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(Addresses will be found in Association Membership Roll)

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Rev. George Galloway, 321 S. Meline St., Rome, Ga. 30161
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CHURCHES

Church	Clerk's Name and Address
Arrington Heights .	Mrs. Leigh Fowler, Route 8 Box 433B, Lexington, N.C.
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Near Calvary	Mrs. Reva Payne, Hillside Drive, Lexington, N.C.
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Prince of Peace	Mrs. Linda Cline, Route 2 Box 48W, Kannapolis, N.C.

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 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 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 CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by each church; three for the first fifty members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, 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 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 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 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 fith and obedience until death.
- (9) **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by fith 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 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 etenal 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 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 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Ministers' Conference of the Yadkin Valley Association convened September 6, 1969 at 10:00 A. M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C.

A song entitled, "I Love to Walk with Jesus" was sung and prayer was led by Rev. Johnny Triplette. Rev. Dewey Tilley read a scripture from Romans 3 and the host pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley turned the service over to the Moderator, Rev. Grover C. Bare. Bro. Bare declared the house in order for business and called the Roll of Ministers. The following Ministers were present: Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, Henderson Eller, William E. Gilmore, Willard W. Howard, J. C. Huneycutt, Raeford James, J. P. Langley, Dewey W. Tilley, Johnny Triplette, Wayne Hart and Arlie Green. Rev. I. W. Plyler reported by letter because of his physical condition. Rev. Archie Wyatt, a visiting minister, was given a seat and voice in our conference.

The Moderator read a scripture from Isaiah 54:13. Rev. Raeford James read the "Rules of the Decorum." The Clerk, Rev. J. P. Langley read the Minutes from the last Ministers' Conference.

The following were elected to fill the offices of the Ministers' Conference:

Moderator Rev. Grover C. Bare
Vice-Moderator Rev. Henderson Eller
Clerk & Treasurer Rev. J. P. Langley

Ordaining Council: Reverends Alfred Absher, Raeford James, Willard W. Howard, Johnny Triplette, and Grover C. Bare, Chairman.

A few minutes of testimony from different ministers and laymen were enjoyed by all.

Our Ministers and the number of Conferences they attended since last Annual Association are as follows: Reverends Alfred Absher (2), Grover C. Bare (5), Henderson Eller (2), J. E. Fisher (2), Donald Fritts (0), William E. Gilmore (3), Arlie Green (2), Wayne Hart (4), Willard W. Howard (4), J. C. Huneycutt (4), Raeford L. James (3), J. P. Langley (5), J. Henry Swaim (2), Dewey W. Tilley (1), and Johnny Triplette (4). (This number also includes two days of the Association).

The next Ministers' Conference will meet with Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. on the first Saturday in December, 1969.

The Conference then adjourned and was dismissed by Bro. Clifford Head.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. Archie Wyatt, a visiting minister, brought an inspiring message from Acts: 13-14. He used as his theme, "They all continued in one accord." After the message, Rev. J. P. Langley dismissed the congregation in a dismissal prayer.

Annual Association

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION SEPTEMBER 12, 1969

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists met on Friday, September 12, 1969 at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. at 10:00 A. M. After opening with a song by the congregation, "I Love to Walk with Jesus", a prayer was led by Rev. J. C. Huneycutt. Then a welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. J. P. Langley. A Scripture was read from the third chapter of St. John by Rev. Johnny Triplette, then the House was declared in order by the Moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley.

The Rules of the Decorum were read by Rev. Willard Howard and the election of officers followed. The offices and officers elected are:

Moderator Rev. J. P. Langley
Vice-Moderator Rev. Grover C. Bare
Clerk & Assistant Treasurer Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Assistant Clerk Bro. Edward Davis

The Roll Call of Ministers was made by the Assistant Clerk with the following answering to their names: Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, J. E. Fisher, Willard W. Howard, J. C. Huneycutt, J. P. Langley, J. Henry Swaim, and Johnny Triplette. All of the churches were represented for this Friday morning Session.

The various committees were appointed by the Moderator. Appointed were:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. L. V. Lambert Mrs. Gail Langley Mrs. W. W. Howard

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. J. Henry Swaim Mrs. Minnie Lamb Mrs. Reva Payne

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Triplette Bro. Thomas Craig Mrs. Ella Ostwalt

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

Rev. J. C. Huneycutt Mrs. Gayle Langley Mrs. Addy Mae Everhart

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Grover C. Bare Mrs. Louise Stewart Bro. William House

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ruth Caton Mrs. Lourine Prestwood Bro. Junior Goodin

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. J. E. Fisher Bro. Edward Davis Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gayle Langley Mrs. Reva Payne Mrs. Ruth Caton
Mrs. Minnie Lamb Mrs. Gail Langley Bro. L. V. Lambert

After the appointing of these committees, we were adjourned in order that the committees could get together, and also for the eleven o'clock worship hour.

The Worship Hour was opened with a song, "Deeper, Deeper", led by Rev. J. P. Langley. A congregational prayer was led by Rev. Willard W. Howard.

Rev. J. C. Huneycutt had been selected to present the message and read a scripture from St. John 6: 48-5; and brought an inspiring message from it. After the message, we adjourned until 1:30 P. M. for lunch. Rev. Johnny Triplette dismissed us in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the body singing "He Abides", after which Mrs. Minnie Lamb led our hearts to prayer. The House was declared in order by the moderator, Rev. J. P. Langley.

An offering was taken which amounted to \$13.25. The Treasurer's Report was read by the treasurer, Bro. William House. The Ministers' Reports were read by the clerk, followed by the reading of the Sunday School and Church Reports by the assistant clerk.

A discussion was made pertaining a way of clarifying Rule No. 1 of the Constitution, enabling a better understanding of equal representation of all churches by way of knowing exactly how many delegates each church is allowed to send to the Annual Association. This was tabled over to the Saturday morning session to be voted on at that time. After a lengthy discussion,

adjournment was welcomed by all and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. Henry Swaim.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Beginning with the body singing a song entitled, "Love Lifted Me", the Saturday morning session of the Yadkin Valley Association convened. Rev. Wayne Hart led us in prayer, followed by a scripture reading from Psalms 56 by Rev. Willard W. Howard. The House was then declared in order for business by the moderator.

The changing of Rule No. 1 discussion was presented to the body and after a brief discussion, was voted on and passed. This rule previously read thus: "This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by each church and sent to the Association to represent the church". The change may be observed by referring to the Constitution, rule No. 1 on page 5 of these Minutes.

All of the reports of the various committees were read and accepted and will be found elsewhere in these Minutes. The remaining Ministers' Reports, Ladies Auxiliary Reports and CTS Reports were also read that had not been turned in to the clerk previously.

The Treasurer gave another report since other contributions and monies had been received after the report on Friday.

Reverends Ronald Creech, Broncho West, Billy Morris, and Clarence Ballew were given a seat and voice in our deliberations and each made some informative reports pertaining to their activities of which they are engaged in. Rev. Creech told of the growth of the Witness Book Store, The Free Will Baptist Witness, the starting of a new Mission work in Charlotte, N. C. and the progress that had been made in the funds for a station wagon for the Book Store.

Rev. Broncho West reported on his work in the mission of which he had been instrumental in organizing in Winston-Salem, N. C. This mission was officially organized on Friday night, September 12, 1969 and has grown greatly under the leadership of Rev. West and his wife.

Rev. Clarence Ballew reported on the church bond issue in which he is currently engaged. Anyone desiring information on obtaining church bonds may get in touch with Rev. Ballew, Rev. Ronald Creech, or the clerk of this Association, Jack Langley, Jr.

Rev. Billy Morris, the moderator of Tidewater Association in Norfolk,

Va. was in a revival campaign with Rev. Broncho West expressed his interests in the great work of the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

The Ministers' Conference voted to turn the offerings taken in at their meetings over to the Association treasurer. Also, a motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$50.00 to the station wagon fund and was turned over to Rev. Ronald Creech.

A suggestion was made by the moderator that each minister in this Association be required to renew his Ordination Certificate every four years. By doing this, a minister would not be able to have his credentials renewed if he had been proven to be unfit to preach the Gospel or had shown no interest in the Association. This was not presented to be voted on at this convening but that it might be considered as a possible issue at the next Annual Association. After this, the Association adjourned for the eleven o'clock worship hour.

After a song, "Are You Washed In The Blood?" was sung, Rev. Billy Morris brought an inspiring message from Joshua 5:2, using as his subject, "Bearing and Removing the Reproach". After this great message was rendered, Rev. Broncho West led us in the dismissal prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 ten-cents (\$.10) per member, annually to this Association.
- (3) That each Minister send six dollars (\$6.00) 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.

Bro. L. V. Lambert
Mrs. Gail Langley
Mrs. Willard W. Howard

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.

Rev. J. Henry Swaim
Mrs. Minnie Lamb
Mrs. Reva Payne

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Ministers' Reports, do recommend that each minister attend the quarterly Ministers' Conferences; if it is absolutely impossible to be at these conferences, each minister is urged to send in a report to the clerk in time to be read at the conference. We recommend that each minister 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 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 miles traveled in religious work.

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

Mrs. Ruth Eaton
Mrs. Laurine Prestwood
Bro. Junior Goodin

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).

Bro. Thomas P. Craig
Mrs. Ella Ostwalt
Rev. Johnny Triplette

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 the Free Will Baptist Witness, Rev. Ronald Creech, 301 N. Driver Ave., Durham, N. C.

We also recommend that each Ladies Auxiliary set aside at least one night a month for visitation. We recommend that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary encourage more women to attend the Ladies Auxiliary and attend church.

Mrs. Minnie Lamb
Mrs. Gail Langley
Bro. L. V. Lambert

Mrs. Gayle Langley
Mrs. Reva Payne
Mrs. Ruth Caton

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 one to be held on the first Sunday in May at Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C., and the second one to be held on the first Sunday in August at North View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, 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.

Mrs. Louise Stewart
Rev. Grover C. Bare
Bro. William D. House

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Evangelism recommend that:

- (1) All churches hold at least two (2) revival campaigns each year;
- (2) All churches call Free Will Baptist ministers, or, ministers of same faith, belief, and doctrine as Free Will Baptists to hold these revivals;
- (3) A committee be appointed to continue the investigation of purchasing property for the purpose of establishing a campground site for the Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Rev. J. E. Fisher
Bro. Edward Davis

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. Jason Salyer, Route 1 Box 390-B, Marion, N. C. 28752 as its contribution to the Home. 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. This Home is located in Burnsville, N. C.

Rev. J. C. Huneycutt
Mrs. Gayle Langley
Mrs. Addie Mae Everhart

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Superintendent-William Starr, 11 Hill St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary-Mrs. Linda Edwards, 1204 White St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll at present-216, Average No. on Roll-267, No. Present last Sunday-182, Average No. Present for year-204.

Friendship: Superintendent-L. V. Lambert, 1408 Moose Rd., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; Secretary-Betty Ann Davis, 1302 Brookdale St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll at present-41, Average No. on Roll-43, No. Present last Sunday-40, Average No. Present for year-37.

Near Calvary: Superintendent-Charles Passmore, Route 9, Lexington, N. C. 27292; Secretary-Mrs. Willard W. Howard, Route 9, Lexington, N. C.

27292; No. on Roll at present-40, Average No. on Roll-35, No. Present last Sunday-18, Average No. Present for year-25.

North View: Superintendent-Junior Goodin, Route No. 4, Box 304-F, Statesville, N. C. 28677; Secretary-Jesse Ostwalt, P. O. Box 537, Troutman, N. C. 28166; No. on Roll at present-75, Average No. on Roll-63, No. Present last Sunday-31, Average No. Present for year-55.

Prince of Peace: Superintendent-Cecil C. Hughes, 1701 Daniel St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; Secretary-Linda Cline, Route 2 Box 48-W, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081; No. on Roll at present-39, Average No. on Roll-34, No. Present last Sunday-24, Average No. Present for year-30.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

Arrington Heights: President's Name - Mrs. Ferren Langley, 1 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292; No. on Roll at present - 25, Average No. on Roll-14, No. Present at last meeting-12, Average No. Present for year-17.

Money in treasure at beginning of year	\$ 3.55
Money received during year	130.92
Total	\$134.17
Money paid out during year	\$ 72.78
(Easter Breakfast, Donation on Sound System, Stork Presents and Flowers, and Christmas Party)	
Balance in treasure at present	\$61.69

CHURCH REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Total Membership-73; Membership last year-59; No. Received by letter-0; By Baptism-14; Statement-1; Total Received-15; Dismissed by Letter-1; By Erasure-1; By Death-0; Total Dismissed-2:

Itemized Financial Report:

INCOME:

Arrington Heights: Total Membership-73; Membership last year-59; No. Received by Letter-0; By Baptism-14; By Statement-1;

Total Received 15:

Dismissed by Letter-1; By Erasure-1; By Death-0;
 Total Dismissed 2:

Itemized Financial Report:

INCOME:

Total cash received \$15,546.91
 Plus cash in bank July 1, 1968 992.59
 Total cash to be accounted for \$16,539.50

EXPENDITURES:

State Association	\$ 388.72
Yadkin Valley Association	50.00
Home Missions	30.00
Pastor's Salary	5,454.11
Pastor's Expenses	1,978.97*
Janitor's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Salary	60.00
Utilities	664.71
Literature	323.30
Flowers & Wreaths	234.00
Industrial Savings & Loan	2,160.00
Southern Services (Air Cond)	445.00
Cash Contributions	518.10
Vacation Bible School	137.53
Building Additions & Repairs	1,440.63
Miscellaneous Supplies	132.28
Evangelistic Purposes	171.00
Christmas Treats	282.06
Insurance	215.00
Pastor's Retirement	450.00
	\$15,735.41
Cash in bank June 30, 1969	804.09
Total cash accounted for	\$16,539.50

Friendship: Total Membership-28; Membership last year-22; No. Received by Letter-5; By Baptism-4; By Statement-0;
 Total Received 9:

Dismissed by Letter-2; By Erasure-0; By Death-1;
 Total Dismissed 3:

Financial Report:

Paid out to pastor	\$1,190.00
Other Salaries	102.00
Contributions to Charitable Causes	35.00
General Fund (to Annual Assoc.)	20.00
Spent for building & Repairs	650.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
Indebtness	2,459.40
Value of Church Property	12,000.00

Near Calvary: Total Membership-17; Membership last year-20; No. Received by Letter-10; By Baptism-0; By Statement-4;
 Total Received 14:

Dismissed by Letter-5; By Erasure-6; By Death-1;
 Total Dismissed 12:

Financial Report:

Paid to pastor	\$ 625.00
Paid for Evangelistic Purposes	206.65
Contributions to Charitable Causes	100.00
General Fund (to Annual Assoc.)	25.00
Spent for Building & Repairs	1,389.82
Miscellaneous	385.75
Indebtness	0.00
Value of Church Property	1,500.00

North View: Total Membership-67; Membership last year-58; No. Received by Letter-0; By Baptism-6; By Statement-6;
 Total Received 12:
 Dismissed by Letter-0; By Erasure-0; By Death-3;
 Total Dismissed 3.

Financial Report:

Paid out to pastor	\$ 1,300.00
Paid for Evangelistic Purposes	100.00
Contributions to Charitable Causes	150.00
General Fund to Annual Assoc.	33.50
Spent for Building & Repairs	700.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Indebtness	7,271.88
Value of Church Property	18,000.00

Prince of Peace: Membership-13; Membership last year-12; No. Received by Letter-0; By Baptism-1; By Statement-0;
 Total Received 1:

Dismissed by Letter-0; By Erasure-0; By Death-0;
 Total Dismissed 0.

Financial Report:

Paid out to pastor	\$ 0.00
General Fund (to Annual Assoc.)	14.40
Spent for Building & Repairs	442.00*
Miscellaneous	110.00
Indebtness	1,280.80
Value of Church Property	6,000.00

*This amount was for church payments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in treasure September 12, 1969	\$ 2.61
Received from churches	137.90
Received from ministers	70.00
Contribution from Ministers' Conference	31.50
Received in special offerings	<u>24.55</u>
Total in treasure before disbursements	\$266.56

Disbursements:

Contribution to Witness Book Store (Station Wagon)	50.00
Paid to Clerk	25.00
Paid to Treasurer	10.00
Total paid out before payment for Minutes	<u>85.00</u>
	\$181.56

Received from ministers:

Rev. Alfred Absher	\$ 5.00
Rev. Grover C. Bare	5.00
Rev. Henderson Eller	5.00
Rev. J. E. Fisher	5.00
Rev. William Gilmore	5.00
Rev. Arlie Greene	5.00
Rev. Wayne Hart	5.00
Rev. Willard W. Howard	5.00
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt	5.00
Rev. Raeford L. James	5.00
Rev. J. P. Langley	5.00
Rev. J. Henry Swaim	5.00
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley	5.00
Rev. Johnny Triplette	<u>5.00</u>
	\$70.00

Received from churches:

Arrington Heights	\$ 50.00
Friendship	20.00
Near Calvary	25.00
North View	33.50
Prince of Peace	9.40
	<u>\$137.90</u>

Nominal Roll of Ministers:

Rev. Donald R. Fritts

Groups participating in the first annual Singing Convention at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. May 4, 1969.

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:

The FAITHFULAIRES: 205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292

Jack Langley, Jr. Roland Langley Becky Murph
Mrs. Joe Langley Joe Langley, Pianist

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS TRIO: 204 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292

R. L. Langley Roland Langley Becky Murph

The MURPH TRIO: Mrs. Ellis Murph, Fairfax Rd., Lexington, N. C. 27292

Tracy Murph Glenna Murph Eric Murph Becky Murph

Groups representing Friendship Free Will Baptist Church:

Marie Ellino Lyman, Soloist - *

The FRIENDSHIP SINGERS: 803 Popular Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Lucille Hart Linda Sechler Jennie Lyman

The FRIENDSHIP TRIO: *

Rev. Grover C. Bare Tony Bare Edward Davis

Albert J. Halloway: 1204 West A St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

Groups representing Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church:

NEAR CALVARY SINGERS: *

Johnny Payne Reva Payne Rachael Passmore
Charles Passmore Ernest Payne

Groups representing North View Free Will Baptist Church:

Junior Goodin & Katie Goodin - *

Rev. Henderson Eller & Mrs. Henderson Eller - *

Visiting Groups participating:

PITTMAN GIRLS: Route 2 Box 369, China Grove, N. C.
Edward Pittman

MT. QION GIRL'S TRIO: 419 Central Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Sharon Bauer Sharon Wyatt Sherry Burgess
(Representing Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C.)
Group from Near the Cross Free Will Baptist Church*

* No other information given.

Groups participating in the second annual Singing Convention at Prince
of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N. C. August 3, 1969:

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:

The FAITHFULAIRES: 204 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. 27292
Jack Langley, Jr., Roland Langley Becky Murph
Mrs. Joe Langley Joe Langley, Pianist

Groups representing Friendship Free Will Baptist Church:

FRINDSHIP BOYS: 416 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
FRIENDSHIP TRIO: 803 Popular Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Lucille Hart Marie Perry Edna Mae Stamper
FRIENDSHIP TRIO: 803 Popular Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Rev. Grover C. Bare Lucille Hart Linda Sicchler

Groups representing Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church:

NEAR CALVARY SINGERS: Route 9 Box 305, Lexington, N. C. 27292
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Passmore

Visiting groups participating:

Tommy Craig: Route 1 Box 242-F, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

MT. CALVARY TRIO: *

Grady Williams Mrs. Grady Williams Elaine Clontz
(Representing Boger City Free Will Baptist Church.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

SCHEDULE

1969	DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						6	
<p>1st Quarterly Ministers' Conference at Prince of Peace FWB Church</p>							

1970	MARCH						1970
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						7	
<p>2nd Quarterly Ministers' Conference (To be announced)</p>							

1970	MAY						1970
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
☉	☾	☉	☾				
NW 5	EQ 13	FW 21	LQ 27				
3	<p>1st Annual Singing Convention at Near Calvary FWB Church, Lexington, N. C.</p>						

1970	JUNE						1970
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						6	
<p>3rd Quarterly Ministers' Conference (To be announced)</p>							

1970	AUGUST						1970
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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NW 23	EQ 10	FW 17	LQ 23				
2	<p>2nd Annual Singing Convention at North View FWB Church, Statesville, N. C.</p>						

1970	SEPTEMBER						1970
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
						5	
<p>5 - Annual Ministers' Conf. 11 - Annual Association 12 - Annual Association</p>							11 12
<p>All of these will be at the Arrington Heights FWB Church.</p>							

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME	CHURCH PASTORED (If Any)	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Members Received	Number Baptised	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Visits to Hospitals	Weddings Performed	5. S. Lessons Taught	Money Given For Religious Causes	Money Received In Religious Work	Approximate Miles Traveled	Expenses Connected With Religious Work
Absher, Alfred		46	0	3	0	0	2	10	16	3	0	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	500	\$ *
Bare, Grover C.	Friendship	109	1	4	5	0	4	15	38	0	8	575.00	1,000.00	1,000	400.00
Eller, Henderson	North View	100	2	12	6	3	75	35	0	0	0	100.00	1,300.00	10,000	1,200.00
Fisher, J. E.	Prince of Peace	90	1	2	2	0	2	100	30	1	20	80.00	0.00	200	100.00
**Fritts, Donald Ray															
Gilmote, William E.		30	0	6	0	0	2	20	20	0	40	*	*	900	4.00
Green, Arlie		37	0	*	0	0	0	17	10	0	20	600.00	18.00	600	5.00
Hart, Wayne		72	1	6	0	12	0	35	20	0	0	900.00	390.00	5,000	75.00
Howard, Willard W.	Near Calvary	40	0	19	4	0	2	50	25	2	30	300.00	30.00	900	*
Huneycutt, J. C.		30	0	4	0	0	0	15	15	0	30	60.00	0.00	500	30.00
James, Raeford L.	Oak Grove	90	0	5	5	0	0	25	30	0	30	250.00	500.00	2,500	*
Langley, J. P.	Arrington Heights	100	0	5	15	14	8	204	180	10	48	1,100.00	6,000.00	16,000	1,100.00
Swaim, J. Henry		11	0	0	0	0	7	18	23	5	32	36.00	0.00	2,000	*
Tilley, Dewey W.		9	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	52.00	*	400	*
Triplette, Johnny		0	0	7	0	0	0	32	5	0	0	0.00	0.00	800	78.00
TOTALS		764	5	73	43	32	30	616	447	21	258	\$4,128.00	\$9,238.00	41,300	\$2,992.00

* No Information Given

** No Report Sent In

