committee that the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., Rev. Carl Hinson, pastor, be accepted into the Piedmont Association. Motion carried.

Rev. Walter Carter, the Moderator, gave the association a wonderful talk on encouraging the future program of our association.

The Executive Board's report of past year's business was read by the former Clerk, Rev. Clyde Cox. Motion made and seconded that this report be received, to be adopted item by item. Motion carried.

Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Orphanage, was recognized as a visitor in our midst.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 1 of the Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 2 of the Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 3 of the Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 4 of the Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 5 of the Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the complete Executive Board's report be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that each church be asked to send to the associational Clerk a rubber stamp with the name and address of the person to receive mail for said church. Motion carried.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina was read

by the superintendent, Rev. S. A. Smith. Report as follows:

<b>Piedmont Association</b>	
General Fund .....	\$ 995.07
Clothing Fund .....	260.00
Concert Class Receipts .....	534.44
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Total .....	\$1,789.51
Donated Commodities .....	258.32
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Total Receipts and Commodities .....	\$2,047.83

Motion made and seconded that this report be received as information. Motion carried.

An offering was taken for the orphanage amounting to \$39.38.

Motion made and seconded that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Marion, N. C., be granted a letter to the Blue Ridge Association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the report of a special appointed committee from the Ministers' Conference on ministers being found guilty of immoral acts be accepted. Report is as follows:

If any minister of the Piedmont Association, after thorough investigation, be found guilty of immoral acts, unbecoming to any Christian, shall automatically be disqualified to hold ordination papers or license papers for this association. Further, that the utmost means to obtain such papers from the person involved shall be used as long as the action is in accord with the teachings of the Scriptures of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Further, that said person must prove himself or herself for a period of two years before he or she is entitled to regain said papers. Further, in the event of a second offense, said papers shall be taken permanently. Motion carried.

Report on Woman's Auxiliary work read by Mrs. Roy Rikard. Motion made and seconded to receive this report as information. Motion carried.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional service was rendered by a Young Ladies' Trio from Mt. Allen College, with music by Miss Ann Evans.

Report from Mt. Allen Junior College, Mt. Olive, N. C., was read by Rev. James Evans. An offering for the college amounted to \$23.25.

Report of Committee on Committees was given by Mrs. Roy Rikard. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Mrs. Roy Rikard. Motion made and seconded to receive this report to be adopted item by item. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 1 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 2 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that item No. 3 be adopted. Motion carried.

Report of Orphanage Committee read by the Clerk. Motion made and seconded that this report be adopted. Referred back to committee.

Report of the Superannuation Committee was given by Rev. Norman Perkins. Motion made and seconded that this report be adopted. Motion carried.

Report of Educational Committee was read by Rev. Upright. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of the Sunday School Committee was made by the committee. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of Ministers' Support Committee given by Rev. Roy Rikard. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of Orphanage Committee given by committee. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of Finance Committee read by Rev. William Calvert. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Hunsucker. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to grant Rev. J. B. Starnes a letter to the Eastern Conference. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 P. M.

The evening services opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Walter Carter.

Special music was rendered by different groups, including the Mt. Allen College Trio.

A wonderful message was delivered by Rev. J. B. Starnes.

An offering was taken for our National Free Will Baptist Co-operative Program, amounting to \$13.32.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and his wife. Brother Mooneyham brought a wonderful message Friday afternoon. He represented our National body of Original Free Will Baptists.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 31, 1954

The Saturday morning session was called to service with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. King.

Special and congregational singing was enjoyed by the association.

The body was declared opened for business.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Paul Brewer be granted a letter from this Association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Philbeck, Rev. Upright, and Rev. Ehrwood be granted letters from this association. Motion carried.

The following were appointed by the Moderator as a Planning Committee: Mrs. Wade Calvert, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Rev. Drexler Benton, and Mr. C. B. Hopkins.

Report of the Temperance Committee was read at this time. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Report of the Ordaining Council was made by Rev. Clayton. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to drop from our roll the following ministers: Revs. Bernie Player, E. O. Connley, W. E. Chavis, T. W. Smith, Mitchell Davis, C. E. Morgan, James Self, Mack Crisp, L. M. Hooper, and J. P. Langley. Motion carried.

The Wayside Free Will Baptist Church, Corner Seigle Avenue and 20th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, was selected as the place for the 1955 session of this association to convene.

The following persons were elected as delegates to the North Carolina State Convention to convene at Middlesex, September 15 and 16, 1954: Mr. D. Hunsucker, Mr. Skidmoore, Mrs. Nathan Holt, and Mrs. Parrish.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read as follows:

**Home Mission Board**—Rev. Wade H. Calvert, Rev. Billy Allen, and Mrs. Nathan Holt.

**Board of Trustees**—Rev. J. A. Baskins, Rev. Howard Taylor, and Rev. J. C. Calvert.

**Ordaining Council**—Rev. Walter Carter, Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Norman Perkins, Rev. L. D. Grey, and Rev. Charles Manness.

**Moderator**—Rev. Roy Rikard.

**Vice-Moderator**—Rev. Nathan Holt.

**Executive Board**—Rev. L. H. Clayton to fill the unexpired term of Rev. E. O. Connley.

Motion made and seconded to adopt this report in its entirety. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the 1954 session of the Piedmont Free Will Baptist Association be adjourned. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

### SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We request that each pastor inform his church as to what superannuation really means, and encourage his church to support same.

Rev. N. B. Perkins

Rev. H. A. Goforth

Rev. J. A. Baskins

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend more reverence during the association. If one must go out for any reason, first get permission from the moderator. Any minister or delegate failing to obtain permission will not have any voice in that session.

The churches that do not have an auxiliary, a Y.P.A., or a G.T.A., the pastors are urged to organize same.

That we extend a rising vote of thanks of this body to the Stanley Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Roy Rikard  
 Mrs. N. W. Holt  
 Mrs. W. H. Calvert

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We adopt the report in the last minutes. We also recommend that all pastors preach one sermon on temperance each quarter.

Mrs. Robert Parrish  
 C. L. Cagle

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Wayside Church, Charlotte, N. C., and the Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis, N. C., were received as new members. Our standings are as follows:

Churches	Presidents	Members	Con. Dues
Wayside (Charlotte)	Mrs. A. W. Newell	17	\$
Bethlehem	Mrs. R. D. Gardner		
Independence Square	Mrs. Marjorie Moffett	12	1.80
Kings Mountain	Mrs. Evelyn Lanning	20	1.40
First, Gastonia	Mrs. Thomas Bazzle	22	3.00
Goshen	Mrs. W. H. Calvert	17	4.80
Cramerton	Mrs. Robert Parrish	35	9.00
Mt. Holly	Mrs. Elizabeth Norwood	16	3.30
Cedar Grove	Mrs. Bessie Absher	41	
Mable Avenue	Mrs. Billy Cox	21	5.10
Westover	Mrs. R. P. Sawyer	10	2.00
Aleo	Cleo Gerald	37	7.50
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Gladys Mills	19	4.20
Ben Avenue	Mrs. Eva Lewis	13	3.90
Stanley	Mrs. Sherman Branch	17	3.90
Near the Cross			2.00

Mrs. Roy Rikard, President  
 Mrs. Drexel Benton, Secretary  
 Mrs. Walter Carter, Field Worker

#### EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that all Free Will Baptists, who are interested and can, attend our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, or the Mt. Allen Junior College at Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

We further recommend that all pastors teach the Free Will Baptist Treatise and Church Covenant in their churches.

We also recommend that each church support our colleges.

Donald Upright  
 C. W. Maness

## ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that each church take an offering each month for our orphanage, and that a committee be appointed to turn this offering in each three months.

Mrs. Earnest Fore  
Mr. C. W. Ballew  
Mrs. Vivian Barnette

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the associational Clerk be paid \$50.00 for his services.

That we pay our delegates' expenses to the State Convention.

That the church calling for the Executive Board or the Ordaining Council, take care of the expenses. If they go for the association, then the association will pay the expenses.

John R. Newton  
D. D. Hunsucker  
William Calvert

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that all Sunday school office holders be consecrated to Christ and to the church.

Rev. Chester Lowe  
Rev. Sherman Branch

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordaining Council met September 12, 1953, with Aleo Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C., with Rev. Wade Calvert as a proxy for Rev. John R. Newton. We ordained Rev. Elmer Goodwin of Gastonia, and licensed Rev. William T. Allen of Gastonia, Rev. Claude Beane, and Rev. Boyd Jacobs of Rockingham.

We met October 10, 1953, with Aleo Church, Rockingham, N. C., with Rev. Walter Carter serving for Rev. Nathan Holt. We ordained Rev. Earnest Strickland.

We met October 24, 1953, with Bethany Church, Wadesboro, N. C., and ordained Rev. W. T. Knotts.

We met December 12, 1953, with Hopewell Church, Rockingham, N. C., and ordained Rev. Boyd Jacobs and licensed Rev. Daniel A. Bowens.

We met February 20, 1954, with Calvary's Cross Church at Albemarle, N. C., and licensed Rev. Roy Harper.

We met April 3, 1954, with Cramerton Church, Cramerton, N. C., and exchanged papers with Rev. L. D. Grey. We also ordained Rev. H. Y. Taylor and Rev. M. T. Sparks.

We met May 29, 1954, with East Belmont Church, Belmont, N. C., and reinstated Rev. and Sister E. G. Lawning. We also licensed Rev. Chester Lowe for three months to pastor Robbin's Circle Church under Rev. J. A. Baskins.

We met July 2, 1954, at North Belmont Church, Belmont, N. C., and or-

ained Rev. Sylvester Crawford and Rev. William H. Calvert.

We met July 29, 1954, at Stanley Church, Stanley, N. C., and licensed the following: Rev. John Bradley, Boger City; Rev. George Goodwin, Concord; and Rev. James C. Weaver, Stanley. We also reinstated Rev. B. L. Shook.

We met July 30, 1954, at Stanley Church, Stanley, N. C., and ordained Rev. Chester Lowe. We also licensed the following: Rev. C. W. Hinson, Rev. Jay Lee Barber, and Rev. Fredrick Russell.

Rev. L. H. Clayton  
Rev. N. W. Holt  
Rev. Charles Maness  
Rev. John R. Newton  
Rev. J. C. Calvert

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury from Last Association .....\$ 24.24

#### Receipts:

Received this Association .....	\$272.65	
Received from Cramerton Church .....	21.40	
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Total Received .....	\$294.05	294.05
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Total to Account For .....		\$318.29

#### Disbursements:

Gold Seals, Rev. Clayton .....	\$ .75	
Quinne Printing Co., Programs and Report Blanks .....	32.13	
Clerk's Service .....	50.00	
Travel Expenses, Executive Board .....	32.75	
Mrs. Roy Rikard, Expenses to State Convention .....	10.00	
Minutes for 1953 .....	116.10	
Williams' Printing Co., Program Leaflets .....	15.00	
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Total Disbursements .....	\$256.73	256.73
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Balance in Treasury .....		\$ 61.56

D. D. Hunsucker, Treasurer

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met September 17, 1953, at Rockingham, N. C.

Motion made and seconded to accept Bethel Free Will Baptist Church into the association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Brother Carter write all ministers and ask for \$5.00 to pay on Osborn Church.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church into the association.

Brother W. H. Calvert was elected to serve as Promotional Director.



Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Met November 7, 1953, in a joint meeting with the Ordaining Council at the home of Rev. L. H. Clayton.

Rev. Clayton and Rev. Carter were selected to arrange a meeting with the Eastern Conference concerning Rev. Mason and Rev. Goodwin.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Burns be dismissed by his request to join the Eastern Conference.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Met March 13, 1954, at the home of Rev. Roy Rikard.

Motion made and seconded that the trustees sign a mortgage note for East Lincolnton Church.

Motion made and seconded that this association invite Rev. Damon Dodd to come to this section for a Home Mission and Evangelistic Meeting.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Lynwood Pierce be forbidden to preach, teach, or hold office in any Free Will Baptist church in the Piedmont Association until the matter of drunken driving is cleared with the Ordaining Council and the state of North Carolina.

Moved and seconded that no church be accepted into this association that is owned by any underworld.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Met at 5th Avenue Church, Gastonia, N. C.

Agreement was reached with the deacons of the church that Mr. Lynwood Pierce would not preach in the pulpit of the 5th Avenue Church until matter be closed; the deacons are to fill the pulpit until this matter is closed.

Met April 10, 1954, at Ben Avenue Church.

Voted to receive the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church into the association.

The Caroleen Free Will Baptist Church was granted a letter to the Blue Ridge Conference.

Voted to meet the first Saturday in May at the Cramerton Church to discuss a new work at Shelby, N. C.

Met May 27, 1954, at East Belmont Church.

Voted to ask the Home Mission Board to see about property at Shelby, N. C.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Met June 27, 1954, with Westover Free Will Baptist Church.

Voted by the majority of Westover Church that the conference in which the minority said was illegal would stand as being done in order.

Brother Cox and Brother Hunsucker were elected to work out a program for the next annual association.

Met July 29, 1954, at the Stanley Free Will Baptist Church.

Voted to receive South Point Free Will Baptist Church into the association.

The following recommendations were to be made to the body:

1. That the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association meet with the State Executive Board, along with the Cape Fear Executive Board, at a time and place to be set.

2. That the Piedmont Association shall work in coordination with all Free Will Baptist conferences or associations of the state of North Carolina in refusing to receive any minister or church from another conference or association without a letter from said conference or association as long as we remain a member of the now existing North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

3. That the time of our annual association be changed to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the third Sunday in August.

4. That the Moderator appoint from the floor a Planning Committee.

5. That the Executive Board and Ordaining Council meet together for the purpose of making revision in our Constitution and Rules and Regulations to be presented to the body at the next annual session.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Rev. Walter Carter  
Rev. Roy Rikard  
Rev. Clyde Cox  
Rev. Wade Calvert  
Rev. Drexel Benton  
Mr. Deese Hunsucker

## APPENDIX

# Ordaining Council Action

The Ordaining Council met January 29, 1955, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, North Carolina, and authorized the secretary of the Ordaining Council to notify the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, that Paul Brown is no longer a member of the Piedmont Association—that they have withdrawn fellowship from him.

William H. Calvert, Secretary

Name of Church	Location	Members Received				Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Education	Orphanage	Total Value of Church Property	Other Salaries
		Baptized	Dismissed	By Death											
Aleo	E. Rockingham	40	24	64	11	289	\$3,900.00	\$200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 25.00	\$118.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	5	0	15	2	125	2,425.00	223.00	20.00		1,307.14				630.00
Bethel	Rockingham	2	0	2		16	500.00				75.00				40.00
Boger City	Boger City	11	9	4		66	520.00	70.00			1,135.75			3,000.00	
Cramerton	Cramerton	29	23	2	2	242	5,200.00	300.00	75.00	480.00	31,000.00	600.00		94,100.00	
East Belmont	E. Belmont	26	14	3	1	100	2,600.00	50.00	5.36		573.94			3,500.00	
East Lincolnton	Lincolnton	11		9		54	200.00	28.40			416.00			1,200.00	
Fairview	Rockingham	15	11	1		44	583.63	58.08	41.00		1,006.45			10,000.00	
First	Gastonia	40	19	2		103	2,740.00	140.00	25.00	20.00	2,869.00	42.00		30,000.00	
Goshen	N. Belmont	9	6	0	2	295	4,680.00	310.00	441.62	187.84	4,736.04	245.00		76,000.00	
Independence Square	Mooresville	25	11	0	0	60	540.27	50.00			308.31			5,000.00	
Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain	24	6	7	0	78	57.05				192.00				
Lowell	Lowell					184	3,860.00	65.00			918.28	67.40		106,000.00	
Mable Avenue	Kannapolis	2	2	4	1	115	2,446.00	85.00	25.00		2,100.30			23,000.00	
Maple Avenue	Rockingham	117	55	13	0	104	1,200.00	160.00			12,000.00			27,000.00	
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	32	14	3	1	229	3,670.00	250.00	56.00		1,493.87			18,000.00	
Near Calvary	Lexington	15	8	3	1	47	84.07	50.00	16.00		190.00			1,000.00	
Near the Cross	Concord	4	0	2	0	25	354.71	34.00	42.14		238.29	55.32		3,700.00	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis					241	3,477.01	40.00		8.00	4,311.05		32.19		
Roberson Creek	Bostic	7	3	0	1	20	235.32	40.00			296.34			3,000.00	
Robbin's Circle	Lexington	15	5	11		23	32.75	36.20							
Stanley	Stanley	17	14	3	0	63	2,414.00	125.00			1,695.51			20,000.00	
Wayside	Charlotte	20	17	20	0	106	3,600.00	100.00	15.00		2,500.00	125.00	10.00	10,000.00	
Wayside	Rockingham	0	0	0	0	28	510.00	50.00						3,600.00	
Westover	Kannapolis	11	4	0	2	40	114.50	88.00			135.90			12,000.00	

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Church	Membership Gain this Year	Money Received	Literature	Incidentals	Charity and Pastor's Help	Building and Repairs	Convention Dues	Total Paid Out	In Treasury
Cramerton	30	\$1,101.00	\$45.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$183.00	\$18.00	\$1,101.00	None
Ben Avenue	14	157.49			52.42	86.45		138.87	\$18.62
Mt. Zion	8	127.85						78.50	

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF MINISTERS

Names	No. of Churches	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Professions	Baptized	Marriages Performed	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Received	Money Given	Miles Traveled
W. T. Allen	30	1	10	3	---	---	---	10	50	\$ 16.00	\$ 1.60	300
L. D. Arrants	100	1	150	4	---	---	---	150	4	65.00	65.00	1,500
J. A. Baskins	1	15	70	1	2	---	---	13	18	21.00	2.00	---
A. A. Bradley	1	130	5	70	9	---	---	18	46	2,700.00	350.00	---
S. Branch	1	160	4	41	9	4	7	200	50	5,200.00	350.00	30,000
W. H. Calvert	1	50	8	10	---	---	---	40	45	225.00	300.00	---
Wm. Calvert	1	140	10	8	---	---	---	300	52	2,600.00	400.00	20,000
J. C. Calvert	1	152	9	65	10	4	2	48	52	3,477.00	350.00	15,000
L. H. Clayton	1	150	5	19	5	---	---	---	---	200.00	---	---
R. J. Cook	1	150	5	15	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
C. W. Cox	1	200	1	20	1	1	1	500	50	400.00	200.00	3,000
H. Donahue	1	90	1	18	9	1	1	50	---	185.00	300.00	2,000
W. C. Eggers	1	200	2	10	---	---	---	20	12	---	200.00	---
J. E. Faulkner	1	200	1	80	11	2	2	150	22	540.40	306.15	---
H. Goforth	1	60	1	4	---	---	---	300	6	---	---	---
E. M. Goodwin	1	125	1	75	19	4	500	50	1	500.00	500.00	35,000
N. W. Holt	1	25	1	8	---	---	---	50	1	4.00	4.00	20
E. King	1	156	---	175	8	---	---	300	---	57.05	67.81	20,000
P. J. Lanning	1	80	---	7	1	2	50	8	---	216.00	112.00	4,000
J. B. Lewis	1	50	---	5	---	---	10	20	---	200.00	92.00	800
E. Lingerfelt	1	40	---	10	---	---	50	5	---	14.75	75.00	---
J. W. Mayberry	1	15	---	8	---	---	50	4	---	---	12.00	300
D. E. McDonald	1	140	1	300	55	1	1	350	---	1,200.00	375.00	23,000
W. F. McQuade	1	55	1	35	25	3	120	45	---	---	---	---
J. R. Newton	1	125	1	50	14	1	5	40	40	3,850.00	450.00	25,000
N. Perkins	1	100	1	5	---	---	1,000	4	---	---	---	---
E. Prevatte	1	176	---	35	26	2	52	52	---	3,756.00	450.00	33,000
R. J. Reynolds	1	31	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
J. O. Richardson	1	3	---	23	2	3	---	3	---	5,999.00	600.00	---
R. L. Rikard	1	67	---	10	6	---	---	---	---	258.00	532.00	3,500
H. R. Savage	1	25	---	5	---	---	250	---	---	---	15.00	287
J. A. Savage	1	125	---	6	4	2	50	25	---	1,140.00	25.00	---
R. P. Sawyer	1	63	---	2	3	---	26	25	---	170.00	223.00	2,850
M. T. Sparks	1	510	15	980	7	1	400	49	---	2,325.00	3,200.00	50,000
H. Y. Taylor	1	49	---	4	---	---	---	49	---	16.00	95.00	2,000
D. Tilley	1	8	---	---	---	---	20	6	---	---	---	---
W. A. Todd	1	125	---	3	---	---	220	80	---	---	200.00	3,000
J. C. Weaver	1	50	---	5	---	---	25	7	---	25.00	360.00	5,000
B. R. Yawn	1	20	1	2	---	---	25	35	---	16.00	150.00	---
W. Carter (No Records Found)	1	77	---	6	---	---	---	---	---	402.75	310.55	---
H. A. Sawyer	1	34	---	10	---	---	---	---	---	7.58	---	600
H. J. Sawyer	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
C. E. Bradburn	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Church	Superintendent And Address	Number on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Offering	Total Offering	Unified Treasury	Kind of Literature	No. of Classes	No. of Departments	In Treasury
Aleo .....	Lonnie Clark, E. Rockingham, N. C. ....	250	209	\$137.16	\$ 7,132.30	Yes	F.W.B.	9		\$
Ben Avenue .....	W. R. Holt, No. 6 S. Elm, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	91	70	9.61	500.11	Yes	F.W.B.	6	1	
Bethel .....	Floyd Jacobs, Rt. 1, Rockingham, N. C. ....	50	50	18.00			F.W.B.	3		
Cramerton .....	Horace Shoemaker, Cramerton, N. C. ....	367	300	30.00	881.61	Yes	F.W.B.	18	10	
East Belmont .....		111	90	10.00			F.W.B.	6	6	
East Lincolnton .....	Id Hoyle, Box 47, Boger City, N. C. ....	43	40	10.00	520.00		F.W.B.	3	1	25.00
First Gastonia .....	T. B. Bauldin, Smyre Station, Gastonia, N. C. ....	170	165	25.00	300.00	Yes	F.W.B.	8	4	
First Stanley .....	Claude Kirkland, Gel. Del., Stanley, N. C. ....	82	98	8.03	417.36	Yes	F.W.B.	5	4	
Independence Square .....	Roscoe Moffett, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	88	65	3.50	244.24		F.W.B.	5	1	52.03
Lowell .....	Albert Tallent, Ranlo Sta., Gastonia, N. C. ....	184	195	30.00	1,348.66		F.W.B.	7	7	
Mable Avenue .....	Henry Bullock, Rt. 1, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	94	81	44.93	2,336.79			8		
Maple Avenue .....	Colen Patterson, Rockingham, N. C. ....	215	200	100.00	12,000.00		F.W.B.	6	10	3,000.00
Mt. Carmel .....	Carl Whittington, Broad St. Erlanger, N. C. ....	115	85	5.00	198.25		F.W.B.			12.28
Mt. Holly .....	Willie Matthews, Rt. 1, Stanley, N. C. ....	137	149	18.73	974.13		F.W.B.	6	4	230.74
Mt. Zion .....	Ted Hendrix, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	65	55		200.70		F.W.B.	8		11.30
Near the Cross .....	G. W. Goodman, Rt. 3, Concord, N. C. ....	52	41	8.00	675.98		F.W.B.	5	5	27.32
Roberson Creek .....	Charles Sisk, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C. ....	43	31	3.67	187.36		F.W.B.	4	4	301.94
Wayside .....	Hubert Leach, 1915 E. 7th, Charlotte, N. C. ....	85	75	14.25	741.00	Yes	F.W.B.	8	10	

