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REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE

OFFICERS
EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Rev. Frank McQuage _____ P. O. Box 695, Rockingham, N. C.
 Mr. D. D. Hunsucker _____ 620 Mills Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Rev. Robert Hagler _____ 107 Arrington Drive, Lexington, N. C.
 Rev. Albert Bell _____ 1013 Watkins Street, Greensboro, N. C.
 Rev. Richard Adams _____ 613 Ben Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1968)
 Rev. E. B. Stamey _____ 218 Ewing Drive, Belmont, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1969)
 Rev. Gordon Johnson _____ 1009 Mabel Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1970)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Rev. Henry G. Russell _____ Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1968)
 Rev. Raymond Ross _____ Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1968)
 Rev. Charles Maness _____ 123 W. Martin Street, Wadesboro, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1969)
 Rev. David Liles _____ P. O. 321, Hamlet, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1969)
 Rev. Clarence Ballew _____ Rt. 1, Box 313A, Lexington, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1970)
 Rev. Maxie Coleman _____ 1705 N. Allen Street, Charlotte, N. C.
 (Term Expires 1970)

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. James R. Adams
 TRUSTEES: Rev. Frank McQuage, Rev. Paul Brown, Rev.
 Henry G. Russell.
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Frank Spargo, Rev. Claude Bean,
 Jr., Rev. Charles Maness, Mr. Bill Jacobs.
 RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Herman Griffin.
 MISSIONS: Rev. Jimmy Skipper.

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Adams, Richard 613 Ben Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Bailey, J. T. 108 Blewett Ave., Rockingham, N. C.
 Ballew, Clarence Rt. 1, Lexington, N. C.
 Bean, Claude, Jr. Rt. 2, Box 202, Hamlet, N. C.
 Bell, Albert Greensboro, N. C.
 Benoist, Jesse General Delivery, Rockingham, N. C.
 Benton, Drexler L. 109 S. Roal Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
 Church, Vernon 1700 Greensboro St., Lexington, N. C.
 Brown, Paul Rt. 2, Box 365, Rockingham, N. C.
 Clark, R. L. Rt. 1, Box 481M, Hamlet, N. C.
 Coleman, Maxie 2820 Virginia Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
 Furr, Archie L. 737 Spring St., Hamlet, N. C.
 Griffin, G. Herman 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
 Hagler, Robert 107 Arrington Dr., Lexington, N. C.
 Hill, Reddin F. 206 Minturn Ave., Hamlet, N. C.
 Johnson, Gordon L. 1009 Mabel Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
 Lambert, Lewis 126 Clearwater Lake Rd., Mt. Holly, N. C.
 Liles, David Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.
 Maness, Charles Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C.
 McQuage, Frank Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.
 Nunn, Oren Rt. 3, Box 457, Rockingham, N. C.
 Quick, Delano Rt. 2, Box 246, Hamlet, N. C.
 Rogers, Oscar Rt. 1, Box 16A, Laurinburg, N. C.
 Ross, Raymond Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Russell, H. G. Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
 Sawyer, R. P. 2101 Clay St., Kannapolis, N. C.
 Skipper, James Box 531, McAveyville, N. C.
 Spargo, Frank 119 O'Daniel St., N. Belmont, N. C.
 Wooten, J. W. 1915 Thomas Ave., Charlotte, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCH — ADDRESS	PASTOR
Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis North Carolina	Richard Adams
Bethel Church, Mt. Holly North Carolina	Jimmy Skipper
Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis North Carolina	Herman Griffin
Faith Church, Greensboro North Carolina	Albert Bell
First Church, Hamlet North Carolina	Jesse Benoist
First Church, Laurinburg North Carolina	Oscar Rogers
Forest Pines Church, Cheraw South Carolina	Mr. Brown
Glenwood Church, Rockingham North Carolina	Warren Reece
Heman Church, Charlotte North Carolina	J. W. Wooten
Hopewell Church, Hamlet North Carolina	Claude Bean, Jr.
Mabel Avenue Church, Kannapolis North Carolina	Gordon Johnson
Maple Street Church, Rockingham North Carolina	Frank McQuage
Mount Calvary Church, Rockingham North Carolina	Steve English
Mount Carmel Church, Lexington North Carolina	Robert Hagler
Mount Pleasant Church, Lexington North Carolina	Clarence Ballew
Near The Cross Church, Kannapolis North Carolina	Raymond Ross
New Hope Church, Rockingham North Carolina	J. T. Bailey
Rachel's Chapel, Laurel Hill North Carolina	David Liles
Sandy Ford Church, Mt. Holly North Carolina	Lewis Lambert
Shining Light Church, Rockingham North Carolina	Charles Maness
South Point Church, Belmont North Carolina	Henry G. Russell
West Side Church, Charlotte North Carolina	Maxie Coleman

MINISTERS AND DELEGATES

Who Registered

MINISTERS

Rev. R. L. Clark
Rev. Gene Parisher
Rev. Galen F. Dunbar
Rev. Lewis Lambert
Rev. J. T. Bailey
Rev. L. D. Creech
Rev. Gordon L. Johnson
Rev. Oren Nunn
Rev. R. P. Sawyer
Rev. Oscar Rogers
Rev. Reddin L. Hill
Rev. Archie L. Furr
Rev. Drexler L. Benton
Rev. Warren Reece
Rev. Vernon Church
Rev. Raymond Ross
Rev. Claude Bean, Jr.
Rev. Frank McQuage
Rev. Delano Quick
Rev. Paul Brown
Rev. Charles Maness
Rev. Jesse Benoist
Rev. David Liles
Rev. Maxie Coleman
Rev. Robert Hagler
Rev. J. W. Wooten
Rev. James Skipper
Rev. H. G. Russell
Rev. Clarence Ballew
Rev. Frank Spargo
Rev. Richard Adams
Rev. Herman Griffin
Rev. Albert Bell

DELEGATES

E. C. Locklear
David A. Locklear
Jimmy Bailey
Eugene Hunter
Bobby Sutherland
Bill Evans
Mrs. Herman Griffin
Mrs. Floyd Shuts
D. D. Hunsucker
Mrs. D. D. Hunsucker
Mrs. J. R. Adams
Floyd T. Liles
Mrs. Ruby Joplin
Mrs. Coyt Joplin
Mrs. Jennie Lawson
Mr. Charlie Lawson
Hal Quick
Betty Shepard
Mrs. Sarah Davis
W. S. Harkey
Bill Jacobs
Melvin Richards
Jack Biggs

VISITORS

Tim Brown, Jr.
 Janice Smith
 Joyce Wilkinson
 Thelma Skipper
 Frances Hall
 Burdell Freeman
 Alta Smith
 Jean Hatcher
 Patricia Butler
 Margie Wilkes
 Joy Webster
 Jackie Webster
 Orene Furr

Raymond L. Hovis
 Kevin Spargo
 Mrs. Drexler Benton
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lawson
 Wiley L. Shepard
 M. E. Cox
 Evelyn Hill
 T. H. Bell
 Weldon Key
 Wanda McQuage
 Jimmy Barber
 Brian Rasc

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The clerk, assistant clerk, or 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 rise and ad-

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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 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 the 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 Baptist.

Article 2. This association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist Church cooperating with this association, all active ordained deacons of said churches and all 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 cooperating with this association send by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.

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.

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. Ordaining council is to be elected by the association, the number of this council is to be six members elected in two year terms rotating; two for two years; two for three year terms; and two for one year term. 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 session 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 \$125.00 set aside by the association for this purpose, and each church who calls 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 six (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 its business between sessions. The board shall report its work annually to the association and its 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 Baptist and the National Association of Free Will Baptist. The treaties 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 that 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 Association.

9. The association approves and urges the indefinite pastoral call.

10. The chairman of each board and committee is treasurer of its funds (exceptions: associational treasurer is treasurer of the 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 (exceptions: no member may serve on the executive board and the ordaining council at the same time.)

12. Each church shall send thirty (30) cents per member with

their report to the annual association or have someone to stand good for this amount in order that their delegates may be seated. This money is to be used for the printing of the minutes and associational expense.

13. A nominating committee will be appointed at the beginning of each annual session of the Piedmont Association. 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 right to nominate from the floor, when this committee gives its report.

14. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to required information:) The names and the addresses of every minister belonging to their church, and whether or not, each minister is a constant 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 non-tithers and report the same to the ordaining council.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITH THE NORTH
CAROLINA ASSOCIATION AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY — AUGUST 3, 1967

MAPLE STREET FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKINGHAM,
NORTH CAROLINA

The morning devotion was brought by the Rev. David Liles, pastor of the Rachael Free Will Baptist Church. Roll call — Pastors and Churches.

The association was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Robert Hagler.

A motion and second that the Shining Light Free Will Baptist Church of Rockingham be received into the association. The Rev. Charles Maness is the pastor. (carried.)

Motion and second that the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Mt. Holly be received into the association. The Rev. Jimmy Skipper is the pastor. (carried.)

Motion and second that the moderator appoint a nominating committee. (carried.) The committee appointed was: Rev. Clarence Bellew, Rev. Jesse Benoist, and Rev. Maxie Coleman.

Motion and second to accept Rev. Paul Browns resignation from the executive board. (carried.)

The following men were elected for the finance committee: Rev. Frank Spargo, Rev. Claude Bean, Jr., Rev. Charles Maness,

and Mr. Bill Jacobs.

Motion and second that all boards be changed to committees and that they be elected at the beginning of each session. (carried.)

The business session was suspended until after the morning message.

The Rev. Clarence Ballew, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church of Lexington, North Carolina, brought the morning message. The message was enjoyed by everyone. His subject was "Christians and the World."

Motion and second that the moderator appoint one man for each of the following committees: Resolutions — Rev. Herman Griffin, Christian Education — Rev. James R. Adams, Missions — Rev. Jimmy Skipper, Sunday School — Rev. Albert Bell, C. T. S.— Rev. J. W. Wooten, Master's Men — Rev. Robert Hagler. Anyone having suggestions concerning these committee may meet with these men. (carried.)

Motion and second to adjourn for lunch. (carried.)

THURSDAY EVENING — AUGUST 3, 1967

The ordaining council and all committees met this afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT — AUGUST 3, 1967

The ordaining council had charge of the worship service this afternoon. These four men received their licenses to preach: Rev. Archie Furr, Rev. Danny Gerald, Rev. William Jacobs, and Rev. Vernon Jacobs.

FRIDAY MORNING — AUGUST 4, 1967

Rev. J. W. Wooten was elected assistant clerk.

The roll call of the churches and pastors that had not reported was made at this time.

Rev. Galen Dunbar, Moderator of our State Association gave us a report of our State work.

Rev. Gene Parrish, chairman of the State Misisions Board gave us a report concerning State Misisions.

Rev. J. R. Adams gave the report of Christian Education. Motion and second that the report be received and put in the minutes. (carried.)

The business session was suspended until after the morning message.

The Rev. Jesse Benoist, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet, North Carolina, brought the morning message. Everyone received a real blessing from the message. His subject was, "An Unbalanced Ministry."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 4, 1967

The Women's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Adams. Motion and second that this report be received and placed in our

minutes. (carried.)

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. J. R. Adams. Motion and second to receive the Ordaining Council report with the exception of the last item, which is to be approved by the Association. (carried.)

Motion and second that Alton B. Brown be licensed to preach. Brother Brown is now working in the state of Michigan that he might be able to pay his way through the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee. (carried.)

Motion and second to receive the Executive Board's report. (carried.)

Motion and second to have the Moderator appoint a Credential's Committee and that this committee report the statistics back to the association. (carried.) Those appointed to this committee were: Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Hunsucker, and Mrs. Adams.

Motion and second that each minister give one dollar with his report each year. (carried.)

FRIDAY NIGHT — AUGUST 4, 1967

Friday night was designated as Youth Night. The Rev. J. R. Adams, pastor of the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina brought a wonderful message to our young people.

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 5, 1967

The morning devotion was brought by the Rev. Herman Griffin, pastor of the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

The Rev. Charles Maness led in prayer.

The congregation then sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The roll call of the churches and pastors that had not reported was made at this time.

The Credentials Committee gave a thorough report at this time.

Motion and second that the Credentials Committee's report be received. (carried.)

The Treasurer's report was called for, but Rev. A. W. Newell was not present to give his report.

The Resolution Committee's report was presented by Rev. Herman Griffin. Motion and second that this report be received item by item. (carried.) Item 1—received, Item 2—received, Item 3—received, and Item 4—received.

Motion and second that the clerk receive \$65 at the end of the year for his work. (carried.)

The Piedmont Fellowship will be held at the following churches on the following dates: West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Char-

lotte, North Carolina, November 3, 1967. Maple Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, February 2, 1968. Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, May 3, 1968.

Motion and second that Mrs. Ida McQuage, Mrs. James Adams, and Mrs. Albert Bell will serve as delegates to the State Association. (carried.)

The Rev. Ronald Creech of Durham, North Carolina gave us a report of our State Association.

Motion and second that the Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Piedmont Association will meet at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. (carried.)

The Nominating Committee gave their report at this time. Motion and second that this report be received and the new officers be elected one by one. (carried.)

Moderator — Rev. Frank McQuage

Assistant Moderator — D. D. Hunsucker

Executive Board — Richard Adams and Gordon Johnson.

Ordaining Council — Rev. Clarence Ballew and Rev. Maxie Coleman.

Treasurer — Rev. Albert Bell.

Promotional Secretary — Rev. Reddin Hill.

Youth Director — Rev. Drexter Benton.

These men were elected.

Motion and second that all churches that has Women's Auxiliary, C.T.S., Y.P.A., G.T.A., Boy's Auxiliary and Master's Men be requested to fill out the report on our church letters annually. (carried.)

The business session was suspended at this time for the morning message.

The Rev. Raymond Ross, pastor of Near The Cross Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, North Carolina brought a very inspiring message.

Motion and second that the clerk write a letter to Rev. A. W. Newell asking him to send the balance of the Piedmont Association's treasure and records to Rev. Albert Bell, our newly appointed treasurer. (carried.)

Motion and second to adjourn. (carried.)

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

WEST SIDE — Charlotte, N. C. Pastor, Maxie Coleman, 2820 Virginia Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. Church membership 15, membership received 4, by baptism 2, by statement of faith 2, Sunday School 21, Womans Auxiliary membership 6, General Offerings \$1,489.92, Building Fund \$80.00, Pastor's Salary \$1,055.00, Evangelistic work \$35.00, Literature \$42.50, Miscellane-

ous \$48.50, Other \$108.60, Total local expenditures \$1,289.60, Value of church property \$7,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$5.25.

SOUTH POINT — Belmont, N. C. Henry G. Russell, Pastor, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C. Church membership 125, membership received 40, by baptism 7, by letter 7, by statement of faith 26, members dismissed 40, by letter 3, excluded 37, Sunday School enrollment 124, Woman's Auxiliary membership 20, General Offerings \$19,337.80, Building Fund \$300.00, Pastor's Salary \$5,720.00, Evangelistic work \$629.50, Building and repair \$1,692.76, Literature \$198.64, Advertising \$888.00, Miscellaneous \$3085.93, Other \$5866.32, Total local expenditures \$18,081.05, Foreign Missions \$100.00, Association project \$62.50, State and National Projects \$20.00, Total outside expenditures \$182.50, Value of church property \$75,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$16,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$37.50.

BEN AVENUE — Kannapolis, N. C. Richard Adams, Pastor, 612 Ben Street, Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership 96, Members received 8, by baptism 2, by letter 3, by statement of faith 3, members dismissed 1, deceased 1, Sunday School 116, League enrollment 65, General Offerings \$7,808.11, Building Fund \$10,525.04, Pastor's Salary \$4,900.00, Evangelistic work \$175.00, Building and repair \$255.40, Literature \$661.27, Total local expenditures \$5,991.67, Foreign Missions \$95.48, Home Missions \$30.75, Education \$385.45, Total outside expenditures \$484.68, Value of church property \$90,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$12,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$28.80.

RACHAEL'S CHAPEL — Laurel Hill, N. C. J. David Liles, Pastor, Box 321, Hamlet, N. C. Church membership 18, members dismissed 5, excluded 5, Sunday School 30, Pastor's Salary \$500.00, Literature \$30.00, Total local expenditures \$530.00, Value of church property \$3,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$6.00.

NEAR THE CROSS — Kannapolis, N. C. Raymond Ross, pastor, Rt. 2 Centergrone Road, Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership 45, members received 8, by baptism 4, by letter 2, by statement of faith 2, members dismissed 10, excluded 8, deceased 2, Sunday School enrollment 58, Total offerings received \$4,889.10, Pastor's Salary \$1,560.00, Evangelistic work \$125.00, Building and repair \$400.00, Literature \$110.00, Advertising \$200.00, Total local expenditures \$2,485.00, Value of church property \$20,000.00, Amount set with letter for General Funds \$13.50.

HOPEWELL — Hamlet, N. C. Claude Bean, Jr., Pastor, Rt. 2, Hamlet, N. C. Church membership 44, members received 10, by baptism 3, by letter 5, by statement of faith 2, members dismissed 1, deceased 1, Sunday School enrollment 120, League enrollment 40, Total offerings received \$5968.63, General Offering \$5,842.22, Building Fund \$126.41, Pastor's Salary \$2,255.47, Building and repair \$902.98, Literature \$180.00, Revival Expenses \$230.60, Miscellaneous \$1008.68-\$86.50, Total local expenditures \$5,438.62, Foreign Missions \$10.00, State and National projects \$10.00, Total outside expenditures \$20.00, Value of church property \$18,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$13.20.

FIRST CHURCH — Hamlet, N. C. Jesse Benoist, Pastor, East Rockingham, N. C. Church membership 46, Members received 19, by baptism 16, by letter 2, by statement of faith 1, members dismissed 6, excluded 6, Sunday School enrollment 97, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$13.80.

MT. CARMEL — Legington, N. C. Robert S. Hagler, Pastor, 107 Arrington Dr., Lexington, N. C. Church membership 130, members received 22, by baptism 11, by letter 5, by statement of faith 6, members dismissed 5, excluded 5, Sunday School enrollment 168, Total offerings received \$15,026.18, General Offerings \$14,245.65, Building Fund \$1,780.00, Pastor's Salary \$4,900.00, Evangelistic work \$432.00, Building and repair \$2,367.73, Literature \$180.00, Advertising \$1,674.00, Miscellaneous \$1,612.32, Total local expenditures \$12,846.58, Foreign Missions \$439.96, Home Missions \$803.23, State Project \$439.96, Total outside expenditures \$1,683.12, Value of church property \$45,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,000.00, Amount sent for General Funds \$39.00.

BETHLEHEM — Kannapolis, N. C. Herman Griffin, Pastor, 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership 47, members received 40, by baptism 3, by letter 0, by statement of faith 37, members dismissed 2, excluded 2, Sunday School enrollment 124, Woman's Auxiliary membership 15, Total offerings received \$7,381.34, General offerings \$340.00, Building Fund \$1,127.97, Pastor's Salary \$1,430.00, Evangelistic work \$120.00, Building and repair \$2,177.93, Literature \$360.59, Miscellaneous \$908.40, Other \$1,500.60, Total local expenditures \$6,437.52, Foreign Missions \$34.65, Total outside expenditures \$34.65, Value of church property, \$8,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$14.10.

FIRST CHURCH — Laurinburg, N. C. Oscar Rogers, Pastor, Rt. 1, Box 164, Laurinburg, N. C. Church membership 17, members

received 1, by letter 1, Sunday School 65, Total offerings \$404.40, Building Fund \$230.00, Evangelistic work \$40.00, Home Missions \$5.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$5.00.

BETHEL — Mt. Holly, N. C. James Skipper, Pastor, P. O. Box 531, Mt. Holly, N. C. Church membership 33, members received 33, by baptism 8, by letter 4, by statement of faith 22, Sunday School enrollment 56, Total offerings received \$974.71, Building fund \$876.06, Pastor's salary \$60.00, Literature \$13.81, Miscellaneous \$26.90, Total local expenditures \$48.65, Associational project \$9.60, Value of church property \$3,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$9.90.

MAPLE STREET — Rockingham, N. C. Frank McQuage, Pastor, P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C. Church membership 142, members received 7, by baptism 7, Sunday School enrollment 300, Total offerings received \$19,547.20, Pastor's Salary \$5,460.00, Evangelistic work \$394.00, Building and repair \$2,000.00, Literature \$550.00, Advertising \$100.00, Other \$9,761.05, Total local expenditures \$18,265.05, Foreign Missions \$695.00, Home Missions \$400.00, Educational \$50.00, Total outside expenditures \$1,145.00, Value of church property \$65,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$14,00.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$42.60.

NEW HOPE — Rockingham, N. C. J. T. Bailey, Pastor, 108 Blewitt Avenue, Rockingham, N. C. Church membership 57, members received 7, by letter 7, members dismissed 7, by letter 7, Sunday School 75, Woman's Auxiliary 15, Total Offerings \$3,840.35, Pastor's Salary \$2,165.31, Evangelistic work \$198.89, Building and repair \$98.95, Literature \$81.58, Total local expenditures \$2,544.73, Home Missions \$89.16, Total outside expenditures \$89.16, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$17.10.

HEMAN — Charlotte, N. C. J. W. Wooten, Pastor, 1915 Thomas Avenue, Charlotte, N. C. Church membership 78, members received 49, by baptism 26, by letter 10, by statement of faith 13, members dismissed 16, by letter 5, excluded 10, deceased 1, Sunday School 95, Total offerings received \$7,677.16, General offerings \$5,118.06, Pastor's Salary \$3,825.00, Evangelistic work \$175.00, literature \$131.03, Advertising \$16.00, Total local expenditures \$4,147.03, Home Missions \$238.83, Associational projects \$36.00, State and national project \$129.93, Total outside expenditures \$404.66, Value of church property \$60,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$23.40.

MT. PLEASANT — Lexington, N. C. Clarence Ballew, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 313A, Lexington, N. C. Church membership 63, members received 12, by baptism 5, by letter 3, by statement of faith 4,

members dismissed 15, by letter 0, excluded 15, deceased 0, Sunday School enrollment 105, Total offerings received \$11,634.75, General offerings \$9,817.60, Building Fund \$1,817.15, Pastor's Salary \$4,770.00, Evangelistic work \$241.21, Literature \$100.81, Miscellaneous \$163.58, Other \$4,016.11, Total local expenditures \$9,291.71, Value of church property \$5,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$18.90.

FAITH — Greensboro, N. C. Albert J. Bell, Pastor, 1013 Watkins Street, Greensboro, N. C. Membership 30, members received 30, by baptism, 11, by letter 7, by statement of faith 12, Sunday School 60, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, Total offerings received \$3,175.76, Building fund \$61.78, Pastor's Salary \$240.00, Evangelistic work \$150.00, Building and repair \$1,222.65, Literature \$201.37, Advertising \$15.00, Miscellaneous \$481.96, Other \$50.00, Total local expenditures \$2,360.98, Foreign Missions \$80.00, Home Missions \$50.00, Total outside expenditures \$130.00, Value of church property \$10,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Funds \$10.00.

SANDY FORD — Mt. Holly, N. C. Lewis Lambert, Pastor, 126 Clearwater Lake Rd., Mt. Holly, N. C. Church membership 77, Sunday School 90, Total offerings received \$5,418.88, Pastor's Salary \$1,887.00, Evangelistic work \$214.00, Building and repair \$1,332.96, Literature \$152.40, Miscellaneous \$1,517.59, Other \$242.05-\$39.50, Total local expenditures \$5,385.50, Value of Church property \$4,000.00, Amount sent with letter for General Fund \$23.10.

MABEL AVENUE — Kannapolis, N. C. Gordon L. Johnson, Pastor, 1009 Mabel Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership 55, Sunday School enrollment 62.

REPORT OF LADIES AUXILIARY OF PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

The Auxiliary was disappointed this year when they learned that no time had been allotted for them in the program. We would like to request this year that we wish to be included in the program next year in order that some type of report may be given.

It is sometimes wondered why in the reports from the churches the amount given to missions is so small. The answer to this is, that in most churches it's the auxiliary that supports missions. If the auxiliary isn't doing mission work they are not fulfilling their purpose.

Contrary to popular belief, the auxiliary is not a lemonade society or a gossip party. Neither is their purpose to buy organs, pianos, carpets, or win typewriters for the pastor! The purpose of the auxiliary is to help spread the Word of God to a lost and

dying world. It is the pastor's responsibility to lead the auxiliary into the phase of work they originally intended to perform.

You pastor's may say, "Our ladies aren't interested in having an auxiliary. They just don't want one." Well, it's up to the pastor to challenge them to have one!

Our brother stated in his message this, "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." So we know it's good to have an auxiliary, therefore, is it sin when we don't have one?

When our auxiliary met to try to reorganize we had only three churches represented. We barely had enough ladies present to even elect officers. Our State of North Carolina has a mission project and the Piedmont Auxiliary has a goal to reach in order to help reach our quota. As of now, three churches are bearing the burden of raising this money.

We have a very capable Field Worker, Mrs. D. D. Hunsucker, and she would be more than happy to come and help you organize an auxiliary or any of our other officers would be glad to help in any way they can.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bell has written letters and has begged for us to be allowed to come to your auxiliary, but so far not one auxiliary has even responded with a "No" much less a "Yes, please come."

We realize we are located some distance away from each other and it may be difficult to get together, but surely God will bless every effort we make to carry forth His word. We would like to request that each of us make a special effort to get together at our annual fellowship meetings.

All this has been said out of a heart of love for the lost of this world and out of love for the Piedmont Association, and out of love for our Saviour. Let's really try this coming year to build our auxiliary back up, and please, please, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. R. Adams, V. P.
Ladies Auxiliary
Piedmont Association

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Item I. Resolutions concerning By-Laws.

1. Be it resolved that the Annual Session of the Piedmont Association meet on Friday and Saturday (two days) after the last Sunday in July, rather than meeting Thursday through Saturday, which would be three days.
2. Be it resolved that the executive officers (Moderator, Vice

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Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer) of the Piedmont Association be allowed to succeed themselves in office for the period of two full terms rather than only one term.

Item II. Resolutions Concerning Appreciation.

1. Be it resolved that this association give a rising vote of thanks to the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C., and to all committees and persons who have combined their efforts to provide the facilities and warm reception for this 24th Annual Session of the Piedmont Association.
2. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to all of the officers of the body who have faithfully and sacrificially served throughout this year and throughout this session.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. G. Herman Griffin,
 Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We the committee on Christian Education recommend to every church of the Piedmont Association, the services of Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional Secretary of the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Brother Harrison offers one week of Sunday School Teacher Training, which is one of the most profitable studies that could be offered in a church. The National Sunday School Department offers these services to us from the profits of the literature we buy. The church pays only the traveling expenses and living quarters for Brother Harrison.

It is also recommended that this body support the Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, N. C., with our prayers and finances. It would be profitable for the ministry if every newly licensed minister could attend this Bible Institute.

It is further recommended that the body fully support our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The College is in an expansion program. They are asking each church to give \$1,000.00 towards this program. We challenge each church to become one of the churches that does give a \$1,000. Because of expansion program, the college also needs more general support. They have asked the state of North Carolina to give \$20,000. We challenge each church and each minister to do their part in reaching this goal for the glory of God and to help provide a place where our young people can receive an education based upon the Word of God taught by men of God.

Lastly, it is recommended that in order to be assured of a Christian Education for our children and ourselves, that we fully support our denominational literature, which is true to Free Will Baptist Doctrine as well as true to the Holy Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. R. Adams,

August 4, 1967

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
TO THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

A special call session was called by the Executive Board of the Piedmont Association for the purpose of discussing the possibility of organizing an Association in Gaston County.

The meeting was held on November 5, 1966 at the Lowell Church in Lowell, North Carolina. The Rev. L. D. Gray was the host pastor.

All the churches and preachers (that so desired) of the Gaston County area was granted a letter of dismissal that they might organize an Association in that area.

After a group of churches were permitted to withdraw from our Association we met and elected new officers whose names are found in our minutes and we transacted the following business:

M/S that all boards become committees and be elected yearly. (carried.)

M/S after the minutes and associational expenses are paid for the remainder of the treasury will be divided equally among the two groups, but all other properties be retained. (carried.)

M/S that the Molderator appoint one man in each area to itinerary work. Brother Drexter Benton, Kannapolis area; Brother Glenn Russell, Gaston area; Brother A. W. Newell, Charlotte area; Brother David Liles, Hamlet area; Brother J. T. Bailey, Rockingham area; Brother Robert Hagler, Lexington area, and Brother Albert Bell, Greensboro area. (carried.)

Next Quarterly Fellowship Meetings: First Friday night in February at Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina. First Friday night in May at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, North Carolina.

The Executive Board met on January 25, 1967 at a mission in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize this church. Members present were Brother McQuage, Brother Hunsucker, Brother Bell, and Brother Hagler. The church covenant was read and adopted by the church. After examination by the committee there was a motion and second that we receive this church into the association. (carried.)

This church will be known as the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lauringurg, North Carolina. Charter members: 17. Address, 5½ Fourth Street, Sunday School average 42, Pastor, Rev. Oscar Rogers.

The Executive Board met at Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina. Members present were Brother Hunsucker, Brother Bell, Brother Newell, Brother McQuage, Brother Hagler, and Brother Johnson, Promotional Secretary. We made the program for the next Fellowship Meeting to be held at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, North Carolina. This meeting was held on March 21, 1967.

The Executive Board and the Ordaining Council had a joint meeting at the Mabel Avenue Church on April 4, 1967. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a few minor changes concerning licenses and ordaining ministers. Due to the fact that all members were not present we felt it best to delay this matter until a later date.

The Executive Board met at the Ben Avenue Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina on May 23, 1967. Members present were Brother Hunsucker, Brother McQuake, Brother Hagler, Brother Newell, and Brother Johnson, Promotional Secretary. The purpose of this meeting was to plan our annual meeting.

The Executive Board met on Hickory Grove Road near Mt. Holly, North Carolina on July 1, 1967. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a mission into the church. After examination by this committee there was a motion and second that we receive this church into the association. The name of the church will be the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. They have 17 charter members and the Rev. Jimmy Skipper was elected pastor.

The Executive Board met with the Forest Pines Free Will Baptist Mission in Cheraw, South Carolina on July 20, 1967. Members present were Brother McQuage, Brother Wilkes; proxy for Brother Hunsucker, Brother Benoist; proxy for Brother Hagler, Brother Hill; proxy for Brother Bell. The church was examined by this committee and after the Bible was presented our Rules of Faith and the Church Covenant was read and approved by the Church. There was a motion and second that we receive this church into the association.

Rev. Frank McQuage,
Moderator

Brother D. D. Hunsucker,
Assistant Moderator

Rev. Robert Hagler, Clerk

Rev. A. W. Newell, Treasurer
Rev. Paul Brown
Rev. Albert Bell
Rev. E. B. Stamey

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

August 4, 1967

November 5, 1966

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association met for a special called meeting at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, North Carolina.

Members present were: Brother H. G. Russell, Brother J. R. Adams, Brother Charles W. Maness, Brother J. T. Bailey, Brother J. D. Liles, and Brother Raymond Ross.

The council met for the purpose of discussing the plans for the coming year, with the newly elected members of the Piedmont Association. These new members were elected because of the new Western Piedmont Association.

M. S. C. — That Brother J. R. Adams be elected clerk to replace Brother Johnny Floyd, Jr.

The council was then adjourned.

December 2, 1966

The Ordaining Council met at the Mabel Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Members present were: Brother H. G. Russell, Brother J. R. Adams, Brother C. W. Maness, Brother J. T. Bailey, Brother J. D. Liles, and Brother Raymond Ross.

Brother Russell called the meeting to order, then opened the meeting with prayer.

M. S. C. — After examining the following, that they be approved to be licensed to preach for a period of one year (twelve mos.): Mr. Bill C. Cox and Mr. Delano James Quick.

M. S. C. — that after examining and approving the following, they be ordained: Brother Gordon Johnson, Brother Reddin F. Hill, Brother Ted Gibson, and Brother Oscar Rogers.

The council was then adjourned and dismissed in prayer.

February 3, 1967

The ordaining council met at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C. Members present were: Brother J. R. Adams, Brother J. D. Liles, Brother Raymond Ross; who acted as proxy for Chairman; Brother Oren Nunn sat proxy for Brother Maness.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

M. S. C. — That Brother G. Herman Griffin be received into the Fellowship of the Piedmont Association as a letter was re-

ceived from the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., recommending that Brother Griffin go before the ordaining council for the purpose of changing his membership from the Western Conference to our association.

The meeting was then adjourned.

May 5, 1967

The Ordaining Council met at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

Opening prayer was by Brother J. T. Bailey.

Members present were: Henry G. Russell, J. R. Adams, Charles W. Maness, J. T. Bailey, and J. D. Liles.

M. S. C. — that the following be licensed to preach for a period of one year (twelve mos.) after they were examined and approved: Brother Sylvanus S. Kennedy; Lexington, N. C., and Brother Frank Spargo; Belmont, N. C.

M. S. C. — that Brother R. P. Sawyer be received into fellowship of the Piedmont Association as a letter of good standing was received from the Yadkin Valley Association and the answers given to the Council upon examination were approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

August 3, 1967

The Ordaining Council met at the Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C.

Members present were: Brother Henry G. Russell, Brother J. R. Adams, Brother J. D. Liles; Brother Herman Griffin sat proxy for Brother Raymond Ross, and Brother J. W. Wooten sat proxy for Brother Charles Maness.

Brother Russell called the meeting to order and Brother Liles, opened with prayer.

M. S. C. — that the following be granted license for a period of one year (12 mos.) after they were examined and approved by the council: Brother Archie Furr, Brother Daniel Gerald, Brother William Jacobs, and Brother Vernon Jacobs.

A letter was received from the Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, N. C., that Brother Alton B. Brown be licensed to preach. His papers were read and approved by the council, but because of the rules and by-laws of the Piedmont Association the council did not have the authority to grant Brother Brown the license, because he was not able to be present before the council. The council agreed to grant the Brother a license if approval is granted by the entire body of the Piedmont Association.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. H. G. Russell, Chairman
Rev. James R. Adams, Clerk
Rev. C. W. Maness, Member
Rev. J. T. Bailey, Member
Rev. J. D. Liles, Member
Rev. Raymond Ross, Member

August 4, 1967

Rockingham, N. C.

MINISTER'S REPORT

(Those Who Turned In Cards)

- RICHARD ADAMS—Sermons preached 104, Churches pastored 1, Revivals held 1, Professions 97, Number baptized 13, funerals preached 4, Miles traveled 12,000, Amount received \$5,450.
- J. T. BAILEY—Sermons preached 185, churches pastored 1, revivals held 6, professions 23, additions to church 7, funerals preached 4, Miles traveled 26,180, Amount received \$2,165.31.
- CLAUDE BEAN, JR.—Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, Revivals held 2, professions 25, additions to church 5, funerals preached 2, Miles traveled 20,000, Amount received \$2,000.
- A. J. BELL—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, professions 30, number baptized 11, additions to church 15, Miles traveled 5,000, Amount received \$240.00.
- PAUL BROWN—Sermons preached 96, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions 7, number baptized 3, additions to church 7, funerals preached 2, Amount received \$2,600.
- R. L. CLARK—Sermons preached 15, Miles traveled 1,460.
- VERNON CHURCH—Sermons preached 35, Professions 7, Miles traveled 7,000.
- MAXIE COLEMAN—Sermons preached 102, Churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions 6, additions to church 3, funerals preached 2, Miles traveled 3,000, Amount received \$1,055.00.
- VESS GALLOWAY—Sermons preached 154, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions 43, funerals preached 2.
- TED GIBSON—Sermons preached 36, revivals held 3, professions 8, miles traveled 900, Amount received \$88.00.
- HERMAN GRIFFIN—Sermons preached 30, churches pastored 1, professions 3, additions to church 40, Number baptized 3, Miles traveled 3,000, Amount Received \$1,000.
- ROBERT S. HAGLER—Sermons preached 215, Churches pastored 1, revivals held 13, professions 120, number baptized 12, additions to church 22, funerals preached 8, Miles traveled 25,999, Amount received \$4,900.00.

- WILLIAM B. HILL—Sermons preached 79, revivals held 1, professions 20, funerals preached 2.
- GORDON L. JOHNSON—Sermons preached 151, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions 150, number baptized 19, additions to church 13, Miles traveled 8,420, Amount received \$669.00.
- LEWIS LAMBERT—Sermons preached 75, churches pastored 1, revivals 1, professions 40, number baptized 30, funerals preached 1, Miles traveled 8,999, Amount received \$450.00.
- FRANK McQUAGE—Sermons preached 108, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions 28, number baptized 7, additions to church 7, funerals preached 14, Miles traveled 40,000, Amount received \$5,460.00.
- DELANO JAMES QUICK—Sermons preached 16, professions 1, Miles traveled 100.
- RAYMON ROSS—Sermons preached 175, churches pastored 1, revivals 3, professions 25, baptized 4, additions to church 11, funerals 3, Miles traveled 14,000, Amount received \$1,560.00.
- H, G, RUSSELL—Sermons preached 117, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions 62, number baptized 7, additions to church 40, funerals preached 4.
- R. P. SAWYER—Sermons preached 15, professions 10, miles traveled 1,000.
- JAMES SKIPPER—Sermons preached 125, churches pastored 1, professions 30, number baptized 15, additions to church 37, churches organized 1, funerals preached 2, Miles traveled 10,000, Amount received \$3,000.
- FRANK SPARGO—Sermons preached 12, professions 12, Miles traveled 600.
- ERNEST B. STAMEY—Sermons preached 20, professions 8, Miles traveled 500, Amount received \$15.00.
- J. W. WOOTEN—Sermons preached 75, churches pastored 1, professions 60, number baptized 11, additions to church 49, funerals preached 4, Miles traveled 8,000, Amount received \$1,781.00.

