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# Directory of Association

## OFFICERS

Rev. Norman Perkins, Moderator	Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. Edward Swartz, Vice-Moderator	402 E. 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. Ralph Willis, Clerk	24 Circle Drive, Concord, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert, Assistant Clerk	613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	614 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Norman Perkins, Chairman	Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. Edward Swartz, Vice-Chairman	Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. Ralph Willis, Clerk	Concord, N. C.
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. William Calvert (Term Expires 1961)	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. M. T. Sparks (Term Expires 1962)	Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Roy L. Rikard (Term Expires 1963)	Cramerton, N. C.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Harold Goforth (Term Expires 1961)	Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. Paul Davis (Term Expires 1961)	Morganton, N. C.
Rev. Sherman Branch (Term Expires 1962)	Dallas, N. C.
Rev. Robert Hagler (Term Expires 1962)	Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. Walter Carter (Term Expires 1963)	E. Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. Henry Russell (Term Expires 1963)	Belmont, N. C.

## TRUSTEES

Rev. Homer Savage	Lowell, N. C.
Rev. Claude Vannoy	Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. Fred Tiner	617 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.

## Associational Boards

(Term Expires Year Beside Names)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

William Calvert (1961)	613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Drexler Benton (1962)	109 S. Rose Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Oscar Gray (1963)	Route 2, Dallas, N. C.

### MISSION BOARD

Paul Davis (1961)	504 S. Sterling St., Morganton, N. C.
Ralph Willis (1962)	24 Circle Dr., Concord, N. C.
A. W. Newell (1963)	4113 Rutgers Ave., Charlotte, N. C.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

James Cox (1961)	Kannapolis, N. C.
Robert Hagler (1962)	Charlotte, N. C.
Maxie Coleman (1963)	Charlotte, N. C.

## LEAGUE BOARD

Frank McQuage (1961).....Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.  
M. T. Sparks (1962).....911 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.  
James E. Harrison (1963).....

## CHILDREN'S HOME

Norman Perkins (1961).....Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Travis Huffman (1962).....Twins Motel, Gastonia, N. C.  
Mrs. Ralph Willis (1963).....Concord, N. C.

## ENCAMPMENT BOARD

Robert Hagler (1961).....Charlotte, N. C.  
Travis Huffman (1962).....Gastonia, N. C.  
Thomas Rogers (1963).....Dallas, N. C.  
Harvey Hildebran (1964).....Mt. Holly, N. C.  
Frank Fish (1965).....Mt. Holly, N. C.

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Travis Huffman (1961).....Gastonia, N. C.  
Jesse Benoist (1962).....East Rockingham, N. C.  
J. J. Brooks (1963).....Concord, N. C.

## FINANCE BOARD

L. L. Therell (1961).....Kannapolis, N. C.  
Colon Hudson (1962).....Kannapolis, N. C.  
M. T. Sparks (1963).....Belmont, N. C.  
D. D. Hunsucker (By Virtue of Office of Treasurer).....Kannapolis, N. C.

## RESOLUTION BOARD

H. L. Jones (1961).....Cherryville, N. C.  
J. M. Flannery (1962).....Winston-Salem, N. C.  
Mrs. Roy Rikard (1963).....Cramerton, N. C.

## PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Travis Huffman (1961).....Gastonia, N. C.  
Weldon Key (1962).....Kannapolis, N. C.  
J. W. Wooten (1963).....Catawba Heights, N. C.

## MASTER'S MEN

Robert Deese (1961).....N. Belmont, N. C.  
J. L. Barbee (1962).....Kannapolis, N. C.  
Raymond Ross (1963).....Kannapolis, N. C.

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Billy Allen, Moderator.....2583 West, Gastonia, N. C.  
Travis Huffman, Vice-Moderator.....Twins Motel, Gastonia, N. C.  
Ralph Willis, Clerk.....Concord, N. C.  
Ralph Staten, Assistant Clerk.....N. Belmont, N. C.

# Church Directory

CHURCHES—ADDRESSES	PASTORS
1. Asheland Street—Archdale	Austin Frye (Temporary)
2. Ben Avenue—Kannapolis	William Calvert
3. Bethlehem—Kannapolis	Ralph Willis
4. Calvary—Concord	J. J. Brooks
5. Catawba—Catawba Heights	J. W. Wooten
6. Cramerton—Cramerton	Roy Rikard
7. Dallas—Dallas	Sherman Branch
8. East Belmont—Belmont	M. T. Sparks
9. East Rockingham—E. Rockingham	Walter Carter
10. First Cherryville—Cherryville	H. L. Jones
11. First Gastonia—Gastonia	Edward Swartz
12. Goshen—N. Belmont	Ralph Staten
13. Heman—Charlotte	A. W. Newell
14. Independence Square—Kannapolis	Harold Goforth
15. Lowell—Lowell	L. D. Gray
16. Mable Avenue—Kannapolis	Colon Hudson
17. Mt. Carmel—Lexington	Thomas Brooks
18. Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly	Norman Perkins
19. Mt. Olive—Kannapolis	L. L. Therrell
20. Mt. Pleasant—Lexington	Clarence Ballew
21. Mt. View—Dallas	Homer Savage
22. Morganton—Morganton	Paul Davis
23. Near the Cross—Kannapolis	Raymond Ross
24. New Hope—Rockingham	J. T. Bailey
25. Roberson Creek—Bostic	James Coffey
26. Sandy Ford—Stanley	E. F. Faulkner
27. Seigle Street—Charlotte	Robert Hagler
28. South Point—Belmont	H. G. Russell
29. United—Concord	George Goodman
30. West Fifth Avenue—Gastonia	Billy Allen
31. West Side—Charlotte	Maxie Coleman
32. West Side—Kannapolis	Claude Vannoy
<b>NOT REPORTING</b>	
33. Boger City—Boger City	
34. Fairview—Rockingham	
35. Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain	
36. First Church—Stanley	J. R. Newton
37. Maple Street—E. Rockingham	Frank McQuage
38. Mt. Zion—Kannapolis	R. J. Reynolds
39. Near Calvary—Lexington	W. W. Howard
40. Woodbine—High Point	
41. Valley View—Concord	R. L. Lambert
42. Bethany—Wadesboro	C. C. Burris
43. Georgetown—High Point	Jud Fowler

# Church Clerks

## CHURCHES—CLERKS

1. Archdale—Mrs. Harvey Shelton, Route 5, High Point, N. C.
2. Ben Avenue—Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, 620 Miller Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
3. Bethlehem—Mrs. Beulah Sheets, 605 S. Magnolia Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
4. Calvary—Shirley Goodnight
5. Catawba—Mildred Waters
6. Cramerton
7. Dallas—Barbara J. Branch, Dallas, N. C.
8. East Belmont—Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks, 911 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.
9. East Rockingham—Mrs. Clyde Brown, Rockingham, N. C.
10. First Cherryville—Mrs. J. A. Walker, Box 404, Shelby, N. C.
11. First Gastonia—Mrs. W. T. Cobb, Gastonia, N. C.
12. Goshen—Carl Bryan, 66 Belmont Ave., Belmont, N. C.
13. Heman—Mrs. A. W. Newell, 4113 Rutgers Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
14. Independence Square—Mrs. Pauline Barbee, Route 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.
15. Lowell—Miss Fannie Mae Felton, 82 Belmont Ave., Belmont, N. C.
16. Mable Avenue—Mrs. S. L. Collins, Kannapolis, N. C.
17. Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Perline Snyder, Lexington, N. C.
18. Mt. Holly—Harvey Hildebran, Mt. Holly, N. C.
19. Mt. Olive, Mrs. Rowina Therrell, 606 Holly Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
20. Mt. Pleasant—Miss Janice Sutton, Lexington, N. C.
21. Mt. View—Oscar L. Gray, Box 219, Dallas, N. C.
22. Morganton—Mrs. John Sudderth, 510 S. Sterling St., Morganton
23. Near the Cross—James L. Gurley, Kannapolis, N. C.
24. New Hope—Hattie M. Bailey
25. Roberson Creek—Mrs. Violet Poteat
26. Sandy Ford—Gladys Miller, Box 783, Stanley, N. C.
27. Seigle Street—James C. Johnston, 592 S. Delta Rd., Charlotte, N. C.
28. South Point—Eugene Vause
29. United—James O. Riley, Concord, N. C.
30. West Fifth Avenue—Annie L. Busher, Gastonia, N. C.
31. West Side Kannapolis—R. J. Pressley, Kannapolis, N. C.
32. West Side Charlotte—Lula M. Gibson, Charlotte, N. C.
33. Georgetown—Mrs. J. H. Jones, Route 1, Box 326, Kernersville, N. C.

# Names and Addresses of Ministers 1959-1960

1. Absher, Alfred, ~~Route 1, China Grove, N. C.~~ *Box 15-5, Rockwell, N.C.*
2. Allen, W. P., ~~2583 West Gastonia, N. C.~~
3. ~~Bailey, J. P., 1424 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C.~~
4. Ballew, Clarence, ~~Route 1, Box 70, Lexington, N. C.~~ *- Rt 9, Box 357A*
5. ~~Barbee, Jay L., Route 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
6. Bean, Claude Jr., Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
7. Benoist, Jesse, East Rockingham, N. C.
8. Benton, Drexler, 109 S. Rose, Kannapolis, N. C.
9. ~~Bowen, Daniel, Rockingham, N. C.~~
10. Branch, Sherman, ~~Dallas, N. C.~~ *Ben. Dal., Stanley, N.C.*
11. Brooks, Thomas, ~~601 Concord St., Thomasville, N. C.~~ *1/2 Wally Cross, Greer, N.C.*
12. Brooks, J. J., ~~Route 2, Box 311 A, Concord, N. C.~~ *1/2 Wally Cross, Greer, N.C.*
13. ~~Bullard, George, 112 Robinson St., Rockingham, N. C.~~ *360 E. Leland Dr., 2 ways, N.C.*
14. Calvert, J. C., North Belmont, N. C.
15. ~~Calvert, Wm. H., 613 Ben St., Kannapolis, N. C.~~ *247 W. 1st St., S.C.*
16. ~~Carter, Walter, 211 9th Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.~~
17. Carver, Floyd, 423 Alexander St., Mooresville, N. C.
18. Cole, James P., Route 3, Box 313, Concord, N. C.
19. Coleman, Maxie, 1004 Harrill St., Charlotte, N. C.
20. Coxe, P. L., Address Unknown
21. Davis, Mitchell, ~~Gastonia, N. C.~~
22. Davis, Paul, 504 S. Sterling, Morganton, N. C.
23. Dawkins, Ray, ~~Hamlet, N. C.~~
24. Deese, Johnny, ~~Rockingham, N. C.~~
25. Eggers, W. C., Box 163, Maiden, N. C.
26. English, Howard, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
27. Faulkner, Howard, Box 107, Boger City, N. C.
28. Faulkner, Herbert, Route 3, Lincolnton, N. C.
29. Ferrell, Robert, ~~95 Caldwell, Concord, N. C.~~
30. ~~Flannery, James, Route 6, Winston Salem, N. C.~~ *Johnson*
31. Fowler, Judge, ~~1307 Franklin St., High Point, N. C.~~
32. ~~Goforth, Harold, Route 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
33. Goodman, George, Route 3, Box 346, Concord, N. C.
34. Goodwin, Bruce, ~~First Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.~~ *- Rt. 2, Box 412*
35. Gray, Oscar, Route 2, Box 219, Dallas, N. C.
36. Hagler, Robert, ~~1912 Parson St., Charlotte, N. C.~~
37. Hardman, Millard, Rt. 4, Box 688, Kannapolis, N. C.
38. Heath, Ray, Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.
39. Henson, A. V., ~~706 Maple St., Cherryville, N. C.~~
40. Hinson, Albert, ~~219 King, Gastonia, N. C.~~ *219 South King, Gastonia, N.C.*
41. Hobbs, Paul, Kannapolis, N. C.
42. Honeycutt, J. H., 307 Ingram St., Thomasville, N. C.
43. ~~Howard, W. W., Route 4, Box 49A, Lexington, N. C.~~



*Rt. 1, New London, N.C.*

- 44. Hudson, Colon, ~~1009 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.~~
- 45. Huffman, Travis, Twins Motel, Gastonia, N. C.
- 46. Jones, H. L., 107 South Oak, Cherryville, N. C.
- 47. Jones, J. W., Cramerton, N. C.
- 48. ~~Donahue, Harold, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
- 49. Key, Weldon, Route 4, Box 412, Kannapolis, N. C.
- 50. ~~King, Ernest, Globe Mill, Mt. Holly, N. C.~~
- 51. ~~King, Julian, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.~~
- 52. ~~Lambert, R. L., Box 2605, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
- 53. ~~Lanning, Paul, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.~~
- 54. Lawing, L. E., 409 Broad St., Kannapolis, N. C.
- 55. Lewis, J. B., 1320 Walnut St., Albemarle, N. C.
- 56. Morie, Carl, ~~Hannah-Pikens Ave., Rockingham, N. C.~~
- 57. ~~Martin, Joe, Stanley, N. C.~~
- 58. ~~Martin, Thomas, Wadesboro, N. C.~~
- 59. ~~McQuage, Frank, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.~~
- 60. Nations, Joe, ~~Trexler St., Gastonia, N. C.~~ *1611 West Drexler*
- 61. Newell, A. W., 4113 Rutgers Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
- 62. ~~Newton, C. C., 101 North Allendale St., Sarasota, Fla.~~
- 63. ~~Newton, J. R., Box 1060, Cramerton, N. C.~~
- 64. ~~Patterson, Boyce, Kings Mountain, N. C.~~
- 65. Pendleton, James, Cramerton, N. C.
- 66. Perkins, Norman, ~~Noles Drive, Box 7, Mt. Holly, N. C.~~
- 67. Pilkington, Hubert, Dallas, N. C.
- 68. Prevatte, Edgar, ~~Seaboard St., East Rockingham, N. C.~~ *- 913 Seaboard St.*
- 69. Price, Lawrence, Box 284, Lowell, N. C.
- 70. ~~Richardson, J. C., Ranlo Station, Gastonia, N. C.~~
- 71. ~~Rikard, Roy, Box 286, Cramerton, N. C.~~
- 72. Riley, Robert
- 73. ~~Rogers, Thomas, Route 2, Dallas, N. C.~~
- 74. Russell, Frederick, 223 Garrison St., Belmont, N. C.
- 75. ~~Russell, Henry G., Box 174, Belmont, N. C.~~
- 76. Sawyer, H. A., Pineville, N. C.
- 77. ~~Sawyer, H. J., Pineville, N. C.~~
- 78. Sawyer, R. P., ~~Route 7, Box 577, Salisbury, N. C.~~ *2101 Clay St., Kannapolis, N.C.*
- 79. Sanford, Robert
- 80. ~~Savage, Homer, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.~~
- 81. Skipper, James, ~~Clover, S. C.~~
- 82. Snipes, Charles, 1313 N. Harrill St., Charlotte, N. C.
- 83. ~~Sparks, M. P., 911 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.~~
- 84. Stamey, Ernest, 812 Walnut St., Belmont, N. C. *122 Oak St., Belmont,*
- 85. Staten, Ralph, ~~Box 48, North Belmont, N. C.~~ *Box 48*
- 86. ~~Sutherland, Bobby, Kings Mountain, N. C.~~ *more no address listed*
- 87. Swartz, Edward, 402 E. 5th Street, Gastonia, N. C.
- 88. ~~Sweat, Laey, Rockingham, N. C.~~
- 89. Therrell, L. L., 606 Holly Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
- 90. ~~Thompson, Bobby, U. S. Navy~~

91. Todd, W. A., Route 1, Box 450, Concord, N. C.
92. Vannoy, Claude, ~~349 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.~~ *Rt 3, Box 339 C  
Kannapolis, N.C.*
93. Ware, William T., Stanley, N. C.
94. ~~Willis, Ralph~~ *108 Belmore Dr.*
95. Williams, Thomas, ~~Wilson Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.~~
96. Williams, Daniel, ~~137 Honeywood Ave., Charlotte, N. C.~~ *3616 Derby St.*
97. Young, Wilbur B., ~~7th Ave., East Rockingham, N. C.~~ *- 117 9th Ave.*
98. Whittington, W. B., ~~750 Rainbow St., Lexington, N. C.~~ *710 First Rainbow*
99. ~~Wooten, J. W., Box 5, Catawba Heights, N. C.~~
100. ~~Deese, Robert, N. Belmont, N. C.~~
101. ~~Grayson Spencer, High Point, N. C.~~
102. ~~Puckett, James, High Point, N. C.~~
103. ~~Ahsher, Marcellus~~
104. ~~Bell, Albert, North Belmont, N. C.~~
105. ~~Rogers, James, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
106. ~~Clarence-Beech, Kannapolis, N. C.~~
107. ~~C. C. Burris, Wadesboro, N. C.~~
108. ~~James Stikeleather, Belmont, N. C.~~

## Rules of Decorum

1. The clerk, assistant clerk, or the senior minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the moderator assumes his place.
2. This association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions, providing a quorum of nine members are present.
3. This body shall decide all questions by majority of the members present.
4. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
5. Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the moderator, and be recognized before speaking.
6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.
7. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off any time by a majority of the members present.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave from the body, and personal reflections shall be avoided.
9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at a time on the same subject, unless body gives permission.
10. No member shall absent himself from the body without the permission of the moderator.
11. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
12. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered at the time.
13. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
14. By a two-thirds' vote any decision of moderator may be overruled.

15. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat to discuss subjects, but not to vote.

16. When any church of this association shall lose its identity the association shall, by trustee or otherwise, and in the name of the denomination, take possession of all property, real and personal, belonging to said church.

17. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

18. Unlawful absence from body denies a party voting privileges.

19. Members breaking any of these rules, moderator admonishes.

20. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the association.

## The 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 co-operating with this association and ministers who are members of this association.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording clerk, reading clerk, treasurer and promotional secretary.

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 co-operating 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 preceeding session or the 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 officers 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 the 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 ammended 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 Of the Piedmont Association

1. Associational officers are to be elected by the ballot system.
2. The clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session. (Both.)
3. The moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, promotional secretary are to be elected at the close of the session.
4. The ordaining council is to be elected by the association. The number of this council is to be six members elected to serve in rotating terms to wit; two for three-year terms; two for two-year terms, two for one-year term. The council is to have interim authority to ordain ministers and has charge of the investigation of ministers. They shall report their work annually to the association. The secretary of the council is to send the report of their work to the clerk of the association not later than one week before the association convenes.
5. The executive board is to make an annual report to the association.
6. The Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the (Original) Free Will Baptists of North Carolina is to be used.
7. The body sponsors the following denominational activities: The Ministers' Conference, the Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Free Will Baptist League Convention and the Master's Men.
8. The seven-point program of the state convention has been approved.
9. The indefinite pastoral call has been approved.
10. When a church calls the ordaining council, it is to pay its expense.
11. The executive board has charge of the associational educational program.
12. The chairman of each board or committee is treasurer of its funds. (Exception: executive board has associational treasurer as treasurer.)
13. A member of this association may serve on as many boards or committees as he is duly elected to serve with the exception of the executive board and the ordaining council. No member may serve on these two boards at the same time.
14. The churches sending ministers and delegates to the association are to pay for their board. The host church will provide all sleeping quarters they can and arrange for rooms that may be rented.
15. The minute fund has been changed to general fund and all churches are required to send thirty cents per member to the association with their report. This must be done for their delegates to be seated.
16. A nominating committee will be elected at the end of each annual session to serve for the following year. Their duty will be to nominate the following officers: Moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, promotional secretary, and all boards and committees which are necessary to carry on the work of the association. The body will have the privilege to nominate from the floor when this committee gives its report.
17. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to required information): The names and addresses of every

minister belonging to their church, and whether or not, each minister is a consistant tither. The clerk of the association is to take special note of this information and to include the same in the minutes. The clerk shall make a list of the ministers who are non-tithers and report the same to the ordaining council.

## Minutes of the Ministers' Conference

AUGUST 4, 1960

The ministers of the Piedmont Association met and transacted the following business:

A proposal was given by a representative of the Blue Cross Hospital Association. Action on same was deferred.

Motion was made and seconded that the following resolution be adopted and brought before the associational body to be adopted by that group.

Motion sustained by vote of 37 to 0 in favor of said resolution.

(See report of the resolution committee.)

Motion that the ministers of the Piedmont Association take a stand against and are not going to vote for or back Jack Kennedy as president of the United States. Approved, 42 voting all in favor.

Minutes of the last conference were read and approved.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Billy Allen; vice-moderator, Travis Huffman; clerk, Ralph Willis; assistant, Ralph Staten.

Message was brought by Rev. Frank McQuage from Acts 2:41-47, using the topic, "Abounding in the Work of the Lord Through a Model Church."

Motion that we adjourn until September 24, 1960, at the South Point Free Will Baptist Church Belmont, N. C. Sustained.

### MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

October 31, 1959, Siegle Street Church, Charlotte, N. C.

The conference was opened with the congregation led in song by Brother Haglar.

Opening remarks were then made by the moderator, Rev. Sherman Branch.

Devotions were conducted by Brother Homer Savage.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Robert Haglar.

Response was made by Brother John R. Newton.

Roll Call of the ministers was made with 18 present.

Brother Rikard, president of the Piedmont Bible Institute, made a very inspiring talk on Christian education.

There was then discussion on the topics of the up-lifted Christ lifts men through stewardship, worship, co-operation, world missions, and spiritual visitations.

The next meeting is to convene at the West Fifth Avenue Church in Gastonia, N. C., with Brother Billy Allen host pastor on February 6, 1960.

This is to be a temporary change of date due to the holiday seasons during our next scheduled meeting.

Motion and second that we contact the insurance agent of Liberty Life Insurance Company and grant him the right to present a hospitalization insurance proposal at the meeting in Gastonia on February 6, 1960. Sustained.

#### MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF (ORIGINAL) FREE WILL BAPTISTS

February 6, 1960, West Fifth Avenue Church, Gastonia, N. C.

The conference was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Branch. The congregation was then led by Brother Haglar in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Devotions by Brother Willis. Motion to make time elements flexible in adopting the program. Motion Sustained.

Welcome was then given by Brother Allen.

Response by Brother Therrell.

The roll call of ministers was then made with 22 present.

Reading of the last minutes. Approved.

The following business was then transacted.

A proposal was then given by Mr. Adams of Liberty Life Insurance Co. for hospitalization and life insurance on ministers and their dependents of this association.

A vote was taken to find out how many were interested in group insurance. All of the ministers present except one were favorable to the suggestion that we need a plan on this order.

Motion made and sustained that the moderator appoint a committee of three to investigate this matter with other companies and report back to the ministers of their findings. These three to serve on this committee are as following: Walter Carter, Ralph Staten and M. T. Sparks.

Motion made that the ministers meet at the Piedmont Bible Institute two weeks from today on Tuesday, February 16, 1960, to hear the findings of the committee and to decide whether they wish to get this insurance, or some other, or any at all.

The program then was followed as following: Brother Huffman spoke on the subject, "Catholicism Testing Our Faith." Brother Allen spoke from the subject "Testing Our Faith by Modernism and Liberalism." Brother N. B. Perkins then declined the time allotted to him for the message as the time was late and there were other things to be taken care of.

Motion made and properly sustained that the next Ministers' Conference convene at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Westover Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C., April 30, 1960.

Motion that we adjourn. Motion sustained. Dismissed in prayer by Brother H. G. Russell.

#### MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

April 30, 1960, Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

The meeting of the Ministers' Conference was called in session by the vice-moderator in the absence of the moderator. Rev. T. H. Huffman presiding. Rev. Huffman read Scripture from Matthew 8:1-5.

Brother Calvert led in prayer.

We were led by Brother Haglar in a congregational song, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotions were brought by Brother W. T. Allen. Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-10. Lead in prayer by Brother Rikard.

Welcome given by Brother L. L. Therrel.

Response by Brother Millard Hardman.

Reading of the minutes of the last conference were then read and approved.

The roll call of ministers was then made with 30 ministers answering.

There was then a testimonial service led by Brother Huffman our vice-moderator.

The recognition of ministers was then made. The following ministers were recognized: Rev. Craven Burris, Rev. Melvin Adams and Rev. George Starnes.

Brother Rikard then brought us some timely thoughts on Christian education. There was an offering taken for defraying part of the expense of an insert in the Mt. Olive College annual. Amount of offering \$12.50.

The following motion was made and approved item by item:

(1) That we go on record as opposing the election of a Catholic for president.

(2) That Brother Staten take care of compiling and presenting the materials necessary to state our views on this subject.

(3) That we take care of the expense of printing of such materials.

Motion that we meet for our next conference June 26, 1960, at Mt. Pleasant Church at Lexington, N. C., using the topic "Marching for the Master." Motion sustained.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

## MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

June 25, 1960, Mt. Carmel Church, Lexington, N. C.

The Theme of this conference was "Ministers Marching for the Master."

The vice-moderator, Rev. Travis Huffman, took charge of the conference in the absence of the moderator, Brother Branch.

Opened with a congregational song led by Brother Sparks. Prayer by Brother N. B. Perkins.

Brother Staten had charge of the devotions in the absence of Brother Rikard. The Scriptures used were Romans 10:14, 15.

Greetings were brought by Brother Ballew and the response by Brother Staten.

There was then the roll call of ministers with 24 answering.

The following business was then trasacted: A report was given that there had not been enough ministers that had made application to the insurance proposal to cause it to go into effect and that the secretary and treasurer would like for some step to be taken to decide what was going to be done with this proposal and the applications already received.

A motion was made and properly sustained that the money which had

been sent in with the applications be returned and that this matter be postponed until a later date.

The program was then followed in discussion form this point forth. Many interesting and informative statements were made upon the subject of the ministers marching forward and the things essential to cause the church to march forward spiritually.

Motion that we adjourn until the annual conference at Near the Cross Church, Kannapolis, N. C., on August 4, 1960. Motion approved.

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF (ORIGINAL) FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLNA

I. Morganton, N. C., August 1, 1960—The council met for the purpose of organizing. All members present except Brother Rikard.

Brother Huffman was elected to serve as chairman.

Brother Willis was elected as secretary.

Brother Mitchell Davis came before the council at this time asking that we reinstate him as an ordained minister to this association.

Motion was made and second that we consider the fact that Brother Davis came before the association and made a public apology and asked for forgiveness sometime over two years ago, and that his probation be considered from that time, and that we reinstate him with the understanding that if any other just charge of any immoral act or acts be brought against him, his ordination papers will be taken indefinitely and only an act by the association can give them to him. Motion sustained by majority vote.

Motion to adjourn.

II. Scigle Street Church, Charlotte, N. C., October 31, 1959—Meeting held with Brother Savage, proxy for Brother Rikard. Brother Goforth was absent.

The following were liscensed after examination: James Puckett, Grayson Spencer and Robert Deese.

The following were granted ordination papers after examination: Jesse Benoist and A. W. Newell.

Motion to adjourn.

III. West Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., December 12, 1959—Brother J. W. Jones, proxy for Brother Rikard. Brother Haglar absent.

Brother Marcellus Absher was liscensed.

Brother Raymond Ross was ordained.

Motion adjourned.

IV. Goshen Church, North Belmont, N. C., February 3, 1960—All present except Brother Goforth.

Brother Albert Bell was liscensed after examination.

Motion to adjourn to meet at the West Fifth Avenue Church.

V. West Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., February 6, 1960—Brother Rikard absent.

Liscensed after examination was Brother James A. Rogers.

Referred until next meeting of the council were Brothers Snyder and Whittington.



Motion to adjourn. Sustained.

VI. Mt. Olive Church, Kannapolis, N. C., April 30, 1960—Bro. Branch absent.

The following were liscensed after examination: Brother Walter Snyder and Brother Clarence Beech.

Duplicate ordination papers were issued to Brother Walter Whittington who had been ordained many years previously and whose papers had been misplaced.

Motion that we delay ordination or exchanging of papers with Brother Burris who was recommended to us by Bethany Church of Wadesboro, until he becomes a member of that church and is officially their pastor, and then they should call the council to come and ordain him. Motion sustained.

Motion to adjourn. Sustained.

VII. Cramerton, N. C., May 5, 1960—All members present except Brothers Branch and Goforth. Motion that we meet at Wayside Church in Charlotte, N. C., June 21, 1960. That we not meet to examine candidates after that meeting until the convention meets. Motion sustained.

Motion that we send a card to each of the ministers notifying them that we expect each of them to be present at the yearly meeting or to send the reason why, along with their report, to the association or there may be action taken by the council.

Motion to adjourn. Sustained.

VIII. Seigle Street Church, Charlotte, N. C., June 31, 1960—Brothers Willis and Goforth absent.

Brother J. W. Wooten came before the council in a very Christlike spirit and asked to be reinstated.

Motion to reinstate Brother Wooten. Motion sustained.

The ordination of Brother Burris was approved for July 2, 1960, in a complete ordination service.

Motion to adjourn. Sustained.

IX. Cramerton, N. C., July 2, 1960—All members present except Brother Goforth.

Brother James Stikeleather was licensed after examination.

Motion to adjourn. Sustained.

X. Gastonia, N. C., July 16, 1960—Final meeting of the ordaining council of the Piedmont Association for the year of 1959 and 1960.

The minutes of the ordaining council were agreed to be correct to the best of our remembrance and knowledge.

A report of Brother Huffman and Brother Haglar that they had gone to Wadesboro upon instructions of the council and had conducted a complete ordination service for Brother C. C. Burris which had already been examined and approved of this council.

There were then some resolutions passed upon to be presented to the association concerning licensing and ordination of ministers.

Motion that we adjourn. Sustained.

Travis Huffman, *Chairman*  
Ralph Willis, *Secretary*  
Sherman Branch  
Robert Haglar  
Roy Rikard  
Harold Goforth

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Ordained: Jesse Benoist, A. W. Newell, Raymond Ross and C. C. Burris.

Ordained ministers reinstated: Mitchell Davis and Walter Whittington.

Licenses granted: James Puckett, Garyson Spencer, Robert Deese, Marcus Absher, Albert Bell, James Rogers, Clarence Beech, Walter Snyder and James Stikeleather.

Credentials returned to council: W. T. Knotts and James Weaver.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I. August 13, 1959, Charlotte, N. C.—The executive board met at the Heman Free Will Baptist Church on Robinson Circle, Charlotte, N. C., to transact business relative to the receiving of the Heman Church. Members of the board present were Walter Carter, Frank McQuage, N. B. Perkins and Robert Hagler (advisory). The church of approximately 20 charter members was received into our Piedmont Association fellowship. A. W. Newell, Pastor.

II. September 12, 1959, Rockingham, N. C.—The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother William Calvert. Brother Carter, as chairman, was presiding. Members present were: W. B. Carter, W. H. Calvert, Ralph Staten, Drexler Benton, proxy for D. D. Hunsucker, and Homer Savage, proxy for M. T. Sparks. Those absent were Frank McQuage and N. B. Perkins.

Walter Carter gave a report on the Highway Church property. Insurance company took care of repair job without cost to the association.

Board approved bill of \$21.50 for printing material used by promotional secretary. This was considered enough mimeograph paper to do work for *Promotor* for one year and to pay for three months of headed sheets.

It was voted that all such bills must be authorized and approved by the executive board. Said bills are to be presented during board meeting rather than during the quarterly meeting.

It was mutually agreed that the Sunday School Convention money held by Brother Holt, due to his moving to another area, should be transferred to the associational treasurer, Deese Hunsucker.

It was recommended that an offering be taken at any public meeting of the association. The said monies would be put in the general fund of association and be allocated at the discretion of the executive board for promotional purposes.

The matter of an ordination manual was discussed. It would be of such subject matter as to be sufficient information to answer questions used in ordination questionnaire.

It was mutually agreed concerning the Highway Church property to be sold to Walter Carter for the sum of \$200.00. The said transaction becomes effective September 12, 1959, at noon. If he should sell the property to any individual at a bonus price he would refund said amount to this associational treasurer. Adjourned.

III. November 28, 1959, Mable Avenue Church, Kannapolis, N. C.—The following business was transacted:

The board conducted a round table discussion on the split in the Near the Cross Church and the manner of allocating the funds of the tithe from our associational receipts.

Motion was sustained that we allocate the sum of \$10.00 to each of the following: Cragmont Assembly, Mt. Olive Junior College, and the Children's Home at Middlesex.

The matter of the Highway Church property near Rockingham was discussed. It was moved and adopted that we accept the sum of \$200.00 for the property and pay for the deed transaction.

Motion was made that the promotional secretary and clerk be paid the sum of \$50.00 from the quarterly meeting treasury for expenses incurred and services rendered, and the balance that Brothers Young and Newell may have be allocated to the general fund.

Adjourned by Brother William Calvert.

IV. January 18, 1960, Cramerton, N. C.—Brother Carter, the chairman, presiding. Brother Sparks led in prayer. The following answered the roll call: Walter Carter, Ralph Staten, D. D. Hunsucker, M. T. Sparks and William Calvert.

The treasurer reported the sum of \$1,761.93 in the associational treasury.

The program for the quarterly meeting to be held January 30, at the Mt. Pleasant Church in Lexington, was outlined.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we make the donation of \$100.00 to the building program of Cragmont Assembly.

It was moved that the clerk send a notice to each of the churches declaring the fourth Sunday in February be set aside as Cragmont Assembly Day. A special offering to be taken and sent to Cragmont Assembly Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

It was properly sustained that the executive board and the ordaining council have a joint meeting at the close of the Ministers' Conference February 6, 1960, at the West Fifth Avenue Church in Gastonia. Adjourned.

V. February 6, 1960, West Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, N. C.—Members present were Walter Carter, N. B. Perkins, M. T. Sparks, Ralph Staten and W. H. Calvert.

A discussion was held on plans for a special called meeting to be held on February 17, in Kannapolis relative to program for next meeting and the reception of two new churches in the association.

Board approved the payment of \$9.00 for the mailing expense of the *Promotor* in November and February.

A joint meeting of the ordaining council was then made with the executive board to discuss the matter of the request of the West Fifth Avenue

Church. It was moved to defer the matter until a later date and further study before final action was taken.

VI. February 20, 1960, Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, N. C.—Program outline was adopted for May 29 meeting. Moved to notify the clerk of the passing of any of the ministers, who in turn notify others. Moved to refund Brother Carter \$6.25 insurance fees. Received Valley View and West Side Churches.

VII. May 28, 1960, Maple Street Church, Rockingham, N. C.—Meeting was opened in prayer by Brother Sparks.

The following were present: Walter Carter, William Calvert, M. T. Sparks, Frank McQuage and Ralph Staten.

Rev. William Calvert introduced the question relative to the relationship that now exists between the Mt. Zion Church in Kannapolis, including the pastor, R. J. Reynolds, and the Piedmont Association.

Motion sustained that we declare that the Mt. Zion Church is still a member of the Piedmont Association and will be in full fellowship when the said church rescinds its action transacted in a conference asking for a letter of dismissal to join another body. Rev. R. J. Reynolds status as a minister would be left to the recommendation of the ordaining council.

Motion that contact men be appointed to visit and counsel with churches which have been indifferent in attendance and representation toward the quarterly meetings and the annual sessions of the association. Brother William Calvert was delegated authority to visit Woodbine and Archdale Churches. When he negotiates said transaction, he is to be paid the sum of \$15.00 per deim.

Motion was properly sustained that we request the representation of the following churches at our associational meetings, quarterly and annually, and send greetings to the same: Lowell, South Point, Catawba Heights, Kings Mountain, and Mt. Zion.

It was moved and adopted that the promotional secretary be paid the sum of \$12.00, postage for the *Promotor*, \$3.00 for mimeograph stencil and ink, and \$7.00 for services—the total of \$20.00.

The formulation of a program outline and schedule for the annual session was assigned to M. T. Sparks and Ralph Staten. The remainder of the program shall be completed at the Ministers' Conference which meets with the Mt. Pleasant Church, in Lexington, Saturday, June 25.

Motion was adopted that the Rev. Roy Rikard furnish cut of P.B.I. to be used on the program pamphlet.

This session was adjourned and Rev. Frank McQuage dismissed in prayer.

The Executive Board;

Chairman—Walter Carter  
Secretary—Ralph Staten  
Treasurer—Deese Hunsucker  
Vice-Chairman—N. B. Perkins  
Frank McQuage  
M. T. Sparks  
W. H. Calvert

# Proceedings of the 17th Annual Session Held at Near the Cross Church Kannapolis, N. C. August 4-6, 1960

The introductory services of the Seventeenth annual session of the Piedmont Association of Original Free Will Baptist in North Carolina were conducted on Thursday, August 4, 1960, at 7:30 p. m., at Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., with Brother Raymond Ross as host pastor.

The devotional exercises were conducted with a youth program. Novella Propst, youth chairman, was in charge. Brother James Stikeleather led in prayer.

Randall Staten presented a talk on the topic, "Abounding in the Work of the Lord Through Our Youth."

A report of the District Youth Fellowship meetings for the year was made by Novella Propst. The next meeting was announced to be at Goshen Free Will Baptist Church Saturday, September 17, 1960.

Plans for the Piedmont Youth Camp were then discussed.

Special numbers in song were rendered by groups from Ben Avenue, Goshen and Seigle Street.

The congregation was then led in song, "Blessed Assurance," directed by Brother Hunsucker and Mrs. Staten at the piano.

After this, the clerk of the association, Rev. Staten, declared the Piedmont Association in session. The moderator, Rev. Carter, then assumed his duties. The moderator made his opening remarks.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. William Calvert, pastor of Ben Avenue Church. He used for his Scripture, Esther 4:14; as his text and the theme, "In Times Like These." This message proclaimed an emergency and crisis for us because of the indifference and lukewarmness.

The congregation then sang, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart."

At the close of the service, the moderator made the following appointments: The credentials committee: Robert Hagler, Raymond Ross and Ralph Willis; the nominating committee: Sherman Branch, Homer Savage and Lee Therrell.

Announcements were made by the local pastor and remarks by the moderator.

The session was adjourned until 10:00 a. m., Friday, August 5, 1960.  
Benediction by Brother Roy Rikard.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The association was opened Friday morning with the moderator, Rev. Walter Carter, presiding and making the opening remarks. The congrega-

tion was led in a song by Brother Sparks.

Devotions were brought by Brother Drexler Benton. He used the Scripture 2 Peter 1:5-10 and 3:18.

The program was adopted to be flexible to the discretion of the moderator.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Raymond Ross. The response by Ralph Willis, pastor of Bethlehem Church of Kannapolis.

The vice-moderator, N. B. Perkins, then read the rules of decorum, after which the moderator made his remarks pertaining to the rules.

Readings of the minutes and proceedings were then orally adopted (these being of the previous meeting).

A partial report by the credential committees was made at this time and approved, therefore a quorum was ascertained.

The following visitors were welcomed and recognized at this time: Rev. Clyde Cox of the Blue Ridge Association, and Rev. Charles Manus of the Rockfish Association.

The nominating committee then gave its report for the office of clerk. Ralph Willis was elected by acclamation.

There was a special number in song by a quartet consisting of Mr. Sparks, Mrs. N. B. Perkins, Clyde Cox and Ralph Staten, with Mrs. Staten at the piano.

Ralph Willis submitted his resignation from the ordination council as according to the rule of serving two offices at the same time on the council and the executive board. This matter was referred to the nominating committee.

A complete report of the nominating committee, except that of filling the vacancy on the ordaining council due to the resignation of Brother Willis, was made at this time, with the understanding that the first two as recorded in the minutes would have terms expiring and would be replaced. The reason for this was explained that there had been a mix-up on the dates and Brother Huffman and Brother Rikard would have expiring terms. (See the directory for those elected.) Report approved.

Another partial report by the credential committee. Approved.

Report of the nominating committee was made at this time. Brother Paul Davis was elected to serve the unexpired time of Brother Willis on the council.

Upon receiving letters from the Catawba and Lowell Churches, it was approved that these churches be granted a seat and placed in good standing with the association.

Motion made and properly sustained to insert in the papers that thirty-seven ministers of this association have voted to take a stand against John F. Kennedy for president of the United States. Unanimous approval.

Motion that there be a three-man committee; namely, Walter Carter, Ralph Staten and J. J. Brooks, to compile and turn in to the newspapers, this report. Approved.

Benediction by Rev. Brooks.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by congregational song, directed by Rev. Sparks, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotions by Rev. Hagler, reading Scripture from Romans 3:7.

Special number in song was rendered, "I Didn't Hear Nobody Pray," by the author of this song, Mr. Dorsey Dixon.

Recognition was given to the oldest attending minister of our association, Rev. J. W. Jones, who gave a testimony that was a blessing to all.

Rev. Clyde Cox of the Blue Ridge Association, visiting with us, rendered two numbers in song for us at this time.

An oral report of the proceedings of the executive board was made at this time. Motion sustained that these proceedings be turned over to the clerk and placed in the minutes.

Motion that the report of the ordaining council be received as information and placed in the minutes, and the ministers placed on the roll of licensed and ordained ministers. Approved.

Motion that we abolish Rule 16 as found in the 1959 minutes of Rules and Regulations and use Rule 17, as the two conflicted. Sustained.

Motion that we accept the treasurer's report. (See report with committee reports.)

Motion that the association pay Brother Staten for any expense incurred for the association. Sustained.

A standing vote of thanks was given Brother Staten for his work as clerk and promotional secretary for the association the past year.

A report of the encampment board was given and approved. (See reports of committees and boards.)

Report of the Children's Home board made and adopted. (See other reports.)

The moderator, Rev. Carter, ruled that the money of any group, which ceases to be active, will automatically go to the parent association, such as was the case of the Sunday School Convention which was declared a part of the association and subordinate to the same. This also applied to the encampment fund of the convention.

Motion that the association vote to give the money of the encampment fund to the person who is elected by this association to be used only for a camp ground. (It was mutually agreed that the chairman of the encampment board would be the treasurer.) Approved.

Motion that the encampment board find a suitable place and recommend it to the association as soon as possible so that we may purchase it.

Services were dismissed with benediction by Brother Sparks.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Opened services with Brother Hunsucker leading the congregation in a song, "I Am Thine O Lord."

Associational clerk presiding in the absence of the moderator and assistant.

Devotions were brought to us by Brother L. L. Therrell, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, reading 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 4.

Special numbers in song were rendered by Mrs. Elsie Mae Boger of Mable Avenue.

Rev. Roy Rikard brought a very challenging and inspiring message on the theme, "Christian Education and Missions," using text, Matthew 28: 18-20.

Special numbers in song were rendered by a quartet from Ben Avenue and a trio from Near the Cross.

Friday evenings message was brought by Rev. Sherman Branch, pastor of the Dallas Church. The topic of his sermon was, "What Meaneth These Stones," using Scripture found in Joshua 4:1-7. In this message we were pointed to the landmarks that we are to look to and the landmarks we are to leave for those that will follow us later.

After the announcements and closing remarks, the service was dismissed in prayer by Brother Staten.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with congregational song directed by Brother Hagler.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Billy Allen, pastor of West Fifth Avenue Church. He used the Scripture text of Acts 1:8.

The nominating committee then recommended Rev. William Calvert for the assistant clerk of the association. Motion made and properly sustained that we accept this report and elect Brother Calvert by acclamation.

The report of the resolution committee was made and adopted item by item as following: Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted with resolution No. 4 amended that this information be given to the committee taking care of this matter and placed in pamphlet form and distributed to the churches. (See report of boards and committee for these resolutions.)

Motion made and approved that we purchase and pay for tracts pertaining to the truths and dangers of Roman Catholicism and distribute them to the churches of this association.

Motion and second that the moderator appoint a committee for the purpose of obtaining these tracts. Approved. The publications and literature board was appointed for this business.

Motion made and properly sustained that we abide by the rules of the North Carolina State Treatise in licensing and ordaining ministers.

Motion that we accept the report of the education board that was made last year the same as this except for the date. Approved.

Motion properly sustained that we adopt the report of the finance board. (See report of committees and boards for report.)

Visitors were recognized as follows: N. B. Barrow, state moderator, bringing greetings from the State Association; Walter Reynolds gave a report for the State Board of Superannuation (see reports); J. W. Everton brought greetings to the association from the Children's Home; R. H. Jackson gave an oral report on the mission activity as seen in the eyes of the National Association. Brother Yates, pastor of the New Hope Church, was present.

Motion to ask each church to send \$1.00 per member to go to the encampment fund, this was to be above the general fund fees. Approved.

Motion sustained to authorize someone to have the association's public



address equipment repaired. It was mutually agreed that the board of trustees take care of this item.

Motion that the executive board continue and put into operation the mission plan approved last year. Approved.

Delegates to the State Convention were elected as follows: Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. Walter Carter and Mrs. Ralph Staten.

The association adjourned as of August 6, 1960, to convene with the Catawba Free Will Baptist Church, August 3, 1960, on Thursday evening.

## The Different Reports Adopted During This Session

### FINANCE BOARD

We, your committee on finance, do hereby submit the following recommendations which were adopted.

1. That we pay Rev. Staten \$90.00 for the 1958-59 minutes.
2. That we pay the clerk \$60.00 for 1960 work.
3. That we send thirty cents per member (active or inactive) next year.

Colon Hudson

L. L. Therrell

Deese Hunsucker, *Treasurer*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

In Treasury Last Association .....	\$1,207.13	
Received Last Association .....	442.60	
Received from Rent of Highway Church .....	30.00	
Received from East Belmont Church .....	17.00	
Received from Highway Church Sale.....	200.00	
Received from Piedmont Sunday School Convention ...	162.84	
Received from Quarterly Conference.....	17.00	
Others Received .....	14.00	
Total Received .....		\$2,090.97
	<i>Expenditures</i>	
Children's Home .....	\$ 54.70	
Traveling Expense of Executive Board and Trustees ...	58.60	
Paid for Printing Supplies .....	75.80	
Paid Piedmont Bible Institute .....	50.00	
Paid Cragmont .....	110.00	
Paid for Transfer of Deed and Insurance on Highway		
Church Property .....	13.75	
Paid for Printing 1958-59 Minutes .....	495.00	
Total Paid Out .....		867.85
Balance in Treasury .....		\$1,223.12

D. D. Hunsucker, *Treasurer*

## ENCAMPMENT BOARD

In Piedmont Association Encampment Treasure.....	\$ 60.00
Original Sunday School Convention Encampment Fund .....	316.02
Total .....	<u>\$376.02</u>

M. T. Sparks, *Treasurer*

## CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

We, your board on the Children's Home, recommend that each pastor urge his congregation to give liberally for the cause of the Children's Home at least twice each year.

Mrs. M. T. Sparks  
N. B. Perkins  
Travis Huffman

## TRUSTEE BOARD

The board sold the Highway Church property located near Rockingham for the sum of \$200.00 to Rev. Walter Carter after approval of the executive board.

Homer Savage, *Chairman*  
Claude Vannoy  
Fred Tiner

## REPORT TO THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 1, 1959-JULY 31, 1960

### STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

1. We now have 22 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number two are from your association.

2. We have 24 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number two are from your association.

3. Contributions made by the association to superannuation:

Churches .....	\$19.00
Auxiliaries .....	60.00
Conference .....	6.00

Total.....\$85.00

4. The board of superannuation has sent into the Piedmont Association \$350.00 above the operating expense of the board.

5. The budget for 1959-1960 is \$20,000.00, based on 50¢ per member of the churches in the state.

6. October is superannuation month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

7. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectively Submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that we give a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for the invitation to come to the Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church and for the generous hospitality manifested during our stay.

2. Be it resolved, that we extend to the different committees and boards and outgoing officials our gratitude and appreciation for the service rendered during this session and past associational year.

3. Be it resolved, that September 25 be Christian Education rally day at Piedmont Bible Institute.

4. Be it resolved, that we accept the recommendation of the Ministers' Conference concerning a Catholic President.

5. Also be it resolved, that we adopt the church letter forms to quarterly and annual meeting of the association.

Recommended by the ordaining council:

6. That if any lay member desiring to be licensed to the ministry, must be a member of a Free Will Baptist church and in good standing with the church for a period of one year prior to being licensed.

7. That there be a roll call of ministers with each minister being notified two times by mail, and that each minister be required to answer this roll call in person. If it should be impossible for any one to report in person they should write the secretary of the ordaining council sending it by someone or by mail. Should anyone fail to comply with this ruling they would be notified by the ordaining council that their credentials are null and void for failing to comply with this rule.

8. That the time of this meeting be set for the fourth Saturday night in September, which will be September 24, 1960, at 7:00 p. m., at South Point Free Will Baptist Church, Belmont, N. C., and that there be a special service prepared for this meeting.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AND ACCEPTED BY THE ASSOCIATIONAL BODY

Whereas, we hold dear the great religious liberties endowed upon each individual by our Creator and the great fundamentals upon which our great country is founded, which is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, to wit; freedom of religion, separation of church and state, etal;

Whereas, we are aware of the history of Roman Catholicism and her expressed attitude toward these liberties, and her suppression through bloody persecutions throughout the years; and,

Whereas, we are aware of the political nature of the Roman Catholic church and her teachings as pertaining to the separation of church and state, which teachings proclaim the church (Roman Catholic) possesses divine authority over civil governments, which authority is being demonstrated even in this day where she is in majority, by her persecutions of heretics (non-Catholics) of which she declares have no rights, and in fact ought not to exist; and,

Whereas, in view of the fact that her Pope, whom she declares to be the voice of God and the supreme judge of Christians upon the earth, is in fact

an absolute monarch of a sovereign state (the Vatican) who demands obedience and unquestionable loyalty from His subjects over the whole earth; therefore be it

Resolved: That we are opposed to the election of any Roman Catholic to the office of the presidency of the United States, not solely on the basis of his religious faith, to which he has the right to subscribe, but because of the peculiar political doctrine of his church which is incompatible with the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved: That we, as Christians, will refrain from our religious bigotry and intolerance as such; but will endeavor to inform our people as to the true nature of the issues that shall be involved in this campaign as pertains to Roman Catholicism and the need for guidance from the Lord in this matter.



## Statistical Table for Church Reports

Name	Average in League	Average in Sunday School	Members Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Building and Repair	Education	Publication	Children's Home	Minutes	Value of Property	Paid Evangelist	Other Salaries
First Stanley	37	2	0	0	0	48	\$1,820	\$ 94	\$ 25	\$ 100	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$12	\$ 21,000	\$ 70	\$
Ashland Street	45	8	52	0	59	1,821	242					23			13	8,000	120	
Ben Avenue	35	115	17	15	0	1	101	4,001		9		70			25	25,000	185	
Bethlehem	40	50	2	0	24	0	28	1,300		37	1,000	45	50	68	7	15,000	75	
Calvary		37	26	6	3	0	40	700		3	900				10	15,500	26	
Catawba		72	53	21	17	0	102	2,580		15	570				26	8,000	146	
Cramerton		300	8	7	8	3	278	5,200	480	960	756	480			70	130,000	300	
Dallas		50	22	0	5	0	43	400		45		10			11	5,500	35	
East Belmont		62	2	0	2	4	57	2,080	12	5	3,300		17		14	10,000	50	
East Rockingham		162	34	13	0	4	200	5,200	25	25	348	70	461		50	23,000	357	
First Cherryville		25	6	0	0	0	34				0		0		9		20	
First Gastonia	50	135					100	3,700	250	140	2,223		230		25	41,000	344	
Goshen		162	11	4	10	2	123	5,200	175	400	2,230	865	460		32	77,000	420	
Heman		28	30	8	1	0	29	459	74		51	51	26		7		70	
Independence Square		60	7	3	38	0	71	1,300		20	326		60	73	18	10,000		
Mable Avenue	20	80	5				100	2,805			843				25	20,000		
Mt. Carmel		68	7	18	0	0	18	14	100		2,041				5	6,000	75	
Mt. Holly		120	40	20	88	2	68	4,340	93	300	1,290		414		17	41,500	250	
Mt. Olive		85	16	8	2	0	60	1,040	264		3,838	25	71		15	32,000	75	
Mt. Pleasant		90	28	16	4	0	50	1,011	100	0	604	45			13	4,500	56	
Mountain View	46	75	17	3	0	0	50	990	0	0	720	25	110		25	13	7,000	75
Morganton	25	100	10	7	0	0	40	4,400	0	0	150	90	80		2	10	50,000	
Near the Cross		40	6	0	1	0	30	415	21		150	30	7		8	4,000	35	
New Hope		60	10	0	0	1	39	530	50		25	37	0		10	5,000	85	
Roberson Creek		40	0	1	0	0	35	980	40	40			55	50	9	5,000	106	
Sandy Ford		23	22	38	0	19	520				0	0	0		5	3,000	7	
Siegle Street		65	26	20	4	1	80	4,640	123	113	1,005	123	101		20	15,000	280	
South Point		130	47	26	44	0	112	4,540			13,000		75		28	48,000	130	
United		20	3	1	2	0	23	30	0	0	0	0	4		6	4,200	0	
West Fifth Avenue		100	12	7	5	0	45	3,000		11	1,000	25	165	0	15	7,300	130	
West Side, Charlotte		38	4	3	21	0	25	1,025	21		1,988	33	0		11	3,500	75	
West Side, Kannapolis		50	15	18	0	0	20	1,270	0	0					5	7,000		

