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Rev. Grover C. Bate

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Name	Address	Telephone
Rev. Alfred Absher, Route 2, Rockwell, N. C. 28138		857-5421
Rev. Grover C. Bare, 416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081		WE 2-5321
Rev. W. J. Correll, Route 1, Iron Station, N. C. 28080		735-6345
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Rev. J. C. Huneycutt, 405 E. Guilford St., Thomasville, N. C. 27360		476-4545
Rev. Raeford L. James, 139 Douglas St., Statesville, N. C. 28677		872-3627
Rev. William Johnson, Route 1, Wadesboro, N. C. 28170		
Rev. J. P. Langley, 205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292		246-2557
Rev. R. G. Mason, Route 2, China Grove, N. C. 28023		UL 7-2582
Rev. Glen Parker, (No address)		
Rev. I. W. Plyler, Route 1, Troutman, N. C. 28166		
Rev. D. D. Rochester, 1825 Younger Ave., Statesville, N. C. 28677		
Rev. J. Henry Swalm, Rt. 3, Box 305-A, Statesville, N. C. 28677		LA 8-5534
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LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Henderson Elser, Route 4, Box 289-A, Mooresville, N. C.

CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	Address
Arrington Heights	Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Arnold Rd., Lexington, N. C.	
Friendship	Lester Oliver, Route 1, Box 320, Kannapolis, N. C.	
Gospel	No information or report sent in	
Mt. Zion	No information or report sent in	
Near Calvary		
North View	Mrs. Evelyn Marlowe, 143 Buffalo, Statesville, N. C.	
Prince of Peace	No information or report sent in	

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in 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 the 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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 the evangelistic effort 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.

RULES OF THE DECORUM

- (1) The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- (2) There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
- (3) Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.
- (4) No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
- (5) We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.
- (6) Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- (7) No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
- (8) Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
- (9) No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.
- (10) On all motions made, where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- (11) The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member provided the chair is filled.
- (12) Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.
- (13) Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

YADKIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by each church and sent to the Association to represent the church.
- (2) Each church is required to select the best qualified members of the body to represent the church and carry on business.
- (3) The Association, when assembled, shall first elect a Moderator and Clerk.
- (4) The rules of the decorum must be read immediately after the Association is assembled.
- (5) The Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour: that the plan of salvation, presented by Christ, is strictly and definitely Grace, and, as presented by the gospel, will save all human beings who accept it.
- (6) Any minister, in good standing with his church, or Association, may be invited to a seat in our Council and may take part in the deliberations, and his name enrolled in our minutes.
- (7) It is the duty of the Association to appoint, or elect, committees to take care of special business, etc. Each committee report must be in writing, and turned in to the Clerk for reading before the assembly.

- (8) All queries regularly presented to the Association by any Church shall be attended to.
- (9) Any church wishing to become a member of this Association may do so by making application by letter and represented by the delegates of said church. The church must adopt our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.
- (10) The Association may withdraw from any church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by the body.
- (11) It is to be understood that the Association assumes no higher authority than that of an Advisory Council.
- (12) Any church wishing a letter of dismissal from this Association may do so on the grounds of a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the members of said church.
- (13) Any minister found casting his influence against any church or, in any way, marring the character unjustly of another minister, or working in any way to secure the church of a fellow minister, will be dealt with by the Association.
- (14) This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) votes of the delegates attending. Providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first sitting of said meeting after permanent organization.
- (15) The Ordination Council shall have authority to ordain Pastors of churches entering this Association between Sessions.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- (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: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. 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. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- (9) **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who would 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 (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).
- (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."

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The Ministers' Conference shall have authority to elect the Ordination Council. (Association of 1954).
- (2) All Ministers of this Association, licensed and ordained, shall have a seat, voice and vote at all Ministers' Conferences, and, along with all delegates, at Associational Conferences. (Amended thus Association 1966).
- (3) Any Minister failing to send a report to this Association shall subject his name to be placed on the Nominal Roll of Ministers. (Association of 1956).
- (4) Worship service shall be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7:30 p.m. on Friday during the Association (Association of 1958).

RULES GOVERNING ORDINATION COUNCIL

- (1) No minister may be granted license or certificate of ordination unless he presents a letter of recommendation from the church to which he belongs. Also, this church must be a member of this Association.
- (2) No licensed minister may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license unless he is called to be full-time pastor of a church.
- (3) No licensed minister, even though called to be assistant pastor, may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license.
- (4) All Ministers being admitted to this Association must promise to relinquish the credentials they hold from this Association if, and when, he joins another Association, or when he is adjudged by the Ministers' Conference to be disqualified to preach the gospel.
- (5) All Ministers entering this Association from another Free Will Baptist Association must present a letter of recommendation from the Association he is leaving. Also he must surrender the credentials he holds from the Association he is leaving.
- (6) The Ordination Council shall not have the authority to license women to preach.
- (7) This Council shall not issue credential to brethren who have two (2) living companions, even though divorced.
- (8) These rules must be read to each minister asking for entrance into this Association.

ANNUAL MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1967

The Annual Minister's Conference of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptist convened on Saturday, September 2, 1967 at 10:00 A. M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C.

Services were opened with the host pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley, leading the congregation in a song entitled, "Deeper, Deeper, In The Love of Jesus." Brother Wayne Hart of Kannapolis, N. C. led us in prayer.

The services were then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. W. W. Howard who immediately called the house to order.

The Moderator read a scripture from the second chapter of Acts and led us in prayer, asking God's guidance in our business deliberations.

Rev. Donald Fritts read the Rules of the Decorum and called the "Roll of Ministers" with the following being present to answer to their names: Reverends W. W. Howard, J. P. Langley, Donald Fritts, Kenneth Goforth, J. C. Huneycutt, Dewey Tilley, William Gilmore, R. G. Mason, Henry Swaim, Grover C. Bare, and Johnny Triplette.

Two visiting ministers shared the session with us. They were Rev. Lewis Hill, pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church of Thomasville, N. C., and Rev. R. P. Sawyer of the Piedmont Association. Others visiting with us were: Brothers Wayne Hart and L. V. Lambert, and also Sisters: Mrs. W. W. Howard, Mrs. J. P. Langley, Mrs. Henry Swaim, Mrs. R. G. Mason, and Mrs. Johnny Triplette.

The names of Ministers attending the Minister's Conferences this year and the number of conferences they attended are as follows: William Gilmore, (4), Kenneth Goforth (1), W. W. Howard (3), J. C. Huneycutt (3), Raeford James (2), J. P. Langley (4), R. G. Mason (3), Henry Swaim (3), Johnny Triplette (3), Alfred Absher (2), Arthur G. Woodruff (2), I. W. Plyler (1), Donald Fritts (2), Dewey W. Tilley (2), Grover C. Bare (4), J. E. Fisher (2), Mack F. Crisp (0). Deceased; and R. P. Sawyer (3), transferred to Piedmont.

Several of the ministers did not attend even one of our Minister's Conferences. Measuring all other ministers by your own attendance will perhaps let your mind draw a picture of what our Conference would be like if every minister of our Association were just like you.

An offering in the amount of \$24.50 was received toward payment on a typewriter for the Association and Minister's Conference Clerks. The body voted to purchase a used typewriter for \$40.00.

Officers of the Minister's Conference for the next year were elected as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Dewey W. Tilley
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Kenneth Goforth
Clerk	Rev. J. P. Langley

Ordination Council was elected as follows:

Rev. R. G. Mason *Rev. Kenneth Goforth Rev. Donald Fritts
Rev. Grover C. Bare Rev. J. C. Huneycutt
*Rev. Raeford James replaced Rev. Kenneth Goforth by vote of the
Annual Association.

The next Minister's Conference will meet on the first Saturday in December, 1967 at 10:00 A. M. with Prince of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C., of which Rev. J. E. Fisher is the pastor.

Conference was adjourned and dismissed by Rev. Dewey W. Tilley.

Rev. Lewis Hill, a visiting minister, brought the message which was enjoyed by all. His scripture was taken from St. John 3:14-18, using as his topic, "Lifting Up The Son of God."

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 8, 1967

The Fifteenth Annual Association of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists met on September 8, 1967 at 10:00 A. M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. A song, "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation, led by Rev. J. P. Langley, pastor of the host church. Brother Wayne Hart led our hearts to the Throne of Grace in prayer. Rev. Langley gave a short welcome to the members of the Association and two visiting ministers, Rev. L. D. Creech and Rev. Ronald Creech. Rev. Ronald Creech is the State Association Evangelist.

The house was declared in order by the Moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley. Rules of the Decorum were read by the Clerk and the roll of ministers was called with the following ministers answering to their names: Reverends Alfred Absher, J. P. Langley, R. G. Mason, Dewey W. Tilley, and Johnny Triplette.

The electing of officers for the coming year are as follows:

Moderator	Rev. J. P. Langley
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Alfred Absher
Clerk	Jack Langley, Jr.
Treasurer	William D. House
Reading Clerk	Mrs. Louise Stewart
Association Evangelist	Rev. Dewey W. Tilley

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. R. G. Mason, Mrs. Barbara Jean Keller, Mrs. Ella Ostwalt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. Dewey W. Tilley, Mrs. Luther Smith, Mrs. Louise Stewart.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Triplette, Mrs. L. V. Lambert, Mrs. Jennie Leonard.

HOME FOR AGED COMMITTEE

Rev. Alfred Absher, Mrs. Minnie Lamb, Wayne Hart.

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

William D. House, Jack Langley, Jr., L. V. Lambert

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

William D. House, Mrs. Ella Ostwalt, Jack Langley, Jr.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. Dewey W. Tilley, Rev. Johnny Triplette, Rev. R. G. Mason.

Ladies Auxiliary Committee was held over until Saturday Morning.

The meeting was then turned over to Rev. Ronald Creech, who gave a wonderful report on the activities of the Free Will Baptist Book Store and The Free Will Baptist Witness. We were well pleased to learn that the Witness is completely out of debt.

Rev. Creech expressed the need for a station wagon for the Book Store. It is greatly needed to carry the merchandise of the book store wherever the State Evangelist goes, to help boost the sales of the store. He told of how some of the other Associations had donated funds for purchasing this station wagon and the Yadkin Valley Association voted to give a check for \$50.00 to this cause.

After Rev. Creech finished his informative talk, a motion was made by Rev. Dewey Tilley to turn over the \$23.50 to the Association from the Minister's Conference to help in purchasing the station wagon. It was seconded by Rev. Alfred Absher, voted and carried. An offering was taken in the amount of \$27.31. Then it was voted on and passed to give \$50.00 to the Book Store.

The meeting was then adjourned for fifteen minutes to give the visiting minister a chance to get his message together for the worship hour.

At 11:30 A. M. the worship hour began with a song entitled, "Lily of the Valley" sung by the congregation. A prayer was led by Rev. Dewey Tilley after which an inspiring message was rendered by Rev. L. D. Creech from 1 Thessalonians, the entire chapter. He used as his text, "Jesus Is Coming Again." After this wonderful message, we were dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. P. Langley until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 1:30 P. M. and opened with a song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" sang by the congregation. A prayer to God was made, led by Brother William House.

The Moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley declared the house in order and

the church reports were read by the clerk, along with the Ministers', Sunday School, and Ladies Auxiliary reports.

An offer of \$7.00 was made by Brother Wayne Hart, delegate of Friendship Church, on the old typewriter of the Association's. A motion was made by Rev. R. G. Mason to accept this offer, seconded by Rev. Alfred Absher, voted on and passed.

Rev. Alfred Absher informed us that the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N. C., had the understanding that the Yadkin Valley Association had withdrawn from them. Rev. Absher had just recently resigned as pastor of this church due to his health, and the word had come to him that the church was no longer a member of this association. The matter was discussed at length. Rev. Ronald Creech suggested that this association send a letter to this church, stating that they were still a member in good standing, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Yadkin Valley Association. This was done and Rev. Absher volunteered to see personally that they received the letter and to discuss this matter with them.

Near Calvary Church was discussed since the Moderator had received a letter from them, requesting that their name be dropped from the association roll. This was discussed and it was decided that Rev. R. G. Mason would investigate the problems and try to get them solved. The association assured him that they would stand behind him and assist him in any way needed.

It was discussed to changing the Minister's Report Committee to Reports Committee but it was decided to leave it as is.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rev. R. G. Mason, seconded by Rev. Absher. The meeting was dismissed until Saturday Morning by Sister Minnie Lamb.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with two songs sung by the congregation, entitled, "Wonderful Words of Life," and "Are You Washed In The Blood." Rev. R. G. Mason read the 67th Psalm as devotion, following a prayer by Rev. Henry Swaim.

Two visiting ministers were given a voice and a seat in the body. They were Rev. R. P. Sawyer and Rev. Bill Cox, both of the Piedmont Association.

The house was declared in order by the Moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley. The Rules of the Decorum were read by the Clerk, and the roll call was made by the Moderator, with the following ministers being present. Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, Donald Fritts, William E. Gilmore, J. C. Huneycrtt, Raeford James, J. P. Langley, R. G. Mason, Henry Swaim, Dewey Tilley, and Johnny Triplette.

The Ministers' reports were read that had been turned into the Clerk on Saturday Morning.

A letter of recommendation was turned over to the Ordination Council for consideration of granting license to preach to Bro. Henderson Eller.

This letter was from Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Ostwalt, N. C. of which Rev. Raeford James is pastor. Then we were dismissed for a fifteen minute intermission in order that the various committees could get together for their recommendations to the Association.

After intermission, the reports were read by the Clerk and accepted by the Association. The Ladies Auxiliary Committee was appointed by the Moderator and consisted of: Mrs. Minnie Lamb, Bro. Wayne Hart, and Mrs. L. V. Lambert. (This report along with all other reports are recorded elsewhere in these Minutes).

The Ordination Council issued license to preach to Bro. Henderson Eller, by the letter of recommendation for him from his home church, Oak Grove.

The Ordination Council also recommended that Rev. Kenneth Goforth be replaced as chairman of the council. A motion was made by Rev. R. G. Mason and seconded to this effect by Rev. J. C. Huneycutt. Rev. Goforth was replaced by Rev. Raeford James; but, Rev. Grover C. Bare was elected as chairman of the council.

Several delinquent ministers names were discussed briefly, but a motion was made by Rev. Henry Swaim that these names be referred to the Minister's Conference to be held the first Saturday in December, 1967 at the Prince of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. of which Rev. J. E. Fisher is pastor. This motion was seconded by Rev. Raeford James, voted on and carried.

Conference was then adjourned.

At the worship hour on Saturday morning, we opened by singing, "We're Marching To Zion". Prayer was led by Rev. J. P. Langley, then the service was turned over to the speaker, Rev. J. C. Huneycutt, who took his topic, "Preachers Kicking Against The Power of God" from Acts 9: 11-17. This inspiring message was enjoyed by all present. Then the service was dismissed by Rev. Henderson Eller.

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee do hereby recommend the following:

(1) That each church send fifty-cents (\$.50) per member, annually to this Association.

(2) That each Sunday School send twenty-cents (\$.20) per member, annually to this Association.

(3) That each Minister send five dollars (\$5.00) annually to this Association. In addition to this, we recommend that each pastor receive a free will offering on the last Sunday before the Annual Association.

(4) That the Association pay the Clerk twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year for his services.

(5) That the Association pay the Treasurer ten dollars (\$10.00) per year for his services.

(6) If the Executive Committee is called to a church, said church shall pay the traveling expenses of the members of the council.

Mrs. Barbar Jean Keller
Mrs. Ella Ostwalt
Rev. R. G. Mason

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Missions Committee, do hereby recommend that each church give to both Home and Foreign Missions, and that each pastor encourage his church in this matter. We also recommend that each church send ten dollars (\$10.00) per year to the Association for missions and the church sending the money specify whether the money is for Home or Foreign Missions. (Larger Churches may send in larger amounts).

Mrs. L. V. Lambert
Mrs. Jennie Leonard
Rev. Johnny Triplette

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, do recommend that each Sunday School use Free Will Baptist literature, that officers and teachers be members of the Church, and that officers and teachers hold regular meetings among themselves.

Mrs. Luther Smith
Mrs. Louise Stewart
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your Singing Convention Committee do hereby recommend the following:

(1) That we have two (2) Singing Conventions each year, the first to be held on the first Sunday in May at North View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C., and the second to be held on the first Sunday in August at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C.

(2) That all churches CALL OFF THEIR ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP HOUR on these two Sundays and meet with the church which is selected for each of these occasions, bringing a picnic lunch to be spread on tables provided by the host church; lunch to be spread not later than 1:00 o'clock P.M.

(3) That each group of singers participating in these conventions be recorded in the Minutes of the Annual Association.

Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Mrs. Ella Ostwalt
Bro. William D. House

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Evangelism, do hereby recommend that this Association appoint an evangelist for the purpose of organizing new churches.

Rev. Johnny Triplette
Rev. R. G. Mason
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley

MINISTER'S REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Minister's Reports, do recommend that each minister attend the quarterly Minister's Conferences, if it all possible; attend the annual Associations and bring to these Associations a complete report of their work during the past year, this report to contain the following information:

Minister's name, address, telephone number, name of church he pastored, (if any), number of sermons he preached, number of revivals he conducted, number of professions, number of members received into church, number baptised, number of funerals conducted, number of couples united in matrimony, number of homes visited, number of Sunday School lessons taught, number of visits to hospitals, amount of money received in religious work, amount of money given for religious work, and the approximate number of miles traveled in religious work.

We also recommend that pastors of churches call Free Will Baptist ministers, or, ministers in harmony with Free Will Baptist doctrine, to conduct their revivals.

Bro. L. V. Lambert
Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Bro. William D. House

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

We, the Committee for the Home For The Aged do hereby recommend that each church in the Association send ten-cents (\$.10) per Sunday School member to Rev. W. H. Calvert, 402 E. Fifth St., Gastonia, N. C. as its contribution to the Home For The Aged. This offering is to be sent each quarter on the basis of average Sunday School attendance of the present three-month period. We urge each church to comply with this recommendation.

Mrs. Minnie Lamb
Bro. Wayne Hart
Rev. Alfred Absher

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, the Ladies Auxiliary Committee, do hereby recommend that pastors encourage the ladies of their church to start a Ladies Auxiliary. As each organizes an auxiliary, let the other churches know about the steps

they took, then each Auxiliary could correspond and give each other encouragement. Send any interesting news to Mrs. Betty Hill, Grifton, N. C. (State Women's Auxiliary President).

Mrs. Minnie Lamb
Bro. Wayne Hart
Mrs. L. V. Lambert

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Superintendent, William Starr, 11 Hill St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary, Mrs. Alta Mae Clark, 18 Hill St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll at present—255, Average No. on Roll for year—226, No. Present last Sunday—180, Average No. Present for year—214.

Friendship: Superintendent, L. V. Lambert, 1408 Moose Rd., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; Secretary, Rickey Perry, Old China Grove Rd., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll at present—82, Average No. on Roll for year—70, No Present last Sunday—70, Average No. Present for year—58.

Near Calvary: Superintendent, Charles Passmore, Route 9 Box 305, Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll at present—30, Average No. on Roll for year—25, No. Present last Sunday—15, Average No. present for year—20.

North View: Superintendent, Junior Goodin, Route 4, Statesville, N. C. 28677; Secretary, Jesse Ostwalt, P. O. Box 537, Troutman, N. C. 28166; No. on Roll at present—*, Average No. on Roll for Year—*, No. Present last Sunday—53, Average No. Present for year—45.
*No Figures Given.

Gospel, Mt. Zion, and Prince of Peace: No Sunday School Reports sent in.

SCHEDULE

First Quarterly Minister's Conference will be held on the first Saturday in December, 1967.

Second Quarterly Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in March, 1968.

The First Annual Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in May, 1968 at North View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C.

Third Quarterly Ministers' Conference will be held on the first Saturday in June, 1968.

The Second Annual Singing Convention will be held on the first Sunday in August, 1968 at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C.

The Annual Ministers' Conference will be held on Saturday, one week before the Association. The date of this Conference is August 31, 1968.

The Annual Association will be held on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September, at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist

Church in Lexington, N. C. The dates of this Association are September 6 and 7, 1968.

All of the above Conferences and Associations meet at 10:00 A. M. on the days mentioned except the Singing Conventions. Time for these may be found in the Singing Convention Committee Report.

Groups participating in the first annual Singing Convention at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. May 7, 1967

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:
The COVENANT QUARTET—1212 Raleigh Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292
David Holland Frank Gunter Roland Langley Jack Langley, Jr.
Joe Langley, Pianist

The FAITHFULAIRES TRIO—204 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292
Roland Langely Mrs. Joe Langley Mrs. Ellis Murph Joe Langley

Groups representing Friendship Free Will Baptist Church:
FRIENDSHIP BOYS—416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Virgil Hargett Lawson Shuts Tony Bare Rev. Grover C. Bare
Leader's name—Edna Mae Stamper, Route 1, China Grove, N. C. 28023
Marie Perry Edna Mae Stamper
Leader's name—Lucille Hart, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Marie Perry Virgil Hargett Lucille Hart

Groups participating in the second annual Singing Convention at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N. C. August 6, 1967.

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church.
The COVENANT QUARTET—1212 Raleigh Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292
David Holland Frank Gunter Roland Langley Henry Wilburn
Jack Langley, Jr., Pianist

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS TRIO—205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292
Felicie Frizzell Gerrie Langley Gail Langley

The FAITHFULAIRES—204 Hames Street, Lexington, N. C. 27292
Becky Murph Roland Langley Gail Langley Joe Langley

Groups representing Friendship Free Will Baptist Church:
The FRIENDSHIP BOYS & GIRLS—416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Rev. Grover C. Bare Terry L. Bare Tony C. Bare Mary Bare
Kathy Bare
FRIENDSHIP TRIO—No other information given.

Groups representing Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church:

The CRAVEN FAMILY—No address given
Terry Craven Jerry Craven Betty Freeman

Groups representing Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church:
NEAR CALVARY SINGERS—402 Hillside Drive, Lexington, N. C. 27292
Johnny Payne Reva Payne Rachael Passmore Charles Passmore
Visiting Groups:

Rev. Donald R. Fritts and daughter—High Point, N. C.

The TRIUMPHANT QUARTET—302 Player Drive, High Point, N. C. 27260
Kenneth Whisenant Kenneth Cook Byrd Myers Linda Cook

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: President's name: Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Arno'd Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292; No on Roll—*, No. Present at last meeting—14; Average No. on Roll for year—*, Average No. Present for year—*.

Money in treasury at beginning of year	90.00
Money received during year	\$582.16
Money paid out during year	\$466.36 (Itemized below)
Balance in treasury	\$105.80
Operation Expenses	\$123.01
Contributions	49.00
Miscellaneous	294.35

FRIENDSHIP: President's name: Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Old China Grove Road, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll—7, No. Present at last meeting—5; Average No. on Roll for year—7, Average No Present for year—6.

Money in treasury at beginning of year	\$17.00
Money received during year	\$344.40
Money paid out during year	\$333.33 (itemized below)
Balance in treasury	\$31.07
Fuel Oil	\$40.00
Finishing Floors of Church	\$42.12
Rugs for Church	\$100.00
Insurance on Bus	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$101.21

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS: Total Membership-65, Membership last year-59.
 No. Received by letter-0, by baptism-3, by statement-3,
 Total Received 6
 Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-0, by death-0,
 Total Dismissed 0
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Itemized Financial Report:

Cash on hand July 1, 1966	\$1,176.28
Expenses:	
National Association	\$ 149.59
State Association	324.50*
Foreign Missions	304.62
Home Missions	5.00
Pastor's Salary	5,487.87
Pastor's Expenses	1,927.63**
Janitor's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Salary	60.00
Utilities Expense	526.77
Literature Expense	330.42
Flower Expense	196.00
Industrial Savings & Loan Association	2,160.00

Rent on Night Deposit Box at Bank	9.16
Southern Services (Air Conditioner)	2,070.00
Sink's Printing Co.	63.27
Building Additions and Repairs	527.43*
Cash Contributions (Needy families, etc.)	263.92
Yadkin Valley Association	50.00
Maintenance Expense	35.57
Insurance on Church and Contents	202.00
Christmas Treats	284.50
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Total Expenses	\$15,578.34
Total Deposits	15,278.19
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Total cash in treasury June 30, 1967	\$ 876.13
General Treasury	\$652.76
Building Fund	65.00
Christmas Fund	158.37
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	\$876.13

*Includes \$140.00 paid for State Evangelist

**Includes \$100.00 paid for expenses to National Association

Indebtness—\$23,000.00

Value of Church Property—\$60,000.00

Note: All reports may be submitted as above if preferred.

FRIENDSHIP: Total Membership-19, Membership last year-20.

No. Received by letter-2, by baptism-0, by statement-0,

Total Received 2

Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-8, by death-0,

Total Dismissed 8

Loss 6

Financial Report:

Paid Pastor \$1,040.00

Other Salaries 104.00

Evangelistic Purposes 37.00

Contributions to Charitable Causes 0.00

Yadkin Valley Association 10.00

Building & Repair Expenses 2,100.00

Miscellaneous 125.00

Total paid out \$3,416.00

Indebtness—\$3,500.00

Value of Church Property—\$10,000.00

NEAR CALVARY: Total Membership—20, Membership last year—31.

No. Received by letter-0, by baptism-3, by statement-0,

Total Received 3

Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-13, by death-0.

Total Dismissed 13

Loss 10

Financial Report:

Paid Pastor \$ 200.00

Other Salaries 0.00

Evangelistic Purposes 100.00

Contributions to Charitable Causes 0.00

Yadkin Valley Association	20.00
Building & Repair Expenses	25.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
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Total Paid Out	\$ 375.00
Indebtness—\$0.00	Value of Church Property—\$10,000.00

NORTH VIEW: Total Membership-28, Membership last year-45.

No. Received by letter-0, by baptism-1, by statement-1,

Total Received

Dismissed by letter-0, by erasure-3, by death-0,

Total Dismissed

Loss

Financial Report:

Paid Pastor

Other Salaries

Evangelistic Purposes

Contributions to Charitable Causes

Yadkin Valley Association

Building & Repair Expenses

Miscellaneous

Total Paid Out

Indebtness—\$5,000.00

Value of Church Property—\$15,000.00

These Churches sent no reports in: Gospel, Mt. Zion, and Prince of Peace.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in treasure September 8, 1967	\$ 44.10
Received from Minister's Conference	23.50
Received from churches	100.60
Received from ministers	70.00
Special offerings	10.00
Amount in treasure at present before disbursements	\$248.20
Paid to Witness Book Store	\$ 50.00
Paid to Clerk of Association	25.00
Paid to Treasurer of Association	10.00
Paid for envelopes and stamps	1.70
Balance	\$161.50
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Total amounts paid out	\$161.50
Extra money received	27.66
Balance in treasure before payment for Minutes	\$189.16
Received from Churches and Sunday Schools	
Arrington Heights	\$ 50.00
Friendship	21.60
North View	14.00
Near Calvary	15.00
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Total received from Churches and Sunday Schools	\$100.60
Received from Ministers	
Rev. Alfred Absher	\$ 5.00
Rev. Grover C. Bare	5.00
Rev. Henderson Eller	5.00
Rev. Donald R. Fritts	5.00
Rev. William E. Gilmore	5.00
Rev. Willard W. Howard	5.00
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt	5.00
Rev. J. P. Langley	5.00
Rev. Raymond G. Mason	5.00
Rev. I. W. Plyler	5.00
Rev. J. Henry Swaim	5.00
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley	5.00
Rev. Johnny Triplett	5.00
Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff	5.00
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Total Received from Ministers	\$70.00
Total Amount in Treasure before payment for Minutes	\$189.16

NOMINAL ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. J. Correll, Rev. J. E. Fisher, Rev. George Galloway, Rev. Kenneth Goforth, Rev. William Johnson, Rev. Glen Parker, Rev. D. D. Rochester.

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME	CHURCH PASTORED (IF ANY)	Sermons Preached	Reverals Held	Professions	Members Received	Number Baptized	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Visits to Hospitals	Weddings Performed	\$. Lessons Taught	Money Given For Religious Causes	Money Received in Religious Work	Approximate Miles Traveled	Expenses Connected With Religious Work
Absher, Alfred	Mt. Zion	106	0	0	0	0	4	20	10	5	5	\$ 150.00	\$ 850.00	7,000	\$ 500.00
Bare, Grover C.	Friendship	120	1	5	2	0	0	20	19	0	8	260.00	240.00	12,000	140.00
Eritts, Donald R.		40	0	12	0	0	2	*	5	0	0	280.00	20.00	1,600	50.00
Gilmore, William		43	0	16	0	0	0	27	35	0	12	2,000.00	6.36	2,700	7.00
Howard, Willard W.	Near Calvary	95	0	18	2	3	1	10	15	4	42	275.00	5.00	1,500	*
Huneycutt, J. C.		25	0	4	0	0	0	15	5	0	4	*	0.00	*	*
James, Raeford L.	Oak Grove	104	0	15	26	14	0	25	35	0	0	100.00	600.00	700	*
Langley, J. P.	Arrington Ht.	110	1	7	6	3	8	75	35	8	52	950.00	7,416.00	15,000	1,929.00
Mason, R. G.		30	0	0	0	2	0	30	7	1	6	*	20.00	6,000	200.00
**Plyler, I. W.		2	0	*	0	0	25	2	5	0	5	*	*	*	*
Swaim, J. Henry	North View	*	0	5	1	0	7	15	22	5	0	*	1,300.00	*	395.00
Tilley, Dewey W.		16	0	1	0	0	0	10	3	0	4	75.00	15.00	800	18.00
Triplette, Johnny		0	0	0	0	0	0	00	5	0	0	10.00	0.00	3,000	*
**Woodruff, Arthur G.		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL		691	2	83	37	22	22	272	198	23	138	\$4,100.00	\$10,472.36	50,300	\$3,239.00

* No Record

** Sent \$5.00 Contribution and letter, stating that health prevented them from being active in their work during this year.

