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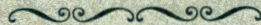
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Associational Directory

OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Rev. Frank McQuage, Moderator ----- Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.
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Rev. Weldon Key (Term Expires 1964) 1606, Vinson St., Kannapolis, North Carolina
Rev. Vernon Church (Term Expires 1965) Lexington, N. C.

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- Rev. Jesse Benoist, Chairman, (Term Expires 1963) Rockingham, N. C.
Rev. H. G. Russell (Term Expires 1963) Rt.1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Harold Goforth (Term Expires 1964) Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, North Carolina.
Rev. Clarence Ballew (Term Expires 1964) Rt. 1, Box 314, Lexington, North Carolina.
Rev. J. W. Wooten, Secretary, (Term Expires 1965) Box 5, Catawba Heights, North Carolina.
Rev. Lloyd Gray (Terms Expires 1965) Lowell, N. C. (Box 782)

Associational Boards

(Term Expires year beside Names)

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. Oscar Gray (1963); Rev. J. W. Wooten (1964); Rev. Roy Rikard (1965).
MISSION: Rev. Raymond Ross (1964); Rev. A. W. Newell (1963); Rev. J. T. Bailey (1965).
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. Maxie Coleman (1963); Rev. Frank McQuage (1964); C. M. Kirkland (1965).
LEAGUE: James Harrison (1963); Jesse Benoist (1964); Mrs. N. B. Perkins (1965).
ORPHANAGE: Rev. Ralph Willis (1963); Rev. Robert Hagler (1964); Mrs. Christabelle Jacobs (1965).
PIEDMONT HEADQUARTERS: Thomas Rogers (1963); Harvey Hilderbran (1964); Frank Fish (1965); Ray Rowell (1966); Homer Savage (1967).

- SUPERANNUATION: Robert Hagler (1965); M. T. Sparks (1964).
 FINANCE: Rev. M. T. Sparks (1963); Rev. Billy Allen (1964); Rev. Ralph Willis (1965); Harvey Hilderbran (Treasurer).
 RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. Roy Rikard (1963); J. R. McCarn (1964); Jesse Benoist (1965).
 TRUSTEES: Rev. Norman Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Rev. Claude Vannoy, Kannapolis, N. C.; Rev. Millard Hardman, Kannapolis, N. C.
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kenneth Upright, Homer Savage, Jesse Benoist, Lloyd Gray, Charles Foster.
 PUBLICATION and LITERATURE: J. W. Wooten (1963); Catawba Heights, N. C.; Vernon Church (1964); Lexington, N. C.
 MATER'S MEN: Raymond Ross (1963); Kannapolis, N. C.; Fred Tiner (1964); Kannapolis, N. C.

CHURCH DELEGATES

- BEN AVE., Kannapolis, N. C.: Ernest Lewis, Ray Rowell, Fred Tyner
 BETHLEHEM, Kannapolis, N. C.: Richard Pethel, Harold Pethel, Earl Bittle.
 CATAWBA HEIGHTS, Catawba Heights, N. C.: C. M. Kirkland, Wanda Kirkland, Patsy McCoig.
 CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C.: Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Estelle Helms, Billy Quick, Kenneth Vaughn, Mrs. Leo Foxx, Mrs. Roy Rikard.
 EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C., Lester Carrell, Conley Sparks, and Elliot Correll.
 GOSHEN, N. Belmont, N. C.:
 INDEPENDANCE SQUARE, Kannapolis, N. C.: Mrs. Pauline Barbee, Mrs. Clyde Smith.
 LOFTIS, Landis, N. C.: Mrs. Emory Brown, Mrs. L. C. Boatright
 MABLE AVE., Kannapolis, N. C.: James Cox, Brenda Connelly, Bobby Cox.
 MAPLE ST., Rockingham, N. C.: Christabelle Jacobs, Margie Wilkes, Charlie Allen, Aggie Parker.
 MT. CARMEL, Lexington, N. C.: Charlie Foster, Charles Hartwell, Jr., Curl Whittington.
 MT. HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C.: Zona Mae Perkins, Frank Fish, Harvey Hilderbran.
 MTN. VIEW, Spencer Mtn., N. C.: Poley Payne, J. C. Weathers, Billy Pruitt
 NEAR CALVARY, Lexington, N. C.: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Howard
 NEAR THE CROSS, Kannapolis, N. C.: William M. Mullis, Bill Poston.
 NEW HOPE, Rockingham, N. C.: Ed Hunt, Jerry Smith, James Witaker
 Jenifer White, Hattie Bailey.

- PECAN GROVE, Gastonia, N. C.: Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, Mrs. Mandy Gray, Mrs. Elvie McGee.
- ROBERSON CREEK, Bostic, N. C.:
- SEIGLE ST., Charlotte, N. C.: Mrs. Dorothy Inry, Mrs. Virgie Shytle, David Inry.
- SOUTH POINT, Belmont, N. C.:
- SANDY FORD, Mt. Holly, N. C.: Clarence Hester, James Sigman, Minnie Hester, Mattie King, Eugene King, Howard Kirkland.
- TALON MEMORIAL, Stanley, N. C.: Elizabeth Branch, Nancy Walker, Maxie Wooten.
- WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C.: Mrs. Ernest Fore, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Collins.
- WESTSIDE, Charlotte, N. C.:
- WESTSIDE, Kannapolis, N. C.:
- LOWELL, Lowell, N. C.: Mildred Melton, Mrs. L. D. Gray, J. R. McCarn

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCHES—ADDRESSES	PASTORS
Bethlehem—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Rev. Ralph Willis
Bethlehem—Patrick, S. C.-----	Rev. Liles
Ben Ave.—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Vacant
Catawba Heights—Catawba Heights, N. C.-----	Rev. J. W. Wooten
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.-----	Rev. Roy Rikard
East Belmont—Belmont, N. C.-----	Rev. M. T. Sparks
First Church—Gastonia, N. C.-----	William Calvert
Goshen—North Pelmont, N. C.-----	Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.
Glenwood—Rockingham, N. C.-----	Rev. Paul Brown
Independance Square—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Rev. Harold Goforth
Loftis—Landis, N. C.-----	Rev. Millard Hardman
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.-----	Rev. Lloyd Gray
Mable Ave.—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Rev. E. O. Connelly
Maple St.—Rockingham, N. C.-----	Rev. Frank McQuage
Mt. Calvary—Rockingham, N. C.-----	Rev. Charles Mannas
Mt. Carmel—Lexington, N. C.-----	Rev. Robert Hagler
Mt. Holly—Mt. Holly, N. C.-----	Rev. Norman Perkins
Mtn. View—Spencer Mtn., N. C.-----	Rev. Homer Savage
Near Calvary—Lexington, N. C.-----	Rev. W. W. Howard
New Hope—Rockingham, N. C.-----	Rev. J. T. Bailey
Near The Cross—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Rev. Raymond Ross
Pecan Grove—Gastonia, N. C.-----	Rev. Oscar Gray
Sandy Ford—Mt. Holly, N. C.-----	Rev. Ernest King
Seigle St.—Charlotte, N. C.-----	Rev. Jimmy Skipper
South Point—Belmont, N. C.-----	Rev. H. G. Russell
Westside—Charlotte, N. C.-----	Rev. Maxie Coleman
Westside—Kannapolis, N. C.-----	Rev. L. E. Lawing
West Fifth Ave.—Gastonia, N. C.-----	Rev. Billy Allen

MINISTERS OF PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

(Ministers who Reported by letter)*

1. Billy Allen, 2120 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.
2. J. T. Bailey, 1424 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, N. C.
3. J. L. Barbee, Rt. 4, Box 675, Kannapolis, N. C.
4. Drexler Benton, 109 S. Rose Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
5. Maxie Coleman, 2126 Purser Drive, Charlotte, N. C.
6. Vernon M. Church, 1702 Greensborro St., Lexington, N. C.
7. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., Gen. Del. North Belmont, N. C.
8. Oscar L. Gray, Box 209, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
9. Robert S. Hagler, 603 Moore Drive, Lexington, N. C.
10. Millard Hardman, Box 688, Rt. 4, Kannapolis, N. C.
11. Harold Goforth, Box 684, Rt. 4, Kannapolis, N. C.
12. Weldon Key, 1606 Vinson St., Kannapolis, N. C.
13. Daniel W. O'Kelly, 912 West A. St., Kannapolis, N. C.
14. Norman B. Perkins, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C.
15. Raymond Ross, Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.
16. Homer Savage, Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
17. M. T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.
18. Ernest Stamey, Belmont, N. C.
19. H. G. Russell, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
20. Raymond Rice, Gastonia, N. C.
21. Kenneth Upright, Kannapolis, N. C.
22. Walter B. Whittington, 710 1st Rainbow St., Lexington, N. C.
23. Bobby G. Weathers, Box 333, Belmont, N. C.
24. Ralph Willis, 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
25. J. W. Wooten, Box 5, Catawba Heights, N. C.

* The above is a list of the ministers who reported to the Association by turning in a report. Many others who reported in person did not make out a report either because they did not have the necessary forms, or just neglected to do so. We are going to try to make sure that all ministers of the Association receive the necessary report blank and we urge all to please co-operate and turn these in at the annual Association so we may have an accurate record of the names and addresses of all our ministers.

Billy Allen, Clerk

The following were Excommunicated by vote of the Association.
Walter Carter, J. J. Brooks, Lee Therrell, Paul Davis.

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. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
17. Unlawful absence from body denies a party voting privileges.
18. Members breaking any of these rules, moderator admonishes.
19. 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.

6. This association shall meet once a year at such time, and place, as may be agreed upon by the preceding 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 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 OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

1. Associational Officers are to be elected by a majority vote.
2. The Clerk and Assistant are to be elected at the beginning of the session.
3. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Promotional Secretary are to be elected at the close of each session.
4. The Ordaining Council is to be elected by the Association; The number of this council is to be six members elected in rotating terms; Two for two year terms, Two for Three year terms, and two for one year terms. Under this system. Two members are elected annually for three year terms. The council shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary and shall have authority to ordain, investigate ministers, subject to the approval of The Association in regular or special session. They shall keep a record of their work and their secretary shall send a record of that to the clerk of the Association not later than one week before the annual Association convenes. The expense of the Council is to be paid from a fund of \$100.00 set aside by the Association for this purpose, and each Church who calls the council is requested to receive a free-will offering and send same to the Treasurer of The Association for this purpose. The council shall receive from the treasurer expenses of 6 cents per mile per car plus meals.
5. The Executive Board shall have charge of the promotional work, and Educational work of the Association and shall have the authority to act for the Association in it's business between sessions. The Board shall report it's work annually to The Association and it's work is subject to the approval of The Association The expense of the Board shall be paid in the same manner as the Ordaining Council.
6. The Piedmont Association is affiliated with The N. C. Association of Free Will Baptists' and The National Association of Free Will Baptists'. The Treatise of The Faith and practices of The National Association is to be used.
7. The Piedmont Association believes and practices "Congregational" Church Government and assumes no higher authority than in an advisory capacity. The highest Authority that the Association has over the Churches within her fellowship is the power to withdraw fellowship from a church.
8. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support our denominational programs of Our State and National Associations.
9. The Association approves and urges the indefinite pastoral call.
10. The Chairman of each board and committee is treasurer of it's funds. (Exception: Associational Treasurer is treasurer of Executive Board.)
11. A member in good standing in the Association may serve on as many boards and committees as he or she is elected to (exception: No member may serve on The Executive Board and Ordaining Council at the same time.)

12. Each Church is requested to send in at least 1 per cent of it's annual offerings to The Association with their letters. This money to be used for printing of the minutes and Associational expense.
13. A Nominating Committee will be appointed at the close of each annual session to serve for the year, Their duty will be to present nominations for all officers, Boards and Committees necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The body shall have the privilege to nominate from the floor, when this committee gives it's report.
14. 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD.** We believe that there is only one true and living God, who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and mediator between God and man, the man Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time—I Timothy 2:5.
2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and instruction in righteousness.
3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY.** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell in depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw the tree was for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave to her husband and he did eat"—Gen. 3:16.
4. **CHRISTIAN FAITH.** We believe that Christain faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.
5. **FREE GRACE.** We believe the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 1:12.
6. **REPENTANCE.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded

by effectual conviction of sin: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorrow but that ye sorrowed to repentance that ye might receive damage by us in nothing: for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death." I Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY.** We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what the Lord required of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."—Mich. 6:8.

8. We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but those who by faith and perseverance unto the end shall be saved, that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and be finally lost. "And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS.** We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity, that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire; wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death that like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in the newness of life." Romans 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER.** We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation unto himself not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 11:28, 29.

12. **FEET WASHING.** We believe that washing of the saints' feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all our churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among members of our churches. "If then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL.** We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

January 24, 1962

Notice of Called Meeting:

To Whom It May Concern: (All members of the Piedmont Association)

This is to inform you that there will be an urgent called meeting of the Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptist of N. C. at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. on Saturday March 3, 1962 at 9:30 A. M.

To discuss the following business:

1. To discuss a resolution that calls for the repudiation of the N. C. State Treatise (1955 edition) of the North Carolina State Convention of (original) Free Will Baptist and other matters relative to Church Government, including the adoption of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
2. To settle once and for all the issues of "Connectional" versus "Congregational" Government.
3. To vote upon these issues that determine the type of government we want for our Churches.

All of you who have questioned the actions of the Association on these matters were perhaps correct in your contentions that they are not legal. But this is to inform you that this meeting will be a legal meeting which meets all the requirements of the law, and that everything properly brought before the body and passed will be both legal and binding.

All Churches who are members of this Association are urged to pray about these matters and to be sure and be represented by the delegates that you are entitled to in our constitution (article 4). This notice is not meant to influence your vote in any way, as it is your privilege to vote as you see fit. But by the authority vested in us by our constitution (article 7), we deem it necessary to call this meeting. Therefore, in the Executive Board meeting held at Maple Street Church in Rockingham, N. C., January 13, 1962, we voted unanimously to call this meeting to settle this important question.

Please be duly represented.

In His Service,

By: Rev. R. L. Willis, Clerk

For: The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association of (original)
Free Will Baptist.

MINUTES OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF
(ORIGINAL) FREE WILL BAPTIST
MARCH 3, 1962

The Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptist met in a special session at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church at Kannapolis, N. C., March 3, 1962 and transacted the following business:

The congregation was directed in a song "Follow On" by Brother D. D. Hunsucker.

Devotions were brought by Reverend Sherman Branch.

The roll call of churches was made at this time, by the Associational Clerk, with twenty-eight churches answering with their ministers and delegates.

The rules of decorum were read by the Reading Clerk.

The Clerk of the Association read the letter that had been sent to each of the Churches of this Association, stating the purpose of the meeting and as a Quorum of the members of this Association were decidedly present, officially declared the Association in Session.

The Moderator of the Association then declared the session open for business.

Motion was made and second that we adopt the resolution that was submitted by the Tri-county Ministerial Fellowship, item by item. Motion Approved.

Resolutions Adopted by The Piedmont Association in Special Session At Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Kann., N. C., March 3, 1962.

As Amended

Whereas, That there is much confusion and dissension within the ranks of the North Carolina State Convention concerning Church Government, and that said Convention has adopted a government called "connectional" which declares that the conference or Association is the highest authority in our denomination, and in fact has the Authority to over-rule the wishes of the majority of the Local Church, even to the point of taking possession of their property, and turning it over to monority group within the Church And

Whereas, The North Carolina State Treatise (1955 Edition) has been rule by a certain Court (Durham County) as allowing such action; and

Whereas, such action is contrary to the principles of "Congregational" government which government has been practiced and believed by our beloved denomination throughout Her entire history; and

Whereas, it is time for all true Free Will Baptist to awake to the dangers to such a departure from the Faith, and from true Baptistic Government, which government we find in the New Testament as being "Congregational" and nothing else; and

Whereas, some of our brethren in our own Association have indicated

either by word or by action that they believe and support the so called "Connectional" government;

Therefore, be it Resolved,

1. Resolved, that we rescind the action whereby we adopted the North Carolina State Treatise as our rule of government, and that we adopt the Treatise of our National Associational, which Treatise guarantees "Congregational" government; Viz; That the Local Church is an Independent body, having the power to conduct her own internal affairs without interference from any conference or Association;

2. Resolved, That we concur with the statement of the National body at Norfolk, Va. relative to church government, and that we re-affirm as they did, our belief in congregational Church Government:

3. Resolved, That we advise our Churches not to support any institution whose leader subscribe to the new so-called "connectinal" government, and that we give our full Support to the organizations within our Denomination who remain true to our National Association in this matter of Church government,

4. Resolved, That the brethren in our Association who subscribe to the new "Connectional" government, be advised to repudiate said government, or else have any office that they hold in our Association declared vacant and they be declared out of fellowship with this Association on the grounds that they have departed from that portion of our doctrine which deals with Church Government,

5. Resolved, That upon passage of this resolution, the clerk will immediately inform the State Convention of our action, and also the National Association, and request that such action be published in their respective papers

6. Resolved, That in the event of the absence of the brethren in our Association who believe in "Connectional" Government, that the Ordaining Council notify them of this action and take the action as stated in this resolution that pertains to these Brethren.

This resolution was Adopted as ammended by an outstanding majority vote.

Resolution was submitted by the Tri-City Ministers Fellowship.

The following items were adopted: Resolution numbers, One, two, three, four, six and seven. Resolution number five declared out of order by the Moderator.

Motion made and properly sustained that we adopt the resolutions as ammended. Motion Approved.

Motion and second that we have a standing vote as to whether we will support the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist or the National Association of Free Will Baptists. concerning

Motion made and second that we ammend motion that all those that are for the support of the State Convention be listed and their names be turned over to the Ordaining Council of this Association. The Main motion and the Ammendment were approved.

The Vote was made as to all that were insupport of the National Association. Very large Majority approved.

The vote then was made as to those that were in favor of support of the North Carolina State Convention. There were *none* that stood for their support.

Motion Made and second That we adjourn. Approved.

We were dismissed in prayer.

Rev. R. L. Willis, Clerk

The following letter was sent to The N. C. State Convention.
North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist.

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sirs:

The Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptist met in a special session on this date (March 3, 1962) at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

THE FOLLOWING business was transacted: A motion and second was properly sustained that a resolution concerning Church Government be adopted as ammended. A copy of the resolution is enclosed with this letter. A standing vote was taken as to those that were in favor of fully supporting the National Association of our Denomination and their stand for Congregational Church Government that was made at the Association at Norfolk, Virginia. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this stand and support. A vote was made as to those that were in favor of the North Carolina State Stand on this matter of Church Government. There were none that voted for its support.

The Piedmont Association, therefore, on this day, does officially go on record as being in full support of the National Association and the "Congregational" type of church government and we are bitterly opposed to any type of "Connectional" government as our church government and will let it be known that we have taken such a stand and will remain, as we have always been "Congregational" in church Matters.

Rev. R. L. Willis, Clerk

For The Piedmont Association

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF (Original)
 FREE WILL BAPTISTS MEETING IN THE NINETEENTH
 ANNUAL SESSION WITH THE MAPLE ST. CHURCH

Rockingham, N. C. - August 2-4, 1962

With Rev. Norman Perkins, Moderator, Presiding
 Billy Allen and Ralph Willis, Clerks

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: AUG. 2, 1962

The service opened with congregational singing "At The Cross" led by Bro. M. T. Sparks. Bro. Sherman Branch led in prayer.

Two special numbers were rendered by a duet from the host Church.

The Rev. Billy Allen, Assistant Clerk called upon Bro. Maxie Coleman to lead in prayer and declared The Piedmont Association to be in session. The Moderator was presented to the body by The Assistant Clerk. The Rev. N. B. Perkins, Moderator introduced the speaker to the body, Rev. Paul Ketteman. Bro. Ketteman delivered a message entitled "What's Your Name?" His scripture was read from Genesis Chapt. 32, using the 27th verse as his text.

It was a wonderful message from God's Word in which Bro. Ketteman stressed our need for surrender to the Lord. A wonderful service in which God stirred the hearts of His Children. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Frank McQuage.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION: AUG. 3, 1962

The session was opened with devotions by Bro. Billy Allen. Scripture reading Phil. 3:12-14. Bro. Robert Hagler led in prayer.

The Association was declared to be in session by the Clerk, Bro. Ralph Willis, and the Moderator was presented to the body.

The Moderator made some timely remarks concerning our business and urged that we attend the business at hand in a Christian and orderly manner.

The rules of decorum was read by the Clerk.

M|S that rule No. 15 be suspended.

M|S that the following visiting brethren be granted a voice in this conference with all privileges save that of voting: viz; Bro. Liles (Rock Fish Association) Brothers Gordon Sabastian, Carey Watkins, and James Denton (General Conference) Bro. E. O. Connelly (Blue Ridge Association).

The Clerk called the roll of Churches: (See Church reports for Churches who reported.)

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report which was adopted.

The nominating Committee gave their report. (See Directory for officers who were elected).

M|S That we rescind the action in the last annual meeting (Aug 4, 1961) concerning Boards and Committees. (See 1961 Minutes Page 15; Paragraph II).

M|S That the Children's Home Board be changed to Orphanage Board.

M|S That we adjourn for the worship service.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. Robert Hagler. Opened with Prayer.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Gordon Sabastian of Hookerton, N. C. The Subject "Child Evangelism, a Neglected Field". Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16. A soul-stirring message that challenged God's people to win Children to Christ. Adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION: AUG. 3, 1962

Opened with devotions by Bro. J. W. Wooten. Scripture reading Phil. 3:17-19 and Prayer.

The Rev. Carey Watkins of The General Conference and clerk of The N. C. State Association, brought greetings from The State Association. His report was received as information.

Bro. J. W. Wooten was appointed to serve on The Finance Board in the absence of Bro. Harold Goforth.

The report of The Executive Board was received and adopted.

The report of The Finance Board was received and adopted as it appears in the minutes.

M|S To Adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Carey Watkins.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION: AUG. 4, 1962

Opened with devotions by Bro. Oscar Gray; Scripture Reading, Phil. 3:20-21. Prayer by Bro. Millard Hardman.

The Moderator made some timely remarks concerning the past years work. A prayer of thanks to God for the blessings of the past year was offered by Bro. Sherman Branch.

The Ordaining Council Report was received and adopted.

M|S That The Ordaining Council is not to ordain or license, or exchange papers who has two living wives (or husbands) nor anyone who is married to anyone who has another living wife (or husband).

The report of The Orphanage Board was received and adopted.

M|S That The Association request that The Woman's Auxiliary meet annually with The Association and have charge of the evening service. (This request to be presented to them at their next meeting.)

M|S That The Association have two full days of business, These days to be on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

The Moderator called for a nomination for the Promotional Secretary. Bro. Kenneth Upright was nominated from the floor and elected by Acclamation.

M|S That the promotional Secretary publish a monthly paper and that each Church be requested to send him \$2.00 per month for this purpose.

M|S That The Promotional Secretary be paid \$25.00 per month, and that He be authorized to withdraw the money from the funds that come in to Him for this purpose.

M|S That The Promotional Secretary visit as many Churches as possible during the coming year and that each Church (upon His Visit) be requested to receive an offering for promotional work.

M|S That The Association purchase a long-carriage typewriter and a mimeograph machine for the office of promotional secretary.

M|S That all boundry lines of The Association be desolved.

Bro. Deese Hunsucker and Bro. James Cox were elected as delegates to the N. C. State Association. M|S That their expenses be paid by The Assosiation.

M|S That any Minister who has no work and desires a work have their names placed in the minutes expressing same. The Rev. Bobby Weathers requested that his name be placed on this list with the following information: He is a member of Mtn. View Church (Homer Savage, Pastor) Spencer Mtn. (Gastonia, N. C.) His address is Box 333, Belmont, N. C. and his phone number is 82-5-2127.

The Association gave a rising vote of thanks to the host Church and Pastor.

M|S That we meet with The Mt. Carmel Church, Lexington in our next annual meeting.

M|S To Adjourn; Adjourned with prayer.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

In treasurer 1961 Association -----	\$1,188.98	
Received last Association -----	611.55	
Received of East Rockingham Church -----	60.00	
Received of Lowell Church -----	27.00	
Received of Cramerton Church -----	65.50	
Received of Mt. Olive Church -----	5.00	
Total Received -----	\$1,958.03	\$1,958.03

PAID OUT:

Children's Home -----	50.00	
Rev. W. H. Calvert (Love Offering) -----	10.00	
Rev. Ralph Willis - Clerk service -----	60.00	
Cragmont Assembly -----	50.00	
Foreign Missions -----	29.13	
Treasurer -----	25.00	
Executive Board (Supper) -----	15.72	
Bible for Rev. Ralph Staten -----	13.95	
Promoter material -----	19.00	
Free Will Baptist Press (1961-62 Minutes) ----	217.82	
Postage and Mailing -----	7.79	
Rev. R. A. Gaskins and Rev. Gordon Sebastian (Traveling expenses to quarterly conference) --	20.00	
Total Paid Out -----	\$518.41	518.41
Balance in Trea. (According to checks & Receipts) -----		\$1,439.62
Error in Bank statement (to our advantage) -----		8.00
BALANCE -----		\$1,447.62

D. D. Hunsucker, Treas., 620 Miller St.,
Kannapolis, N. C.

REPORT OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING - 1961-1962
AUGUST 26, 1961

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met in a called meeting at the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church in North Belmont, N. C. for the purpose of transacting business.

Rev. N. B. Perkins, the moderator, presided over the meeting and Brother Weldon Key led in prayer. Others present for the meeting were R. L. Willis, M. T. Sparks, Ray Rikard, and Kenneth Upright as proxy for D. D. Hunsucker.

Brother Albert Bell was given approval to bring a proposal for a hospital insurance program for ministers to the next Quarterly Conf.

The moderator declared this an open meeting which gave the visitors, Brother Staten and Brother Bell, the privilege to discuss any of our business with us.

The program for the next Quarterly Conference was adopted.

The motion was made and seconded that the Executive Board meet at the Bible Institute a week from next Friday at 5:00 P. M. The motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded that a charter be drawn up for the Bible Institute. This motion was approved.

The motion was made and properly sustained that the following letter be sent to the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.: "We the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association commend you on the selection of your new pastor and wish to extend to you an invitation to come into the fellowship of our Association."

The motion was made and seconded that we adjourn.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1961

The Executive Board held a called meeting at the request of the Welcome Free Will Baptist Church to investigate them before accepting them into the Association.

The following members of the Board were present: Rev. N. B. Perkins, Rev. Ralph L. Willis, Rev. Weldon Key, Rev. Roy Rikard, and D. D. Hunsucker.

The Associational Moderator, Rev. N. B. Perkins, read and explained the Church Covenant. The Treatise of the National Association was brought forth and briefly explained and presented to them to accept or reject. Brother Clarence Ballow led in prayer.

There were 38 members present and each of them stood and voted to accept the rules of our Piedmont Association and the Treaties of the National Association. A period was then given for any questions.

After proper motions were made and seconded, the Executive Board voted to receive them into our fellowship in the Piedmont Association. Then the right hand of fellowship was given and the church was welcomed into our Association.

A prayer of dedication was made with the laying on of hands by the Executive Board to the Pastor and the Deacons of the Church.

The Executive Board was then excused and the Ordaining Council then took charge of the service and ordained Rev. Jess Mayberry, Pastor of the Church.

The motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Officers of the Welcome Free Will Baptist Church:

Rev. Jess Mayberry, 615 East King St., Kings Mountain, N. C.

Mrs. Margaret Cochran, Clerk, General Delivery, Dallas, N. C.

OCTOBER 13, 1961

A special meeting of the Executive Board was called by the Moderator, Rev. N. B. Perkins, at Cramerton, N. C.

Those present for the meeting were: Deese Hunsucker, Weldon Key, Frank McQuage, Roy Rikard, M. T. Sparks and N. B. Perkins.

There was a discussion concerning the Piedmont Bible Institute, and it was decided that registration for the school year beginning on October 16, 1961 would begin at 5:30 P. M.

A committee was elected to meet at Waxhaw on October 15, 1961 to investigate a petitionary letter from a newly organized church asking to become members of the Association. The committee members were Frank McQuage, M. T. Sparks, and N. B. Perkins.

After the meeting adjourned the Executive Board and their wives entertained Brother and Sister Staten at supper and expressed their sorrow at their leaving this section but wishing them "God's Speed" as they enter their new work in Norfolk, Virginia.

OCTOBER 15, 1961

A committee of three of the Executive Board met at Waxaw, N. C. to set a new church in order, and to receive it into our Association.

Rev. N. B. Perkins presided at the meeting. Our church covenant was read; twenty members were received; and the following officers were elected: Clerk, Mrs. Mae Alexander; Treasurer, Brother Walter Harrison; and Pastor, Rev. Jess Cannon.

During this meeting, these six deacons were ordained: Brother Ray Backer, Brother T. K. Smith, Brother Bill Smith, Brother T. T. Stacker, Brother L. B. Kiser, and Brother T. J. Postum.

JANUARY 14, 1962

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met at a special called meeting at the Mapel Street Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, N. C. with the vice-moderator, Rev. Frank McQuage presiding in the absence of the moderator, Rev. N. B. Perkins.

Those present for this meeting were: Rev. Frank McQuage, Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. M. T. Sparks, Rev. Weldon J. Key, Rev. Ralph L. Willis, and Rev. Billy Allen as proxy for Rev. N. B. Perkins. Brother D. D. Hunsucker was also present.

The motion was made and properly sustained that we call a special meeting of the Piedmont Association to take care of the matter of Congregational Church Government versus Connectional Church Gov.

The motion was made and seconded that we draft a standard letter to be sent to every church in our Association. This letter is to be sent registered to insure delivery to the pastor or clerk of each church no later than February 1, 1962. This motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded that this special meeting be held at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church on Pleasant Avenue in Kannapolis, N. C. on March 3, 1962. The motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded that we authorize the Moderator, Rev. N. B. Perkins, and Rev. Billy Allen to contact the proper authorities and sources for information as to the validity and legality of the motion that is on the table concerning Connectional and Congregational Church Government and notify the clerk of their findings as soon as possible so as to enable him to print the letter that has been drafted by this board. The motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded that we submit the recommendations that we have drawn up to the Association when it convenes at the special called meeting at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. on March 3, 1962. This motion was approved.

The motion was made and seconded that we adjourn.

Rev. Ralph Willis, Clerk
Rev. Norman Perkins, Moderator
Rev. Frank McQuage, Vice-Moderator
Rev. Billy Allen, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Deese Hunsucker, Treasurer

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 5, 1962 at Lowell, N. C.

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church June 5, 1962 and transacted the following business;

A roll call was made with Bros. Perkins, Rikard, Sparks and Willis answering and Bro. L. D. Gray answered as proxy for Bro. Frank McQuage. Absent were bros. Hunsucker and Key.

Bro. M. T. Sparks led in prayer.

The Moderator Rev. N. B. Perkins filled the chair as chairman of this meeting.

The following Men were elected to serve on the steering committee, of the formulating of the new North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptist, as representative of the Piedmont Association; Our Moderator, Rev. N. B. Perkins and Rev. Sherman Branch. These men were to be notified of their selection and also Bro. Hershey whom had been elected as chairman of this committee at the setting of the beginning of the organization of this A new Association.

Motion made and approved that the Chairman of the different Boards of our Piedmont Association be notified that a report of the Boards are expected to be made at the setting of the Association and that unless such reports are made such boards will be dissolved.

After consideration of our Constitution and Rules and regulation of our Association it was passed that we request that Rule 8 of rules and regulations be espunged.

The program for the Quarterly Conference was drawn up and approved.

Motion and second and approved that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother L. D. Gray.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION MEETING AT BEN. AVE. CHURCH, Kannapolis, N. C., July 27, 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Perkins, Ralph Willis, Deese Hunsucker, Weldon Key and Roy Rikard, Billy Allen (Proxy for M. T. Sparks) Drexler Benton (Proxy for Frank McQuage).

Opened with prayer by Deese Hunsucker, The meeting was then called to order by the Chairman, Norman Perkins.

A discussion was held concerning the March 3, called meeting, concerning the standing of some of the men in our Association who are reported to be advocates of "Connectional" Church Government.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the following men, Walter Carter, Paul Davis, J. J. Brooks and Lee Therrell, be requested by letter to appear before a joint meeting of The Executive Board and Ordaining Council on Friday Morning August 3, at 8:30 A. M. at Maple St. Church in Rockingham, and that these men be informed that fellowship of The Association is temporarily withdrawn, and any office that they hold in the Association be temporarily declared vacant and filled at this meeting, pending the outcome of the meeting which is to ascertain their positions relative to Church Government. Motion carried unanimously.

The following men were appointed to temporarily fill the offices declared vacant. Loyd Gray was appointed to the Nominating Committee replacing Walter Carter. Weldon Key was appointed to replace Paul Davis on the Nominating Committee. Jesse Benoist Appointed to replace Walter Carter on Ordaining Council. Move to adjourn.

The Board dismissed with prayer by Ralph Willis.

Executive Board
Norman Perkins, Chairman
Ralph Willis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

On July 21 of this year the executive board met at Pecan Grove Free Will Baptist Church and received this new church into the Piedmont Association.

Moderator Norman Perkins was in charge. Prayer was offered by

Bro. Roy Rikard. Articles of Faith and church covenant was read and accepted with 21 members. Rev. Oscar Gray is pastor and Mrs. Lettie Leatherwood is clerk. The address of the church is 115 Welch Street, Gastonia, N. C.

JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ORDAINING COUNCIL, August 3, 1962 At Mable St. Church, Rockingham

Held before Association was declared in session for the day

Opened with prayer by Bro. Sherman Branch.

Remarks by The Moderator N. B. Perkins.

The reason for this meeting was announced to be to find out the standing on the Church Government issue of the following brethren; Walter Carter, Paul Davis, J. J. Brooks, Lee Therrell Brothers Carter and Brooks were present in answer to a letter requesting their presence at this meeting. Brothers, Therrell and Davis elected not to be present. These men (all of them) chose to remain with the "Connectional" State Convention of Free Will Baptists' Therefore it was moved and seconded that their names be removed from our roll. This Action was approved unanously by The Association in session. The following brethren are no longer members of The Piedmont Association. Walter Carter, J. J. Brooks, Paul Davis, and Lee Therrell.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL 1961-62

1. Council met at Catawba Church Aug. 5, 1961 with the following business.

- a. Roll called by clerk, all members were present.
- b. Walter Carter was elected chairman, H. G. Russell elected vice chairman.
- c. Joe Rahame and Thomas Parrish were referred to their church for license.
- d. The council adjourned with prayer.

2. Council met at Seigle St. Church Aug. 19, 1961 with the following.

- a. Roll called by Chairman, all members were present.
- b. Motion carried to meet three (3) more times in this associational year. Meetings were to be Nov. 11, 1961 at East Rockingham, March 10, 1962 at Mt. Pleasant Church, Lexington, and June 9, 1962 at South Point Belmont.
- c. Motion carried 5 to 1 to ordain Millard Hardman. Harold Goforth asked that his name be placed here as one opposed to such motion.
- e. Motion made and carried to ordain Brother Hardman at Near The Cross Church.
- f. Motion carried to ordain Jess Mayberry if and when the Executive Board received his church into the fellowship of this Association.
- g. Council adjourned with prayer.

3. Council met at Welcome Church, Dallas, N. C., Sept. 9, 1961.

- a. Roll called by vice chairman. Members absent, W. Carter, H. Goforth.

b. Motion sustained to deal only with Brother Mayberry at this meeting since his church was paying the expense of the ordaining council and other members were not present.

c. The Executive Board received the Welcome church into the Association, Brother Hagler brought the message, and Brother Mayberry was ordained.

d. The council adjourned with the church service.

4. Council met at Near The Cross Church Sept., 1961 with the following

a. Roll called by chairman, all members were present.

b. Vernon Church was instructed to pastor under Clarence Ballew until he had been licensed at least 1 year.

c. Motion carried to meet at South Point Church Sept. 30, 1961 to ordain Ernest Stamey.

d. H. G. Russell brought the message and Millard Hardman was ordained.

e. The council adjourned with the church service.

5. Council met at South Point Church Sept. 30, 1961 with the following

a. Roll called by Vice Chairman. Members present were H. G. Russell, R. S. Hagler, Harold Goforth, Sherman Branch, and J. W. Wooten sitting apoxy for Walter Carter. Clarence Ballew and Walter Carter missing.

b. Motion carried to ordain Albert Bell at a time Coshen Church notified the council.

c. Sherman Branch brought the message and Bro. Stamey was ordained.

d. The council adjourned with the Church service.

6. Council met with East Rockingham Church, Nov. 11, 1961 with the following.

a. Roll called by Chairman. Members present were Carter, Hagler, Russell, and Branch. Missing were Ballew and Goforth.

b. Austin Carter was referred to East Rockingham Church for license.

c. William Hill to be ordained at Seigle St. Church, Dec. 9, 1961.

d. The council adjourned with prayer.

7. Council met at Seigle Street Church Dec. 9, 1961 with the following.

a. Roll called by Chairman, all members were present.

note: wonder where the Executive Board was at this meeting?

b. Clarence Ballew brought the message and William Hill was ordained.

c. The council adjourned with the church service.

8. Council met at Goshen Church, Dec. 30, 1961 with the following.

a. Roll called by Vice Chairman Russell. Members present were Russell, Ballew, Hagler, Goforth, and Branch. Missing was Walter Carter.

b. Motion carried to meet with Walter Carter and L. L. Therrell Jan. 6, 1962 for a understanding of their stand in church government.

Note: (The council did meet with these men but no understanding could be reached. Both men said they believed in congregational government but they were going to stay with the State Convention, who had declared itself to be connectional in church government.)

- c. Harold Goforth brought the message and Albert Bell was ordained.
 - d. The council adjourned with the church service.
9. Council met Feb. 17th, 1962 at Ben Ave. Church with the following.
- a. Roll called by L. D. Gray acting chairman and sitting proxy for Walter Carter. Members present were Goforth, Hagler, and Branch. Sitting proxy were Gray, Allen, and Salvage.
 - b. Curtis Beculheimer was received into our fellowship and was given papers.
 - c. Johnnie Floyd was received and given papers.
 - d. Ralph Rice was referred to the Goshen Church for license.
 - e. Ted E. Hendrix's ordination was set for March 10, 1962 at South Side Church.
 - f. Willis C. Parish was referred to his church for license.
 - g. Daniel Okelly's ordination was set for March 24, 1962 at Independence Square Church.
10. Council met March 10, 1962 at 10:00 A. M. at Mt. Pleasant Church, Lexington, North Carolina.
- a. Roll called by Vice Chairman Henry G. Russell. Members present were Russell, Hagler, Ballew, Branch, and J. W. Wooten proxy for Walter Carter.
 - b. Since no one came before the council, a special prayer was offered at the altar for Brother Ronal Creech and the Edgemont Church. (the presence of God was real).
11. Council met March 10, 1962 at 7 p. m. with South Side Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina.
- a. Roll called by Vice Chairman Russell. Members present were, Goforth, Branch, Russell and Wooten proxy for Walter Carter.
 - b. Brother Russell brought the message and Ted Hendrix was ordained. The council adjourned with the church service.
12. Council met March 24, 1962 with the Independence Square Church.
- a. Roll called by Vice Chairman Russell. Members present were Goforth, Hagler, Russell, Branch, and Wooten proxy for Carter.
 - b. Oiran Nunn was referred to Maple Street Church for license.
 - c. Sherman Branch brought the message and Daniel Okelly was ordained. Council adjourned with the church service.
13. Council met June 9, 1962, 10:00 A. M. at South Point Church.
- a. Roll called by Walter Carter Chairman, members present (All but Goforth and Wooten sat proxy).
 - b. James Pendleton's ordination was set for June 30, 1962 at Stanley Church.

(Note: J. W. Wooten and Clarence Ballew desired their names be recorded here as being against this action. Others voiced their opinion, but felt that there was nothing else to do under the circumstance).

14. Council met June 30, 1962 at Talon Memorial Church, Stanley, N. C.
 - a. Roll called by Chairman Walter Carter. Members present were, Carter, Hagler, Branch, Sparks sat proxy for Russell.
 - b. Crafus Armstrong was referred to the East Rockingham Church for licenses.
 - c. Sherman Branch brought the message and James Pendleton was ordained. Council adjourned with the church service.
15. Council met at Pecan Grove Church, July 14, 1962.
 - a. Roll called by Vice Chairman Russell. Members present were, Russell, Branch, Wooten proxy, and Savage proxy.
 - b. Brother Oscar Gray and Brother Bobby Weathers were ordained.
 - c. J. W. Wooten brought the message. Council adjourned with the church service.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Walter Carter, Chairman; H. G. Russell, Vice Chairman; Sherman A. Branch, Clerk; Robert S. Hagler; Harold Goforth; Clarence Ballew.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE BOARD

We would like to recommend to every Church, that the subject of our proposed Orphanage Home (By State Association) be brought before our people and that an offering be received from each Church for this very worthy cause.

We further recommend that The Association send \$200.00 to The State Association for this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Robert S. Hagler

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

We your Finance do respectfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration.

1. That each Church be requested to send annually to our General fund 1 per cent of their annual offerings instead of the 35 cents per member that we are now sending.
2. That the clerk be paid \$65.00 for the years work.
3. That we send \$200.00 to Edgement Church in Durham to aid in the legal fees incurred in their fight for Congregational Government.
4. That \$100.00 be set aside for the expense of executive Board and the same amount be set aside for the expense of Ordaining Council. The expense pay to be based on 6 cent per mile per car plus meals.
5. That Churches calling for The Council or Board, receive a Free Will offering to help re-imburse this amount.
6. That the Moderator be paid \$25.00 for telephone expenses and that this amount be set aside each year for this purpose.

7. That we send \$200.00 to The State Association. \$100.00 to be for publication and \$100.00 for the general fund.
8. That the Treasurer be paid \$25.00 for years work.

Billy Allen, Chairman
J. W. Wooten, M. T. Sparks, D. D. Hunsucker

MINISTER'S REPORT

- J. T. BAILEY, Pastor, New Hope Church, Rockingham, N. C.
Sermons Preached-140, Revivals Conducted-4, Professions Witnessed-75, Baptized-10, Funerals Conducted-4.
- MILLARD HARDMAN, Pastor
Sermons Preached-88, Professions Witnessed-23, Baptized-18, Marriage Ceremonies Conducted-4.
- KENNETH UPRIGHT,
Sermons Preached-18, Professions Witnessed-13, Funeral Conducted-1
- HOMER SAVAGE, Pastor, Mtn. View Church, Spencer Mtn., N. C.
Sermons Preached-87, Professions Witnessed-35, Eaptized-12, Funerals Conducted-2.
- J. W. WOOTEN, Pastor, Catawba Heights Church
Sermons Preached-160, Revivals Conducted-5, Professions Witnessed-100, Baptized-12, Funerals Conducted-3.
- RALPH L. WILLIS, Pastor, Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis, N. C.
Sermons Preached-125, Professions Witnessed-44, Baptized 14, Funerals Conducted-2.
- OSCAR GRAY, Pastor, Pecan Grove Church, Gastonia, N. C.
Sermons Preached-125, Professions Witnessed-25, Eaptized-7.
- N. B. PERKINS, Pastor, Mt. Holly Church.
Sermons Preached-150, Revivals Conducted-7.
- RAYMOND RICE, (Evangelist, Member South Point Church, Belmont.
Sermons Preached-12.
- ERNEST STAMEY, (Evangelist, Member South Point Church).
Sermons Preached-25, Revivals Conducted-2, Professions Witnessed-10, Baptized-3.
- ROBERT S. HAGLER, Pastor, Mt. Carmel, Lexington, N. C. (Was Pastor of Seigle St. Church, Charlotte for most of year).
Sermons Preached-152, Revivals Conducted-6, Professions Witnessed-34, Baptized-6, Funerals Conducted-4.
- VERNON M. CHURCH, Evangelist, (Member of Mt. Carmel Church).
Sermons Preached-105, Professions Witnessed-3, Baptized-15, Funerals-1.
- HENRY G. RUSSELL, Pastor, South Point Church, Belmont, N. C.
Sermons Preached-130, Professions Witnessed-40, Baptized-22 Funerals-2.

- WALTER B. WHITTINGTON, Evangelist, (Member Mt. Carmel).
Sermons Preached-8, Professions Witnessed-3.
- BOBBY G. WEATHERS, Evangelist, (Member Mtn. View Church).
Sermons Preached-12, Professions Witnessed-2.
- WELDON KEY, Evangelist, (Member Ben Ave. Church, Kannapolis).
Sermons Preached-45, Professions Witnessed-8.
- M. T. SPARKS, Pastor, E. Belmont Church
Sermons Preached-134, Professions Witnessed-9, Funerals Conducted-2
- RAYMOND ROSS, Pastor, Near The Cross Church, Kannapolis, N. C.).
Sermons Preached-160, Professions Witnessed-13, Baptized-5.
- DANIEL O'KELLY, Evangelist, (Member Independence Square,
Kannapolis, N. C.
Sermons Preached-22, Professions Witnessed-3.
- J. L. BARBEE, Evangelist, Member Independence Square Church.
Sermons Preached-15, Professions Witnessed-13.
- MAXIE COLEMAN, Pastor Westside Church, Charlotte, N. C. (Bro.
Coleman was an Evangelist and member of West Fifth Ave. Church,
Gastonia, North Carolina).
Sermons Preached-25, Professions Witnessed-12.
- HAROLD GOFORTH, Pastor, Independence Square Church, Kannapolis
Sermons Preached-122, Professions Witnessed-35, Baptized-7.
- DREXLER BENTON, Evangelist, Ben Ave. Church, Kannapolis, N. C.
- JOHNNIE E. FLOYD, JR., Pastor, Goshen Church, N. Belmont, N. C.
Sermons Preached-150, Revivals-2, Professions-104, Baptized-26,
Marriages Performed-1, Funerals Conducted-4.
- BILLY ALLEN, Pastor, West Fifth Ave. Church, Gastonia, N. C.
Sermons Preached-125, Revivals-2, Professions-80, Baptized-25, Fun-
erals Conducted-6, Marriages Performed-2.
- RAYMOND RICE, Evangelist, South Point Church.
Sermons Preached-12, Revivals-1, Professions-6, Baptized-5.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

BETHLEHEM, Kannapolis, N. C., Ralph Willis, Pastor, 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C., Richard Pethel, Clerk, Rt. 4., Box 266 Kannapolis, N. C., Church Membership; 58. Members received 28. By Baptism, 14. By Letter, 4, By Statement, 10. Sunday School Enrolment, 104. League Enrol. 68. Offerings Received, \$5,124.00, Pastor's Salary, \$1,820.00. Evangelist, \$125.00. Bldg. and Repairs, \$3,000.00, Literature \$180.00, Misc. \$200.00, Benevolence, \$150.00. Foreign Missions, \$120.00 Home Missions \$180.00, Education \$100.00, Orphanage \$40.00, State and National Projects \$25.00, Other \$15.00. Value of property \$19,000.00 Enclosed for Min. \$20.30.

BEN AVENUE, Kannapolis (Vacant) Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, clerk, 620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C. Church Membership 82, Members received 7, by letter 2, by statement of faith 5, Members dismissed 31, by letter 3, excluded 27, Deceased 1, Total Offerings Received \$9355.41. Paid Pastor \$3,285.00, (Part of year) Paid Evangelist \$160.00, Building and Repairs \$3350.82, Literature \$226.39, Foreign Missions \$55.00, Education \$70.00, Misc. \$1,902.43. Enclosed for Minutes \$28.70.

CATAWBA, Catawba Heights, N. C., J. W. Wooten, Pastor, Box 5, Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C., Mildred McSwain, Clerk, 234 Ferstl Ave., Belmont, N. C., Church Membership 92, Members received; By Baptism 12, By Statement 4, Members Excluded 6, Sunday School Enrolment 90, Y. P. A. Enrolment 12, Offerings Received \$8,097.86, Pastor's Salary \$3470.00, Evangelist \$205.00, Bldg. and Repairs \$173.20, Literature \$98.80, Advertising (Radio Program) \$650.00, Misc. \$2937.86, Total Local Exp. \$6,534.86. Foreign Missions \$115.00, Associational Projects \$26.90, Value of Property \$20,000.00, Enclosed for minutes \$32.20.

CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C., Rev. Roy Rikard, Pastor, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk, Rt. 2 Box 333, Gastonia, N. C., Church Membership 225, Members received 18, By Baptism 14, By letter 2, By Statement 2, Members dismissed 65, by letter 11, Excluded 53, Deceased 1, Sunday School Enrol. 275, League 55, Auxiliary 21. Total Offerings \$23,269.51. Paid Pastor \$5200.00, Paid Evangelist \$305.68, Building and Repairs \$1506.89, Advertising \$33.00, Misc. \$10,470.94, Foreign Missions \$3,460.00, Home Missions \$1,200.00, Education \$539.00, Orphanage \$554.00, Value of Church \$118,000.00 Parsonage \$20,000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$78.75.

EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C., Rev. M. T. Sparks, Pastor, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C. Number of ordained deacons 5, Church Membership 50, Members Received 5, By Baptism 2, by statement of faith 3, Sunday School Enrol. 82, League Enrol. 42, Woman's Auxiliary 14, Total Offerings \$6919.57. Paid Pastor \$2080.00 Paid Evangelist \$50.00, Building and Repair \$2360.00, Literature \$184.43, Misc. \$1474.00 Paid Social Security for Pastor \$248.13, Foreign Missions \$20.00, State and National projects \$37.80, Value of property \$35000.00, Enclosed for Minutes \$17.50.

GOSHEN, North Belmont, N. C., Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., Pastor, Gen. Delivery North Belmont, N. C., Carl Bryan, Clerk, 414 Cherry St. Belmont, N. C., Church Membership 159, Received by profession of faith 29, By Baptism 30, By Letter 5, Statement 4, Members dismissed by letter 11, Sunday School Enrol. 210, League 70, Auxiliary 35, Master's Men 15, Y. P. A. 20, Total Offerings \$13,537.09. Paid Pastor \$5535.00, Paid Evangelist \$325.03. Building and Repairs \$4331.00, Literature \$1001.23, Foreign Missions \$151.40, Home Missions \$66.33, Education \$110.00, Convention Expenses \$294.30, Value of Church Property, \$6700.00 Parsonage \$10,000.00 Paid to Orphanage \$100.00.

INDEPENDANCE SQUARE, Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. Harold Goforth, Pastor, Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C., Mrs. Pauline Barbee, Clerk, Rt. 4, Box 675 Kannapolis, N. C. Church Membership 55, Members Received 11, By Baptism 5, By Letter 5, By Statement of faith 1, Members dismissed by letter 1, Total Offerings \$1828.69, Paid Pastor \$1324.00 Orphanage \$30.00, Sunday School Enrol. 39, Woman's Auxiliary 6, Value of property \$12000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$19.25.

LOFTIS CHURCH, Landis, N. C., Millard Hardman, Pastor, Rt. 4, Box 688, Kannapolis, Mrs. Margaret Hardman, Clerk, Church Membership 30, Members Received 33, By Baptism 18, By Letter 10, Statement 5, Members Excluded 3, Sunday School Enrol. 54, Total Offerings \$576.54, Literature \$54.00, Associational projects \$2.00 State and National Projects \$2.00, Enclosed for minutes \$10.50.

LOWELL, Lowell, N. C., L. D. Gray, Pastor, Box 782, Lowell, N. C., Mrs. Janis Smith, Clerk, Camerton, N. C., Church Membership 124, Members Received 49, By Baptism 21, Dismissed 3, Offerings Received \$11,626.44, Pastor's Salary \$3,915.00, Evangelist \$260.00, Bldg. and Repairs \$200.00, Literature \$252.41, Foreign Missions \$231.58, Value of Property \$90,000.00, Parsonage \$8000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$35.00.

MABLE AVE., Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. E. O. Connelly, Pastor, 1009, Mable Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C., Charlotte Baxter, Clerk, 500 E. Tenth Street, Kannapolis, N. C., Number of Ordained deacons 3, Church Membership 42, Members received by statement of faith 5, Members dismissed 3, Deceased 2, Sunday School Enrol. 88, Woman's Auxiliary 9, Total Offerings \$2242.21, Bldg Fund \$204.74, Paid Pastor \$1080.00, Paid Evangelist \$155.00, Building and Repair \$488.06, Literature \$118.13 Misc. \$326.28, Other \$15.60, Utilities \$244.31, Total value of property \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed for minutes \$14.70.

MAPLE ST, Rockingham, N. C., Rev. Frank McQuage, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 235, Hamlet, N. C. Church Membership 147, Members Received 30, Sunday School Enrol. 300, League Enrol. 45, Woman's Auxiliary Membership 25, Total Offerings \$11000.00, Paid Pastor \$4680.00, Foreign Missions \$300.00. Enclosed for Minutes \$51.35.

MT. CARMEL, Lexington, N. C., Robert Hagler, Pastor, 603 Moore Drive, Lexington, Charles Hartwell, Jr., Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 114, Lexington, N. C. Membership 34, Members Received 4, By Baptism 2, By Letter 2, Sunday School Enrolment 100, Offerings Received \$1,482.19, Paid Pastor \$450.00, Evangelist \$97.25, Building and Repair \$2400.00, Literature \$44.00, Total Local Expenditures \$1,183.53, Foreign Missions \$25.00, Home Missions \$100.00, Total Outside Exp. \$125.00, Value of Church Property \$40,000.00. Minute fund Encl. \$11.90.

MT. HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C., Norman Perkins, Pastor, Box 481, Mt. Holly, N. C., Harvey Hilderbran, Clerk, 908 North Drive, Mt Holly, N. C., Church Membership 103, Members Received 31; By Baptism 2, By Letter 1, By Statement 28, Members Excluded 8, Sunday School Enrol. 121, Total Offerings \$8,854.83, Pastor's Salary \$4,480.00, Paid Evangelist \$280.00, Bldg. and Repairs \$1,491.77, Literature \$292.01, Advertising \$174.34, Misc. \$1,317.05, Total local expenditures \$8,035.17, Foreign Missions \$105.66, Home Missions \$40.75. Education \$25.00, State and National Projects \$12.25, Total outside Exp. \$183.66, Total value of Property \$43,000.00. Enclosed for Minutes \$36.05.

MTN. VIEW, Spencer Mtn., N. C., Rev. Homer Savage, Pastor, Box 404, Lowell, N. C., Church Membership 50, Members Received by Baptism 6, By Letter 2, By Statement of faith 6, Total members received 14, Members dismissed 30, By Letter 8, Excluded 21, Deceased 1, Total offerings Received \$2753.09, Paid Pastor \$581.36, Paid Evangelist \$75.00, Building and Repairs \$100.00, Literature \$55.00, Other Expenditures \$1785.73 Foreign Missions \$25.00, State and National Projects \$5.00.

NEAR CALVARY, Lexington, N. C., W. W. Howard, Pastor, Rt. 9, Box 305, Lexington, Mrs. W. W. Howard, Clerk, Church Membership 14, Members received 2, By Baptism 2, Members dismissed by letter 5. Sunday School Enrolment 40, Offerings Received \$500.00, Paid Pastor \$38.66, Evangelist \$14.00, Building and Repair \$365.00, Literature \$35.00 Orphanage \$28.00, Total value of Property \$4000.00. Enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

NEAR THE CROSS, Kannapolis, N. C., Raymond Ross, Pastor, Rt. 2 Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C., Mrs. Peggy Mullis, Clerk, Church Membership 33, Members Received 3, Members dismissed 5, Average in Sunday School 45, Paid Pastor \$780.00, Paid Evangelist \$50.00, Bldg. and Repairs \$111.72, Education \$106.92, Publication \$13.00. Enclosed for minutes \$11.55.

NEW HOPE, Rockingham, N. C., Rev. J. T. Bailey, Pastor, 1424 Old Lilesville Road, Wadesboro, N. C. Total Membership 60, Members Received by Baptism 10, Average Sunday School Attend. 75, Paid Pastor \$1825.91, Paid Evangelist \$102.35, Home Missions \$81.00, Building and Repairs \$76.55, Education \$55.31, Publication \$39.60, Enclosed for minutes \$21.00.

PECAN GROVE, Gastonia, N. C., (From July 8, to July 29, 1962). Church Membership 23, Received 7 members by Baptism, Sunday School Enrolment 63, Offerings Received \$350.00 Rent \$50.00 Misc. \$150.00, Enclosed for minutes \$8.05, Lettie Leatherwood, Clerk, 115, Welch St., Gastonia, N. C.

ROBERSON CREEK, Bostic, N. C., James Coffey, Pastor, Box 91, Caroleen, N. C., Mrs. Violet Peteat, Clerk, 207 Franklin St., Forest City, N. C., Church Membership 49, Members Received 12, By letter 3, By Statement 9, Sunday School Enrolment 77, Offerings Received \$2,689.04, Pastor's Salary \$1,287.44, Paid Evangelist \$130.00, Bldg. and Repairs \$25.00, Literature \$69.29, Foreign Missions \$40.00 Home Missions \$40.00, Education \$50.00, Value of Property \$7000.00. Enclosed for Minutes \$10.00

SANDY FORD, Mt. Holly, N. C., Earnest King, Pastor, Mt. Holly, N. C. Ordained Ministers Rev. Thomas Rogers, Rev. Roy Miller, Church Membership 74, Members Received 74, By Baptism 42, By Letter 8, By Statement 24, Members Excluded 21, Sunday School Enrolment 70, League Enrolment 20, Total Offerings \$1,389.51. Pastor's Salary \$650.00, Evangelist \$75.00, Bldg. and Repair \$500.00, Literature \$67.63, Misc. \$145.96, Other \$110.00 Total Exp. \$1,548.59. Value of Property \$4000.00 Enclosed for minutes \$10.00.

SEIGLE ST., Charlotte, N. C. (Vacant) Mrs. Dorothy Inry, Clerk, 6301 Wilson Rd., Charlotte, N. C., Church Membership 32, Members Received 8, By Baptism, 6, By Statement 2, Members dismissed by letter 8, Sunday School Enrol. 45, Woman's Auxiliary 10, Total offerings \$5509.31, Paid Pastor \$4080.00 Paid Evangelist \$252.83, Building and Repairs \$25.00, Literature \$49.07, Foreign Missions \$21.86, Home Missions \$55.00, Value of Church Property \$15,000.00. Amount enclosed \$11.20.

SOUTH POINT CHURCH, Belmont, Rev. H. G. Russell, Pastor, Miss Glenda Russell, Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C., Membership 120, Members Received 51, By Baptism 22, By Letter 6, Statement 23, Members dismissed 41, Sunday School Enrol. 120, Total Offerings \$10,150.05, Paid Pastor \$5250.00, Evangelist \$250.00, Bldg. \$1,100.00, Literature \$120.00, Advertising (Radio Program) \$60.00, Misc. \$600.00, Foreign Missions \$50.00, Value of Church \$31,100.00, Value of Parsonage \$15,000.00.

TALON MEMORIAL, Stanley, N. C., Rev. Sherman Branch, Pastor, Box 756, Stanley, N. C., Mrs. Evelyn Sanders, Clerk, Rt 2 Dallas, N. C., Church Membership 60, Members Received 15, By Baptism 10, By Letter 1, By Statement of faith 4, Members dismissed 1, Sunday School Enrol. 112, Total Offerings Received \$5959.09, Paid Pastor \$1820.00, Utilities for Parsonage \$1560.00, Paid Evangelist \$225.00, Building and Repairs \$10,000.00, Literature \$132.00, Advertising \$10.75, Foreign Missions \$94.30, Home Missions \$31.00, Education \$21.50, Associational Projects \$20.00, State and National Projects \$140.00, Misc. \$1730.52, Value of Church property \$27000.00, Parsonage \$8000.00.

WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C., Rev. Billy Allen, Pastor, 2145 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C., Church Membership 80, Members Received 19, By Baptism 12, By Statement 7, Dismissed 2, Deceased 2, Sunday School Enrol. 158, Average Sunday School Attend. 135, Offerings Received \$6,868.02. Paid Pastor \$4,363.74, Paid Evangelist \$10.00, Literature \$210.00, Bulletin Service \$76.00, Foreign Missions \$110.00, Bible College \$13.51, Bible School (Vacation) \$84.00, Misc. Exp. \$1000.00, Value of property \$25,000.00.

WESTSIDE, Kannapolis, N. C., L. E. Lawing, Pastor, 309 Broad St., Kannapolis, N. C., Mrs. Vida Stamy, Clerk, Rt. 3, Box 307-c, China Grove, N. C., Church Membership 25, Members Received by Statement 2, Dismissed 4, Sunday School Enrolment 53, Woman's Auxiliary Membership 8, Offerings Received \$1,686.00, Pastor's Salary \$450.00, Paid Evangelist \$50.00, Miscl. \$180.66, Church Payment \$420.00, Value of Property \$6,000.00, Enclosed for minutes \$5.00.

WESTSIDE, Charlotte, N. C., James Stikelether, Pastor, P. O. Box 45, N. Belmont, N. C., Mrs. Laura Freeman, Clerk, 2725, Zebulon Ave., Charlotte, N. C., Church Membership 16, Members Received 9, By Baptism 3, By Letter 2, By Statement 4, Sunday School Enrolment 30, Woman's Auxiliary Enrolment 3, Pastors Salary \$395.00, Evangelist \$25.00, Bldg. and Repair \$111.00, Foreign Missions \$12.79, Orphanage \$11.50, State and National Projects \$75.00, Miscl. Exp. \$67.00, Charity \$30.00, Enclosed for minutes \$5.68.

