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**GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR 1976-1977**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Moderator ..... Rev. Clarence Ballew  
Rt. 1, Box 520, Lexington, N. C.
- Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Harold Donahue  
222 Gurley St., Kannapolis, N. C.
- Clerk ..... Rev. William E. Jacobs  
Route 4, Box 409, Rockingham, N. C.
- Treasurer ..... Bro. Charlie Lawson  
214 Colley Street, Greensboro, N. C.
- BOARD MEMBER (Term expires 1979) .... Rev. Marvin Carson
- BOARD MEMBER (Term expires 1978) .... Rev. Lewis Lambert
- BOARD MEMBER (Term expires 1977) .... Rev. Frank McQuage

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

- Rev. A. J. Bell ..... Term expires 1980
- Rev. Charles Maness ..... Term expires 1979
- Rev. Norman Perkins ..... Term expires 1978
- Rev. Odell Cook ..... Term expires 1977

**ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES**

- Church Training ..... Rev. Reddin Hill
- Finance ..... Bro. Charlie Lawson  
Rev. Norman Prekins  
Rev. Arlie Green
- Resolutions ..... Rev. Charles Maness
- Missions ..... Rev. A. J. Bell
- Superannuation ..... Rev. J. W. Wooten
- Masters Men ..... Rev. Lewis Lambert
- Sunday School ..... Rev. Frank McQuage
- Board of Trustees ..... Rev. Frank McQuage  
Rev. J. W. Wooten  
Rev. Clarence Ballew
- Mission Board ..... Rev. Albert Bell  
Rev. William E. Jacobs  
Rev. Charles Maness

## NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF MINISTERS

Rev. Frank McQuage, P. O. Box 965, Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/895-5476
Rev. William Jacobs, Rt. 4, Box 409, Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/582-1920
Rev. Albert Bell, 2700 Vestal St., Greensboro, N. C. ....	919/272-5259
Rev. Ernest Stamey, Rt. 3, Box 349, Gastonia, N. C. ....	704/867-1145
Rev. J. W. Wooten, 110 Arrington Dr., Lexington, N. C. ....	704/246-5070
Rev. Richard Wilson, 44 Brown Dr., Belmont, N. C. ....	825-2229
Rev. Marvin Carson, 307 Valley Ave., Clover, S. C. ....	803/222-7641
Rev. Thomas Morgan, Memorial Dr., Clover, S. C. ....	803/222-4302
Rev. Lewis Lambert, 303 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C. ....	704/827-3223
Rev. Clarence Green, 2218 W. 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C. ....	864-4680
Rev. Ted Gibson, 250 Dixon Circle, Gastonia, N. C. ....	704/864-6662
Rev. Harold Goforth, Rt. 3, Box 684, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	704/933-9574
Rev. Clarence Ballew, Rt. 1, Box 520, Lexington, N. C. ....	702/249-3014
Rev. Clayton Hulin, Rt. 2, Box 38, Thomasville, N. C. ....	919/475-8712
Rev. Odell Cook, 114 School St., Belmont, N. C. ....	704/827-3144
Rev. Orian Nunn, Rt. 3, Box 215-6, Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/895-5317
Rev. Charles Maness, P. O. Box 95, Wadesboro, N. C. ....	704/694-2804
Rev. Harold Donahue, 222 Gurley St., Kannapolis, N. C. ....	704/932-9616
Rev. James Skipper, 11 Spencer Mt. Rd., Gastonia, N. C.	
Rev. John Martin, Rt. 3, Box 91-B, Mooresville, N. C. ....	663-3488
Rev. Junior Ballew, 716 1st Rainbow, Lexington, N. C. ....	704/249-6775
Rev. Herman Hart, 108 Clawson St., Kannapolis, N. C. ....	704/838-2561
Rev. Norman Perkins, Mt. Holly, N. C. ....	704/827-3146
Rev. Harold Cook, 305 Park Rd., Mt. Holly, N. C. ....	704/827-6087
Rev. Arlie Green, 65 South Wm. St., Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/997-3844
Rev. William Hill, 631 Eastway Dr., Charlotte, N. C. ....	704/535-4785
Rev. Narris Hawkins, 1413 Echo Glen Rd., Charlotte, N. C. ....	704/596-4543
Rev. Cordell Oxendine, Rt. 13, Box 20, Charlotte, N. C. ....	704/597-1174
Rev. Claude Bean, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 538, Hamlet, N. C. ....	919/582-0420
Rev. Archie Furr, 113 Charlotte Street, Hamlet, N. C. ....	919/582-1597
Rev. Reddin Hill, 815 S. Church St., E. Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/895-9846
Rev. Wiley Shepperd, 819 South Ch. St., E. Rockingham, N. C. ....	919/997-4195
Rev. Everett Cox, 602 First St., Concord, N. C.	
Rev. Ronnie Wilson, Route 1, Belmont, N. C.	
Rev. Ramond Ross, Rt. 2, Box 325, Kannapolis, N. C.	

## ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Catawba, Belmont, N. C. ....	Rev. Lewis Lambert
Clermont, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	Rev. Harold Donahue
Bethel, Gastonia, N. C. ....	Rev. Ted Gibson
First, Hamlet, N. C. ....	Rev. Reddin Hill
First, Clover, S. C. ....	Rev. Marvin Carson
Faith, Greensboro, N. C. ....	Rev. A. J. Bell
First, Salisbury, N. C. ....	Rev. Odell Dover
First, Laurinburg, N. C. ....	Rev. Willey Sheppard
Faith, Gastonia, N. C. ....	Rev. Clarence Green
Hopewell, Hamlet, N. C. ....	Rev. Claude Bean, Jr.
Hilltop, Rockingham, N. C. ....	Rev. Arlie Green
Independence, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	Rev. Harold Goforth
Jefferson Park, Rockingham, N. C. ....	Rev. William E. Jacobs
Kennedy Road, Thomasville, N. C. ....	Rev. Clayton Hulin
Lackey Street, Hamlet, N. C. ....	Rev. Archie Furr
Haple Street, Rockingham, N. C. ....	Rev. Frank McQuage
Mt. Pleasant, Lexington, N. C. ....	Rev. Clarence Ballew
Mt. Carmel, Lexington, N. C. ....	Rev. J. W. Wooten
New Hope, Rockingham, N. C. ....	Rev. Orian Nunn
Near the Cross, Kannapolis, N. C. ....	Rev. Ramond Ross
Ranlo, Mt. Holly, N. C. ....	Rev. Norman Perkins
Ridgeview, Charlotte, N. C. ....	Rev. James Skipper
Shining Light, Rockingham, N. C. ....	Rev. Charles Maness
Sharon, Gastonia, N. C. ....	Rev. Odell Cook
Sandy Ford, Mt. Holly, N. C. ....	Rev. Harold Cook
South Point, Belmont, N. C. ....	Rev. Ronnie Wilson
United, Concord, N. C. ....	Rev. Everette Cox

## VISITORS

Becky Sutherland	Paul C. Church
Larry Marrow	Ronald Creech
Steve Perkins	Daniel Vause
Wanda Potter	Phil Freeman
Wanda Franks	Eddie Free
Tina Mitchum	Ollie Hatcher
J. T. Baley	J. J. Williamson
Mrs. Clarence Ballew	Randy Gibson
Billy Culler	Don Maetus
Pat Goudelok	Leure Smith

## MINISTERS

Rev. Wriston Deese	Rev. Ball Sutherland
Rev. Ted Gibson	Rev. Lewis Lambert
Rev. Charlie Maness	Rev. Richard Wilson
Rev. A. J. Bell	Rev. Herman Griffin
Rev. Vernon Cope	Rev. Frank McQuage
Rev. Tom Morgan	Rev. Clarence Green
Rev. Harold Cook	Rev. Orian Nunn
Rev. Ramond Ross	Rev. Gary W. Gilison
Rev. Charles Overcash, Jr.	Rev. Ernest Stamey
Rev. Bert Green	Rev. J. W. Wooten
Rev. Harold Goforth	Rev. Everett Cox
Rev. William E. Jacobs	

## DELEGATES

Clayton Helms	Lela Wilson
Roger Parker	Clara Batton
Charles C. Lawson	Ruby Baily
Jennie E. Lawson	Willia Harrelson
Royce Lee Honeycut	Raymond Seay
Hal M. Quick	Bonnie Seay
A. C. Hole	Marna Bell
Marie Morrow	Charles Douglas Small
Gladis Donahue	Tiny Parker
Tommy M. Adam	James B. Bailey
Nettie S. Adam	Vic Reddin
John H. Martin	Michey Smith

## DELEGATES

(Continued)

Nellie Clark	Ethel Honeycut
Judy Wilson	Mary Lou Nunn
Eugene Vause	Alice Smith
T. C. Clark	Marie Gibson
R. L. Lows	Lura Smith
Ronnie Bolin	Ira Shure
Cleo Bell	Billy Keply
Mary Bell	Jay Long
Lennie L. Tilly	Francis Long
Liona Cook	Lang Long
Zonia Mae Perkins	Richard Long
Denver Eller	Roger Townsend
Lois Holden	Alice Smith
Ann Bennett	Mickey Smith
Doris Green	Ronald Williamson
Richard A. Jacobs	Ruth Benfield
Linda Helms	Ruby Mayhue
Diane Helms	Jenie Mae Guinn
Thomas Parker	Morris Guinn
Evelyn B. Hill	Clyde Mayhue
Louis Harden	Benford Garrison
Sherry Holden	Wanda Franks
Richard Parker	Denver Eller
Robin Lambert	Ruby Eller

## 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 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 letter 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, and 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 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 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. Their duties will be to present nominations for the officers and boards of the association. Any member of the association may also make nominations from the floor after 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 at 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 the 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 be 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 the body denies a person voting privileges.
18. Members breaking any of these rules, the 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

1. 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, 1 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 (1 Tim. 3:1-7).

D. We believe that 1 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 1 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).

2. The ordaining council shall meet on Friday before our 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 unto 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 1. A, B, C, D, and E.

# PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1976

The Thirty-third Annual Session of the Piedmont Association opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven," under the leadership of the Rev. Lewis Lambert.

Devotions by Rev. Charles Maness. Ephesians 5:14.

The Association was welcomed to Rockingham, N. C. by Rev. William E. Jacobs.

Response to the welcome was given by Rev. Lewis Lambert.

The Association was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. William Jacobs. Our Moderator, Rev. William Hill, was introduced to the Association.

The printed program was presented by the Executive Board and was adopted.

The following were elected to serve on the following committees:

<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Church Training</b>
Bro. Charlie Lawson	Rev. Reddin Hill
Rev. Norman Perkins	
Rev. Arlie Green	
Resolution .....	Rev. Charles Maness
Missions .....	Rev. A. J. Bell
Superannuation .....	Rev. J. W. Wooten
Masters Men .....	Rev. Lewis Lambert
Sunday School .....	Rev. Frank McQuage
Board of Trustees .....	Rev. Frank McQuage
	Rev. J. W. Wooten
	Rev. Clarence Ballew
Mission Board .....	Rev. A. J. Bell
	Rev. William E. Jacobs
	Rev. Charles Maness

A motion carried that we adjourn the business for the morning worship.

The Rev. Odell Cook brought the morning message. Scripture from Obadiah 17:18.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2, 1976

The Association began its services by singing "At the Cross," under the direction of Rev. Frank McQuage.

The Rev. Harold Donahue brought the devotions. Scripture: Acts 10:34-40. A motion carried to receive the ordaining council report.

State Evangelist report by Rev. Ronald Creech. Executive Board report by Rev. William E. Jacobs. A motion carried to adjourn.

## FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 2, 1976

The Friday night service began with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." The Catawba Singers sang "I Need You Jesus," and "If It Wasn't For The Lord What Would I Do." The Jefferson Park Singers sang, "Glory Road" and "What a Beautiful Day for the Lord to Come Again" and others.

Evening message by Rev. Norman Perkins, Luke 15:11-24, "The Man That Lost Himself." A motion was carried to adjourn.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The association began its services with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" under the direction of Bro. Charlie Lawson.

Devotion by Rev. Reddin Hill. Scripture 2nd Cor. 4:8-18 led in prayer.

## Committees Report

Finance .....	Bro. Charlie Lawson
Church Training .....	Rev. Reddin Hill
Resolutions .....	Rve. Charles Maness
Missions .....	Rev. A. J. Bell
Sunday School .....	Rev. Frank McQuage
Superannuation .....	Rev. J. W. Wooten
Masters Men .....	Rev. Lewis Lambert

The reports were given by these men as recorded in these minutes. A motion was carried to accept the written reports.

Rev. Odell Cook was elected as youth camp director. Assistant director, Norman Perkins. The following churches were received into the Piedmont Association: United Free Will Baptist of Concord, N. C.; Ridgeview Free Will Baptist, Charlotte, N. C.

A motion carried to send \$50.00 to state association.

A motion carried to send \$50.00 to national association.

A motion carried that moderator appoint delegates at state association.

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Greensboro, N. C. was chosen for the next annual association.

### FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

May 28 — Faith, Gastonia, N. C.

August 27 — United, Concord, N. C.

October 29 — Shining Light, Rockingham, N. C.

January 28 — Mt. Carmel, Lexington, N. C.

A motion carried to accept the nominating committee's report and the following men were elected:

- Moderator ..... Rev. Clarence Ballew
- Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Harold Donahue
- Treasurer ..... Bro. Charlie Lawson
- Board Member ..... Rev. Marvin Carson
- Ordaining Council ..... Rev. A. J. Bell

A motion carried to adjourn.

**PIEDMONT ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH CAMP AT SPENCE-  
WOOD CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND, AUGUST 11-16, 1975**

**Ranlo Free Will Baptist**

Rev. Norman Perkins  
Mrs. Norman Perkins  
Steve Perkins  
Wanda Potter  
Scott Potter  
Jimmy Hale  
Glenda Mooneyham  
Scott Spears  
Mark Henry  
Jimmy Hall  
Eddie Martin

**Catawba Free Will Baptist**

Rev. Lewis Lambert  
Mrs. Lewis Lambert  
Robin Lambert  
Chris Lambert  
Renea Lambert  
Lisa Watts  
Tonya Poole  
Libby Nottage  
Cheri Wallace  
Darlene Messer  
Melanie Waters  
Debbie Straugh  
Linda McNew  
Becky Mayne  
Tonya Workman  
Ricky Smith  
Doug Ratteerree  
David Nottage  
Lamar Buford

**Sharon Free Will Baptist**

Rev. Odell Cook  
Mrs. Odell Cook  
Jackie Stamey  
Angela Weaver  
Pansy West  
Teresa Hargett  
Sissy Hargett  
Lisa Farr  
Jody Farr  
Ervin Greene  
Brian Hurley  
Chuck Bates

**Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist**

Bud Jacobs  
Andy Jacobs  
Denise Conners  
Tammy Lambert  
Tammy Bryant  
Lynn Conyers  
Anett Hayes  
Jeff Cook  
Denise Bryant  
Mike Benoise  
Ronald Bryant

**Maple Street Free Will Baptist**

Frank McQuage  
Bill Smith  
Dale Hatcher  
Gale Boan  
Susan Butler  
Nancy Hatcher  
Marie Benoise  
Ken Baker  
Frank Hatcher

**Clover Free Will Baptist**

Rev. Marvin Carson  
Mrs. Marvin Carson  
Eddie Carson  
John Mark Carson  
Lisa Cole  
Kenny Hart  
Kenny Cole  
Sherry Hill  
Katrina Wilson

## YOUTH CAMP (Continued)

### Heman Free Will Baptist

Rev. William Hill  
Renea Oxendine  
Dwayne Oxendine  
James Bundy  
William Powers

### Faith Free Will Baptist

Randy Pressley  
David Lawson

### First Church, Hamlet

Rev. Reddin Hill  
Darrell Short  
Tommy Hill  
Sharon Hill  
Bobby Hill  
Dean Short  
Dale Edwards  
Ann Cain

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cash .....	\$ 58.00
Jefferson Park .....	70.20
Mt. Pleasant .....	40.50
Kennedy Road .....	26.50
First Laurinburg .....	7.50
Maple St. ....	150.00
Catawba .....	78.00
Near the Cross .....	45.00
Shining Light .....	39.50
Sandy Ford .....	38.50
Mt. Carmel .....	91.00
Ridgeview .....	28.50
Hilltop .....	28.50
Ranlo .....	56.25
First Hamlet .....	20.00
Hopewell .....	41.25
Sharon .....	84.00
Claremont .....	17.00
First Salisbury .....	11.25
First Clover, S. C. ....	81.75
South Point .....	39.00
Bethel .....	52.50

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
(Continued)

Faith .....	39.75
New Hope .....	36.00
Faith Gastonia .....	27.00
Lackey St. ....	36.00
United .....	61.50
Cash .....	12.00

We, the Finance Committee, do recommend that the clerk and moderator of the Piedmont Association be paid \$65.00 per year and that the association send \$50.00 to the state association and \$50.00 to the national association.

Signed,  
Charles C. Lawson  
Rev. Norman Perkins  
Rev. Arlie Green

**HOME MISSION REPORT**

Balance in Treasury as of March 1975 .....	\$1660.67
Amount Paid Out 3/75 to 3/76 .....	\$ 664.78
Balance in Treasury 3/31/76 .....	\$ 995.89
Travel Expense .....	\$ 28.00
Tax Charge by Bank .....	\$ 1.60

All other disbursements paid to and for Bibleway Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Amount Paid to Church (monthly) .....	\$200.00
Griffin, Gerdes and Harris (deed recording) .....	159.50
Utilities, Water and Power .....	30.31
Gilmore Plumbing .....	50.00
Bible Bookstore (Literature) .....	65.00
Durane Gas Co. ....	37.00
Northwestern Bank (Payment) .....	93.37
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT .....</b>	<b><u>\$664.78</u></b>

## MISSION REPORT

We feel that the Mission Board is one of the strongest arms of the Piedmont Association. We are carrying out the great commission of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world." With the help and prayers of all our people we will see souls saved. We have plenty of places in our area where we do not have a voice and with plenty of good young preachers to go. May God bless us all is my prayer.

Rev. Albert Bell

## REINSTATEMENT

We the people of the United Free Will Baptist Church have voted 100% to be reinstated in the Piedmont Association. We ask to be reinstated, and we will back and support this association to the very best of our ability.

Thank you,  
Betty Ward, Church Clerk  
Rev. Everette Cox, Pastor

## TREASURER'S REPORT

From 4-5-75 to 4-1-76

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$ 236.01
Offering, Churches and Ministers .....	881.50
Total Deposit .....	1,117.51
Disbursements:	
State Association .....	\$ 50.00
National Association .....	50.00
Minutes .....	265.00
Clerk's Supplies .....	35.75
Executive Board Travel .....	364.69
Ordaining Council Travel .....	69.80
Clerk .....	65.00
Moderator .....	65.00
Youth Camp Literature .....	45.53
Total Deposited .....	1,117.51
Total Disbursements .....	1,010.77
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 106.74

Brother Charlie Lawson

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Piedmont Association met during the year on five different occasions to transact all necessary business.

We met in Charlotte, N. C. on June 5, 1975. In Salisbury, N. C. July 21, 1975. In Charlotte, N. C. October 2, 1975. In Belmont, N. C. February 3, 1976. In Charlotte, N. C. February 21, 1976.

The followinig business was transacted:

- No. 1 Selected speakers for fellowship meetings.
- No. 2 To help Salisbury church with pastor (had no pastor).
- No. 3 To give help to the Bible Way Free Will Baptist Church.
- No. 4 To select speakers for annual association meeting.
- No. 5 To Charlotte Bible Way Free Will Baptist Church to give assistance.

### Executive Board

Rev. William Hill	Rev. Lewis Lambert
Rev. Marvin Carson	Rev. Frank McQuage
Rev. William Jacobs	Rev. Albert Bell
Bro. Charlie Lawson	

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The ordaining council met at the Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, N. C. on March 26, 1976 and examined and approved these men for licensing and ordination.

### Those Ordained

Rev. Everett Cox	Rev. Ronnie Wilson
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### Those Licensied

Rev. James E. Tennant	Rev. Jessie L. Bueford, Jr.
Rev. Bobby Sutherland	Rev. Gary Wayne Gibson
Rev. Jack Biggs	Rev. Joseph Reddin
Rev. Don Byrle Greer	Rev. Charles Overcash
Rev. Alford L. Mayne	

Rev. Herman Hart turned in his ordination papers to the Ordaining Council Sept. 1975.

Rev. James Jordan turned in his ordination papers to the Ordination Council on March 26, 1976.

The council met at the Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist Church on April 1, 1976, and examined the Rev. Wriston Deese and Rev. Lacy Edwards Helms for licensing.

Rev. Harold Donahue, Chairman

### **RESOLUTION REPORT**

Be it resolved that we endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in our association by refraining to say anything in public or private that would harm any brother or sister.

Be it resolved that we absolutely refuse to do or say anything that would bring a reproach on Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be it resolved that we strive hard to win precious souls to Jesus Christ than ever before by supporting our churches and association and the cause for which they stand.

Be it resolved that we give the Jefferson Park Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of appreciation for the warm welcome they have shown us during this session of our annual association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charles Maness

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

Sunday School is one of the most important arms of our Church. In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Go ye unto all the world and teach the gospel." Teaching is a vital part of the ministry of the Church. There are many pitfalls that we should avoid.

1. Placing men and women in positions because of their popularity instead of their ability.

Sunday School in the last few years has had a tremendous growth because of busing. This is good, but let us not forget that Sunday night preaching and mid-week prayer meetings are just as important as Sunday School.

Rev. Frank McQuage

## TO THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST,

One of the most vital ministries of our churches is C.T.S. or (Youth Meeting) as called by some. I would like to encourage every pastor to engage in this profitable program for the training of our young people. It is a great opportunity to teach the Bible and to involve them in recreation influenced by Christian guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Reddin F. Hill

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE CHURCHES

SANDY FORD—Church membership—57, members received—9, by baptism—2, by letter—1, by faith—6, members dismissed—6, deceased — 1, Sunday School enrollment — 60, total offering — \$6,848.76, general fund — \$684.88, pastor's salary — \$4,180.00, evangelistic work—\$125.00, building and repairs—\$43.80, literature — \$242.25, miscellaneous — \$26.00, local expenditures — \$4,617.05, minute fees—\$14.25.

SOUTH POINT—Church membership—52, members received—39, by baptism—11, by letter—5, by faith—23, members dismissed —14, excluded—14, Sunday School enrollment—68, total offering—\$16,080.13, pastor's salary — \$6,891.49, building and repairs—\$2,000, literature—\$200.00, value of church property—\$100,000, value of parsonage—\$30,000.

UNITED—Church membership—82, members received—28, by baptism—14, by letter—7, by faith—7, deceased—1, Sunday School —82, Woman's Auxiliary—20, total offering—\$1,129.40, general fund—\$10,400.00,—building fund— \$115.60, pastor's salary — \$216.00, evangelistic—\$100.00, building repairs—\$4,000, literature —\$160.00, miscellaneous—\$4,476.00, value of church—\$35,000, minute fees—\$61.50.

RIDGEVIEW—Church membership—57, members received—57, by baptism—25, by letter—21, by faith—11, Sunday School enrollment—109, total offering—\$17,500, general fund—\$1,500, building fund—\$4,000, pastor's salary—\$6,500, evangelistic work—\$300.00, building and repairs—\$2,700, literature—\$240.00, mis-

cellaneous—\$1,500, value of church property—\$40,000, minute fees—\$28.50.

**SHINING LIGHT**—Church membership—79, members received—29, by baptism—4, by letter—8, by faith—17, Sunday School enrollment—107, Woman's Auxiliary—21, total offering—\$14,868.88, general fund—\$14,268.88, building fund—\$600.00, pastor's salary—\$4,721.64, evangelistic—\$85.00, building and repairs—\$3,794.23 literature—\$273.33, advertising—\$850.00, miscellaneous—\$4,189.56, local expenditures—\$13,913.75, minute fees—\$39.40.

**SHARON**—Church membership—112, members received—34, by baptism—11, by letter—7, by faith—16, members dismissed—11, excluded—11, deceased—0, Sunday School—109, total offering—\$23,559.52, general fund—\$19,862.33, building fund—\$3,697.19, pastor's salary—\$2,080.00, building repair—\$9,324.08, literature—\$476.61, miscellaneous—\$2,942.96, local expenditures—\$15,303.65, value of church—\$150,000, minute fees—\$84.00, state and national project—\$100.00.

**NEW HOPE**—Church membership—36, members received—4, by letter—4, members dismissed—9, Sunday School enrollment—35, Woman's Auxiliary membership—12, total offering—\$6,072.28, pastor's salary—\$2,305.00, evangelistic work—\$317.70, building and repairs—\$585.16, literature—\$224.41, miscellaneous—\$2,200.02, local expenditures—\$5,631.99, value of church property—\$35,000.00, minute fees—\$36.00.

**NEAR THE CROSS**—Church membership—90, members received—26, by baptism—21, by letter—5, Sunday School enrollment—126, Woman's Auxiliary—25, total offering—\$36,111.08, general fund—\$31,995.44, building fund—\$4,115.64, pastor's salary—\$3,120.00, evangelistic—\$100.00, building and repairs—\$11,801.77, literature—\$686.74, advertising—\$486.00, value of church property—\$85,000, minute fees—\$45.00.

**RANLO**—Church membership—75, members received—25, by baptism—15, by letter—2, by faith—8, members dismissed—10, Sunday School—108, total offering—\$18,528.10, building fund—\$8,565.03, pastor's salary—\$6,500.00, evangelistic—\$125.00, building repairs—\$2,294.45, literature—\$419.51, miscellaneous—

\$3,572.15, value of church—\$25,000, minute fees—\$56.25.

MAPLE ST.—Church membership—200, members received—16, Sunday School enrollment—300, total offering—\$49,571.43, pastor's salary—\$9,880.00, evangelistic work—\$545.00, literature—\$1,500, miscellaneous—\$400.00, value of church property—\$200,000, value of parsonage—\$20,000, foreign missions—\$1,020.00, home missions—\$400.00, minute fees—\$150.00.

MT. PLEASANT—Total offering — \$24,731.64, evangelistic — \$675.67, building and repairs—\$417.45, literature—\$410.12, miscellaneous—\$463.59, local expenditures—\$1,966.83, value of church property—\$115,000, minute fees—\$40.50.

MT. CARMEL—Church membership—182, members received—33, by baptism—29, by letter—1, by faith—3, members dismissed—5, excluded—4, deceased—1, Sunday School—204, Woman's Auxiliary—27, total offering—\$32,311.64, pastor's salary—\$7,280.00, evangelistic — \$650.00, building repairs — \$4,046.91, literature — \$867.68, advertising—\$1,462.10, local expenditures—\$14,306.69, value of church—\$130,000, value of parsonage—\$20,000, minute fees—\$91.00.

JEFFERSON PARK—Church membership—128, members received—37, by baptism—20, by letter—5, by faith—12, members dismissed—6, Sunday School enrollment—176, Woman's Auxiliary membership — 21, total offering — \$19,820.84, pastor's salary — \$5,368.98, evangelistic work—\$1,906.16, building and repairs—\$2,852.40, literature—\$618.61, miscellaneous—\$760.00, local expenditures—\$10,746.06, value of church property—\$167,000, minute fees—\$70.25.

KENNEDY ROAD—Church membership—53, members received—17, by baptism—13, by letter—4, members dismissed—7, excluded—7, Sunday School enrollment—80, total offering—\$11,120.46, pastor's salary—\$4,470.00, evangelistic—\$527.99, building and repairs—\$2,705.72, literature—\$365.57, advertising—\$722.00, miscellaneous—\$3,089.12, local expenditures—\$11,880.40, value of church property—\$75,000, minute fees—\$26.50.

LACKEY ST.—Church membership—18, members received—3,

by baptism—2, by letter—1, deceased—3, Sunday School—30, total offering—\$2,080.00, pastor's salary—\$960.00, building repairs—\$850.00, literature—\$250.00, miscellaneous—\$700.00, local expenditures—\$2,540.00, value of church—\$8,000, minute fees—\$13.50.

HOPEWELL—Church membership—75, members received—8, by baptism—5, by faith—3, deceased—1, Sunday School enrollment—195, total offering—\$14,617.29, pastor's salary—\$7,408.64, building and repairs—\$3,010.20, literature—\$650.00, miscellaneous—\$2,488.44, local expenditures—\$13,557.28, value of church property—\$75,000, foreign missions—\$260.00, orphanage—\$40.00, minute fees—\$41.25.

HILLTOP—Church membership—38, members received—20, by baptism—6, by letter—6, by faith—8, members dismissed—26, excluded—24, deceased—2, Sunday School enrollment—75, Woman's Auxiliary—15, total offering—\$8,269.45, general fund—\$7,645.99, building fund—\$623.46, pastor's salary—\$1,925.00, evangelistic—\$75.00, building and repairs—\$1,002.45, literature—\$266.64, advertising—\$504.00, miscellaneous—\$2,221.80, local expenditures—\$6,996.73, value of church property—\$30,000, minute fees—\$28.50.

INDEPENDENCE—Church membership—50, total offering—\$4,156.33, pastor's salary—\$1,820.00, value of church—\$12,000, minute fees—\$25.00.

FIRST SALISBURY, N. C.—Church membership—15, members received—2, by faith—2, members dismissed—9, total offering—\$4,741.42, pastor's salary—\$400.00, local expenditures—\$440.00, value of church property—\$60,000, minute fees—\$11.25.

FIRST LAURINBURG, N. C.—Church membership—15, members received—3, Sunday School enrollment—42, total offering—\$4,521.68, building fund—\$583.67, pastor's salary—\$200.00, advertising—\$456.00, minute fees—\$7.50.

FAITH, GASTONIA, N. C.—Church membership—54, members received—36, by baptism—11, by letter—12, by faith—13, members dismissed—22, excluded—22, Sunday School—70, Woman's Auxiliary—20, total offering—\$16,187.10, general fund—\$16,187.10, pastor's salary—\$3,430.00, evangelistic—\$150.00,

building repairs—\$6,300, literature—\$332.88, advertising—\$54.08, miscellaneous—\$2,000.00, local expenditures—\$12,266.96, foreign missions—\$50.18, home missions—\$30.00, minute fees—\$27.00.

FIRST, HAMLET—Church membership—40, Sunday School enrollment—65, total offering—\$11,506.73, pastor's salary—\$8,160, evangelistic work—\$450.00, literature—\$280.00, miscellaneous—\$60.00, local expenditures—\$9,650.00, value of church property—\$50,000, home missions—\$190.00, minute fees—\$20.00.

FIRST, CLOVER, S. C.—Church membership—106, members received—35, by baptism—26, by letter—3, by faith—6, members dismissed—2, Sunday School enrollment—109, Woman's Auxiliary—10, total offering—\$19,500, general fund—\$15,000, building fund—\$4,500, pastor's salary—\$6,825, building and repairs—\$2,100.00, literature—\$470.00, miscellaneous—\$7,231.00, local expenditures—\$19,000, value of church property—\$25,000, value of parsonage—\$15,000, orphanage—\$82.00, minute fees—\$81.75.

FAITH, GREENSBORO—Church membership—53, members received—15, by baptism—6, by letter—2, by faith—3, members dismissed—7, excluded—4, deceased—2, Sunday School—80, Woman's Auxiliary—14, total offering—\$15,323.88, general fund—\$11,678.60, pastor's salary—\$5,760.00, evangelistic—\$430.00, building repairs—\$9,238.45, literature—\$246.63, advertising—\$96.22, miscellaneous—\$1,713.46, local expenditures—\$34,484.76, value of church—\$100,000, home missions—\$37.90, minute fees—\$39.75.

BETHEL—Church membership—70, members received—10, by baptism—2, by faith—8, members dismissed—26, excluded—26, Sunday School enrollment—70, Woman's Auxiliary membership—15, total offering—\$16,113.32, general fund—\$15,113.32, building fund—\$1,000, pastor's salary—\$7,800, building and repairs—\$2,912.00, literature—\$212.00, advertising—\$936.00, miscellaneous—\$960.00, local expenditures—\$12,608.00, value of church property—\$50,000, minute fees—\$52.50.

CLERMONT—Church membership—34, members received—2, by baptism—2, members dismissed—1, deceased—1, Sunday School enrollment—52, Woman's Auxiliary—12, total offering—\$7,300.00,

general fund—\$110.00, pastor's salary—\$2,600.00, building and repairs—\$1,000, literature—\$225.00, local expenditures—\$3,600.00, value of church property—\$100,000.00, minute fees—\$17.00.

CATAWBA—Church membership—105, members received—27, by baptism—3, by letter—10, by faith—14, members dismissed—3, excluded—3, Sunday School—135, total offering—\$27,891.55, general fund—\$27,891.55, pastor's salary—\$7,950.00, evangelistic—\$990.00, building repairs—\$6,523.39, literature—\$447.80, advertising—\$840.00, local expenditures—\$17,351.19, value of church—\$50,000, value of parsonage—\$15,000, home missions—\$175.75, orphanage—\$777.25, outside expenditures—\$2,120.43, minute fees—\$78.75.

### STATISTICAL INFORMATION OF THE MINISTERS

J. W. WOOTEN—Sermons preached 130, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, number baptized 29, added to church 33, funerals preached 4, miles traveled 35,000, amount received \$7,280.00.

JAMES SKIPPER—Sermons preached 300, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 30, baptized 36, added to church 40, churches organized 1, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 25,000, amount received \$6,000.

LEWIS LAMBERT—Sermons preached 160, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 40, number baptized 8, added to church 27, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 20,000, amount received \$8,350.00.

RICHARD WILSON—Sermons preached 65, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 11, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 10,000, amount received \$700.00.

HAROLD COOK—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 15, number baptized 4, added to church 9, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 2,800, amount received \$4,260.00.

CHARLES MANESS—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 2, number baptized 8, added to church 29.

**NORMAN PERKINS**—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, number baptized 21, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 25,000.

**ODELL COOK**—Sermons preached 165, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 50, added to church 34, number baptized 14, funerals preached 4, miles traveled 10,000, amount received \$2,080.00.

**VERNON COPE**—Sermons preached 15, professions witnessed 4, miles traveled 75, amount received \$35.00.

**TED GIBSON**—Sermons preached 132, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 55, number baptized 7, funerals preached 1.

**THOMAS MORGAN**—Sermons preached 26, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 6, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 1,001, amount received \$117.00.

**MARVIN CARSON**—Sermons preached 125, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 34, added to church 35, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 25,000, amount received \$7,300.

**REDDIN HILL**—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 5,000.

**ALBERT BELL**—Sermons preached 135, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 35, number baptized 10, added to church 15, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 20,000, amount received \$5,760.

**ORIAN NUNN**—Sermons preached 120, churches pastored 4, professions witnessed 3, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 1,200, amount received \$2,002.00.

**HAROLD DONAHUE**—Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 8, added to church 6, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 12,000, amount received \$2,600.

**CORDELL OXENDINE**—No report.

**RAYMOND ROSS**—Sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1,

revivals held 3, professions witnessed 35, number baptized 20, added to church 26, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$13,120.

**FRANK McQUAGE**—Sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, revivals held 7, professions witnessed 25, funerals preached 26, miles traveled 40,000, amount received \$9,400.

**CLARENCE GREEN**—Sermons preached 140, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 30, number baptized 11, added to church 36, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 20,000, amount received \$3,430.

**JOHN MARTIN**—Sermons preached 291, professions witnessed 3, miles traveled 1,320.

**ARLIE GREEN**—Sermons preached 175, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 27, number baptized 5, added to church 20, funerals preached 5, miles traveled 15,000, amount received \$2,255.

**WILLIAM HILL**—Sermons preached 120, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 25, number baptized 5, revivals held 2, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 21,000, amount received \$7,200.

**BUD JACOBS**—Sermons preached 285, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 87, number baptized 46, funerals preached 6, miles traveled 25,000, amount received \$5,368.89.

