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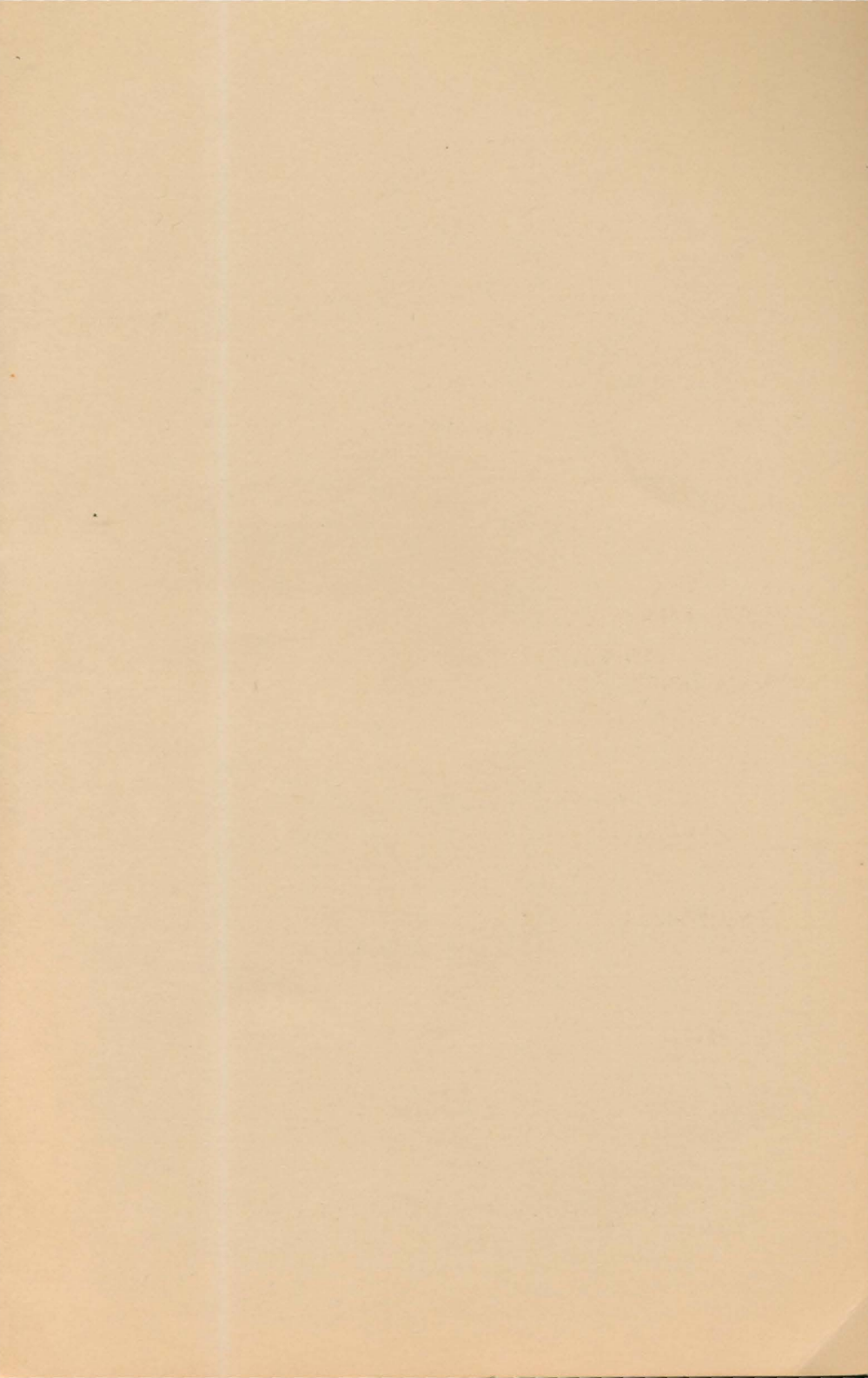
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COMMUNITY, INDIAN TRAIL, NC	Rev. T. K. Smith
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EAST BELMONT, BELMONT, NC	Rev. M. T. Sparks
EMMANUEL, DALLAS, NC.....	Rev. Gaither Summitt
FIRST, CHINA GROVE, NC.....	Rev. Ralph Willis
FIRST, DALLAS, NC	Rev. Thomas Rogers
FIRST, GASTONIA, NC.....	Rev. William Calvert
FIRST, KANNAPOLIS, NC	Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Sr.
FIRST, MOUNT HOLLY, NC	Rev. Homer Arrowood
FIRST, STANLEY, NC	Rev. Billy Buchanan
GOSHEN, NORTH BELMONT, NC	Rev. Benny Turner
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SAVING GRACE, BESSEMER CITY, NC	
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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 grievance 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
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 "griping" 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—Mr. and Mrs. Brian Carter, Mrs. Nancy Pauley, Mrs. Fay Chandler, Mr. Wayne Marlowe
 BESSEMER CITY—Ethel P. Whaley, Eunice Crisp
 BETHLEHEM—None
 BOGER CITY—Mrs. James Childers, Grady Williams
 CENTER GROVE—Etta Leary, Mae Robinson, Kathryn Dills
 COMMUNITY—Rev. Hardin L. Price, Hazel Knight, Avadell Smith
 CRAMERTON—Mrs. Robert Parris, Steve Harrell, Roy Young, Marie Martin
 EAST BELMONT—Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks
 EMMANUEL—None
 FIRST, CHINA GROVE—Ted Davis
 FIRST, DALLAS—None
 FIRST, GASTONIA—Terry Autry, Bill Sawyer, W. A. Bradley, Mrs. W. A. Bradley
 FIRST, KANNAPOLIS—Henry Gullede, Claude Eagle, Jimmie Goxie
 FIRST, MT. HOLLY—Mrs. Tina Rikard, Mrs. Evon Teno, Mrs. Jean Lancaster, Ronnie Harrison
 FIRST, STANLEY—Reid McGinnis, Vernon Carpenter, Kenneth D. Sigmon
 GOSHEN—None
 LAUREL—Calvin Loftis, Marty Lee, Mrs. Sally Winebarger, Mrs. Dorothy Abernathy
 LIVING HOPE—None
 LOWELL—None
 MABEL AVENUE—None
 MARY GROVE—None
 MOUNTAIN VIEW—Joe Wylie
 OPEN DOOR—None
 PECAN GROVE—Roy Gibson
 SAVING GRACE—None
 SPRINGWOOD—None
 WEST FIFTH AVE.—None

MINISTERS

M. T. Sparks, L. C. Rankin, James Pauley, William T. Newsome, Weldon Key, Ken Hardison, Wayne Dills, Larry Abernathy, James Childers, G. Herman Griffin, Traywick K. Smith, L. D. Gray, Ralph P. Willis, R. P. Sawyer, John R. Newton, Bob King, Roy Rickard, Homer Savage, Benny H. Turner, Gaither Summitt, David Hovis, Wayne Norris, Bobby Weathers, Ronald D. Harrison, Henry C. Gibson, W. H. Calvert.

VISITORS (Who Registered)

Elsie Russell, Marie Stancil, Hazel Hearne, Roy Young, Steve Harrell, Bill Carter, Barbara Orbison, Eric Shumake, Sara Lee, Valerie Burgess, Terri Ferr, Tony Hardison, Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Calvert and son-Jonathan, Jerry Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers, Mrs. Marty Lee and Chris, Mrs. David Hovis, Joe S. Hearne, Anna Chilli, Christine Branton, Robin Helms, Patti Carothers, Rona Bennett.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Hardin Price

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

April 15, 1977

The Western Piedmont Association began its 11th Annual Session on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Laurel Church, Charlotte, N. C. The service began with the congregation singing, "To God Be The Glory."

Rev. Kenneth Hardison appointed the Credential Committee, and the Resolution Committee after the Welcome. The Welcome was given by Rev. Larry Abernathy, pastor of the host church.

Devotions were given by Rev. L. C. Rankin from Psalm 149. The clerk, Grady Williams, then called the Association to order. M/S/C to adopt program. The rules of Decorum were read by moderator, who next gave his remarks. Visitors were welcomed. Partial report of Credential Committee: 21 ministers were present, and 16 churches reported by letters. M/S/C to accept partial report of Credential Committee. M/S/C to seat delegates. Clerk was next elected—Grady Williams, Assistant clerk—Rev. Wayne Norris.

M/S/C to accept report of Executive Board.

M/S to elect a three member committee to work on a Youth Board.

M/S/C that motion be tabled for business on Saturday.

M/S/C to change the loan of \$500.00 to Arrowood Assembly Board to a gift.

The Worship Service began with a congregational song "Victory In Jesus." Rev. Larry Abernathy sung, "Thank You For The Valley." Rev. Bob King brought the message from I Corinthians entitled, "The Church at Corinth."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

April 15, 1977

Service began at 1:30 with a Congregational song, "Look to Jesus and Live."

Rev. Lloyd Gray took his devotions from John 10. The Arrowood Assembly report is to be moved to Saturday morning. The Ordaining Council then gave their report. M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council Report. Committee reports were then

heard—No report of Christian Education Board; No report of Mission Board; No report of Sunday School Board. CTS Board will report tonight. Rev. Gaither Summitt gave report on Insurance & Retirement. M/S/C to accept the report of Insurance & Retirement Board. No report from Publication Board. Rev. Larry Abernathy gave the report of Master's Men. M/S/C to accept the report. M/S/C to change title of Master's Men to Layman's Board. Home for Aged Report will be given tomorrow. Rev. Homer Arrowood gave report on Children's Home Board.

M/S/C that the following Boards will be eliminated: Christian Education, Sunday School, Insurance and Retirement, Publications, Laymen's Board, Home for Aged, Children's Home. M/S/C to adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

April 15, 1977

Service began at 7 p.m. with a song, "Standing on the Promises." C.T.S. awards were presented by Chuck Odom. An offering for Arrowood Assembly was received. A youth ensemble from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Gastonia, rendered three songs after which Rev. James Pauley brought the message, "What Is Your Life?" Approximately 140 people attended this Youth Service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

April 16, 1977

Service began at 9:30 with a congregational song, "Amazing Grace." Devotions were brought by Rev. James Childers, Sr. Credentials Committee gave their report — 20 churches reported.

M/S/C to seat the delegates.

M/S/C to bring the tabled item back on the floor for discussion.

M/S/C to defeat the tabled motion.

M/S/C to elect a Youth Director and 2 representatives—one from the Kannapolis area and one from the Gaston County area.

M/S/C to elect Rev. Larry Abernathy as Youth Director.

M/S/C to elect Bill Sawyer as representative from Gaston County Area.

M/S/C to elect Chuck Odom as representative from the Kannapolis area.

M/S/C to name this committee the Youth Board and eliminate the C.T.S. Board.

M/S/C that all responsibilities of these dissolved boards be transferred to the Executive Board.

M/S/C that a letter of commendation be sent to the newly organized black Free Will Baptist Church—Mountain Peak Free Will Baptist Church, Stanley, N. C., Their pastor is Rev. James Hope.

M/S/C Article 8, p. 11 be changed to read, "If a minister should be found guilty of charges that are properly presented against him, the Association may suspend his credentials."

M/S/C that the order of service be changed to a Friday night service with two speakers. Saturday will be set aside for business.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report

M/S/C to accept report of Arrowood Assembly Board of Directors.

M/S/C to accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors as contained in their report—that the Board of Directors and The Board of Development for Arrowood Assembly be combined into one board and to consist of 7 members, and that this board be called, "The Board of Directors," and that this board elect its own officers.

M/S/C to accept Arrowood Assembly Financial Report.

M/S/C to accept Credential Committee's final report.

M/S/C to accept recommendation of Nominating Committee.
M/S/C that present Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association.
Fellowship Meetings are as follows:
July—First F.W.B. Church, Mt. Holly
October—Boger City, F.W.B. Church, Lincolnton
January—First F.W.B. Church, Kannapolis
Next Year's Annual Session:
Center Grove F.W.B. Church, Waxhaw (April 14, 15, 1978)
M/S/C to accept report of Resolution Committee.
M/S/C to send \$200 to defray expenses of State Work.
M/S/C to adjourn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

June 25, 1976

The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, at 7:30 p.m.

The service began with a song "To God Be The Glory." Rev. Herb Winchester turned the service over to Rev. Arrowood who brought devotions from the book of Acts.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize the First Free Will Baptist Church of Charlotte which is located on Highway 21 North on the corner of Starita Road. Several questions were asked: "Did this church vote to become a member of the Western Piedmont Association?" "For what reason(s) do you feel like a Free Will Baptist Church should be organized in this locality?" "Why don't you just want to remain a mission?"

After being satisfied with the answers, the Board voted to organize this body of believers into a Free Will Baptist Church with the recommendation that they get into writing something concerning a lease on this property.

The Church then voted the following:

M/S/C to become a Free Will Baptist Church

M/S/C to accept the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant

M/S/C to accept the Free Will Baptist Doctrine

Three officers were voted on:

1. Clerk—Janice Winchester

2. Treasurer—Hazel Hearne

3. Trustees—Joe Hearne, Harold Taylor

The Church doors were then opened to receive 14 charter members. The Church voted to call themselves the First Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte. They next voted to become a member of the Western Piedmont Association. Rev. Herb Winchester was elected as supply pastor until he is ordained. They next voted to petition the Ordaining Council for the pastor's ordination, and to talk with their landlord and get a lease on their property.

Executive Board met in conference and transacted the following business:

M/S/C to loan the Arrowood Assembly Board \$500.00 to defray expenses that are due July 1, 1976 (mattresses \$881.60, plumbing \$364.95).

M/S/C to accept the resignation of Rev. Arrowood as he has been elected as moderator of the State Association and he feels he is over obligated.

The Nominating Committee is to be contacted concerning this matter as well as the nomination of a new assistant clerk as Mrs. Peggy Bryant is moving to Travelers Rest, SC where her husband has been elected pastor of Hilltop Church.

The July Fellowship meeting was planned for July 24, 1976. Rev. W. T. Newsome was the speaker. Of the 27 member churches, 15 reported with the total present being 184.

The Boger City Church had the most present—48

Bethlehem Church—33

Mt. Holly Church—33

September 7, 1976

The Executive Board met at the Springwood Church at 7 p.m.

Rev. Homer Savage was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Ordaining Council created by Rev. Earl Bittle who moved to Black Mountain, N. C.

M/S/C that the First Church, Charlotte, be dropped from our minutes as they have united with Laurel Church.

M/S/C to contact the Laurel Church to see if they will host the annual association since it was to meet at Charlotte anyway. If not, we will contact the Saving Grace Church since they had also asked for it.

The Fellowship Meeting to be at First Church, China Grove, was planned for October 23, 1976. Rev. Benny Turner was the speaker. Approximately 100 attended the meeting.

Fellowship Conference (Western Piedmont, Blue Ridge, Beaver Creek, and Piedmont) was discussed. Rev. William Calvert was appointed to be our speaker at the meeting which was at the Ben Avenue Church on Tuesday, November 9, 1976.

The need for a Youth Director for our association was discussed.

M/S/C to buy a second attendance banner to provide greater competition between churches that have over 100 members. Two new banners are to be purchased—Division I and Division II.

The Camp Arrowood Board of Directors had previously requested a meeting with the Executive Board but cancelled after both had separate meetings.

January 4, 1977

The Executive Board met at the Mt. Holly Church at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Sherman Branch asked to be replaced as assistant treasurer of Arrowood Assembly Board. Rev. Homer Savage was appointed to fill this vacancy.

The Fellowship Meeting to be at the Mt. Holly Church was planned for January 22, 1977. Rev. James Childers, Sr. was the speaker. Approximately 150 people attended.

February 11, 1977

The Executive Board met at the Mt. Holly Church and planned the annual association meeting to convene at the Laurel Church April 15, 16, 1977.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Hardison, Moderator
Homer Arrowood, Vice Moderator
Grady Williams, Clerk
Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer
John Newton, Member
D. L. Whaley, Member

REPORT OF MASTER'S MEN BOARD

This board met in July to discuss the possibility of having a Layman's Rally. Brother Nathan Holt did not feel that he could serve on this committee and asked to be dismissed. Brother James Stencil and myself were the ones who headed the Layman's Rally.

On November 20, 1976, we did have a Layman's Rally and were real pleased with the response. Brother Lloyd Olson was our speaker from Nashville, Tennessee. We would like to thank those who had a part in the Rally and those who attended.

After the Rally, Brother Stencil was elected Pastor to a Free Will Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. That left myself on this committee. After talking with Brother Hardison, I agreed to carry the load myself.

This committee has used letters in trying to communicate with pastors, and churches. It is my opinion that a letter is too easily forgotten, or misplaced, and so I

have decided that personal contact is the best and most important step at this time. I will be working of course with the other members of the Committee that will be appointed by this body to make a visit of all the Laymen Organizations in this association. We will try to encourage, and motivate laymen to do all that is possible to have courage and boldness in their church and community. In speaking with these groups, we will try to get their enthusiasm in top condition. The Bible teaches that Christians are to be zealous (enthusiastic), and we will try to meet this objective. Also, to report their activity to this Association.

Also, I would like to recommend that The Master's Men Board be changed to the Laymen's Board, because the National Board is called, "The National Laymen's Board." This has caused some misconception in that some people feel that they must be a part of the National Association. A laymen's group does not have to be a part of the National, but those that are a part of the National Association do pay a fee or dues and receive books and magazines and helpful aids and suggestions for their meetings. But, in order to get every church interested, we need to change to a laymen's organization rather than Master's Men. We would appreciate any suggestions or help that you may be able to give.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Stancil, Larry Abernathy

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

We have two F.W.B. Children's Homes available for our children—one is in Greenville, Tennessee, directed by James E. Raper, the other is in Turbeville, S. C., directed by Rev. Paul Shehan. Each of these homes accepts children from N. C. Any information concerning the admittance of children in these homes can be obtained by contacting one of the directors. We recommend:

1. That support from our churches through the church budget or a special Sunday be set aside for the home.
2. The adoption of the children from the homes for their support.
3. To help supply the needs for the homes—such as sheets, towels, and non-perishable foods.
4. That pastors and his people visit the homes.
5. That special efforts be put forth to help the homes on Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are special days for the homes.
6. Get your name and address on their mailing list.

REPORT OF THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST BEGINNING APRIL 18, 1976 AND CLOSING APRIL 15, 1977

April 18, 1976—First Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, N. C.

The ordaining council met at the close of the annual session of the association for the purpose of reorganization. Rev. James Pauley was elected chairman of the council, Rev. Ralph Willis was elected secretary, Rev. Earl Bittle is the new member elected to the council this year. All members were present.

The Community Church of Indian Trail sent a letter of recommendation with Brother T. K. Smith asking that we ordain him into the Gospel Ministry. Brother Smith has been licensed for almost three years and was recently called to past or this church.

After checking his written examination and other questions were asked of him concerning his understanding of the doctrine, beliefs, and rules of the Free Will Baptists and after answering these questions to the satisfaction of the council, motion was made, seconded, and approved that we ordain Brother Smith at the

Community Church at Indian Trail, N. C. at a date and time that is acceptable to the council and to Brother Smith.

Rev. James Pauley, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. Earl Bittle, Member

May 14, 1976—Community Free Will Baptist Church, Indian Trail, N. C.

The Ordaining Council met for the purpose of ordaining Brother T. K. Smith into the ministry. Members present were Brothers Pauley and Willis. Absent was Brother Bittle.

There were several members and friends present at this service. Rev. Pauley had charge of the service. The ministers charge was brought by Brother Pauley and the laying on of hands was by the council with the prayer of ordination led by Rev. Willis.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Pauley.

Rev. James Pauley, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary

August 30, 1976—Bessemer City Free Will Baptist Church, Bessemer City, N. C.

The ordaining council met for the purpose of examination and ordination of Brother John F. Parker. Members of the council present were Rev. James Pauley, Rev. Willis, and Rev. Lee Whaley who was proxy for Rev. Bittle who has moved from this section and has resigned from the council. Another member will be appointed to the council by the executive board.

Opening prayer by Brother Whaley. Brother John F. Parker came before the council with a letter of recommendation that we examine Brother Parker for ordination. After answering questions of the council to the satisfaction of the council and after checking his written examination, motion was made, seconded, and approved that we ordain Brother Parker at a service that is to follow this meeting.

Dismissal in prayer to meet in ordination service.

The ordination service was opened in prayer led by Brother Pauley who followed with scripture reading from Isaiah 52:7, 8, which was followed with opening remarks. Public questions were asked by Brother Pauley and answered by Brother Parker concerning the doctrinal beliefs and the calling of Brother Parker into the ministry.

The ordination message and the ministers charge were brought by Rev. Lee Whaley, using scripture found in I Peter 4:10, 11, and Titus 1:5, and I Timothy 1:1-7, using the subject "The Christian Ministry."

The prayer of ordination was led by Rev. Ralph Willis with the laying on of hands of ordination by the council.

Dismissal prayer was led by Brother Parker.

Rev. James Pauley, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. Lee Whaley, Proxy

September 10, 1976—Laurel Church, Charlotte, N. C.

The ordaining council met for the purpose of examination and ordination of Brother Larry Abernathy into the ministry. Council members present were Rev. Pauley, Rev. Willis, and Rev. Homer Savage who was appointed by the executive board to fill the term of Brother Bittle who has moved from our association. Rev. Pauley, chairman of the council gave opening remarks and led in prayer. After answering questions by the members of the council by Brother Abernathy and after checking the written examination, it was moved, seconded, and approved that we ordain Brother Abernathy, immediately following this meeting.

Dismissal prayer from business to ordination service was by Rev. Willis.

The ordination service for Brother Abernathy was held at the Laurel Free Will Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. of which he is pastor. Several friends, relatives, and members of the church were present for the ordination service.

The service was opened with a congregational song. Scripture from I Timothy 4:11-16 was read by Rev. Willis, who afterwards led the opening prayer.

Opening remarks were made by Rev. Pauley who also asked several public questions concerning points of doctrine and rules and concerning the call to the ministry. These questions were answered by Brother Abernathy.

Rev. Homer Arrowood, pastor of Mount Holly Church, and also the former pastor of Brother Abernathy, brought the ministers charge and the ordination sermon. Scripture for the minister and his wife was expounded by Rev. Arrowood from First and Second Timothy. A Bible was presented to Brother Abernathy from his home church of Mt. Holly, N. C. A minister's guide and minister's manual was presented to him from the Laurel Church of which is pastor.

The prayer of ordination and laying on of hands was led by Rev. Homer Savage.

The prayer of dismissal was offered by the young minister's father, Rev. Jack Abernathy.

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

October 23, 1976—First Free Will Baptist Church, China Grove, N. C.

The ordaining council met at the close of the Western Piedmont quarterly fellowship meeting. Present were Rev. Savage, Rev. Willis, and Rev. Arrowood, proxy for Rev. Pauley, who was absent. Rev. Savage was acting chairman.

Motion, seconded, and approved that we accept Rev. James K. Childers into our fellowship with the promise to obtain letter from the Blue Ridge Association. Brother Childers is now pastor of Boger City Church, a member of our association.

Motion, seconded, and approved that we accept Rev. Benny Turner into our association with a promise of a letter from the Union of the East Tennessee Association. Brother Turner is now pastor of Goshen Church of North Belmont, which is a member of this association.

Dismissal prayer was by Rev. Childers.

Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. Homer Savage, Acting Chairman
Rev. Homer Arrowood, Proxy

November 20, 1976—Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, North Belmont, N. C.

The ordaining council met with Rev. Pauley, Rev. Savage, Present. Rev. Willis was absent.

A letter of recommendation was received from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Gastonia, N. C. requesting that Brother Oscar Gray be reinstated as an ordained minister as he had voluntarily turned in his credentials to the association. After questioning and answering and consideration was made of his work, motion was made, seconded and approved that he be reinstated as an ordained minister of this association.

Rev. James Pauley, Chairman
Rev. Homer Savage, Member

December 1, 1976—Gastonia, N. C.

The ordaining council met in a special meeting immediately after the monthly ministers breakfast with all the council present.

Letters for request for transfer were noted from Rev. John F. Parker, Route 4, Blakely, G. 31723 where he now pastors in the Midway Association and Rev. John E. Floyd, Jr., who now pastors in the Wolverine Association of Michigan: This

letter to be sent to Clerk of the Association, William Ferguson, 337 Lyons Street, Tracy, Michigan 48084.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to grant these letters of transfer and recommendation. Motion to adjourn, seconded, approved.

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

January 21, 1977—Mount Holly Church, Mount Holly, N. C.

The ordaining council met one hour prior to the quarterly fellowship meeting. All members of the council were present.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Pauley.

The Saving Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Bessemer City, N. C. sent a letter requesting that we examine Brother Eugene Pressley for license for the ministry.

After discussing this matter of his calling, his beliefs concerning the doctrine, rules and practices of the church and other questions that were felt necessary for the licensing of Brother Pressley to the ministry, motion was made, seconded, and approved that we grant a license and instruct the church to proceed in the licensing of Brother Pressley.

Motion made, seconded, and approved that we grant the following letters to the said association for the following ministers:

Rev. Burel Bryant to the Beaver Creek Association of S. C. where is now pastoring.

Rev. Troy Smith and Rev. Earl Bittle to the Blue Ridge Association of N. C. as both these ministers are now pastoring in that association.

A letter of recommendation was received from the Blue Ridge Association for Rev. Childers. A second letter was mailed to Rev. Floyd as the former one was lost.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Savage.

Gastonia, North Carolina—February 2, 1977

The ordaining council of the Western Piedmont Association met in a brief meeting after ministers fellowship breakfast at "Mom and Pops Ham Restaurant," with all members of the council present. A letter was presented to the council by Rev. Pauley, Chairman, requesting a letter of recommendation from our association, for Rev. James Stancil, who is now pastoring Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church of Joliet, Illinois, which is a member of the Northern Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptists.

Motion by Rev. Savage, second by Rev. Willis and approved by the council that we grant said letter as requested.

Motion, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. James Pauley, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary
Rev. Homer Savage, Member

ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 7, 1976

The Board of Directors met at the Springwood Free Will Baptist Church on September 7, 1976. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bill Sawyer. After prayer the following items of business were approved:

1. James Pauley was elected to be secretary.
2. Homer Savage was elected to be the vice-chairman.

3. Moved, seconded, passed to have two weeks of youth camp next summer and the dates being: June 20-25 (Ages 7-12) and August 8-12 (Ages 13-19)
4. Moved, seconded, and carried to secure Rev. Sherman Branch as youth camp director for the coming year, and Bill Sawyer as assistant for the second week of the youth camp.

The next meeting was set for November 2, 1976. The meeting was moved to adjourn and carried. Dismissed in prayer by W. J. Key.

Five members present: Bill Sawyer, Rev. W. J. Key, Rev. Herman Griffin, Rev. Homer Savage, and Rev. James Pauley.

November 2, 1976

The Board of Directors met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Bill Sawyer.

After discussing the approved dates for camp in 1977 the following items were approved:

1. To have a pastor's conference: May 9-13.
2. W. J. Key to serve as assistant director for the first week of youth camp.
3. That we keep the charge at \$20.00 per camper.

The next meeting of the board will be November 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia.

Meeting was adjourned.

November 13, 1976

The Board of Directors met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. The following members were present: Bill Sawyer, W. J. Key, Homer Savage, James Pauley.

Meeting was called to order by chairman and Brother Savage led in prayer.

The following items of business were approved:

1. To charge all outside groups interested in renting camp, a fee of \$600.00 per week.
2. For Bill Sawyer to work with William Calvert and Sherman Branch in preparing a brochure for advertisement.
3. For Homer Arrowood and James Pauley to bring a report at the next meeting of the duties of Board of Directors and the Board of Development.
4. The next meeting was scheduled for January 14, 1977 at the Western Sizzler Steak House.

Meeting was adjourned.

January 14, 1977

The Board of Directors met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina. The following members were present: Bill Sawyer, Homer Savage, W. J. Key, James Pauley, William Newsome, proxy for Herman Griffin. Meeting called to order by moderator: Bill Sawyer and Homer Savage led in prayer.

The following recommendation was made:

M/S/C to recommend to annual association that the Board of Directors and the Board of Development for Arrowood Assembly be combined into one board, and to consist of seven members, and that this board be called the Board of Directors, and that this board elect its own officers.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 18th, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Gastonia. The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by W. H. Calvert.

March 18, 1977

The Board of Directors met at the First F.W.B. Church in Gastonia, N. C. The following members were present: Bill Sawyer, Homer Savage, W. J. Key, Herman Griffin, and James Pauley.

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Bill Sawyer. Herman Griffin led in prayer.

After discussing various needs of the camp, the following recommendations were made:

1. M/S/C to receive Rev. Sherman Branch's resignation as youth camp director for the coming year, because of health.
2. M/S/C to have W. H. Calvert serve as camp director for the first week (June 20-25).
3. M/S/C to have James Pauley serve as camp director for the second week (August 8-12).
4. M/S/C to designate April 9 as an upcoming work day at camp.
5. M/S/C to elect Homer Arrowood as assistant treasurer of Arrowood Assembly Camp Ground.
6. M/S/C that Bill Sawyer and Homer Savage were appointed to compile cost of tables and chairs and to inform church of what they could do financially in underwriting this expense.
7. M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by W. J. Key.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Since two boards now serve the Arrowood Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Board of Development, and whereas their duties were overlapping in nature, the Board of Directors requested that at each meeting the Board of Development be invited.*

ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY
Financial Report
April 1976 to April 1977

Receipts

First Church, Gastonia	\$ 1,670.00
First Church, Stanley	1,076.25
First Church, Mt. Holly	1,063.20
Ben Avenue	979.04
Mtn. View	599.03
First Church, Kannapolis	543.46
Boger City	508.20
Emmanuel	450.00
First Church, China Grove	404.52
Pecan Grove	372.00
First Church, Landis	327.92
Mable Avenue	260.00
East Belmont	183.00
Bethlehem	175.00
Lowell	124.80
Saving Grace	83.20
Laurel	50.00
Living Hope	50.00
First Church, Dallas	50.00
Goshen Auxiliary	25.00
Spring Wood	25.00
First Church, Charlotte	20.00
Goshen	50.00
Community, Indian Trail	26.50
Bessemer City	10.00
Weldon Key	199.90
Homer Arrowood	50.00
Roy Rikard	50.00
W. H. Calvert	50.00
M. T. Sparks	40.00
Ralph and Dorothy Willis	25.00
Homer Savage	20.00
Gaither Summitt	20.00
Wayne Dills	20.00
Conley Sparks	10.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,097.92</u>
Total	\$10,709.12

Expenditures

B. V. Hedrick	\$ 201.19
Mattresses	881.60
Ice Cream Box	200.00
Plumbing	364.95
Furniture	130.00
Electrical Work	233.02
Mt. Holly Church	86.00
Kitchen Equipment	69.42
Sherman Branch	18.60
Insurance	400.00
Doctors (During Camp)	26.00

Printing	44.10
Postage and stamps	14.60
Mower	664.00
Road Work	80.00
Electricity	526.19
Worker's Travel, Phone, etc.	260.86
Gas (Kitchen)	298.21
Telephone	265.51
Miscellaneous	462.70
Payments—First Federal, Marion, NC	<u>\$6,063.93</u>
Total	<u>\$11,290.88</u>

Respectfully Submitted:
Homer Savage

Financial Report

Balance brought forward	\$ 765.85
Total Income	<u>10,709.12</u>
Total to account for	<u>11,474.97</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>11,290.88</u>
Balance	<u><u>184.09</u></u>

WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT April 1976—April 1977

Income:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 650.53
Received at Annual Association (1976)	<u>1,294.50</u>
Total Income	<u>\$1,945.03</u>

Expenses:

Commercial Printers (Minutes)	\$ 676.00
Arrowood Assembly (Loan)	500.00
Commercial Printers (Programs, Minister Cards)	80.60
Grady Williams (Salary)	75.00
Grady Williams (Clerk expenses)	49.28
Rev. James Pauley (Mileage Expense)	40.00
Rev. Buck Bryant (Reimbursement)	25.00
N.C. State Assn. of Free Will Baptists	25.00
Rev. Kenneth Hardison (Mileage Expense)	11.60
First FWB Church, Kannapolis (Telephone Calls by Moderator) ..	<u>10.10</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,492.58</u>
Balance in Treasury	<u><u>\$ 452.45</u></u>

Kenneth Sigmon, Treasurer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we go on record in support of Anita Bryant in her stand against homosexuality, and encourage our people to drink Florida Orange Juice and to inform the F.C.C. of action and send Mrs. Bryant a carbon copy of this resolution.
2. Be it resolved that we take a positive position against the unbiblical, blasphemous and pornographic movies, plays, etc.
3. Be it resolved that our pastors once again inform and warn their congregations against the modern erroneous charismatic movement, and those T.V. and radio preachers who advocate such, and take a positive position by teaching F.W.B. Doctrine.
4. Be it resolved that we give the host church and all out-going officers a standing vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rev. Bob King
Rev. James Pauley
Rev. Benny Turner

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES April 1976 to April, 1977

BEN AVENUE: 613 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Pat McManus, Rt. 2, Box 814, Concord, NC 28025

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 304. By baptism - 18, by letter - 4, by statement of faith - 2. Members dismissed: 10. By letter - 10. Sunday School enrollment: 356. Sunday School yearly average: 260. C.T.S. enrollment: 105. C.T.S. yearly average: 74. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 20. Yearly average of auxiliary: 12. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$51,414.17. General offering: \$39,492.88, Building fund: \$11,921.29. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$7,540.00, Evangelistic work: \$939.00, Building and repair: \$550.00, Literature: \$1,925.00, Advertising: \$333.00, Caretaker: \$1,620.00, Utilities: \$4,319.00, Bus Ministry: \$4,600.00, Other: \$8,580.00, Secretary: \$300.00. Total local expenditures: \$30,706.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions - \$925.00, Home missions - \$907.00, State and National education - \$360.00, Children's Home - \$790.00, Arrowood Assembly - \$1,010.00, Other - \$566.00, F.W.B. Bible College - \$790.00. Total outside expenditures: \$5,348.00. Value of church property: \$270,000.00, Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$150.00.

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

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

CHURCH CLERK: Ernest A. Taylor, Route 2, Box 2a, Bessemer City, NC 28016

Number of ordained deacons - 3, Church Membership - 56, Members received - 2, by baptism - 2, Members dismissed - 5, by letter - 5, Sunday School Enrollment - 60, Sunday School Yearly Average - 40, Total Offering received - \$15,695.00, General offering - \$15,695.00, Pastor's Salary: \$7,680.00, Evangelistic work: \$250.00, Building and repair: \$100.00, Literature: \$120.00, Advertising: \$200.00, Bond Payments: \$3,000.00, Caretaker: \$400.00, Utilities: \$1,000.00, Land Payment: \$600.00, Housing allowance: \$1,200.00, Gas Allowance: \$120.00, Total Local

Expenditures: \$14,670.00. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$600.00, Home missions: \$300.00, State and National Education: \$25.00, Love offering: \$100.00. Total outside expenditures: \$1,025.00. Value of church property: \$50,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$30.00.

BETHLEHEM: 721 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

PASTOR: Rev. W. T. Newsome, 741 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

CHURCH CLERK: J. W. Ragan, 302 Melinda Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of ordained deacons: 8, Church Membership: 92, Resident: All, Non-resident: 0, Members received: 6, by baptism: 1, by letter: 0, by statement of faith: 5, Members dismissed: 0, Sunday School enrollment: 103, Sunday School yearly average: 80, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 17, Yearly average of Auxiliary: 14, Total offering received: \$19,510.00, General offering: \$2,300.00, Building fund: \$1,740.00, Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$6,890.00, Evangelistic work: \$500.00, Building and repair: \$1,000.00, Literature: \$600.00, Advertising: \$50.00, Caretaker: \$600.00, Utilities: \$2,200.00, Bus Ministry: \$1,200.00, Other: \$3,925.00, Total local expenditures: \$16,965.00, Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$510.00, Home missions: \$360.00, State and national education: \$360.00, Children's Home: \$360.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$25.00, State and National projects: \$60.00, Other: \$1,000.00. Total outside expenditures: \$2,675.00, Value of church property: \$70,000.00. Value of Parsonage property: \$30,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$45.00.

BOGER CITY: Huss St., Lincolnton, NC 28092

PASTOR: Rev. James K. Childers, Sr., 102 Turner St., Lincolnton, NC 28092

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Dianne Williams, Rt. 2, Box 459m, Dallas, NC 28034

Number of licensed ministers: 2, Number of ordained deacons: 7, Church membership: 110, Members received: 16, By baptism: 3, by letter: 11, by statement of faith: 2, Members dismissed: 3, by letter: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 120. Sunday School yearly average: 115. Total offerings received: \$23,268.09. Building Fund: \$1,588.31. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$8,445.00, Evangelistic work: \$125.00, Building and repair: \$2,580.62, Literature: \$629.70, Utilities: \$1,586.97. Total local expenditures: \$13,367.29. Spent for outside causes: Home missions: \$300.00, State and national education: \$25.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$508.20. Total outside expenditures: \$833.20. Value of church property: \$75,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$35,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$55.00

CENTER GROVE: Waxhaw, NC 28173

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

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

Church Membership: 96. Members received: 11. By baptism: 3, by letter: 4, by statement of faith: 4. Members dismissed: 24. Excluded: 22, deceased: 2. Sunday School enrollment: 107. Sunday School yearly average: 92. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 16. Yearly average of auxiliary: 9. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$34,254.21. General offering: \$24,991.61, Building fund: \$9,262.60. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$12,220.00, Evangelistic work: \$200.00, Building and repair: \$11,576.65. Literature: \$416.66, Caretaker and supplies: \$1,179.51, Utilities: \$3,966.93, Other: \$2,362.93. Total local expenditures: \$31,022.02. Spent for outside causes: Children's home: \$194.41. Total outside expenditures: \$247.91. Value of church property: \$120,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$9,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$48.00.

COMMUNITY: Indian Trail, NC 28079

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

CHURCH CLERK: Cathy Baker, Rt. 4, Box 562, Monroe, NC 28110

Number of licensed ministers: 2, Church Membership: 32, Members received: 32, by baptism: 6, by letter: 6, by statement of faith: 20, Members dismissed: 15, by letter: 6, Excluded: 9, Sunday School enrollment: 32, Sunday School yearly average: 25, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$3,210.04, General offering: \$3,210.04, Spent for local causes: Building and repair: \$446.18, Literature: \$155.86, Utilities: \$1,496.80, Other: \$901.20, Total local expenditures: \$3,000.04, Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly: \$12.80, Total outside expenditures: \$12.80, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$16.00.

CRAMERTON: 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, NC 28032

PASTOR: Rev. Bob King, 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, NC 28032

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

Number of ordained deacons: 3, Church Membership: 204, Members received: 19, by baptism: 12, by letter: 4, by statement of faith: 3, Members dismissed: 20, by letter: 6, Excluded: 12, Deceased: 2, Sunday School enrollment: 232, Sunday School yearly average: 210, C.T.S. enrollment: 82, C.T.S. yearly average: 62, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 21, Yearly average of auxiliary: 18, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$56,136.02, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$9,467.50, Evangelistic Work: \$500.00, Building and repair: \$8,102.82, Literature: \$1,947.52, Caretaker: \$4,100.00, Utilities: \$3,683.58, Bus Ministry: \$750.00, Other: \$12,025.58, Total local expenditures: \$45,746.60, Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$1,500.00, Home missions: \$1,500.00, State and National education: \$1,500.00, Children's Home: \$500.00, Home for Aged: \$200.00, Superannuation: \$120.00, State and National projects: \$1,500.00, Total outside expenditures: \$6,870.00, Value of church property: \$590,500.00. Value of parsonage property: \$40,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$102.00.

EAST BELMONT: 907 Edgemont Avenue, Belmont, NC 28012

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

CHURCH CLERK: Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Avenue, Belmont, NC 28012

Number of ordained deacons: 3, Church Membership: 50, Members received: 1, by letter: 1, Members dismissed: 11, by letter: 4, Excluded: 7, Sunday School enrollment: 84, Sunday School yearly average: 46, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 5, Yearly average of auxiliary: 5, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$12,725.00, General offering: \$11,808.00, Building Fund: \$917.00, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$2,760.00, Evangelistic work: \$75.00, Building and repair: \$2,185.53, Literature: \$263.35, Caretaker: \$100.00, Utilities: \$1,360.00, Other: \$2,400.00, Total local expenditures: \$9,144.00, Spent for outside causes: Home missions: \$63.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$233.00, State and National projects: \$30.00, Total outside expenditures: \$226.00, Value of church property: \$65,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$25.00

EMMANUEL: Box 453, Dallas, NC 28034

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Toni Long, 405 E. Wilkens Street, Dallas, NC 28034

Number of licensed ministers: 1, Church membership: 69, Members received: 19, by baptism: 13, by statement of faith: 6, Members dismissed: 6, by letter: 6, Sunday School enrollment: 70, Sunday School yearly average: 65, C.T.S. enrollment: 40, C.T.S. yearly average: 35, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18, Yearly average of auxiliary: 15, Financial report: Total offering received: \$11,873.38, Spent for local causes: Pastor's expense: \$3,700.00, Evangelistic work: \$300.00, Literature:

\$547.40, Advertising: \$50.00, Utilities: \$1,360.07, Total local expenditures: \$5,957.47, Spent for outside causes: State and national education: \$210.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$410.00, Total outside expenditures: \$620.00. Value of church property: \$63,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$34.50

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

PASTOR: Rev. Ralph Willis, 401 N. Bostian St., China Grove, NC 28023

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

Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church Membership: 118. Members received: 14. By baptism: 12, by statement of faith: 2. Members dismissed: 6. By letter: 5, deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 75. Sunday School yearly average: 66. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 9. Yearly average of auxiliary: 8. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$14,390.47. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$5,270.00, Evangelistic work: \$187.80, Building and repair: \$2,528.32, Literature: \$333.70, Advertising: \$59.66, Caretaker: \$365.00, Utilities: \$1,031.51, Bus Ministry: \$601.40, Other: \$838.09. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$321.33, State and National Education: \$597.00, Children's home: \$25.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$371.33, State and National projects: \$148.17. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$12,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.:

FIRST: 400 East Fifth Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Rachel B. Lynn, 423 South Oak Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of licensed ministers: 2. Number of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 267. Members received: 35. By baptism: 17, by letter: 6, by statement of faith: 9. Members dismissed: 2. Deceased: 4. Sunday School enrollment: 315. Sunday School yearly average: 261. C.T.S. enrollment: 120. C.T.S. yearly average: 80. Woman's auxiliary membership: 20. Yearly average of auxiliary: 13. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$78,130.03. General offering: \$73,564.16, Building fund: \$4,565.87. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$10,400.00, Evangelistic work: \$890.13, Building and repair: \$4,141.49, Literature: \$1,803.46, Advertising: \$1,952.56, Caretaker: \$3,120.00, Utilities: \$3,405.34. Total local expenditures: \$25,712.98. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$1,210.31, Home missions: \$455.77, State and National education: \$2,181.94, Children's home: \$442.43, Superannuation: \$791.25, Arrowood Assembly: \$1,670.00, State and National projects: \$240.00. Total outside expenditures: \$6,991.70. Value of church property: \$164,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$18,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$133.50

FIRST: 517 Pleasant Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

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

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Judy Cox, 611 North Poplar St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of ordained deacons: 3. Church Membership: 82. Members received: 13. By baptism: 4, by letter: 2, by statement of faith: 7. Members dismissed: 6. By letter: 6. Sunday School enrollment: 106. Sunday School yearly average: 90. C.T.S. enrollment: 50. C.T.S. yearly average: 48. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15. Yearly average of auxiliary: 10. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$25,978.00. General offering: \$23,198.00, Building fund: \$2,780.00. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$5,820.00, Evangelistic work: \$465.00, Literature: \$580.00,

Utilities: \$1,350.00, Bus Ministry: \$1,250.00. Total local expenditures: \$9,465.00. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly: \$435.00. Value of church property: \$141,000.00. Value of parsonage property: \$35,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$41.00.

FIRST: 841 Noles Drive, Mt. Holly, NC 28120

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

CHURCH CLERK: Bessie P. Langley, 328 Belton Avenue, Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Number of ordained deacons: 4, Church Membership: 186, Members received: 22, by baptism: 16, by letter: 6, Members dismissed: 24, by letter: 4, excluded: 19, deceased: 1, Sunday School enrollment: 223, Sunday School yearly average: 170, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 20, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$45,872.46, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$7,405.00, Evangelistic work: \$435.07, Building and repair: \$878.27, Literature: \$1,073.50, Caretaker: \$1,235.00, Utilities: \$3,362.54, Bus ministry: \$17.20, Other: \$6,769.01, Church debt: \$13,533.50, Total local expenditures: \$34,709.09, Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$1,388.96, Home missions: \$1,639.56, State and National education: \$739.24, Children's Home: \$1,084.59, Home for Aged: \$257.76, Superannuation: \$520.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$1,136.20, State and national projects: \$1,029.44, Other: \$302.00, Total outside expenditures: \$8,097.55, Value of church property: \$150,000.00, Value of parsonage property: \$30,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$93.00.

FIRST: Box 206, Stanley, NC 28164

PASTOR: Rev. Billy Buchanan, P. O. Box 186, Stanley, NC 28164

CHURCH CLERK: JoAnn Astley, 112 Bost Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Number of ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 181. Members received: 10. By baptism: 3, by letter: 4, by statement of faith: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 181. Sunday School yearly average: 140. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 25, Yearly average of auxiliary: 15. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$74,365.43. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$10,080.00, Evangelistic work: \$1,168.05, Building and repair: \$25,156.45, Literature: \$2,426.13, Caretaker: \$1,446.16, Utilities: \$5,657.79, Bus Ministry: \$460.32, Other: \$20,507.22. Total local expenditures: \$66,902.12. Spent for outside causes: Foreign missions: \$60.00, Home missions: \$989.00, State and national education: \$3,801.81, Superannuation: \$556.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$1,240.00, State and national projects: \$816.50. Total outside expenditures: \$7,463.31. Value of church property: \$225,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$90.50

LAUREL: 6201 Elgywood Lane, Charlotte, NC 28213

PASTOR: Rev. Larry D. Abernathy, 5209 Wales St., Charlotte, NC 28213

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

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 32, Resident: 24, Non resident: 8. Members received: 13. By baptism: 2, by letter: 10, by statement of faith: 1. Members dismissed: 5. By letter: 5. Sunday School enrollment: 50. Sunday School yearly average: 34. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of auxiliary: 10. Financial Report: Total offering received: \$8,801.70. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$1,010.85, Evangelistic work: \$40.00, Literature: \$136.97, Advertising: \$40.00, Utilities: \$750.62, Bus ministry: \$514.73, Building Program: \$575.11, Other: \$1,103.23. Total local expenditures: \$9,347.51. Spent for outside causes: Home missions: \$10.00, Children's Home: \$207.00, Arrowood Assembly: \$60.00. Total outside expenditures: \$277.00. Value of church property: \$70,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$16.00.

LIVING HOPE: Rt. 5, Gastonia, NC 28052

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

CHURCH CLERK: Jean Harmon, Rt. 5, Box 506, Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 37. Resident: 37. Members received: 2. By letter: 2. Members dismissed: 50. Excluded: 50. Sunday School enrollment: 56. Sunday School yearly average: 35. Financial Report: General offering: \$14,579.25. Spent for local causes: Pastor's salary: \$3,300.00, Evangelistic work: \$145.00, Literature: \$354.90, Utilities: \$1,056.37, Other: \$450.46, Church payment: \$7,995.24. Total local expenditures: \$13,301.97. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly: \$100.00, State and national projects: \$27.50. Total outside expenditures: \$127.50. Value of church property: \$100,000.00. Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$18.50.

MABEL AVENUE: 1007 Mabel Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

PASTOR: Rev. L. D. Gray, 408 East 21st St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Ronald W. Joines, Rt. 4, Box 321-F, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Number of licensed ministers: 1. Number of ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 49. Resident: 18, Non-resident: 31. Members received: 3. By baptism: 1, by letter: 1, by statement of faith: 1, Members dismissed: 7, by letter: 6, Excluded: 1, Sunday School enrollment: 33, Sunday School yearly average: 20, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 11, Yearly average of auxiliary: 7, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$10,604.69, General offering: \$7,221.50, Building Fund: \$3,383.19, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$1,335.00, Building and repair: \$3,876.82, Literature: \$142.13, Advertising: \$49.55, Caretaker: \$30.00, Utilities: \$1,337.99, Other: \$3,330.07, Total local expenditures: \$10,101.56, Spent for outside causes: Superannuation: \$10.25, Arrowood Assembly: \$240.00, State and national projects: \$100.00, Total outside expenditures: \$350.25, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$24.50.

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

Number of ordained deacons: 2, Statistics: Church Membership: 76, Members received: 6, by baptism: 3, by letter: 2, by statement of faith: 1, Members dismissed: 1, Deceased: 1, Sunday School enrollment: 64, Sunday School yearly average: 50, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 15, Yearly average of auxiliary: 10, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$20,468.00, General Offering: \$16,096.00, Building Fund: \$4,372.00, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$7,380.00, Building and repair: \$3,347.00, Literature: \$218.00, Caretaker: \$250.00, Utilities: \$1,433.16, Total local expenditures: \$13,228.16, Spent for outside causes: Home missions: \$61.82, Children's Home: \$351.36, Arrowood Assembly: \$600.00, Total outside expenditures: \$1,013.18, Value of church property: \$40,000.00, Value of parsonage property: \$20,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$38.00.

PECAN GROVE: Gastonia, NC 28052

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

CHURCH CLERK: Nettie Huss, 306 E. Gibbs St., Dallas, NC 28034

Number of ordained deacons: 2, Statistics: Church membership: 51, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12, Yearly average of auxiliary: 9, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$9,492.37, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$4,420.00, Evangelistic work: \$100.00, Building and repair: \$721.94, Literature: \$347.95, Caretaker: \$470.00, Utilities: \$926.86, Other: \$1,538.48, Total local expenditures:

\$8,525.23, Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly: \$264.00, Total outside expenditures: \$264.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$26.00.

SPRINGWOOD: Forest Drive, Belmont, NC 28012

PASTOR: Rev. John R. Newton, 440, 17th St., Cramerton, NC 28032

CHURCH CLERK: Wilma Lee Wiggins, Holly Raye Mobile Home Park, Rt. 2, Box 218-AAA

26 Turner Rd., Gastonia, NC 28052

Number of licensed ministers: 2, Number of ordained deacons: 1, Statistics: Church membership: 44, Members received: 13, by baptism: 3, by letter: 3, by statement of faith: 7, Sunday School enrollment: 82, Sunday School yearly average: 50, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$11,331.95, Building fund: \$900.00, Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$3,640.00, Evangelistic work: \$205.00, Building and repair: \$1,596.23, Literature: \$368.74, Advertising: \$1,040.00, Caretaker: \$780.00, Utilities: \$669.39, Total local expenditures: \$8,299.36. Spent for outside causes: Arrowood Assembly: \$25.00, Western Piedmont Association: \$25.00, Total outside expenditures: \$50.00, Value of church property: \$50,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$22.00.

(Churches Turning In Letters Late)

GOSHEN: 1300 W. Catawba Ave. Ext., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

PASTOR: Rev. Benny Turner, 1300 W. Catawba Ave. Ext., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Betty Parrott, 306 Timberlane Dr., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Number of licensed ministers: 2, Number of ordained deacons: 9, Church membership: 200, Members received: 26, By baptism: 6, By letter: 18, Bystatement: 2, Members dismissed: 2, Deceased: 2, Sunday School Enrollment: 195, C.T.S. Enrollment: 56, C.T.S. yearly average: 42, Woman's Auxiliary membership: 26, Yearly average of auxiliary: 16, Financial Report: Total offering received: \$36,450.21 (9 months), Spent for local causes: Pastor's Salary: \$9,950.00, Evangelistic work: \$450.00, Building and repair: \$53,000.00, Literature: \$820.00, Caretaker: \$990.00, Utilities: \$2,962.54, Bus ministry: \$326.00, Total local expenditures: \$69,498.54, Spent for outside causes: Home missions: \$500.00, Value of Church Property: \$500,000.00, Value of Parsonage property: \$45,000.00, Amount enclosed with letter for minutes, fees, etc.: \$100.00.

(Churches Not Reporting By Letter)

FIRST, Dallas, NC

LOWELL, Lowell, NC

MARY GROVE, NC

OPEN DOOR, Gastonia, NC

SAVING GRACE, Bessemer City, NC

MINISTER'S REPORTS
(Those Turning In Cards)

- LARRY ABERNATHY: Sermons Preached - 114, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 55, Number Baptized - 2, Additions to church - 11, Miles traveled - 2,000, Amount received - \$200.00.
- LLOYD S. ABERNATHY: Sermons Preached - 25, Profession witnessed - 35, Miles traveled - 150.
- HOMER ARROWOOD: Sermons Preached - 150, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 3, Number Baptized - 16, Additions to church - 22, Miles traveled - 36,000, Amount received - \$7,655.00.
- W. H. CALVERT: Sermons Preached - 160, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 3, Profession witnessed - 85, Number Baptized - 17, Additions to church - 35, Funerals preached - 9, Miles traveled - 26,000, Amount received - \$10,400.
- JAMES K. CHILDERS, SR.: Sermons Preached - 205, Churches Pastored - 2, Revivals held - 5, Profession witnessed - 52, Number Baptized - 11, Additions to church - 18, Funerals preached - 5, Miles traveled - 18,000.
- WAYNE C. DILLS: Sermons Preached - 142, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Profession witnessed - 87, Additions to church - 11, Funerals preached - 5, Miles traveled - 25,000, Amount received - \$12,220.
- HENRY C. GIBSON: Sermons Preached - 100, Churches Pastored - 1, Funerals preached - 3, Amount received - \$4,420.
- L. D. GRAY: Sermons Preached - 90, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 10, Number Baptized - 4, Additions to church - 3, Funerals preached - 6.
- G. HERMAN GRIFFIN:
- KENNETH L. HARDISON, SR.: Sermons Preached - 102, Church Pastored - 1, Number Baptized - 4, Additions to church - 13, Funerals preached - 2, Miles traveled - 18,000, Amount received - \$5,820.
- RONALD D. HARRISON: Sermons Preached - 30, Profession witnessed - 10, Miles traveled - 500.
- DAVID W. HOVIS: Sermons Preached - 96, Churches Pastored - 1.
- WELDON KEY: Sermons Preached - 40, Profession witnessed - 15, Additions to church - 21, Churches organized - 1, Funerals preached - 3, Miles traveled - 5,000, Amount received - \$300.
- BOB KING: Sermons Preached - 178, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 3, Funerals preached - 5, Miles traveled - 25,000.
- WILLIAM T. NEWSOME: Sermons Preached - 78, Churches Pastored - 1, Funerals preached - 1, Miles traveled - 26,000, Amount received - \$6,700.
- CHARLIE C. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 2, Profession witnessed - 2, Miles traveled - 300.
- JOHN R. NEWTON: Sermons Preached - 135, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 12, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to church - 11, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles traveled - 16,000, Amount received - \$3,640.
- WAYNE NORRIS: Sermons Preached - 30, Profession witnessed - 4, Miles traveled 300, Amount received - \$100.
- JAMES PAULEY: Sermons Preached - 160, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 6, Profession witnessed - 50, Number Baptized - 18, Additions to church - 24, Funerals preached - 5, Amount received - \$9,000.

- L. C. RANKIN: Sermons Preached - 120, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Profession witnessed - 10, Number Baptized - 5, Additions to church - 5, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 20,000
- HOMER SAVAGE: Sermons Preached - 83, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 17, Additions to church - 6, Funerals preached - 4, Amount received - \$7,380.
- R. P. SAWYER: Sermons Preached - 3, Funerals preached - 1
- T. K. SMITH: Sermons Preached - 98, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 23, Number Baptized - 7, Additions to church - 12, Churches organized - 1, Funerals preached - 1, Miles traveled - 4,000
- MURRAY T. SPARKS: Sermons Preached - 104, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 5, Number Baptized - 5, Additions to church - 1, Funerals preached - 1, Amount received - \$6,258.00
- GAITHER SUMMITT: Sermons Preached - 122, Churches Pastored - 1, Revivals held - 1, Profession witnessed - 17, Number Baptized - 18, Additions to church - 19, Funerals preached - 6, Miles traveled - 17,000
- BOBBY G. WEATHERS: Sermons Preached - 16, Miles traveled - 400
- D. LEE WHALEY: Sermons Preached - 150, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 10, Number Baptized - 3, Additions to church - 3, Funerals preached - 2, Miles traveled - 10,000
- RALPH LEE WILLIS: Sermons Preached - 146, Churches Pastored - 1, Profession witnessed - 34, Number Baptized - 17, Additions to church - 16, Funerals preached - 4, Miles traveled - 17,650, Amount received - \$6,500.00, Weddings preached - 5.

(Ministers Turning In Cards Late)

- BENNY TURNER: Sermons Preached - 32, Churches Pastored - 1, Number Baptized - 6, Additions to Church - 26, Funerals Preached - 2, Miles Traveled - 15,000, Amount received - \$9,950.00 (9 months)
- EUGENE PRESSLEY: Sermons Preached - 25, Miles traveled - 220.

**"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. _____

Picture of

3. Campus Address _____

Applicant

Telephone No. _____

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 receipt 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

