



MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS MEETING

SONG: I'M MOVING ACROSS THE RIVER SOME DAY

PRAYER BY REV. HOOPER.

BUSINESS OPENING BY REV. HOOPER.

REV. GRAYBEAL READ THE COVENANT. IN THE COVENANT IT SAYS, "GOD MAY COME", BUT THE BIBLE SAYS, "GOD WILL COME", VOTED TO CHANGE TO WILL COME.

MOVED TO SEND EACH MINISTER IN OUR ASSOCIATION A FLOWER WHEN HIS COMPANION DIES.

VOTED TO GET ALL THE MINISTERS A MINISTERS CARD.

VOTED AND APPROVED TO LET REV. EGGERS GO TO EACH CHURCH AS A EVANGELIST AND PREACH OR TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH.

MESSAGE:

DISMISSED IN PRAYER :

## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

(Addresses will be found in the  
associational membership roll)

Moderator.....Rev.S.A.Graybeal  
Vice Moderator....Rev.E.G.Lawing  
Clerk.....Rev.Millard Hardman  
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Treasury.....Rev.Millard Hardman  
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Clerk and Treasury address is:  
Rt.4, Box 688, Kannapolis, N.C.

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev.L.M.Hooper  
Vice Moderator...Rev.Mack Overcash  
Clerk.....Rev.Millard Hardman  
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## TRUSTEES

Rev.L.M.Hooper: Rev.S.A.Graybeal:  
Rev.J.W.Keiziah.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman.....Rev.W.E.Eggers  
Rev.L.B.Cochran Rev.L.M.Hooper  
Rev.E.G.Lawing Rev.Mack Overcash

## DRAFT CONSTITUTION

Rev.L.M.Hooper: Rev.S.A.Graybeal  
Rev.L.M.Pierce.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT FROM OAK GROVE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 7, 1963

THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH MET AND THE OFFERING  
WAS \$2.00. TOTAL IN TREASURE IS \$91.20.

DECEMBER.

THEY SENT 5 FRUIT BASKETS IN DECEMBER TO  
SHUT-INS. ALSO GAVE REV. S. A. GRAYBEAL \$15.00  
TO PAY FOR RUG.

THE LADIES GAVE DOROTHY ROSEMON A POUNDING  
ABOUT \$25.00. ALSO BOWLINS \$10.00 POUNDING.

APRIL 25, 1964

THE LADIES PAID FOR THE RUNNER FOR THE CHURCH  
WAS \$98.00. ALSO JUNE PAYMENT ON PIANO WAS  
\$16.25. IN TREASURE WAS \$64.15.

JUNE 28, 1964

THERE WAS \$30.00 FOR BIBLE SCHOOL. DONATED  
AS COOKIES AND DRINKS. WE MADE 3 PAYMENTS ON  
THE PIANO WAS \$48.75.

AUGUST 9, 1964

THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH MET AND IN TREASURE  
WAS \$72.91. WE SENT SEPTEMBER PAYMENT ON THE  
PIANO WHICH WAS \$16.25. IN TREASURE WAS \$56.66.  
THERE WAS \$3.50 TURNED IN FROM THE LADIES  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

WE GAVE REV. S. A. GRAYBEAL A POUNDING WAS  
ABOUT \$20.00. WHEN HIS WIFE WAS SICK.

WE GAVE REV. AND MRS. COBBS A SHOWER AFTER  
THE REVIVAL ABOUT \$5.00.

THERE ARE ABOUT 11 MEMBERS AND ABOUT 20 OR 3  
VISITORS EVERY MEETING.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from sanction to the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship: and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences: public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful to one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will, everywhere, hold Christian

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## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REV. EGGERS MOVED TO GO INTO CONFERENCE.  
SECOND BY REV. ROSS.

REV. EGGERS MOVED TO GET REV. HOOPER  
AS OUR PILGRIM MINISTERS CONFERENCE  
MODERATOR. SECOND BY ROSS. 100%

REV. TEASNAR MOVED TO GET REV. MACK  
OVERCASH AS ASSISTANT MODERATOR. SECOND  
BY REV. GRAYBEAL. CARRIED 100%

REV. OVERCASH MOVED TO GET REV. HARDMAN  
AS CLERK AND TREASURY. SECOND BY REV.  
EGGERS. CARRIED 100%.

REV. ROSS MOVED TO GET REV. MILLER AS  
ASSISTANT CLERK AND TREASURY. SECOND  
BY REV. EGGERS. CARRIED 100%.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

REV. GRAYBEAL MOVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE  
BOARD TO BE THE ORDAINING COUNCIL.  
SECOND BY REV. OVERCASH. CARRIED 100%.

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REV. EARL RUFF WENT BEFORE THE ORDAINING  
COUNCIL AND WAS ORDAINED.

ORDAINING COUNCIL WILL BE THESE:

REV. EGGERS, CHAIRMAN.

REV. HOOPER, REV. GRAYBEAL, REV. COCHRAN,  
AND REV. OVERCASH.

# ANNUAL MINISTER'S REPORT

E. G. Lawing																				
Earl Ruff	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willard Hardman	14	0	2	11	0	0	188	41	0	10	258	0	400	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Ross	30	0	14	0	0	1	50	15	1	10	200	22	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. M. Hooper	25	0	4	0	0	4	12	15	2	35	50	0	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. A. Graybeal	72	2	27	21	20	1	20	40	1	20	200	600	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. F. Resemiar	73	0	87	0	0	1	98	63	1	0	150	20	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Goodman	40	1	16	0	0	0	50	15	0	12	300	0	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. E. Eggers	58	1	9	15	0	0	40	6	0	0	30	50	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Miller	12	1	3	0	0	1	52	31	0	20	40	0	5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wack Overcash	120	0	7	10	9	1	60	20	0	12	245	340	1800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lloyd Cochran	47	0	30	13	9	0	15	15	2	1	250	61	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mrs. Ada Lawing	25	1	15	0	0	0	35	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sermons Preached																				
Revivals Held		2																		
Professions		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Members rec'd		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Number Baptized		0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Funerals Cond't		0	0	1	0	4	1	50	15	1	10	200	22	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homes Visited		40	6	0	20	16	150	1	0	20	112	0	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitals Visited		188	41	0	10	258	0	400	1	0	0	0	0							
Weddings Performed		0	1	50	15	1	10	200	22	2000	0	0	0							
S. S. Lessons Taught		0	35	50	0	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Money Given		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Money Received		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
App't miles Traveled		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							

RULES GOVERNING ORDINATION COUNCIL  
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association if, and when, he joins another association or when he is adjudged by ministers conference to be disqualified to preach the gospel in compliance to our faith.

4. Council shall or ordain any person qualifying by rules of THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.
5. Council shall not issue credentials to brethren who have two living companions with out a Bible rights.
6. This council must not use partiality in the issuance of credentials.
7. These rules must be read to each minister asking for entrance into this association.
8. The ordination council shall have ministers conference suthority in the interim.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by infallible rule of faith and practice.
  2. GOD: There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
  - B. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His Divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
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ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL  
ORDAINED MINISTERS

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REV. W. C. EGGERS, GASTONIA, N.C.

REV. GEORGE GOODMAN, RT. 2, BOX 167  
CHINA GROVE, N.C. UL7-7509

REV. S. A. GRAYBEAL, 709 DEATON STREET  
KANNAPOLIS, N.C. WE3-1561

REV. L. M. HOOPER, RT. 4, BOX 236  
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REV. MILLARD HARDMAN, RT. 4, box 688  
KANNAPOLIS, N.C. WE3-3066

~~REV. E. C. LAWING, RT. 4, BOX 565~~ *Willie Walker*  
~~KANNAPOLIS, N.C. WE3-9563~~

REV. A. L. LEATHERMAN, 627 CLYDE STREET  
GASTONIA, N.C.

REV. DAVID MILLER, 104 ORCHARD AVE.  
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DAVIDSON, N.C. 892-4201

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REV. CLIFFORD ROSS, RT. 2, BOX 167  
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REV. JAY LEE BARBEE, RT. 4, BOX 675  
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*Rev. Earl Bittle*  
*Rev. Willie Key*  
*Robert Clayton King*  
*602 Broad St*  
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CHURCHES

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
OAK GROVE	REV. S. A. GRAYBEAL	MRS. ODELEA VANN GEN. DEL. KANNAPOLIS, N.C.
CEDAR GROVE	REV. L. B. COCHRAN	JANE COCHRAN RT. 2, BOX 304 KANNAPOLIS, N.C.
CLERMONT AVE.	REV. MILLARD HARDMAN	MRS. MARGARET HARDMAN RT. 4, BOX 688 KANNAPOLIS, N.C.
GUIDING LIGHT	REV. <del>E. G. LAWING</del> <i>Earl Ruff</i>	WANDA TEAL
CALVARY	REV. MACK OVERCASH	BRENARD HARTZAG BOX 33, TROUTMAN, N.C.

*Donnauel  
(Christa Howard)  
[Signature]*

*Rev. Waller Key  
Rt 4, Box 412  
Kannapolis*

*Elvita Robinson  
105 W. Garden St.  
Laurdis*

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CHURCH REPORT

	Friendship	Calvary	Cedar Grove	Clermont Ave.	Guiding Light	Oak Grove
Rec'd by letter	4	3	10	5	0	0
By Baptism	5	9	1	0	7	20
By Statement	1	1	13	0	11	1
Total Rec'd	10	13	1	15	18	21
Dismissed by letter	0	1	3	0	0	2
By Ereasure	0	0	0	0	0	0
By Death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dismissed	0	1	3	0	0	2
Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gain	5	0	5	0	0	19
Present Membership	10	46	45	35	115	
Paid Pastor	\$340.	0	0	0	0	\$600.
Paid for Evangelistic purposes	\$13.	\$50.	\$56.	\$47.	\$100.	
Contributions to Charitable purposes	\$85.	\$67.	\$35.	0	0	0
General Fund (min, etc)	0	\$5.	\$10.	0	0	\$2.
Bldg. and Repairs	\$2067	\$79.	\$600.	0	0	\$456.
Church Property	\$3000	\$5000	\$6500	\$5000	\$6000	\$6000

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and becomes guilty before God.
7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

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## CHURCH COVENT

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principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme.

Counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God will come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominations enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and the evangelistic effort for the salvation of the world.

And may God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The ministers conference shall elect ordaining council.
2. Ordaining council shall have conference authority in the interim.
3. Ministers failing to send a report to the annual association shall subject name be put on nominal roll of ministers.

### RULES GOVERNING ORDINATION COUNCIL

1. No minister may be granted license or certificate of ordination unless he presents a letter of recommendation from the church of which he is a member.
2. No licensed minister may be ordained under three (3) months from date of license.
3. All ministers being admitted to this association must promise to give up the credentials they hold from this

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ARTICLES OF FAITH  
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10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
  11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
  12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
  13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
  14. TITHING. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorses it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)
  15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.
  16. RESURRECTION. Judgment and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good
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## TREASURY REPORT

REV. JAMES C. ROSS _____	\$2.00
REV. W. C. EGGERS _____	2.00
REV. M. C. HARDMAN _____	2.00
REV. S. A. GRAYBEAL _____	2.00
REV. EARL RUFF	
REV. L. M. HOCOPER _____	2.00
REV. W. E. TEASNAIR _____	2.00
REV. MACK OVERCASH _____	2.00
REV. LLOYD COCHRAN _____	4.00
REV. DAVID MILLER	
REV. E. G. LAWING	
REV. ADA LAWING	

### CHURCHES

CLERMONT AVE. _____	8.00
CEDAR GROVE _____	5.00
GUIDING LIGHT	
OAK GROVE	
OAK GROVE	
LADIES AUX. OF OAK GROVE _____	3.00
TOOK IN _____	7.19
TOOK IN IN ALL _____	41.19
PAID OUT _____	32.72

### NEW CHURCHES

CROSS OF CALVARY  
 CALVARY  
 HOME COMMUNITY

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will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life."

PILGRIM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CONSTITUTION

1. This association shall be composed of delegates elected by churches of this body to represent the churches annually.
2. The association when assembled, shall first elect a moderator and clerk.
3. Rules of the decorum must be read immediately after the association is assembled.
4. The association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ all sufficient Saviour, that the plan of salvation presented by Christ, is strictly and definitely grace, and as presented by the gospel, will save all human beings who accept it.
5. Any minister, in good standing with their church or association may be invited to a seat in our council, take part in our deliberations and their name be enrolled in our minutes.
6. It is the duty of the association to appoint or elect, committees to take care of special business, each committee report must be in writing and turned in to the clerk for reading before the assembly.
7. All questions presented to the association by any church wishing to unite with this association may do so by letter presented by delegates of

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MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS MEETING

SONG: ANYWHERE IS HOME.

PRAYER BY REV. MACK OVERCASH.

BUSINESS OPENING BY REV. GRAYBEAL WHICH WAS NOMINATED AND SECOND AND PASSED AS TEMPORARY MODERATOR OF MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

LETTER OF BUSINESS WAS READ BY REV. ROSS CONCERNING THE ORDAINING COUNCIL AND LETTER CONCERNING THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION TO ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS INTO ASSOCIATION.

REV. GRAYBEAL WAS NOMINATED AND PASSED TO ASSIST IN THE EXAMINATION WITH THE ORDAINING COUNCIL.

REV. OVERCASH AND CHURCH WAS VOTED AND PASSED TO ACCEPT HIS CREDENTIALS AND CHURCH INTO THE PILGRIM ASSOCIATION.

REV. MILLER WAS ACCEPTED INTO ORDINATION BY COUNCIL AND UNDER THE WATCH CARE OF REV. HARDMAN AND CHURCH.

HAND SHAKING AND SONG BY ALL FOR THE RECEIVING IN ORDINATION OF REV. MILLER.

REV. BOATWRIGHT MOVED TO GO OUT OF CONFERENCE. SECOND BY REV. ROSS.

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- said church, the church must accept our articles of faith and church covenant.
8. Any church wishing to unite with this association may do so, by letter presented by delegates of said church, the church must accept our articles of faith and church covenant.
  9. The association may withdraw from any church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by this body.
  10. It is to be understood that this body assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.
  11. Any minister found casting his influence against any church or in any way marring the character unjustly of another minister or working to secure the church of another minister will be dealt with by the ministers conference.

#### TITHING

Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

#### ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL

1. Christian Baptism
2. The Lord's Supper
3. Washing the Saint's Feet.

#### THE RESURRECTION

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order. ECCL.12:7.

## WILL YOU FORGET?

I FORGOT MY LORD IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
JUST THE TIME I WAS NEEDED MOST,  
I WAS NOT AWAY BUT ON EACH LORD'S DAY,  
I JUST FAILED TO BE AT MY POST.

I FORGOT MY CHURCH IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
AS I LAZILY LAY IN BED,  
WHILE THE FAITHFUL FEW HAD MY WORK TO DO,  
I WAS SPIRITUALLY DEAD.

I FORGOT MY TITHE IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
WHEN HE NEEDED IT MOST OF ALL,  
WHILE MY CASH WAS SPENT, I WAS PLEASURE BENT,  
JUST OFF MY DUTY FOR GOD TILL FALL.

I FORGOT MY CLASS IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
BUT THE DEVIL DID NOT FORGET,  
WORKING DAY AND NIGHT, HE KEPT UP THE FIGHT,  
HE'S A GO-GETTER YOU CAN BET.

I FORGOT MY SOUL IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
GOT ALONG WITHOUT SPIRITUAL FOOD,  
WHILE MY LORD ON HIGH SENT ME BLESSINGS,  
I SHOWED HIM NAUGHT BUT INGRATITUDE.

IF MY LORD SHOULD COME IN THE SUMMER TIME,  
WHEN, FROM DUTY TO GOD I'M FREE,  
WONDER WHAT I'LL DO, WHEN MY LIFE IS THROUGH,  
IF BY CHANCE, -HE SHOULD FORGET ME?

JUST A FEW WORDS FROM THE CLERK.  
REV. MILLARD HARDMAN

