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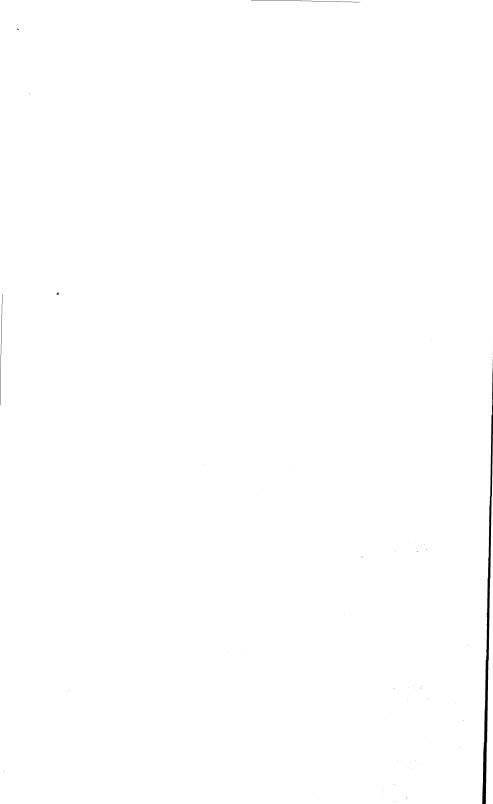
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#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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CLERK			
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TREASURER			
MEMBER			
ORDAINING COUNCIL			
CHAIRMAN			
SECRETARY			
MEMBER			

#### ASSOCIATIONAL BOARDS

- ASSISTANT TREASURER: Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Grady Williams, (1973); Rev. D. L. Whaley, (1971); Rev. Robert Rose, (1973)
- MISSIONS: Rev. Robert Rose, (1972); Ethel Whaley, (1971); Georgia Calvert, (1972)
- SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. William Calvert, (1973); Rev. Roy Rikard, (1971); John Lutz, (1972)
- C.T.S.: Johnny Murphy, (1973); Mrs. Robert Parris, (1971); Lawrence Gaudlock, (1972)
- INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT: Rev. L. C. Rankin, (1973); Rev. N. W. Holt, (1971); Rev. J. W. Jones, (1972)
- PUBLICATIONS: Rev. Ralph Willis, (1973); Myrtle Green, (1971); Rev. D. L. Whaley, (1972)
- MASTER'S MEN: Rev. Oscar Sullivan, (1973); Rev. Joe Carter, (1971); Rev. William Calvert, (1972)
- HOME FOR THE AGED: Mrs. Homer Arrowood, (1973); Mrs. M. T. Sparks, (1971); Mrs. N. W. Holt, (1972)
- RESOLUTIONS: Rev. John R. Newton, (1973); Rev. Homer Savage, (1971); Rev. Johnnie Floyd, (1972)
- PIANIST: Grady Williams
- ASSISTANT: Ethel Whaley
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. M. T. Sparks

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JOE CARTER Route 2, Dallas, N. C.	28034
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WILDON GILL Route 2, Maiden, N. C.	28650
L. D. GRAY Box 782, Lowell, N. C.	28098
OSCAR GRAY Route 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C.	28034
CLARENCE GREEN 2218 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.	28052
NATHAN HOLT 359 Woodlawn St., Cramerton, N. C.	28032
TRAVES HUFFMAN	28052
LESTER HUGHES 2129 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.	28052
J. W. JONES 19 Second St., Cramerton, N. C.	28032
ERNEST KING	28120
ERNEST LAWS 1020 W. Airline Ave., Gastonia, N. C.	28052
JOHN R. NEWTON 440 Seventeenth St., Cramerton, N. C.	28032
WAYNE NORRIS Howard St., Gastonia, N. C.	28052
EUGENE RAMSEY 55 Hilltop Circle, Gastonia, N. C.	28052
L. C. RANKIN	28092
ROY RIKARD 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C.	28032
ROBERT ROSE 1907 W. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, N. C.	28052
HOMER SAVAGE Route 2, Dallas, N. C.	28034
MURRAY SPARKS	28012
OSCAR SULLIVAN	28173
D. LEE WHALEY Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C.	28016
RALPH WILLIS 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.	28012
WAYNE WATSON Gastonia, N. C.	28052

# ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BETHEL South Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Ted Gibson
BESSEMER CITY Bessemer City, N. C. Rev. D. Lee Whaley
BOGER CITY Boger City, N. C. Rev. L. C. Rankin
CENTER GROVE
CRAMERTON
EAST BELMONT Belmont, N. C. Rev. M. T. Sparks
EMMANUEL
FIRST CHURCH
FIRST CHURCH
GOSHEN
LOWELL Lowell, N. C. Rev. L. D. Gray
MARY GROVE
MOUNT HOLLY Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Homer Arrowood
MOUNTAIN VIEW
PECAN GROVE
PLEASANT HILL
SPRINGWOOD
WEST FIFTH AVE

#### CHURCH DELEGATES

BETHEL, Gastonia, N. C. - None Listed

BESSEMER CITY, Bessemer City, N. C. - Mrs. Eunice Crisp, Mrs. Ethel Whaley.

BOGER CITY, Lincolnton, N. C. – Grady Williams, Diane Williams

CENTER GROVE, Waxhaw, N. C. – J. R. Schrimpher, Connie Schrimpher, Faye Simpson.

CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C. - Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. N. W. Holt

EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C. – Elizabeth Sparks, Conly Sparks

GOSHEN, North Belmont, N. C. – H. W. Skidmore, Ruth Floyd, Bonnell Camp, Novella Propst, Lou Parrott

EMMANUEL, Dallas, N. C. – John Gilreath, Emma Hughes, Dorothy Smith FIRST, Gastonia, N. C. – W. A. Bradley, Grady Carroll.

FIRST, Stanley, N. C. - None Listed

LOWELL, Lowell, N. C. - Marsha Roland, Delores Banda

MARY GROVE, Cherryville, N. C. - None Listed

MT. HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C. - Ernest King, Johnnie Herms

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Dallas, N. C. - None Listed

PLEASANT HILL, Maiden, N. C. – John Lutz, J. R. Small

PECAN GROVE, Gastonia, N. C. – Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Wayne Watson

SPRINGWOOD, Gastonia, N. C. – Paul Potter, Woodrow Gardner, Frank Wallace

WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C. - Willard Breedlove, Pauline Almond, Sarah Hamilton

### MINISTERS (who registered)

Billy Allen, Wayne Watson, Ernest Laws, Johnnie Floyd, Lee Whaley, D. L. Thompson, M. T. Sparks, J. C. Almond, W. H. Calvert, Wayne Norris, Robert Rose, Travis Huffman, Ernest King, Lester Hughes, Oscar Sullivan, N. W. Holt, John R. Newton, Sherman Branch, Ralph Willis, Homer Savage, Oscar Gray, L. C. Rankin, Wayne Hart, L. D. Gray, Homer Arrowood, Charles Ruff, Joe Carter.

### VISITORS (who registered)

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Carl Steel, Rev. Gordan Johnson, Rev. Albert Bell, Rev. Earl Bittle, Jean Carter, Mrs. John Lutz, Meryl Gill, Martha Schrinpher, Maxie Gray, Georgia Calvert, Dee Newton, Lesia Ford, Leasia Calvert, Debbie Wiggins, Denece House, Terry Pittman, Debbie Ford, Diane Laws, Tenia Laws, Fannie Rikard, Herbert Rikard, Sherry Rick, Sherry Rikard, Debbie Brown, Judy Sanders, Frank Sanders, Hazel Sanders, Ben Bailey, Lela Bailey, Frances Rayfield, Mrs. Weldon Gill, June Walker, Johnnie Murphy, Rita Murphy, Nancy Nichols, Danny Calvert, Jerry Calvert.

# 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 indifinité pastoral call.
- 8. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support the programs of our State and National Associations.
- 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.
- 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 decision of the moderator may be overruled by a two-third majority vote.
- 13. Visiting brethern or sisters shall be entitled to be seated and accorded all the 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. 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.

# RULES AND BY-LAWS FOR LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS Adopted August 23, 1969

#### I. SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

- (A) He must have been born again, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and made a new creature in Him. (Jn. 3:5-7, I Pet. 1:18-25, 2 Cor. 5:17.)
- (B) He must be called of God to preach. (Gal. 1:15-16, Heb. 5:4.)
- (C) He must meet the qualifications of a Bishop as set forth in the Holy Word of God. (I Tim. 3:1-7.)

#### II. ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. He must be a member in good standing for at least six months (to be licensed) and eighteen months (to be ordained) of A Church that is a member of this Association in good standing.
- He must appear for examination before the duly elected ordaining Council
  of This Association with a letter of recommendation from his home Church,
  properly signed by the pastor and clerk, having been acted on by the Church
  in conference.
- 3. He must be faithful to his Church in all respects, in attendance, labor, and financial support (tithing). The Churches are requested not to recommend any man who is not faithful. (I Cor. 4:2.)
- 4. When a brother is licensed, his license shall be in effect for one year, provided that he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine. If he is ordained, his ordination shall be in effect for life, provided he maintain faithfulness, sound character, and doctrine.
- 5. When a brother is licensed, he shall be presented with the treatise of our National Association with instructions to study during his licensing period. When he appears for ordination he shall be expected to answer questions based on our treatise, with regards to Church policy, history, and Bible doctrines as believed by Free Will Baptists'. (2 Tim. 2:15.)
- 6. He shall be encouraged to use every available means to study the Word of God in order to better prepare himself for the gospel ministry. He shall be advised of the various Free Will Baptist Schools that are available to him.
- 7. Any brother coming to us from a sister Association (Free Will Baptist) shall be examined by the Council and received under the watchcare of the Association pending receipt of his letter and action of this Association in session. EXCEPTION: If he comes from a denomination whose policy is not to grant letters he may be received under the watchcare of the Association at the discretion of the Council subject to the approval of the Association in session.
- 8. These rules may be suspended or amended by a majority vote of the Association in session provided that a quorum is present.

#### III. DISCIPLINE

- 1. The Association shall have the authority to discipline ministers only with regards to his standing in the Association. Matters of discipline with regards to his Church membership must be administered by the local Church.
- 2. A minister who is licensed or ordained by this Association shall be required to submit himself to the discipline of the Association with regards to his credentials which are issued by the Association.
- 3. If any person shall appear before the Ordaining Council with a just grievence of a private nature against a minister he shall be instructed to settle the matter according to the Word of God. (Matt. 5:22-24, Matt. 18:15-17.) After having exhausted all scriptural means of reconciliation the aggrieved may request investigation and action of the Council.
- 4. If any minister is the subject of discipline all charges must be presented in writing signed by the accusers. A copy of these charges must be presented to the minister at least thirty days before a hearing is held on the matter. The pastor of the minister's home Church must be informed of any charges pending against the minister. The minister so charged shall have the right to prepare his defense, and be represented by counsel of his choosing.
- 5. If charges arise against a minister which are of a public nature to wit; unfaithfulness, heresy, living in open sin, breach of Associational requirements, The ordaining council shall have the authority and take the proper action in accord with the rules of the Association. All matters of discipline against a minister shall be final only upon approval of the Association in session.
- 6. When the local Church disciplines a minister according to the Word of God, and it becomes necessary to withdraw fellowship from him, the Church should notify the ordaining council of its action and request that his ordination credentials be suspended. The council shall act in accord with the rules of the Association.
- 7. Each Church is expected to co-operate fully with the Association with regards to the discipline of ministers in order to encourage a sound and useful ministry among the brethern, failure to do so could effect the standing of the Church in the Association.
- 8. If a minister should be found guilty of charges that are properly presented against him, the Association may suspend his credentials as follows: First offense; for one year. Second offense; two years. Third offense; indefinitely.
- 9. All ministers of this Association are required to report to each annual Association either in person or by letter with a report of his work.
- 10. These rules of discipline may be suspended or amended by majority vote of the Association, provided that a quorum is present.

#### **DOCTRINE**

- 1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
- Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
- 4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- 5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- 6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
- 7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
- 8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- 9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
- 12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

- 13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
- 14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in the store, as God hath prospered him." (I Corinthians 16:2).
- 15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

#### CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION April 16, 1970

#### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The session was opened with prayer and devotions. The congregational singing was led by Rev. Billy Allen. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Lester Hughes, pastor of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church of Dallas, N. C.

A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all and the Lord richly blessed His people. The session was dismissed with prayer, and we adjourned for a time of fellowship and lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN CHARGE

The session opened with prayer and devotions.

Mrs. Robert Parris, the district president, brought a short message, reading her scripture from Luke 10:38-42. The topic of her talk, "Choose the good part". Mrs. Parris challenged the Ladies to choose Soul Winning as a good part in Auxiliary Work. In the business session the mission project was read, and each church was urged to get their money in as soon as possible.

The session was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Johnnie Floyd.

#### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

#### YOUTH SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

The competition for Bible Tic Tac Toe, and sword drill was held at 6:00 p.m. with the tic tac toe team from the first church the winner, and the Cramerton church sword drill team the winner.

The service was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mr. Chuck Gates led the singing. Rev. William Calvert led in prayer. Rev. Jeff Lyons brought the message. Speaking on, "What do you want your life to be?"

The service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Ruff.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION April 17, 1970

The service was called to order by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Rev. Sherman Branch led the congregation in singing, "To God be the Glory."

Bro. Harvey Hilderbran brought the devotions, reading the scripture from Exodus 3:1-5. Prayer was led by Rev. Carl Steele. In absence of the clerk, Rev. L. D. Gray, senior minister, presented the moderator to the body. The program adopted "flexible" at the discretion of the Moderator.

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

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report which was adopted. The delegates were seated. Rules of Decorum was read by the Moderator.

The Nominating Committee gave a partial report recommending that Mrs. Robert Parris serve as clerk, and Rev. Billy Allen serve as assistant clerk. The report was adopted and Sister Parris and Bro. Allen were elected by the body. Roll call of ministers by the clerk. Visiting ministers were recognized.

M/S/C to put the Church Reports in this year's minutes, that was not in last year's minutes.

M/S/C that the association be held two days, Friday and Saturday, with a message at 11:00 on Saturday to close the association.

M/S/C to have the key note message on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

M/S/C to have a missionary service on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Woman's Auxiliary service nor C.T.S. service, and no Ordaining service, all these services will be at other times.

Bro. Carl Steele gave a report on the mission in Charlotte, N. C. It is a joy to our hearts to know our mission work is growing.

The business session adjourned for the worship service.

Bro. Branch led the congregation in singing, "When the roll is called up yonder". Bro. Lee Whaley led our hearts to the throne of grace in prayer.

Bro. Billy Allen brought the message, reading Romans the 8th chapter. His subject was, "The Believer's Security." Bro. Allen brought a wonderful message and our hearts were thrilled as he spoke on this subject.

The meeting adjourned with prayer for lunch.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON April 17, 1970

The session was called to order by Rev. Branch. Bro. Branch led the congregation singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm".

Prayer by Rev. Earl Bittle.

Rev. Travis Huffman brought the devotions. The moderator called for the committee reports.

The Christian Education report was read by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

The Mission report was given by Sister Ethel Whaley.

M/S/C to adopt the mission's report.

The Sunday School Report was given by Rev. Robert Rose.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

The C.T.S. report was read by Mrs. Robert Parris.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

The Publications report was read, M/S/C to adopt the report.

The master's Men report was read by Bro. Calvert.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

Our State Evangelist, Rev. Ronald Creech, gave a report on the state work.

M/S/C to give Bro. Creech (\$100.00).

M/S/C for Bro. Calvert to call Rev. Richard Adams about his church wanting to come in our association.

M/S/C to adjourn till the evening service.

### FRIDAY EVENING April 17, 1970

Call to worship. Ordaining Council in charge, Rev. L. D. Gray introduced the speaker, Rev. Oscar Gray. Bro. Gray brought a wonderful message. After the message the Ordaining Council gave a partial report, M/S/C to adopt their report.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. N. W. Holt.

### SATURDAY MORNING April 18, 1970

Call to worship by Rev. Ralph Willis. Rev. M. T. Sparks led the congregation in singing, "Have Thine Own Way Lord".

Rev. Homer Arrowood led in prayer. Rev. John R. Newton brought the devotions, reading I John 4 for his scripture.

Our hearts were thrilled as Bro. and Sister Grady Williams sung, "The Love of God".

The report was given on Camp Arrowood. M/S/C to adopt the report.

M/S/C to accept the Executive Boards report.

M/S/C to accept the Publications report.

M/S/C to accept the Treasurer report.

The Resolutions report was given. M/S/C to accept the report.

The Credentials committee gave their final report, it was M/S/C to accept the report.

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

M/S/C to give the out going officers a rising vote of thanks.

M/S/C to have the quarterly meetings the last Saturday in the Quarter. Places for the quarterly meetings this coming year: Mary Grove Church in Cherryville, N. C., July 25th; Mt. Holly Church, October 31; Mt. View Church, January 30, 1971.

The body voted to convene with the Bessemer City Church at the next annual session. This meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in April, (April 17-18).

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We your Executive Board do respectfully submit the following report:

We met only three times this year and then for the purpose of planning the programs for the quarterly fellowship meetings. We have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and the fellowship of the Saints during these meetings.

We have received no Churches into the Association this year and while we have lost none, this should be a matter of concern for all of us. For our purpose is surely to grow in numbers for the Lord. Let us all work and pray and pledge our support for the very fine Mission in the Queen City of Charlotte, that it will grow and soon be organized into a great Church to the glory of God and the credit of our beloved denomination. Let us also pray for our Camp ground project, "Camp Arrowood", and encourage each Church to give regualr support to this great cause.

Let us pray for one another this coming year and co-operate in every

endeavor for our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. M. T. Sparks, Moderator Rev. Oscar Gray, Clerk Rev. Billy Allen, Assistant Clerk Harvey Hilderbran, Treasurer Rev. Travis Huffman, Member

### TREASURER REPORT

In Treasury last association	308.71			
Received last association	694.85			
Received since last association	58.40			
Total Received	,061.96			
Total Expenditures	802.97			
Balance in Treasury	258.99			
Received this association	591.50			
Total Now	850.49			
ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES				
Gift to N. C. State Association	140.00			
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Gift to N. C. State Association	20.00			
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Respectfully Submitted: R. H. Hilderbran, Treasurer

#### REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

#### **DECEMBER 1969**

The Ordaining Council of the Western Piedmont Association met at the Lowell F.W.B. Church. The meeting opened with prayer, then continued with the following business.

- 1. We called in the first applicant, Mr. Paul Potter, from the Springwood F.W.B. Church he was granted a license after we found his letter of recommendation and questionaire in order.
- Mr. Ernest Laws from the Cramerton F.W.B. Church came next with a complete letter of recommendation and questionaire.
   We voted to license him to preach the gospel.
   Closed with prayer.

#### **DECEMBER 1969**

In a short, special meeting by the council, we voted to license Mr. Lloyd Abernathy from the Goshen F.W.B. Church to preach. His papers were mailed to him soon after.

#### **FEBUARY 1970**

The council met, opened with prayer, then proceeded with the following business.

- 1. Council called in Clarence Green, from West Fifth Avenue F.W.B. Church. He presented the council his questionaire and letter of recommendation, after which he was given license to preach.
- Brother Charles Ruff was presented license to preach after he presented the council with his questionaire and letter of recommendation. Closed in prayer.

#### **APRIL 1970**

- 1. The Council Meeting opened with prayer, then proceeded with the Ordaining duties.
  - 2. Floyd Walker from the First F.W.B. Church in Stanley came before the council and received license to preach.
  - 3. Jeff Lyons from the Bessemer City F.W.B. Church came before the council to obtain license to preach. The council found that there was a slight misunderstanding by Mr. Lyons about the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. Thus we decided to wait to license Mr. Lyons, pending his futher study of Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

Closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. L. D. Gray Rev. Wayne Norris Rev. N. W. Holt

#### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS BOARD

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 Atheism against the Church.
- 4. Be it resolved that our churches take a stand against the Seicus Program that is being introduced in our grammer schools. This stand to be taken by informing our schools as to how we stand.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host Church and the out-going officers of the association.
- 7. Be it resolved that the parents of our churches and our ministers take a firm stand in declaring the Bible standard on fashions and changing morals of our day.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Robert Rose Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Bobby Gilreath

#### HOME MISSIONS REPORT April 16, 1970

#### REPORT OF LAST YEAR

Several of our churches complied with the recommendation of the board last year by sending systematic support to the Charlotte mission.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That we continue to encourage our people to stand behind the Charlotte

work with our prayers and systematic giving.

With the hundreds of boys and girls running the streets with no Christian influence in the homes, and our failure to be able to reach them with our church efforts; we recommend that our Association sponsor a Child Evangelism workshop to train and recruit Child Evangelism teachers to go into these needy areas and teach the Gospel. Further, this training will be designed to enable our Sunday School teachers to better know how to lead their boys and girls in the Sunday School classes to Christ.

Respectfully Submitted: Ethel Whaley Homer Arrowood Georgia Calvert

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We are thrilled with the prospect of our camp ground. Our ground is beautiful now, we have all our grading work done and grass sown, and growing.

What we plan to do first is to have a well bored.

We hope to start building soon. We want to start the kitchen and dining room first.

Work needs to be done on the ground so the grass can be cut.

We now have the deeds to our property in our Association's name.

We would like to encourage our pastors and churches to continue to send (\$5.00) per member a year for the development of the camp.

- We recommend that our association set aside the week of August 17th for Bible Camp Week.
- 2. We recommend that the following three men serve as a planning committee: Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. William Calvert, and Grady Williams.
- We recommend all our pastors and preachers to visit our camp ground, and take as many of your people as possible. We feel this will help to stimulate interest in the camp.
- 4. We would like to recommend the balance in the Western Piedmont Sunday School Convention banking account (\$65.21) be withdrawn and donated to Camp Arrowood.
- 5. We recommend that we have a sunday school work shop with someone to teach one day.

Finance report for Camp Arrowood:

\$1,301.94 now in treasury
65.21 from Sunday School
1,800.00 promised on \$5.00 per member
Total \$3,167.15

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. Sherman Branch Rev. Roy Rikard

#### REPORT OF MASTERS MEN

We urge all Churches that do not have a Masters Men Organization to start one and seek to enlist all the men in the churches.

We believe many of our men in our churches could be put to work for Christ and the church through the Masters Men Organization.

We suggest that a district organization of the Masters Men be formed and and meet once each year.

We recommend that the Masters Men board be in charge of getting together the men of our district to organize the district meetings.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. John R. Newton Rev. Joe Carter Rev. William Calvert

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

We:your Board on Publications do respectfully submit this report and make the following recommendations:

- That each Church get copies of our revised treatise (1969) and distribute among our people that each family in our Church may be better acquainted with the great doctrines of the Bible as believed and taught by our beloved denomination.
- 2. That we encourage our people to have family and secret devotions and study the greatest publication ever written, "The Holy Bible".
- 3. That we encourage our people to get out the printed Word by every means available to them as the Lord presents the opportunity.
- 4. That we remind our Churches that our state book store is able to provide any publications that we have need of such as Vacation Bible School material, books, Bibles, etc., and that we patronize our book store when we have need of these things.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Billy Allen Rev. D. L. Whaley Myrtle Green

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 1. We recommend a teacher-training course for child-evangelism, either at the associational or local level.
- 2. We recommend that each church in this association, insert into your program, once a year, a course on personal-soul winning, taught either by the pastor or some other qualified individual.
- 3. We recommend our own Piedmont Bible Institute, which we feel is basically sound in Free Will Baptist doctrine, and staffed with dedicated individuals. We, therefore, urge each church to support the school, not only with your prayers and finances, but by encouraging interested individuals in your church to attend.
- 4. We further recommend, to those interested in a balanced education, both Biblical and otherwise, our college at Nashville.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Roy Rikard Rev. D. L. Whaley Rev. Robert Rose

#### REPORT OF C.T.S. BOARD

We had two youth rallies on an associational level, in November at the Cramerton Church, and in February at the First Church in Gastonia. Both of these rallies were successful and inspiring. The effort was made on both occasions to present the potential extension of Biblical knowledge to our youth through the use of the Bible quiz competition, much work needs to be done in this area.

As a recommendation to the new C.T.S. Board the following suggestions should be considered.

1. To hold quarterly rallies with the announcement of host church and time to be held to be selected as early as possible. It might be well to plan and announce all of the rallies for the forth coming year at the first rally.

2. Consider having Bible quiz competition at each rally, this would enable the association to have better representation at the state level. This

competition would be held before the rally itself.

 To organize the C.T.S. directors and assistant directors and encourage regular fellowship meetings of this group. Each director could in this way help others by sharing his methods of success as well as learning himself.

4. After these measures were applied and the line of communications opened, the basis would exist upon which an expansion of the C.T.S. program to

some of the churches now unrepresented could be accomplished.

5. The C.T.S. program rests with concerted effort on the part of every Church leader and the development of youth leaders and encouragement and recognition of our youth for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted: Charles Ruff Mrs. Robert Parris Johnnie Herrem

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee recommend the following for the
Officers for the next year:
Moderator
Assistant
Treasurer
Member
Ordaining Council
Assistant Treasurer
Christian Education
Missions
Sunday School Rev. William Calvert and Rev. Roy Rikard
C.T.S Johnnie Murphy and Lawrence Gaudlock
Insurance and Retirement Rev. L. C. Rankin
Publications
Masters Men
Home for the Aged Mrs. Homer Arrowood and Mrs. Lillie Mae Holt
Resolutions
Pianist Grady Williams
Assistant Mrs. Ethel Whaley
Nominating Committee Rev. Johnnie Floyd,
Rev. Roy Rikard, and Rev. M. T. Sparks

Respectfully Submitted: Homer Arrowood William Calvert N. W. Holt

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AUGUST 1968 – AUGUST 1969

BESSEMER CITY: Edgewood Road, Bessemer City, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. D. L. Whaley, Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C. 28016

CHURCH CLERK: Betty Marshall, Rt. #1, Box 516, Bessemer City, N. C.

Church membership: 64. Members received: by Baptism-8, by letter-4, by statement of faith-8. Total Received: 20. Sunday School Enrollment: 75. Woman's Auxiliary: 16. Total offerings received: \$7,039.79. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$3,900.00, Evangelistic Work-\$100.00, Sinking Fund (Bonds)-\$1,812.50, Literature-\$230.86, Miscellaneous-\$132.74, Foreign missions-\$17.00, Education-\$51.22, State & National projects-\$10.00. Total Expenditures: \$6,699.92. Value of Church property: \$30,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$5.00.

BETHEL: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Ted L. Gibson, 250 Dixon Circle, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Carolyn Sisk, 306 Queen's Road, Gastonia, N. C.

Church Membership: 67. Members received: by Baptism-15, by letter-5, by statement of faith-35. Total members received: 55. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Woman's Auxiliary: 7. Members dismissed: by letter-10, excluded-16. Total offerings received: \$6,255.67. Paid Out: \$6,934.00. Pastor's salary-\$2,200.00, Evangelist Work-\$90.00, Building repairs-\$375.00, Literature-\$95.00, Advertising (Radio Program)-\$224.00, Church Pews-\$930.00, Miscellaneous-\$1,950.00, (Sinking Fund Bond Program). Value of Church property: \$40,000.00. Enclosed for general fund: \$20.10.

BOGER CITY: Lincolnton, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. L. C. Rankin, 128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N. C. 28092

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Peggy Duncan, Rt. #2, Box 41, Lincolnton, N. C.

Church membership: 86. Members received: by Baptism-1, by letter-1, by statement of faith-2. Total members received: 4. Members dismissed: by letter-1. Total offerings received: \$5,642.79. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$1,350.00, Building repairs-\$500.00, Literature-\$196.73, Foreign missions-\$120.00, Associational projects-\$10.00. Total expenditures: \$2,176.73. Value of Church property (Church & parsonage): \$27,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$15.40.

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Oscar Sullivan, Jr., 51 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C. 29720

CHURCH CLERK: Gladys Sullivan, 51 South Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

Church membership: 35. Members received: by Baptism-5, by statement-2. Total offerings received: \$3,206.37. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$850.00, Evangelistic work-\$156.56, Building repairs-\$780.31, Literature-\$79.89, Miscellaneous-\$613.87. Total expenditures: \$2,480.63. Value of Church property: \$10,300.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$15.00.

CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Roy Rikard, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C. 28032

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Robert Parris, Rt. #2, Box 333, Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 255. Members received: 29. By Baptism-13, by letter-4, by statement-12. Members dismissed: 19. By letter-2, excluded-14, deceased-3. Sunday School enrollment: 356. C.T.S.: 88. Woman's Auxiliary: 32. Total offerings received: \$42,920.49. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$7,085.00, Evangelistic work-\$400.00, Building & repairs-\$5,500.00, Literature-\$2,200.00, Advertising-\$500.00, Miscellaneous-\$2,000.00, Other-\$9,964.80. Foreign Missions-\$1,800.00, Home Missions-\$1,800.00, Education-\$1,500.00, Superannuation-\$400.00, Associational projects-\$480.00, State & National projects-\$700.00, other (outside expenditures)-\$1,090.00. Total expenditures: \$35,419.00. Value of Church property: \$193,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$127.50.

EAST BELMONT: 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C. 28012

PASTOR: Rev. Murray T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N.C.

Church membership: 68. Members received: by Baptism-2. Members deceased: 2. Total offerings received: \$9,285.00. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$1,820.00, Building & repairs-\$2,112.00, Literature-\$178.00, Miscellaneous-\$2,940.00, Foreign Missions-\$35.00, Home Missions-\$42.00, Associational projects-\$50.00, State & National projects-\$48.00. Total expenditures: \$7,225.00. Value of Church property: \$45,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$34.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. William H. Calvert, 402 E. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052. CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. W. T. Cobb, 2805 Lowell Rd., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 142. Members received: 22. By Baptism-9, by letter-5, by statement-8. Sunday School enrollment: 162. C.T.S.: 60. Woman's Auxiliary: 18. Total offerings received: \$26,048.31. Building Fund: \$6,000.00. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$5,720.00, Evangelistic work-\$300.00, Building & repairs-\$11,000.00, Literature-\$600.00, Home Missions-\$700.00, Superannuation-\$226.40, State & National projects-\$540.00. Total expenditures: \$24,595.02. Enclosed for General Fund: \$71.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Stanley, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Sherman A. Branch, Box 756, Stanley, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: June D. Walker, 1000 E. Mauney Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 150. Members received: 27. By Baptism-10, by letter-12, by statement-5. Members deceased: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 214. C.T.S.: 75. Total offerings received: \$22,223.94. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$5,200.00, Evangelistic work-\$300.00, Building & repairs-\$500.00, Literature-\$454.56, Home Missions-\$150.00, Education-\$191.25, Superannuation-\$260.00, Associational projects-\$25.00, State & National projects-\$150.00. Total expenditures: \$7,230.81. Total value of Church property: \$75,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$87.50.

GOSHEN: N. Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Johnnie E. Floyd, Jr., 204 School St., Box 223, N. Belmont, N.C.

CHURCH CLERK: Carl Bryan, 414 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.

Church membership: 140. Members received: 12. By Baptism-7, by letter-3, by statement-2. Members deceased: 4. Sunday School enrollment: 177. C.T.S.: 59. Woman's Auxiliary: 30. General offerings: \$29,810.55. Building fund: \$24,388.51. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$5,720.00, Evangelistic work-\$432.91, Building & repairs-\$2,104.42, Literature-\$638.18, Advertising-\$48.46, Foreign Missions-\$300.00, Home Missions-\$220.00, Education-\$445.00, Superannuation-\$72.00. Total expenditures: \$23,555.10. Total value of Church property: \$95,500.00. Enclosed for General Fund-\$50.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C. 28098

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. C. R. Conner, 72 E. Third St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

Church membership: 80. Members received: 7. By Baptism-5, by letter-1, by statement-1. Member dismissed by letter: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 80. C.T.S.: 25. Total offerings received: \$8,278.71. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$3,975.00, Evangelistic work-\$175.00, Building & repairs-\$456.43, Literature-\$236.56, Associational projects-\$137.00, State & National projects-\$25.00. Total expenditures: \$5,483.56. Total value of Church property: \$73,000.00.

MARY GROVE: Rt. #2, Cherryville, N. C. 28021

PASTOR: Rev. Ralph L. Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C. 28012

CHURCH CLERK: Dorothy Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.

Church membership: 18. Members received by Baptism: 2. Members excluded: 24. Sunday School enrollment: 35. Total offerings received: \$1,628.21. Pastor's salary-\$300.00, Building & repairs-\$1,230.00, Literature-\$60.00, Advertising-\$469.00, Miscellaneous-\$277.00, Associational projects-\$20.00. Total expenditures: \$2,349.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$7.80.

MT. HOLLY: Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C. 28120

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Norwood, Rt. 1, Box 316, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Church membership: 100. Sunday School enrollment: 136. Woman's Auxiliary: 10. Total offerings received: \$14,814.49. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$5,810.00, Evangelist work-\$100.00, Building & repairs-\$1,732.12, Literature-\$383.93, Miscellaneous-\$4,000.00, Foreign Missions-\$73.84, Home Missions-\$73.84, Associational projects-\$386.96, State & National projects-\$100.00. Total expenditures: \$12,743.53. Total value of Church property: \$103,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$50.00.

MTN. VIEW: Spencer's Mtn., N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Savage, Rt. 2, Box 222, Dallas, N. C. 28034

Church membership: 50. Members deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 35. Total offerings received: \$4,371.88. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$1,020.00, Evangelistic work-\$65.00, Building & repairs-\$1,618.00, Literature-\$110.02, Miscellaneous-\$1,439.85, Home Missions-\$25.00. Total expenditures: \$4,278.07. Total value of Church property: \$30,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$25.00.

PECAN GROVE: 104 Welch St., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Rev. Oscar Gray, Rt. 2, Box 209, Dallas, N. C. 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Diane Wollard, Rt. 4, Beatty Road, Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 35. Members received: 5. By Baptism-2, by letter-0. by statement-3. Members excluded: 52. Sunday School enrollment: 102. Woman's Auxiliary: 7. Total offerings received: \$12,053.82. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$3,570.00, Evangelistic work-\$85.00, Building & repairs-\$1,346.94, Literature-\$369.04, Miscellaneous-\$6,553.09, Associational projects-\$129.00. Total expenditures: \$12,053.07. Value of Church property: \$21,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$17.50.

PLEASANT HILL: Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C. 28650

PASTOR: Rev. Wildon A. Gill, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. W. A. Gill, Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C.

Church membership: 97. Members received: 8. By Baptism-2, by letter-6, Members dismissed: 22. By letter-10, excluded-11. Sunday School enrollment: 65. Total offerings received: \$4,699.79. Paid Out: Pastor's salary.\$1,833.00, Evangelistic work-\$171.13, Building & repairs-\$1,953.31, Literature-\$85.35, Miscellaneous-\$656.00, Associational projects-\$30.00. Total expenditures: \$4,729.79. Total value of Church property: \$23,500.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$33.95.

QUEEN CITY FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION: Charlotte, N. C. (Received into the Association this session.)

PASTOR: Rev. Carl E. Steele, Rt. 6, Box 596, Charlotte, N. C.

SPRINGWOOD: Forest Drive, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Rev. John R. Newton, 440 Seventeenth St., Cramerton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Frances Martin, Rt. 1, Box 528, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Church membership: 31. Members received: 25. By Baptism-7, by letter-4, by statement-14. Members dismissed: 20. Sunday School enrollment: 70. Woman's Auxiliary: 6. Total offerings received: \$7,674.10. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$1,727.57, Evangelistic work-\$185.00, Building & repairs-\$9,916.33, Literature-\$213.78, Advertising (Radio Program)-\$858.00, Miscellaneous-\$447.58. Total expenditures: \$13,348.26. Value of Church property: \$25,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$15.50.

WEST FIFTH AVE.: 2145 W. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C. 28052

PASTOR: Rev. Billy Allen, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C. 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Shirley Best, 1502 West Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 102. Members received: 15. By Baptism-7, by letter-8. Sunday School enrollment: 106. C.T.S.: 45. Woman's Auxiliary: 12. Members dismissed: 15. By letter-5, excluded-10. Total offerings received: \$15,000.00. Paid Out: Pastor's salary-\$6,000.00, Evangelistic work-\$350.00, Building & repairs-\$1,500.00, Literature-\$400.00. Miscellaneous-\$2,580.00, Foreign Missions-\$150.00, Home Missions-\$50.00, State & National projects-\$168.00, Associational projects-\$150.00, Education-\$75.00, Charity-\$100.00. Total expenditures: \$11,143.00. Value of Church property: \$93,000.00. Enclosed for General Fund: \$51.00.

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AUGUST 1969 TO APRIL 1970

BESSEMER CITY: Bessemer City, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. D. Lee Whaley, P. O. Box 296, Bessemer City, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Charles Ruff, Route 2, Bessemer City, N. C.

Church membership: 68. Members received: 11. By Baptism-8, by letter-3. Members dismissed by letter: 5. Sunday School enrollment: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Total offering received: \$4,957.06. Pastor's salary-\$2,325.00, Evangelistic work-\$130.00, Building and repair-\$900.00, Literature-\$106.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$7.00, Miscellaneous-\$1,489.00. Total local expenditures: \$4,957.06. Foreign Missions-\$100.00, Education-\$100.00. Total outside expenditures: \$200.00. Value of Church Property: \$40,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$10.00.

BOGER CITY: Boger City, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. L. C. Rankin, 128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Peggy Duncan, Route 2, Lincolnton, N. C.

Church membership: 53. Members received: 8. By Baptism-3, by letter-3, by statement-2. Sunday School enrollment: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Value of Church Property: \$25,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$7,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$26.00.

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Oscar Sullivan, 51 Smith St., Lancaster, S. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Gladys Sullivan, 51 Smith St., Lancaster, S. C.

Church membership: 57. Members received: 26. By Baptism-14, by letter-8, by statement-6. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-2, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 39. Total offering received: \$4,085.06. Pastor's salary-\$1,310.00, Evangelistic work-\$206.11, Building and repair-\$414.07, Literature-\$109.64, Miscellaneous-\$958.88. Total local expenditures-\$2,019.80. Value of Church Property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$15.00.

CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Roy Rikard, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Robert Parris, Route 2, Box 333, Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 275. Members received: 37. By Baptism-23, by letter-4, by statement-7. Members dismissed: 45. By letter-8, excluded-34, deceased-3. Sunday School enrollment: 356. C.T.S. enrollment: 148. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 34. Total offering received: \$42,920.49. Pastor's salary-\$7,072.00, Evangelistic work-\$539.85, Building and repair-\$4,339.49. Literature-\$2,564.85, Advertising (Radio programs, etc.)-\$329.85, Miscellaneous-\$5,519.74, Others-\$7,923.98. Total local expenditures: \$29,289.76. Foreign Missions-\$2,000.00, Home Missions-\$2,000.00, Education-\$1,300.00, Superannuation-\$420.00, State and National projects-\$1,020.00, Other-\$4,584.64. Total outside expenditures: \$11,324.64. Value of Church Property: \$275,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$137.50.

EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Murray T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, N.C. Church membership: 64. Members received: 1. By Baptism-1. Members dismissed: 5. Excluded-4, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 82. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received: \$9,300.00. General offering: \$8,213.00. Building fund: \$1,087.00. Pastor's salary-\$1,820.00, Building and repair-\$131.00, Literature-\$290.00, Advertising (Radio programs, etc.)-\$24.00, Miscellaneous-\$1,300.00, Others (Rental and housing)-\$1,560.00, Bank Note-\$1,320.00. Total local expenditures: \$6,445.00, Foreign Missions-\$50.00, Home Missions-\$56.00, Board of Care-\$28.00, Associational Project-\$50.00, State and National Project-\$40.00, Total outside expenditures: \$233.00. Value of Church Property: \$42,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$32.00.

EMMANUEL: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Lester Hughes, 2129 West Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Jesse Brackett, Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 13. Members received: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 13. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 5. Total offering received: \$244.00. General offering: \$22.00. Building fund: \$540.00. Literature-\$56.00, Miscellaneous-\$88.00. Total local expenditures: \$804.00. Value of Church Property: \$6,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$6.50.

FIRST CHURCH, Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. William Calvert, 402 E. Fifth Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. W. T. Cobb, 2805 Lowell Rd., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 152. Members received: 16. By Baptism-8, by letter-2, by statement-6. Members dismissed: 5. By letter-4, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 231. C.T.S. enrollment: 75. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$18,148.55. Pastor's salary-\$4,500.00, Evangelistic work-\$250.00. Total local expenditures: \$12,749.82. State and National Projects: \$800.00. Value of Church Property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$76.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Stanley, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Sherman Branch, Box 756 Hovis Rd., Stanley, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Jo Ann Beatty, Route #1, Box 64D, Stanley, N. C.

Church membership: 132. Sunday School enrollment: 143. C.T.S. enrollment: 76. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Total offering received: \$23,353.35. General offering: \$15,309.02. Building fund: \$8,044.33. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,130.00, Evangelistic work-\$515.00, Building and repair-\$8,466.76, Literature-\$1,019.40, Advertising (Radio programs, etc.)-\$78.41, Miscellaneous-\$8,506.73. Total local expenditures: \$21,716.30. Home Missions-\$236.17, Education-\$140.00, Superannuation-\$181.60, Associational Projects-\$500.50, State and National Projects-\$491,78, Total outside expenditures: \$1,637.05. Value of Church Property: \$80,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$8,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$66.00.

GOSHEN: North Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., P.O. Box 223

CHURCH CLERK: Carl Bryant, 414 Cherry St., Belmont, N. C.

Church membership: 123. Members received: 27, By Baptism-16, by letter-7, by statement-4. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-3, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 182. C.T.S. enrollment: 50. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 30. Total offering received: \$20,733.18. Building fund: \$33,076.86. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,290.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$2,825.05, Literature-\$581.94, Other new Church saving, etc. Other expenditures: \$16,794.99. Foreign Missions-\$350.00, Home Missions-\$839.22, Education-\$943.06, Superannuation-\$72.00, Associational Projects-\$450.00, State and National Projects-\$25.00, Other-\$230.72. Total outside expenditures: \$2,910.00. Value of Church Property: \$87,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$10,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$50.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. C. R. Conner, 72 East 3rd. St., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 90. Members received: 15. By Baptism-6, by letter-8, by statement-2. Sunday School enrollment: 106. C.T.S. enrollment: 30. Total offering received: \$6,379.61. Pastor's salary-\$2,715.00. Evangelistic work-\$188.19, Building and repair-\$650.00, Literature-\$161.11, Special Singing-\$173.77. Total local expenditures: \$3,888.07. Orphanage-\$20.00, Associational Projects-\$350.00, Others: F.W.B. College-\$12.56. Total outside expenditures: \$382.56. Value of Church Property: \$75,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$9,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$45.00.

MARY GROVE: Cherryville, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Ralph Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Dorothy Willis, 104 School St., Belmont, N. C.

Church membership: 18. Members received: 2. By letter-1, by statement-2. Members dismissed: 16. Excluded-16. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Total offering received: \$1,820.63. Pastor's salary-\$300.00, Literature-\$60.00, Miscellaneous-\$1,000.39. Total local expenditures: \$1,360.39. Education-\$64.00, Associational Projects-\$20.00. Total outside expenditures: \$84.00. Value of Church Property: \$14,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$9.00.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Savage, Route 2, Box 222, Dallas, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Wayne Norris, Howard St., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 50. Sunday School enrollment: 76. Total offering received:\$5,536.10. Pastor's salary-\$1,040.00, Building and repair-\$1,813.15, Literature-\$70.07, Miscellaneous-\$2,534.36. Total local expenditures: \$5,457.58, State and National Projects-\$25.00. Total outside expenditures: \$25.00. Value of Church Property: \$15,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$9,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

MT. HOLLY: Mt. Holly, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Miss Elizabeth Norwood, Route #1, Box 316, Mt. Holly

Church Membership: 102. Members received: 3. By letter-1, by statement-2, Members dismissed: 1. By letter-1. Sunday School enrollment: 121. Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 15. Total offering received: \$11,605.79. General offering: \$11,605.79. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,875.00, Evangelistic work-\$165.00, Building and repair-\$3,050.08, Literature-\$272.80, Miscellaneous-\$4,000.00. Total local expenditures: \$11,362.88. Education-\$50.00. Total outside expenditures: \$50.00. Value of Church Property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$13,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$51.00.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Wayne Watson, 602 South Chestnut St., Gastonia, N. C. CHURCH CLERK: Diane Woolard, Route #4, Beatty Rd., Gastonia, N. C.

Church Membership: 50. Members received: 15. By Baptism-8, by statement-7. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-3. Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 8. Total offering received: \$6,391.38. Building fund: \$110.59. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,170.00, Evangelistic work-\$85.00, Literature-\$304.61, Miscellaneous-\$1,393.54. Total local expenditures: \$6,049.16. State and National Projects: \$50.34. Value of Church Property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

PLEASANT HILL: Route 2, Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Harold O'Dear, Route #2, Box 252A, Maiden, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Ivey Stewart, Route 3, Box 151 LE, Conover, N. C.

Church Membership: 31. Members received: 2. By statement-2. Members dismissed: 48. Excluded-48. Sunday School enrollment: 45. Total offering received: \$3,444.42. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,075.00, Evangelistic work-\$50.00, Building and repair-\$444.88, Literature-\$118.54, Miscellaneous-\$1,688.42. Total local expenditures: \$3,444.20. Association Projects: \$33.95. Value of Church Property: \$15,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$15.50.

SPRINGWOOD: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. John R. Newton, 440, 17th St., Cramerton, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Frances Martin, Route 2, Box 78, Gastonia, N. C.

Church Membership: 40. Members dismissed: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 68. Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 8. Total offering received: \$3,524.51. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$738.00, Evangelistic work-\$26.00, Building and repair-\$2,153.11, Literature-\$79.88, Advertising (Radio Program, etc.)-\$577.50, Miscellaneous-\$426.34. Total local expenditures: \$3,930.83. Education-\$25.00, Other-\$58.38. Total outside expenditures: \$83.38. Value of Church Property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$20.00.

WEST 5TH AVENUE: 2145 West 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Billy Allen, 2730 Crescent Lane, Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Shirley Best, 1502 West 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Church membership: 99. Members received: 14. By Baptism-5, by statement-9. Members dismissed: 27. By letter-8, excluded-19. Sunday School enrollment: 110. C.T.S. enrollment: 40. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received: \$11,127.67. General offering: \$10,611.50. Building fund: \$516.17. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,820.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$4,027.35, Literature-\$253.06, Advertising (Radio programs, etc.)-\$204.00, Miscellaneous-\$897.84, Others-\$1,263.58. Total local expenditures: \$10,695.82. Value of Church Property: \$74,000.00. Value of Parsonage Property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$49.50.

# MINISTERS' REPORT (Those Who Turned In Cards)

- BILLY ALLEN: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-0, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-6, Additions to Church-14, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-20,000, Amount Received-\$4,000.00.
- J. C. ALMOND: Sermons Preached-26, Professions Witnessed-6, Miles Traveled-100.
- HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-32, Additions to Church-3, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-23,000, Amount Received-\$3,875.00.
- SHERMAN BRANCH: Churches Pastored-1, Funerals Preached-5, Miles Traveled-2,800, Amount Received-\$3,130.00.
- WILLIAM CALVERT: Sermons Preached-146, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-4, Professions Witnessed-62, Number Baptized-11, Additions to Church-16, Funerals Preached-11, Miles Traveled-2,600, Amount Received-\$6,500.00
- JOHNNY FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached-59, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-43, Number Baptized-16, Additions to Church-27, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-15,497, Amount Received-\$4,290.00, Weddings-3, Full Time Service-1, Young People committed to God's Will-30.
- WILDON A. GILL: Sermons Preached-68. Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-5, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-8,750.
- L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached-95, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-29, Number Baptized-6, Additions to Church-16, Funerals Preached-5, Amount Received-\$3,390.00.
- OSCAR GRAY: Sermons Preached-101, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-65, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-6, Funerals Preached-8, Miles Traveled-2,000, Amount Received-\$3,900.00.
- CLARENCE GREEN: Sermons Preached-18, Professions Witnessed-6, Number Baptized-1.
- NATHAN HOLT: Sermons Preached-20, Professions Witnessed-4, Funerals Preached-4.
- LESTER HUGHES: Sermons Preached-39, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-10, Additions to Church-3, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-100, Amount Received-\$9.00.
- TRAVIS HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached-35.
- ERNEST KING: Sermons Preached-20, Professions Witnessed-1.

- ERNEST LAWS: Sermons Preached-20, Professions Witnessed-14.
- JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-18, Additions to Church-12, Funerals Preached-4, Miles Traveled-14,000.
- EUGENE RAMSEY: Sermons Preached-34, Professions Witnessed-12, Funerals Preached-1, Amount Received-\$14.50.
- L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached-156, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-8, Miles Traveled-25,000, Amount Received-\$1,300.00.
- ROY RIKARD: Sermons Preached-156, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-43, Baptized-23, Additions to Church-37, Funerals Preached-25, Miles Traveled-22,000.
- MURRAY T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-5, Additions to Church-1, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-12,000, Weddings-1.
- HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-5, Funerals Preached-4.
- CARL STEELE: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-16, Churches Organized-1, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-800, Amount Received-\$500.00.
- OSCAR SULLIVAN: Sermons Preached-25, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-20, Number Baptized-14, Additions to Church-26, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-200, Amount Received-\$1,310.00.
- LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Number Baptized-8, Additions to Church-11, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-2,000.
- RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-87, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-6, Additions to Church-1, Miles Traveled-4,400.

