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THE YADKIN
VALLEY
ASSOCIATION

of

(Original) Free Will Baptists

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

with the

Arrington Heights Free Will
Baptist Church

in

Lexington, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 1975

The next annual Session will be held on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1976 at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, North Carolina.



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Rev. J. P. Langley (1976) Rev. Alfred Absher (1979)
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Prince of Peace F.W.B. Church; Mrs. Gene Cline, 404 Ross Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.	

*Sent No Report 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 eight 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, 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. 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.
6. 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 into the Clerk for reading before the assembly.
7. All queries regularly presented to the Association by any Church shall be attended to.
8. 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.

9. The Association may withdraw from any church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by the body.
10. It is understood that the Association assumes no higher authority than that of an Advisory Council.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The Ordaining 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, Preserve, 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 Savior 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 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 Ordaining 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).
5. The Annual Association shall begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday mornings by the commemorating of the Lord's Supper. (Association of 1973).

RULES GOVERNING ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. No minister may be granted license or certificate or 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 Ordaining Council shall not have the authority to license women to preach.
7. This Council shall not issue credentials 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 met at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. We opened with a song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Rev. Johnny Triplette led in prayer and Rev. Bruce Pendergrass read the Scripture from Psalms 93.

The Service was then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Wayne Hart who declared the house in order for business. The Roll Call was made by Rev. J. P. Langley and those present were:

Rev. I. W. Plyler	Rev. Ray Dancy
Rev. R. D. Mason	Rev. Wayne Hart
Rev. Bobby Brown	Rev. J. P. Langley
Rev. Johnny Triplette	Rev. William Childers
Rev. Norman Hansley	Rev. Bruce Pendergrass
Rev. Clarence Talley	Rev. Lester Hughes

Rules of the Decorum were read by Rev. Clarence Talley. The body voted to reinstate Rev. Lester Hughes into the Conference.

The Attendance Banner was presented to Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located in Maiden, N. C.

A letter was presented to the Ordaining Council to renew the license of Rev. Bruce Pendergrass. It was voted on and granted.

Ministers' Conference Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator	Rev. William Childers
Vice Moderator	Rev. Wayne Hart
Clerk and Treasurer	Rev. Norman Hansley
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Clarence Talley

The Ordaining Council was elected as follows:

	Rev. I. W. Plyler (Chairman)
Rev. Bobby Brown	Rev. J. P. Langley
Rev. Lester Hughes	Rev. Johnny Triplette

An Offering was taken which amounted to \$9.59.

The Worship Service started at 11:20 A.M. and was opened by a song, "In The Sweet By and By." An old fashioned altar prayer was enjoyed after which Rev. Junior Ballew, a visiting Minister, brought an inspiring message. Rev. Ray Dancy dismissed in prayer.

The meeting was then adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

September 12, 1975

The Twenty-third Annual Association opened at 9:00 A.M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. by commemorating the Lord's Supper. Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr., Pastor of the host Church opened the Service and extended a welcome to all. A song entitled "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung by the congregation. Rev. Raeford James led our hearts in prayer.

We all fellowshipped reverently by participating in and commemorating the Lord's Supper. The Communion Service was dismissed by Rev. Alfred Absher.

We opened up the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Yadkin Valley Association of (Original) Free Will Baptists by singing a song "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr. extended a cordial welcome to all.

Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr., Moderator, declared the House in order and asked Rev. Alfred Absher to read the Rules of the Decorum.

The Roll Call was made by Rev. William Childers.

Reverends Junior Ballew and Ronald Creech were given a voice and a seat in the deliberations.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator	Rev. J. P. Langley, Sr.
Vice Moderator	Rev. Lester Hughes
Clerk and Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Treasurer and Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Arlene Brown

Promotional Secretary and

Associational Evangelist Rev. Bobby J. Brown

(Note: These two Offices were combined.)

A new Trustee was elected to replace Bro. L. V. Lambert of whom we have lost contact with. Bro. James Huneycutt was elected to serve as the new Trustee.

Rev. Alfred Absher replaced Rev. Jack Wilkins on the Executive Committee due to the expiration of Rev. Jack Wilkins' Term.

Reports were turned in by the Ministers and Churches along with their contributions and these Reports were read by the Clerk; also the Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer.

It was voted that in the future all Annual Association Meetings and all Annual Ministers Conferences would be held at Arrington Heights F. W. B. Church in Lexington, N. C.

The various Committees were appointed by the Moderator and asked that each Committee submit its Report to the Clerk by the early Saturday Morning Session in order to be presented to the Association for acceptance or rejection. These Reports may be found following the Saturday Morning Session Minutes in this booklet.

We were dismissed by Rev. Bobby Brown.

The Worship Service was opened by a congregational song "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb." Bro. James Huneycutt led the body in prayer. A special song was rendered "Signs of Christ's Coming" by members of the Singing Jubilees. Rev. Ronald Creech, the State Association Evangelist, brought an inspiring message from II Kings 1:1-18. We were then dismissed for lunch by Bro. J. D. Ostwalt.

Lunch was provided by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Arrington Heights F. W. B. Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday Afternoon Session was opened with the body singing "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Rev. R. D. Mason was called upon to lead our hearts in prayer.

The remaining Reports of Churches, Ministers, etc. were read by the Clerk. All Committee Reports had been turned in to the Clerk for reading at this session. These Reports were read, corrected and accepted at this time.

Rev. Ronald Creech gave an up to date report on the State Association functions.

After this report, we were dismissed to the Night Service by Rev. Ronald Creech.

(Note: The Clerk was unable to attend the Night Session.)

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday Morning Session of the Association opened with a song "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Mrs. Gerrie Langley read Psalms 121 as Devotions.

The remaining Reports were read which had been turned in to the Clerk on Saturday Morning. This consisted of: Church Reports, Ministers' Reports, Sunday School Reports and Ladies Auxiliary Reports of the different Churches and Ministers.

Rev. Ray Greeson, Jr. was given a voice and seat in the Saturday Morning Session.

An Offering was taken and given to Rev. Lester Hughes to assist him in a new work which he was starting in Lincolnnton, N. C.

It was voted that the Officers of the Singing Convention be published in the Minutes on the page with the Association Officers. This will be found in these Minutes.

Since the next Association is scheduled to meet at Arrington Heights F. W. B. Church in Lexington, N. C., an invitation is extended to all to bring their campers, tents, sleeping bags, etc. along with their families and friends and camp out on Thursday night before the Association, all day Friday and Friday night on the grounds of the Church Fellowship Hall. All electricity and water and bathroom facilities will be furnished by the host Church. If you do not have campers, sleeping bags, etc. come anyway and sleeping facilities can be arranged in the Fellowship Hall or with other campers.

Each person is asked to be responsible for bringing their own blankets and necessary items for camping. It was suggested that all the ladies could cook breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings before the Association.

Be sure to mark this special event on your calendar.

The meeting was adjourned and a congregational prayer dismissed to the 11:00 Worship Service.

The 11:00 Service began with the body singing "When We All Get To Heaven." A few moments of silent prayer was held as a Memorial Service for Rev. D. W. Tilley who passed away during 1974.

Rev. Johnny Triplette delivered an outstanding message about God's Love using as his scripture St. John 3:1-8. Rev. Wayne Hart dismissed in prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your Singing Convention Committee do recommend the following:

1. That we have one Singing Convention each year. This Convention is to be held on the First Sunday in May of each year. The 1976 Singing will be held at Northview F. W. B. in Statesville, N. C.;
2. That each Church call off their 11:00 Worship Service on the day of the Singing to allow each one traveling time in order to be at the host Church no later than 1:00 P.M.;
3. That each Church encourage all of its attenders to be at these Singing Conventions, bringing a well filled basket to be spread together on tables provided by the host Church;
4. That the President and Secretary of the Singing Convention get together as soon as possible after lunch for the purpose of determining the number of groups attending; then, to equally divide the time between each Singing Group. Each group will then be expected to cooperate by using their allotted time. The President will have the authority to advise the groups when their time is up;

5. Officers are to be elected at each Convention for the next year and will fill the Office at the next year's Singing Convention.

Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.
Mrs. Hazel Jones
Rev. Alfred Absher

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Ministers' Reports, do hereby recommend, that each minister attend the Quarterly Ministers' Conferences; if it is absolutely impossible to be at any of these conferences, each minister is 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 the church, number baptised, number of funerals conducted, number of couples united in matrimony, number of homes visited, number of visits to hospitals, number of Sunday School lessons taught, 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 call Free Will Baptist ministers, or ministers in harmony with Free Will Baptist doctrine, to conduct their revivals.

Mrs. Becky Murph
Mrs. Jessie Ostwalt
Rev. Ray Dancy

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. Send any interesting news to the Free Will Baptist Witness, Rev. Ronald Creech, Box 11277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C. 27703.

We recommend that each Ladies Auxiliary have a prayer student from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greeneville, Tennessee.

We recommend that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary that hold an office be members of the Church.

We also recommend that the Pastors encourage the sarning of a Young Girls Auxiliary.

If anyone needs help in getting one started, you may call Mrs. Hazel Jones, President of the Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church, (704) 246-4950, or one that is closer to you.

Rev. Raeford James
Bro. Everett Thomason
Mrs. Kenneth Deal

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee do hereby recommend the following:

1. That each church send one dollar (\$1.00) per member, annually, to this Association.
2. That each Sunday School send fifty cents (.50) per member, annually, to this Association.
3. That each minister send twelve dollars (\$12.00), 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 thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year for his services.
5. That the Association pay the Treasurer fifteen dollars (\$15.00) 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 Committee.

Rev. Bobby J. Brown
Bro. James D. Huneycutt
Rev. William S. Childers

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Missions Committee do hereby recommend that each Church give to both Home and Foreign Missions according to its ability, and that each Pastor encourage his Church in this matter.

Mrs. Mack Crisp
Mrs. Julia Lewis
Mrs. Clara Childers

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee recommend the following:

1. We encourage our Churches to use Free Will Baptist literature.
2. We encourage our Churches to teach our people more of our Free Will Baptist doctrine in a day when people need to be more grounded in their faith and beliefs.

3. We encourage our Churches to be more careful in their selection of teachers. What they teach not only influences our young Christians but our children as well. Teachers should be called of God, and be members of Church.
4. Teachers have Quarterly Meetings with the Sunday School Superintendent.

Rev. Lester Hughes
 Mrs. Mary R. Huneycutt
 Mrs. Myrtle Mason

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. Notify Association Promotional Secretary, Rev. Bobby J. Brown, Rt. 1, Harmony, N. C. 28634, two weeks or more in advance so he may notify other Churches in the Association.

Mrs. Arlene Brown
 Mrs. Vina Triplette
 Rev. R. D. Mason

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on the Home For the Aged recommend:

1. That each Church in the Association take up a special Love Offering the first Sunday of each quarter and send it to the Home For the Aged (The address may be found in the Witness).
2. We urge each Church to visit the Home located in Burnsville, N. C.; and to comply with the recommendations of this Committee.

Rev. Johnny Triplette
 Mrs. Eva England
 Bro. J. D. Ostwalt, Jr.

NOMINAL ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Hubert Bennette
 Rev. Bruce Pendergrass

Rev. Henderson Eller
 Rev. Jack Wilkins

DATES TO REMEMBER

SCHEDULE

- December 6, 1975 1st Quarterly Ministers' Conference
(To be announced)
- March 6, 1976 2nd Quarterly Ministers' Conference
(To be announced)
- May 2, 1976 Annual Singing Convention
Northview F.W.B. Church, Statesville, N. C.
- June 5, 1976 3rd Quarterly Ministers' Conference
(To be announced)
- September 4, 1976 Annual Ministers' Conference
Arrington Heights F.W.B. Church, Lexington, N. C.
- September 10-11, 1976 24th Session of Yadkin Valley Association
Arrington Heights F.W.B. Church, Lexington, N. C.

GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST ANNUAL SINGING CONVENTION AT PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN MAIDEN, N. C. ON MAY 3, 1975

Groups Representing Alexis Free Will Baptist Church

Lorie Ann Hart (Solo) – Route 1, Iron Station, N. C.

Groups Representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church

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Sam Hutchens
Larry Krause

Steve Fogle
Bill Simmons
Jack Langley, Jr.

THE SINGING JUBILEES

Free Will Circle, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Becky Murph
Roland Langley

Jack Langley, Jr.
Bonnie Deal
Kenneth Deal

THE SINGING JUBILETTES

Free Will Circle, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Glenna Murph
Tammy Langley

Juanita Deal
Sheila Jones
Bonnie Deal

Groups Representing Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church

THE HUNEYCUTT FAMILY

Route 2, Box 162, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Don Huneycutt
Dale Huneycutt

Mary Huneycutt
James Huneycutt

Groups Representing Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church

THE SPIRITUAL TONES

Route 1, Box 203-B, Denver, N. C.

James King
Pat King
Sharon Hansley

Jean Moore
Judy Holland
Clarence Talley

**GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND ANNUAL SINGING
CONVENTION AT ARRINGTON HEIGHTS F. W. B. CHURCH
IN LEXINGTON, N. C. ON AUGUST 2, 1975**

Groups Representing Alexis Free Will Baptist Church

Lori Ann Hart (Solo) – Route 1, Iron Station, N. C.

Groups Representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church

THE CRISP FAMILY

Longview Street, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Mrs. Anna Evans

Mrs. Eunice Burgess

Mrs. Mack Crisp

Rev. J. P. Langley (Solo) – 205 Hames Street, Lexington, N. C. 27292

THE SINGING JUBILEES

Fairfax Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Kenneth Deal
Bonnie Deal

Roland Langley
Jack Langley, Jr.

Becky Murph

THE SINGING JUBILETTES

Free Will Circle, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Glenna Murph
Tammy Langley

Juanita Deal
Sheila Jones

Bonnie Deal

Visiting Groups
THE SINGING BEACONS

The Church of God, Route 3, Box 746-B, Thomasville, N. C.

Gary Tucker
Lloyd Tucker
Archie Wakins

Raymond Jarrell
Sandra Nealy
Joyce Hancock

YOUNG GIRLS AUXILIARY REPORT

In January of 1974, Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church organized the Y. G. A.'s under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Deal and Mrs. Becky Murph.

They have an average of 17 at every meeting, most of which are on the roll. Some of the projects have been helping to pay for some chairs for the Fellowship Hall, donating blocks to build the Fellowship Hall and each time they meet, each girl brings one can of food to be used in helping families in need.

They are growing and enjoying it more and more each time they meet.

At present there are 26 members on roll.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bonnie Deal
Mrs. Becky Murph

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB

In May, 1975 a Men's Fellowship Club was organized at Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of fellowshiping among the brethren of the Church. Seven members formed the Club and we meet once a month for meeting and fellowshiping. The fellowshiping consists of talking, playing games and discussing projects.

Each church would benefit by forming something of this nature and if they should desire any guidelines, they can write to Rev. J. P. Langley, 205 Hames St., Lexington, N. C. He will forward the information requested to the proper person.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in Treasury September 12, 1975	\$ 66.73	
Receipts:		
From Ministers at Association	\$137.00	
From Churches at Association	315.50	
From Singing Convention	25.00	
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Total Received	\$477.50	\$477.50
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		\$544.23
Disbursements:		
Clerk of Association	\$ 35.00	
Postage and Stamps	7.57	
Treasurer of Association	15.00	
North Carolina State Association	75.00	
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Total Disbursements	\$132.57	\$132.57
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Balance in Treasury		\$411.66
Summary of Receipts:		
Rev. Alfred Absher	\$ 12.00	
Rev. Grover C. Bare	12.00	
*Rev. Hubert Bennette		
Rev. Bobby J. Brown	12.00	
Rev. William S. Childers	12.00	
***Rev. Ray G. Dancy		
*Rev. Henderson Eller		
Rev. J. E. Fisher	12.00	
Rev. Norman Hansley	12.00	
**Rev. Wayne Hart		
Rev. Lester Hughes	12.00	
***Rev. J. C. Huneycutt		
Rev. Raeford James	12.00	
Rev. J. P. Langley	12.00	
Rev. R. D. Mason	12.00	
**Rev. Clarence Talley		
Rev. Johnny Triplette	12.00	
*Rev. Jack Wilkins		
**Rev. Howard Holland, Jr.		
**Rev. Bruce Pendergrass		
Rev. Leroy England (Associate Pastor)		
Contribution	5.00	
Total Received	\$137.00	\$137.00
*Sent neither Report nor Membership Fee		
**Sent Report but no Membership Fee		
***Retired		

(Treasurer's Note: Several of the above ministers were financially unable to pay Membership Fees at Association but promised to send them in to either the Clerk or the Treasurer at a later date.)

Receipts from Churches:

Alexis	\$ 20.00	
Arrington Heights	75.00	
Friendship	20.00	
Mt. Zion	61.00	
*Near Calvary		
North View	45.00	
Pleasant Hill	78.50	
Prince of Peace	16.00	
Total Received	\$315.50	\$315.50

*Sent no Report in
 Complete Total of Receipts \$452.50

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

Name of Church Auxiliary	President's Name and Address	No. on Roll		Present. Last Meeting	Average No. on Roll		Money in Treasury at beginning of the year	Money Received during the year	Amount Paid Out	Balance in Treasury
		No. on Roll	Present. Last Meeting		Average No. on Roll	Average No. Present				
Arrington Heights	Mrs. Hazel Jones Lexington, N. C.	19	7	12	10	\$230.22	\$ 171.57	\$ 295.11	\$106.68	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Barbara Sutton High Point, N. C.	10	6	10	5	19.60	159.93	128.00	31.93	
Northview	Brenda Hampton Statesville, N. C.	16	15	14	10	99.22	642.96	646.83	95.35	
Pleasant Hill	Jean Moor Newton, N. C.	12	8	6	6	30.00	116.00	116.00	30.00	
TOTALS		57	36	42	31	\$379.04	\$1090.46	\$1185.94	\$263.96	

MINISTERS REPORTS

Name	Church Pastored (If Any)	Sermons Preached	Reverals Held	Professions	Members Received	Number Baptised	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Hospitals Visited	Weddings Performed	Sunday School Lessons Taught	Money Given For Religious Causes	Money Received In Religious Work	Approximate Miles Traveled In Religious Work	Expenses Connected With Religious Work
Rev. Alfred Absber	Mt. Zion	110	1	5	5	6	3	30	25	2	0	600.00	\$ 3,500.00	18,000	\$1,900.00
Rev. Grover C. Bare	Friendship	52	1	*	*	*	*	10	6	*	12	500.00	530.00	800	*
Rev. Hubert Bennette	No Report Sent In														
Rev. Bobby J. Brown	Association Evangelist	50	0	*	*	7	3	52	25	1	3	800.00	0.00	*	*
Rev. William Childers		75	3	3	4	0	100	25	0	52	0	200.00	0.00	3,000	*
Rev. Ray C. Dancy		1	0	2		0	10	12	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	*	*
Rev. Henderson Eller	No Report Sent In														
Rev. J. E. Fisher	Prince of Peace	48	0	0	2	0	0	50	60	1	15	100.00	420.00	800	100.00
Rev. Norman Hansley		75	1	5	15	0	70	8	0	20	0	636.00	0.00	5,000	75.00
Rev. Wayne Hart	Alexis	108	0	5	11	4	0	230	38	0	0	520.00	54.00	6,000	*
Rev. Lester Hughes	Fairview	170	1	40	5	0	0	100	35	0	30	780.00	6,800.00	15,000	300.00
Rev. J. C. Humeycutt		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.00	*	*
Rev. Raeford James	Oak Grove	104	0	1	0	0	*	*	*	0	*	500.00	0.00	670	*
Rev. J. P. Langley	Arrington Heights	104	0	7	14	11	6	101	109	4	15	1,645.00	9,454.00	17,000	3,573.00
Rev. R. D. Mason		25	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	*	*	*	*
Rev. Clarence Talley	Pleasant Hill	100	1	30	23	15	0	50	25	1	15	1,030.00	1,090.00	25,000	500.00
Rev. Johnny Triplette		12	0	1	0	0	0	75	25	0	1	0.00	10.00	*	*
Rev. Jack Wilkins	No Report Sent In														
Rev. Howard Holland, Jr.	Licensed	54	1	0	0	0	0	35	15	0	36	*	*	*	*
Rev. Bruce Pendergrass	Licensed	25	*	15	*	0	0	30	3	0	*	450.00	15.00	5,000	*
**Rev. Leroy England	Northview	95	0	*	*	12	2	75	35	3	10	*	2,600.00	900	*
TOTALS		1209	9	114	60	74	14	1038	446	12	209	\$7,761.00	\$24,473.00	97,170	\$6,448.00

**No Information Given

**Not a member but an Associate Pastor

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Name of Church	Pastor	Total Membership	Membership Last Year	By Letter	By Statement	Total Received	By Letter	By Erasure	By Death	Total Dismissed	Gain	Loss
Alexis	Rev. Wayne Hart	14	15	3	8	11	2	10	0	12	1	
Arrington Heights	Rev. J. P. Langley	74	70	2	12	14	2	7	1	10	4	
Friendship	Rev. Grover C. Bare	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Zion	No Pastor at Present	36	28	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	8	
*Near Calvary	Rev. Junior Ballew											
Northview	Rev. Leroy England	74	59	4	15	19	2	0	0	2	15	
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Clarence Talley	45	27	3	20	23	2	1	0	3	18	
Prince of Peace	Rev. J. E. Fisher	18	14	3	1	4	0	0	1	1	4	
TOTALS		281	233	17	62	79	8	18	2	27	48	

*No Report Sent In

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Name of Sunday School	Supt. Name and Address	Sec. Name and Address	No. On Roll At Present	Average No. On Roll For Year	No. Present Last Sunday	Average No. Present For Year
Alexis	W. S. Childers Stanley, N. C.	Mary Ann Holland Denver, N. C.	38	28	19	23
Arrington Heights	Kenneth Deal Lexington, N. C.	Gerrie Langley Kernersville, N. C.	188	175	132	153
Friendship	Lester Oliver Kannapolis, N. C.	*	15	*	12	*
Mt. Zion	J. D. Huneycutt Lexington, N. C.	Frances Craven High Point, N. C.	58	50	57	50
**Near Calvary						
Northview	C. L. Stewart, Jr. Troutman, N. C.	J. D. Ostwalt, Jr. Troutman, N. C.	65	50	45	50
Pleasant Hill	Clyde Talley Denver, N. C.	Patsy King Maiden, N. C.	61	47	55	47
Prince of Peace	Joe Edwards Kannapolis, N. C.	Mrs. Gene Cline Kannapolis, N. C.	22	20	14	18
TOTALS			447	370	505	341

**No Report Sent In

*No Information Given

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

Name of Church	Pastor	Paid Out To Pastor	Other Salaries	Paid Out For Evangelistic Purposes	Contributions To Charitable Causes	Sent To Association For Expenses	Paid Out For Building and Repair	Miscellaneous	Indebtedness	Value Of Church Property
Alexis	Rev. Wayne Hart	\$ *	\$ 0	\$ 175	\$ 0	\$ 24.00	\$ 80	\$ 726	\$ 800	\$ 3,495
Arrington Heights	Rev. J. P. Langley	9,516	1,162	360	377	75.00	146	1,981	16,000	100,000
Friendship	Rev. Grover C. Bare	530	*	*	*	20.00	1,029	203	*	10,000
Mt. Zion	No Pastor at Present	3,185	0	200	0	61.00	1,113	2,167	3,060	30,000
**Near Calvary	Rev. Junior Ballew									
Northview	Rev. Leroy England	2,600	420	100	*	45.00	250	60	0	40,011
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Clarence Talley	1,010	3,480	255	340	78.50	150	75	1,516	45,000
Prince of Peace	Rev. J. E. Fisher	420	0	0	0	16.50	3,344	80	2,700	10,000
TOTALS		\$17,261	\$5,062	\$1,090	\$717	\$320.00	\$6,112	\$5,292	\$24,076	\$239,495

**No Report Sent In

*No Information Given

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ARRINGTON HEIGHTS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO JULY 1, 1975

Total Cash Received	\$36,507.53
Plus Cash in Bank July 1, 1974	1,649.29
Plus Cash in Building Fund	255.96
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Total Cash to be accounted for	\$38,412.78
National Association	\$ 392.31
State Association	325.00
Board of Care	23.00
Social Security	277.00
Pastor's Salary	7,098.00
Pastor's Expense	2,418.00
Janitor	720.00
Treasurer	120.00
Care Taker	322.35
Utilities	1,255.24
Literature	713.92
Flowers	397.28
Church and Fellowship Hall Payment	16,994.18
Bible School	180.05
Christmas Play	15.22
Cash Contributions	376.50
Additions and Repair	145.63
Miscellaneous	1,981.25
Evangelist	359.84
Yadkin Valley Association	75.00
Christmas Treats	347.00
Insurance Church and Fellowship Hall	435.00
Pastor's Retirement	421.50
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	\$35,385.16
Total Expenditures	\$35,385.16
Plus Cash in Bank July 1, 1975	2,771.66
Cash in Building Fund	255.96
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	\$38,412.78

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MRS. KENNETH DEAL

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