
REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF
(ORIGINAL) FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

HELD AT THE PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH MAIDEN, N. C.
AUGUST 29, 30, 31, 1968

PRESIDING MODERATOR . . . WILLIAM CALVERT
402 East 5th. Street, Gastonia, N. C.
CLERK WILDON GILL
Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.

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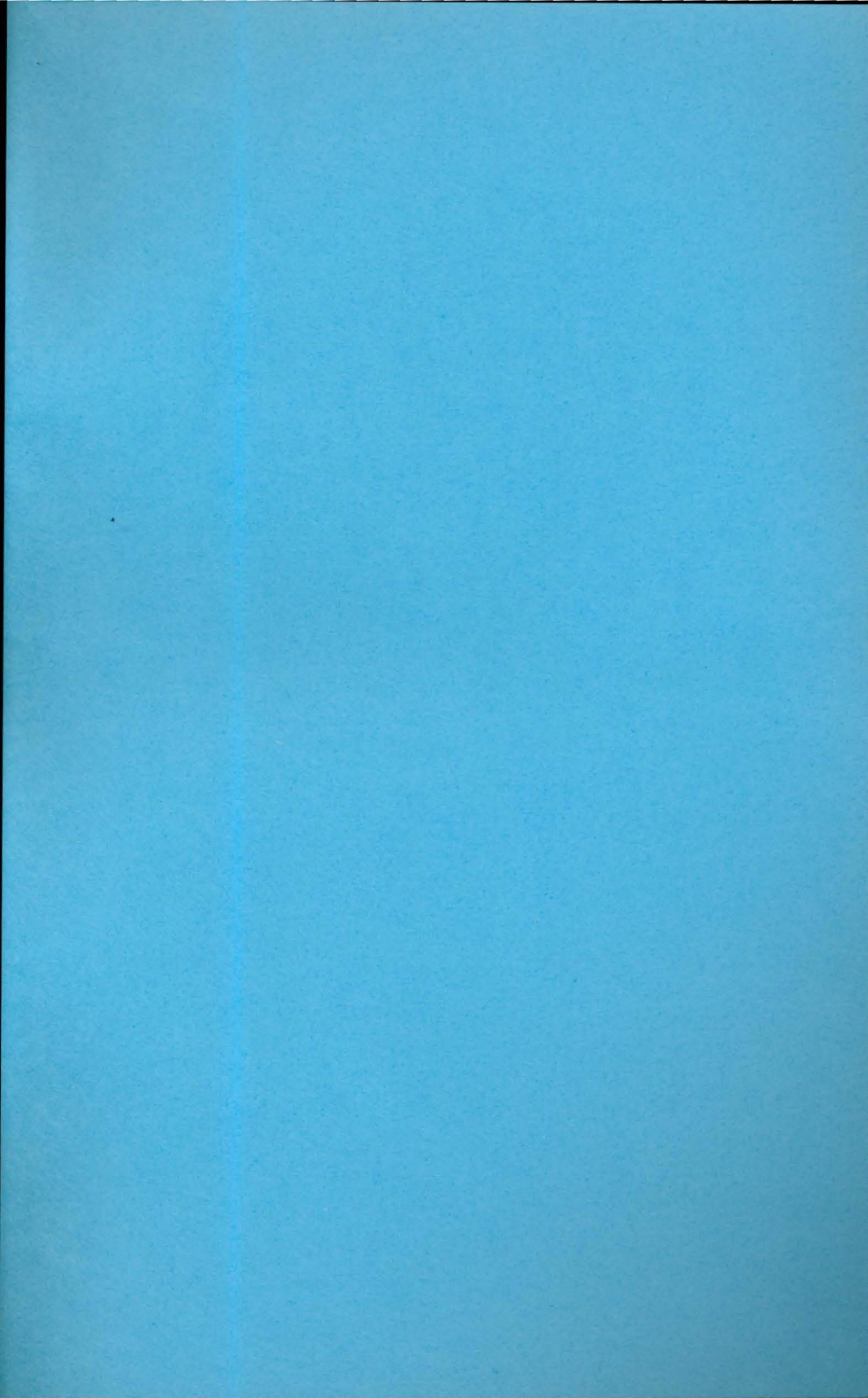


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HELD AT THE LOWELL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LOWELL, N. C.
NOVEMBER 5, 1966

Presiding Moderator Rev. L. D. Gray
Lowell, N. C.
Clerk Rev. Ralph Willis
Gastonia, N. C.

The First Annual Session will convene with the Gastonia First Church Gastonia, N. C. on Friday July 28, 1967. The Host Pastor is the Rev. William Calvert, Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCHE'S ATTENDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND BECOMING MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.

CHURCH	PASTOR
BOGER CITY	Rev. L. C. Rankin
Catawba Heights	Rev. V. E. Condrey
Community	Rev. Jerry Wyatt
Cramerton	Rev. Roy Rikard
East Belmont	Rev. M. T. Sparks
First Church, Gastonia	Rev. William Calvert
Goshen, N. Belmont	Rev. J. E. Floyd Jr.
Lowell	Rev. L. D. Gray
Mary Grove, Cherryville	Rev. Edward Faulkner
Mt. Holly	Rev. Homer Arrowood
Mtn. View	Rev. Homer Savage
Pecan Grove	Rev. Oscar Gray
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Wildon Gill
Springwood Church	Rev. John Newton
Talon Church	Rev. Sherman Branch

Each of the above listed churches with their pastor's petitioned the Piedmont Association Of Free Will Baptist (Original) for a letter of dismissal that they could organize the Western Piedmont Association of Free Will Baptist (Original) Each Church with its' pastor was granted a letter of dismissal from the Piedmont Association. It was known by all that these churches had no ill feelings toward the sister association, but that we wanted to divide that we all could grow and do a greater work in the Kingdom work of the Master.

ROSTER OF MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Rev. Homer Arrowood
Rev. Sherman Branch
Rev. William Calvert
Rev. J. C. Calvert
Rev. V. E. Condrey
Rev. Harold Cook
Rev. J. E. Floyd Jr.
Rev. Edward Faulkner
Rev. Clyde Garrett
Rev. Wildon Gill
Rev. L. D. Gray
Rev. Oscar Gray
Rev. Beecher Helms
Rev. T. H. Huffman

Rev. Eugene Lingerfelt
Rev. John Newton
Rev. James Pendelton
Rev. Eugene Ramsey
Rev. L. C. Rankin
Rev. Roy Rikard
Rev. Thomas Rogers
Rev. Jimmy Skipper
Rev. Homer Savage
Rev. M. T. Sparks
Rev. Jerry Wyatt
Rev. Ralph Willis
Rev. Lewis Lambert

Minutes of The Organizational Meeting Of The Western
Piedmond Association Of Free Will Baptist Affiliated
With The N. C. Association Of Free Will Baptist
And National Association

This organizational meeting was held at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C. November 5, 1966.

Rev. Sherman Branch was the Presiding Chairman selected by the group.

Prayer was led by Rev. L. D. Gray for leadership and guidance in our selection of officers and setting ground work for our new association.

The following officers were elected to fill the offices that were essential for the present time:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Moderator Rev. L. D. Gray - Lowell, N. C.
- Vice-Moderator Rev. William Calvert - Gastonia, N. C.
- Clerk Rev. Ralph Willis - 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.
- Treasurer Harvey Hilderbran - 123 Summit Ave.,
Mount Holly, N. C.
- Executive Board Member at large Jesse Welch
1629 Warren Ave. Gastonia, N. C.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Rev. Roy Rikard - 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Rev. T. H. Huffman 2112 Wilkinson Blvd. - Gastonia
- Rev. V. E. Condrey Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C.
- Rev. Jerry Wyatt 404 S. Pine Street, Dallas, N. C.

TRUSTEES

- Rev. Oscar Gray Box 209 Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
- Rev. Homer Savage Box 404, Lowell, N. C.
- Rev. Edward Faulkner Lincolnton, N. C.

The following business was transacted during the meeting:

M.S.C. — that the member at large on the Executive Board serve for one year and that we only have one such member at present, changing as body deems it necessary.

M.S.C. — that we postpone the election of the other committees until next meeting and that the executive Board act as a nominating committee to recommend candidates for these offices at that time.

M.S.C. — that we request that each church send contributions to start the operation of this association on the following basis: Churches with up to 50 members send \$15.00. Churches up to 75 members send \$25.00 and Churches over 100 members send \$35.00. This should be sent as soon as possible.

M.S.C. — that the clerk be paid \$50.00 and the Treasurer be paid \$40.00 at the annual meeting of the association.

M.S.C. — that our churches be placed in alphabetical order and that we follow list in meeting with churches in our Quarterly Meetings and that we take our annual meeting to churches that give written invitation. The Quarterly meetings are to be held on the second Saturday.

The next Quarterly Meeting will meet at the Boger City Free Will Baptist Church on February 11, 1967.

M.S.C. — that the Executive Board get together and decide when our next meeting should be held to complete the business that is not finished today. Also the Executive Board is to decide when would be the best time for our Annual Association Meeting.

M.S.C. — that the Clerk of the Association be authorized to purchase the following items which are necessary: Ordination and License credentials forms, a stamp with association seal, gold seals for ordination certificates, two brief cases (one for Ordaining Council and one for Associational Clerk) permanent master minute book in order to enable clerks to keep permanent records of proceedings.

Two churches petitioned for the annual association meeting. The majority of the delegation voted to hold the next annual association meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C. at time decided by the Executive Board.

M.S.C. — that the name of this body be called the WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.

M.S.C. — that we accept the resignation of Bro. Lewis Lambert, whom had been elected as Asst. Clerk and that this open position be also considered when nominations are made for other offices.

M.S.C. — that the Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray head a committee, namely the Executive Board, in taking the proper steps and procedures in obtaining a charter for the association.

M.S.C. — that we adjourn. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Lewis Lambert.

THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be called the Western Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptist.

Article 2. This association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist Church cooperating with this association, all active ordained deacons of said churches and all ministers who are members of this association.

Article 3. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording clerk, reading clerk, treasurer and promotional secretary.

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

Article 5. The churches cooperating with this association send by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the year and all statistics and information as well be interesting and helpful.

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

Article 7. The executive board shall consist of three members and one one for three years. The associational officers are members ex-officio of the executive board. The executive board shall have interim authority.

The associational officers are members elected by the association, one for one year, one for two years.

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 question by majority of the members present.

4. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

5. Every person wishing to speak, shall first rise and address the moderator and be recognized before speaking.

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

7. All motions made and second shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off any time by a majority of the members present.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without special leave from the body, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

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

10. No member shall absent himself from the body without tthe permission of the moderator.

11. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

12. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

13. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

14. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overruled.

15. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat to discuss subjects, but not to vote.

16. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

17. Unlawful absence from body denies a pay voting priviledges.

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 REGULATIONS OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

1. Associational officers are to be elected by the ballot system

2. The clerk is to be elected at the beginning of the session.

3. The moderator, vice-moderator, treasurer, promotional secretary are to be elected at the close of the session.

4. Ordaining council is to be elected by the association, the number of this council is to be six at a maximum, elected in staggered terms of one year, two years and three years. Under this system, after first year, members are elected for three terms. The council shall elect its own Chairman and clerk and shall have the authority to ordain, investigate ministers and license ministers, subject to approval of the Association in regular or special session. They shall keep a record of their work and the secretary shall send a record of their work to the annual Association clerk no later than one week before the annual Association convenes. The Council shall receive from the Treasurer expenses of 6 cent per mile per car plus meals. It is requested that churches calling council receive love offering and send to the Association Treasurer to help defray expenses.

5. The Executive Board shall have charge of the promotional work, and Educational Work of the Association and shall have the authority to act for the Association in its between session business. The Board shall report its work annually to the Association and its work is subject to the approval of the Association. The expense of the Board shall be paid in the same manner as the Ordaining council.

6. The Western 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.

7. The Association approves and urges our churches to support our denominational programs of our State and National Association.

8. The Association approves and urges the indefinite Pastoral call.

9. The Chairman of each board is treasurer of its funds. (Except Executive).

10. A member in good standing may serve on as many Boards as he is elected. (Exception: no one shall serve on Executive Board and Ordaining Council at one time.)

11. No. officer shall succeed himself in office except the Treasurer. Board and Ordaining Council at one time.

12. Trustees serve indefinitely.

13. Each church shall send thirty-cents per member with their report to the Annual Association, or have some one stand good for same, in order that their delegates may be seated. This money is to be used as operating expense and printing of minutes.

14. Each church shall record the following information on church letters (in addition to required information): The names and addresses of each minister belonging to their church and whether they tithe. This information is to be noted by clerk and non-tithers reported to Ordaining Council.

15. A Nominating committee shall be appointed at the close of the session annually to serve for the year. Their duty shall be to present nominations for all officers, Boards, and committees necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The body shall have the privilege to nominate from the floor, when this committee gives its report.

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FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Western Piedmont Association Of

(ORIGINAL)

Free Will Baptist Of North Carolina

HELD AT THE FIRST CHURCH

GASTONIA, N. C.

JULY 28-29, 1967

Presiding Moderator

Lowell, N. C.

Rev. L. D. Gray

Clerk

Gastonia, N. C.

Rev. Ralph Willis

The next session will convene with the Pleasant Hill Church, Maiden, N. C. on Thursday, August 8, 1969. The host Pastor is the Rev. Wildon Gill, Maiden, N. C.

OFFICERS
EXECUTIVE BOARD

MODERATOR: WILLIAM CALVERT 402 E. 5th St.
Gastonia, N. C.
VICE MODERATOR: M. T. SPARKS . . . 907 Edgemont Ave.
Belmont, N. C.
CLERK: WILDON GILL Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.
TREASURER: HARVEY HILDERBRAN . 123 Summett Ave.
Mt. Holly, N. C.
MEMBER AT LARGE C. M. KIRKLAND Catawba
Height's, Belmont, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Travis Huffman . 2112 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. V. E. Condrey . Box 51 Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C.
Rev. Jerry Wyatt 404 S. Pine St., Dallas, N. C.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Johnny Floyd, Jr.; Fred Witaker.
MISSION: Rev. Homer Arrowood; R. Garret; Rev. Roy Rikard.
C.T.S.: Mrs. D. Whaley; Mrs. Robert T. Parris; Mrs. Roy Rikard; Pres. Rev. Wayne Norris; Vice President: Grady Williams.
HOME FOR THE AGED: Rev. M. T. Sparks; Mrs. Robert Parris; Mrs. Laws.
SUPERANNUATION: Rev. Roy Rikard; Rev. L. C. Rankin.
FINANCE: Rev. Wildon Gill; Rev. Homer Savage; Harvey Hilderbran Ex-officio.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. L. C. Rankin; Fred Tyner; Dexter Laws.
RESOLUTION BOARD: Rev. Sherman Branch; Rev. Oscar Gray; Rev. John R. Newton.
TRUSTEES: Rev. Oscar Gray; Rev. Homer Savage; Rev. Edward Faulkner.
PUBLICATION: Rev. M. T. Sparks; Horace Shoemaker.
MASTER'S MEN: Jesse Welch; Rev. Homer Savage.
NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Rev. Johnny Floyd; Rev. Travis Huffman; Rev. Wildon Gill.
STATE DELEGATES: Mrs. Roy Rikard; Mrs. G. Calvert; Mrs. R. Parris.

CHURCH DELEGATES

BOGER CITY: Boger City, N. C. None Listed.

CATAWBA HEIGHTS: Catawba Hts., Belmont, N. C.:

Rev. V. E. Condrey

CRAMERTON: Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Roy Rikard.

COMMUNITY: Dallas, N. C.: Mrs. Joe Carter.

EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.: Rev. M. T. Sparks.

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.: Mrs. William Calvert, Grady Carroll

GOSHEN: Belmont, N. C.: H. W. Skidmore, Mrs. H. C.

.... Scarborough, Miss Shela Dyer

KINGS MTN.: Kings Mnt.: None Listed

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C. Mrs. Ernest Fore, Mrs. Grady McCuen

MARY GROVE ROAD: Cherryville, N. C.: None Listed

MT. HOLLY: Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.: Drury Thompson, Johnnie Herms

MT. VIEW: Dallas, N. C. Poley Payne, Mrs. Poley Payne.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.: Rev. Oscar Gray.

PLEASANT HILL: Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.: John Lutz, Mrs. John Lutz, Grady Williams.

SPRINGWOOD: Gastonia, N. C. Patsy Webber, Paula Strickland

TALON: Stanley, N. C. Rev. Shermana Branch

WEST 5th AVENUE: Gastonia, N. C.: Mrs. Billy Allen, Odell Human

BESSEMER CITY: Bessemer City, N. C.: Walen James, Mrs. Ethel Whaley

The following were visitors to the first-annual session of the WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION:

Sharon Walker
Jerry Calvert
Betty Jean Whaley
Ricky Garrett
Diane Wise
Vicky Walters

Danny Calvert
Leisa Calvert
Denise Garrett
Mrs. Wildon Gill
Meryl Gill
Lynda Martin

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

Curtis Palmer
 Mrs. John Lutz
 Mrs. Ernest Fore
 H. W. Skidmore
 Shela Dyer
 Millie Grindstall
 Odell Human
 Johnnie Herms
 Ethel Whaley
 Mrs. William Calvert
 Mrs. Poley Payne
 Novella Propst
 Patsy Webber
 Mrs. L. D. Gray
 Mrs. Roy Ricard

John Lutz
 Grady Williams
 Mrs. Grady McCuen
 Mrs. H. C. Scarborough
 Elaine Calvert
 Mrs. Billy Allen
 Drury Thompson
 Walen James
 Grady Carroll
 Poley Payne
 Mrs. Robert Parris
 Francis Martin
 Paula Strickland
 C. R. Connor
 Mrs. Joe Carter

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. William Calvert
 Rev. J. C. Almond
 Rev. Johnny Floyd
 Rev. Homer Arrowood
 Rev. Gene Parisher
 Rev. Travis Huffman
 Rev. Oscar Gray
 Rev. Wildon Gill
 Rev. L. D. Gray
 Rev. Clyde Garrett
 Rev. Roy Ricard
 Rev. M. T. Sparks

Rev. Frank McQuage
 Rev. Ronald Creech
 Rev. V. E. Condrey
 Rev. John R. Newton
 Rev. D. Lee Whaley
 Rev. Billy Allen
 Rev. Sherman Branch
 Rev. Homer Savage
 Rev. L. C. Rankin
 Rev. Robert Rose
 Rev. Joe H. Carter

TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS	12
TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES	30
TOTAL NUMBER MINISTERS	23
TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED	65

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

CHURCH — ADDRESS	PASTOR
Bessemer City—Bessemer City, N. C.	Lee Whaley
Boger City—Boger City, N. C.	L. C. Rankin
Catawba Heights—Belmont, N. C.	V. E. Condrey
Community—Dallas, N. C.	Joe Carter
Cramerton—Cramerton, N. C.	Roy Ricard
East Belmont—Belmont, N. C.	M. T. Sparks
First Church—Gastonia, N. C.	William Calvert
Goshen—Belmont, N. C.	Johnnie Floyd
Kings Mountain—Kings Mnt., N. C.	Vacant
Lowell—Lowell, N. C.	L. D. Bray
Mary Grove Road—Cherryville, N. C.	Edward Faulkner
Mt. Holly—Noles Drive, Mount Holly, N. C.	Homer Arrowood
Mt. View—Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.	Homer Savage
Pecan Grove—Gastonia, N. C.	Oscar Gray
Pleasant Hill—Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.	Wildon Gill
Springwood—Gastonia, N. C.	John Newton
Talon—Stanley, N. C.	Sherman Branch
West 5th Avenue—Gastonia, N. C.	Billy Allen

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Billy Allen, 210 South Holland St., Dallas, N. C.
 J. C. Amond, 1510 Fostarie Drive, Gastonia, N. C.
 Homer Arrowood, Noles Drive, Mount Holly, N. C.
 Sherman Branch, Box 756, Stanley, N. C.
 Joe Carter, Route 2, Dallas, N. C.
 V. E. Condrey, Box 51, Catawba Heights, Belmont,
 N. C.
 William Calvert, 402 E. 5th St., Gastonia, N. C.
 Johnnie Floyd, Gen. Del., N. Belmont, N. C.
 Clyde Garrett, 215 Hoyle Circle, Gastonia, N. C.
 Wildon Gill, Route 2, Maiden, N. C.
 L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C.
 L. C. Rankin, 1205 Rhyne Oakland Rd., Gastonia, N. C.
 Oscar Gray, Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C.
 Travis Huffman, 2112 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, N. C.
 Robert Rose, 904 Marve St., Gastonia, N. C.
 Roy Rikard, Woodlawn Street, Cramerton, N. C.
 Homer Savage, Box 222, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
 Mt. T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Avenue, Belmont, N. C.
 D. Lee Whaley, P. O. Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C.
 John R. Newton, 440-17th Street, Cramerton, N. C.

THE PROCEEDING OF THE FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT
ASSOCIATION
OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITH THE
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FRIDAY — JULY, 28, 1967 FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH, GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

The meeting was called to worship by Rev. L. D. Gray, Moderator, and the congregational singing was led by Rev. M. T. Sparks of Belmont, N. C.

Devotions were brought by Rev. V. E. Condrey, Romans 2:, Subject: "There is no excuse."

The host pastor, Rev. W. H. Calvert, gave a very warm welcome and the response to the welcome was given by Rev. Billy Allen.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Travis Huffman and Rev. V. E. Condrey.

The Nomination Committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., Rev. Travis Huffman, and Rev. Wildon Gill.

The Credentials Committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. Billy Allen and Rev. Homer Savage. The convening body of delegates then moved to use the Finance Committee and the Credentials Committee as the same.

The Moderator then granted time to Rev. Gene Parisher of the State Mission Board and to Rev. Ronald Creech who gave some very inspiring comments about our state work.

The Rev. M. T. Sparks then led in a congregational song, "Showers of Blessings."

The Moderator then introduced Rev. Frank McQuage, pastor of Maple Street Free Will Baptist Church in Rockingham, to bring the morning message. Rev. McQuage brought a very inspirational message on "The Church."

We adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY EVENING — July 28, 1967

The youth of our association were in charge of the service under the direction of Grady Williams. The service was opened with congregational singing, "Give of Yourself to the Master" and "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

There were special songs presented by the youth from Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church, Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia. Our hearts were indeed blessed as our young people stood and sang for God's glory.

The message was brought by Rev. Eugene Hales which was not only beneficial to our youth but to the adults that were present as well.

SATURDAY MORNING — July 29, 1967

Session was opened with the congregation hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Devotions were given by Rev. Homer Arrowood. M.S.C. — to adopt program.

Rules and Regulations of the Association were read by the assistant moderator, Rev. W. H. Calvert.

The Constitution was then read by the Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray.

A partial report was given by the Credential Committee. Fifteen churches and twelve visitors reported.

M.S.C. — to accept report and to seat the delegates.

M.S.C. — to seat delegates from East Belmont Church.

Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator.

Partial report of the Nomination Committee was given.

Rev. Wildon Gill was elected clerk by acclamation with Rev. Homer Arrowood serving as assistant.

M.S.C. — that we accept the report of the Nomination Committee.

Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

M.S.C. — that Kings Mountain Church be deferred until investigation be made by the Executive Board.

M.S.C. — to adopt report as information.

Report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

Report of the Mission Board was given by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

M.S.C. — to accept his report.

Youth relations report was accepted. It was noted that the youth camp was participated in Durham, N. C. with success.

The Western Piedmont Camp was postponed because of difficulties.

M.S.C. — that Youth Relations Board serve as a committee to investigate several camp sites.

M.S.C. — that C.T.S. Committee revive the youth rallies. The chairman of the C.T.S. Board is to be designated as director.

M.S.C. — that C.T.S. Board have four youth meetings annually.

M.S.C. — that association buy a C.T.S. package from the State Association for the youth meetings.

M.S.C. — that C.T.S. Committee decide the date for youth rallies.

The Ordaining Council Report was given by Rev. Travis Huffman.

M.S.C. — to accept his report.

Superannuation Board Report was given by Rev. Roy Rikard.

M.S.C. — to accept his report.

Home for the Aged report was given by Mrs. Robert Parris.

M.S.C. — to accept her report.

Finance Committee report was given by Harvey Hilderbran, Treasurer.

M.S.C. — to accept his report.

M.S.C. — That Western Piedmont Association send \$100 to the state work to be used to purchase a vehicle for the WITNESS BOOKSTORE.

M.S.C. — to send Rev. Frank McQuage \$15 for his services on Friday morning, July 28, 1967.

M.S.C. — to send Rev. Eugene Hales the balance of \$14 to make the total of \$25 for services Friday night, July 28, 1967.

M.S.C. — that outside speaker be paid for their expenses plus adequate honourium plus \$.08 per mile travel.

The next annual session of the Western Piedmont Association will convene with the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C., on Thursday, July 25; Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27, 1968.

M.S.C. — to adjourn until 1:30 P.M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — July 29, 1967

Afternoon session was opened with congregation singing "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Homer Savage.

M.S.C. — that the association meet for 3 days instead of the original 2 days. The ministers conference will meet on Thursday morning and the keynote message to be delivered Thursday night. No committees will convene during any of the worship services.

M.S.C. — that appointment of committees and church letters be in by Thursday night.

Report of the Nomination Committee given by Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

M.S.C. — to accept his report. (Officers were elected as listed in the front of the minutes.)

M.S.C. — that Rev. Wayne Norris and Grady Williams serve on the C.T.S. Board with Mrs. D. L. Whaley, Mrs. Robert Parris and Mrs. Roy Rikard as their advisors.

M.S.C. — that the laity which serve as delegates from the Western Piedmont Association be paid for their rooms and meals. Pastors who go to the state association as representatives of our association and have their expenses paid by their respective churches may take their wives along at the expense of the Western Piedmont Association.

M.S.C. — that Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. William Calvert, and Mrs. Robert Parris be sent to the North Carolina State Association as delegates.

M.S.C. — that the old minutes of the Piedmont Association be brought up to date on the first pages of our minute book so as to have a record of our organization into the Western Piedmont Association.

M.S.C. — that a picture of the church and pastor be placed on the cover of the minute book where the association will convene. On the inside cover will be a picture of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia and their pastor representing the meeting place of our first annual session of the Western Piedmont Association.

The Chairman of the Ordaining Council, Rev. Travis Huffman, presented licenses and ordination credentials to ministers of this association that came from the Piedmont Association to this association at the time of the organizational meeting, or have been

approved since that time by the Ordaining Council.

The association adjourned with prayer.

The Quarterly Fellowship meeting will meet on the second Saturday's of Nov. — Community Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, N. C.; Feb. — Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, N. C.; May — East Belmont Free Will Baptist Church, Belmont, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

January 14, 1967

The first Official meeting of the Executive Board of the Western Piedmont Association met at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church Fellowship building. All members of the Board were present with Rev. L. D. Gray, chairman, filling the chair. Bro. W. H. Calvert opened meeting in prayer.

The following business was transacted:

1. The First Free Will Baptist Church sent a petition by hand of four delegates for membership into this association. Motion made, seconded and approved that the Executive Board meet as a committee to consider this request. Members of the Church were excused.

After discussion, motion made and seconded that we meet with the above mentioned church at 7 P.M., January 27, 1967. If the church agrees to this meeting, final disposition of this matter will then be made.

2. The Board then proceeded to prepare a list of nominations for the vacancies on the different associational boards that have not been filled. This report will be made at the Quarterly meeting of the Association February 11, 1967.

3. Program for the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting was then planned.

4. M.S.C. — that a letter of petition be forwarded to the Moderator of the N. C. State Association, for membership of this association into that Association, also requesting that this petition be given attention before the annual meeting of the State Association.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Moderator, with Bro. Hildebran dismissing in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted;
L. D. Gray, Chairman
Wm. H. Calvert, Asst. Chrm.
Harvey Hilderbran, Treas.
Jesse Welch, Member
Ralph L. Willis, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 27, 1967

The Executive Board met at the Kings Mountain Free Will Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, N. C. The following members were present: Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Wm. H. Calvert, Jesse Welch and Rev. Homer Arrowood (proxy for Ralph Willis).

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the receiving of this church into the Western Piedmont Association.

The meeting was opened with suitable prayer and remarks the pastor, Rev. Elvert Mills.

The Board asked the church questions concerning doctrine and the title of church property and other pertinent questions concerning their membership, etc.

The Board's decision was to accept the church under the watchcare of the association until the annual meeting of the association.

May 8, 1967

There was a called meeting of the Executive Board of the Western Piedmont Association by the chairman and Moderator, Rev. L. D. Gray.

There was a program drawn for the May 13, 1967, Quarterly Fellowship Meeting.

M.S.C. — that we submit the name of Rev. Roy Rikard to the body as recommendation to fill the vacancy on the Mission Board.

M.S.C. — that we recommend, Friday and Saturday, July 28, and July 29, 1967 as the date of our annual association which is to convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C.

M.S.C. — to adjourn.

June 3, 1967 - Lowell, N. C.

The Executive Board met at a called meeting. Members present were Rev. L. D. Gray, Chairman, Bro. Harvey Hilderbran, Treas; and Rev. Ralph Willis, clerk. Absent were Bro. Jesse Welch and Rev. Calvert.

This meeting was held for the purpose of making a program for the annual associational meeting. This was attended to with the names of some of the speakers to be supplied later.

M.S.C. — that these programs be printed and that they, along with the associational annual report blanks be mailed at least two weeks before the annual associational meeting.

M.S.C. — that we get a piano player for annual meeting.

M.C.S. — that we adjourn and meet at a later date possibly in joint meeting with the Ordaining Council.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

November 5, 1966

The Ordaining Council was formed in the fellowship hall at Lowell Free Baptist Church. It consists of Rev. Travis Huffman, Rev. V. E. Condrey, and Rev. Jerry Wyatt.

1. Rev. Condrey and Rev. Wyatt elected Rev. Huffman as chairman.
2. Rev. Wyatt was elected clerk.
3. Rev. Wildon Gill, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Maiden, came before the Board for ordination papers.
4. Rev. Louis Lambert, from Catawba Heights Church, came before the Board for License.

Since the Board had just been organized, they didn't have any licenses or ordination papers. It was agreed that above parties meet at the Boger City Free Will Baptist Church, February 11, 1967.

February 11, 1967

The Ordaining Council met at Boger City Free Will Baptist Church opening with prayer.

The following men came before us for license.

1. Rev. Joe Carter — Community Free Will Baptist Church - Dallas, N. C.
2. Rev. Wayne Norris — Mt. View Free Will Baptist Church — Dallas, N. C.
3. Rev. Lewis Lambert — Catawba Free Will Baptist Church — Belmont, N. C.
4. Rev. Robert Rost — West 5th Ave. Free Will Baptist Church — Gastonia
5. Rev. Andred Bartlet — Springwood Free Will Baptist Church — North Belmont, N. C.
6. Rev. Andrew Martin — Springwood Free Will Baptist Church North Belmont, N. C.

Did not issue license to Bro. Bartlet and ask him to study and come back to the next meeting.

Did not issue Bro. Martin license because he had not been back in his church for a year and did not have a letter from his church.

Rev. Wildon Gill was granted ordination papers.

Adjourned with prayer.

May 13, 1967

Ordaining Council met at Catawba Heights Free Will Baptist Church opening with prayer.

Rev. Lee Whaley came before us for membership. Voted that Rev. Willis, our clerk, write to the Coastal Association for his letter.

Rev. Joe Carter and Rev. Robert Rose came before the Council to receive their licenses since the association had now purchased its charter.

Rev. Carl Steel came from Mt. Holly Church requesting information about exchanging ordainational papers from another denomination.

Adjourned with prayer.

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

We your Finance Board recommend the following:

1. That each church send thirty cents (30c) per member to the annual association. (Carried)
2. That the Clerk be paid \$65.00 for years work. (Carried)

Respectfully submitted:
 Harvey Hilderbran
 Larry Hartsell
 Jesse Hastings

TREASURER REPORT

In treasury at last association	None
Received from churches	\$253.00
Received from Piedmont Association	234.60
Total received	487.60
Total expenditures	254.27
Balance in treasury	\$233.33

ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES

1. Harly B. Gaston (for charter) \$123.00
2. Cline Commercial Printing (ministers certificates) .. 20.09
3. N. C. State Association (gift) 25.00
4. Ralph Willis (Western Piedmont Seal and Gold Seals) 10.47
5. Witness Book Store (literature) 43.21
6. Rev. Homer Arrowood (clerk work for Piedmont Association) 32.50
7. Total paid out

Respectfully submitted:
 R. H. Hilderbran, Treasurer

MINISTERS REPORTS

(Those Who Turned In Cards)

- WILLIAM T. ALLEN: Sermons Preached - 125, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 3, Profession witnessed - 50, Number Baptized - 20, Additions to Church - 15, Churches organized - 0, Funerals Preached - 5. Miles Traveled - 30,000, Amount received \$5,500.00.
- J. C. ALMOND: Sermons Preached 45, Funeral Preached - 4, Pastor's expense - \$800.00.
- WILLIAM H. COLVERT: Sermons Preached - 145, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 3. Profession witnessed - 35, Number Baptized - 12, Additions to Church - 15, Churches Organized 0, Funerals Preached - 14, Miles Traveled - 23,000, Amount received - \$5,535.00.
- JOE HARISON CARTER: - Sermons Preached - 80, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 0, Professions - 15, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to Church - 1, Funerals Preached - 0, Miles Traveled - 5,000, Amount received - \$120.00.
- V. E. CONDREY: Sermons Preached - 200 Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Held - 2, Professions - 0, Number Baptized - 11, Funerals Preached - 12, Miles Traveled - 20,000, Amount Received - \$4,400.00.
- EDWARD J. FAULKNER: Sermons Preached - 75, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 2, Professions - 0, Number Baptized - 3, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled 10,000, Amount Received - \$525.00.
- JOHNNY E. FLOYD: Sermons Preached - 76, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 1, Professions - 46, Numbered Baptized - 6, Additions to Church - 16, Funerals Preached - 4, Miles Traveled - 25,000, Amount Received - \$5,720.00.
- RICHARD CLYDE GARRETT: Sermons Preached - 10, Miles Traveled - Appr. 300, Amount received - Missionary - \$74.00, Expense - \$13.00.
- WILDON A. GILL: Sermons Preached - 100, Churches Pastored 1, Professions - 20, Number Baptized - 5, Additions to Church - 50, Funerals Preached - 3, Amount Received - \$2,000.00.
- L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached - 101, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 25, Number Baptized - 6, Additions to Church 12, Funerals Preached - 8 Amount Received - \$4,900.00.

- OSCAR L. GRAY: Sermons Preached - 170, Churches Pastored 1, Professions - 60, Number Baptized - 14, Additions to Church - 14, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 3,400, Amount received - \$4,840.00.
- TRAVIS HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached - 50
- C. C. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 17, Professions - 1.
- JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 160, Churches Pastored - 1, Professions - 34, Number Baptized - 6, Additions to Church - 10, Funerals Preached - 7.
- WAYNE NORRICE: Sermons Preached - 45, Revivals Held - 1, Professions - 14, Amount received - Approx. \$100.00.
- L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached - 120, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Held - 1, Professions - 13, Number Baptized 6, Additions to Church - 13 Funerals Preached - 1, Miles Traveled - 25,000, Amount received - \$1,625.00.
- ROY RICKARD: Sermons Preached - 135, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Held - 2, Professions - 65, Number Baptized 7, Additions to Church - 19, Miles traveled - 2,500, Amount received - \$6,240.00.
- ROBERT T. ROSE: Sermons Preached - 70 Revivals Held - 1, Professions - 6, Number Baptized - 7, Additions to Church 0, Funerals Preached - 1, Miles Traveled - 400, Amount received - \$81.00.
- HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached - 65. Professions - 10, Funerals Preached - 5, Amount received - \$1,120.89.
- M. T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached - 11, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals - 1, Professions - 9, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to Church - 1, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 15,000
- D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached - 80. Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals Held - 0, Professions - 7, Number Baptized - 4, Additions to Church - 15, Churches organized - 1, Miles Traveled - 2,000, Amount received - Salary, \$600.00.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

BESSEMER CITY - Bessemer City, N. C., D. L. Whaley, Pastor, Box 296 Bessemer City, N. C., Mrs. Dollie Jones. Clerk, 2304 Rhyne S.t. Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 25, Members received 15, By Baptism 4, By letter 9, By statement of faith 2, Members dismissed 0, Sunday School enrollment 50, Total offerings received \$1,166.05, Building fund \$32.27, Amount send with letter to General Fund \$7.50.

BETHEL CHURCH SOUTH - Crawford St., Gastonia, N. C., J. C. Almond, Pastor, 1510 Fostoria Dr., Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. Carolyn Sisk, Clerk, 306 Queens Rd., Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 42, Resident 42, Members received 22, By baptism 15, by letter 1, By statement of faith 6, Members dismissed 4, By letter 3, Sunday School enrollment 42, Woman's Auxiliary membership 10, Total offerings received \$3,120, General offerings \$2,860.00, Building fund \$260.00, Pastor's salary \$800.00, Evangelistic work \$200.00, Building and repair \$305.00, Literature \$52.00, Miscellaneous \$100.00, Total local expenditures \$2,457.00, Home missions W-Piedmont \$16.00, State and national projects \$20.00, Total outside expenditures \$36.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.00.

BOGER CITY - Boger City, N. C., L. C. Rankin, Pastor, 1205 Rhyne Oakland Rd., Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. Peggy Duncan Clerk, Route 2, Lincolnton, N. C., Church membership 75, Resident 50, Non-resident 25, Members received 13, By baptism 8, By letter 3, By statement of faith 2, Members dismissed 3, By letter 3, Sunday School enrollment 50, Woman's Auxiliary membership 13, Total offerings received \$3,895.91. Building fund \$366.75. Pastor's salary \$1,625.00, Evangelistic work \$50.00, Building and repair \$1,225.00, Literature \$173.62, Foreign missions 176.80, Home missions \$176.98, Education \$55.00, Associational projects \$62.75, Value of church property \$10,500.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.00.

CATAWBA - Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C., V. E. Con-drey, Pastor, Box 51, Catawba Heights, Belmont, N. C., C. M. Kirkland, Clerk, Box 441, Belmont, N. C., Church membership 91, Members received 29, By baptism 11, By letter 6, By statement of faith 12, Members dismissed 21, By letter 11, Excluded 9, Deceases 1, Sunday School enrollment 130. Woman's Auxiliary membership 14, Total offerings received \$10,100.73, General offerings \$9,600.73. Building fund \$1,500.00, Pastor's salary \$4,680.00, Evangelistic work \$325.00, Building and repair \$1,600.00, Literature \$165.00, Advertising \$350.00, Miscellaneous \$400.00. Janitorial \$300.00, Lawn upkeep \$130, Local expenditures \$7,950.00. Payments on Church Property \$1,356.00, making total of \$9,306.00, Foreign missions \$100. Home missions \$200.00, Education \$312.00 Associational projects \$60.00, State

and national projects \$50.00, Total outside \$722.00, Value of Church property \$22,000.00, Value of parsonage property 10,000.00.

CRAMERTON - Cramerton N. C., Roy Rikard, Pastor, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk, Route 2, Box 333 Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 244, Members received 19, By baptism 7, By letter 2, By statement of faith 10, Members dismissed 18, By letter 4, Excluded 10, Deceased 4, Sunday School enrollment 379, C. T. S. 80, Woman's Auxiliary membership 36, Total offerings received \$32,646.72, Pastor's salary \$6,240.00, Evangelistic work \$400.00, Building and repair \$2,081.58, Literature \$1,325.75, Advertising \$285.60, Miscellaneous \$4,298.17, Other \$9,713.72, Total local expenditures \$26,171.23 Foreign missions \$1,776.00, Home missions \$1,776.00, Education \$1,000.00, Associational projects \$372.00, State and national projects \$418.75, Total outside expenditures \$5,342.75, Value of church property \$153,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$20,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$73.20.

EAST BELMONT - 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C., Murray T. Sparks, Pastor, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C., Elizabeth Sparks, Clerk, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C., Church membership 66, Members received 1, By statement of faith 1, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrollment 106, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12. Total offerings received \$9,754.00, General offerings \$8,952.00, Building fund \$802.00, Literature \$120.00, Miscellaneous \$8,041.00, Total local expenditures \$8,041.00, Foreign missions \$40.00, Home missions \$40.00, Orphanage \$25.00, Associational projects \$20.00, State and national projects \$10.00, Total outside expenditures \$135.00, Value of church property \$42,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$19.00.

MARY GROVE - Cherryville, N. C., Edward Faulkner, Pastor, 10 Dale Avenue, Lincolnton, N. C., Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Clerk, Rt. 1, Iron Station, N. C., Church membership 36, By baptism 5, Sunday School enrollment 73, Total offerings received \$2,496.45, Building fund \$716.72 Pastor's salary \$425.00, Building and repair \$716.72, Literature \$37.68, Total local expenditures \$1,179.40, Foreign missions \$50.00, Value of church property \$13,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$10.80.

COMMUNITY - Dallas, N. C., Joe Carter, Pastor, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C., Curtis Palmer, Clerk, Box 657, Lowell, N. C.. Church membership 28, Resident 12, Non-resident 16, Members received 7, By baptism 1, By statement of faith 6, Members dismissed 37, By letters 3, Excluded 34, Sunday School enrollment 62, Total offerings received \$1,285.43, Building fund \$420.00, Pastor's salary \$115.00, Building and repair \$390.00, Literature \$63.29, Miscellaneous \$729.88, Total local expenditures \$1,258.17, Home missions \$4.00.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST - Gastonia, N. C., W. H. Colvert, Pastor, 402 E. 5th St. Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. W. T. Cobb, Clerk, 805 Lowell Rd. Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 155, Members received 15, Sunday School enrollment 255, C.T.S. enrollment 0, Woman's Auxiliary membership 19, Total offerings received \$24,930.00, Pastor's salary 5,200.00, Evangelistic work \$200.00, Literature \$925.00, Total local expenditures \$20,921, Value church property \$80,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$46.50.

GOSHEN - North Belmont, N. C., N. C., Johnnie E. Floyd, Pastor, Box 23, North Belmont, N. C., Carl Bryan, Clerk, 414 Cherry St. Belmont, N. C., Church membership 189, Resident 184, Non-resident 5, Members received 16, By baptism 12, By letter 4, Members dismissed 7, By letter 5, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrollment 183, League enrollment 59, Woman's Auxiliary membership 30, Total offerings received \$22,731.78, Pastor's salary \$5,720.00, Evangelistic work \$27.55, Building and repair \$1,091.94, Total local expenditures \$20,018.10, Foreign missions \$953.12, Home missions \$649.68, Education \$280.01, Superannuation \$72.00, Associational projects \$25.00, Other \$249.80, Total outside expenditures \$2,259.61. Value of church property \$102,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,500.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$30.00.

LOWELL FREE WILL - Lowell, N. C.M, Highway No. 7, L. D. Gray, Pastor, Box 782, Lowell, N. C., Mrs. C. R. Conner, Clerk 72, East 3rd St. Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 75, Members received 12, By baptism 6 By statement of faith 6, Members dismissed 17, Deceased 1, Sunday School enrollment 80, League enrollment 30, Total offerings received \$8,324.30 General offerings

\$8,142.76, Building fund \$181.54, Pastor's salary and expense \$4,805.00, Evangelistic work \$210.00, Building and repair and Church payment \$2,409.18. Literature \$213.87, Miscellaneous \$24.37, Other \$1,816.78, Total local expenditures \$9,479.20, Foreign missions \$111.65, Home missions \$20.00, Education \$32.91, Orphanage, Board of Care \$57.66, Superannuation 0, Associational projects \$22.00, State and National projects \$160.00.

Total outside expenditures \$404.22, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$22.50.

MT. VIEW - Dallas, N. C., Homer Savage, Pastor, Box 222, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C., Barber Strader, Clerk, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C. Church membership 50, Sunday School enrollment 32, Total offerings received \$5,060.89. Evangelistic work \$75.00, Building and repair \$2,352.33, Literature \$105.00, Miscellaneous \$1,470.78, Total local expenditures \$5,064.00 Associational projects \$50.00, Total outside expenditures \$50.00, Value of church property \$12,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$9,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.00

MT. HOLLY - Mt. Holly, N. C., Homer Arrowood, Pastor, 841 Noles Dr. Mt. Holly, N. C., Elizabeth Norwood, Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 316, Mt. Holly, N. C., Church membership 90, Members received 13, By baptism 4, By letter 9, Members dismissed 3, Deceased 3, Sunday School enrollment 117, League enrollment 65. Woman's Auxiliary membership 10, General offerings \$13,457.50, Building fund \$11,200.00, Pastor's salary \$5,305.00, Evangelistic work \$205.00, Building and repair \$10,000.00, Literature \$469.27. Total local expenditures \$15,979.27, Foreign missions \$215.50, Home missions \$215.50, Education \$215.50, Associational projects \$50.00, State and national projects \$210.00, Total outside expenditures \$906.50, Value of church property \$90,000.00, Value parsonage property \$13,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$27.00.

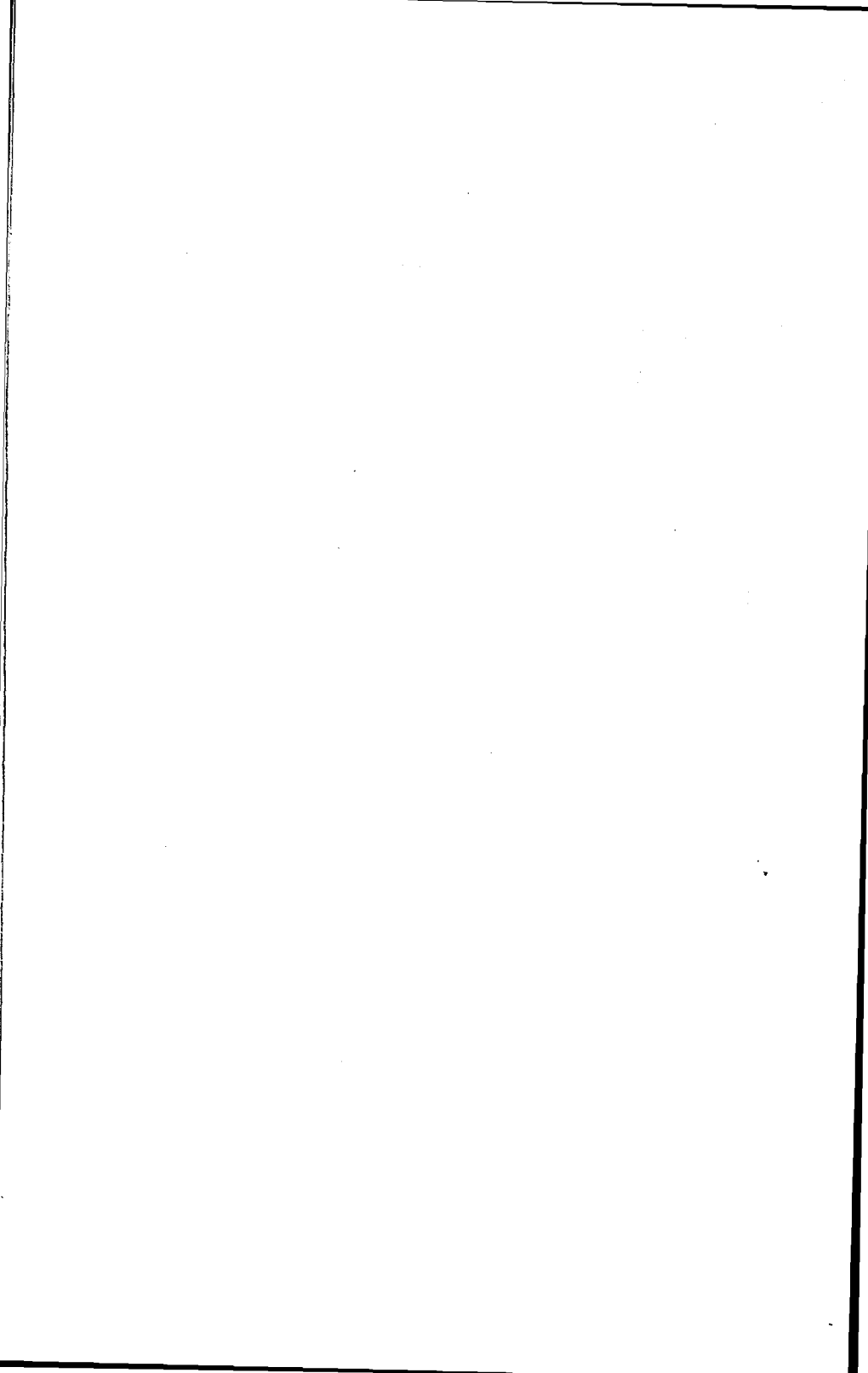
PECAN GROVE - Gastonia, N. C., 104 Welch St., Gastonia, N. C., Oscar L. Gray, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C., Miss Elvie McGee, Clerk, 1608, Warren Circle, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 80, Members received 14, By baptism 6, By letter 1, By statement of faith 7, Members dismissed 17, Excluded 17, Sunday School enrollment 88. Woman's Auxiliary membership 8, Total offer-

ings received \$8,357.85, General offerings \$7,915.75, Building fund \$442.10, Pastor's salary \$4,640.00, Evangelistic work \$120.00, Building and repair \$242.59, Miscellaneous \$1,055.34, Other, mortgage payments \$2,239.72, Total local expenditures \$8,297.65, Home missions \$23.10, State and national projects \$52.00, Total outside expenditures \$75.10, Value of church property \$20,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$24.00.

PLEASANT HILL - Maiden, N. C., Wildon A. Gill, Pastor, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C. Diane Wise, Clerk, Rt. 1, Newton, N. C., Church membership 88, Members received 50, By baptism 5, By letter 10, By statement of faith 35, Deceased 1, Sunday School enrollment 65, Total offerings received \$4,617.00, Pastor's salary \$1,635.00, Evangelistic work \$220.00, Building and repair \$1,000.00. Literature \$77.00, Advertising \$20.00, Miscellaneous \$550.00, Other \$975.00, Total local expenditures \$4,467.00, Foreign missions \$60.00, State and national projects \$10.00, Total outside expenditures \$70.00, Value of church property \$15,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$8,000.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$26.40.

SPRINGWOOD - Mt. Holly, N. C., John R. Newton, Pastor, 440, Seventeenth St. Cramteton, N. C., Mrs. Patsy Webbes, Clerk, General Delivery, McAdenville, N. C., Church membership 59, Resident 44, Non-resident 15, Members received 10, By baptism 5, By letter 1, By statement of faith 4, Members dismissed 5, By letter 3, Excluded 2. Sunday School enrollment 62, Total offerings received \$5,804.72, Building fund \$1,209.89, Pastor's salary \$1,560.00, Evangelistic work \$180.00. Building and repair \$742.67, Literature \$95.00, Advertising \$858.00, Miscellaneous \$587.38, Other \$162.09, Total local expenditures \$4,185.14, Education \$25.00, Associational projects \$15.00. Total outside expenditures \$40.00, Value of church property \$2,500.00, Amount sent with letter to General Fund \$15.40.

WEST 5th AVE. - Gastonia, N. C., Billy Allen, Pastor,
210 S. Holland St., Dallas, N. C., Mrs. Leuader
Green, Clerk. Church membership 115, Members
received 15, By baptism 12, By letter 3, Members
dismissed 6, Sunday School enrollment 116, Wo-
man's Auxiliary membership 15, Total offerings
received \$9,500.00, General offerings \$9,000.00,
Building fund \$500.00, Pastor's salary \$5,200.00,
Evangelistic work \$150.00, building and repair
\$3,000.00. Literature \$25.00, Miscellaneous \$300.-
00, Total local expenditures \$9,050.00, Value of
church property \$70,000.00, Amount sent with
letter to General Fund \$35.00.



REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS

of the

Second Annual Session

of the

Western Piedmont Association of (ORIGINAL)

Free Will Baptist of North Carolina

HELD AT THE PLEASANT HILL F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH
MAIDEN, N. C.
AUGUST 29, 30, 31, 1968

Presiding Moderator Rev. William H. Calvert
402 East 5th St. Gastonia, N. C.

Clerk Wildon A. Gill
Route 2, Maiden, N. C.

The next session will convene with the West Fifth Street Church Gastonia, N. C. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 21, 22, 23 1969. The host Pastor is the Rev. William Allen, 2730 Crescent Lane Gastonia, N. C.

**OFFICERS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Moderator . . . Rev. Homer Arrowood - Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C.
Vice-Moderator..Rev. M. T. Sparks - 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont
Clerk Rev. Wildon Gill - Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.
Asst. Clerk Rev. Oscar Gray - Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C.
Treasurer . . Harvey Hilderbran - 123 Summit Ave., Mt. Holly, N.
Exec. Brd. Mem. at large . . Rev. Travis Huffman - 212 Wilkinson
Gastonia, N. C.
Promotional Secretary

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Rev. Loyd Gray - Box 782, Lowell, N. C. Term expires 1971
Rev. Wayne Norris - Term expires 1970
Rev. William Allen - 2145 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.
Term expires 1969

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD'S

- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Roy Rikard, Grady Williams
MISSION BOARD: Homer Arrowood, Ethel Whaley, Georgia
May Calvert
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD: L. C. Rankin, Dexter Laws,
John Lutz
C.T.S. BOARD: Wayne Norris, Ethel Whaley, Nina Rikard,
Mae Holt
SUPERANNUATION BOARD: Homer Savage, J. W. Jones,
Nathan Holt
PUBLICATIONS BOARD: Billy Allen, D. L. Whaley, Myrtle
Green
MASTER'S MEN BOARD: John Newton, Joe Carter, William
Calvert
HOME FOR THE AGED BOARD: Gwendolyn Allen, Mrs.
Robert Parish, Mrs. Dexter Laws.
RESOLUTION'S BOARD: Johnnie Floyd Jr., Sherman Branch,
Oscar Gray

CHURCH DELEGATES

- BESSEMER CITY: Bessemer City, N. C.: David Laws. Lucille Laws, Ethel Whaley.
BOGER CITY: Boger City, N. C.: Jacob Faulkner, Ruth Faulkner, Jonas E. Summey.
CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, N. C.: Jonas Polston, Walter Harrison, J. R. Schrimpspher.
CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.: Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Nathen Holt, Mrs. Roy Rikard.
EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.: Charlie Burch
FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.: Mrs. William H. Calvert, Grady Carrol, John Murphy.
GOSHEN: Belmont, N. C.: H. W. Skidmore, Larry Abernathy.
LOWELL: Mrs. McEveen, Mrs. Fore.
MARY GROVE: Cherryville, N. C.: None listed
MT. HOLLY: Mt. Holly, N. C.: Mrs. Waureen Arrowood, Mr. Johnny Herms.
MT. VIEW: Dallas, N. C.: None Listed
PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.: None Listed
PLEASANT HILL: Maiden, N. C.: Bobby Hullet, John Lutz, J. R. Small.
SPRINGWOOD: Mt. Holly, N. C.: Mrs. John Newton, Mrs. Glena Lunsford.
TALON MEMORIAL: Stanley, N. C.: None Listed
WEST FIFTH AVE.: Gastonia, N. C.: Mrs. Myrtle Green, Mrs. Gwendolyn Allen.

VISITORS TO ASSOCIATION

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| Rev. Thomas Bryson | Joseph A. Hillsman |
| Rev. Herman Hersey | Elizabeth Branch |
| Randy Allen | Mrs. John Lutz |
| Kenneth D. Sigmon | Mrs. Wildon Gill |

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

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| REV. WILLIAM T. ALLEN | REV. T. H. HUFFMAN |
| REV. HOMER ARROWOOD | REV. J. W. JONES |
| REV. SHERMAN A. BRANCH | REV. JOHN R. NEWTON |
| REV. WILLIAM H. CALVERT | REV. EUGENE RAMSEY |
| REV. JOE H. CARTER | REV. L. C. RANKIN |
| REV. JOHNNIE E. FLOYD, JR. | REV. ROY RIKARD |
| REV. WILDON A. GILL | REV. ROBERT ROSE |
| REV. L. D. GRAY | REV. D. LEE WHALEY |
| REV. OSCAR L. GRAY | REV. HOMER R. SAVAGE |
| REV. NATHAN W. HOLT | REV. M. T. SPARKS |

TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS	8
TOTAL NUMBER DELEGATES	30
TOTAL NUMBER MINISTERS	20
TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED	58

MINISTERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

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Sherman A. Branch, Box 756. Stanley, N. C.
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Joe H. Carter, Route 2. Dallas. N. C.
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Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., P. O. Box 223. North Belmont, N. C.
28012
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J. W. Jones, Cramerton, N.C.
Earnest King, Mt. Holly, N. C.
C. C. Newton, Sarasota. Florida
John B. Newton, 440 Seventeenth St.. Cramerton, N.C.
Eugene M. Ramsey, 55 Hilltop Circle. Gastonia, N. C.
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Roy Rikard, 426 Woodlawn. Cramerton, N. C.
Robert Rose, Route 1, Box 88. Old Fort. N. C.
Homer R. Savage, Route 2. Dallas. N. C.
D. Lee Whaley, Box 296. Bessemer City, N. C.
Ralph Willis, 104 School St.. Belmont. N. C.
Wayne Norris,

ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

- Bessemer City Bessemer City, N. C., D. L. Whaley
Boger City Boger City, N. C. L. C. Rankin
Center Grove Waxhaw, N. C. Thomas Bryson
Cramerton Cramerton, N. C. Roy L. Rikard
East Belmont Belmont, N. C. Murray T. Sparks
First Church Gastonia, N. C. William H. Calvert
Goshen North Belmont, N. C. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.
Lowell Lowell, N. C. L. D. Gray
Mary Grove Cherryville, N. C. Ralph Willis
Mt. Holly Noles Drive, Mt. Holly
Homer Arrowood

Mt. View	Dallas. N. C. Homer Savage
Pecan Grove	104 Welch St. Gastonia, N. C. Oscar L. Gray
Pleasant Hill	Maiden. N. C. Wildon A. Gill
Springwood	First St.. N. Belmont, N. C. John R. Newton
Talon Memorial	Stanley. N. C. Sherman Branch
West Fifth Ave.	Gastonia. N. C. William Allen

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

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. Roberts Rules of order shall be used inasmuch as it pertains to Ecclesiastical bodys such as ours.
3. There shall be no conversation by members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
4. Every person wishing to speak must first rise and address the moderator and be recognized by him before speaking.
5. No person shall interrupt (except in extreme emergencies) another while he is speaking.
6. All motions made must be seconded and shall be opened for discussion. The body may vote by majority vote to close discussion at any time.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject nor more than ten minutes each time without special leave from the body.
8. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave from moderator.
9. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and voted on separately.
10. Motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any member providing that the chair shall be filled.
12. Any decision of the moderator may be overruled by a two thirds majority vote.
13. Visiting brethern or sisters shall be entitled to be seated and accorded all privileges of the body except voting.
14. Unlawful absense from the body denies a member voting privileges for that session.

15. It is urged that each member let Christian charity rule in every situation.
16. These rules may be altered at any regular business of the association providing that a quorum shall be present. A quorum of at least nine members must be present in order to conduct any legal business of this Association.

THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called, The Western Piedmont Association of (original) Free Will Baptists' of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by The Free Will Baptist Churches who are members of this body. All ministers (licensed and ordained) and ordained deacons from our Churches shall be considered "standing" delegates.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice moderator, clerk, treasurer, and other such officers, boards, and committees as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of the body.

ARTICLE 4. Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates and one delegate for each fifty members over one hundred or a fraction thereof. This shall be in addition to standing delegates.

ARTICLE 5. The Churches shall send by the hand of their delegates a report of all work done by them during the year along with all statistics as will be helpful.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall have an Executive Board who shall have the authority to investigate, and to receive Churches into this body. They shall conduct the necessary business of the Association when it is not in session. This Board shall report its work annually to the Association and its work shall be subject to the approval of the body.

ARTICLE 7. This Association shall meet annually for business meetings and quarterly for fellowship meetings. The time and place of these meetings shall be decided by the body in its annual sessions. The Executive Board shall have leave to call "special" business meetings when it becomes necessary providing the member Churches are properly notified.

ARTICLE 8. This Association shall have a council of ordained ministers whose duties shall be to investigate, license, and ordain ministers at the request of any member Church. They shall report their work to the Association annually, and all matters with regards to discipline shall be subject to the approval of the body.

ARTICLE 9. This association recognizes the independence of the local Church, and the historic position of Free Will Baptists' relative to congregational church government and therefore assumes no higher authority than an advisory capacity. This body assumes no rights over local Church property other than that which may be acquired by legal title.

ARTICLE 10. This Association may by majority vote withdraw fellowship from any Church or minister found to be walking disorderly, contrary to sound doctrine and practices as believed by Free Will Baptists'

ARTICLE 11. Each Church in order to maintain fellowship in this body must report annually by letter or by delegates. Each minister must report annually in person or by letter in order to be a member in good standing in this body.

ARTICLE 12. This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by the vote of a two thirds majority providing that such notice shall be given at the first session following permanent organization.

By-Laws for the Western Piedmont Association

1. Each session shall be opened with suitable devotions.
2. The clerk and assistant shall be elected at the beginning of the first session of the annual meeting. The moderator shall appoint the necessary committees at the first session.
3. The moderator shall read the rules of decorum and call for adoption of the program.
4. The Executive Board shall have charge of the promotional work of the association. The officers of the association (as defined in the constitution) shall be members ex officio of the board. The board shall consist of six members, with two members being elected on a rotating basis. One for two years and one for one year.
5. The ordaining council shall consist of three members (ordained ministers in good standing) to be elected on a rotating basis. One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

6. This Association is affiliated with the N. C. Association of Free Will Baptists and The National Association. The treatise of the National Association is to be used, regarding an expression of our faith and practices.
7. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support the programs of our State and National Associations.
8. The Association approves and encourages the indefinite pastoral all.
9. Each Board and committee shall elect its chairman and treasurer. EXCEPTION: The Treasurer of the Association shall be treasurer of the Executive Board.
10. A member may serve on as many boards and committees as he may be elected. EXCEPTION: No member may serve on the Executive board and Ordaining council at the same time.
11. Each Church shall send fifty cents per member with their report to the Association. This must be done in order for their delegates to be seated. This money shall be used for the printing of the minutes and other associational expenses.
12. Each Church should include in its reports, information concerning any minister who is walking disorderly (unfaithfulness, failure to tithe etc.) This information should be reported to the clerk of the association, and the clerk should report same to the ordaining council whose duties shall be to investigate such matters and make the proper recommendations to the body at the proper time.
13. Since the word of God requires faithfulness (I. Cor.:4:2) A minister in order to remain in fellowship with this body must be faithful to his Church and the Association. A Church must also be faithful. (See constitution Act. II.)
14. A Nominating committee shall be elected by the body at the last session of each annual meeting. Their duty shall be to present nominations for all officers, boards, and committees (not appointed by the moderator) necessary to carry on the work of the association for the coming year. The body shall have the right to nominate from the floor after this committee gives its report. These officers, boards, and committees are to be elected by a majority vote at the last session of the annual meeting.
15. These by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting (or special) by a majority vote, providing a quorum shall be present.

THE PRECEEDING OF THE SECOND ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITH THE
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
THURSDAY -- AUGUST 29, 1968 PLEASANT HILL
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ROUTE 2, MAIDEN, N. C.

The meeting was called to worship by Rev. William Calvert, Moderator and the congregational singing was led by Rev. M. T. Sparks.

Devotions was brought by Rev. D. L. Whaley.

The host pastor, Rev. Wildon A. Gill, gave a very warm welcome and the response to the welcome was given by Rev. Travis Huffman.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Oscar Gray, pastor of the Pecan Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C. to bring the morning message. Rev. Gray brought a very inspirational message.

We adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON-AUGUST 29, 1968

The Annual Fellowship Meeting of the Western Piedmont Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at this time. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Robert Parris. Mrs. Ethel Whaley led in devotions and Mrs. Sherman Branch led in prayer. Rev. Ronald Creech gave a brief talk on the Free Will Baptist Witness and what the ladies were doing to help. Mrs. Roy Rikard Mission Chairman gave a report on Missions.

The following were appointed to serve as a nomination committee: Mrs. Georgia Calvert and Mrs. Elizabeth Branch.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ronald Creech.

THURSDAY EVENING - AUGUST 29, 1968

The youth of our association was in charge of the service under the direction of Rev. Wayne Norris. Chuck Gates led the congregational singing.

There were several special songs by the youths of our association.

Grady Williams led the youth in a testimony meeting.

Offering received eight dollars and eighty one cents.

The Rev. Richard Adams pastor of Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C. brought a wonderful message that was not only a benefit to our youth but to the adults that were present as well.

FRIDAY MORNING - AUGUST 30, 1968

Session was opened with a congregational hymn, "Oh Lord Send the Power," led by Rev. Sherman.

Devotion was given by Rev. Wildon Gill, reading from Ephesians.

The session was called to order by the clerk - Rev. Wildon Gill.

Moderator, Rev. William Calvert, gave the Moderator's address and read from Acts, chapter 1.

The roll call of minister was made with 14 present. Others reported by letter.

The rules of decorum were read by the Moderator.

Partial report of the Credential Committee was given with eleven churches as of now ekreporting.

M.S.C. - That we accept rules of decorum dropping the word pay from rule seventeen.

M.S.C. - To adopt partial report of the Credential Committee.

M.S.C. - to seat all delegates present.

M.S.C. - That article eleven in Rules and Regulations of the Western Piedmont Association be dropped.

M.S.C. - to accept partial report of the nominating committee.

Rev. Wildon Gill was elected clerk by acclamation with Rev. Oscar Gray serving as assistant.

M.S.C. - That retired and disabled ministers in the association be excused from paying the fee of one dollar.

Report of Executive Committee's was read by the clerk.

M.S.C. to accept Executive Committee's report.

M.S.C. Kings Mountain Church be investigated by Executive Board.

M.S.C. that correction be made on cover of minute book to read August 29-30-31 instead of July 8.

M.S.C. That we have Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August for our annual meeting.

M.S.C. That we discontinue business and go in to the worship service.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., Pastor of the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church.

Adjourn for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - August 30, 1968

The afternoon session was opened with congregation singing.

Devotion was given by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

M.S.C. that we send a card to Rev. Oscar Gray and Mr Harvey Hilderbran to assure them of our prayers and our regrets of their absence due to sickness. Card to be signed by Moderator and Clerk.

Mission Board report was given by Rev. Homer Arrowood and Clerk.

Mission Board report was given by Rev. Homer Arrowood, Chairman.

M.S.C. - to adopt report as read.

Report of the Board of C T.S. was given by Mrs. Ethel Whaley.

M.S.C. to adopt report and recommendations be accepted.

Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Travis Huffman, Chairman.

M. S.C. - to adopt report as read.

M.S.C. - If any one appears before the ordaining council and refused licenses or ordination, the Council's to meet with the pastor if requested.

M.S.C. - That Rev. Thomas Bryson, pastor of Waxhaw Free Will Baptist Church be accepted in our association until we hear from the Beaver Creek Association.

Rev. Ronald Creech, State Evangelist, gave a report on The State Work of the Free Will Baptist.

M.S.C. That the Western Piedmont Association give fifty dollars, (\$50.00) for State Promotional work.

Rev. William Calvert, Moderator appointed the Rev. Ronald Creech to bring the evening message. Rev. Sherman Branch was appointed to direct the singing.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST 30, 1969

7:30 P.M. Call to worship Ordaining Council in charge of service.

Rev. Ronald Creech brought the ordination message and the Rev. Travis Huffman made the presentation of license to the following:

Rev. Robert Rose, received his ordination and is presently pastoring a Free Will Baptist Church at Old Fort, N. C.

Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1968

Meeting called to order by the clerk - Rev. Wildon Gill. Congregational hymn. "Beautiful Words of Life," led by Rev. Sherman Branch.

Devotion was given by Rev. Joe Carter.

Reports were asked for from the Sunday School Board, and the Christian Education Board, but no report was given.

The report on the Superannuation Board was given by Rev. L. C. Rankin.

M.S.C. to accept the report.

Publication Board was called upon but no report.

The report was given by Rev. Homer Savage on The Master Men.

M.S.C. - to accept report.

M.S.C. The Clerk to notify each Chairman concerning each board or committee they are elected to and encourage them to meet at least once a year.

M.S.C. that the boards and committees meet at a designated place and time to work on reports and fellowship.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given by Rev. William Allen.

M.S.C. To accept the Resolution Committee's report and the recommendation.

M.S.C. That the Credential Committee read names of Churches whose delegates are to be seated.

M.S.C. That the non reporting Ministers and Churches be listed in the minutes.

M.S.C. That the moderator send a letter to the non reporting churches requesting their report and thirty cents per member.

M.S.C. That the Community Free Will Baptist Church be stricken from our rolls as it is no longer an organized church.

The Youth relation board report was give by Rev. Sherman Branch.

M.S.C. to adapt report

Mrs. Robert Parris reported on The Home for the Aged

M.S.C. to accept report.

Finance Committee report was given by Rev. Wildon Gill

M.S.C. to accept the report.

M.S.C. That the church put on program whether the church will serve dinner or not when the association is meeting there.

M.S.C. to adopt Report of Nomination Committee of-ficers elected listed in front of minority.

M.S.C. That the following delegates represent us at the North Carolina State Association: Mrs. William Calvert, Mrs. Roy Rikard, Mrs. William Allen.

M.S.C. that the credential committee serve as the fi-nance committee.

In the rules and regulations of the Western Piedmont Association that rule 15 page 13 that the word Nominating be stricken out.

M.S.C. that the Youth Relation Board be abolished and be the C.T.S. Board.

Quarterly Meetings Nov. 29, East Belmont Church., Feb. 28 Bessemer City Church, May 30. First Church, Gastonia.

Annual Meeting West 5th St. Church. Gastonia.

Resolution offered and adopted at close of conference.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

Whereas, Since we have formed a new Association out of our beloved Piedmont Association, there is a pressing need to amplify our identity as a different Association; and

Whereas, there are certain rules and constitutional changes that are needed to accommodate our own particular needs; therefore, be it RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed by the moderator to revise the constitution (Ordainin Council, Moderator and Chairman) rules of decorum, and by-laws of our association to ekbe presented at the next Quarterly meeting for adoption. RESOLVED, That this committee meet at the close of this session for the purpose of setting a meeting date to ekbegin such action. RE-SOLVED, That this committee meet at the close of this session for the purpose of setting a meeting date to begin such action. RESOLVED, That the present rules be used as a guideline, and that the committee make the necessary changes that will best suit our needs, retaining the rules that are suitable to our purpose.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

Whereas, we have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord in this session, and the fine hospitality of The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church and it's pastor, Rev. Wildon Gill, and

Whereas, Our very capable Moderator, Bro. William Calvert, has conducted this session in a very efficient manner that can only be pleasing to our Wonderful Lord and an honor to His Great Name, and a credit to our Association and denomination; and

Whereas, all who have participated in the services of this Association, the fine singing (special and congregational) wonderful powerful preaching, and devotions, have been a blessing to this session; and

Whereas, all who have served this Association as officers and on it's various boards and committees, and have given unselfishly of their time and talent to the work of the

Master in this Association; and

Whereas, Believing as we do in the exhortation of the scriptures, to give honor, where honor is due; therefore be it RESOLVED: That we give God all glory and praise that is due His great Name, and acknowledge His blessings; and RESOLVED; That we give a rising vote of thanks to all these mentioned; and RESOLVED, That we pledge our prayer and support for all of our in-coming officers and that we will all do our part to make our Association an even greater Association in the coming year to the Glory of God.

The Association was adjourned with prayer.

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY
MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 1967

The quarterly meeting was held at the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, N. C. The following churches were represented: East Belmont, Mt. Holly, Pecan Grove, West 5th St., Mountain View, Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Spring Wood, Talon, and the Pleasant Hill Church and community.

Meeting opened by song and devotion by Rev. Robert Rose.

Welcome was given by the pastor and response by Rev. Travis Huffman.

Testimonies were led by Rev. Oscar Gray.

Fellowship meeting of the ministers was discussed and was decided to be held on Thursday at 5 p.m.

M-S-C That the recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted and that the King's Mountain Free Will Baptist Church be received into the association as a member.

Next quarterly meeting to be held at East Belmont Free Will Baptist Church February 10, 1968.

Message was brought by Rev. Billy Allen.

M-S-C That Rev. Sparks, Rev. Oscar Gray, and Rev. Sherman Branch serve as a committee to set in order a union Thanksgiving Service.

M-S-C That the treasurer and moderator be authorized to purchase flowers in case of the death of ministers or their family.

Meeting adjourned.

Rev. William Calvert Moderator
Rev. Wildon Gill Clerk

The Western Piedmont Association quarterly fellowship meeting convened at the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, N. C. February 10, 1968, at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Roy Rikard was the Host Pastor.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing "I Feel Like Traveling On." Rev. Andrew Martain directing. Opening prayer was led by Rev.

Morning devotions were brought by Rev. J. C. Almond. His scripture text was from the Psalms.

A warm and heart felt welcome was given to the body by the host pastor Rev. Roy Rikard.

Response to the welcome was given by Rev. Homer Savage pastor of Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator, Rev. William Calvert, then recognized the visitors as following: Rev. Ronald Creech, state association promotional secretary and evangelist, Durham, N. C.; Becky Creech, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Weldon Key, China Grove, N. C.; Rev. Oscar Sullivan Jr. Waxhaw, N. C.; Gladys Sullivan, Waxhaw, N. C.; Jonas Polston and Betty Polston of Waxhaw, N. C.

Testimonia Time: By Rev. Homer Arrowood Pastor of Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Ronald Creech State Evangelist was granted time for a report on the state work.

The following business was transacted with the moderator. Rev. William Calvert presiding: The Western Piedmont Association declared to be in session for business. Wildon Gill clerk.

M-S That we send \$100.00 from our treasure to the witness for promotional work.

M-S That the above motion be amended to read that we send \$200.00.

M-S That we receive the Center Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Waxhaw into our association.

There were seventeen churches present for this meeting.

The next quarterly meeting to be May 11, 1968 at the Center Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Waxhaw, N. C.

The morning message was brought by guest speaker Rev. Ronald Creech of Durham State Evangelist.

Wildon Gill, Clerk

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
May 11, 1968

The quarterly meeting met at the Center Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Waxsaw, N. C. The following churches were represented: Center Grove, Mt. Holly, Talon, Cramerton, Goshen, West 5th St., Bethel, Mt. View, Gastonia, and East Belmknont. Five churches reported by oral report.

Meeting was opened by song and devotions by Rev. Homer Savage.

Welcome was given by the pastor and response by Rev. Roy Rikard.

The moderator recognized those present and a time of testimony was led by Rev. Johnny Floyd.

M-S-C That the Board of Superannuation send a letter requesting each pastor and two deacons from each church to meet at the Piedmont Bible Institute with Rev. Ronald Creech to introduce the retirement plan for ministers at a date to be decided by the state board.

M-S-C To purchase an attendance banner to be presented to the church with the most delegates present at the associational meetings. It is to be presented on the bases of the percentage of the Church's Sunday School attendance. Rev. Ronald Creech is to check on the banner and send it to Bro. Harvey Hilderbran.

M-S-C That the associational minutes approved by the Executive Committee before they are sent to the press, also before the proof is returned to the press for final print. They are to be signed by the moderator and the clerk of the association.

M-S-C To recall all minutes of the 1st annual session of the association. The Executive Board will meet with the clerk to correct all errors in the last minutes. The first annual session is to be reprinted and inserted with the minutes of the next annual meeting.

M-S-C The next annual session of the association to be changed to August 29-31.

Meeting adjourned.

Wildon Gill clerk

William Calvert Moderator

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

November 2, 1967

The Executive Board of the Western Piedmont Association met with the Kings Mountain Free Will Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, N. C. Five members of the board was present and 7 members of the church.

Meeting was opened by the pastor, Rev. Robert Downey. Prayer by Rev. William Calvert.

Rev. Downey explained the purpose of the called meeting with the Executive committee, which was, to help settle the dispute about him being pastor of the church. The board informed the church this decision is made by the majority of the church present who voted during the election.

The church then asked to be received as a member of the association. After the board ask them questions concerning their doctrine they voted by a standing vote to accept the doctrine and the responsibilities of the association.

It was decided by the board to accept the church under the watch care of the association until the November 11th quarterly meeting. Final decision about their membership was to be decided as to whether they were present at the quarterly meeting or not.

Meeting closed by prayer.

Rev. William Calvert Moderator

Rev. Wildon Gill Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD

January 29, 1968

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Inst., at Cramerton, N. C. and discussed the following business. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. M. T. Sparks. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. William Calvert. The program was planned for the Western Piedmont Quarterly meeting in February and passed by vote. The Executive Board has considered the request from Waxsaw Free Will Baptist Church and agreed that if they meet the proper procedures, that they be recommended to the Association for membership.

The Board adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wildon Gill.

Respectfully Submitted;

Rev. William Calvert - Chairman

Rev. M. T. Sparks - Member

Rev. Homer Arrowood - Member

Mr. Harvey Hilderbran - Member

Mr. C. M. Kirkland - Member

Rev. Wildon Gill - Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD
FEBRUARY 27, 1968

The Executive Board met at Piedmont Bible Inst., at Cramerton, N. C. and discussed the following business. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood. The meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. William Calvert. Purpose of this meeting was to discuss the dates for the annual association meeting.

M-S The Executive Board recommend dates on front cover of our minute book for this association in 1968.

M-C The executive board recommend that the last Thursday and Friday and Saturday in August be the permanent dates for the annual association meeting.

M-C Executive Board recommend that the quarterly meeting be changed to the last Saturday of each quarter.

M-C Executive Board meet April 1, 1968 at 8:00 p.m. at the Gastonia First Free Will Baptist Church to draw up the program for the next quarterly meeting. That the executive board also meet June 3, 1969 at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church to draw up program for the annual association meeting. Board to meet at 8:00 p.m.

M-C That we adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. M. T. Sparks

Present: Rev. William Calvert, Moderator; Rev. M. T. Sparks, Mem., Rev. Homer Arrowood Proxy for Harvey Hilderbran, Rev. Wildon Gill, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
June 3, 1968

The Executive Board met at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church, at Mt. Holly, N. C. June 3, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Gill. The meeting then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. William Calvert. It was voted and passed that the next Executive board meeting be August 1, 1968 at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Maiden. C. M. Kirkland turned in his resignation.

M-M-C that we accept C. M. Kirkland resignation.

M-M-C that Rev. Homer Arrowood serve the unexpired term of Kirkland.

Rev. V. E. Condry turned in his resignation as a member of the ordination council.

M-M-C that we accept Rev. Condry resignation.

M-M-C that Rev. Johnnie Floyd be appointed to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Condry.

M-M-C that we meet with West Fifth Ave. Church on June 23, 1968 at 3:00 p.m. to comply with the request that the executive board meet with the Pastor and Church officials.

Prayer by Rev. M. T. Sparks

Meeting adjourned.

Present: Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Wildon Gill, Rev. M. T. Sparks.

Rev. W. Calvert Mod.

Rev. W. Gill Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD

August 16, 1968

The Executive Board met at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church August 16, 1968.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. William Calvert.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Harvey Hilderbran.

Purpose of this meeting was to arrange the program for the Annual association of the Western Piedmont.

Present: Rev. William Calvert, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mr. Harvey Hilderbran, and Rev. Wildon A. Gill.

After arrangements were made for the association meeting the board adjourned.

Rev. William Calvert Moderator

Rev. Wildon A. Gill Clerk

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. Following the 1967 Association Rev. Clyde Garrett was ordained in a service at First Free Will Baptist of Gastonia with Rev. Travis Huffman bringing the message.
2. Also the Rev. Eugene Ramsey was ordained in a service at the Pecan Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia with the Rev. Travis Huffman bringing the message.
3. November 4, 1967 -- The Ordaining Council met at Community Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas and licensed Rev. Andrew Martin. Rev. Homer Arrowood set in as proxy for Rev. V. E. Condrey. Also Re. William Calvert set in as proxy for Rev. Roy Rikard.
4. Also November 9, 1967 -- Rev. Mike McCuin met with the Ordaining Council at Lowell Free Will Baptist Church asking information about changing from Ohio to Western Piedmont.

The Western Piedmont Association met on Feb. 10, 1968 at the Free Will Baptist Church in Cramerton, N. C.

1. The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Andrew Martin and voted to license him on Feb. 10, 1968.
2. The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Wayne Norris and voted to ordain him Feb. 10, 1968.
3. The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Robert Rose and voted to ordain him on Feb. 10, 1968.
4. The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Joe Harrison Carter and voted to ordain him on Feb. 10, 1968.
5. Rev. Travis Huffman met at Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church Feb. 17, 1968 and ordained Rev. Wayne Norris in a service.
6. Feb. 25, 1968, Rev. Travis Huffman met at Community Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas and ordained Rev. Joe Carter in a Service.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Travis Huffman

Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.

August 30, 1968

Rev. Thomas Bryson, pastor of Waxaw Free Will Baptist Church desires to come under ordaining council to Western Piedmont as a member pending the arrival of a letter in good standing from Beaver Creek Association in South Carolina.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Whereas, There has been a practice in the past of exchanging ordination credentials, or issuing new papers to Ministers coming to us from other Free Will Baptist Associations; and

Whereas, This practice has sometimes been mis-leading and confusing; and

Whereas, We recognize the fact that ordination from sister Associations are both scriptural and valid, and that such practice is unnecessary; Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we discontinue this practice; and

RESOLVED: That when a minister comes to us from other Associations of like faith (Free Will Baptist) that after due examination of his qualifications for membership in our body, that we issue him the proper membership card, and,

RESOLVED; That in the case of Ministers coming to us from other denominations that we deal with these cases as our rules require, and

RESOLVED: That the ordaining council of this Association be permitted to revise our rules pertaining to the ordination of ministers, using the old Piedmont Association as a guide. That this Council be permitted to have rule books and necessary examination papers printed with the name of our Association printed on the cover. That the proposed changes (if any) be submitted to our Association at the next Quarterly meeting for adoption before the books are printed.

Respectfully Submitted

Billy Allen

TREASURES REPORT

In Treasure at last association	\$233.33
Total received from churches and ministers	468.23
Total amount	\$701.56
Total amount of expense	701.56
Balance in treasure	None

Associational Expenses

Guest speakers to Association (Eugene Hales & Frank McQuage)	\$9.59
N. C. State Association (Station wagon & Gifts)	320.00
Purchase of C.T.S. Packet for Association	9.11
Counts Printing & Office Supply (for minutes)	204.89
Executive Board travel expense	23.90
Clerks Expense (1966) Ralph Willis	40.00
Clerks Expense (1967) Wildon Gill	65.00
Printing Programs (Joe Bryant)	8.37
First State Bank & Trust Co. (service charge)	<u>.70</u>
Total Expenses	\$701.56

Respectfully Submitted:

R. H. Hilderbran - Treasurer

C.T.S. REPORT

The C.T.S. had two rallies this year. The C.T.S. recommended the following:

1. That we have a rally quarterly rotating from church by invitation.
2. Each local C.T.S. strive to send its youth representatives for competition to these meetings in preparation for State and National competition.
3. Each C.T.S. is asked to bring an offering to the rally for operation expenses.

Ethel Whaley
Nina Rikard
Mrs. Robert Parris
The Committee

MISSION REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$47.72
Total Income	560.60
Total Cash	608.32
Paid J. C. Almond (through April 1)	\$470.00
Paid for Mission expense	3.60
Total Expense through April 1, 1968	\$473.60
July 31, 1968 Bank Balance	\$54.48

REPORT FOR THE HOME FOR THE AGED

We visited the home of the aged in April 1968. We carried the children of the C.T.S. from the Cramerton church up to put on a little program, for the ladies. The ladies sure did enjoy our children visiting with them. We carried gifts for all the ladies, and for Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley also. We also took a box of cleaning products and pot holders, bath cloths and other things that the home could use. Mrs. Brinkley estimated the gifts at \$45.00. Mrs. Parris's Sunday School Class bought drapes for the living room the first part of May 1968.

We would like for everyone to visit our home and we do urge each church to help in the support of the home. If any one has anything they would like to give the home and do not have any way to get it up there, get in touch with one of the board members and they will see that it gets to the home. We urge you to pray for the home.

Respectfully,

Rev. M. T. Sparks
Mrs. Robert Parris
Mrs. David D. Laws

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your nominating committee do make the following nominations:

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Roy Rikard, Grady Williams.

Mission Board: Homer Arrowood, Ethel Whaley, Georgia May Calvart.

Sunday School Board: L. C. Rankin, Dexter Laws, John Lutz.

C.T.S. Board: Wayne Norris, Ethel Whaley, Nina Rikard, Mae Holt.

Superannuation: Homer Savage, J. W. Jones, Nathan Holt.

Publication: Billy Allen, Myrtle Green, D. L. Whaley

Master's Men: John R. Newton, Joe Carter, William Calvart.

Home For The Aged: Mrs. Gwendolyn Allen, Mrs. Robert Parish, Mrs. Dexter Laws.

Resolutions: Johnnie Floyd, Sherman Branch, Oscar Gray.

Executive Board: Travis Huffman. (Exp. 1969)

Ordaining Council: Loyd Gray, Wayne Norris, Billy Allen (Exp. 1971) (Exp. 1970) (Exp. 1969)

Moderator: Homer Arrowood. Assistant: M. T. Sparks.

Treasurer: Harvey Hilderbran.

We your nominating committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That Rule 15 (See 1967 minutes Page 13) as pertains to the selection of a nominating committee be suspended; and that in order to comply with more correct palimentary procedure regarding the selection of such committee (Robert's Rules of Order last page paragraph 3, captioned "Nominating Committee") That the rule be changed to read: The Moderator shall at the beginning of each session appoint all committees necessary to transact the business of the Association with the exeption of the nominating committee. This committee of three shall be elected by the body for the following year at the close of each annual session.

2. That the "Youth Relations" Board be abolished and incorporated with the C.T.S. Board whose business shall include youth relations.

3. That the Credentials Committee serve also as the Finance Committee and that the Treasurer of the Association be Chairman ex-officio of this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherman Branch, Chairman
Wildon Gill
Billy Allen

MINISTERS REPORTS

WILLIAM T. ALLEN: Sermons Preached 150, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 3, Profession witnessed 65, Number Baptized 8, Additions to church 13, Funerals preached 5, Miles traveled 30,000, Amount received \$6,000.00

HOMER ARWOOD: Sermons Preached 139, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 3, Number Baptized 2, Additions to church 7, Funerals preached 5, Miles traveled 25,000, Amount received \$5,635.00

SHERMAN A. BRANCH: Sermons Preached 150, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 3, Profession witnessed 16, Number Baptized 1, Funerals preached 5, Miles traveled 25,000.

WILLIAM H. CALVERT: Sermons Preached 140, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 2, Profession witnessed 45, Number Baptized 17, Additions to church 29, Funerals preached 9, Miles traveled 26,000.

JOE H. CARTER: Sermons Preached 75, Churches Pastored 1, Profession witnessed 6, Additions to church 2, Churches organized 1, Funerals preached 1, Miles traveled 5,000.

EDWARD J. FAULKNER: Sermons preached 50, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 1, Number Baptized 2, Additions to church 4, Funerals preached 1, Miles traveled 8,000. Amount received \$600.00.

JOHNNIE E. FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached 71, Churches Pastored 1, Professions witnessed 13, Number Baptized 6, Additions to church 10, Funerals preached 8, Miles traveled 25,000, Amount received \$5,830.00.

WILDON A. GILL: Sermons Preached 150, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 1, Professions witnessed 22, Numbered Baptized 3, Additions to church 16, Funerals preached 5.

L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached 110, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 2, Profession Witnessed 35, Number Baptized 15, Additions to church 18, Funerals preached 9, Amount received \$4,165.00.

OSCAR L. GRAY: Sermons Preached 156, Churches Pastored 1, Profession witnessed 60, Number Baptized 2, Additions to church 8, Funerals preached 5, Miles traveled 20,000, Amount received \$4,795.25.

NATHAN W. HOLT: Sermons Preached 10.

T. H. HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached 40.

J. W. JONES: Retired

EARNEST KING:

C. C. NEWTON: Sermons Preached 16, Profession witnessed
Miles traveled 1,500.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached 150, Profession witnessed 1, Revivals held 1, Profession witnessed 20, Number Baptized 6, Additions to church 14, Funerals preached 5.

EUGENE M. RAMSEY: Sermons Preached 40, Profession witnessed 16.

L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached 140, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 2, Profession witnessed 15, Number Baptized 2, Additions to church 6, Miles traveled 24,000, Amount received \$1,995.00.

ROY RIKARD: Sermons Preached 125, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 3, Profession witnessed 23, Number Baptized 20, Additions to church 32, Funerals Preached 7, Miles traveled 19,000.

ROBERT ROSE: Sermons Preached 80, Churches Pastored 1, Professions witnessed 6, Number Baptized 5, Funerals Preached 2, Miles traveled 250. Amount received \$40.00

HOMER R. SAVAGE: Sermons Preached 110, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 1, Profession witnessed 10, Additions to Church 1, Funerals preached 3. Amount received \$1,040.00.

MURRAY T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached 93, Churches Pastored 1, Profession witnessed 10, Number Baptized 1, Additions to church 5, Funerals preached 2, Miles traveled 15,000, Amount received \$3,900.00.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached 100, Churches Pastored 1, Profession witnessed 12, Number Baptized 7, Additions to church 12, Churches organized 1, Funerals preached 1, ps traveled 12,000.

RALPH L. WILLIS: Sermons Preached 68, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals held 2, Profession witnessed 17, Funerals preached 2, Miles traveled 1,500. Amount received \$300.00.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

BESSEMER CITY - Bessemer City, N. C., D. L. Whaley Pastor, P. O. Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C., Betty Marshall Clerk, Route 1, Box 516, Bessemer City, N. C., Church membership 44, Members received 12, By baptism 5, By letter 6, By statement of faith 1, Members dismissed 0, Woman's Auxiliary membership 8, Total offerings received \$4,499.42, Building fund \$12,000.00, Pastor's salary \$2,750.00, Evangelist work \$150.00, Rent \$360.00, Total local expenditures \$16,528.54, Foreign missions \$50.00, Value of church property \$18,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$6.25.

BOGER CITY - Boger City, N. C. L Rankin Pastor, 128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N. C. 28092, Mrs. Peggy Duncan Clerk, Route 2, Box 41, Lincolnton, N. C., Church membership 45, Members received 6, By baptism 3, By letter 1, By statement of faith 2, Members dismissed 2, By letter 2, Sunday School enrolment 51, Woman's Auxiliary membership 14, Total offerings received **\$6,646.65**, Pastor's Salary \$1,995.00, Evangelistic work **\$134.00** Building and repair \$3,500.00, Literature \$135.18, Foreign missions \$89.12, Home missions \$40.00, Associational projects \$15.00, State and national projects \$10.00, Value of church property \$15,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$8,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$15.00.

CENTER GROVE - Waxhaw, N. C., Thomas Bryson Pastor, 940 Lynwood Drive. Lancaster, S. C., Gail Robertson Clerk, General Del., Waxhaw, N. C., Church membership 43. Members received 31, By Baptism 18, By letter 3, By statement of faith 10, Members dismissed 1, By letter 1, Sunday School enrolment 59, Total offerings received \$3,410.70, Building fund \$145.38, Evangelistic work \$61.00, Building and repair \$392.00, Literature \$40.00, Other \$2,905.73, Value of church property \$12,500.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$15.00.

CRAMERTON - Cramerton, N. C. Roy L. Rikard Pastor, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Robert Parris Clerk, Route 2 Box 333, Gastonia, N. C. 28052, Church membership 259, Members received 32, By baptism 20, By letter 2, By statement of faith 10, Members dismissed 23, By letter 5, Excluded 16, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrolment 374, C.T.S. 86, Woman's Auxiliary membership 32, Total offerings received \$34,849.75, Pastor's salary \$6,240.00, Evangelistic work \$400.00, Building and repair \$7,000.00, Literature

\$2,000.00, Advertising \$400.00, Miscellaneous \$,000.00, Other \$9,744.20, Total local expenditures 26,784.20, Foreign missions \$1,800.00, Home missions \$1,800.00, Education \$1,000.00, Superannuation \$480.00, Associational projects \$480.00, State and national projects \$700.00, Other \$1,000.00. Total outside expenditures \$7,860.00, Value of church property \$173,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$20,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$77.70.

EAST BELMONT - Belmont, N. C., Murray T. Sparks Pastor, 907 Edgemont Ave. Belmont, N. C. 28012, Elizabeth Sparks Clerk, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C. 28012, Church membership 68, Members received 5, By baptism 1, By letter 4, Members dismissed 2, By letter 1, Deceased 1, Sunday School enrolment 88, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, Total offerings received \$10,167.00, General offering \$8,880.00, Building fund \$1,287.00, Pastor's salary \$1,820.00, Building and Repair \$2,800.00, Literature \$150.00, Advertising \$16.00, Miscellaneous \$780.00, Other \$2,070.00, Total local expenditures \$7,636.00, Foreign missions \$40.00, Home missions \$64.50, Associational projects \$20.50, Total outside expenditures \$125.00, Value of church property \$45,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$20.40.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST - Gastonia, N. C., William H. Calvert Pastor, 402 East Fifth, Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. W. T. Cobb Clerk, 2805 Lowell Rd. Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 18, Pastor's salary \$5,720.00, Evangelistic work \$350.00, Value of church property \$80,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$39.60.

GOSHEN - School Street, North Belmont, N. C., Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr. Pastor, P. O. Box 223, North Belmont, N. C. 28012, Carl Bryan Clerck, 414 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C., Church membership 133, Members received 10, By baptism 6, By statement of faith 4, Members dismissed 5, By letter 4, Deceased 1, Sunday School enrolment 180, League enrolment 60, Woman's Auxiliary membership 30, Total offerings received 29,872.91, Pastor's salary \$5,830.00, Evangelistic work \$282.12, Literature \$766.70, Miscellaneous \$5,466.19, Other \$14,000.00, Total local expenditures \$26,345.01, Foreign missions \$800.31, Education \$525.00, Superannuation \$500, Other \$236.87, Total outside expenditures \$1,616.18, Value of church property \$85,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,500.00, Amount enclosed with letter 30.00.

LOWELL - Lowell, N. C. L. D. Gray, Pastor, Box 782, Lowell, N. C. 28098, Mrs. C. R. Conner Clerk, 72 East Third St., Gastonia, N. C. Church membership 112, Members received 18, By baptism 15, By statement of faith 3, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrolment 80, League enrolment 5, Total offerings \$9,938.95, General offerings \$7,188.95, Building fund \$1,950.00, Pastor's salary \$3,990.00, Evangelistic work \$56.24, Building and repair \$4,513.55, Literature \$261.70, Miscellaneous \$1,011.33. Other \$63.63, Total local expenditures \$9,897.45, Associational projects \$22.50, State and national projects \$20.00 Total outside expenditures \$42.50, Value of church property \$17,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$5,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$12.00.

MARY GROVE - Cherryville, N. C., Rt. 2, Ralph Willis Pastor, 104 School St., N. Belmont, N. C., Dorothy Willis Clerk, 104 School St. N. Belmont, N. C. 28012, Church membership 25, Sunday School enrolment 40, Total offerings received \$2,209.71, General offerings \$2,109.71, Building fund \$100.00, Pastor's salary \$600.00, Evangelistic work \$50.00, Building and repair \$480.00, Literature \$51.90, Miscellaneous \$1,432.96, Home missions \$7.23, Associational projects \$18.03, Total outside expenditures \$25.26. Value of church property \$12,500.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$8.75.

MT. HOLLY - 841 Noles Dr. Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120, Homer Arrowood Pastor, 84 Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120, Miss Elizabeth Norwood Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 316, Mt. Holly, N. C., Church membership 96, Members received 6, By baptism 1, By statement of faith 5, Members dismissed 2, By letter 2, Sunday School enrolment 154, Woman's Auxiliary membership 18, Total offerings received \$17,617.06, General offerings \$14,992.40, Building fund \$2,644.66, Pastor's salary \$5,715.00, Evangelistic work \$190.00, Building and repair \$30,000.00, Literature \$345.94, Total local expenditures \$36,250.94, Foreign missions \$100.00, Home missions \$100.00, Superannuation \$50.00, Associational projects \$150.00, Total outside expenditures \$400.00, Value of church property \$90,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$13,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$28.00.

MT. VIEW - Dallas, N. C. Homer Savage Pastor, Box 222 Rt. Dallas, N. C., Barbara Strader Clerk, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C., Church membership 51, Members received 1, By statement of faith 1, Sunday School enrolment 34. League enrolment 17, Total offerings \$3,126.46, Pastor's salary \$800.00, Evangelistic work \$60.00, Literature \$152.04, Total local expenditures \$1,012.34, Home missions \$4 .13, Education \$100.00, State and national projects \$50.00. Value of church property \$12,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$10,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$15.30.

PECAN GROVE - 104 Welch St. Gastonia, N. C. 28052, Oscar L. Gray Pastor, Route 2 Box 209, Dallas, N. C. 28034 Elvie McGee Clerk, 1608 Warren Circle, Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Church membership 67, members received 8, By baptism 2, By statement of faith 6, members dismissed 25, By letter 4, Excluded 21, Sunday School enrolment 130, Woman's Auxiliary membership 9, Total offerings received \$9,186.30, Pastor's salary \$4,795.25, Building and repair \$918.01, Literature \$388.79, Miscellaneous \$2,924.04, Total local expenditures \$9,026.09, Education \$50.00 Associational projects \$75.00, State and national projects \$35.21, Total outside expenditures \$160.21, Value of church property \$21,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter \$22.75.

SPRINGWOOD - 201 First St., North Belmont, John R. Newton Pastor, 40 Seventeenth St., Cramerton, N. C., Mrs. Patsy Webber Clerk, General Delivery, McAdenville, N. C., Church membership 33, Members received 14, By baptism 3, By letter 5, By statement of faith of faith 6. Members dismissed 39, By letter 39, Sunday School enrolment 76, Woman's Auxiliary membership 11, Total offerings received \$6,576.13, Pastor's salary \$2,550.00, Evangelistic work \$195.00, Building and repair \$10,656.78. Literature \$157.25, Miscellaneous Building and repair \$10,656.78, Literature \$157.25. Miscellaneous \$1,319.62, Total local expenditures \$ 4'878.65, Education \$25.00 Total outside expenditures \$25.00. Value of Church property \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter \$9.90.

TALON - Hovis Road, Stanley, N. C., Sherman A. Branch Pastor, Box 756 Stanley, N. C., June Walker Clerk, 421 W. Central Ave. Ext. Mt. Holly, N. C., Church membership 145, Members received 10, By baptism 1, By letter 8, By statement of faith 1, Members dismissed 3, By letter 1, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrolment 152, League enrolment 81, Woman's Auxiliary membership 20, Total offerings received \$51,607.48, General offerings \$21,125.00, Pastor's salary \$5,590.00, Evangelistic work \$135.00, Building and repair \$30,000.00, Literature \$491.92, Advertising \$3.00, Miscellaneous \$15,387.56, Total local expenditures \$51,125.00, Foreign missions \$25.00, Home missions \$50.00, Education 202.18, Superannuation \$180.30, State and national projects \$25.00, Total outside expenditures \$482.48, Value of church property \$35,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$20,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$25.00.

PLEASANT HILL - Route 2, Maiden, N. C. Wildon A. Gill Pastor, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C., Mrs. Grady Williams Clerk, 120 West 13th St., Newton, N. C., Church membership 97, Members received 16, By baptism 3, By statement of faith 13, Members dismissed 7, Excluded 7, Sunday School enrolment 65, Total offerings received \$5,685.23, Pastor's salary \$2,500.00, Evangelistic work \$205.00, Building and repair \$250.30, Literature \$60.00, Other \$870.81, Miscellaneous 1,418.44, Total local expenditures \$5,308.55, Value of church property \$15,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$8,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter \$30.00

WEST FIFTH AVE. - 2245 W. Fifth Ave. Gastonia, N. C., Billy Allen Pastor, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C., Mrs. Levader Green Clerk, 2427 Rogers Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052, Church membership 103, Members received 13, By baptism 9, By statement of faith 4, Members dismissed 13, By letter 3, Excluded 8, Deceased 2, Sunday School enrolment 135, Woman's Auxiliary membership 12, Total offerings received \$10,572.57, General offerings \$ 0,207.57, Building fund \$365.00, Pastor's salary \$5,280.00, Evangelistic work \$200.00, Building and repair \$4,809.10, Literature \$ 84.13, Advertising \$8.76, Miscellaneous \$500.00, Total local expenditures \$11,981.99, Education \$200.00, Associational projects \$35.00, State and national projects \$25.00, Other \$200.00. Total outside expenditures \$460.00, Value of church property \$75,000.00, Value of parsonage property \$15,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter \$37.00.

