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Directory of Association

OFFICERS

Rev. Ralph Staten, Moderator.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert, Vice-Moderator.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Allen, Clerk.....	Gastonia, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer.....	Kannapolis, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ralph Staten Chairman.....	N. Belmont, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert, Vice-Chairman.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Allen, Clerk.....	Gastonia, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. John R. Newton.....	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. L. H. Clayton.....	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Norman Perkins.....	Mt. Holly, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Walter Carter, Chairman.....	Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. J. J. Brooks.....	Concord, N. C.
Rev. W. F. McQuage.....	Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. Alfred Absher.....	China Grove, N. C.

TRUSTEES

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

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. John R. Newton, Moderator.....	Cramerton, N. C.
Rev. Billy Yawn, Vice-Moderator.....	Lowell, N. C.
Rev. W. T. Allen, Clerk.....	Gastonia, N. C.

Associational Boards

Resolutions: Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. W. H. Calvert and Mrs. N. W. Holt.
Superannuation: Rev. N. B. Perkins, Rev. N. W. Holt and Mr. Claude Eagle.
Temperance: Mrs. Walter Carter and Mrs. L. H. Clayton.
Christian Education: Rev. Ralph Staten and Novella Propst.
Orphanage: Mr. C. W. Cleary, Georgia Calvert and Polly Berryman.
Finance: Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Rev. L. H. Clayton and Mr. R. O. Gales.
Missions: Rev. Roy Rikard, Coale Chavis, Donald Eslinger, Edward Prevatte and Roy Crowson.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Ralph Staten, President _____ Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
Mrs. Seldon Bullard, Enlistment Chairman 711 Mable Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mrs. D. L. Benton, Secretary _____ 311 Mullberry Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mrs. Velma Crow, Treasurer _____ Box 304, Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. Frank McQuage, Youth Chairman _____ Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Mrs. Nathan Holt, Study Course Chairman _____ 359 Woodlawn, Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. Roy Rikard, Field Worker _____ Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. Myrtle Parris, Program Chairman _____ Cramerton, N. C.
Mrs. William Calvert, Benevolence Chairman _____ Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Alfred Absher, Route 1, China Grove, N. C.
George Bullard, Rockingham, N. C.
Sherman Branch, Box 669, Stanley, N. C.
J. J. Brooks, Route 2, Box 311-A, Concord, N. C.
A. A. Bradley, Gastonia, N. C.
Seldon Bullard, Kannapolis, N. C.
Walter Carter, East Rockingham, N. C.
William Calvert, Route 3, Box 308, Kannapolis, N. C.
L. H. Clayton, Box 1174, Kannapolis, N. C.
Maxie Coleman, 1024 N. Harrill Street, Charlotte, N. C.
W. C. Eggers, Box 163, Maiden, N. C.
J. E. Faulkner, Lincolnton, N. C.
Harold Goforth, Kannapolis, N. C.
G. H. Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C.
N. W. Holt, Box 372, Cramerton, N. C.
W. W. Howard, Route 4, Box 49-A, Lexington, N. C.
E. O. Holcombe, Box 2546, West Gastonia, N. C.
Earnest King, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Paul Lanning, 917 Grace Street, Kings Mountain, N. C.
E. G. Lawing, Kannapolis, N. C.
J. B. Lewis, 1320 Walnut Street, Albemarle, N. C.
David E. McDonald, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.

W. F. McQuage, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
John R. Newton, Box 1069, Cramerton, N. C.
John D. Owens, General Delivery, Stanley, N. C.
Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
R. J. Reynolds, Box 5190, Charlotte, N. C.
Roy Rikard, Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.
J. C. Richardson, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.
H. J. Sawyer, Pineville, N. C.
Ralph Staten, Box 48, N. Belmont, N. C.
M. T. Sparks, Route 1, Box 379, Forest City, N. C.
Howard Taylor, Concord, N. C.
Billy Yawn, Box 158, Lowell, N. C.
J. C. Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELIST

W. T. Allen, Box 703, Gastonia, N. C.
C. E. Bradburn, Route 8, Box 11-10, Concord, N. C.
J. L. Barbee
F. E. Carver, 423 Alexander Street, Mooresville, N. C.
James P. Cole, Route 3, Box 343, Concord, N. C.
Raymond Cook, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.
Harold Donahue, 709 Martin Circle, Kannapolis, N. C.
Herbert Faulkner, Route 3, Lincolnton, N. C.
Robert Ferrell, 95 Caldwell Street, Concord, N. C.
George Goodman, Route 3, Box 344, Concord, N. C.
H. B. Helms, Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.
Albert Hinson, Gastonia, N. C.
Ada Lawing, Route 4, Box 566, Kannapolis, N. C.
Lawrence Price, Box 284, Lowell, N. C.
H. A. Sawyer, Pineville, N. C.
L. L. Therrell, 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
W. A. Todd, Route 1, Box 450, Concord, N. C.
Ralph Willis, Box 3, Belmont, N. C.
James C. Weaver, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C.

Church Directory

CHURCHES, LOCATIONS AND PASTORS

Aleo—E. Rockingham, N. C.—Walter Carter
Bethlehem—Kannapolis, N. C.—G. H. Griffin
Ben Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—William Calvert
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.—W. C. Eggers
Calvary—Concord, N. C.—Clyde Cox
Cedar Grove—Alfred Absher
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.—Roy Rikard
Dallas—Dallas, N. C.—John Owens
East Belmont—Belmont, N. C.—John R. Newton
East Lincolnton—Lincolnton, N. C.—E. J. Faulkner
Fairview—Rockingham, N. C.—George Bullard
Fifth Street—Gastonia, N. C.—J. C. Richardson
First—Gastonia, N. C.—N. W. Holt
First—Stanley, N. C.—Sherman Branch
Goshen—N. Belmont, N. C.—Ralph Staten
Independence Square—Kannapolis, N. C.—Harold Goforth
Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain, N. C.—Paul Lanning
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.—Howard Taylor
Mable Avenue—Kannapolis, N. C.—Seldon Bullard
Maple Avenue—Rockingham, N. C.—W. F. McQuage
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.—Norman Perkins
Mt. Zion—Kannapolis, N. C.—L. H. Clayton
Near Calvary—Lexington, N. C.—W. W. Howard
Near the Cross—Albemarle, N. C.—J. B. Lewis
New Hope
Roberson Creek—Bostic, N. C.—M. T. Sparks
Wayside—Charlotte, N. C.—R. J. Reynolds
Westside—Charlotte, N. C.—Maxie Coleman
Westover—Kannapolis, N. C.—E. G. Lawing
South Point—Belmont, N. C.—E. O. Holcombe

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—Mrs. Mildred Russell, Rockingham, N. C.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Floyd Sheets, Kannapolis, N. C.

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

Boger City—Mrs. Pearl Shull, Boger City, N. C.

Cramerton—Curtis Smith, Cramerton, N. C.

Calvary—Mary Cox, Concord, N. C.

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Bessie Absher, Route 2, Box 471, Kannapolis, N. C.

Dallas—Jeanette Frisbee, Dallas, N. C.

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

East Lincolnton—Miss Anita Shutts, Lincolnton, N. C.

Fairview—Mrs. Anne Griffin, Rockingham, N. C.

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

First Stanley—Evert Nichols, Stanley, N. C.

Goshen—Mrs. W. H. Calvert, N. Belmont, N. C.

Independence Square—Mrs. Pauline Barbee, Kannapolis, N. C.

Kings Mountain—Mrs. Evelyn Lanning, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Lowell—Mrs. Anne Oventore, Lowell, N. C.

Mable Avenue—Katherine Collins, Kannapolis, N. C.
Maple Avenue—Mrs. Eva Blake, Rockingham, N. C.
Mt. Holly—Cora Lea Mullis, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Fifth Avenue—Mrs. Anne Busler, Gastonia, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Elmer Haskins, Kannapolis, N. C.
Near Calvary—Mrs. W. W. Howard, Lexington, N. C.
Near the Cross—Clifford Furr, Albemarle, N. C.
New Hope—Mrs. Christine Wensil, Kannapolis, N. C.
Roberson Creek—Violet Poteat, Bostic, N. C.
Wayside—A. W. Newell, Charlotte, N. C.
Westside—Johnny Thomas, Charlotte, N. C.
Westover—Mrs. Mary Lawing, Kannapolis, N. C.
South Point—Geneva Richards, Belmont, N. C.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1955

The Piedmont Association of the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in annual session with the Wayside Free Will Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, August 19, 1955.

The service was opened by the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises," led by Rev. Sherman Branch.

Rev. William T. Allen opened the devotional by reading Psalm 133, and urging that *unity* be the watchword for the day.

Rev. J. B. Starnes led in prayer.

The house was called to order by the clerk, Rev. R. J. Reynolds.

The moderator was introduced to the body by the clerk.

Rev. Roy Rikard, the moderator, made the announcements.

The welcome address was then given by the host pastor, Rev. Reynolds. The response was given by Rev. L. H. Clayton.

The moderator called for nominations for clerk. Rev. R. J. Reynolds and Rev. William T. Allen were nominated. Rev. Allen was elected by a majority vote.

Motion made and seconded that we give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Reynolds, the former clerk, for the past year's work. Motion carried.

The following visitors were recognized: Rev. A. W. Lawter, Rev. Carl Shook, Rev. J. B. Starnes, Rev. Seldon Bullard and Rev. J. W. Alford.

Motion made and seconded that we extend to the visitors all privileges in this conference except the privilege of voting. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the delegates of the churches not sending the regular minute fee not be seated unless someone guarantees that the fee will be paid before this session is over. Motion carried.

The church letters were called for and received.

Motion made and seconded that the delegates be seated at this time. Motion carried.

A letter was read by the clerk from the Hoffman Free Will Baptist Church requesting membership in this association. Motion made and seconded that this be referred to the executive board. Motion carried.

Rev. J. W. Alford, member of the state mission board, gave a report from the board. Motion made and seconded that we adopt this report as information. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we change the names of our foreign and home mission boards to "mission boards" without reference to home or foreign. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the executive board select a man as promotional director of our mission board and present him before this body at this session. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn this business session until 1:30 p. m. and go into the worship service. Motion carried.

Rev. Ralph Staten brought the morning message using the subject, "A Full Gospel Christian." He brought a wonderful message and God wonderfully blessed His people.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A songspiration was led by Rev. Clyde Cox, followed by him rendering a solo, "The Robe of Calvary."

Rev. Charles Broadway brought an inspirational message on "The Value of Salvation."

The house was declared open for business by the moderator.

Motion was made and seconded that we request each fellowship club to send a \$2.00 minute fee with each report. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee on committees; this committee is to act as nominating committee. Motion carried. The following men were appointed to serve: Rev. Clyde Cox, chairman, Mr. Deese Hunsucker and Rev. W. F. McQuage.

Rev. R. H. Jackson, superintendent of the state orphanage, gave us a report from the orphanage. Motion made and seconded that we accept this report as information. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we take an offering for the orphanage. Motion carried. An offering was taken amounting to \$24.50.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee to meet with other committees of the state at Mt. Allen College for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines of the various associations and conferences of the state. Motion carried. The following men were appointed: Rev. N. B. Perkins, Rev. William Calvert and Rev. W. F. McQuage.

The report of the committee on committees was called for and adopted as follows:

Resolutions—Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. W. H. Calvert and Mrs. N. W. Holt.

Orphanage—Georgia Calvert, Polly Berryman and C. W. Cleary.

Temperance—Mrs. Walter Carter and Mrs. L. H. Clayton.

Sunday School—Rev. Walter Carter and Cole Chavis.

Educational—Rev. Ralph Staten and Novella Propst.

Superannuation—Rev. N. B. Perkins, Rev. N. W. Holt and C. L. Eagle.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the business session until Saturday morning. Motion carried.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was rendered by the host church choir, with special singing by a quartet from the Ben Avenue Church of Kannapolis.

The message was delivered by Rev. N. W. Holt, and his subject was, "What Is Wrong with the Free Will Baptists of the Piedmont Association." The text was

read from John 3:14; a timely topic in which Brother Holt stressed our need to lift up Jesus above everything.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
AUGUST 20, 1955

The Saturday morning session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Reynolds.

Rev. Robert Ferrell conducted the devotion by reading John 4:4, and leading in prayer.

The house was declared open for business by the moderator after commending us for the fine Christian spirit that has prevailed during the previous sessions.

Motion made and seconded that the association pay the expenses of the committee that is to attend the boundary line committee at Mt. Allen College. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we pay Brother Staten for the printing of the associational programs and give him a rising vote of thanks. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the report of the ordaining council. This report was adopted in its entirety after expunging from the records items agreed upon by the council and this body.

The report of the executive board was called for and adopted under the same conditions as that of the ordaining council.

Moved and seconded that the following announcement be inserted in the minutes: That all matters between Rev. Paul Brown and the Piedmont Association have been satisfactorily settled and Brother Brown is still in good standing with this association and is available for evangelistic and pastoral work. This announcement is to appear in the state and national paper. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that all committees, except the committee on committees, be changed to standing boards. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Hopewell Church be dropped from our roll at their request. Motion carried.

The following sisters were elected by acclamation as delegates to our State Convention: Mrs. Roy Rikard and Mrs. L. H. Clayton.

The woman's auxiliary report was called for and given. Motion made and seconded to adopt this report. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The nomination committee's report was called for and adopted after calling for nominations from the floor.

Motion made and seconded that we change the date for the meeting of our association to Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that midnight Thursday before the association convenes be the deadline for the closing out of the books of the ordaining council and the executive board. Motion carried.

Goshen Church of North Belmont, was selected as the place of the next meeting.

The ordaining council was given charge of the meeting at this time for the purpose of ordaining and licensing ministers. The following men were ordained: Rev. H. C. Faulkner and Rev. George Bullard. The council licensed Rev. R. J. Lambert and exchanged ordination papers with Rev. W. M. Morton; Mr. Morton coming to us from the Yadkin Valley Association.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Piedmont Ministers' Conference August 18, 1955

The Ministers' Conference of the Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met in annual session at the Wayside Free Will Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, August 18, 1955, at 10 a. m.

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "Revive Us Again" led by Rev. W. T. Allen. Rev. Ralph Staten led in prayer.

The house was declared open for business by Rev. Sherman Branch, the moderator, after a reminder to keep all business in order, prevailing in a spirit of love.

Nominations for a clerk to serve for the forthcoming year was called for and Rev. W. T. Allen was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motion made and seconded that the moderator appoint a man as chairman of the committee to incorporate bylaws for this conference, this man to present them to this body at the next conference. Motion carried. Rev. Roy Rikard was appointed.

The ministers' reports were called for and received.

Motion made and seconded that the clerk of this conference report the time and place of the conference meetings to the state and national papers of the denomination. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we present in the form of a resolution the paragraph in these minutes that refers to the bylaws of this conference to the association for approval. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we take an offering at each ministers' conference for the expense of publication. Motion carried. An offering for this purpose was received amounting to \$9.72.

Motion made and seconded that this conference have a program committee to select the places for the meetings of this conference and to plan a program for each meeting. The moderator and the clerk to be on this committee and that the moderator appoint three additional men. Motion carried.

The following men were appointed: Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Walter Carter and Rev. L. H. Clayton.

The election of officers for the forthcoming year was called for at this time.

The following officers were elected: Rev. John R. Newton, moderator and Rev. Billy Yawn, vice-moderator.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for five minutes. Motion carried.

The conference met for the morning worship service with Rev. Norman Perkins bringing the message.

Reports of Boards and Committees

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following recommendations and resolutions:

We recommend that the date for the meeting of this association be changed and that the host pastor be in charge of the evening devotional and musical program. We further recommend that anyone wishing to be excused for any reason ask the moderator for permission or lose their voting privileges during the sitting. We recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the fine hospitality we have enjoyed during this session and that we extend a vote of thanks to the official staff of this association for their faithful service in conducting the affairs of this association.

MRS. ROY RIKARD
MRS. W. H. CALVERT
MRS. N. W. HOLT

ORPHANAGE

We, your orphanage board, realizing the great responsibility placed upon our church to care for our needy children, submit the following recommendations:

That each church work out a budget for the year to include support for the orphanage; and that each church take a special offering for this purpose at least every three months.

We further recommend that each church send an offering for the orphanage to each associational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGIA CALVERT
POLLY BERRYMAN
C. W. CLEARY

TEMPERANCE

We recommend that we abide by Romans 14:21, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

MRS. WALTER CARTER
MRS. L. H. CLAYTON

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We recommend that all Sunday schools use Free Will Baptists literature and if possible, all officers and teachers be members of the church in which they hold

these offices. We also recommend that the Sunday schools be asked to attend the district and state Sunday school conventions.

We further recommend that we obtain the information from the national Sunday school board necessary to standardize our Sunday schools.

REV. WALTER CARTER
MR. COLE CHAVIS

EDUCATIONAL BOARD

We, your board on Christian education, beg to submit the following recommendations:

That this body make September a special month for Christian education.

That the Sunday schools, leagues, auxiliaries and brotherhood clubs give opportunity for a special offering which shall be divided equally and sent to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Mt. Allen College, Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

That this body as a district association hold quarterly meetings on Friday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October, and to have an educational program, discussing such subjects as: Personal Evangelism, Church Auxiliaries, Techniques of a Working Church, etc. The executive board shall be empowered to act as a program committee.

That the Piedmont Association sponsor a monthly publication to give publicity as to its activities and goals. The promotional secretary make this one of his duties with the executive board setting up a plan of finance.

That this association sponsor a youth encampment within the bounds of the association, the time, place, officials and teaching staff to be set up by an encampment committee appointed by the moderator.

That the churches subscribe to the denominational publications as "Contact" and "The Free Will Baptist."

Respectfully submitted,
REV. RALPH STATEN
NOVELLA PROPST

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We recommend that each pastor explain the purpose of superannuation to his church and that an offering be taken for superannuation at least once a year.

REV. N. B. PERKINS
REV. N. W. HOLT
C. L. EAGLE

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD JULY 31, 1954

The executive board met at the First Church in Stanley, July 31, 1954.

Motion made and seconded that the incoming officers of the association have a picture and cut made for the purpose of putting their pictures in the minutes. Motion carried.

A minority group from the Westover Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina, met with the board to discuss a matter of controversy in their church. They were advised to ask their church to request, by letter, the presence of the executive board at the church if that be their desire.

AUGUST 16, 1954

The executive board met at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina, with the state executive board and the executive boards of the different conferences of the state. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the boards of how the funds are requisitioned by our national convention. The meeting was opened by prayer and a welcome address by Rev. Smith of the orphanage. Motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed by the state moderator to draft a recommendation to be brought before the body when meeting in session. Motion made and seconded that the above motion be tabled until our next national convention. Motion overruled. The Piedmont board voted for tabling.

Vote was called for on the original motion. Motion carried. The Piedmont board voted against it.

Motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed to draft recommendations for dealing with representation to our national convention. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the state of North Carolina protest the action of the national convention. Motion carried. Piedmont voted against it.

Motion made and seconded by the committee appointed that our complaints be taken to the national convention in 1955 through a proposal drawn out by the state convention this September. Motion carried.

AUGUST 17, 1954

The executive board met at the home of Rev. Clyde Cox in Concord, North Carolina.

Motion made and seconded to select an evangelist to fill the office of promotional director. Motion carried. Rev. Williams of the Cramerton Church, and Rev. Allen of Gastonia First Church were nominated.

Motion made and seconded to interview these brethren at the Cramerton Church on fifth Saturday night at the fellowship meeting. Motion carried.

Rev. John R. Newton was nominated and elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy on the home mission board created by the death of Rev. W. H. Calvert.

AUGUST 27, 1954

The executive board met at the home of Rev. Roy Rikard in Cramerton, North Carolina.

Rev. Allen and Rev. Williams were interviewed in regards to the work as promotional director. Motion made and seconded to postpone the action on said matter until next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to grant Rev. Noah Brown a letter from the Piedmont Association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to inform Rev. Ballew of Lexington, North Carolina,

that it will be impossible for the board to meet with him until after September 20, 1954; also for him to select date and place to meet after this date. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that each church be asked to make a special donation for promotional work. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1954

The executive board met at Goshen Church, North Belmont, North Carolina. This was a joint meeting with the ordaining council.

The ordaining council made a report to the effect that the Wayside Church of Rockingham was being disbanded and that an investigation should be made as to the disposal of said property.

Motion made and seconded that a committee of the executive board be appointed to investigate said matter. The following brethren were appointed: Rev. Rikard, Rev. Holt and Rev. Reynolds. They are to meet in Rockingham, at 12 o'clock noon, September 20, 1954.

Motion made and seconded that this board meet with the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Concord, October 2, 1954, in regards to receiving the church into the association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. Willie Williams be appointed as promotional director until next associational meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that each church be asked to send an offering each month for promotional work consisting of 10 cent per member for churches with less than 100 members, 15 cent per member for churches with 100 to 200 members, and 20 cent per member for all over 200 members. Motion carried.

OCTOBER, 1954

The executive board met with the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina, and received the church into the association.

The board met with the Westside Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the church had petitioned for membership into the association. The Articles of Faith were read by Rev. Reynolds, the church covenant by Rev. Reynolds and the charge was given by Rev. Staten. By vote the church was received into the association.

JANUARY 28, 1955

The executive board met at The First Church in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Rev. John R. Newton was appointed to the ordaining council to replace Rev. L. D. Gray.

Motion made and seconded to pay out of the Piedmont treasury the sum of \$150.00, lawyer's fee, accumulated in the handling of the Wayside Church property in Rockingham, with the understanding that the case can be continued at any time for an additional \$50.00 fee. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we ask each church to replace the amount by a \$10.00 donation from each church. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Rikard and Rev. Holt take the money personally to Mr. Page, the lawyer. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2, 1955

The executive board met with the Dallas Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, North Carolina, and received this church into the association.

APRIL 30, 1955

The executive board met at Aleo Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, on April 30.

Motion made and seconded that the expenses incurred by Rev. Clayton in his meeting with other state board representatives for the purpose of drawing up a proposal to our state convention in regards to rules governing the preachers of the state be paid. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that a representative of the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, meet with the board at the Mt. Beulah Church in Rockingham, on May 20, 1955, in regards to obtaining a letter from this association.

AUGUST 18, 1955

The executive board met at the Wayside Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and voted to recommend to the association that the minister's code of ethics, qualifications, rules and bylaws governing the ordaining of a minister into the Piedmont and State Associations of Free Will Baptists be adopted.

Motion made and seconded that we recommend to the body that we accept the faith and government of the original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina as revised providing the names of the revision committee be listed on the preface. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to replace as trustees Rev. Howard Taylor and Rev. J. A. Baskins for failure to attend associational meetings. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that we rescind and expunge from the record all transactions made at the called associational meeting which was held on November 13, 1955. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council met October 30, 1954, at Lexington, North Carolina.

We ordained Frederick Russell and exchanged papers with Alfred Absher who came to us from the Yadkin Valley Association. Evangelistic licenses were granted to John D. Owens and Arthur Lackey.

We met at Ben Avenue Church, November 13, 1954, and granted evangelistic licenses to Albert Harrelson.

We met at The First Church in Gastonia, January 29, 1955, and ordained the following ministers: W. O. Williams, John Owens and James Richardson. We granted evangelistic licenses to Arson Dixon, George Bullard, Talmadge Brown and Robert Therrell.

We met at The First Church in Dallas, North Carolina, and ordained John Owens, on February 2, 1955.

We met at Aleo Church on April 30, 1955. We ordained Maxie Coleman and Talmadge Brown. We granted evangelistic licenses to Beecher Helms and C. L.

Lynn. Moved and seconded that Odell Holcombe be under the watch care of the Piedmont Association until he receives his letter from the upper State Association of South Carolina. He came to exchange papers.

We met at Wayside Church in Charlotte, on August 18, 1955.

Rev. Ralph Staten came before the council with a letter of recommendation from the Progressive Association of Oklahoma. Moved and seconded that he be received into the Piedmont Association. Motion carried.

WALTER CARTER, *Chairman*
WILLIAM CALVERT, *Secretary*
SHERMAN BRANCH
N. B. PERKINS
JOHN R. NEWTON

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Piedmont Association met at the Aleo Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, April 9, 1955, with Mrs. Roy Rikard, the president, presiding.

The president appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. W. H. Calvert, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Cleo Gerold.

Finance Committee—Mrs. Nathan Holt, Mrs. Calvin Wise and Mrs. Velma Crow.

An interesting and inspiring convention was enjoyed by all with Mrs. Ralph Staten as the guest speaker.

The Maple Street Church of Rockingham, was received as a member of the convention.

The election of officers was then in order and the following officers were elected to serve the forthcoming year: Mrs. Ralph Staten, president; Mrs. Seldon Bullard, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Frank McQuage, youth chairman; Mrs. Nathan Holt, study course chairman; Mrs. Myrtle Parris, program chairman; Mrs. William Calvert, benevolence chairman; Mrs. D. L. Benton, secretary; Mrs. Velma Crow, treasurer.

Delegates to the state convention were elected as follows: Mrs. Ruby McPherson and Mrs. William Calvert.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with The First Church in Charlotte, August 18, 1955, with Mrs. Ralph Staten, president, presiding.

The subject of the program was "God's Workmanship." The Scripture text was taken from Ephesians 2:10. Our aim was to improve workmanship.

We voted to encourage each auxiliary to have a declamation contest and to compete at our district convention.

We also voted to have a worship service, semi-annually, with the program to be arranged by the executive committee.

This meeting was climaxed by a very fitting and timely spiritual message by Mrs. Seldon Bullard.

MRS. RALPH STATEN, *President*

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1955

RECEIPTS

In Treasury	\$ 61.56
Received Last Association	326.05
Received of Lowell Church	4.50
Received of Mt. Holly Church	17.90
Received of Near Calvary Church	4.70
Received of Bethel Church	1.60
Received of Stanley Church	2.50
Received of Aleo Church	10.00
Received of Ben Avenue Church	10.00
Received of Rev. C. B. Hopkins	10.00
Received of Cramerton Church	21.00
Received of Wayside Church	5.00
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Total Receipts	\$474.81

EXPENDITURES

Mt. Allen College	\$ 23.25
Orphanage	39.38
National Association Cooperative Program	13.32
Clerk's Salary	50.00
Rev. Clyde Cox	15.00
Executive Board Expense	63.02
Wreath for W. H. Calvert	25.00
L. H. Clayton Expense	20.00
Delegation Expense to State Convention	36.00
Renewal of Charter	1.00
Telephone Expense88
Paid Attorney	100.00
Cards	1.00
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Total Expenditures	387.85
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 86.96
Owe Free Will Baptist Press	\$116.00

Name of Church	Location	Members Received Baptized	Dismissed	By Death	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Education	Orphanage	Total Value of Church Property	Other Salaries
Aleo	E. Rockingham	40	24	4	250	\$4,000.00	\$300.00	\$ 20.00	\$200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15.00		\$ 28,000.00	\$
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis	5	3		129	2,775.00	150.10			891.50	25.00		18,500.00	
Bethlehem	Kannapolis	7	2		42	1,290.00	213.00		10.00	20.00	25.00		12,000.00	
Boger City	Boger City	3	5		64	540.00	40.00			270.00			2,500.00	
Calvary	Concord	10	7		25	753.50				25.00	10.00		7,000.00	
Cedar Grove		3	2		44	673.76	50.00	221.60					55,500.00	
Cramerton	Cramerton	37	12	67	276	5,200.00	325.00	75.00	510.00	3,000.00	360.23		115,000.00	
Dallas	Dallas	37	8	3	24	190.56	25.00						2,000.00	
East Belmont	East Belmont	13	5	1	56	2,448.00	70.00	15.00		456.60			4,000.00	115.00
East Lincolnton	Lincolnton	4	2	28	28	480.00				416.06				
Fairview	E. Rockingham	6	7	5	20	100.00				750.00		35.00	10,000.00	
First	Gastonia	54	20	23	135	3,885.00	200.00			1,280.39	57.00		40,000.00	
First	Stanley	15	3	1	76	2,600.00	189.00			900.00			21,000.00	
Goshen	N. Belmont	8	2	5	204	4,680.00	310.00	173.76	47.00	2,453.92	272.42		76,000.00	
Independence Square	Kannapolis	3	7	2	60	780.00	50.00	4.00		190.00			5,000.00	
Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain	25	24	10	70	207.69	15.00			192.00				
Lowell	Lowell	16	47		167	4,275.00	300.00		39.83	5,790.60	177.30		102,000.00	
Mable	Kannapolis	24	19	5	122	2,165.10	75.00		64.62	637.96	25.00		20,000.00	
Maple	Rockingham	25	20	8	147	3,060.00	130.00	35.49	32.37				27,000.00	
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly	10		112	127	3,975.00	175.00	200.00		1,179.88	20.00		19,000.00	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis		11		70	3,719.59	50.00			11,011.22			40,000.00	
Near Calvary	Lexington	29	6	11	24	92.28	107.88	34.00		232.00		11.25	1,000.00	175.00
Near the Cross	Concord	25	4		32	572.00	58.00	10.00		331.97	80.62	240.00	4,000.00	
New Hope		27			40									
Fifth Street	Gastonia	28	3	1	48	180.00	69.00			247.50			6,000.00	
Roberson Creek	Bostic	6	6		26	388.00	50.00			489.80			5,000.00	
Wayside	Charlotte	17	12		1	3,835.00	157.00	16.50		1,110.63	66.19		10,000.00	123.06
Westover	Charlotte				65	200.40	75.00			126.44				
South Point	Belmont	7	1	12		617.10	24.00						4,500.00	
Westside	Charlotte	12	4		17		50.00	8.25						50.00

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	Miles Traveled	Money Given
William T. Allen	25	8	3			5	48	\$ 25.00	500	Tithes & Offerings		
Jay L. Barbee	43	128				31	55	3.00	1,800	\$205.00		
C. E. Bradburn	33	5					5	18.27	3,188	350.00		
Sherman Branch	1 150	30	1		200	25		2,600.00	5,000	Tithes		
J. J. Brooks		4										
F. E. Carver	40	3	45	10		4	100	30		2,000	100.00	
Raymond Cook	60	1				1						
J. P. Cole	1 30							10		1,500	75.00	
Maxie Coleman	0 86	15	4				36	16		18,000	206.25	
Clyde Cox	1											
L. H. Clayton	1 135	2	50	11	2	2	48	4,000.00			400.00	
William Calvart	1 125	1	20			4	150	10	2,764.00	12,000	300.00	
Harold Donahue		70	5				30	52		2,000	125.00	
A. A. Bradley	38	1	11		1		30	6	76.00		25.00	
W. C. Eggers	1 112	1	3				45		540.00		82.00	
E. J. Faulkner	1 150										250.00	
Herbert Faulkner	50	2	1					8	27.39		250.00	
Robert Ferrell								45			225.00	
George Goodman	50	10				200			7.50	500	500.00	
Harold Goforth	1 200	1	75	7	2	2	100	6	780.00	2,000	235.91	
E. O. Holcombe	1 200	2	11				100	50	200.00		300.00	
W. W. Howard	1											
H. B. Helms	14	5	8			50				400		
N. W. Holt	125	1	43	25	10	800	2	300.00		3,800	600.00	
Albert Hinson	30	25	30		2	30	15			300	150.00	
Earnest King	30	3				10	50			200	130.00	
Paul J. Lanning	1 177	2	190	24	2	500	5	207.69		3,000	133.65	
Ada Lawing	1 60		41	8		25	45			800	50.00	
E. G. Lawing	1 150	1	78	28	1	3	50	30	300.00	1,000	260.00	
D. B. Lewis	1 100		14	4	1	3	80		572.00	8,240	215.00	
J. E. McDonald	38	14				150	8			600	15.00	
W. F. McQuage	1 110	1	40	15	2	500		3,060.00	30,000	395.00		
John R. Newton	1 75		18	7		9	50	52	2,600.00		275.00	
Norman Perkins	1 130	2	38		1	4	38	4,000.00		2,500	650.00	
Lawrence Price	25	9				15	35			150		
R. J. Reynolds	1 185	1	35	12			51	3,835.00		3,800	500.00	
Roy Ricard	1 75	1	60	12	3	6		5,310.00			560.00	
H. A. Sawyer	24	1	2				20	10	35.00		150.00	
H. J. Sawyer	1 78		7	12					416.30	6,200	281.45	
M. T. Sparks	1 94		6	6		42	7		415.00	4,870	212.50	
Ralph Staten	2 121	2	27	10	2	6	180	30	4,430.00	16,000	510.00	
H. Y. Talor	1 200	5	150	12	3	3	225		4,125.00	32,000	430.00	
W. A. Todd	25	1	4				25	50	25.00		Tithes	
L. L. Therrell	1 80	2	30	9			40	1	385.00		350.00	
John W. Owens	132	1	43	8			65	32	190.56	6,000	220.00	
James C. Weaver	50	1					50	25			300.00	
Ralph L. Willis	35	2			1	20	52			500		

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Church	Membership Gain this Year	Money Received	Literature	Incidentals	Charity & Pastor's Help	Building and Repairs	Convention Dues	Total Paid Out	In Treasury
Independence Square	10	\$107.56		\$34.63	\$13.73	\$55.97	\$3.00	\$104.33	\$ 3.23
First Gastonia	15	150.00		25.00	65.00	40.00		130.00	20.00
Ben Avenue	15	153.34			10.00		2.00	119.25	53.71

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Churches	Superintendent And Address	Number on Roll	Average Attendance	Average Offering	Total Offering	Unified Treasury	No. of Classes	No. of Departments	In Treasury	Kind of Literature
East Lincolnton.....	R. B. Fletcher, 418 S. Avon St., Gastonia, N. C.	40		\$ 10.00	\$ 508.55				\$ 34.42	
First Gastonia.....	Andrew Barnette Sr., Rt. 1, Mooresville, N. C.	113	137	21.73	1129.96	Yes	9	1		F.W.B.
Independence Square.....	Robert Green, Gen. Del., Kings Mountain, N. C.	78	55	3.25	171.61		5	1	31.98	F.W.B.
Kings Mountain.....	Jesse Benoist, East Rockingham, N. C.	88	88	7.10	7.10		4	4	15.92	F.W.B.
Maple Avenue.....	Willie Matthews, Rt. 1, Stanley, N. C.	300	212	120.00	6217.30		9	1	114.74	F.W.B.
Mt. Holly.....	Claud Vanoy	137	149	18.73	974.13		6	4	230.74	F.W.B.
Mt. Zion.....	Carl Whittington, Earlander, N. C.	99	75		175.50		7		11.11	
Near Calvary.....	G. W. Goodman, Rt. 3, Box 344, Concord, N. C.	40	35	3.25	74.00		4		14.00	F.W.B.
Near the Cross.....	Charles Sisk, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.	78	63			Yes	6	1		F.W.B.
Roberson Creek.....	Nathaniel Rhodes, 213 E. 11th St., Kannapolis, N. C.	52	29	3.96	201.93	Yes	4	4		F.W.B.
Westover.....		90	90	8.00	118.39		5	6	86.00	F.W.B.

