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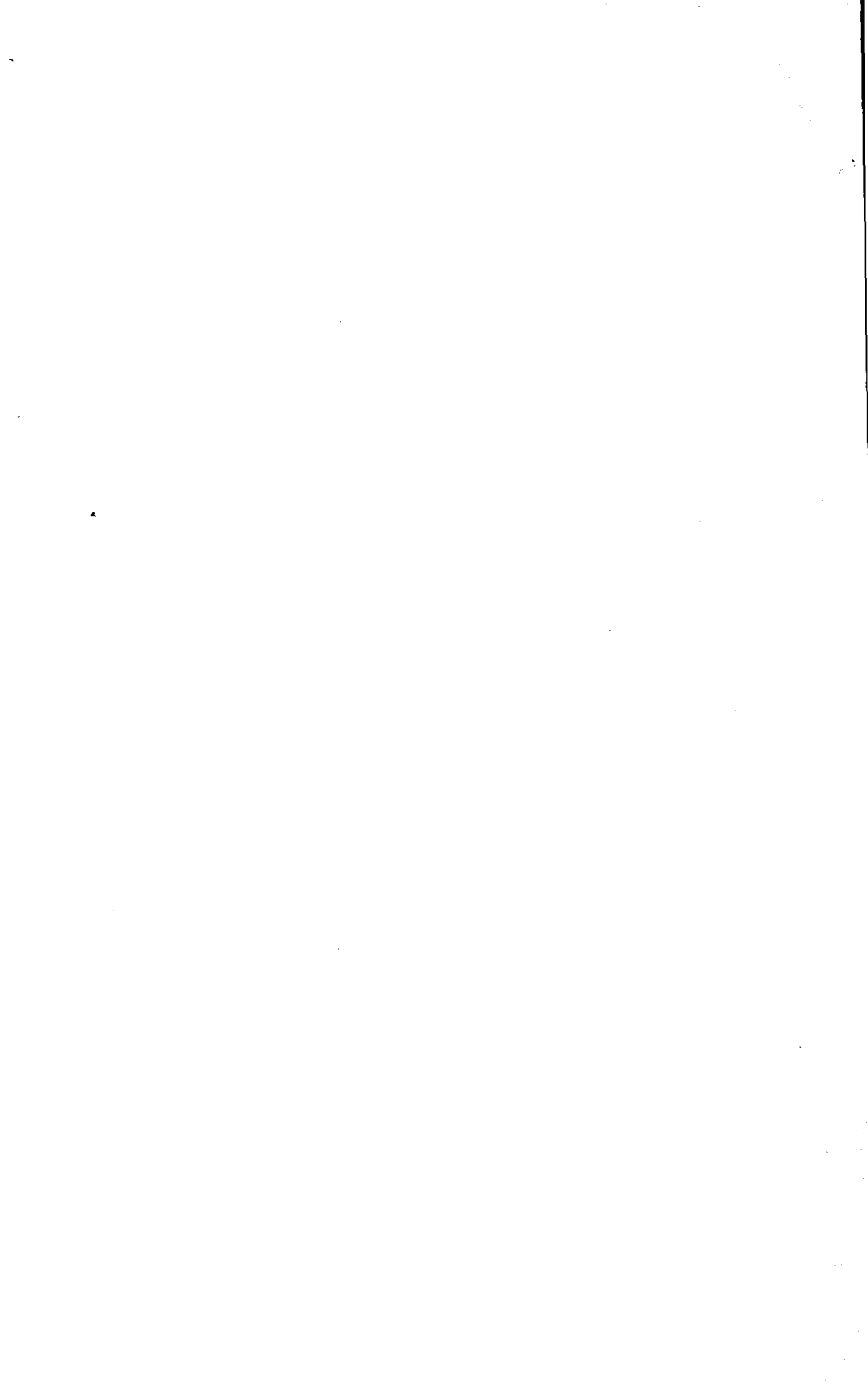
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OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MODERATOR	Rev. M. T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Homer Savage, Rt. 2, Box 222, Dallas, N. C.
CLERK	Rev. Oscar Gray, Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C.
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. Billy Allen, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C. (term expires 1971)
TREASURER	Mr. Harvey Hilderbran, 123 Sumit Ave., Mt. Holly, N. C.
MEMBER	Rev. Travis Huffman, 212 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, N. C. (term expires 1970)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN	Rev. L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C. (term expires 1971)
SECRETARY	Rev. Wayne Norris, Howard St., Gastonia, N. C. (term expires 1970)
MEMBER	Rev. N. W. Holt, 359 Woodlawn St., Cramerton, N. C. (term expires 1972)

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS

ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	Rev. Roy Rikard (1970); Rev. D. L. Whaley (1971); Rev. Robert Rose (1972)
MISSIONS:	Rev. Homer Arrowood (1970); Ethel Whaley (1971); Georgia Calvert (1972)
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	Rev. L. C. Rankin (1970); Dexter Laws (1971); John Lutz (1972)
C. T. S.:	Rev. Charles Ruff (1970); Mrs. Robert Parris (1971); Johnny Herms (1972)
INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT:	Rev. Homer Savage (1970); Rev. N. W. Holt (1971); Rev. J. W. Jones (1972)
PUBLICATIONS:	Rev. Billy Allen (1970); Myrtle Green (1971); Rev. D. L. Whaley (1972)
MASTER'S MEN:	Rev. John R. Newton (1970); Rev. Joe Carter (1971); Rev. William Calvert (1972)
HOME FOR THE AGED:	Mrs. Gwendolyn Allen (1970); Mrs. M. T. Sparks (1971); Mrs. Dexter Laws (1972)
RESOLUTIONS:	Rev. Robert Rose (1970); Rev. Bobby Gilreath (1971); Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. (1972)
PIANIST:	Grady Williams

CHURCH DELEGATES

- BETHEL, Gastonia, N. C. — None listed
- BOGER CITY, Lincolnton, N. C. — Grady Williams, Diane Williams
- BESSEMER CITY, Bessemer City, N. C. — None listed
- CENTER GROVE, Waxhaw, N. C. — Mrs. Viola Harrison, Mr. Jonas Polston,
Mr. Walter Harrison
- CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C. — Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. N. W. Holt, Mrs.
Nina Rikard
- GOSHEN, North Belmont, N. C. — Mrs. Ruth Floyd, Romel Camp, H. W.
Skidmore
- EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C. — None listed
- LOWELL, Lowell, N. C. — Mrs. Addie Mae Sanford, Mrs. Grady McCven, Mrs.
Earnest Fore
- FIRST, Gastonia, N. C. — Mrs. Georgia Calvert, John Dill, W. D. Davis
- FIRST, Stanley, N. C. — James Jackson, Kenneth Sigmon, Elizabeth Branch
- MARY GROVE, Cherryville, N. C. — Claude Deveney
- MT. HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C. — Drury Thompson, Johnny Herms
- MTN. VIEW, Spencer's Mtn., N. C. — William Pruitt, Carolyn Norris
- PECAN GROVE, Gastonia, N. C. — Lola Welch, Mandy Gray, Cleo Prince
(alternate), Beecher Prince (alternate), Jesse E. Welch (Deacon)
- PLEASANT HILL, Maiden, N. C. — John Lutz, J. R. Small, Merl Gill
- SPRINGWOOD, Gastonia, N. C. — None listed
- WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C. — Cecil Head, Levader Green (alternate),
Gwendolyn Allen, Emma Hughes

DEACONS (who registered)

John Lutz, J. R. Small, Odell Human, Riley Green, and Jesse Welch

MINISTERS (who registered)

Billy Allen, W. A. Gill, Sherman A. Branch, Robert Rose, Homer Arrowood,
N. W. Holt, Johnnie Floyd Jr., M. T. Sparks, T. H. Huffman, Oscar Gray,
John R. Newton, Wm. H. Calvert, L. C. Gray, Ralph Willis, D. L. Whaley,
Homer Savage, and Wayne Norris.

VISITORS (who registered)

Rev. Paul Sheehan, Turberville, S. C.; Rev. Gordon Johnson, Kannapolis,
N. C.; Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Spartanburg, S. C.; Rev. James Childress, Jr.,
Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. John Lutz, Maiden, N. C.; Mrs. W. A. Gill, Maiden,
N. C.; Jack Gray, Dallas, N. C., and Donald Gray, Dallas, N. C.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. 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, clerk, assistant moderator, 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 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 when it becomes necessary, provided that 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 by majority vote may 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 or Minister in order to maintain fellowship in this body must report either by letter or in person to the Annual Associational meeting. Each Church should be represented by delegates.

ARTICLE 12. This constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by vote of two-thirds majority, provided 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 prayer and 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 shall have charge of the promotional work of the Association. The officers of the Association (as defined in the constitution Article 3) 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. One man will be elected for a two year term each 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 our expression of faith and practices.
7. The Association approves and encourages the indefinite pastoral call.
8. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support the programs of our State and National Associations.
9. Each board and committee shall elect its chairman and treasurer. EXCEPTION: The Moderator of the Association is the chairman of the Executive Board and the treasurer of the Association is its treasurer.
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 (both active and inactive) with their annual report to the Association. This money shall be placed in the general fund and shall be used for the printing of the minutes and other Associational expenses.
12. Each Church should include in its report information concerning any minister who is walking disorderly (unfaithfulness, failure to tithe, etc.) The clerk of the Association should report this to the ordaining council

whose duties shall be to investigate such matters and make recommendations to the Association 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 the Association must be faithful to his Church and Association. A Church must also be faithful. (see constitution article 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 associational offices (except committees appointed by moderator). The body shall have the right to nominate from the floor after this committee gives its reports, and all offices shall be filled by a majority vote.
15. These by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting, provided that a quorum be present.

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. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used inasmuch as it pertains to Ecclesiastical bodies 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 by majority vote may close discussions 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 the 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 other member, provided that the chair shall be filled.
12. Any discussion of the moderator may be overruled by a two-third majority vote.
13. Visiting brethren or sisters shall be entitled to be seated and accorded all the privileges of the body except voting.
14. Unlawful absence 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. A quorum of at least nine members must be present in order to conduct any legal Associational business. These rules may be altered, amended, or suspended at any regular business meeting of the Association, provided that a quorum shall be present.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION August 21, 1969

The session opened with prayer and devotions. The Moderator was presented to the body by the clerk. The moderator made some timely remarks and welcomed all to the third annual session of The Western Piedmont Association.

The Moderator read the rules of decorum, the constitution and by-laws, and appointed a credentials and nominating committee.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor.

The call to worship was led by Rev. M. T. Sparks, leading the congregation in singing. Two special numbers in song was given by the West Fifth Ave. trio.

The message was brought by Rev. L. D. Gray, pastor of the Lowell Church.

The session was dismissed with prayer and adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN CHARGE

The session was opened with prayer and devotions.

Rev. Paul Sheehan, superintendent of the South Carolina Children's Home, Turberville, S. C. brought greetings from the home and gave a report of the purpose and progress of the home.

The session was dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

YOUTH SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

The service was called to order by Vernon Whaley. Jimmy Welburn led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Bro. William Calvert led in prayer. The Rev. Gordon Johnson, pastor of the Mable Ave. Church of Kannapolis, N. C. brought a challenging message, using as his subject, "Jabez" and preaching from I Chron.: 4:9-10.

The message challenged the hearts of all of God's people to be "praying people" as was Jabez. The Lord wonderfully blessed his people.

The service was dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION August 22, 1969

The service was called to order by Rev. M. T. Sparks. Bro. Sparks led the congregation in singing "There shall be showers of blessings".

Rev. Wildon Gill brought the devotions reading from Hebrews chapter II. and led in prayer.

The Moderator was presented to the body by the Clerk and the program was adopted "flexible" at the discretion of the Moderator.

The clerk was instructed (after discussion by the body) to send letters to the Churches and Ministers who fail to report to the Association, calling

attention to article II of our constitution which requires faithfulness to the Association in order to remain in full fellowship of the Association. He was instructed to write these letters in a "spirit of love" urging faithfulness to the Associational meetings.

The house was declared to be in order for business and the following business was transacted.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report which was adopted.

The Nominating Committee gave a partial report recommending that Rev. Oscar Gray serve as clerk and Rev. Billy Allen serve as assistant. This report was adopted and these brethren were elected by the body. The business session adjourned for the worship service.

Bro. Sparks led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away" and "Glory To His Name". Bro. Nathan Holt led our hearts to the throne of grace in prayer. Bro. Grady Williams and his wife gave special numbers in song.

Rev. Carl Steele, pastor of the Queen City Free Will Baptist Mission, brought a soul-stirring message. His subject: "Let your loins be girded and your lights burning" using Matt.: 5:14 as his text.

A message that truly blessed the hearts of God's people. An offering was received for the work of the Charlotte Mission. The service was dismissed with prayer and adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session began with congregational singing: "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Sparks. Devotions were brought by Rev. Billy Allen, using as his thought "The uselessness of a disobedient people," and reading from Ezek. Chapt. 15 for his text. Rev. James Childress, Jr., pastor of Whitney Church, Spartanburg, S. C., led our hearts in prayer. Bro. Childress and Rev. Johnnie Bullman were visiting with us from the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina and were extended a cordial welcome by the body.

The house was called to order for business by the Moderator and the following business was transacted.

The Executive Board report was received and adopted.

M/S/C to remove the Kings Mtn. Church from our membership roll.

M/S/C to change the meeting dates of our annual meetings to the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the third Sunday in April.

A report was given by Rev. Sherman Branch about Camp Arrowood. He explained its purpose and progress. He informed the body that Bro. Bill Sawyer had rendered his services free of charge in surveying the property. A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Sawyer for this service.

M/S/C to adopt Camp Arrowood as an Associational project.

M/S/C that the present board of trustees appointed by the Gaston Minister's fellowship continue to serve while the camp is under construction.

The report of the C. T. S. Board was received and adopted.

The report of the Mission Board was received and adopted.

The session was adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

The service was opened with prayer and devotions; Bro. Sparks led the congregation in singing.

Rev. Billy Allen brought the ordination charge, using as his subject, "Anointed to preach" reading from Isaiah 61:1-3 as his text.

Bro. Lester Hughes and Bro. Kenneth Justus were ordained by the "laying on of hands" and prayer of consecration. They were presented with a bible as a gift from their home Church (West Fifth Ave.). The Lord was present in this service in a most wonderful way and the service was enjoyed by all of the Lord's people. Announcements were made by the Moderator and the service was closed with prayer by Bro. Sherman Branch.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION August 23, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Bro. William Calvert. Bro. Sparks led the congregation in singing "Draw me nearer". Devotions were brought by Rev. John R. Newton reading from Matt.: 4:18-22 and leading in prayer.

The session was then opened for business, and the following business was transacted.

The following reports of Associational boards were received and adopted: Ordaining Council, Executive Board, Superannuation, Master's Men, Sunday School, Publications, Resolutions, Home for the Aged, and Christian Education.

Bro. Ronald Creech, our state evangelist gave a report on the state work. This report was received as information. M/S/C to donate \$100.00 to the State station wagon fund.

The Credentials Committee gave its final report and it was adopted.

The Nominating Committee gave its final report, and the body proceeded to elect officers for the coming year.

The following delegates to the State Association were elected: Sis. Nina Rikard, Georgia Calvert, Gwendolyn Allen, with Sister Robert Parris as alternate. The body voted to convene with The Mt. Holly Church at the next annual session. This meeting is to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the third Sunday in April (April 16-18).

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

NOVEMBER 7, 1968

The Executive Board met at the Mount Holly Church November 7, 1968. Members present: Rev. Homer Arrowood, Moderator; Rev. M. T. Sparks; and Rev. Travis Huffman. Absent Rev. W. A. Gill, Clerk and Mr. Harvey Hilderbran.

The program for the fellowship meeting for November 30, 1968 was planned and set in order.

The Kings Mountain Church was discussed and it was voted that Rev. M. T. Sparks and Rev. Homer Arrowood investigate the Kings Mountain Church and bring back a recommendation concerning the said Church.

Adjourned.

FEBRUARY 6, 1969

The Executive Board met at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church Thursday evening February 6, 1969 at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. M. T. Sparks.

M/S/C That the Executive Board recommend to Annual Association that the Kings Mountain Church be dropped from our Association as they have gone with the Church of God movement.

The Executive Board planned the program for the fellowship meeting for February 22 at Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at the Mount Holly Church March 4, 1969 at 7:30 P.M.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. A. Gill.

Present: Rev. Homer Arrowood, Moderator; Rev. M. T. Sparks; Rev. Travis Huffman; Mr. Harvey Hilderbran; and Rev. W. A. Gill, Clerk.

MAY 15, 1969

The Executive Board met at the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church May 15, 1969.

Members present: Homer Arrowood, Moderator; Harvey Hilderbran; Travis Huffman; M. T. Sparks; and Oscar Gray, Asst. Clerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

The program was planned for the fellowship meeting to be held the 31st of May at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C.

M/S/C We the Executive Board authorize the ministers of the Gaston County Ministers fellowship to act in behalf of the association in pursuing the Youth Camp project until the Annual Association.

M/S/C That all board members meet at the Piedmont Bible Inst., Cramerton at 7:00 P.M. the 21st of June to complete their reports for the annual association. Clerk to notify all chairmen of the boards.

The last order of the business was the proof reading of the manuscript of the minutes of the association by the board. They approved them and instructed the clerk to get them to the printer for publication.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Homer Arrowood, Moderator
Rev. M. T. Sparks, Assist. Mod.
Rev. W. A. Gill, Clerk
Rev. Travis Huffman
Mr. Harvey Hilderbran, Treas.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 29, 1968

The council met at the West Fifth Ave. Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, N. C. and transacted the following business.

1. Opened with prayer by Bro. Lloyd Gray.
2. Elected Bro. Billy Allen as chairman, and Bro. Wayne Norris as secretary.
3. Bro. Ted Gibson came before us to unite under the watch care of the Association by letter from the Piedmont Association. Bro. Gibson is now serving as pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C. The council voted to receive Bro. Gibson under watch care and the secretary of the council was instructed to write the Piedmont Association requesting a letter.
4. Bro. Bobby Gilreath came to us with a letter of recommendation from The First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C. requesting a license to preach the gospel. The letter was properly certified by the signature of his pastor, the Rev. William Calvert and the Church clerk. Bro. Gilreath submitted his answers to the minister's examination which were correct. We voted to grant him the license and bid him God's speed in His ministry.
5. We voted to have these meetings regularly on Friday night before each quarterly meeting, in order to expedite business without having to leave the Associational meetings to do so.
6. Bro. Billy Allen agreed to recommend to the Association upon the recommendation of the council that in the future that we have our quarterly meetings in the afternoons and evening instead of mornings. This was done and the Association accepted this recommendation and voted to have the quarterly meetings to begin at 4:00 P.M. and to have an evening service.
7. The council enjoyed a good time of fellowship and prayer together, and closed the meeting with prayer by Bro. Norris.

AUGUST 21, 1969

The council met at West Fifth Ave. Church August 21, with our annual Association in session and completed our years work as follows:

1. Adopted the proposals and recommendations for revision of our rules and by-laws with regards to licensing and ordaining ministers. We voted to present these to the Association.
2. Met with Rev. Kenneth Justus and Rev. Lester Hughes who appeared before us with letters of recommendation from West Fifth Ave. Church requesting they be ordained. Voted to recommend to the Association that they be ordained at the ordination service at West Fifth Ave. Church, Friday evening at 7:30 P.M. with Rev. Billy Allen bringing the ordination charge.
3. Carl Steele will be under watchcare of the association until a letter is received from the Blue Ridge Association.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Billy Allen, Chairman
Rev. Wayne Norris, Secretary
Rev. Lloyd D. Gray

REPORT OF MISSIONS BOARD

Though we have had no definite project over the last year, still many pastors and churches have assisted in helping to provide needs for groups who are beginning new works. Rev. James Stansill and his wife, who are opening a new work in Charlotte has been supplied with a sufficient amount of pews for his small church through the gifts of two of our churches. We recommend that all of our pastors look brother Stansill up and get acquainted with him and his efforts and offer him encouragement, prayer, and financial assistance as the Holy Spirit leads you.

With the opening of another mission in Charlotte, which is a project of the state mission board, since it is in our district, we recommend that each church establish a definite, systematic monthly support to the work of Reverend Carl Steele. We trust that it will be our district that will take the lead in this new work for Christ.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ethel Whaley
Georgia Calvert
Homer Arrowood

REPORT OF HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

Brother Moderator, Delegates, Ministers and visitors to the Western Piedmont Association: We your committee on the Home for the Aged do respectfully submit the following report and move that it be accepted as information.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our work for the home for the aged located at Burnsville, N. C. and we are happy to report the following contributions from the Churches of our Association to the home.

First Church of Gastonia contributed to the home canned food, sheets, pillow cases, towels, and bath cloths estimated value - \$75.00.

Mt. Holly Church: Sheets, pillow cases, pillows, towels and bath cloths, food estimated value - \$75.00.

Cramerton Church: Canned food, towels, bath clothes, cleaning products, and gifts for the ladies estimated value - \$65.00.

West Fifth Ave. Church: food, cleaning products, sheets, towels, estimated value - \$40.00.

Mt. Holly Church and First Church of Stanley purchased a washing machine for the home valued at \$150.00.

The total value of goods reported to us as contributed to the home is valued at \$405.00. We are sure that other Churches have contributed goods of which we have no record. We truly thank the Lord for all who have contributed to such a worthy cause.

We urge that all Churches contribute to the home this next year and that all who have the opportunity to do so will visit the home. Remember the home in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Mrs. Gwendolyn Allen, Chairman
Mrs. Robert Parris
Mrs. Dexter Laws

REPORT OF C. T. S. BOARD

Over the past year the Church Training Service (CTS) board met twice, planned two rallies and the following items were discussed and passed upon:

1. That Ethel Whaley act as secretary-treasurer of the board.
2. (Motion was made and passed upon that there be an offering taken at each rally.) The disbursement of funds were:
 - a. Promotional expenses such as stamps, stationary, telephone calls, etc.
 - b. The expenses of each rally be paid out of the treasurer.
 - c. The CTS competition contestants to state contest.
3. A motion was carried that we have a regular song leader and musicians for the rallies and that all music used at the rallies should be planned by the director and song leader. Rodney Whaley was elected as director and Martie and Carol Owen were recommended as musicians. (Due to illness in their family we were unable to confirm their acceptance.)
4. A motion was made and carried that we promote the youth camp which the district is undertaking to build.

Respectfully Submitted:
Wayne Norris, Director
Grady Williams, Asst. Director
Ethel Whaley, Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Holt
Nina Rikard

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS BOARD

We your committee on publications do respectfully submit the following report and move that it be accepted as information.

Our National Association met in St. Louis, Mo. last month and voted to revise our treatise. This revision will greatly clarify our historic position on Church policy and the doctrine with regards to "backsliding". We are hopeful that this revised treatise will soon be published and made available to all in the near future.

We urge that each family of our Churches maintain a period of daily devotions and prayer that we may receive more grace in this evil day in which we live.

We urge that each Church encourage its members to read good wholesome Christian books and tracts as well as the word of God.

We urge that each church engage in the distribution of tracts that set forth the message of salvation to a lost and dying world. We encourage each pastor to emphasize the power of the printed word to the churches, and to warn his flock to beware of literature that sets forth false doctrine.

Respectfully Submitted:
Billy Allen, Chairman
D. L. Whaley
Myrtle Green

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your committee do respectfully submit the following resolutions and move their adoption item by item.

1. Be it resolved that this body renew its stand against the enemies of our young people: intoxicants, drug addiction, pornography, etc. and all evils that seek to destroy the souls of our people.
2. Be it resolved, that this body encourage our people to renew their stand by being good citizens, and getting out to vote to clean up vice in our government; and that they write to their congressmen concerning impending laws.
3. Be it resolved that we encourage our people to stand behind the Church in its battles against the taxation laws being promoted by atheist against the Churches.
4. Be it resolved that this body renew its covenant in its stand with Christ to oppose any uniting or merger with the enemies of Christ seeing as the great harlot Church is in the making.
5. Be it resolved that our churches take a stand against the siecus (sex) education that is to be introduced to our grammer schools. This stand to be taken by informing our school as to how we stand.
6. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host Church and the out-going officers of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr.
Rev. Oscar L. Gray
Rev. Sherman A. Branch

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We your board on superannuation do respectfully submit the following report and move its adoption item by item.

The State Association now has a plan for retirement and life insurance for ordained ministers, associational agencies, full time church workers; and The National Association has adopted this plan and changed the name of its superannuation board to "Board of Insurance and Retirement" so in view of these facts we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Association change the name of its Superannuation Board to Board of Insurance and Retirement.
2. That the Association encourage its churches to become involved in this program even if only in a small measure.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Sherman A. Branch
Rev. Homer Savage
Rev. N. W. Holt

REPORT ON CAMP ARROWOOD

(Located Near Old Fort, N. C.)

CHURCHES AND GIFTS

BOGER CITY	\$.00
BESSEMER CITY00
BETHEL - S. GASTONIA00
CRAMERTON	300.00
EAST BELMONT	50.00
EMANUEL - DALLAS00
FIRST - GASTONIA	300.00
FIRST - WAXSAW00
FIRST - STANLEY	500.00
GOSHEN	100.00
LOWELL	100.00
MARY'S GROVE00
MOUNT HOLLY	357.96
MOUNTAIN VIEW00
PECAN GROVE	97.00
PLEASANT HILL00
WEST FIFTH AVENUE	100.00
MEMORIAL GIFT	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,914.96

EXPENDITURES

Sam Stockton (grading)	\$ 858.20
Homer Arrowood (travel, phone)	43.40
Charles Reed (plastic pipe)	32.90
Gastonia F. C. X. (sign posts)	<u>5.15</u>
TOTAL	\$ 939.65

TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,914.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>939.65</u>
BALANCE IN BANK	\$ 975.31

MONEY NEEDED IN TWO MONTHS - \$5,000.00

1. Waxsaw	Pleasant Hill	
Bethel	Springwood	(\$175.00 each)
Emanuel	3. West Fifth Ave.	(\$250.00)
Mary's Grove	4. Mt. Holly	(\$400.00)
Mtn. View (\$150.00 each)	5. First, Stanley	(\$500.00)
2. East Belmont	6. Goshen	(\$500.00)
Lowell	7. First, Gastonia	(\$600.00)
Pecan Grove	8. Cramerton	(\$750.00)
Bessemer City		
Boger City		

TREASURER'S REPORT

In treasurer last association	\$ None
Received last association	361.75
Received since association	<u>77.10</u>
Total Received	438.85
Total Expenditures	<u>130.14</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$308.71

ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES

Gift to N. C. State Association	\$ 75.00
Purchase of attendance banner	25.14
Association promotional expense:	
Jerry Norris - guest speaker	15.00
Gordon Johnson - guest speaker	<u>15.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$130.14

Respectfully Submitted:
R. H. Hilderbran, Treasurer

MINISTERS' REPORT
(Those Who Turned In Cards)

BILLY ALLEN: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-60, Number Baptized-7, Additions to Church-15, Funerals Preached-6, Miles Traveled-25000, Amount Received-\$6,000.00.

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-180, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-30, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-22,000, Amount Received-\$5,985.00.

SHERMAN BRANCH: Sermons Preached-146, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-6, Professions Witnessed-80, Number Baptized-10, Additions to Church-27, Funerals Preached-6, Miles Traveled-30,000, Amount Received-\$6,000.00.

WILLIAM CALVERT: Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-4, Professions Witnessed-60, Number Baptized-9, Additions to Church-24, Funerals Preached-12, Miles Traveled-24,000.

JOHNNIE FLOYD: Sermons Preached-65, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-10, Number Baptized-8, Additions to Church-12, Funerals Preached-6, Miles Traveled-25,000, Amount Received-\$5,720.00.

TED GIBSON: Sermons Preached-158, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-61, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-40, Funerals Preached-2.

WILLIAM A. GILL: Sermons Preached-92, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-10, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-8, Funerals Preached-5.

L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-7, Funerals Preached-10, Amount Received-\$4,165.00.

OSCAR L. GRAY: Sermons Preached-156, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-25, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-5, Funerals Preached-8, Miles Traveled-30,000, Amount Received-\$3,570.00.

NATHAN W. HOLT: Sermons Preached-10, Funerals Preached-2.

TRAVIS HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached-40.

LESTER HUGHES: Sermons Preached-30, Professions Witnessed-5, Number Baptized-3, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-200.

EARNEST KING: No Report.

C. C. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-11, Professions Witnessed-7.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-70, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-21, Funerals Preached-7, Miles Traveled-15,000, Amount Received-\$1,000.00.

EUGENE RAMSEY: Sermons Preached-22, Professions Witnessed-13, Amount Received-\$14.50.

L. C. RANKINS: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-6, Miles Traveled-24,000, Amount Received-\$1,375.00.

ROY RIKARD: Sermons Preached-153, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-30, Number Baptized-18, Additions to Church-19, Funerals Preached-12, Miles Traveled-21,000.

ROBERT ROSE: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-7, Number Baptized-1, Additions to Church-5, Funerals Preached-1, Amount Received-\$2,400.00.

HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-10, Funerals Preached-4, Amount Received-\$1,020.00.

M. T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-4, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-2, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-15,000.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-130, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-8, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-10,000.

RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-84, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-8, Number Baptized-4, Additions to Church-2, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-4,000.



