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BOGER CITY, BOGER CITY, NC	Rev. Earl Bittle
CENTER GROVE, WAXHAW, NC	Rev. Wayne Dills
COMMUNITY, INDIAN TRAIL, NC	Rev. T. R. Smith
CRAMERTON, CRAMERTON, NC	Rev. Roy Rikard
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FIRST, CHARLOTTE, NC	Rev. Herbert Winchester
FIRST, CHINA GROVE, NC	Rev. Weldon Key
FIRST, DALLAS, NC	Rev. Thomas Rogers
FIRST, GASTONIA, NC	Rev. William Calvert
FIRST, STANLEY, NC	Rev. Sherman Branch
GOSHEN, NORTH BELMONT, NC	Rev. Bennie Turner
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LIVING HOPE, GASTONIA, NC	Rev. David Hovis
LOWELL, LOWELL, NC	Rev. Lloyd Gray
MABLE AVENUE, KANNAPOLIS, NC	Rev. Thomas Rolen
MARY GROVE, CHERRYVILLE, NC	Rev. Edward Faulkner
MOUNTAIN VIEW, DALLAS, NC	Rev. Homer Savage
MOUNT HOLLY, MOUNT HOLLY, NC	Rev. Homer Arrowood
MOUNT ZION, KANNAPOLIS, NC	Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Sr.
OPEN DOOR, GASTONIA, NC	Rev. Charles Ruff
PECAN GROVE, GASTONIA, NC	Rev. Henry Gibson
SAVING GRACE, BESSEMER CITY, NC	Rev. Robert Hildebrand
SPRINGWOOD, NORTH BELMONT, NC	Rev. John R. Newton
WEST FIFTH AVENUE, GASTONIA, NC	Rev. Billy Allen

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 Church shall send by the hand of their delegates a report of all the 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 receive Churches into this body. All Churches wishing to come into this Association must petition the Executive Board before the Annual Association. No Church shall be accepted at the Annual Association with out first consulting the Executive Board. 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 on 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 Association 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 absence from the body denies a member voting privileges for that session.
15. It is urged that each member let Christian charity rule in every situation.
16. A quorum of at least nine members must be present in order to conduct any legal Associational business. These rules may be altered, amended, or suspended at any regular business meeting of the Association, provided that a quorum shall be present.

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) 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 until he is called for full-time Christian work provided he has proved himself for one year, is faithful, of sound character, and doctrine. If he is called for full-time work and 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 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.
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.

ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY YOUTH CAMP

1. Campers and counselors are not permitted to leave the ground without permission from the director.
2. All campers and counselors are expected to be prompt at all meals and meetings unless excused by the director.
3. Campers and counselors are required to attend all classes, chapel, evening programs, campfire, cabin devotions, and recreation activities.
4. Athletic equipment and facilities are under the control of the recreation director and may be used only as specified by him.
5. Every camper, counselor and staff member must be responsible for his own bath cloths, towels, soap, sheets, blankets, pillow and pillow case, dress clothes, sport clothes, Bible, pencils, note book, ball glove, toilet articles, camera, and musical instruments.
6. Campers should not bring radios, record players, flashlights, tape players, or cassettes to camp.
7. Absolute quiet and attention is expected from every camper during chapel, classes, and fireside programs. Enter the chapel with a spirit of reverence and leave as orderly as possible. These services should be high moments of inspiration.
8. Campers and counselors are required to stay in their cabins each night from the sounding of "lights out" bell until the rising bell, except as directed by the director, no lights or noise will be permitted in the cabins during sleeping hours.
- 9A. The following dress code will be observed for all campers, counselors, staff members, and workers: Girls modest apparel, no shorts or tight clothing. Slacks or pant suits will be permitted during recreation and free time, but dresses must be worn during class time, meal time, and all worship times, and these dresses must be knee length, all girls' swimsuits must be modest and one piece only.
- 9B. No clothing will be permitted with slogans carrying evil suggestions or impressions, (this applies to both boys and girls).
- 9C. Boys must wear half sleeve sport or dress shirts during classes, meals, worship and other religious activities, during recreation and off time T-shirts may be worn. Boys must wear shirts, long pants, shoes and socks at all classes, meal time and worship time.
If a person does not comply with this dress code, his parents will be called and requested to either bring the proper clothing for the child or come and pick their child up and take him home.
10. No "gripping" will be tolerated, any necessary complaints must be made to the counselor or camp director.
11. We encourage a wholesome relationship between the boys and girls, but will not allow any evidence of familiarity. Boys and girls will be separated by age groups and cabins and each cabin will be separated by groups and at no time will be boys be allowed in the girls area or girls allowed in boys area. There will be ample time for fellowship together.

12. All campers, counselors and staff members will be fully covered by hospital and accident insurance.
13. Any case of illness or injury, or infection must be reported at once as failure to do so may jeopardize any claim for insurance.
14. There will be no in-coming or out-going telephone calls except in case of emergency.
15. All bathers must wear bath robes to and from the swimming pool.
16. We will have no mixed swimming and a qualified life guard will be on duty at all times.
17. No smoking at all during youth camp.
18. Everyday will be started with prayer, and pledge to the Christian Flag and the U.S.A. Flag.

Recommendation Adopted at the 1972-1973 Annual Session Page 22.
M/S/C that Arrowood Assembly be confined to the Association.

CHURCH DELEGATES

BEN AVENUE — Chuck Odom, Joan Odom
 BESSEMER CITY — None
 BETHLEHEM — None
 BOGER CITY — Floyd Drum, Crystal Drum, Sue Fisher
 CENTER GROVE — Etta Mae Robinson, Etta Leary, Viola Harrison, Mary Presson
 CHINA GROVE — None
 COMMUNITY — Frances Warner, Ricky Price, Patsy Wilson
 EAST BELMONT — Mrs. M. T. Sparks
 EMMANUEL — Stanley Smith, Tony Long
 FIRST, DALLAS — Betty Lainer, Jewel Baker, Roxanna McGinnis, Delores Harwood
 FIRST, GASTONIA — W. A. Bradley, Mrs. W. A. Bradley
 FIRST, STANLEY — Kenneth D. Sigmon, J. T. Hamrick, Eddie Marlowe
 LAUREL — Sally Winebarger, Francis Stancill
 LIVING HOPE — Doris Hovis, Ola Riley
 LOWELL — Mrs. L. D. Gray
 MABEL AVENUE — Marsha Rolon, Juanita Bailey, Ronnie Joines
 MARY GROVE — None
 MOUNT HOLLY — Clarence Hester, Larry Hartsell, Ronald Harrison, Michael Fisher
 MOUNTAIN VIEW — None
 PECAN GROVE — Roy Gibson, Steve Cobb, Terry Mayhue, Clifford Whitworth
 SAVING GRACE — Betty Drawdy, Nancy Hildebrand, James Drawdy
 SPRINGWOOD — Harold Nealy, Frank J. Wallace
 WEST FIFTH AVE. — None

MINISTERS

Larry Abernathy, Homer Arrowood, Earl Bittle, Sherman Branch, Burel Bryant, Drexler L. Benton, W. H. Calvert, Wayne Dills, L. D. Gray, G. Herman Griffin, Henry Gibson, H. L. Gulledge, K. L. Hardesin, Robert Hildebrand, David Hovis, Travis Huffman, Weldon Key, John R. Newton, James Pauley, L. C. Rankin, Tom Rogers, Charles Ruff, Tom Rolen, Jason Salyer, Homer Savage, James Stancill, Macon Smith, T. K. Smith, M. T. Sparks, Gaither Summitt, Bobby G. Weathers, D. Lee Whaley, Ralph L. Willis, Herb Winchester.

VISITORS (Who Registered)

Iva Lee Ballard, Reid McGinnis, Brenda McGinnis, Faye Faulks, Christine Snipes, Wilma Key, Mrs. Ricky Price, Ricky Price, Mrs. Burel Bryant, Mrs. Robert Parris, Dianne Lewis, Katherine Gafford, Bill Carter, Warren Key, Harold McManus, Sharon Bittle, Roger Lewis, Betty Summitt, Terry Astley, Anna Drawdy, Jamie Drawdy, Ruth B. Helms, Etta Branch, Jo Ann Astley, Pat Hamrick, Sharon Arrowood, Sharon Hartsell, Mrs. Wayne Dills, Lacy Helms, Mike L. Messer, Eugene Mattie King, Connie L. Hester, Alice Smith, Walter Smith, Ruth Pryor, Robin Hovis, Robert Baker, Eugene Warner.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Howard Messer.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

April 15, 1976

The Western Piedmont Association began its 10th Annual Session on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the First Church, Dallas, N.C. with approximately two hundred ministers, delegates, and visitors in attendance. The service began with Mrs. Peggy Bryant leading the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "He Loves Me." Rev. Arrowood made opening remarks and received the welcome from Rev. Thomas Rogers, host pastor. An offering for Arrowood Assembly was received while the congregation sang "I Would Not Be Denied," and "I Feel Like Traveling On." The Landmark Trio from Boger City Church sang "One Day" and "That Beautiful Shore." After a delay in the arrival of the key-note speaker, Rev. Arrowood then appointed Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Rev. Homer Savage and Buck Bryant to serve as the Credential Committee. After the congregation sang "Glory To His Name," the service was given to Rev. Ronald Creech who brought the key-note message.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 16, 1976

The service began with the congregation singing "He Abides" and "The Eastern Gate." Rev. Thomas Rogers gave the welcome. The moderator introduced Rev. Kenneth Hardison who brought devotions. Next the clerk called the Association to order. The Moderator's remarks were heard. M/S/C to adopt the Program, Rules of Decorum, and reading of By-laws and Constitution. Next the Moderator introduced Rev. Ronald Creech who brought remarks concerning the state work: State Youth Rally, May 15, at Liberty Church in Durham, Ladies' Auxiliary at Grifton Church on May 4, State Association June 14 and 15 at First Church in Stanley, June 21, 22, financial school for pastors—Registration is \$60 at Fellowship FWB Church, Durham, N.C. M/S/C to accept the Credential Committee partial report—22 ministers registered, 22 churches, and receipts totaling \$1,103.00. Next, visitors were recognized. M/S/C to accept the partial report of the Nominating Committee—Grady Williams was elected as clerk and Mrs. Peggy Bryant was elected as assistant clerk. M/S/C to accept motion to have roll call of ministers on Thursday night and Friday morning. M/S/C to accept Executive Board Report. Worship service began at 11:00 with congregation singing "Oh I Want To See Him" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Special singing was rendered by the Pryor Trio. Rev. Thomas Rolan brought the Friday morning message on "The Second Coming."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

April 16, 1976

Service began with congregation singing "The Old Account Settled." The Rev. T. K. Smith brought devotions on "Soul-Winning." M/S/C to accept report of Ordaining Council. The Moderator introduced Rev. Jason Salyer who gave a report on The Shelby Mission. M/S/C to accept Christian Education

Board Report. M/S/C that a mission board be elected and that this board function for this association, and each church support missions thru this board. This mission board will be elected at the Saturday morning session.

No Sunday School Board report. No Report of CTS Board. M/S/C to accept Insurance and Retirement Board. No report of Publication Board. M/S/C to accept report of Master's Men. M/S/C to accept report of Home for Aged. M/S/C to accept Progress report of Arrowood Assembly Board: Camp will be Aug. 7-12 and Aug. 13-19. April 26-27 will be a work day at Arrowood Assembly. M/S/C to adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

April 16, 1976

Service began with two songs, "The Gloryland Way" and "Glad Reunion Day." After the mission offering was received, the Moderator introduced Harold Harrelson from the National Sunday School Dept. (There will be a Teachers' institute at Shelby Mission May 3-6 from 7:00 p.m.-8:55 p.m.)

Moderator appointed Rev. James Pauley to serve on Resolutions Committee. Special music was provided by the Christianaires from the Ben Avenue Church, who sang "Troubled Soul" and "Win the Lost at Any Cost."

After the song service, the Moderator introduced the mission speaker, Rev. Howard Messer, pastor of Meadowbrook Church, Black Mountain, N.C. His text was taken from John 1.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

April 17, 1976

Service began with two songs, "Christ Arose" and "He Lives." The devotions were given by Rev. David Hovis. The Rev. Harold Harrelson was introduced. Business session began with unfinished business: M/S/C to accept Financial report of Arrowood Assembly.

Mission Board was elected as follows and will draw up their own guidelines to be presented at a special called meeting or at a quarterly fellowship meeting: Lloyd Gray, Sherman Branch, and Lee Whaley.

M/S/C to accept report of Children's Home Board. M/S/C to accept report of Publications. M/S to combine Christian Education, CTS, and Sunday School Board. M/S/C to table until next annual session. M/S/C that association begin on Friday morning with key-note speaker, that Friday night service still be mission service and close the annual session at 12 noon Saturday. M/S/C to accept report of Finance Committee. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report. M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee report. M/S/C to accept resignation of Rev. Thomas Rogers from the Camp Arrowood Board of Directors. This term will expire in 1977. M/S/C that Rev. James Pauley replace Rev. Rogers.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Gaither Summitt, Rev. Ralph Willis, and Rev. William Calvert. M/S/C to accept resignation of Lee Whaley from Publication Board. M/S/C that Rev. Burel Bryant fill the vacancy.

The Delegates to represent this association June 14 and 15 at the State meeting at First Church of Stanley are: Nancy Hildebrand, Peggy Bryant, Marsha Rolen, Mandy Gray, Betty Drawdy, and Doris Hovis.

The selection of churches for Quarterly Fellowship meetings are as follows:

Mount Holly church in July, First Church of China Grove in October, and Lowell church in January. The selection of the church for the annual meeting in April was First Church in Charlotte.

M/S/C to accept Resolution Committee report, and give the host church and the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks. M/S/C to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

June 21, 1975

The Executive Board met at the Boger City Church with the following members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Rev. John Newton, Member.

The following business was transacted:

M/S/C to delete names from the Nominating Committee from the Annual minutes as this committee was not appointed at the Annual Association.

M/S/C to appoint the following to serve as the Nominating Committee: Rev. Weldon Key, Rev. Thomas Rogers, and Rev. James Stancil.

Discussion centered around the motion stating that all boards give mimeographed copies of their reports to delegates at the next annual session.

The Quarterly Fellowship Meeting at the Mount Holly Church, July 26, 1975, was adopted as follows: Call to Worship, Annie Lee Miskelly; Welcome, Rev. Homer Arrowood; Special Singing, First Church, Stanley; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Singing, Annie Lee Miskelly; Film—"To Russia With Love". (328 people were in attendance).

October 3, 1975

The Executive Board met with the Mable Avenue Church, Kannapolis, with the following members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer; Rev. John Newton, Member.

After a congregational song, and several special numbers by members of the congregation, the pastor, Rev. Thomas Rolan, spoke on "Unity." The service was then turned over to Rev. Earl Bittle who gave several opening remarks and introduced the other members of the Executive Board. The Clerk read the Constitution and the By-Laws.

A discussion period followed with questions from the Executive Board on such topics as "Eternal Security" and the Charismatic Movement.

M/S/C to accept the Mable Avenue Church pending the Annual Association.

M/S/C to adopt the following program for the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting at the Bethlehem Church, Kannapolis: Call to Worship, J. C. Calvert; Welcome, Rev. Herman Griffin; Special Singing, Goshen Church; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Song, J. C. Calvert; Speaker, Rev. Bob Hildebrand. (175 people were in attendance.)

November 14, 1975

The Executive Board met with the United Church, Concord, with the following members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer; Rev. John Newton, Member.

After a congregational song, special songs were sung by members of the church. Rev. Earl Bittle read the devotional text and then introduced the other members of the Executive Board. The Clerk then read portions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Doctrine, and Church Covenant.

The church entered into a lively discussion concerning the Charismatic Movement. Most of those present spoke in sympathy with that movement. After the Executive Board explained that Free Will Baptists do not speak in tongues and they should refrain from doing so if they were going to be a Free Will

Baptist Church, the United Church voted not to join this association. (Several years prior the church had been a member of the Piedmont Association of the Connectional Free Will Baptists.)

January 9, 1976

The Executive Board met at the Boger City Church with the following members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer; Rev. Tom Rogers, Proxy for Rev. M. T. Sparks.

M/S/C to adopt the following program for the Quarterly Fellowship meeting to be at the Mount Holly Church, January 24, 1976: Call to Worship, Elizabeth Bell; Welcome, Rev. Homer Arrowood; Special Singing, Mount Holly Church; Arrowood Assembly Offering; Congregational Song, Elizabeth Bell; Speaker, Rev. Ken Hardison. (205 people attended.)

M/S/C that officers of committees give their addresses and telephone numbers to the chairman of their respective boards and then pass these on to the Clerk to be published in the annual minutes.

M/S/C that the Cramerton Church, Open Door Church, and the Ridgeview Church be written a letter as to their intentions of remaining a member of this association.

Since this motion, the Open Door pastor, Rev. Charles Ruff, attended the Quarterly Fellowship Meeting at Mount Holly Church and therefore was not sent the following letter:

"At the request of the Executive Board, I have been instructed to write you concerning your relationship and your intentions as to the fellowship of you and your church with the Western Piedmont Association.

Enclosed is the Annual Program as well as the church letters and two minister's cards. Will you please bring this to the attention of your congregation and be present at the Annual Meeting.

In agreement with Article 11, p. 6, of the Constitution and By-Laws, we prayerfully encourage you and your delegates to be present."

(In response to this request, the Cramerton Church has mailed their dues and church letter to the clerk, and the Ridgeview Church has joined the Piedmont Association.)

March 12, 1976

The Executive Board met at the Boger City Church and planned the program for the Annual Association.

M/S/C to meet with the Community Church, Indian Trail, as they have petitioned to become a member of this Association.

The following Executive Board members were present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer.

March 26, 1976

The Executive Board met with the Community Church, Indian Trail, with the following members present: Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator; Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator; Grady Williams, Clerk; Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer.

After a congregational song, Rev. Bittle brought devotions. He next introduced the other members of the Executive Board. The clerk then read portions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The church and the Executive Board discussed the Free Will Baptist position on the Doctrine of "Perseverance of the Saints" and its opposition to the Charismatic Movement.

The Community Church is meeting in the After School Nursery facilities in Indian Trail, N.C. They have plans for securing a more suitable building for worship services. Rev. T. K. Smith is pastor of the 13-member congregation. Thirty-one persons attended this meeting excluding the Executive Board.

M/S/C to accept the Community Church pending final vote by the Association at the annual meeting.

Respectively Submitted:

Rev. Earl Bittle, Moderator

Rev. Homer Arrowood, Vice-Moderator

Grady Williams, Clerk

Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer

Rev. John Newton, Member

Rev. M. T. Sparks, Member

VARIOUS DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION BOARDS AS DEFINED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Christian Education — Promote Christian education, administer Loan Fund, and supply all high schools in this associational area with Bible College Bulletins.

Missions — Report missionary activities in our area, and promote mission conferences in our area.

Sunday School Board — Promote Sunday school seminars and conferences, report on Sunday School drives in our area, and suggest ideas for successful Sunday school campaigns.

CTS — Promote church training service in our local churches, plan and promote youth rallies, and supply pertinent information concerning CTS activities in our association.

Insurance and Retirement — Report to Association the number of church employees involved in this program and supply information dealing with the utilization of Retirement and Insurance.

Publications — Supply the association with a list of appropriate Christian literature, and inform this association of publications which are recommended as good reading for our students by public schools but are not suitable according to Free Will Baptist belief. A list of titles of publications that are not suitable for Christians should be made available.

Home for Aged — Report activities in our area or state involving activities at these homes, number of elders residing in these homes, and the financial condition of these establishments.

Master's Men — Promote this program in every church and report to the association the activities of this group of dedicated men.

Children's Home — Promote the two homes in South Carolina and Tennessee. Report to the association the number of children in these homes, supply information concerning children from our area who live in these respective homes, and plan rally days for support of these homes.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL
of
THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 26, 1975

The Ordaining Council met at Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church. The Council was called to order by Rev. James Pauley. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Rev. Pauley, Chairman, and Lee Whaley, Secretary.

1. The Laurel Free Will Baptist Church requested the Ordaining Council examine Herbert Winchester to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the church. After asking Brother Winchester several questions concerning his doctrinal belief, M/S/C to grant the request.
2. The Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church requested the Council to examine Ronnie Harrison for license under the watch care of the Mount Holly Church. After asking Brother Harrison several questions about the doctrine of Free Will Baptist and his call to preach, M/S/C to grant the request.
3. The Mount Holly Church sent a request for the Council to examine Larry Abernathy to be licensed under the watch care of the Mount Holly Free Will Baptist Church. After asking Brother Abernathy several questions about his doctrinal belief and his call to preach, M/S/C to grant the request.
4. The First Free Will Baptist Church, Stanley, sent a request for the Council to examine Chuck Branch to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Stanley. The Council asked Brother Chuck several questions concerning his call to preach, and his stand on Free Will Baptist Doctrine. M/S/C to grant the request.
5. The Living Hope Free Will Baptist Church sent a request for Tommy Rolen, a licensed minister, to be examined to be ordained to preach the Gospel as he had been called to pastor Mable Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis. The Council proceeded to question Brother Rolen about his doctrine of the Bible and Free Will Baptist belief. M/S/C that Brother Rolen be ordained to preach the Gospel of Christ under the Free Will Baptist Doctrine. The time and date was set for ordination with Rev. Burel Bryant preaching the ordination sermon. M/S/C to adjourn.

January 24, 1976

The Ordaining Council met at the Mt. Holly Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Pauley called the meeting to order. Rev. Willis' was absent, so Rev. Homer Arrowood led in prayer.

1. Rev. John Parker from Charlotte came before the Council asking for advice on how he could get in fellowship with Free Will Baptists again as he had been supplying in a Presbyterian Church. He stated his past experience of coming to Charlotte and working in other churches. After several questions, M/S/C advising Rev. Parker to join a Free Will Baptist Church and become active in that church. Then, reapply before the Board for license.
2. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia sent a letter requesting the council to examine Leon Bryan to be licensed to preach under the watch care of the church. After asking several questions concerning his call to preach and his doctrinal belief; being satisfied with his answers, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church be granted.
3. The Springwood Free Will Baptist Church sent a letter requesting the

council to examine Brother Bill Smith to be licensed to preach the Gospel under the watch care of the Springwood Church. Brother Smith was examined by the council and being satisfied with his doctrinal beliefs, M/S/C that the request be granted. M/S/C that we adjourn.

April 16, 1976

The Ordaining Council met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dallas, N.C. All members of the Council were present. Rev. Pauley called council to order. Rev. Willis led in prayer.

1. The Community Free Will Baptist Church, Indian Trail, N.C. asked that the council examine Rev. T. K. Smith for the purpose of being ordained to preach under the Free Will Baptist Church Doctrine. The Council proceeded to ask Rev. Smith several questions about the Bible and Free Will Baptist Church Doctrine. M/S/C to ordain Rev. Smith as a Gospel Minister.
2. The Bessemer City Church came with a request to examine Rev. John Parker to be licensed under the watch care of the Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church. M/S/C to grant the request pending the previous examination of Rev. Parker in our January 1976 meeting.

Respectively Submitted:

D. Lee Whaley

Ralph L. Willis

James Pauley

ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY REPORT
April 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976
Receipts

First Church, Stanley	\$ 941.00
First Church, Gastonia	897.60
Mt. Holly	755.80
Boger City	691.60
Ben Avenue	660.00
First Church, Dallas	535.00
Mountain View	400.00
W. Fifth Avenue	291.90
China Grove	283.50
Emmanuel	140.00
Living Hope	125.00
Mable Avenue	120.00
Mary Grove	80.00
Bethlehem	50.00
Laurel	36.00
East Belmont	11.00
Pecan Grove	10.00
Saving Grace	8.80
TOTAL	\$6,037.20

Income Statement

Income

Brought Forward	\$1,004.06
Church's Gift	5,305.61
Quarterly Fellowship	152.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
TOTAL	\$6,661.67

Expenditures

First Federal (Marion, N.C.)	\$5,018.76
Duke Power Co.	228.70
Travel and Phone Bills	250.00
Insurance	1,061.00
TOTAL	\$6,558.46
Total Income	\$6,661.67
Total Expenditures	<u>6,558.46</u>
Balance	\$ 103.21

Respectfully Submitted:
Sherman A. Branch

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

This board recommends to every church of the Western Piedmont Association, the services of the Piedmont Bible Institute, Cramerton, N.C. It is our desire that each of you will support the Institute with your prayers and finances. It would be profitable for the ministry of the Free Will Baptists if every newly licensed minister could attend this Bible Institute. Its doors are also open

to Sunday School teachers, church officers, and for those who want a greater understanding of Free Will Baptist doctrine.

It is further recommended that this body fully support our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. It is recommended to all high school students whether they seek a liberal arts education, a ministerial program, or some other area of Christian education. High standards of Christian conduct and high academic standards are not a hindrance to the continued growth of Free Will Baptist Bible College. We wish to challenge each church and each minister to do their part in supporting our college for the glory of God and to help provide a place where our young people can receive an education based upon the Word of God taught by men of God.

We ask that each church allocate a certain amount in its budget for the "Daddy" Jones Memorial Loan Fund which is available for our students who wish to attend the Bible College.

It has been the main goal of the Christian Education Board this year to place material and catalogs from the Bible College in the offices of all the high school counselors in the Western Piedmont Association area. We are also planning to write to each counselor informing them of our loan fund for our students.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marsha B. Rolan

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

We submit the following:

1. That the Word of God, King James Version, be the guide of our daily life.
2. That family Bible reading and family prayer be a daily communion together.
3. That we stand up and fight against pornography and the newsstands that sell this material.
4. That we receive the "Witness." Get the address from your pastor.
5. That we support our Free Will Baptist publishers and authors.
6. That we order tracks for a track ministry to reach more people with the gospel.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. L. D. Whaley
Mrs. Betty Summitt
Mrs. Betty Drawdy

REPORT OF MASTER'S MEN BOARD

This Board met in February, 1976 to discuss the churches who responded to last year's questionnaire. Below is a list of those churches that we have recorded as responding: Ben Avenue, First-Stanley, Lowell, Mount Holly, Mount Zion, Mountain View, First-Gastonia, Emmanuel, East Belmont, Laurel, Springwood, First-Dallas.

We would like to report that all of the churches have reported, but they have not. Many of the churches were contacted by phone, but due to the cost of long distance calls, all of the churches could not be contacted by phone. We do ask that all of the churches respond either verbally or by letter as soon as possible.

We have sent out another letter this year, thanking those churches who did respond to last year's questionnaire, and to those churches who did not respond, we included a questionnaire for them to fill out. Also included in this letter was a note that the members of this Board are willing to come and speak to your chapter concerning the Master's Men. Either of us would be willing to help you start a chapter in your church. We have the materials that explain the Master's

Men and how to organize, and may be able to generate enthusiasm to rally our men to the support of our churches.

We also discussed the idea of having a One Day Rally at one of our churches, or perhaps at the Arrowood Assembly. Of course, this will take further thought and planning. Any ideas or suggestions would be most appreciated.

We are still not discouraged from the poor response of the churches, and we will continue to do everything we can to improve our communication with them. We will continue to promote the Master's Men among our churches and will make strides to organize on the local level.

Respectfully Submitted:
Weldon Key
James Stancill
Larry Abernathy

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Two Free Will Baptist Children's Homes are available for our children. One is in Greenville, Tenn., directed by James E. Raper. The other is in Turbeville, S.C., directed by Rev. Paul Shehan. If anyone wants information concerning the admittance of children in these homes contact one of the directors.

Recommendation:

1. Support from our churches through the church budget or a special Sunday set aside for the home.
2. Adoption of children for their support.
3. Supply needs of the home: sheets, towels, and non-perishable foods.
4. Visit of the homes by the Pastor and his people.
5. Mailing-List.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. William Calvert
Rev. Homer Arrowood
Mandy Gray

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
April 1975 - April 1976

Income

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 261.37
Received At Annual Association (1975)	1,081.05
Received Since Annual Association	<u>82.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,424.42

Expenses

Commercial Printers (Minutes)	\$ 505.44
Grady Williams (Salary 74-75, 75-76)	150.00
A. C. Morgan (Mission Work)	50.00
Grady Williams (Postage and Mileage)	33.65
N.C. State Association of FWB	25.00
Rev. Earl Bittle (Executive Board Mileage Exp.)	<u>9.80</u>
Total Expenses	773.89

Balance in Treasury

	\$ 650.53
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Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator	Rev. Kenneth Hardison
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Homer Arrowood
Clerk	Mr. Grady Williams
Treasurer	Mr. Kenneth Sigmon
Member	Rev. J. R. Newton
Member	Rev. Lee Whaley

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman	Rev. James Pauley
Secretary	Rev. Ralph Willis
Member	Rev. Homer Savage

ASSOCIATION BOARDS

Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Sherman Branch
Christian Education	Rev. Robert Hildebrand
	Marsha Rolan
	Rev. Wayne Norris
Missions	Rev. Sherman Branch
	Lloyd Gray
	Rev. Lee Whaley
Sunday School	Nancy Pauley
	Rev. Johnnie Floyd
	Georgia Calvert

C.T.S.	Charles Odom Mildred Melton Jimmy Rogers
Insurance and Retirement.	Rev. Gaither Summitt Rev. M. T. Sparks Rev. Wayne Dills
Publications.	Rev. Burel Bryant Mrs. Betty Drawdy Mrs. Betty Summitt
Master's Men.	Rev. James Stancill Larry Abernathy Rev. Nathan Holt
Home for Aged.	Elizabeth Branch Maxie Gray Mrs. Robert Parris
Children's Home.	Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. William Calvert Rev. David Hovis
Nominating Committee.	Rev. Gaither Summitt Rev. Ralph Willis Rev. William Calvert
Pianist.	Mrs. Peggy Bryant
Assistant Pianist.	Mrs. Georgia Calvert
Camp Arrowood Board of Directors.	Rev. James Pauley Rev. Weldon Key Bill Sawyer Rev. Homer Savage Rev. Herman Griffin
Board of Trustees.	Rev. William Calvert Rev. Homer Arrowood Rev. Gaither Summitt
Resolutions.	Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Jr. Rev. Robert Hildebrand Rev. Thomas Rolan

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that the church hosting the annual association and quarterly meetings provide nursery facilities during business and worship services.
2. Be it resolved, due to the increase of pornographic literature, that we again go on record to take a firmer stand opposing this.
3. Be it resolved, during this Bicentennial year when anti-American organizations are increasing, that we encourage our people to be patriotic and loyal Americans.
4. Be it resolved that our pastors inform and warn their congregations against the modern charismatic movement and those T.V. and radio preachers who advocate such.
5. Be it resolved that we give the host church and all out-going officers a standing vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. William Calvert
Rev. Robert Hildebrand
Rev. James Pauley

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES April, 1975 to April, 1976

BEN AVENUE: 611 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

PASTOR: Rev. James Pauley, 613 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Pat McManus, 512 Dial Street, Landis, NC 28088

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 292. By baptism-38, by letter-11, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 12. By letter-10, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 381. Sunday School yearly average: 291. C.T.S. enrollment: 97. C.T.S. yearly average: 92. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 23. Yearly average of auxiliary: 18. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$46,764.61. General offering-\$43,260.66, Building fund-\$3,503.95. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,990.00, Evangelistic work-\$600.00, Building and repair-\$1,747.24, Literature-\$2,638.00, Advertising-\$300.00, Caretaker-\$1,380.00, Utilities-\$4,339.90, Bus Ministry-\$4,635.85, Other-\$800.00. Total local expenditures: \$23,430.99. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$994.09, Home missions-\$670.00, State and national education-\$660.00, Children's home-\$970.71, Arrowood Assembly-\$720.00, Other-\$794.83. Total outside expenditures: \$4,809.63. Value of church property: \$250,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$146.00.

BESSEMER CITY: Edgewood Rd., Bessemer City, NC 28016

PASTOR: Rev. D. Lee Whaley, P.O. Box 296, Bessemer City, NC 28016

CHURCH CLERK: Ms. Sybil Huffstickler, 312 E. Indiana Ave., Bessemer City, NC 28016

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 59. Members received: 7, by baptism-4, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 1, by letter-1. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 45. C.T.S. enrollment: 30. C.T.S. yearly average: 25. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$15,655.00. General offering-\$100.00.

Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary & housing-\$8,560.00, Evangelistic work-\$545.00, Building and repair-\$100.00, Literature-\$120.00, Down payment on land-\$500.00, Advertising-\$75.00, Car allowance-\$240.00, Utilities-\$1,000.00, Bus Ministry-\$200.00, Other: Bond payment-\$3,000.00, Lawn mower-\$250.00. Total local expenditures: \$14,690.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$600.00, Home missions-\$200.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$25.00, State and national projects-\$100.00. Total outside expenditures: \$955.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

BETHLEHEM: 721 Pleasant Avenue Kannapolis, NC

PASTOR: Rev. W. T. Newsome, 741 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, NC

CHURCH CLERK: J. W. Ragan, 302 Melinda Avenue, Kannapolis, NC

Number of licensed ministers: 3. Number of ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 86. Members received: 1, by baptism-1. Members dismissed: 6, by letter-4, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 90. Sunday School yearly average: 65. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 20. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$19,740.17. General offering-\$3,300.00, Building fund-\$2,420.85. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$6,890.00, Evangelistic work-\$284.00, Building and repair-\$4,000.00, Literature-\$605.00, Advertising-\$200.00, Caretaker-\$600.00, Utilities-\$1,700.00, Other-\$1,110.00. Total local expenditures: \$15,389.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$1,200.00, Home missions-\$300.00, State and national education-\$160.00, Children's home-\$90.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$100.00, State and national projects-\$60.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,910.00. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$43.00.

BOGER CITY: Huss St., Lincolnton, NC

PASTOR: Rev. Earl Bittle, 102 Turner Street, Lincolnton, NC

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Dianne Williams, Rt. 2 Box 459-M, Dallas, NC

Number of ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 97. Members received: 23. By baptism-2, by letter-13, by statement of faith-8. Sunday School enrollment: 175. Sunday School yearly average: 140. Total offering received: \$27,162.29. Building fund-\$1,496.39. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,620.00, Evangelistic work-\$271.96, Literature-\$743.49, Advertising-\$126.38, Utilities-\$1,903.33. Total local expenditures: \$7,665.16. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$414.37, Superannuation-\$593.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$510.10. Total outside expenditures: \$1,517.47. Value of church property: \$75,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$35,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$48.50.

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, NC 28173

PASTOR: Rev. Wayne Dills, P.O. Box 92, Waxhaw, NC 28173

CHURCH CLERK: Etta Mae Robinson, Rt. 2, Box 166, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Church membership: 107. Members received: 31. By baptism-12, by letter-13, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 65. by letter-12, excluded-51, deceased-2. Sunday School enrollment: 106. Sunday School yearly average: 93. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 17. Yearly average of auxiliary: 9. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$32,982.07. General offering-\$19,546.39,

Building fund-\$13,435.68. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$8,790.00, Evangelistic work-\$253.00, Building and repair-\$13,724.88, Literature-\$671.84, Caretaker-\$1,127.33, Utilities-\$2,030.85, Other-\$1,642.07. Total local expenditures: \$28,239.97. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$51.04, Other-\$78.00. Total outside expenditures: \$129.04. Value of church property: \$90,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$9,700.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$53.50.

COMMUNITY: Indian Trail, NC

PASTOR: Rev. T. K. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 236, Fort Mill, SC 29715

CHURCH CLERK: Miss Emna Herron, P.O. Box 1544, Matthews, NC 28105

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 19. Members received: 33. By baptism-12, by letter-18, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 12. Excluded-12. Sunday School enrollment: 20. Financial Report: Spent for local causes: Literature-\$36.52, Other-\$186.50. Total local expenditures: \$223.02. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$10.00, Other-\$16.50. Total outside expenditures: \$249.52. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$16.50.

CRAMERTON: 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, NC 28032

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Robert Parris, Rt. 5, Box 504, Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 180. Members received: 22. By baptism-11, by letter-4, by statement of faith-7. Members dismissed: 56. By letter-4, excluded-48, deceased-4. Sunday School enrollment: 230. Sunday School yearly average: 200. C.T.S. enrollment: 87. C.T.S. yearly average: 80. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 26. Yearly average of auxiliary: 21. Financial Report: Total offering received:\$49,204.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$9,722.00, Evangelistic work-\$500.00, Building and repair-\$4,500.00, Literature-\$2,300.00, Advertising-\$400.00, Caretaker-\$2,600.00, Utilities-\$3,800.00, Bus Ministry-\$850.00, Other-\$13,856.00. Total local expenditures: \$39,928.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$2,000.00, Home missions-\$1,060.00, State and national education-\$1,500.00, Children's home-\$200.00, Superannuation-\$200.00, State and national projects-\$200.00, Other-\$1,700.00. Total outside expenditures: \$6,860.00. Value of church property: \$590,000.00. Value of parsonage property-\$45,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$90.00.

EAST BELMONT: 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, NC 28012

PASTOR: Rev. Murray T. Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, NC 28012

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, NC 28012

Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 60. Members received: 5. By baptism-3, by letter-2. Members dismissed: 5. By letter-3, excluded-2. Sunday School enrollment: 88. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary: 7. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,128.00. General offering-\$9,298.00, Building fund-\$830.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$2,520.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$600.00, Literature-\$352.00, Caretaker-\$53.00, Utilities-\$1,224.00, Other-\$3,180.00. Total local expenditures: \$8,129.00. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$31.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$50.00, State and national projects-

\$30.00. Total outside expenditures: \$111.00. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

EMMANUEL: Box 453, Dallas, NC 28034

PASTOR: Rev. Gaither Summitt, 418 E. Trade St., Dallas, NC 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Toni Long, 208 N. Spargo St., Dallas, NC 28034

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 53. Members received: 14. By baptism-8, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 3. By letter-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 50. C.T.S. enrollment: 36. C.T.S. yearly average: 33. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 16. Yearly average of auxiliary: 15. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,998.48. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$2,800.00, Evangelistic work-\$300.00, Literature-\$350.00, Advertising-\$60.00, Utilities-\$530.10. Total local expenditures: \$3,980.10. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$240.00. Total outside expenditures: \$240.00. Value of church property: \$42,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$26.50.

FIRST: 4254 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28213

PASTOR: Rev. Herb Winchester, 3914 McMillan St., Charlotte, NC 28205

CHURCH CLERK: Janice Winchester, 3914 McMillan St., Charlotte, NC 28205

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 12. Sunday School enrollment: 17. C.T.S. enrollment: 12. Total offerings: \$3,797.34. Total disbursements: \$3,696.25.

FIRST: 405 N. Boston St., China Grove, NC 28023

PASTOR: Rev. Ralph Willis, 401 North Boston St., China Grove, NC 28023

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Nancy Davis, Rt. 3, Box 319-A, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 103. Members received: 18. By baptism-11, by statement of faith-7. Members dismissed: 17. By letter-10, excluded-7. Sunday School enrollment: 94. Sunday School yearly average: 71. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$14,290.30. General offering-\$11,590.30, Building fund-\$2,700.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,890.00, Evangelistic work-\$185.00, Building and repair-\$571.73, Literature-\$378.19, Advertising-\$127.60, Utilities-\$955.53, Bus ministry-\$499.33, Other-\$6,456.51. Total local expenditures: \$11,063.89. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$274.30, State and national education-\$779.94, Children's home-\$93.64, Arrowood Assembly-\$274.30, State and national projects-\$141.89. Total outside expenditures: \$1,564.07. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$51.50.

FIRST: 603 S. Lorraine St., Dallas, NC 28034

PASTOR: Rev. Thomas Rogers, 603 S. Lorraine St., Dallas, NC 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Delores Harrwood, McGinnis St., Mt. Holly, NC

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 60. Members received: 19. By baptism-17, by letter-2. Members dismissed: 60. By letter-3, excluded-53, deceased-4. Sunday School enrollment: 63. Sunday School yearly average: 74. Financial Report: Total offering:

\$19,021.05. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,000.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$3,000.00, Literature-\$225.00, Caretaker-\$400.00, Utilities-\$691.58, Bus ministry-\$1,000.00, Other-\$5,920.47. Total local expenditures: \$15,437.05. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$855.00, Home of Aged-\$135.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$594.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,584.00. Value of church property: \$40,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$10,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

FIRST: 400 E. Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052

PASTOR: Rev. W. H. Calvert, 402 E. Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Rachel B. Lynn, 423 S. Oak St., Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons: 9. Church membership: 235. Members received: 35. By baptism-16, by letter-12, by statement of faith-7. Members dismissed: 13. By letter-9, deceased-4. Sunday School enrollment: 313. Sunday School yearly average: 256. C.T.S. enrollment: 117. C.T.S. yearly average: 78. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 19. Yearly average of auxiliary: 13. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$60,855.63. General offering-\$53,356.03, Building fund-\$7,499.60. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$9,385.00, Evangelistic work-\$563.04, Building and repair-\$4,322.85, Literature-\$2,794.09, Advertising-\$1,306.50, Utilities-\$2,653.39, Other-\$1,324.00. Total local expenditures: \$33,258.96. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$356.33, Home missions-\$465.20, State and national education-\$1,251.00, Children's home-\$432.42, Superannuation-\$593.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$979.20, Other-\$560.00. Total outside expenditures: \$4,637.15. Value of church property: 164,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$117.50.

FIRST: Box 206, Stanley, NC 28164

PASTOR: Rev. Sherman A. Branch, Box 756, Stanley, NC 28164

CHURCH CLERK: Jo Ann Astley, 112 Bost St., Lincolnton, NC 28092

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 223. Members received: 6. By letter-3, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 1. By letter-1. Sunday School enrollment: 219. Sunday School yearly average: 199. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25. Yearly average of auxiliary: 15. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$60,875.69. General offering-\$58,364.50, Escrow-\$2,511.19. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,499.72, Evangelistic work-\$956.69, Building and repair-\$16,261.87, Literature-\$1,780.49, Advertising-\$152.52, Caretaker-\$1,780.87, Utilities-\$3,508.75, Bus Ministry-\$655.06, Other-\$17,651.60. Total local expenditures: \$50,247.57. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$687.50, State and national education-\$2,981.30, Superannuation-\$627.30, Arrowood Assembly-\$941.00, State and national projects-\$839.50. Total outside expenditures: \$6,076.60. Value of church property: \$225,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$111.50.

GOSHEN: P.O. Box 223, N. Belmont, NC 28012

PASTOR: Rev. Bennie Turner

CHURCH CLERK: Bill Funderburke, P.O. Box 223, N. Belmont, NC 28012

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 14. Church membership: 177. Members received: 27. By baptism-17, by letter-8, by

statement of faith-2. Members dismissed: 3. Excluded-2, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 183. Sunday School yearly average: 147. C.T.S. enrollment: 70. C.T.S. yearly average: 44. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25. Yearly average of auxiliary: 18. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$50,649.00. General offering-\$50,649.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$10,400.00, Evangelistic work-\$515.00, Building and repair-\$20,873.00, Literature-\$1,445.00, Caretaker-\$1,320.00, Utilities-\$3,570.00, Bus ministry-\$206.00, Other-\$8,752.00. Total local expenditures: \$47,081.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$993.00, Home missions-\$1,163.00, State and national education-\$693.00, Superannuation-\$25.00, State and national projects-\$693.00. Total outside expenditures: \$3,569.00. Value of church property: \$500,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$38,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$88.50.

LAUREL: 6201 Elgywood Lane, Charlotte, NC 28213

PASTOR: Rev. James G. Stancill, 6301-72 Old Concord Road, Charlotte, NC 28213

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Elsie Russell, Rt. 2, Box 781-A, Huntersville, NC 28078

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Church membership: 38. Members received: 3. By letter-1, by statement of faith-2. Sunday School enrollment: 54. Sunday School yearly average: 34. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Yearly average of auxiliary: 7. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,303.36. General offering-\$10,213.36. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,174.85, Evangelistic work-\$60.00, Building and repair-\$612.00, Literature-\$189.00, Advertising-\$42.00, Utilities-\$280.26, Bus Ministry-\$845.22, Other-\$7,575.23. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$144.15, Home missions-\$7.00, State and national education-\$20.00, Children's home-\$100.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$60.00. Total outside expenditures: \$331.15. Value of church property: \$70,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$19.00.

LIVING HOPE: Rt. 5, Gastonia, NC

PASTOR: Rev. David Hovis, Rt. 3, Box 113, Gastonia, NC

CHURCH CLERK: Jean Harmon, Rt. 5, Box 506, Gastonia, NC

Number of ordained deacons: 6. Church membership: 55. Members received: 15. By baptism-3, by letter-6, by statement of faith-6. Members dismissed: 18. By letter-4, excluded-14. Sunday School enrollment: 70. Sunday School yearly average: 50. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$22,455.34. General offering-\$19,272.47, Building fund-\$3,182.87. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,484.40, Evangelistic work-\$125.00, Building and repair-\$4,563.17, Literature-\$617.89, Utilities-\$1,002.95, Other-\$3,995.24. Total local expenditures-\$17,838.65. Spent for outside causes: State and national education-\$91.50, Arrowood Assembly-\$200.00, Piedmont Bible Institute-\$30.00, Free Will Baptist College-\$30.41, Total outside expenditures-\$361.90. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$27.50.

LOWELL: Main Street, Lowell, NC

PASTOR: Rev. L. D. Gray, Box 782, Lowell, NC

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Sydner, Box 82, North Belmont, NC

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 121. Resident-104, Non-resident-17. Members received: 10. By baptism-4, by letter-1, by statement of faith-5. Members dismissed: 6. By

letter-2, excluded-3, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 72. Sunday School yearly average-80. C.T.S. enrollment: 30, C.T.S. yearly average-25. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9, Yearly average of auxiliary-5. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$13,307.86. General offering-\$12,008.58, Building fund-\$1,000.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,215.00, Evangelistic work-\$236.80, Building and repair-\$1,472.47, Literature-\$532.89, Caretaker-\$800.00, Utilities-\$1,637.20, Bus Ministry-\$377.64, First Federal Saving-\$1,112.52, Miscellaneous-\$1,750.87, Total local expenditures-\$13,135.39. Spent for outside causes: Children's home-\$107.39, State and national projects-\$94.49, Total outside expenditures-\$201.88, Value of church property-\$80,000.00. Value of parsonage property-\$8,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.-\$60.50.

MABLE AVENUE: 1007 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

PASTOR: Rev. Tommy E. Rolan, 1009 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Ronald Joines, 518 Chrysler St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of licensed ministers-1, Number of ordained deacons-1. Church membership: 46. Members received: 3. By baptism-1, by letter-1, by statement of faith-1. Members dismissed: 5. By letter-4, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 53. Sunday School yearly average-41. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary-7. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$8,020.46. General offering-\$7,919.21, Building fund-\$103.25. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$1,365.00, Evangelistic work-\$121.41, Building and repair-\$856.39, Literature-\$329.19, Advertising-\$640, Utilities-\$1,587.05, Total-\$7,679.54. Spent for outside causes: Home missions-\$50.00, State and national education-\$50, Arrowood Assembly-\$120.00, State and national projects-\$50.00, Total outside expenditures-\$270.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes-\$23.00.

MARY GROVE: Rt. 2, Cherryville, NC 28021

PASTOR: Rev. Edward Faulkner, 108 Dale Ave., Lincolnton, NC 28092

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Dale Miller, Depot St., Cherryville, NC 28021

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons:2. Church membership: 40. Members received: 4. By baptism-1, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 2. By letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Sunday School yearly average: 30. Total offering received: \$3,110.12. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$700.00, Literature-\$99.50, Advertising-\$30.00, Utilities-\$145.00. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly-\$20.00. Value of church property: \$21,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$12.50.

MOUNT HOLLY: 841 Noles Drive, Mount Holly, NC 28120

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Arrowood, 841 Noles Drive, Mount Holly, NC 28120

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, 222 Brookwood Rd., Belmont, NC 28012

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Church membership: 199. Members received: 43. By baptism-33, by letter-7, by statement of faith-3. Members dismissed: 7. By letter-6, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 237. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Total offering received: \$35,916.12. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$7,230.00, Evangelistic work-\$624.80, Building and repair-\$2,565.18, Literature-\$802.09, Caretaker-\$1,140.00, Utilities-\$2,745.27, Bus

ministry-\$663.36, Other-\$5,393.21, Church debt-\$5,419.78. Total local expenditures: \$26,583.69. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions-\$803.92, Home missions-\$803.92, Children's home-\$769.43, Home of Aged-\$560.52, Superannuation-\$570.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$910.20, State and national projects-\$106.00, Bible College-\$663.95. Total outside expenditures:\$5,187.75. Value of church property: \$90,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$25,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$99.50.

MOUNT ZION: 517 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

PASTOR: Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Sr., 517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Judy Cox, 611 N. Poplar Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 75. Members received: 18. By baptism-7, by letter-11. Sunday School enrollment: 80. C.T.S. enrollment: 50. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Total offering received: \$27,597. General offering-\$19,262, Building fund-\$8,330. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,000.00, Evangelistic work-\$200.00, Building and repair-\$2,000.00, Literature-\$300.00, Advertising-\$50.00, Utilities-\$800.00, Bus ministry-\$1,250.00. Value of church property: \$60,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$35,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$37.50.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, NC 28034

PASTOR: Rev. Homer Savage, Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, NC 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Bobby Weathers, P.O. Box 333, Belmont, NC 28012

Church membership: 70. Members received: 10. By baptism-7, by letter-2, by statement of faith-1. Sunday School enrollment: 70. Sunday School yearly average: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Total offering received: 15,327.28. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$5,670.00, Evangelistic work-\$165.45, Building and repair-\$4,523.09, Literature-\$259.91, Caretaker-\$400.00, Utilities-\$1,247.62. Total: \$12,266.07. Spent for outside causes: State and national education-\$25.00, Children's home-\$100.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$300.00. Total: \$425.00. Value of church property: \$40,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$35.00.

OPEN DOOR: 1306 East Ozark Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052

PASTOR: Rev. Charles A. Ruff, Rt. 1, Box 330, Dallas, NC 28034

CHURCH CLERK: Mary Ruff, 405 Oakdale Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 26. Members received: 11. By baptism-9, by letter-2. Sunday School enrollment: 40. Sunday School yearly average: 37. General offering-\$3,640.00, Building fund-\$778.00. Spent for local causes: Building and repair-\$2,340.00, Literature-\$300.00, Utilities-\$520.00, Other-\$100.00. Total-\$3,260.00. Value of church property: \$25,000.00.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, NC 28052

PASTOR: Rev. Henry C. Gibson, 1081 Parkview Dr., Gastonia, NC 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Nettie Huss, 306 East Gibbs Street, Dallas, NC 28034

Number of ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 73. Members received: 33. By baptism-14, by statement of faith-19. Members dismissed: 12.

Excluded-11, deceased-1. Sunday School enrollment: 78. Sunday School yearly average: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 11. Yearly average of auxiliary: 8. Total offering received: \$9,748.40. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$4,270.00, Evangelistic work-\$150.00. Building and repair-\$500.24, Literature-\$255.40, Caretaker-\$480.00, Utilities-\$512.46, Other-\$3,580.30. Total: \$9,748.40. Value of church property: \$30,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter: \$37.00.

SAVING GRACE: Maryland Avenue, Bessemer City, NC

PASTOR: Rev. Robert Hildebrand, 123 Ann Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

CHURCH CLERK: Nancy Hildebrand, 123 Ann Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

Church Membership: 8. Members received: 1. By baptism-1. Members dismissed: 17. Excluded-17. Sunday School enrollment: 24. Sunday School yearly average: 23. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 7. Yearly average of auxiliary: 7. Total offering received: \$5,806.83. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$877.35. Evangelistic work-\$360.00, Building and repair-\$1,071.03, Literature-\$84.80, Utilities-\$194.80, Other-\$324.13, Arrowood Assembly-\$88.00. Value of church property: \$14,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$25.00.

SPRINGWOOD: Forest Drive, Belmont, NC 28012

PASTOR: Rev. John R. Newton, 440-17th Street, Cramerton, NC

CHURCH CLERK: Helen O'Daniel, 204 Clearwater Lake Rd., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Number of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 50. Members received: 17. By baptism-4, by letter-1, by statement of faith-12. Members dismissed: 8. Total offering received: \$10,945.74. General offering-\$8,501.74, Building fund-\$715.53. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary-\$3,640.00, Evangelistic work-\$100.00, Building and repair-\$631.03, Literature-\$295.98, Advertising-\$1,040.00, Caretaker-\$780.00, Utilities-\$423.18, Gasoline Expense for Pastor-\$120.00. Total: \$7,732.83. Spent for outside causes: State and national education-\$30.00, Arrowood Assembly-\$25.00. Total: \$55.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes: \$25.00.

WEST FIFTH AVENUE: West Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052

PASTOR: Rev. Billy Allen

No Report.

MINISTER'S REPORTS (Those Turning In Cards)

LARRY ABERNATHY: Sermons Preached-31, Profession witnessed-200, Miles traveled-5,000, Amount received-\$300.00.

LLOYD S. ABERNATHY: Sermons Preached-10, Profession witnessed-10, Miles traveled-100.

HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached-176, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-2, Number Baptized-33, Additions to church-90, Funerals preached-6, Miles traveled-32,000, Amount received-\$8,190.00.

DREXLER L. BENTON:

EARL BITTLE: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-7, Profession witnessed-20, Funerals preached-3, Miles traveled-27,000, Amount received-\$8,000.00.

SHERMAN A. BRANCH, SR.: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-3.

SHERMAN A. BRANCH, JR.:

LEON BRYAN: Sermons Preached-15-20, Profession witnessed-15, Number Baptized-assisting 5, Miles traveled-100.

BUREL BRYANT: Sermons Preached-84, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-34, Number Baptized-15, Additions to church-24, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-12,000, Amount received-\$5,250.00.

W. H. CALVERT: Sermons Preached-170, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-3, Number Baptized-23, Additions to church-35, Funerals preached-12, Miles traveled-24,000, Amount received-\$9,700.00.

WAYNE C. DILLS: Sermons Preached-135, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-106, Additions to church-31, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-25,000, Amount received-\$8,790.00.

EDWARD J. FAULKNER: Sermons Preached-65, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-9, Additions to church-4, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-350, Amount received-\$350.00.

JOHNNIE E. FLOYD, JR.: Sermons Preached-86, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-2, Profession witnessed-90, Number Baptized-17, Additions to church-26, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-15,000, Amount received-\$10,400.00, Weddings-1.

VESS GALLOWAY, JR.: Sermons Preached-73, Revivals-2, Profession witnessed-10, Weddings-1.

HENRY CLAY GIBSON: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Additions to church-33, Funerals preached-3, Amount received-\$4,270.00.

L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached-112, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-26, Number Baptized-4, Additions to church-10, Funerals preached-21, Amount received-\$5,215.00.

G. HERMAN GRIFFIN:

K. L. HARDISON, SR.: Sermons Preached-160, Churches Pastored-1, Number Baptized-7, Additions to church-18, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-20,000, Amount received-\$6,500.00.

RONALD D. HARRISON: Sermons Preached-10, Miles traveled-200.

ROBERT HILDEBRAND: Sermons Preached-150, Churches pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-15, Number Baptized-8, Additions to church-11, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-3,500, Amount received-\$1,932.35.

DAVID W. HOVIS: Sermons Preached-58, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-3, Funerals preached-1, Amount received-\$1,700.00.

TRAVIS H. HUFFMAN: Sermons Preached-25.

WELDON KEY: Sermons Preached-60, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-20, Number Baptized-8, Funerals Preached-4, Miles traveled-10,000, Amount received-\$1,000.00.

JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached-135, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-17, Number Baptized-8, Additions to church-17, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-17,000.

WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached-25, Profession witnessed-1, Funerals preached-1 assisted; Miles traveled-300, Amount received-\$35.00.

JAMES PAULEY: Sermons Preached-180, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-4, Number Baptized-38, Additions to church-55, Funerals preached-5, Miles traveled-25,000, Amount received-\$7,500.00.

L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached-150, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-2, Profession witnessed-30, Number Baptized-18, Additions to church-25, Funerals preached-2, Miles traveled-24,000.

ROY RIKARD: Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-4, Number Baptized-33, Additions to church-22.

THOMAS ROGERS: Sermons Preached-125, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-2, Profession witnessed-33, Number Baptized-16, Additions to church-7, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-12,000.

THOMAS E. ROLAN: Sermons Preached-95, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-10, Additions to church-3, Miles traveled-2,000.

CHARLES ALLEN RUFF: Sermons Preached-66, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-22, Number Baptized-21, Additions to church-11, Funerals preached-1.

HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached-76, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-23, Number Baptized-7, Funerals preached-3, Amount received-\$6,160.00.

ROBERT SAWYER: Sermons Preached-10, Profession witnessed-6, Funerals preached-1, Amount received-\$130.00.

MACON SMITH:

TRAYWICK SMITH: Sermons Preached-40, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-16, Additions to church-32, Churches organized-1, Miles traveled-5,000.

MURRAY SPARKS: Sermons Preached-123, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-6, Number Baptized-5, Additions to church-5, Funerals preached-1, Miles traveled-10,000, Amount received-\$3,180.00.

JAMES STANCILL: Sermons Preached-140, Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-26, Number Baptized-3, Funerals Preached-1, Amount received-\$1,174.85. Weddings-1.

GAITHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached-115, Churches Pastored-1, Revivals held-1, Profession witnessed-27, Number Baptized-8, Additions to church-14, Funerals preached-4, Miles traveled-1,500, Amount received-\$2,800.00.

BOBBY G. WEATHERS: Sermons Preached-15, Profession witnessed-4, Miles traveled-350.

D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached-90; Churches Pastored-1, Profession witnessed-5, Number Baptized-4, Additions to church-7, Miles traveled-5,000.

RALPH WILLIS: Sermons Preached-110, Churches Pastored-2, Profession witnessed-40, Number Baptized-5, Additions to church-16, Funerals

preached-1, Miles traveled-16,000, Amount received-\$2,485.00.

HERB WINCHESTER: Sermons Preached-120, Churches Pastored-1,
Profession witnessed-12, Additions to church-1, Churches organized-1, Miles
traveled-1,000.

**“DADDY” JONES MEMORIAL LOAN FUND
WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Data Sheet (Please Print)

1. Name _____
 Last First Middle

2. Home Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Telephone No. _____

3. Campus Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Picture of
Applicant
Here

4. Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____

5. Have you ever been under the care of a psychiatrist or psychologist? _____
Give dates _____

6. Have you ever been under the care of a physician or hospitalization for an extended period of time or for any serious illnesses? _____ Give dates _____

7. Single _____; Married _____; Divorced _____; Widowed _____; Separated _____;
No. of children _____; If married give name of spouse _____
Occupation of Spouse _____

8. Parents Name:

Father _____ Living? _____ Occupation _____

Mother _____ Living? _____ Occupation _____

9. College interest:

List your interest in attending FWBBC—ministry, missionary, teacher, etc.

10. Are you/will you be receiving any kind of financial aid? _____

11. Church member? _____ Where? _____

12. List three references including your Pastor.

1. _____ / _____ / _____
 Name Address Relationship

2. _____ / _____ / _____
 Name Address Relationship

3. _____ / _____ / _____
 Name Address Relationship

Personal qualifications for the receipt of this loan.

- (1) Must be a Christian
- (2) Should be a Church member
- (3) Must be an example of good moral behavior

The receipt of this loan, while on vacation or any school breaks should visit churches in this Western Piedmont Association to receive financial support for the continuation of this loan to other worthy students.

The loan is to be paid back within (1) year from the date of graduation or within 6 months from the termination of college studies. No interest is charged, but a gift of \$35 would be appreciated as an attempt to aid other students. Therefore the repayment of this loan, including the gift of \$35, will be \$335.00.

This loan is not renewable as another student will be chosen each year.

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, will be responsible for selecting the recipient of this loan from all the applications received by the Christian Education Board and then forwarded to the Bible College.

If you are chosen to be the receipt of this loan, do you agree to the terms so stated in this contract. If yes, please sign your name.

Signature

Date

Please mail application to the following address:

Grady C. Williams
Rt. 2, Box 459M
Dallas, N.C. 28034
Telephone 263-8023

