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### ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

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RESOLUTIONS:	Rev. Travis Huffman, (1974); Rev. John R. Newton, (1973); Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., (1972).
PIANIST:	Mr. Grady Williams.
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BEN AVENUE .....	Kannapolis, N. C. Supply Pastor, Rev. Drexler Benton
BESSEMER CITY .....	Bessemer City, N. C. Rev. D. Lee Whaley
BOGER CITY .....	Boger City, N. C. Rev. Robert Rose
CENTER GROVE .....	Waxhaw, N. C. Rev. Oscar Sullivan
CRAMERTON .....	Cramerton, N. C. Rev. Roy Rikard
EAST BELMONT .....	Belmont, N. C. Rev. M. T. Sparks
EMMANUEL .....	Dallas, N. C. Rev. J. C. Almond
FIRST GASTONIA .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. William Calvert
FIRST STANLEY .....	Stanley, N. C. Rev. Sherman Branch
FIRST MAIDEN .....	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Weldon Gill
GOSHEN .....	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.
LOWELL .....	Lowell, N. C. Rev. L. D. Gray
MARY GROVE .....	Cherryville, N. C. Rev. Ralph Willis
MOUNT HOLLY .....	Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Homer Arrowood
MOUNTAIN VIEW .....	Dallas, N. C. Rev. Homer Savage
OPEN DOOR .....	1306 East Ozark Ave., Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Charles Ruff
PECAN GROVE .....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Wayne Watson
PLEASANT HILL .....	Maiden, N. C. Rev. Harold O'Dear
RIDGEVIEW .....	Mt. Holly, N. C. Rev. Vess Galloway
SPRINGWOOD .....	North Belmont, N. C. Rev. John R. Newton
WEST FIFTH AVE. ....	Gastonia, N. C. Rev. Billy Allen

## CHURCH DELEGATES

- BEN AVENUE, Kannapolis, N. C. — Mrs. Dees Hunsucker, Wayne Marlowe, Patty Marlowe, Jeanette Morgan, Judy Tyner.
- BESSEMER CITY, Bessemer City, N. C. — Frank Warlick, Linda Sneed, Ethel Whaley.
- BOGER CITY, Boger City, N. C. — Grady Williams, Dianne Williams, Kay Rose.
- CENTER GROVE, Waxhaw, N. C. — Brooks Johnson, Donnie Ray Carter, David Simpson, Wanda Harris, Gladys Sullivan, Leonard Newell.
- CRAMERTON, Cramerton, N. C. — Mrs. N. W. Holt, Nina Rikard, Eunice Pike, Lou Sutton.
- EAST BELMONT, Belmont, N. C. — Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks.
- EMMANUEL, Dallas, N. C. — None Listed.
- FIRST, Gastonia, N. C. — Mr. W. A. Bradley, Grady Carroll, Mrs. W. H. Calvert.
- FIRST, Stanley, N. C. — Otis Irvin, Elizabeth Branch, Nancy Walker, Pat Hamrick.
- FIRST, Maiden, N. C. — J. R. Small, Arthur W. Mace.
- GOSHEN, North Belmont, N. C. — Henry Scarborough, Lucille Scarborough, Novela Propts.
- LOWELL, Lowell, N. C. — Mrs. Elsie Mercer, Ruth Haney, Mrs. McCuen.
- MARY GROVE, Cherryville, N. C. — None Listed.
- MOUNT HOLLY, Mt. Holly, N. C. — Berry Thompson, Clarence Hester.
- MOUNTAIN VIEW, Dallas, N. C. — None Listed.
- OPEN DOOR, Gastonia, N. C. — Charles Ruff, Michael Ruff, Betty Bernasconi.
- PECANGROVE, Gastonia, N. C. — Mrs. Wayne Watson, Jack Anderson, Gerold Porter, Mrs. Gertrude Watts.
- PLEASANT HILL, Maiden, N. C. — None Listed.
- RIDGEVIEW, Mt. Holly, N. C. — Billy Waldroup, Jessie Pressley, Howard Williams, Lue Gibson, Helen Pressley.
- SPRINGWOOD, North Belmont, N. C. — Sidney Lefter.
- WEST FIFTH AVE., Gastonia, N. C. — Gwendolyn Allen, Mary Ann Dellinger, Ruth Davis.

## MINISTERS (who registered)

Robert Rose, L. D. Gray, Drexler Benton, Vess Galloway, Wayne Watson, Billy Allen, Burl Bryant, Gather Summitt, Clarence Green, J. C. Almond, M. T. Sparks, Roy Rikard, Weldon Gill, Sherman Branch, Charles Ruff, Oscar Sullivan, Ernest King, Homer Arrowood, Johnnie Floyd, Ralph Willis, Wayne Norris, Lee Whaley, William Calvert, N. W. Holt, Homer Savage, John R. Newton. (Visiting Ministers) - Rev. Ronald Creech, State Evangelist, Rev. Tommy Godley, Rev. Herman Griffin, Rev. Eugene Outland, Carle Steel.

## VISITORS (who registered)

Christeen Taylor, Linda Crisp, Charles Crisp, Mrs. Betty Summitt, Yvonne Ellington, Jerry Ellington, Christeen Ellington, Fannie Rikard, Herbert Rikard, Vernon Whaley, Betty Whaley, Annie Lee Miskelly, F. E. Miskelly, Kenneth Sigmon, Floyd Walker, Kay Rose, Glenda Sutton, Maxie Gray, Mrs. Weldon Gill, W. T. Sanders, Evelyn Sanders, Debbie Wiggins, Mrs. Homer Arrowood, Pauline Almond, Ruth Floyd, Mrs. Lou Parrott, Donnia Black, James Williams, Harold Rector, Mrs. Harold Rector, Martha Hayes, Daphen Strobe, Jackie Ford, Raymond Scotte.



## 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 Board 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.
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 decision 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 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.
2. 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 at the request of the church.
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 brethren, 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.
2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
3. **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 EVENING SERVICE

April 15, 1971 7:30 P.M.

The services were called to order by Vernon Whaley leading the Congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace." The opening prayer was led by Bro. Burel Bryant. Bro. Vernon then led the Congregation in singing, "When We All Get to Heaven."

An offering for the Arrowood Assembly was received, and Rev. Roy Rikard led in prayer.

Bro. Vernon and G. W. Harris sang a special number. After the special song, Rev. Sherman Branch brought the key note message, reading his scripture from Ephesians 4:6 and Acts 17:28. Bro. Branch brought a wonderful message on how we must serve one God, and how we should live in Him, let him rule our lives.

After the message the following committee was appointed: the Credentials Committee as following; Rev. M. T. Sparks, Rev. Wayne Watson, Rev. Drexler Benton.

The service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 16, 1971

The meeting opened with a song, "Victory in Jesus," led by Vernon Whaley. Opening prayer led by Rev. Eugene Outland, the Association was welcome to The Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church by Mayor Clyde Servis, response by Rev. Roy Rikard. Devotions were brought by Rev. Billy Allen.

The clerk, Mrs. Robert Parris, called the Association to order and presented the Moderator, Rev. Sherman Branch, to the body. The moderator made his remarks and read the By-Laws and rules of decorum, M/S/C to adopt the program "flexible" at the discretion of the Moderator.

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

The Nominating Committee gave a partial report which was adopted, and delegates were seated. Mrs. Robert Parris was elected Clerk and Horace Shoemaker the Assistant Clerk. The report was adopted and Sis. Parris and Bro. Shoemaker were elected by the body. Roll call of ministers by the Clerk. Visiting ministers and visitors were recognized.

M/S/C to accept the Open Door Free Will Baptist Church in the Association. This is a newly organized church, Rev. Charles Ruff as the Pastor of this church.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer from business for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Vernon Whaley led the Congregation in singing, "I Know In Whom I Believe." Bro. Vernon and G. W. Harris sang a special number. Rev. Vess Galloway brought the morning message. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to Bro. Galloway speak on "Obeying God." After the message the meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. for lunch and fellowship.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

April 16, 1971

The afternoon session opened with prayer. Vernon Whaley led the Congregation in singing, "I Would Not Be Denied." Vernon sang a solo, "Lord Fill My Cup." Rev. Gather Summitt brought the devotions. Prayer was led by Rev. Ronald Creech.

The Clerk, Mrs. Parris, read the Executive Board's Reports.

M/S/C to adopt the reports of the Executive Board.

Rev. Billy Allen gave the report of the Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to adopt the report of the Ordaining Council item by item.

Rev. Whaley gave the Christian Education Report.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

Mission report was given by Mrs. Whaley.

M/S/C to adopt the Mission Report.

Sunday School report was given.

M/S/C to adopt the Sunday School report.

C.T.S. report given by Mrs. Robert Parris.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

Arrowood Assembly report given by Brother Arrowood.

M/S/C to adopt this report-see the report.

Master's Men report given.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

Our State Evangelist, Rev. Ronald Creech gave us a report on the State Work.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Dees Hunsucker.

## FRIDAY EVENING

April 16, 1971 7:30 P.M.

The Association met at the Central High School Auditorium in Bessemer City with a large crowd. The services opened with Vernon Whaley leading the Congregation in, "When We All Get to Heaven." The choir sang two numbers, and Vernon and G. W. Harris sang a special number.

Mrs. Mable Willey was the guest speaker for the evening. Mrs. Willey and her husband were Free Will Baptist Missionaries to Cuba. They were in Cuba some twenty or twenty-five years. They were forced out of Cuba in 1961. Brother Willey went home to be with the Lord a few years back and Mrs. Willey is still working for the Mission Board. Our hearts were stirred as we heard Sister Willey tell of the work of our Free Will Baptist while they were in Cuba.

After the message the service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Sherman Branch.

## SATURDAY MORNING

April 17, 1971

Call to worship, with Vernon Whaley leading the Congregation in singing, "He's the Lilly of the Valley." Rev. Floyd Walker had the devotions, reading his scripture from I Samuel 12:20. Prayer was led by Rev. Gather Summitt.

The Moderator, Bro. Branch, opened the floor for business.

The report for Insurance and Retirement was called for. Bro. Branch made a wonderful talk on Insurance and Retirement.

M/S/C to adopt the talk as the report.

Publications report was given by Rev. Ralph Willis.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

Home for Aged report given by Mrs. N. W. Holt, M/S/C to adopt the report.

Resolutions report given by Rev. John R. Newton.

M/S/C to adopt the Resolutions report.

The report of the Finance Committee was given.

M/S/C to adopt the report.

M/S/C to give Mrs. Mable Willey \$100.00 for speaking.

M/S/C to change the last sentence in the III Discipline to read as follows:

The council shall act in accord at the request of the church.

M/S/C to appoint a committee of three men to state our displeasure to the State C.T.S. Board about the way they have changed our youth meetings without notifying all district boards. The committee is Rev. Roy Rikard, Rev. Billy Allen, Grady Williams.

The Treasurer report, was given by Bro. Arrowood.

M/S/C to adopt the Treasurer report-see the report.

M/S/C to accept Rev. N. W. Holt's resignation from the Ordaining Council.

M/S/C to have the 4th Sunday in May to take an offering for the Arrowood Assembly.

The Nominating Committee gave their final report.

M/S/C to adopt the Nominating Committee's report.

Delegates were appointed for the State Association. They were as follows:

Mrs. N. W. Holt, Mrs. Georgia Calvert, Mrs. W. A. Bradley, Mrs. Robert Parris, Mrs. Nina Rikard, Mrs. Lou Sutton.

M/S/C to have the next annual meeting in April, 13, 14, 15, 1972 at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C.

Quarterly meetings the last Saturday in the quarter. Places for the quarterly meetings this year, Pecan Grove in Gastonia, N. C., July 31, 1971; Pleasant Hill, Maiden, N. C., October 30, 1971; Ridgeview Church in Mt. Holly, N. C., January 29, 1972.

M/S/C to adjourn for worship services.

11:00 a.m. call to worship by Vernon Whaley, leading the Congregation in a song. Vernon sang a solo and gave his personal testimony.

Rev. Ralph Willis was the guest speaker. Bro. Ralph brought us a wonderful message on the Love of God. We praise the Lord for our young men that preach the word of God.

The final session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

JUNE 18, 1970

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 7:30 P.M. Four members were present: Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Lee Whaley, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mrs. Robert Parris: Rev. Billy Allen and Mr. Harvey Hilderbran were absent. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Lee Whaley. The Moderator, Brother Branch, had charge of the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to write the Chairman of the different Association Committees telling them about meetings with their committees at least once a year to have their reports ready for the annual meeting in April.

The Clerk read a letter from the Piedmont Association dismissing the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. from the Piedmont Association. Ben Avenue had requested to come in the Western Piedmont Association at the April 18th meeting. M/S/C that Ben Avenue be a full member of the Western Piedmont Association.

Brother Arrowood read a letter from the Ridgeview Free Will Baptist Church wanting to come in the Western Piedmont Association. Their Pastor is Rev. Vess Galloway. This is a new church. As it is a rule of this Association for the Executive Board to meet with new churches and question them, it was M/S/C'd to set a meeting for July 15 for the Board to meet with them. If they are acceptable to the Board, they will be under the watchcare of the Association until the Annual meeting.

M/S/C for the Clerk to write Rev. Henry VanKluyve for information on some of our missionaries so we can get one for the missionary services on Friday night at our Associational meeting. The program for the quarterly meeting for July 25th was made out. The meeting is at Mary Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Cherryville, N. C.

M/S/C to have Brother Roy Rikard to be guest speaker.

M/S/C to take a love offering for Arrowood Assembly.

M/S/C to adjourn, closing prayer by Brother Arrowood.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Billy Allen  
Rev. D. L. Whaley  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Harvey Hilderbran

JULY 15, 1970

The Executive Board met with the Ridgeview Free Will Baptist Church to question them about coming into the Western Piedmont Association. After listening to their service and questioning them, they were accepted under watchcare of the Association until the annual meeting in April. Then if they have lived by the Associational rules they will be full members of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. D. L. Whaley  
Rev. Billy Allen  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Harvey Hilderbran

AUGUST 28, 1970

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 10:00 A.M. with five members present: Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Lee Whaley, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Rev. Billy Allen, Mrs. Robert Parris; Mr. Harvey Hilderbran was absent. The meeting opened with prayer by Brother Billy Allen. The Moderator, Brother Branch, then opened the meeting for business. The Clerk, Mrs. Parris, read a letter from the Piedmont Association requesting a letter from the Western Piedmont District Association to Piedmont Association. Brother Allen made a move, Brother Arrowood seconded the move to give Bethel a letter of dismissal; move was carried.

A letter from Rev. Wayne Norris for his resignation from the Ordaining Council was read. M/S/C that his resignation be accepted. M/S/C that Rev. William Calvert be on the Ordaining Council until the Annual meeting in April.

The Clerk was asked to write Rev. Henry VanKluyve about getting Mrs. Mable Willey or the Milleys to speak at the Missionary service in April.

The Program for the quarterly meeting was planned; the meeting will be at Mt. Holly October 24th. Rev. James Childress, Jr. will be the guest speaker. Pianist will be Brother Grady Williams, and Mrs. Annie Lee Miskelly will be in charge of the singing.

M/S/C to give \$50.00 to the mission evangelism program.

M/S/C to adjourn, dismissed in prayer by Brother Whaley.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Billy Allen  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Rev. D. L. Whaley  
Mr. Harvey Hilderbran

OCTOBER 24, 1970

The Executive Board met at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church after the fellowship meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Four members were present: Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Mrs. Robert Parris, Mr. Harvey Hilderbran.

Rev. Allen was in charge of the meeting in absence of the Moderator, Rev. Sherman Branch.

M/S/C to give Rev. James Childress, Jr. \$25.00 for speaking at the fellowship meeting.

The Board then met with some of the men from the Pineville Free Will Baptist Church in Pineville, N. C. They were wanting to come in the Western Piedmont District Association. As it is a rule of the Association, the Executive Board will meet with the Pineville Church the first Saturday night in December to question the church. Rev. C. R. Heavener is Pastor of the church.

The Board then met with Rev. Weldon Gill and some of the men from a new church that is being organized in Maiden, N. C. This Church is wanting to come in the Western Piedmont Association. The Executive Board will meet with this church the 12th of November at 7:00 P.M. to question them. If these two churches are accepted, they will be under the watchcare of the Association until the Annual meeting in April.

M/S/C to adjourn, dismissed in prayer by Brother Harvey Hilderbran.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Billy Allen  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Harvey Hilderbran

### JANUARY 8, 1971

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 10:00 A.M. with four members present: Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Lee Whaley, and Mrs. Robert Parris. Rev. Homer Arrowood and Mr. Harvey Hilderbran were absent.

The Moderator, Brother Branch, called the meeting to order. Rev. Lee Whaley led in prayer. The program for the quarterly fellowship meeting was made out. The fellowship meeting will be at Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church in Spencer Mountain, January 30, at 7:00 P.M. M/S/C to get Rev. James Childress to be guest speaker.

The program for the annual meeting in April was discussed and some plans were made on the program. M/S/C for Brother Branch to bring the key note message on Thursday evening April 15 at 7:30 P.M.—Rev. Whaley to be alternate speaker.

M/S/C for Larry Abernathy to bring the devotions Friday morning. Rev. William Calvert to bring the 11:00 A.M. message and Brother Gather Summitt to bring the afternoon devotions. M/S/C for Brother Floyd Walker to bring the Saturday morning devotions and Brother Ralph Willis the 11:00 A.M. message. M/S/C for Vernon Whaley to be in charge of all the music for the Association. Friday evening will be the missionary service. M/S/C to get Mrs. Mable Willey to be the speaker for this service.

M/S/C to adjourn, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Billy Allen.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
Rev. Lee Whaley  
Rev. Billy Allen  
Rev. Homer Arrowood  
Mr. Harvey Hilderbran

### JANUARY 22, 1971

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 10:00 A.M. with five members present: Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Billy Allen, Rev. Homer Arrowood, Rev. Lee Whaley. Mrs. Robert Parris and Mr. Harvey Hilderbran were absent.

The Moderator, Brother Branch, called the meeting to order. Rev. Billy Allen led in prayer.

The program for the annual meeting in April was finished. The Western Piedmont Association will convene with the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church April 15, 16 and 17, 1971 with Rev. Branch bringing the key note message Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M.; Mrs. Mable Willey the Friday evening message and Rev. Ralph Willis to bring the closing message Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M.

M/S/C to have Commercial Printers print the programs.

M/S/C to adjourn, dismissed in prayer by Rev. Homer Arrowood.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk

### FEBRUARY 19, 1971

The Executive Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute at 10:00 A.M. with three members present: Rev. Sherman Branch, Rev. Lee Whaley and Mrs. Robert Parris. Brother Roy Rikard was proxy for Rev. Homer Arrowood.

The meeting opened with prayer by Brother Whaley. The Moderator, Brother Branch, was in charge of the meeting. M/S/C to have a called meeting of the Western Piedmont Association February 27 at 10:00 A.M. at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting is on the bond program for the Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C that Brother Branch remain as Treasurer for the Assembly. M/S/C that we recommend Brother Billy Allen to be the Director of the bond program. We recommend that a building Committee of three be elected. M/S/C to recommend that we have self addressed envelopes for the churches to send their money in to the Treasurer for the assembly. M/S/C to adjourn, dismissed in prayer by Brother Rikard.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk

### FEBRUARY 27, 1971

A called meeting of the Western Piedmont Association met at the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church with delegates from 13 churches.

The meeting opened with a song, "There Is Power In The Blood." The Moderator, Brother Branch, read some scripture from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 8. After some comments on the scripture, Rev. Vess Galloway led in prayer.

The Moderator asked Brother Billy Allen to read the resolutions for the bond program. M/S/C to adopt the resolutions, one by one.

The Clerk, Mrs. Parris, read the minutes of the last Executive Meeting. M/S/C that Brother Branch remain as Treasurer of Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C that Brother Billy Allen be the director of the bond program and that four others be on the committee with Brother Allen. M/S/C that Brothers Homer Arrowood, Rikard, Calvert and Whaley be on the committee with Brother Allen. M/S/C that members of the Building Committee be Brothers Branch, Arrowood and Rikard. M/S/C that the expense of the Building Committee be paid out of the bond program money. M/S/C that the churches start sending in their money March 1, 1971.

M/S/C to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Drexler Benton.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk

### MARCH 5, 1971

The Executive Board voted to give Rev. Oscar Gray a letter of recommend-

ation to join the Richmond Virginia Association as he is pastoring in Virginia now.

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Rev. Sherman Branch, Moderator  
 Mrs. Robert Parris, Clerk  
 Rev. D. L. Whaley  
 Rev. Billy Allen  
 Rev. Homer Arrowood  
 Mr. Harvey Hilderbran

## TREASURER REPORT

APRIL 17, 1971

In Treasury last association . . . . .	\$258.99
Received last association . . . . .	591.50
Received since last association . . . . .	93.50
<b>Total in Treasury . . . . .</b>	<b>943.99</b>
<b>Total Expenditures . . . . .</b>	<b>635.12</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury . . . . .</b>	<b>\$308.87</b>

## ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSES

Ronald Creech—Personal Gift . . . . .	\$100.00
Billy Allen—Clerk Work . . . . .	60.00
Mary Ellen Rice and Joan Fifield—Missions . . . . .	50.00
N. C. State Association—Gift . . . . .	25.00
Commercial Printers, Inc.—For Minutes . . . . .	260.02
Susann Florist—Flowers for W. H. Calvert & Carle Steele . . . . .	18.00
James Childress, Jr.—Guest Speaker . . . . .	25.00
James Childress, Sr.—Guest Speaker . . . . .	25.00
Commercial Printers, Inc.—For Programs . . . . .	72.10
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$635.12</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
 R. H. Hilderbran, Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1970

The Ordaining Council voted on this date to grant Brother Vess Galloway his ordination credentials. The Council also voted to make out Rev. Oscar Gray another set of credentials due to the fact that he had lost his. The Council also voted to give Brother James Pendleton his credentials for keep-sake.

OCTOBER 23, 1970

The Ordaining Council met at the Lowell Church, members present were



Rev. L. D. Gray, Chairman, N. W. Holt, W. H. Calvert. The meeting was opened with prayer. Paul D. Potter came for ordination. After being questioned by the Council, he was approved. The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

### JANUARY 29, 1971

The Ordaining Council met at the Lowell Church with the following present: Rev. L. D. Gray, N. W. Holt, Billy Allen proxy for W. H. Calvert. The meeting opened with prayer. Several men were questioned. Brother Burel Bryant and Brother Gather Summitt were approved before the Council for license. The Council voted to license them. Brother Lloyd Abernathy came from Goshen Church with a letter of recommendation for ordination. The Council voted to grant ordination to him. Brother Clarence Green came before the Council with a letter of recommendation from the West Fifth Avenue Church. The Council voted to grant his ordination. Brother Drexler Benton was received by letter from Piedmont Association. The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

### APRIL 16, 1971

The Ordaining Council met at Bessemer City Church. Brother Charles Ruff came before the Council requesting ordination. He is Pastor of a new Organized Church: the Open Door Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. After being questioned by the Council, the Council voted to ordain him and set the ordination date for Saturday evening, May 8, 1971 and appointed Rev. Billy Allen to preach the ordination message. This service is to be held at the Open Door Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. L. D. Gray  
Rev. W. H. Calvert  
Rev. N. W. Holt

## REPORT OF ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY

1. What it is all about:  
Arrowood Assembly is a camp site for Western Piedmont Association. It is located near Old Fort, N. C.
2. Past Program
  - (A) Grounds completed
  - (B) Swimming area completed
  - (C) Well House is completed
  - (D) Bond program of \$50,000 started February 27, 1971
3. Future plans to build a building to accommodate 200 people.
  - (A) Contractor has been employed, grading to start soon
4. Bond program
  - (A) Bond Chairman has been elected
  - (B) Appeal for churches to support at 10 cents per member.

The following report covers the period of time from the first dollar received in 1969 (March in fact) until April, 1971. This is a report of the general fund and is not to be confused with the new Bond Program.

The Total Money Received: \$5,618.39

### EXPENDITURES

\$1,180.20	Sam Stocton for grading and shaping grounds.
5.15	Gastonia F.C.X. for sign posts.
32.90	Charles Reed for plastic pipe for pool.
304.80	Marion F.C.X. for sowing down grounds.
13.58	Hubert Rikard for use of truck to carry sign to camp ground.
10.00	Sherman Branch for travel.
48.00	Charles Reed for running pipe from creek to pool.
163.77	W. G. Jones for sign and directional signs.
30.00	Childers and Fowler (Attorneys) for two agreements.
45.50	W. R. Chambree (Attorney) for drawing up deed.
421.20	G. T. Shipman for boring well.
10.00	Merial Davis for cutting grass.
327.85	Explosive Supply Co. for gravel for pool.
713.70	C & C Fencing Co. for fence around pool.
175.72	Callhan Cabinet Shop for two privies. (out-houses)
8.00	Kenneth Sigmon for travel.
6.00	McDowell County for wire inspection.
563.00	Faw Plumbing & Heating for pump and installation.
14.30	Hammack-Derr Hardware for paint for privies.
11.02	Duke Power Company.
99.62	Wallace Walker for wiring pump house and pump.
49.22	Marion Equipment Co. for fixing Mr. Arrowood's tractor so it could be used cutting grass on camp site.
248.75	U. S. Pencil Co. for Arrowood Ball Point Pens.
469.64	Faw Plumbing & Heating for building pump house.
386.25	Commercial Printers for Arrowood Assembly Brochures.
133.99	Homer Arrowood for telephone and travel expense.

Total Income	\$5,618.39
Total Spent	5,477.16
Now in Bank	\$ 141.23

### REPORT OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION'S BOND PROGRAM—APRIL 15, 1971

#### CHURCHES

#### GIFTS

Cramerton	\$218.00
First Stanley	98.00
Mt. Holly	70.00
First Gastonia	60.80
West Fifth Avenue	60.00
Ridgeview	50.00

Lowell . . . . .	60.00
Ben Avenue . . . . .	35.60
Mountain View . . . . .	25.00
Mary Grove . . . . .	10.00
First Maiden . . . . .	5.00

TOTAL CHURCHES 11

TOTAL GIFTS \$692.40

**NOTE:** Those bonds are to be sold and the money applied only on the "BIG DOUBLE WING BARRACK, KITCHEN-DINING, LOUNGE, OFFICE, etc. . . ." building on the Arrowood Assembly grounds. The money received from the churches (ten cents per member per week or month as the case may be) is to be used for retiring the bonds only.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS BOARD

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

1. Be 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 congressman 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 grammar 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 merge 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.
8. Be it resolved that we urge our Churches and parents to take a firm stand against the new text books being placed in our schools such books as contain profanity, lewd pictures and especially since they are bad for our children.
9. Be it resolved that we urge our churches and pastors to take an offering for the Arrowood assembly on the 4th Sunday in May every Year.
10. Be it resolved that we urge our churches to set aside one Sunday in the year for pastors Appreciation day.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Rev. John R. Newton  
 Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board met in the month of August and laid plans for a District Child Evangelism Seminar to be conducted. Miss Mary Ellen Rice and Miss Joan Fifer, who were full-time trained workers in the Liberty Church in Durham were invited to teach this course, and they graciously consented. The meeting was held at the Cramerton church and the response and attendance was most encouraging. Three weeks later a workshop was conducted and Ethel Whaley was asked to teach it; introducing the approach and procedures of organizing and successfully conducting a Club.

We report that, to our knowledge, two Five-Day Clubs have been conducted and three regular weekly Bible Clubs. Bessemer City and Pecan Grove reports a real interest being manifested and good response on the part of the communities in which these clubs are established.

We trust that all of our churches may grasp the vision of this community ministry and endeavor to organize an effort to get Bible Clubs in as many the areas as possible.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Ethel Whaley  
Georgia Calvert

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We are thrilled with the growth of our Sunday Schools, in our Western Piedmont Association. All our churches seem to be on the move now, and we do praise the Lord for the people who are helping in the work of our Sunday School. We thank the Lord for our dedicated teachers, that are so faithful to their classes, and the teaching of God's word, we need more dedicated men and women to teach our youth of today. We also need teachers' training classes to help our teachers to know how to be better teachers. We do encourage our people to attend Piedmont Bible Institute, or some other Christian School. We believe in doing so you will be better prepared to teach the word of God.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. William Calvert  
Rev. Roy Rikard  
John Lutz

## MASTERS MEN REPORT

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 that they 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 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Grady Carroll  
Oscar Sullivan  
William Calvert

## REPORT OF C.T.S. BOARD

The C.T.S. Board met in May at the home of Mrs. Robert Parris. Those present were Mrs. Parris and Johnnie Murphy. The program for the Youth Rally at the First Church in Gastonia was made out. M/S/C to have Rev. Wayne Watson to bring the message. We were pleased to see the large crowd of young people that took part in the rally.

### NOVEMBER

The C.T.S. Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute with Johnnie Murphy and Mrs. Parris present. The program for the Youth Rally to be held at the Ben Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. was made out. Rev. Mike Mirrow is to be the guest speaker at this rally. The meeting at the Ben Avenue Church was well attended and Rev. Mirrow brought a wonderful message. We could see our rallies growing in every rally.

### MARCH, 1971

The C.T.S. Board met at the Piedmont Bible Institute to make the program for the Youth Rally at North Belmont at the Goshen Church. Rev. Larry Abernathy was to be the guest speaker. When this rally met the District Competition was held. The Tic Tac Toe team from the First Church in Gastonia won first place and the Sword Drill from Cramerton won first place. We do praise the Lord for our young people. We had a large crowd at this rally and we urge each church to help support the youth work.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Johnnie Murphy  
Mrs. Robert Parris

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

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

1. That we encourage our people to have family devotions and prayer, and study the greatest publication ever written, The Holy Bible.
2. That we encourage our people to get out the printed word by every means available to them as the Lord presents the opportunity.
3. That we encourage the reading and distribution of Christian Literature especially to our young people, and take a firm stand against Pornography and other such literature.
4. That we remind our churches and our people that we have a full time book store and that any of our needed supplies and books can be provided for us by the State Book Store.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rev. Ralph Willis  
Rev. D. L. Whaley

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Piedmont Bible Institute is recommended for all Free Will Baptists and others who may be interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Bible as well as Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

We also recommend the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee for all high school graduates. It is especially recommended for those who are planning to enter the ministry and the mission field.

We commend the Piedmont Bible Institute and Free Will Baptist Bible College for their faithful service to the denomination, and we encourage each church to support both facilities with its prayers as well as financial support.

It is also recommended that each church set aside at least one Sunday of each year for a Christian Education Day. At this time the local congregation could become better informed of the necessity of seeing that our Free Will Baptist youth get a Christian education at an institution designed to strengthen what has already been taught.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Grady C. Williams, Chairman  
Robert Rose, Member  
D. L. Whaley, Member

## REPORT OF HOME FOR AGED

We recommend that you visit our rest home in Burnsville, N. C. It would be a great blessing to you to see the wonderful work they are doing for our people. We feel like caring for the aged is the duty and responsibility of our churches. We would like to recommend that the churches support our home and that the Auxiliaries help supply their needs by furnishing sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, etc.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Wauren Arrowood  
Mrs. M. T. Sparks  
Mrs. N. W. Holt

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Respectfully Submitted:  
 Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr.  
 Rev. Roy Rikard  
 Rev. M. T. Sparks

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

APRIL 1970 TO APRIL 1971

**BEN AVENUE:** Kannapolis, N. C.

**SUPPLY PASTOR:** Rev. Drexler Benton, 109 S. Rose Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Bernice Hunsucker, 620 Miller St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 178. Members received: 51. By baptism-33, by letter-8, by statement-10. Members dismissed: 8. By letter-7, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 158. C. T. S.: 74. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Total offering received: \$15,469.16. Pastor's salary-\$3,840.00, Evangelistic work-\$406.66, Building and repair-\$6,192.10, Literature-\$496.16, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$139.19, Foreign Missions-\$284.00, Education-\$260.00. Value of Church property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$89.00.

**BESSEMER CITY:** Bessemer City, N. C.

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

**CHURCH CLERK:** Susan Browne, P. O. Box, Gastonia, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 69. Members received: 28. By baptism-21, by letter-7. Members dismissed: 29. By letter-7, excluded-22. Sunday School enrollment: 85. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$6,903.00. Pastor's salary-\$3,900.00, Evangelistic work-\$510.00, Building and repair-\$300.00, Housing-\$600.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$75.00, Miscellaneous-\$300.00, Others-\$918.00, Foreign Missions-\$200.00. Value of Church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$15.00.

**BOGER CITY:** Boger City, N. C.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Robert Rose, 128 Reid St., Lincolnton, N. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Grady Williams, 110 Maple Circle, Belmont, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 35. Members received: 4. By letter-3, by statement-1. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-1, excluded-1. Sunday School enrollment: 57. Total offering received: \$4,225.71. Pastor's salary-\$1,413.52, Evangelistic work-\$95.00, Building and repair-\$2,659.00, Literature-\$172.15. Total local expenditures: \$4,457.76. Education-\$50.00, Associational Projects-\$72.11. 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 Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

**CHURCH CLERK:** Mrs. Gladys Sullivan, 51 Smith Ave., Lancaster, S. C.

Church membership: 48. Members received: 20. By baptism-12, by letter-3, by statement-5. Members dismissed: 4. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Total offering received: \$5,791.12. General offering: \$5,313.42. Building fund-\$477.70. Pastor's salary-\$1,240.00, Evangelistic work-\$95.00, Literature-\$117.94, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$24.00, Miscellaneous-\$1,291.63, Others-\$395.00. Total expenditures: \$3,236.23. Home Missions-\$18.95. Value of Church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$20.00.



CRAMERTON: Cramerton, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Robert Parris, Route #2 Box 503, Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 279. Members received: 66. By baptism-34, by letter-8, by statement-24. Members dismissed: 42. By letter-16, excluded-24, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 389. C. T. S.: 268. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 34. Total offering: \$42,469.95. Pastor's salary-\$7,570.00, Evangelistic work-\$529.95, Building and repair-\$3,903.52, Literature-\$2,788.33, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$480.00, Miscellaneous-\$7,788.33, Others-\$8,832.89. Total local expenditures: \$31,824.36. Foreign Missions-\$2,060.00, Home Missions-\$2,020.00, Education-\$1,975.00, Superannuation-\$480.00, Associational Projects-\$210.00, State and National Projects-\$600.00, Others-\$2,911.89. Total outside expenditures: \$7,285.00. Value of Church property: \$275,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$139.50.

EAST BELMONT: Belmont, N. C.

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

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

Ordained ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 64. Members received: 2. By baptism-2. Members dismissed: 4. Deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 84. C. T. S.: 16. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 11. Total offering received: \$9,770.00. General offering: \$1,220.00. Pastor's salary-\$4,680.00, Building and repair-\$643.00, Literature-\$274.00, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$24.75, Miscellaneous-\$500.00, Others-\$1,720.00. Total local expenditures: \$7,841.75. Foreign Missions-\$66.00, Home Missions-\$95.00, Board of care-\$28.00, Associational Projects-\$30.00. Total outside expenditures: \$291.00. Value of Church property: \$46,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$32.00.

EMMANUEL: Dallas, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. J. C. Almond, 1510 Forstoria Dr., Gastonia, N. C.

No Report.

FIRST CHURCH: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. William Calvert, 402 E. 5th Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

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

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 9. Church membership: 160. Members received: 20. Members dismissed: 12. By letter-8, deceased-4. Sunday School enrollment: 258. C. T. S.: 89. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Total offering received: \$27,802.61. Building fund-\$2,350.00. Pastor's salary-\$6,350.00, Evangelistic work-\$400.00, Building and repair-\$2,225.00, Miscellaneous-\$4,250.00, Foreign Missions-\$1,475.00, Home Missions-\$987.50, Superannuation-\$272.40, Associational Projects-\$1,100.00, State and National Projects-\$240.00. Value of Church property: \$100,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$80.00.

FIRST CHURCH: Stanley, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Jo Ann Beatty, Rt. #1 Box 640, Stanley, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 134. Members received: 13. By baptism-4, by letter-2, by statement-5. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 200. C. T. S.: 76. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$27,567.63. General offering: \$25,242.38. Building fund-\$2,324.25. Pastor's salary-\$5,845.00, Evangelistic work-\$486.00, Building and repair-\$1,810.00, Literature-\$948.75, Miscellaneous-\$14,972.11, Bus expense-\$230.58. Total local expenditures: \$24,298.92, Home Missions-\$340.00, Education-\$948.75, Superannuation-\$1,052.40, Associational Projects-\$161.00, State and National Projects-\$475.00. Total outside expenditures: \$2,977.15. Value of Church property: \$65,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$72.50.

FIRST CHURCH: Maiden, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Weldon Gill, 703 N. Main Ave., Maiden, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Charles Mace, Rt. #2, Maiden, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 18. Members received: 18. By letter-12, by statement-6. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Total offering received: \$2,082.44. Pastor's salary-\$253.00, Evangelistic work-\$59.00, Building and repair-\$205.00, Literature-\$38.00, Miscellaneous-\$75.00, Others-\$1,382.00. Total local expenditures: \$2,003.00. Associational Projects-\$5.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$9.00.

GOSHEN: N. Belmont, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr., P. O. Box 223, North Belmont, N. C.

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 140. Members received: 24. By baptism-5, by letter-15, by statement-4. Members dismissed: 4. By letter-4, deceased-5, Sunday School enrollment: 180. C. T. S.: 51. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 30. Total offering received: \$31,598.36. Building fund-\$48,000.00, Pastor's salary-\$5,900.00, Evangelistic work-\$185.00, Building and repair-\$3,337.09, Literature-\$804.36. Total local expenditures: \$28,670.53, Foreign Missions-\$397.32, Home Missions-\$170.00, Education-\$249.50, Superannuation-\$72.00, Associational Projects-\$378.50, State and National Projects-\$132.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,387.16. Value of Church property: \$87,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$70.00.

LOWELL: Lowell, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Marsha B. Rolen, P. O. Box 356, Dallas, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 1. Church membership: 96. Members received: 9. By baptism-3, by letter-6. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 114. C. T. S.: 18. Total offering received: \$10,787.79. General Offering: \$10,464.19. Building fund-\$323.60. Pastor's salary-\$4,860.00, Evangelistic work-\$288.70, Building and repair-\$2,649.70, Literature-\$390.85, Advertising (radio programs, etc.)-\$24.00, Miscellaneous-\$3,427.84, Total local expenditures: \$11,755.76. Foreign Missions-\$40.00, Orphanage-\$10.00, Associational Projects-\$90.00, State and National Projects-\$107.50. Total outside expenditures: \$247.50. Value of Church property: \$80,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$7,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$35.60.

MARY GROVE: Cherryville, N. C.

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

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

Ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 20. Members received: 4. By baptism-4. Members dismissed: 2. Excluded-2. Sunday School enrollment: 54. Total offering received: \$2,382.59. General offering: \$2,052.52. Building fund-\$333.00, Pastor's Salary-\$325.00, Building and repair-\$1,196.02, Literature-\$74.21, Advertising (Radio Programs, etc.)-\$183.38, Miscellaneous-\$135.52. Others-\$135.73. Total local expenditures: \$2,049.56. Education-\$72.04, Associational Projects-\$15.00. Total outside expenditures: \$87.04. Value of Church property: \$12,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$10.00.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Dallas, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Wayne Norris, 837 Howard St., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained Ministers: 1. Church membership: 50. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 45. Total offering received: \$5,888.54. General offering: \$5,888.54. Pastor's salary-\$41,040.00. Evangelistic work-\$75.00. Building and repair-\$1,098.40, Literature-\$69.81. Others-\$3,605.30. Total local expenditures: \$3,605.30. Home Missions-\$35.00. Value of Church property: \$15,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

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

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

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

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 119. Members received: 20. By baptism-10. Members dismissed: 3. By Letter-3. Sunday School enrollment: 165. Woman's Auxiliary Membership: 16. Total offering received: \$16,591.91. General offering: \$15,385.93. Pastor's salary-\$5,280.00, Evangelistic work-\$175.00. Building and repair-\$476.83, Literature-\$382.64, Miscellaneous-\$9,901.03. Total local expenditures: \$16,215.50. Value of Church property: \$90,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$13,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$59.50.

OPEN DOOR: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Charles Ruff, 1515 N. Modena St., Gastonia, N. C.

No report. This is a new church just organized.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Wayne Watson, 602 S. Chestnut St., Gastonia, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. John Huss, Dallas, N. C.

Church membership: 37. Members received: 6. By baptism-1, By letter-3, By statement-2, Members dismissed: 3, By letter-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 79. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received-\$6,257.74. Pastor's salary-\$4,839.45, Evangelistic work-\$10.00, Building and repair-\$46.00, Literature-\$258.93, Miscellaneous-\$821.83. Total local expenditures: \$5,976.21. Combined fees for local State and National Association: \$75.00. Total outside expenditures: \$75.00. Value of Church property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$25.00.

PLEASANT HILL: Maiden, N. C.

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

No report.

RIDGEVIEW: Rt. 6, Box 726J, Charlotte, N. C.

PASTOR: Rev. Vess Galloway, Box 493D, Mt. Holly, N. C.

CHURCH CLERK: Jack Jenkins, Rt. 6, Box 726M, Charlotte, N. C.

Ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 56. Members received: 30. By Baptism-15, By letter-5, By statement-10. Sunday School enrollment: 73. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Total offering received: \$8,266.77. General offering: \$5,760.69, Building fund-\$2,506.08, Pastor's salary-\$3,380.58, Evangelistic work-\$14.00, Building and repair-\$3,745.40, Literature-\$96.73, Miscellaneous-\$125.00. Total local expenditures: \$7,487.71. Foreign Missions-\$150.23. Associational Projects-\$138.38. Total outside expenditures: \$288.61. Value of Church property: \$7,500.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$28.00.

SPRINGWOOD: North Belmont, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Helen Chitwood, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.

Licensed ministers: 1. Ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 40. Members received: 23. By baptism-10, By statement-13, Members dismissed: 7. Sunday School enrollment: 90. Total offering received: \$22,051.25. General offering: \$7,135.13. Building fund-\$14,916.12, Pastor's salary-\$1,560.00, Evangelistic work-\$218.00, Building and repair-\$14,440.81, Literature-\$163.60, Advertising (Radio Programs, etc.)-\$858.00, Miscellaneous-\$2,749.92, Others-\$399.19. Total local expenditures: \$20,389.52. Value of Church property: \$35,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$20.00.

WEST FIFTH AVENUE: Gastonia, N. C.

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Shirley Best, 2700 Gail Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

Ordained ministers: 2. Ordained deacons: 11. Church membership: 119. Members received: 24. By baptism-9, By letter-5, By statement-10. Members dismissed: 20. By letter-14, by exclusion-5, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 110. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Total offering received: \$17,114.74. General offering: \$16,209.11. Building fund-\$905.63, Pastor's salary-\$6,210.00, Evangelistic work-\$220.00, Building and repair-\$1,974.15, Literature-\$351.78. Miscellaneous-\$5,275.17, Other-\$770.00. Total local expenditures: \$14,801.10. Foreign Missions-\$130.00, Home Missions-\$31.79, Orphanage-\$49.00, Superannuation-\$271.40, Associational Projects-\$67.30, State and National Projects-\$31.79, Total outside expenditures: \$517.70. Value of Church property: \$70,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$60.00.

**MINISTER'S REPORT**  
**(Those Who Turned In Cards)**

**BILLY ALLEN:** Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-5, Professions Witnessed-60, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-24, Funerals Preached-6, Miles Traveled-40,000, Amount Received-\$6,210.00.

**J. C. ALMOND:** Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-13, Funerals Preached-1.

**HOMER ARWOOD:** Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-48, Number Baptized-12, Miles Traveled-24,000, Amount Received-\$5,280.00.

**SHERMAN BRANCH:** Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1.

**DREXLER BENTON:**

**BUREL BRYANT:** Sermons Preached-25, Professions Witnessed-3, Funerals Preached-1, Miles Traveled-1,300, Amount Received-\$300.00.

**WILLIAM CALVERT:** Sermons Preached-145, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-65, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-12, Miles Traveled-23,000, Amount Received-\$6,350.00.

**JOE CARTER:** Sermons Preached-30.

**JOHNNIE E. FLOYD:** Sermons Preached-74, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-33, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-24, Funerals Preached-6, Miles Traveled-17,600, Amount Received-\$5,900.00, Weddings-2.

**WELDON GILL:** Sermons Preached-72, Churches Pastored-2, Professions Witnessed-10, Churches Organized-1, Amount Received-\$2,000.00.

**CLARENCE GREEN:** Sermons Preached-50, Professions Witnessed-10, Number Baptized-4, Funerals Preached-2, Amount Received-\$52.00.

**L. G. GRAY:** Sermons Preached-95, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-15, Additions to Church-9.

**VESS GALLOWAY:** Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-2, Professions Witnessed-40, Number Baptized-15, Additions to Church-30, Churches Organized-1, Miles Traveled-14,000, Amount Received-\$3,380.58.

**NATHAN W. HOLT:** Sermons Preached-24, Professions Witnessed-2, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-500, Amount Received-\$25.00.

**ERNEST KING:** Sermons Preached-3.

**CHARLES RUFF:** Sermons Preached-20, Churches Pastored-1.

ROY RIKARD: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-3, Professions Witnessed-39, Number Baptized-34, Additions to Church-66, Funerals Preached-12.

ROBERT ROSE: Sermons Preached-80, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-5.

WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached-20, Professions Witnessed-4, Miles Traveled-100, Amount Received-\$150.00.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-135, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-17, Number Baptized-8, Additions to Church-14, Funerals Preached-7.

GATHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-11, Professions Witnessed-3.

OSCAR SULLIVAN: Sermons Preached-102, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals Held-1, Professions Witnessed-25, Number Baptized-5, Additions to Church-20, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-500, Amount Received-\$1,410.00.

MURRAY SPARKS: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-6, Number Baptized-2, Additions to Church-2, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-1,000, Amount Received-\$4,680.00, Weddings-4.

CARL E. STEELE: Sermons Preached-100, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-14, Number Baptized-5, Funerals Preached-2, Miles Traveled-200, Amount Received-\$520.00.

HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-4, Funerals Preached-6, Amount Received-\$1,040.00.

FLOYD WALKER: Sermons Preached-8, Professions Witnessed-4.

RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-92, Churches Pastored-1, Professions Witnessed-12, Number Baptized-4, Additions to Church-4, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-5,000.

WAYNE WATSON: Sermons Preached-132, Churches Pastored-1, Additions to Church-6, Funerals Preached-3, Miles Traveled-3,100, Amount Received-\$4,839.45.



