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The next session will converce with the Herman Free VII Baptist Church March 30-31, 1973. The host partor 1 Rev. William IIII, Seigel Streek, Charlotte, North Carolina

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator _____ Rev. Robert S. Hagler 107 Airington Drive, Lexington, N. C. Vice Moderator _____ Rev. J. W. Wooten 108 Blewett Avenue, Rockingham, N. C. Clerk _____ Rev. Frank McQuage P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.

Treasurer _____ Rev. Charles Maness P. O. Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C.

Board Member (Term Expires 1975) ... Rev. Glenn Russell Board Member (Term Expires 1974) ... Rev. William Hill Board Member (Term Expires 1973) ... Rev. James Skipper

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Harold Donahue	(Term Expires 1976)
Rev. Lewis Lambert	(Term Expires 1975)
Rev. Clarence Ballew	(Term Expires 1974)
Rev. Reddin Hill	(Term Expires 1973)

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

Church Training	Rev. Albert Bell
Finance	
	Rev. Jimmy Skipper
	Rev. Clarence Ballew
Resolutions	Rev. J. W. Wooten
Missions	Rev. Clayton Hulin
Sunday School	Rev. Lewis Lambert
Superannuation	Brother Joe Wilkes
Master's Men	Rev. Henderson Gilleland
Board of Trustees	Rev. Glenn Russell
1	Rev. Frank McQuage
	Rev. Clarence Ballew

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

(Licensed and Ordained ones) (List is subject to correction) Ballew, Clarence ____ Rt. 1, Box 520, Lexington, N. C. 1. Bean, Claude, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 202, Rockingham, N. C. 2. 3. Bell Albert _____ 1013 Watkins St., Greensboro, N. C. Benoist, Jesse ____ 225 Maple St., Rockingham, N. C. 4. Bressetts, Francis 5. Brown, Paul, County Home Road, Rockingham, N. C. 6. 7. Burke, Robert, 100 Maple Street, Kannapolis, N. C. Carson, Marvin _____ Rt. 2, Box 362, Gastonia, N. C. 8. Case, Sammy ____ 2121 Finchley Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 9. Church, Vernon, 17 Greensboro St., Lexington, N. C. 10. 11. Coleman, Maxie _____ Virginia Ave., Charlotte N. C. Cook, Odell _____ 114 School St., Belmont, N. C. 12. Cope, Vernon ____ 18 Boundary St., N. Belmont, N. C. 13. Donahue, Harold, 301 York Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 14. 15. Furr, Archie _____ 133 Charlotte St., Hamlet, N. C. 16. Gibson, Ted _____ 250 Dixon Dr., Gastonia, N. C. Gilleland, Henderson, 2224 Purser Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 17. 18. Gilmore, W. E. _____ Thomasville, N. C. Goforth, Harold, Rt. 4, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C. 19. Goforth, Kenneth _____ Rt. 3, Kannapolis, N. C. 20. Green, Arlie _____ Lexington, N. C. 21. 22. Griffin, Herman, 719 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. Hagler, Robert, 107 Airington Drive, Lexington, N. C. 23. Hawkins, Norris, 1413 Echo Glen Rd. Charlotte, N. C. 24. 25. Hill, Reddin ____ 815 S. Church St., Rockingham, N. C. Hill, William ____ 631 Eastway Dr. Charlotte, N. C. 26. Hulin, Clayton _____ Thomasville, N. C. 27. Hunsucker, Danny, 620 Miller Street, Kannapolis, N. C. 28. 29. Jacobs, William, Rt. 1. Box 416, Rockingham, N. C. Jordan, James _____ 2734 N. Sharon Amity Road 30. Charlotte, N. C. Lambert, Lewis ---- 303 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C. 31. Liles. David _____ Box 321, Hamlet, N. C. 32. 33. Lynch, Evander, Jr., 905 N. Lee St., Rockingham, N. C. Maness, Charles _____ Box, 95, Wadesboro N. C. 34. 35. Mason, R. D. _____ Rt. 2, China Grove, N. C. 36. Martin, John _____ Rt. 3, Box 98, Mooresville, N. C. 37. McQuage, Frank -- P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C.

38. McCune, John

- 39. Nunn, Orian ____ Rt. 3, Box 373, Rockingham, N. C.
- 40. C'Kelly Daniel ____ 518 Locust St., Kannapolis, N. C.
- 41. Parker, Willie, 404 McDonald Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
- 42. Patterson, Colon _____ 1101 Hickory St., C-7 Rockingham, N. C.
- 43. Prevatte, Edgar, 903 Seaboard St., Rockingham, N. C.
- 44. Rogers, Oscar ____ Rt. 1, Box 16A, Laurinburg, N. C.
- 45. Ross, Raymond ____ Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.
- 46. Russell Frederick _____ 205 Sloan St., Belmont, N. C.
- 47. Russell, Henry Glenn ... Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont, N. C.
- 48. Russell, Walter, 202 Brookwood Road Mt. Holly, N. C.
- 49. Sawyer, R. P. _____ Rt. 2, Box 67C, Salisbury, N. C.
- 50. Skipper, James, 11 Spencer Mt. Road, Gastonia, N. C.
- 51. Spargo, Frank
- 52. Stamey, E. B. _____ 218 Ewing Dr., Belmont, N. C.
- 53. Taylor, Larry _____ Charlotte, N. C.
- 54. Wooten, J. W. -- 108 Blewett Ave., Rockingham, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCHES

Bethel, Telegraph Dr., Gastonia _____ Ted Gibson Bethlehem, 721 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, Herman Griffin Catawba, 301 Cherry St., Belmont _____ Lewis Lambert Clermont Avenue, Kannapolis _____ Harold Donahue Faith, 3732 Spring Garden St., Greensboro __ Albert Bell First, Highway 74, Hamlet _____ Reddin Hill First, Laurinburg _____ Oscar Rogers First, 324 Crawford St., Salisbury _____ R. P. Sawyer Glenwood, Rockingham _____ Charles Maness Heman, 1620 Seigel Ave., Charlotte _____ William B. Hill Hopewell, Rt. 1, Box 417A, Rockingham -- Claude Bean, Jr. Independence Square, Rt. 4, Kannapolis _- Harold Goforth Jefferson Park, Rt. 1, Box 416, Rockingham, William Jacobs Kennedy Road, Thomasville _____ Clayton Hulin Lackey, 606 Lackey St., Hamlet _____ Archie Furr Mable Avenue, Kannapolis _____ Maple Street, Box 965, Rockingham ____ Frank McQuage Mount Carmel, Lexington _____ Robert Hagler

CHURCHES AND PASTORS (Cont.)

Mount Pleasant, Rt. 1, Lexington _____ Clarence Ballew Near the Cross, Centergrove Road, Kannapolis Raymond Ross New Hope, Blewett Ave., Rockingham _____ J. W. Wooten Rachel, Rt. 2, Laurel Hill ______ David Liles Ranlo, East Spencer St., Gastonia Shining Light, P. O. Box 2016, E. Rockingham Sharon, Belmont ______ Odell Cook South Point, Rt. 1, Box 257, Belmont ____ Henry G. Russell True Gospel, Mt. Holly ______ Vernon Cope

MINISTERS AND DELEGATES

Who Registered

MINISTERS

Rev. Clarence Ballew Rev. William Jacobs Rev. Albert Bell Rev. James Jordon **Rev.** Lewis Lambert Rev. Samuel Case Rev. Marvin Carson Rev. David Liles Rev. Odell Cook **Rev.** Charles Maness Rev. John H. Martin Rev. Harold Donahue **Rev.** Archie Furr Rev. Frank McQuage Rev. Oscar Rogers Rev. Ted Gibson Rev. Herman Griffin **Rev. Raymond Ross** Rev. Robert Hagler Rev. Henry Russell Rev. Norris Hawkins Rev. R. P. Sawver **Rev.** James Skipper Rev. Reddin Hill Rev. William B. Hill Rev. Larry Taylor Rev. Clayton Hulin Rev. J. W.Wooten

DELEGATES

Franklin Williams Gerald Franklin Fred Rhynehart B. B. Evans Nolan Proctor Gladys Donahue Clara Batton Cleo Singletary **Ruefry Bailey** Arthue Norton Buddy Smith Ronnie Hooper Nellie S. Liles Linda Smith Ed Barrington Gordon Sessoms Frances Harper Betty Jean Camp Larry Thomas Camp Cleo Bell Marva Bell Rev. Henderson Gilleland Gail Gilleland

Janice Thompson Frank Thompson. Jr. Martha Sessoms Evelvn Hill Hal Quick Joe Wilkes Annie Wooten Alice Smith Audrey Driggers Charles Collins Charlotte Steen L. M. Brown M. K. Brown Golman Cook Nancy Bailey Danny Bailey Jean Hatcher Claudia McGee Doris Collins Mrs. Robert L. Reese Robert L. Reese Richard Wilson

VISITORS

Lois Maness Richard W. Kirby Denver Eller Ruby Eller Mrs. Henry G. Russell Dennie Harper Rev. J. T. Bailey Judy Bailey Rev. N. B. Perkins Peggy Cook Calvin Young Alvah Skenn Rev. Paul Brown Rev. Walter Childers Shirley Childers

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be called the Piedmont Association of (Original) Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 2. This association shal be composed of delegates elected annually by the churches co-operating with this association. Also, 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, Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members over one hundred.

ARTICLE 5. The churches co-operating with this association shall send by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

ARTICLE 6. This association shall meet once a year at such time, and place, as may be agreed upon by the 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 letters or delegates.

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 the Association.

2. The Clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session (both).

3. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Promotional Secretary are to be elected at the close of the Session.

4. The Ordaining Council is to be elected by the Association. The members of this council will be four. They will be elected to serve in a rotating term. One for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

The Council shall elect their own chairman and secretary and have authority to license, ordain and investigate ministers subject to the approval of the Association in regular or special session. This Council shall receive six (6) cents per mile, plus meals for their expenses.

5. The Executive Board shall have charge of the promotional work and educational work of 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.

6. The Piedmont Association is affiliated with the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptist and the National Association of Free Will Baptist. 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 that capacity. The highest authority that the Association has over the churches within her felowship is the power to withdraw fellowship from a church.

8. The Association approves and urges our church 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 the 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 or the Ordaining Council at the same time.

12. Each church shall send fifty (50) cents per member with their 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 the officers, boards and committees necessary 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 addresses of every minister belonging to their church, and whether or not, each minister is a constant tither. The clerk shall make a list of non-tithers and then report the same to the Ordaining Council.

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 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 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 absent himself from the body without the permission of the Moderator.

10. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on the same subject, unless body gives permission.

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 over ruled.

15. Visiting brethern 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.

RULES AND BY-LAWS FOR LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS

I. In order for a brother to be publicly set apart and licensed or ordained to the gospel ministry by this Association, he must meet the qualifications as set forth by the Holy Scriptures, which we hold to be our only rule of faith and practice.

A. He must have been born again, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ and made a new creature in Him. (John 3:5-7, I Peter 1:18-25, II Cor. 5:17).

B. He must be called of God to preach (Gal 1:15-16, Heb. 5:4, Romans 1:1).

C. He must meet the qualifications of a Bishop as set forth in the Holy Word of God (I Tim. 3:1-7).

D. We believe that I Tim. 3:2 should be literally interpreted, and the Ordaining Council shall not accept or license any man who has two (2) living wives or any man whose wife has two (2) living husbands (Scripture I Tim. 3:1-2, Titus 1:6).

E. When a brother is licensed, he shall be presented with the Treatise of our National Association with instructions to study during his license period. Upon his appearance for ordination, he shall be expected to answer questions based on our Treatise with regard to church policy, church history, and Bible doctrines as believed by Free Will Baptists (II Tim. 2:15).

II. The Ordaining Council shall meet on Friday before our Annual Association at the same church where the Annual Association shall convene.

The purpose of this meeting will be to examine and question men who are recommended for licensing or ordination. Men qualified for licensing or ordination shall receive their credentials on Friday night at the Annual Association.

The Association shall pay all expenses for the Ordaining Council concerning meals and travel necessitated by this meeting. The Ordaining Council shall meet at 10:00 A. M. and adjourn when all work is finished. If any church has men to come after 5:00 P. M. they shall contact either by letter or telephone the chairman of the Ordaining Council and inform him of their coming.

Any man receiving a license will retain it until he is called to a Free Will Baptist Church as pastor or until he shows proof of entering into full-time evangelistic work or assistant pastor.

Any man coming from another Free Will Baptist Association will be expected to present a letter of recommendation from that Association to the Ordaining Council, upon whose request he shall be received into the Association in full fellowship.

If a man comes from another denomination, he will be expected to meet the qualifications as set forth in Rule I. A, B, C, D, and E.

PROCEEDINGS⁻

FRIDAY MORNING — MARCH 31, 1972

The 29th session of the Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing, "Stand Up For Jesus" and "Heavenly Sunlight," under the leadership of Rev. Robert Hagler.

The Rev. Lewis Lambert of Catawba, N. C. brought devotion.

The Association was welcomed to Rockingham, North Carolina by Rev. Charles Maness, the host pastor.

Response was given by Rev. William Hill of Charlotte, N. C.

The Clerk of the Association, Rev. Raymond Ross, called the session to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Glenn Russell.

The Moderator made a few timely remarks and then proceeded to call for the election of the Clerk for 1972.

Frank McQuage was nominated. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion and second that he be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Motion made and second to adopt the printed program with the times to be flexible.

The Moderator appointed Rev. William Hill, Rev. Reddin Hill, and Rev. Odel Cook as a nominating committee.

Motion and second that Rev. Jimmy Skipper and Rev. Clarence Ballew serve with Rev. Charles Maness on the Finance Committee.

The Rev. Albert Bell was elected to the Church Training Committee.

The Rev. J. W. Wooten was elected to the Resolutions Committee.

The Rev. Clayton Hulin was elected to the Mission Committee.

The Rev. Lewis Lambert was elected to the Sunday School Committee.

Brother Joe Wilkes was elected to the Superannuation Committee.

The Rev. Henderson Gilleland was elected to the Masters Men.

The Board of Trustees — Rev. Glenn Russell, Rev. Clarence Ballew, and Rev. Frank McQuage.

The Moderator called for all Ministers to report. Twenty-five Ministers reported.

The Moderator recognized all visitors. Five Ministers and six laymen were present.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Reddin Rill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet, N. C. His text was "The Drama of Ages," John 1:29.

Motion and second to adjourn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 31, 1972

The Rev. Lewis Lambert led the congregation in singing "At Calvary" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

Rev. Clayton Hulin led in prayer.

The devotion was brought by Rev. Albert Bell from II Chronicles, 20th chapter.

The Ordain Council made a partial report.

Motion and second that we enter a discussion concerning the work of the Ordaining Council. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn.

Brother Clarence Ballew dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT — MARCH 31, 1972

The Friday night service opened with the congregation singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" under the leadership of Rev. Frank McQuage.

The Rev. J. T. Bailey led in prayer.

The host church sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon."

The Rev. Lewis Lambert brought a message entitled, "He Shall Be Great In The Sight Of The Lord," using Matthew 11 and Luke 1:15 as his text. Two men, Brother Henderson Gilleland and Brother Francis Bressett were licensed to preach the gospel.

Rev. Harold Donahue presented these men with their license.

The church choir sang "In The Shelter Of His Arms." An offering of \$40.00 was received for the guest speaker. The Rev Gordon Sebastian of Wilson,, N. C. brought the evening message entitled "Where Did The Shout Go?" using Psalms 137 as his text.

The Rev. Charles Maness dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING - APRIL 1, 1972

The Rev. Frank McQuage led the congregation in singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

The Rev. Marvin Carson brought devotion and led in prayer.

The Moderator called for the church reports that had not been given. Three churches reported.

Motion and second that the Executive Board's report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the Church Training Committee report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the report of the Resolution Committee be received, and the recommendations be adopted. Carried.

Motion and second that the report of the Mission Committee be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the Sunday School report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the Superannuation report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the Masters Men report be received as information. Carried.

The Moderator recognized the visitors.

Motion and second that the Finance Committee report be received and each recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Motion and second that we send \$50.00 to the State Association with our annual report. Carried.

Motion and second that we pay our Clerk \$65.00 for his work this year. Carried.

Motion and second that the Treasurer's report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that the Ordain Council's report be received as information. Carried.

Motion and second that a letter of good standing be sent to the Central Conference of South Carolina for the Rev Tommy Godley. Carried. Motion and second that the Association pay the Moderator \$25.00 for his work. This is to include the Rev. Glenn Russell. Carried.

Business was suspended for the morning worship service.

A quartet from the Bethlehem Church sang the song entitled "I Know."

The Rev. Herman Griffin brought the morning message entitled "The Preacher and His Preaching" using I Timothy 4:14-15 as his text.

Motion and second to adjourn.

The Rev. Marvin Carson dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — APRIL 1, 1972

The Rev. Robert S. Hagler led the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Count Your Blessings."

The Rev. J. W. Wooten brought the devotion and led in prayer.

Motion and second that we send a letter of good standing to the Western Piedmont Association for Drexter Benton. Carried.

Motion and second that we amend Rule 4 in the Rules and Regulations. (Amended). Carried.

Motion and second that we receive the property in Salisbury, N. C. with the condition that the Church in Salisbury recommended to our Trustees. Carried.

Selection of places of worship for the fellowship meetings were made for the following times and places.

> July 28, 1972 — Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina

October 27, 1972 — Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church, Lexington, North Carolina

December 29, 1972 — New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina

Annual Association:

March 30-31, 1973 — Heman Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina Motion and second that our Moderator appoint our delegates to the State meeting. Carried.

Motion and second that the Nominating Committee report be received and each officer be elected one at the time. Carried.

The Rev. Robert S. Hagler elected Moderator.

The Rev. J. W. Wooten elected Vice Moderator.

Rev. Charles Maness elected Treasurer.

Rev. Glenn Russell - Executive Board.

Ordain Council:

Rev. Harold Donahue

Rev. Lewis Lambert

Rev. Clarence Ballew

Rev. Reddin Hill

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissal in prayer.

The Different Reports Adopted During This Session:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met at the end of the Annual Association Meeting at Mt. Pleasant FWB Church, to plan the fellowship meeting at Mable Avenue FWB Church on May 28, 1971.

On May 29, 1971 there was a called meeting of Piedmont Association at Mable Avenue for the purpose of adopting the new rules and by-laws for licensing and ordaining ministers. The Meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Piedmont Association. Brother Henry Russell (Moderator) presided. New rules and by-laws were approved by the Association.

The Committee that reviewed the rules and by-laws were given standing vote of appreciation for the work they had done.

On August 8, 1971, the Executive Board met at Near The Cross FWB Church to plan the fellowship meetings at South Point FWB Church and Kennedy Road FWB Church. The fellowship meetings through this year, 1971, were real inspiring with wonderful preaching, good singing and real fellowship.

On February 18, 1972, the Executive Board was called to Mable Avenue Church to act as an advisory committee. Brother Charles Maness and Brother Robert Hagler were absent because of bad weather.

On February 25, 1972, the Executive Board met at Near The Cross FWB Church to plan the program for the Annual Association. All members were present.

ORDAIN COUNCIL REPORT

Saturday night, September 11, 1971, the Ordain Council met at the Heman Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. The following men were ordained: Rev. Norris Hawkins, Rev. James C. Jordan, Rev. Samuel Case, and Rev. Larry Taylor. These men had met our requirements of being licensed for one year. The church paid the expense of the Council.

Saturday night, July 17, 1971, the Ordain Council met at Catawba Free Will Baptist Church. The following men were ordained: Rev. Frank Spargo and Rev. Marvin Carson. The church paid the expense of the Council.

Friday, March 24, 1972, the Ordain Council met at the Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, N. C. The purpose of this meeting was to question any minister for licensing or ordination. The Council met at 10:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. The following men were licensed to preach: Rev. Henderson Gilleland and Rev. Francis Bressett. Expenses were paid by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Harold Donahue, Chairman

Rev. Lewis Lambert

Rev. Clarence Ballew

Rev. E. B. Stamey

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The Superannuation Committee do submit the following recommendation as their report: That the Churches in the Piedmont Association consider some type of retirement for their pastors. Respectfully submitted, Joe Wilkes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deposited:

Balance brought forward Offering of churches and ministers	
- Total Deposited Disbursements:	\$947.14
State Association Clerk and Supplies Ordain Council Travel Expenses and Supplies Minutes Program Material Executive Board (Travel Expense) Rev. Gordon Sebastian	\$ 84.74 \$ 35.02 \$294.99 \$ 14.00 \$ 77.74 \$ 25.00
Total Disbursements	\$567.49
Total Deposited Less Disbursements	-
Balance in Treasury	\$379.65

RESOLUTION REPORT

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following recommendations:

- 1. Be it resolved that we keep the spirit of Christ in our associational meetings.
- 2. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to this Church for their hospitality during this association. Also to our officers who have served and worked hard this year.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. W. Wooten

MISSION REPPORT

The Mission Committe would like to make one recommendation:

We recommend that our Mission Board become active in their work and that the Churches include this mission work in their giving.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Clayton Hulin

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE REPORT

This department of our churches is exactly what the names implies. If we want to improve in the leadership of our churches and to train future leaders, then we need C. T. S.

You will find this department in Nashville, Tennessee. It has the very best in literature to help us in training our people for every phase of church work.

I can personally recommend this department because I pastor a young church and it will work.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. J. Bell

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE CHURCHES

BETHEL CHURCH—Gastonia, N. C. Church Membership-56, Members received-18; by baptism-6, by letter-12, Members dismissed-20, Sunday School enrollment-56, Pastor's Salary-\$2,000.00, Value of Church property-\$5,500.00, Minute fees-\$30.00.

BETHLEHEM—Kannapolis, N. C. Church Membership 82, Members received-16, By baptism-10, Sunday School enrollment-113, C. T. S. enrollment-21,Women's Auxiliary membership-14, Total offering received \$13,178,14, Pastor's Salary \$5,035.00, Evangelistic work-\$305.00, Building and repairs-\$924.50, Literature-\$345.22, Advertisement - \$33.70, Foreign Mission-\$387.38, Home Mission-\$173.93, Education-\$177.93, Values of Church property-\$50,000.00, Value of Parsonage-\$25,000.00, Minute fee-\$41.00. CATAWBA—Catawba, N. C. Church membership-78, Members received-13, By baptism-5, By letter-2, By statement of faith-6, Members dismissed-39, Sunday School enrollment-127, Total offering-\$17,420.91, Pastor's Salary-\$6,625.00, Evangelistic work-\$280.00, Building and Repairs-\$1,328.38, Literature-\$537.55, Advertisement-\$650.00, Foreign Mission-\$56.70, Home Mission-\$209.55, Associational Projects-\$48.00, Value of Church Property-\$35,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$12,000.00, Minute fee-\$39.00.

CLERMONT AVENUE—Kannapolis, N. C. Church Membership-40, Members received-10, By baptism-10, Sunday School enrollment- 65, Woman's Auxiliary-16, Total Offering received-\$7,295.89, Pastor's Salary-\$1,950.00, Literature - \$232.15, Advertisement - \$975.00, Home Mission-\$50.00, Value of Church property-\$16,000.00, Minute fee-\$20.00.

FAITH—Greensboro, N. C. Church Membership-80, Members received-8, By baptism-4, By statement of faith-4, Sunday School Enrollment-60, C. T. S.-35, Woman's Auxiliary-15, Total Offering received-\$10,084.19, Pastor's Salary-\$5,720.00, Evangelistic work-\$125.00, Literature-\$366.21, Advertisement-\$800.00, Foreign Mission - \$192.93, Home Mission-\$120.00, State Projects-\$25.00, Value of Church Property-\$10,000.00, Minute fee-\$40.00.

FIRST CHURCH—Hamlet. N. C. Church Membership-50, Members received-14, By baptism-9, Sunday School Enrollment-79. C. T. S.-25, Total offering received-\$13,739.38, Pastor's Salary-\$5,730.00, Advertisement-\$1,275.00, Foreign Mission - \$284.75, Home Mission - \$284.75, Bible College -\$574.85, Value of church property-\$30,000.00, Minute fee-\$25.00.

FIRST CHURCH—Laurinburg, N. C. Church Membership-25, Members received-5, By baptism-15, Sunday School enrollment-78, Total offerings received-\$4,000.00, Evangelistic work-\$75.00, Literature-\$60.00, Foreign Mission-\$12.-50, Value of Church property-\$1,600.00, Minute fee-\$12.50.

FIRST — Salisbury N. C. Sunday School Enrollment-25, Members received-5, By letter-2, Total offering-\$121.45, Value of Church Property-\$4,000.00, Minute fee-\$7.50.

GLENWOOD—Rockingham, N. C. Church Membership-72, Members received-2, By statement of faith-2, Sunday School enrollment-60, Woman's Auxiliary-15, Total Offering received-\$6,500.00, Pastor's Salary-\$2,800.00, Evangelistic work-\$150.00, Building and Repair-\$950.00, Literature\$100.00, Home Mission-\$50.00, Bible College-\$35.00, Orphanage-\$50.00, Value of Church property-\$20,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$6,000.00, Minute fee-\$25.00.

HEMAN—Charlotte, N. C. Church Membership-115, Members received-41, By baptism-23, By letter-4, By statement of faith-14, Members dismissed-1, Sunday School enrollment-105, Woman's Auxiliary-25, Total offering received-\$19,-903.65, Pastor's Salary-\$7,800.00, Evangelistic work-\$543.60, Building and Repair-\$589.87, Literature-\$434.49, Advertisement - \$1,527.32, Home Missions - \$1,341.54, Associational projects-\$180.92, Value of Church property-\$60,000.00.

HOPEWELL—Rockingham, N. C. Sunday School Enrollment-145, Members received-2, By letter-1, By statement of faith-1, League enrollment-60, Total offering received-\$8,009.00, Pastor's Salary-\$2,785.94, Evangelistic work-\$375.00, Building and repair-\$1,540.00, Literature-\$332.00, Foreign Mission-\$12.00, Orphanage-\$40.00, Value of Church property-\$17,500.00, Minute fee-\$28.50.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE—Kannapolis, N. C. Church Membership-35, Members received-7, By letter-2, By baptism-5, Pastor's Salary-\$1,040.00, Value of Church property-\$12,000.00, Minute fee-\$17.50.

JEFFERSON PARK—Rockingham, N. C. Church Membership-43, Members received-10, By baptism-8, By letter-2, Sunday School enrollment-58, League enrollment-60, Woman's Auxiliary-21, Total offering received-\$3,444.33, Pastor's salary-\$280.00, Building and Repair-\$10,000.00, Literature-\$147.87, Advertisement-\$338.00, Value of Church property-\$30,000.00, Minute fee-\$26.50.

KENNEDY ROAD—Thomasville, N. C. Church Membership-23, Members received-9, By baptism-3, By letter-6, Members dismissed-2, Sunday School enrollment-60, Woman's Auxiliary-8, Total offering received-\$7,014.24, Pastor's Salary-\$2,695.00, Evangelistic work-\$175.44, Building and repair-\$2,153.26, Literature-\$152.29, Value of Church property-\$25,000.00, Minute fee-\$11.50.

LACKEY—Hamlet, N. C. Church membership-28, Members received-6, By baptism-4, By letter-2, By statement of faith-1, Sunday School enrollment-34, Total offering received-\$1,644.00, Literature \$136.00, Value of Church property-\$3,300.00, Minute fee-\$15.00.

MABLE AVENUE-Kannapolis, N. C. No Report.

MAPLE STREET—Rockingham, N. C. Church Membership-175, Members received-13, By baptism-7, By statement of faith-6, Sunday School enrollment-300, Total offering received-\$27,784.63, Pastor's Salary-\$6,500.00, Evangelistic work-\$463.19, Building and repair-\$10,000.00, Literature-\$800 00, Advertisement- \$600.00, Foreign Mission-\$1,020.00, Education-\$100.00, State work-\$400.00, Value of Church property-\$65,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$18,000.00, Minute fee-\$87.00.

MOUNT CARMEL—Lexington, N. C. Church membership-133, Members received-10, By baptism-5, By letter-2, By statement of faith-3, Members dismissed-1, Sunday School enrollment-190, Total offerings-\$19,406.51, Pastor's Salary-\$6,750.00, Evangelistic work-\$369.00, Building and repair-\$5,000.00, Literature - \$562.76, Advertisement - \$1,157.00, Foreign Mission-\$480.00, Home Mission-\$725.00, State Projects-\$480.00, Value of Church property-\$80,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$15,000.00, Minute fee-\$66.50.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Lexington, N. C. Church membership-60, Members received-21, By baptism-15, By statement of faith-6, Sunday School enrollmest-148, Total offerings received-\$18,712.46, Pastor's Salary-\$6,110.00, Evangelistic work-\$180.00, Building and repair-\$2,100.00, Literature-\$228.83, Value of Church property-\$95,000.00, Minute fee-\$30.00.

NEAR THE CROSS—Kannapolis, N. C. Church membership-47, Members received-11, By baptism-6, By statement of faith-5, Sunday School enrollment-65, Woman's Auxiliary-12, Total offerings received-\$8,725.16, Pastor's Salary-\$3,120.00, Evangelistic work-\$190.00, Building and repair-\$2,567.66, Literature-\$366.71, Value of Church property-\$50,000.00, Minute fee-\$23.50.

NEW HOPE—Rockingham, N. C. Church Membership-33, Sunday School enrollment-45, Woman's Auxiliary-12, Total offerings received-\$5,521.75, Pastor's Salary-\$3,100.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$886.92, Literature - \$121.93, Advertisement - \$100.00, Education-\$25.00, Value of Church property - \$6,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$5,400.00, Minute fee-\$25.00.

RACHEL—Laurel Hill, N. C. Church Membership-23, Sunday School enrollment-25, Total offering received-\$282.70, Vaue of Church property-\$10,000.00, Minute fee-\$10.00. RANLO — Gastonia, N. C. Church Membership-27, Members received-5, By baptism-4, By letter-1, Members dismissed-17, Sunday School enrollment-70, Total offerings received-\$10,729.20, Pastor's salary-\$4,470,00, Evangelistic work-\$261.45, Building and repair-\$5,958.45, Literature-\$136.11, Foreign Mission-\$55.30, Home Mission-\$39.27, Associational projects-\$61.43, State and national projects-\$103.06, Minute fee-\$13.50.

SHINING LIGHT — East Rockingham, N. C. Church Membership-52, Members received-26, By baptism-23, By statement of faith-3, Members dismissed-11, Sunday School enrollment-107, Woman's Auxiliary-15, Total offerings received-\$8,798.45, Pastor's Salary-\$3,915.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$2,291.59, Literature-\$115.43, Advertisement - \$624.00, Associational projects-\$40.00, Value of Church property-\$15,000.00, Minute fee-\$26.00.

SHARON — Gastonia, N. C. Church Membership-62, Members received-11, By baptism-2, By letter-5, By statement of faith-4, Members dismissed-3, Sunday School enrollment-85, Total offerings received-\$9,648.18, Pastor's Salary-\$2,080.00, Literature-\$124.52, Minute fee-\$31.00.

SOUTH FOINT—Belmont, N. C. Church membership-90, Members received-27, By baptism-19, By statement of faith-8, Sunday School enrollment-140, Total offerings received-\$26,673.23, Pastor's Salary-\$5,965.00, Evangelistic work-\$490.37, Building and repair-\$3,085.39, Literature-\$509.49, Advertisement-\$1,450.00, Foreign Mission-\$100.00, Value of Church property-\$78,000.00, Value of parsonage-\$16,000.00, Minute fee-\$45.00.

TRUE GOSPEL-Mt. Holly, N. C. No Report.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE MINISTERS

CLARENCE BALLEW—Sermons preached 125, Churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, Number baptized 15.

ALBERT BELL—Sermons preached 160, Churches pastored 1, profession, witnessed 20, number baptized 5, additions to Church 8, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 18,000, amount received \$5,720.00.

PAUL BROWN-No statistics.

MARVIN CARSON — Sermons preached 76, revivals held 3, profession, witnessed 33, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$350.00. SAMUEL CASE — Sermons preached 60, Amount received \$100.00.

ODELL COOK—Sermons preached 158, Churches pastored 1, Revivals held 1, profession, witnessed 40, number baptized 10, additions to Church 11, Funerals preached 4, miles traveled 10,000, amount received \$2,700.00.

HAROLD DONAHUE—Sermons preached 176, Churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, profession, witnessed 5, number baptized 10, additions to church 10, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 5,000, amount received \$1,950.00.

ARCHIE FURR-No statistics.

TED GIBSON—Sermons preached 140, churches pastored 1 profession, witnessed 45, number baptized 8, additions to church 18, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 155, amount received \$2,000.00.

HENDERSON GILLELAND --- No statictics.

TOMMY GODLEY — Sermons preached 126, churches pastored 2, revivals held 2, profession, witnessed 2, number baptized 8, additions to church 12, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 22,000, amount received \$4,150.00.

HAROLD GOFORTH—Sermons preached 101, churches pastored 1, profession, witnessed 10, number baptized 5, additions to church 5, funerals preached 3, amount received \$1,004.00.

HERMAN GRIFFIN — Sermons preached 70, churches pastored 1, number baptized 15, additions to church 17, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 12,000, amount received \$5,035.00.

ROBERT HAGLER — Sermons preached 192, churches pastored 1, revivals held 7, profession, witnessed 60, number baptized 10, additions to church 13, funerals preached 20 miles traveled 25,000, amount received \$6,750.00.

NORRIS HAWKINS — Sermons preached 35, revivals held 1, profession, witnessed 10, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 200.

REDDIN HILL — Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, number baptized 4, funerals preached 1.

WILLIAM B. HILL — Sermons preached 165, churches pastored 1, revivals held 4, profession, witnessed 75, number baptized 23, additions to church 41, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 17,000, amount received \$8,275.00. CLAYTON HULIN — Sermons preached 134, churches pastored 1, revivals held 5, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 12,000, amount received \$6,000.00.

WILLIAM JACOBS — Sermons preached 134, churches pastored 1, profession, witnessed 25, additions to church 4, miles traveled 4,000, amount received \$340.00.

JAMES JORDAN — Sermons preached 23, profession, witnessed 15, miles traveled 1,000.

LEWIS LAMBERT — Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, profession, witnessed 25, number baptized 5, additions to church 13, funerals preached 6, miles traveled 30,000, amount received \$6,954.00.

DAVID LILES - No statistics.

R. D. MASON—Sermons preached 30, churches pastored 0, miles traveled 5,000, amount received \$50.00.

JOHN MARTIN — Sermons preached 77, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 3,226, amount received \$160.00.

FRANK McQUAGE—Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, revivals held 7, number baptized 7, additions to church 13, funerals preached 26, miles traveled 40,000, amount received \$6,500.00.

DAVID O'KELLY-Sermons preached 8.

COLON PATTERSON — Sermons preached 75, professions, witnessed 8, churches pastored 1, additions to church 3, amount received \$138.00.

HENRY GLENN RUSSELL — Sermons preached 165, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, profession, witnessed 65, number baptized 7, additions to church 27, funerals preached 4, miles traveled 40,000, amount received \$5,-965.00.

R. P. SAWYER—Sermons preached 30, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, profession, witnessed 11, additions to church 5, miles traveled 1,000.

JAMES SKIPPER — Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, profession, witnessed 45, number baptized 18, additions to church 30, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 20,000, amount received \$4,500.00.

E. B. STAMEY—Sermons preached 28, professions, witnessed 8, funerals preached 2.

LARRY TAYLOR — Sermons preached 60, funerals preached 2.

J. W. WOOTEN—Sermons preached 115, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3.

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