

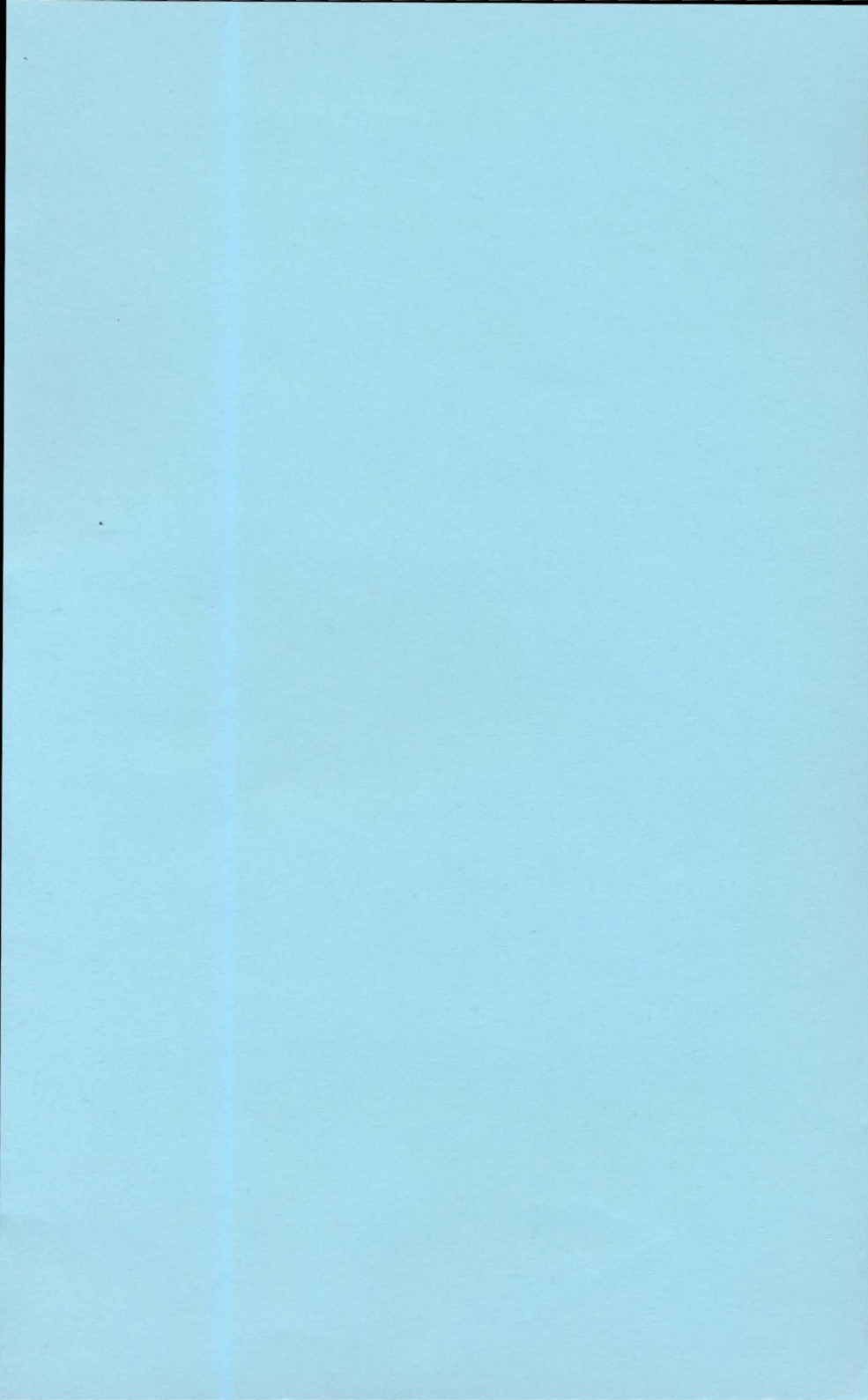
**Reports and Proceedings**  
*of the*  
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
*of the*  
**Western Piedmont Association**  
*of*  
**(Original)**  
**Free Will Baptists of North Carolina**

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MEMBER (827-9325) (1983)	Rev. Roy Rikard Rt. 2, Box 459-C, Gastonia, NC 28052
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BEN AVENUE, Kannapolis, NC .....	Rev. James Pauley
BETHLEHEM, Kannapolis, NC .....	Rev. W. T. Newsome
BOGER CITY, Lincolnton, NC .....	Rev. James Childers, Sr.
CENTER GROVE, Waxhaw, NC .....	Rev. Wayne Dills
COMMUNITY, Indian Trail, NC .....	Rev. T. K. Smith
CRAMERTON, Cramerton, NC .....	Rev. Bob King
EAST BELMONT, Belmont, NC .....	Rev. M. T. Sparks
EDGEWOOD, Bessemer City, NC .....	Rev. Roy Rikard
FIRST, China Grove, NC .....	Rev. Ralph Willis
FIRST, Gastonia, NC .....	Rev. William Calvert
FIRST, Kannapolis, NC .....	Rev. L. D. Gray
FIRST, Landis, NC .....	Rev. Weldon Key
FIRST, Mount Holly, NC .....	Rev. Homer Arrowood
FIRST, Shelby, NC .....	Rev. Ken Piercy
FIRST, Stanley, NC .....	Rev. Earl Bittle
GOSHEN, North Belmont, NC .....	Rev. Benny Turner
LAUREL, Charlotte, NC .....	Rev. James Stancill
LOWELL, Lowell, NC .....	Rev. Ted Dixon
MABLE AVENUE, Kannapolis, NC .....	Rev. Bobby Sutherland
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Dallas, NC .....	Rev. Homer Savage
MOUNTAIN PEAK, Stanley, NC .....	Rev. James Hope
SAVING GRACE, Bessemer City, NC .....	Rev. Bob Hildebrand
SPRINGWOOD, North Belmont, NC .....	Rev. J. W. Wooten

## **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, assistant moderator, clerk, 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 session. No church shall be accepted at the annual association without first consulting the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall conduct the necessary business of the Association when the Association is not in session. This Board shall report its work annually to the Association and its work shall be subject to the approval of this body.
- Article 7.** Any congregation desiring to be organized as a Free Will Baptist Church coming into this Association, must request the Executive Board of this Association to examine them doctrinally using the National Treatise as its guide. If satisfied, the Executive Board shall proceed to organize the group into a church. The newly organized church shall be recommended to the Association, whereupon at the pleasure of this body, they be given the right hand of fellowship.
- Article 8.** 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 meetings when it becomes necessary, provided that the member churches are properly notified.
- Article 9.** This Association shall have a council of ordained ministers whose duties shall be to investigate 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 10.** This Association recognizes the independence of the local church, and the historic position of Free Will Baptists relative to congregational church government and therefore, assumes no higher authority than an advisory capacity. This body assumes no rights over local church property other than that which may be acquired by legal title.
- Article 11.** 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 12.** 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 13.** 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 indifinite pastoral call.
8. The Association approves and urges our Churches to support the programs of our State and National Associations.
9. Each board and committee shall elect its chairman and treasurer. EXCEPTION: The Moderator of the Association is the chairman of the Executive Board and the treasurer of the Association is its treasurer.
10. A member may serve on as many boards and committees as he may be elected. EXCEPTION: No member may serve on the Executive Board and Ordaining Council at the same time.
11. Each Church shall send fifty cents per member (both active and inactive) with their annual report to the Association. This money shall be placed in the general fund and shall be used for the printing of the minutes and other Associational expenses.
12. Each Church should include in its report information concerning any minister who is walking disorderly (unfaithfulness, failure to tithe, etc.) The clerk of the Association should report this to the ordaining council



whose duties shall be to investigate such matters and make recommendations to the Association at the proper time.

13. Since the word of God requires faithfulness (I Cor.: 4:2) a minister in order to remain in fellowship with the Association must be faithful to his Church and Association. A Church must also be faithful. (see constitution article II)
14. A nominating committee shall be elected by the body at the last session of each annual meeting. Their duty shall be to present nominations for all associational offices (except committees appointed by moderator). The body shall have the right to nominate from the floor after this committee gives its reports, and all offices shall be filled by a majority vote.
15. These by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting, provided that a quorum be present.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The clerk, assistant clerk, or senior minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until the moderator assumes his place.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used inasmuch as it pertains to Ecclesiastical bodies such as ours.
3. There shall be no conversation by members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
4. Every person wishing to speak must first rise and address the moderator and be recognized by him before speaking.
5. No person shall interrupt (except in extreme emergencies) another while he is speaking.
6. All motions made must be seconded and shall be opened for discussion. The body by majority vote may close discussions at any time.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes each time without special leave from the body.
8. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave from the moderator.
9. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member and voted on separately.
10. Motions lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided that the chair shall be filled.
12. Any decision of the moderator may be overruled by a two-third majority vote.
13. Visiting brethren or sisters shall be entitled to be seated and accorded all the privileges of the body except voting.
14. Unlawful absense from the body denies a member voting privileges for that session.
15. It is urged that each member let Christian charity rule in every situation.
16. A quorum of at least nine members must be present in order to conduct any legal Associational business. These rules may be altered, amended, or suspended at any regular business meeting of the Association, provided that a quorum shall be present.

# **RULES AND BY-LAWS FOR LICENSING AND ORDAINING MINISTERS**

## **I. SCRIPTURAL QUALIFICATIONS**

In order for a brother to be 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)

That any one desiring to be ordained to the Gospel ministry or received into our Association not be divorced and remarried or married to a divorcee, that he abstain from smoking, dancing, card playing, immodest dress, worldly hair styles (feminine looking), public mixed swimming, and bad credit. That he not have a tolerant attitude toward liberalism, modernism, communism, Catholicism, and tongue speaking as a part of the practice of the Christian life and evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence and approval.

- 1. That the guidelines apply to presently ordained ministers with exception of marital status.
- 2. That the local church be encouraged to follow these guidelines in the licensing of preachers.

## **II. ASSOCIATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The local church shall, with prayerful consideration, license the men who are called to preach among its membership.

- A. The man that is licensed shall serve under the guidance of his church until such time as full-time ministry requires ordination. At that time, the church may recommend and request by letter that he be examined for ordination by the Ordaining Council of this associational body.
  - 1. We encourage when a brother is licensed that he be presented 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 regard to church policy, history, and Bible doctrines as believed by Free Will Baptists. (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - 2. 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.
- B. No man will be considered or examined by the Ordaining Council of this associaton who has not been properly recommended by a member church.

When a minister from another Free Will Baptist Association or Conference is called to pastor a member church—recognizing the authority and respecting the wisdom of said church in the selection of its pastor—this association will issue to said pastor a minister's card upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a sister association or, if not a member of an association, upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from the requesting church.

When an Ordained Minister comes from another denomination:

- A. He shall first become a member of a church of this association.
- B. His church shall recommend and request that he be examined by the Ordaining Council—at which time the Ordaining Council may or may not recommend that he be issued Free Will Baptist Credentials.

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." (1 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. Cullottes or gouchos will be permitted during recreation, free time, class time, and meal time, but dresses must be worn during the evening 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 compaints must be made to the counselor or camp director.
11. We encourage a wholesome relationship between all campers, counselors, staff members, and workers, 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 boys be allowed in the girls area or girls allowed in boys area. There will be ample time for fellowship together.

## CHURCH DELEGATES

(Saturday Registration)

BEN AVENUE: Clifton Wallace, Debbie Branch, Chuck Odom, Tim Hunter,  
Patty Marlow, Phyllis Berryman

BETHLEHEM: None

BOGER CITY: Grady Williams

CENTER GROVE: Dan Robinson, Mae Robinson, Viola Harrison

COMMUNITY: Trudy Helms, Evelyn Brooks, Marlene Carver

CRAMERTON: Myrtle Parris, Steve Harrell, Kenneth Vaughn, Sherry Jones,  
Lynn Lefler

EAST BELMONT: None

EDGEWOOD: Gene Wilson

FIRST, CHINA GROVE: Curtis Davis, Kenneth Pethel

FIRST, GASTONIA: Bill Sawyer, Nolen Taylor, James Forlines, Earl Winkles

FIRST, KANNAPOLIS: Jack Sellers, Margie Linker

FIRST, LANDIS: None

FIRST, MT. HOLLY: Larry Abernethy, Waureen Arrowood, Myrtle Matkins

FIRST, SHELBY: None

FIRST, STANLEY: Patsy Soles, Bobbie Carpenter, Virginia Hughes, Rick Hughes

GOSHEN: Rev. and Mrs. Buck Bryant

LAUREL: None

LOWELL: Lucille Connors, Ila Fore, Joyce Brewer

MABLE AVENUE: Graham Cox, Bill Cox

MOUNTAIN PEAK: None

MOUNTAIN VIEW: None

PECAN GROVE: None

SAVING GRACE: Ronnie McGinnis, John Black, Jack Victory, Ray Lanier,  
Nancy Hildebrand

SPRINGWOOD: None



## MINISTERS

Buren Bryant, Robert Hildebrand, T. K. Smith, Bob King, Ron Wilson, James Childers, Dewey Lynch, Hardin Price, Sherman Branch, Jr., William Calvert, Ralph Willis, Ted Davis, Bobby Sutherland, James Hope, Ted Dixon, Sherman Branch, James Pauley, Bobby Weathers, Henry Gibson, Herman Griffin, Homer Savage, John Newton, Benny Turner, L. C. Rankin, L. D. Gray.

## VISITORS

(Who Registered)

Peggy Bryant, Lela Brooks, Avadell Smith, Trudy Helms, Nolan Taylor, Martha Taylor, Brenda Brooks, Beth Brooks, Allen Killough, Donald Helms, Dan Robinson, Mae Robinson, Bob Rhyne, Jeane Rhyne, Viola Harrison, Dianne Smith, Katherine Dills, Terry Helms, Betty Helms, Hardin Price, Christine Price, Miles Sigmon, Mason Moss, Joanne King, Myrtle Parris, Anna Lee Childers, Mary Black, Loria Black, Nancy Hildebrand, Jack Victory, Terry Berryman, Phyllis Berryman, Tim Hunter, Patty Marlow, Wayne Marlow, Curtis Davis.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Guy Owens, Bobby Sutherland.

## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Friday Night Session

April 17, 1981

7:00 p.m.

The service began with the congregation singing "At the Cross". Rev. Benny Turner called the congregation to worship and introduced Rev. Ted Dixon who welcomed those present to the Lowell Church.

Special music was provided by the Hope Family and a trio from the Lowell Church. The message was brought by Rev. Ralph Robinette.

Saturday Morning Session

April 18, 1981

9:30 a.m.

After the congregation sang "At the Cross", Rev. Arrowood opened the service with prayer. Rev. James Hope brought devotions on I Kings 18:31-37. The clerk called the association to order.

Rev. Benny Turner made the moderator's remarks. M/S/C to adopt the program. The clerk read the Rules of Decorum. A partial report of the credential committee was given by Rev. Bob Hildebrand. The report listed 31 ministers, 18 churches, church dues \$1,023, and ministers dues \$56.00. M/S/C to accept report.

The nominating committee gave its partial report on the election of clerks: Grady Williams—elected clerk, and Bill Sawyer—elected assistant clerk.

The moderator recognized the following visitors: Albert Sawyer, Bobby Sutherland and Guy Owens.

The roll call of ministers listed 24 ministers present.

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

Rev. Guy Owens brought remarks from the State Board and announced the State Association June 8, 9, 10 at the Cardinal Village Church, Jacksonville, NC; and the National Association July 19-23 in Louisville, Ky.

M/S/C to accept Rev. Owen's report as information.

No churches were accepted at this annual session.

M/S/C to accept report of Ordaining Council. M/S/C to send letter of transfer for Rev. Robert Hagler to the South Carolina Association.

Rev. William Calvert was introduced to give special report on minister's character and conduct.

M/S/C that guideline accepted apply to presently ordained ministers with the exception of marital status (this will replace No. 1 under special notes).

M/S/C to accept special report concerning minister's character and conduct.

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

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

M/S/C to accept Mission Board Report.

M/S/C to accept Nominating Committee Report.

M/S/C that the following serve as the nominating committee for next year: James Pauley, Homer Arrowood, and Bob King.

M/S/C that the Fellowship meetings remain at the First Church, Mt. Holly.

M/S/C that the annual session meet at the First Church, China Grove on April 16, 17, 1982. (The annual session is always the Friday and Saturday after the second Sunday in April).

M/S/C to adjourn.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

**July 13, 1980**—First Church, Stanley

1. M/S/C to send a letter of transfer to the Piedmont Association for Immanuel Church, Dallas.
2. M/S/C to raise gas mileage expense for all boards to \$.18 per mile.
3. M/S/C to adopt program for July 26 fellowship meeting.

**July 26, 1981**—Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, First Church, Mt. Holly

Service began with a song, "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. Homer Arrowood, Pastor, welcomed the congregation and announced the puppet ministry for the children in the fellowship hall.

The roll call of churches resulted in a count of 13 churches and 227 people present. Eleven churches did not represent.

Rev. Guy Owens, Minister-At-Large, was introduced as a representative of our state work and he reported on the state programs.

The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing" while the Arrowood Assembly offering was received. The special music was provided by a trio from the First Church, Mt. Holly.

Rev. Ronnie Wilson, Pastor of Springwood Church, brought the message from Hebrews on "Things That Are Not Shaken."

Moderator made announcements and introduced the Boger City Church as winner of Attendance Banner I with 45% of its membership present. The Community Church, Indian Trail, had 17 members present and won Attendance Banner II with 40% of its membership present.

Before the closing prayer, Rev. Leroy Forlines, Free Will Baptist Bible College, was recognized as a special guest.

**October 25, 1980**—Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, First Church, Mt. Holly.

Service began with a song after which the Moderator introduced Rev. Homer Arrowood, who gave the welcome.

After the Roll Call of Churches, the Arrowood Assembly offering was received. Rev. Gordon Johnson sang a solo while the offering was received.

The special music was provided by the choir from First Church, Shelby. The Moderator then led the congregation in the Pledge to the Flag. The congregation sang, "My Country Tis of Thee."

Rev. Fred Carraway was introduced as guest speaker and he brought his message from Ezekiel 9:1-8 on a "Rallying Cry." Boger City Church won Attendance Banner I; Community Church, Attendance Banner II.

**January 10, 1981**—First Church, Stanley

M/S/C to adopt program for Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, January 24.

M/S/C to appoint Chuck Branch to fill unexpired term of Rev. Kenneth Hardison who now pastors Canaan's Chapel Church in Erwin, Tenn.

**January 24, 1981**—Quarterly Fellowship Meeting, First Church, Mt. Holly

Service began with a song, "Glory To His Name." Prayer was given by Rev. Ralph Willis.

The welcome was given by Rev. Homer Arrowood. Rev. Benny Turner read the Roll Call of Churches—17 churches with 195 present. Seven churches were not represented.

The youth choir, First Church, Stanley, presented the special music—"He Loves Me," and "The Battle Hymn of The Republic." The Faith Trio sang "Treasures Unseen," and "I've Never Been This Homesick Before."

Rev. Roy Rikard, pastor of Edgewood Church, was introduced as guest speaker. His topic was "Someday."

Boger City Church received Attendance Banner I and Community Church won Attendance Banner II.

**February 28, 1981**—First Church, Stanley

M/S/C to adopt the program for the annual association to convene at the Lowell Church.

Submitted By:

Moderator: Rev. Benny Turner  
Vice Moderator: Rev. Chuck Branch  
Clerk: Grady Williams  
Treasurer: Nolan Taylor  
Member: Rev. Weldon Key  
Member: Rev. James Pauley

## REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL 1980-1981 TO WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

**June 13, 1980**—First Free Will Baptist Church, Stanley, NC

The Ordaining Council met for the purpose of ordaining Rev. James Hope into the Gospel ministry.

Members of the Council present were Rev. Ralph Willis, Rev. Ronnie Wilson, and Rev. Homer Savage, proxy for Rev. Roy Rikard.

The Mtn. Peak Singers rendered two special numbers in song. These singers are members of Mtn. Peak Church of Stanley where Rev. Hope is pastor.

The pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Gastonia, the church of which Rev. Hope was formerly a member, testified giving a declaration of good character and good faith of Rev. Hope and his wife and family. He stated that Rev. Hope and his family were strong aid faithful workers at Mt. Hebron before changing to the Free Will Baptist denomination.

There was also a Bishop from a Congregational church in Charlotte, NC who spoke only praise for Rev. Hope and his drive and determination to establish a church in Stanley, NC.

Rev. Wilson read the ordination and public profession questions of Rev. Hope.

The ordination message was brought by Rev. Savage.

The prayer of ordination and the laying on of hands by the Ordaining Council then was made. Prayer by Rev. Willis.

After everyone came around and shook hands with Rev. Hope and his wife, wishing them God's speed in their ministry, the service was dismissed in prayer by Brother Claude Kirkland.

**August 22, 1980**—China Grove, NC

There was a short meeting of the Ordaining Council. Rev. Wilson and Rev. Willis were present. Rev. Rikard was absent.

Clifford Ford, a member of the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Indian Trail, NC, appeared before the Council requesting that he be ordained. He brought with him, from the church requesting the same, as he has been elected associate pastor.

He has been a member of this association for three years and active in the church. His ordination questionnaire was completed and the answers on the answer sheet and to the council were satisfactory. The date of ordination was set for September 5, 1980 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Robert Hagler was selected by Rev. Ford to bring the ordination message and charge.

The council was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wilson.

**September 5, 1980**—Indian Trail, NC

The Ordaining Council met at the Community Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Clifford Ford into the ministry.

Rev. T. K. Smith sat proxy for Rev. Rikard, Rev. Hagler sat proxy for Rev. Wilson and Rev. Willis present.

Services were opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. J. W. Wooten. Special numbers were rendered by Rev. Hagler and his wife. The young people of the church also sang two songs.

The service then was turned over to the Ordaining Council. Rev. Willis asked the questions concerning public commitment, faith, convictions and his concern for the work of the ministry. All questions were answered satisfactorily to the council.

Rev. Robert Hagler then brought the message and charge to Brother Ford, his wife and the church concerning the minister and his duties and what was expected of each and some things that might be expected.

The laying on of hands and prayer of ordination were then made by the Ordaining Council, ordained ministers and the ordained deacons present.

The congregation then came around and shook hands with Rev. Ford and his family, promising to support him with their prayers.

Dismissal prayer was prayed by Rev. J. W. Wooten.

#### **January 28, 1981—Mount Holly, NC**

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Ronnie Wilson and Rev. Ralph Willis present. Rev. Rikard was absent.

Rev. Earl Bittle, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Stanley, came to the council desiring to transfer his membership as a minister to our association from the Blue Ridge Association. As a letter of recommendation for Bro. Bittle had already been received by our association and the council satisfied with Rev. Bittle's request, the council voted to accept Bro. Bittle into our fellowship and his name included on our roll of ordained ministers in good standing.

Rev. Bob Hilderbran came before the council. He had previously appeared before the council with a letter of recommendation from his home church, Saving Grace Church of Bessemer City, of which he is pastor. Motion that we receive him into our association as an ordained minister. Since there was some question as to his standing with the Pilgrim Association of which he last enrolled as an ordained minister, he was referred to meet with us at this meeting. After talking with the officers of the Pilgrim Association and having the assurance that he had left that association in good standing, the ordaining council voted to have Brother Hilderbran meet with us at a special called meeting Saturday, February 21, 1981 where we will grant his credentials.

The Ordaining Council will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church of China Grove, NC on Saturday, February 21, at 4 p.m. for a business session. Any desiring to meet with the council for ordination should meet with the council at that time as it will be the last scheduled meeting before the associational meeting in April. A special ordination service will be held at the church at 7 p.m.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. Wilson.

#### **February 21, 1981—**

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Ronnie Wilson and Rev. Ralph Willis present. Rev. Roy Rikard was absent.

James Forlines came before the council from the First Church of Gastonia, where he is associate minister, desiring to become a member of our association and be enrolled on our roll of ordained ministers. Rev. Forlines has been ordained prior to now by another association of which he was a member. After questioning him and discussing this matter, it was voted to receive him into our association and list him on our roll of ordained ministers pending a letter from his former association.

Ted Davis came before the council with a letter of recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church of China Grove, NC to ordain him into the ministry as he has been elected as the associate pastor of the said church and would need ordination credentials. Bro. Davis has been in the Free Will Baptist Church for near twenty years and has been a deacon for some fifteen years before his election as associate pastor. He has been licensed by the church for almost two years to preach. His answers to the ministerial questionnaire were satisfactory and his answers given in the oral examination by the council were suitable. The council voted to proceed with ordination services at 7 p.m. tonight.

Ordination services were opened by the pastor, Rev. Willis, with a welcome to the Ordaining Council and other visitors present. The congregation sang "Power

In The Blood", followed by prayer by Bro. Pethel. Rev. Wilson then brought greetings from the Ordaining Council and then proceeded to give timely remarks of instructions to Rev. Davis and his family. Rev. Willis then brought the ordination charge and presented the Bible, a gift from Bro. Davis' family. "Naves Topical Bible" then was presented as a gift from the pastor and deacon board of the church. The prayer of ordination was then made with the laying on of hands and anointing by all ordained ministers and deacons present. Rev. Wilson then presented the associational ordination certificate. A congregational song was then sung and an invitation extended and Rev. Davis' son and daughter-in-law came forth and rededicated their lives to God.

The congregation sang another hymn as they came around promising to pray for Bro. Davis in his endeavors as a minister and for the two which rededicated their lives tonight.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Bro. Buddy Boone.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Ordaining Council of the  
Western Piedmont Association  
Rev. Ronnie Wilson, Chairman  
Rev. Ralph Willis, Secretary  
Rev. Roy L. Rikard, Member

## **SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **RE: MINISTERS' CHARACTER AND CONDUCT**

Whereas many Free Will Baptist Church members and Christian workers have the sincere belief that certain practices should be observed by the ministers of the Gospel and desiring to maintain a high standard among such, we recommend that the following guidelines be inserted explaining Section I, point C under **Qualifications of a Bishop**, of Rules and By-laws for ordaining Ministers:

That anyone desiring to be ordained to the Gospel ministry or received into our association not be divorced and remarried or married to a divorcee, that he abstain from smoking, dancing, card playing, immodest dress, worldly hair styles (feminine looking), public mixed swimming, and bad credit. That he not have a tolerant attitude toward liberalism, modernism, communism, Catholicism, and tongue speaking as a part of the practice of the Christian life and evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence and approval.

Special notes:

- (1) That these guidelines apply to presently ordained ministers with exception of marital status.
- (2) That the local church be encouraged to follow guidelines in the licensing of preachers.

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

The mission board met May, 1980 at the Laurel Church, Charlotte. Members present: Rev. Stancill, Rev. Key, and Rev. Bryant. Rev. Stancill was elected chairman.

The board discussed the possibility of having a missionary conference with our churches.

On Sept. 15, another meeting was held at Laurel Church. Plans were made to have Rev. Roger Tripp to bring the message. The date was set for March 7, 1981. The offering will be divided between the mission at Hickory and Arrowood Assembly.

Advertisements were sent to each church resulting in 13 churches being represented.

We thank God for the churches that took part in sending an offering of \$1,454. May God bless you.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. James Stancill

Rev. Weldon Key

Rev. Burel Bryant

## CAMP ARROWOOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 31, 1981

The Board of Directors met at Gastonia, NC with the following members present: Bill Sawyer, W. H. Calvert, Homer Arrowood, Sherman Branch, W. J. Key and James Pauley. W. J. Key led in prayer.

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

M/S/C to install a chain across entrance to camp and to post no trespassing signs around the camp.

M/S/C to have Homer Savage and W. H. Calvert to meet with insurance company and discuss present policy coverage.

M/S/C to have Teen Camp the week of June 15-19 unless it conflicts with State Meeting. If conflict then to have it June 22-26. To have Junior Camp the week of Aug. 10-14. Teen Camp Director to be James Forlines with Ronnie Wilson assisting. Junior Camp Director to be Robert Spruill or Henry Horne with Ted Dixon assisting.

M/S/C to raise camp fee to \$30.00.

M/S/C that no one within our district association be paid a salary at camp, unless he is losing his existing pay. In such case said amount not to exceed \$100.00.

M/S/C to have Pastor/Layman Retreat on June 5, 1981 and contact Earl Bittle and Bob Hilibrand to serve as directors.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by W. H. Calvert.

# ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1, 1980-March 31, 1981

## Income:

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$ 81.12
Gifts From Churches .....	6,449.05
Junior Camp .....	2,645.00
Camp Development for Tabernacle .....	2,270.70
Mission Rally .....	1,400.00
Teen Camp .....	855.00
Pastor and Layman's Retreat .....	432.00
Canteen Sales .....	244.00
Western Piedmont Association Fellowship .....	218.86
Insurance Refund from McClurd & Dellinger .....	198.00
Food Receipts .....	183.46
T-Shirt Sales .....	108.00
Rent Income .....	45.00
NC Association of Ladies Auxiliary .....	95.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$15,228.38</b>

## Expenses:

First Federal Savings & Loan Association .....	6,412.32
Camp Development .....	1,542.44
Junior Camp .....	1,538.14
Duke Power .....	1,065.21
Teen Camp .....	748.88
Hickory Mission .....	701.60
Suburban Propane .....	435.43
Ronnie Godfrey (lawn service and mower repair) .....	348.32
McClurd & Dellinger, Insurance .....	320.00
Western Carolina Telephone .....	237.27
David Chapman—T-Shirts .....	156.24
Pastor and Layman's Retreat .....	131.07
McDowell Ins. Agency (For those in camp) .....	121.00
Homer Savage, Reimbursement .....	97.37
First Church, Landis—Reimbursement .....	77.50
Quick Way Cleaners (Cleaning Mattress Covers) .....	35.00
Big Star Grocery Store .....	22.47
Postage and Stamps .....	5.86
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$13,996.14</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,232.24</b>



## CHURCH GIFTS TO ARROWOOD ASSEMBLY

First Church, Gastonia .....	\$ 1,179.36
Ben Avenue Church .....	966.00
First Church, Mt. Holly .....	802.80
First Church, Landis .....	796.10
East Belmont Church .....	505.00
Cramerton Church .....	450.00
Goshen Church .....	450.00
Mountain View .....	420.00
First Church, China Grove .....	266.61
Lowell Church .....	241.98
Pecan Grove .....	144.00
Bethlehem Church .....	110.00
First Church, Shelby .....	70.00
Emmanuel Church .....	30.00
Community Church .....	17.20
Total Gifts .....	\$ 6,449.05

## WESTERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 1, 1980-March 31, 1981

### Income:

Brought Forward .....	\$ 218.99
Receipts from Annual Association (1980) .....	1,217.50
Total Income .....	\$ 1,436.49

### Expenses:

C & B Quality Printers .....	633.20
Western Piedmont Youth Board .....	200.00
Grady Williams, Salary .....	75.00
Grady Williams, Reimbursement .....	59.54
NC State Association of FWB .....	50.00
Rev. Ralph Willis, Expenses .....	44.80
R & D Florist (Rikard Funeral) .....	31.72
Midway Florist (R. P. Sawyer Funeral) .....	31.20
Rev. James Pauley, Expenses .....	30.00
Rev. Fred Carroway—Guest Speaker Expense .....	25.00
Rev. Kenneth Hardison, Expense .....	16.20
Rev. Weldon Key, Expense .....	15.00
Rev. Chuck Branch, Expense .....	15.00
Total Expenses .....	\$ 1,284.56
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 209.83

## RESOLUTION BOARD REPORT

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Be it resolved that we give the Lowell Church a rising vote of appreciation for the fine hospitality shown to this association.

### CHURCH STATISTICS

April 1, 1980-March 31, 1981

**Ben Avenue:** 613 Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Pastor: Rev. James Pauley, 2001 Normandy Rd., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Church Clerk: Mrs. Harold McManus, Rt. 1, Box 692, Concord, NC 28081

No. of licensed ministers: 1. No. of ordained deacons: 10. Church membership: 277. Members received: 25. By baptism: 12. By letter: 11. By statement of faith: 2. Members dismissed: 8. By letter: 3. By request: 3. Deceased 2. Sunday school enrollment: 308. Sunday School yearly average: 210. CTS enrollment: 105. CTS year's average: 90. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 28. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 18. Amt. enclosed with letter: \$139.

**Bethlehem:** 721 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Pastor: Rev. William T. Newsome, 741 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Church Clerk: J. W. Ragan, 302 Melinda Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

No. of ordained deacons: 9. Church membership: 194. Sunday School enrollment: 112. Sunday School yearly average: 72. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 14. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 12. Total offering received: \$30,876. General offering: 720. Building fund: 1,500. Pastor's salary: 10,000. Evangelistic work: 700. Building and repair: 2,000. Literature: 850. Advertising: 100. Caretaker: 720. Utilities: 6,125. Bus ministry: 1,000. Other: 700. Total local expenditures: \$22,155. Foreign missions: 600. Home missions: 600. State and national education: 960. Children's home: 300. Arrowood Assembly: 110. Total outside expenditures: 2,570. Value of church property: 90,000. Value of parsonage property: 40,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: \$52.

**Boger City:** Huss Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Pastor: Rev. James K. Childers, Sr., 102 Turner Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Church Clerk: Dianne Williams, Rt. 2, Box 459M, Dallas, NC 28034

No. of ordained deacons: 7. Church membership: 132. Sunday School enrollment: 170. Sunday School yearly average: 110. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 10. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 8. Value of church property: 100,000. Value of parsonage property: 45,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: \$66.

**Center Grove:** P. O. Box 92, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Pastor: Rev. Wayne Dills, Rt. 1, Box 281-A, Lancaster, SC 29720

Church Clerk: Etta M. Robinson, 404 Fairview Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079

Church membership: 63. Members received: 5. By baptism: 4. By statement of faith: 1. Members dismissed: 23. By letter: 3. Excluded: 20. Sunday School enrollment: 60. Sunday School yearly average: 52. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 8. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 8. Total offering received: \$32,448. General offering: 25,350. Building fund: 7,098. Pastor's salary: 15,470. Evangelistic work: 390. Building and repair: 3,254. Literature: 460. Caretaker: 1,134. Utilities: 3,280. Total local expenditures: 26,016. Children's home: 390. Arrowood Assembly: 60. Total outside expenditures: 450. Value of church property: 130,000. Value of parsonage: 75,000. Amt. enclosed: 31.50.

**Community:** Indian Trail, NC 28079

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

Church Clerk: Betty Staphel, 332 Grover Moore Place, Matthews, NC 28105

No. of licensed ministers: 2. Church membership: 32. Members received: 19. By baptism: 10. By letter: 5. By statement of faith: 4. Members dismissed: 19. By letter: 19. Sunday School yearly average: 29. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 5. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 5. Total offering received: \$7,473.13. General offering: 6,692. Building fund: 781.13. Pastor's expense: 2,075.28. Evangelistic work: 400. Building and repair: 239.74. Literature: 408.80. Utilities: 1,379.42. Bus ministry: 247.50. Misc. supplies: 53.69. Total local expenditures: 4,928.60. Home missions: 86.72. Children's home: 38.14. Arrowood Assembly: 17.20. Association: 40. Total outside expenditures: 120.34. Amt. enclosed with letter: 16.

**Cramerton:** 426 Woodlawn Ext., Cramerton, NC 28032

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

Church Clerk: Myrtle Parris, Rt. 5, Box 504, Gastonia, NC 28052

Church membership: 190. Members received: 20. By baptism: 12. By letter: 4. By statement of faith: 4. Members dismissed: 18. By letter: 2. Excluded: 14. Deceased: 2. Sunday School enrollment: 225. Sunday School yearly average: 190. CTS enrollment: 70. CTS yearly average: 60. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 24. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 20. Value of church property: 850,000. Value of parsonage: 65,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 90.

**East Belmont:** 907 Edgemont Avenue, Belmont, NC 28012

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

Church Clerk: Elizabeth Sparks, 907 Edgemont Ave., Belmont, NC 28012

No. of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 50. Members received: 4. By baptism: 3. By letter: 1. Deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 55. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Total offering received: \$14,355. Building fund: 2,185. Pastor's salary: 3,000. Building and repair 2,680. Literature: 304. Caretaker: 240. Utilities: 1,700. Other: 2,400. Total local expenditures: 12,509. Home missions: 160. Arrowood Assembly: 800. Total outside expenditures: 960. Value of church property: 80,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 25.

**Edgewood:** Edgewood Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016

Pastor: Rev. Roy Rikard, Rt. 2, Box 479-C, Gastonia, NC 28052

Church Clerk: Mrs. Lee Mascho, P. O. Box 324, Gastonia, NC 28052

No. of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 34. Members received: 9. Members dismissed: 2. By letter: 1. Deceased: 1. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 7. Amt. enclosed with letter: 17.

**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, 516 Spring Garden Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

No. of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 66. Members received: 9. By baptism: 7. By statement of faith: 2. Members dismissed: 6. By letter 4. Deceased: 2. Sunday School enrollment: 58. Sunday School yearly average: 47. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 10. Total offering received: \$17,609. General offering: 15,609. Building fund: 2,000. Pastor's salary: 8,585. Evangelistic work: 198. Building and repair: 1,197. Literature: 528. Benevolence: 1,193. Gifts: 426. Utilities: 1,639. Bus ministry: 496. Rowan Co. Tax and Ins.: 864. Loan repayment 1,747. Total local expenditures: 16,819. Foreign missions: 330. Home missions: 256. State and national education: 660. Superannuation: 25. Arrowood Assembly: 425. State and national projects: 125. World Visions: 136. Total outside expenditures: 1,957. Value of church property: 115,000. Value of parsonage property: 17,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 33.

**First:** 400 E. Fifth St., Gastonia, NC 28052

**Pastor:** Rev. W. H. Calvert, Rt. 4, Box 141, Valleydale Dr., Gastonia, NC 28052

**Church Clerk:** Betty Summitt, Rt. 1, Box 296, Gastonia, NC 28052

Church membership: 325. Members received: 27. By baptism: 17. By letter: 6. By statement of faith: 4. Members dismissed: 5. By letter: 3. Deceased: 2. Sunday School yearly average: 247. CTS enrollment: 98. CTS yearly average: 71. Total offering received: \$87,858.19. Evangelistic work 1,270.22. Building and repair: 3,358.60. Literature: 3,858.16. Advertising: 1,385. Caretaker: 3,120. Utilities: 5,124.53. Bus ministry: 5,238.63. Total local expenditures: 23,355.14. Foreign missions: 60.40. Home missions 750.49. Children's home: 463.48. Arrowood Assembly: 2,108.54. Total outside expenditures: 3,382.91. Value of church property: 164,000. Value of parsonage property: 28,000. Amt. enclosed: 162.50.

**First:** 517 Pleasant Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

**Supply Pastor:** Rev. L. D. Gray, E. 21st St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

**Church Clerk:** Mrs. Marcie Walters, 1321 Mt. Vernon Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

No. of licensed ministers: 1. No. of ordained deacons: 2. Church membership: 50. Sunday School enrollment: 53. Woman's Auxiliary: 9. Amt. enclosed with letter: 25.

**First:** 414 Upright St., Landis, NC 28088

**Pastor:** Rev. Weldon Key, 1606 Vincent St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

**Church Clerk:** Ann Key, 121 Crescent St., Kannapolis, NC 28081

No. of licensed ministers: 2. No. of ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 35. Members received: 2. By baptism: 2. Members dismissed by letter: 4. Deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 31. Sunday School yearly average: 28. Total offering received: \$23,339.27. Pastor's salary: 1,810. Building and repair: 16,080.59. Literature: 427.02. Utilities: 497.39. Foreign missions: 361.91. Home missions: 247.42. State and national education: 823.75. Arrowood Assembly: 1,189.58. Total outside expenditures: 2,622.66. Value of church property: 40,000. Value of parsonage property: 30,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 17.50.

**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 Ave., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

No. of ordained deacons: 5. Church membership: 160. Members received: 10. By baptism: 5. By letter: 3. By statement of faith: 2. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 194. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 16. Total offering received: \$54,721.95. Pastor's salary: \$10,265. Evangelistic work: 745. Building & repair: 12,633.91. Literature: 1,993.74. Caretaker: 2,617. Utilities: 4,302.70. Bus ministry: 1,137.02. Other: 11,751.36. Church debt: 6,704.40. Total local expenditures: 52,150.13. Foreign missions: 1,198.98. Home missions: 1,198.97. Education: 1,633.88. Children's home: 1,339.48. Home of Age: 283.27. Superannuation: 735. Arrowood Assembly: 802.80. State and national projects: 1,076.12. Benevolence: 1,224.45. Total outside expenditures: 9,492.95. Value of church property: 150,000. Value of parsonage: 30,000. Amt. enclosed: 80.

**First:** 1100 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150

**Pastor:** Key Piercy, 704 N. Morgan St., Shelby, NC 28150

**Church Clerk:** Pauline Cole, Rt. 5, Box 53-B, Shelby, NC 28150

No report.

**First:** 402 Hovis Road, Stanley, NC 28164

Pastor: Rev. Earl Bittle, 115 Hovis Road, Stanley, NC 28164

Church Clerk: Virginia Hughes, P. O. Box 386, Stanley, NC 28164

Church membership: 158. Sunday School enrollment: 136. Sunday School yearly average: 118. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 18. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 10.

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

Pastor: Rev. Benny Turner, 1300 E. Catawba Ave. Ext., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Church Clerk: Mrs. Jack Parrott, 306 Timberlane Dr., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

No. of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 200. Members received: 23. By baptism: 19. By letter: 3. By statement of faith: 1. Members dismissed: 15. By letter: 12. Deceased: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 193. Sunday School yearly average: 164. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 20. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 12.

**Laurel:** 6201 Elgywood Lane, Charlotte, NC 28213

Pastor: Rev. Johnny Pike

Church Clerk: Frances Stancill, 6320-8 Pinto Place, Charlotte, NC 28213

No. of licensed ministers: 1. Church membership: 27. Members received: 5. By baptism: 5. By letter: 3. Members dismissed: 7. By letter: 7. Sunday School enrollment: 35. Sunday School yearly average: 21. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 6. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 5. Total offering received: \$11,233.78. Pastor's salary: 401. Building and repair: 10,028.81. Literature: 266.41. Advertising: 63. Utilities: 816.20. Bus ministry: 304.52. Other: 371.75. Arrowood Assembly: 30. State and national projects: 75. Total outside expenditures: 105. Value of church property: 115,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 15.

**Lowell:** Highway 7, Lowell, NC 28098

Pastor: Rev. Ted Dixon, Box 782, Lowell, NC 28098

Church Clerk: Carol Dixon, Box 782, Lowell, NC 28098

No. of licensed ministers: 1. No. of ordained deacons: 4. Church membership: 72. Members received: 17. By baptism: 5. By statement of faith: 12. Members dismissed: 1. Deceased: 1. Sunday School enrollment: 81. Sunday School yearly average: 82. Total offering received: \$39,359.59. Pastor's salary: 9,735. Building and repair: 1,253.39. Literature: 1,177.17. Caretaker: 1,300. Utilities: 3,209.79. Bus ministry: 1,194.36. Other: 16,570.68. Total local expenditures: 34,440.39. Foreign missions: 241.68. Home missions: 471.64. Children's home: 299.64. Home of age: 100. Superannuation: 1,279. Arrowood Assembly: 324.68. Association works: 235.09. Total outside expenditures: 3,131.73. Value of church property: 127,000. Value of parsonage: 19,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 36.

**Mable Avenue:** 1007 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, NC 28081

Pastor: Rev. Bobby C. Sutherland, 603 Broad Street, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Church Clerk: Mrs. Graham S. Cox, 416 Church Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081

No. of licensed ministers: 1. No. of ordained deacons: 1. Church membership: 55. Members received: 12. By baptism: 1. By letter: 7. By statement of faith: 4. Members dismissed: 4. By letter: 4. Sunday School enrollment: 35. Sunday School yearly average: 22. Woman's Auxiliary membership: 12. Yearly average of Auxiliary: 6. Total offering received: \$11,412.84. General offering: 10,901.84. Building fund: 511. Pastor's salary: 3,935. Building & repair: 1,564.25. Literature: 183.50. Advertising: 5.77. Caretaker: 300. Utilities: 1,356.93. Other: 1,654.16. Kannapolis Bible Teaching: 325. Total local expenditures: 9,324.61. State and national education: 125. Children's home: 150. Home of age: 200. Superannuation: 100. Arrowood Assembly: 50. Minister at Large: 150. Witness: 150. Total outside expenditures: 975. Value of church property: 50,000. value of parsonage: 18,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 50.

**Mountain Peak: Stanley, NC**

Pastor: Rev. James Hope, 104 Farmington Drive, Stanley, NC 28164

No report.

**Mountain View: Rt. 2, Box 746, Dallas, NC 28034**

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

Church Clerk: Irene Weathers, Box 333, Belmont, NC 28012

Church membership: 91. Members received: 8. By baptism: 4. By letter: 4. Total offering received: \$19,062.16. Pastor's salary: 9,880. Evangelistic work: 200. Literature: 320. Caretaker: 945. Utilities: 2,233.02. Total local expenditures: 13,578.02. Home missions: 150. Children's home: 60. Home of age: 50. Arrowood Assembly: 420. Amt. enclosed with letter: 45.50.

**Pecan Grove: 104 Welch Street, Gastonia, NC 28052**

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

Church Clerk: Nettie Huss, 11 Spencer Mtn. Road, Ranlo, NC 28052

Church membership: 48. Members received: 4. By baptism: 1. By statement of faith: 3. Sunday School enrollment: 67. Sunday School yearly average: 39. Total offering received: \$11,417.49. Pastor's salary: 6,500. Evangelistic work: 150. Building and repair: 1,951.90. Literature: 362.05. Caretaker: 577.59. Utilities: 988.76. Other: 641.13. Total local expenditures: 11,171.43. Foreign missions: 200.02. Arrowood Assembly: 144. Other: 1,167. Total outside expenditures: 1,511.02. Value of church property: 35,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 25.

**Saving Grace: 220 Maryland Avenue, Bessemer City, NC 28016**

Pastor: Robert J. Hildebrand, 318 E. Highland St., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Church Clerk: Nancy Hildebrand, 318 E. Highland St., Mt. Holly, NC 28120

No. of licensed ministers: 1. No of ordained deacons: 3. Church membership: 35. Members received: 18. By baptism: 11. By letter: 2. By statement of faith: 5. Members dismissed: 17. By letter: 1. Excluded: 16. Sunday School yearly average: 44. Total offering received: \$13,442.05. Building fund: 550. Pastor's salary: 5,915.84. Evangelistic work: 310. Building & repair: 2,356.13. Literature: 610.91. Caretaker: 214.54. Utilities: 1,361.80. Bus ministry: 1,319.31. New car for pastor: 5,290.17. Misc.: 1,326.32. Total local expenditures: 18,705.12. Value of church property: 30,000. Amt. enclosed with letter: 25.

**Springwood: Forest Drive, Belmont, NC 28012**

Pastor: Rev. J. W. Wooten

No report.

## MINISTERS' REPORTS

Homer Arrowood: Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 3. No. baptized 5.  
Additions to church: 10. Amt. received: \$10,265.

Earl Bittle:

Sherman Branch, Jr.: Sermons preached: 52. Revivals held: 1. Professions witnessed: 20. Miles traveled: 400.

Sherman Branch, Sr.: Sermons preached: 5. Miles traveled: 15.

Burel Bryant: Sermons preached: 35. Professions witnessed: 3. Funerals preached: 1. Miles traveled: 1,600.

William Calvert: Sermons preached: 155. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 2. No. baptized: 17. Additions to church: 27. Funerals preached: 16.

James Childers, Sr.: Sermons preached: 184. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 4. Professions witnessed: 27. Funerals preached: 3.

Ted Davis: Sermons preached: 20. Professions witnessed: 6. Funerals preached: 1. Miles traveled: 600. Amt. received: \$12.

Wayne Dills: Sermons preached: 138. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 38. No. baptized: 4. Funerals preached: 3. Miles traveled: 27,000. Amt. received: \$15,470.

Ted Dixon:

James Forlines:

Henry Gibson: Churches pastored: 1. Amt. received: \$6,500.

L. D. Gray: Sermons preached: 45. Professions witnessed: 14.

Herman Griffin:

Robert Hildebrand: Sermons preached: 130. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 2. Professions witnessed: 26. No. baptized: 11. Additions to church: 18. Funerals preached: 3. Miles traveled: 12,000. Amt. received: \$7,000.

Weldon Key: Sermons preached: 130. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 10. No. baptized: 7. Additions to church: 9. Funerals preached: 1. Miles traveled: 10,000. Amt. received: \$1,325.

Bob King: Sermons preached: 175. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals preached: 2. No. baptized: 12. Additions to church: 20. Funerals preached: 5. Miles traveled: 27,000.

Dewey Lynch: Sermons preached: 25.

W. T. Newsome: Sermons preached: 110. Churches pastored: 1. Miles traveled: 20,000. Amt. received: \$10,155.60.

John R. Newton: Sermons preached: 102. Churches pastored: 1. Funerals preached: 3.

James Pauley: Sermons preached: 205. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 4. Professions witnessed: 32. No. baptized: 12. Additions to church: 25. Funerals preached: 8.

Hardin Price: Sermons preached: 12. Professions witnessed: 12.

L. C. Rankin: Sermons preached: 140. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 2. Professions witnessed: 11. No. baptized: 4. Additions to church: 9. Funerals preached: 6. Miles traveled: 25,000.

Roy Rikard:

Homer Savage: Sermons preached: 91. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 7. No. baptized: 6. Churches organized: 11. Amt. received: \$9,880.

Traywick Smith: Sermons preached: 138. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 16. No. baptized: 11. Miles traveled: 20,000.

M. T. Sparks: Sermons preached: 93. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 5. Additions to church: 4. Funerals preached: 1. Miles traveled: 12,000. Amt. received: \$8,900. Weddings: 2.

Benny Turner: Sermons preached: 130. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 6. Professions witnessed: 32. No. baptized: 19. Additions to church: 23. Funerals preached: 10. Miles traveled: 27,000.

Bobby Weathers: Sermons preached: 17. Professions witnessed: 1.

Ralph Willis: Sermons preached: 130. Churches pastored: 1. Professions witnessed: 25. No. baptized: 11. Additions to church: 9. Funerals preached: 6. Miles traveled: 24,680.

Ronnie Wilson: Sermons preached: 150. Churches pastored: 1. Revivals held: 1. Professions witnessed: 8. Additions to church: 10. Funerals preached: 1. Miles traveled: 10,000. Amt. received: \$6,800.





