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## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

(Addresses will be found in Associational Membership Roll)

Moderator ..... Rev. Alfred Absher  
Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. Kenneth Deal  
Clerk and Assistant Treasurer ..... Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.  
Assistant Clerk ..... Mrs. Bonnie Deal  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Arlene Brown  
Promotional Evangelist ..... Rev. Johnny Triplette

Clerk's Address: 4755 Nokomis Dr., Kernersville, N. C. 27284  
Telephone (919) 769-2019

Treasurer's Address: Route 1, Box 35, Harmony, N. C. 28634  
Telephone (704) 546-2387

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. Wayne Hart  
Vice-Moderator ..... Rev. Junior Ballew  
Clerk and Treasurer ..... Rev. Lester Hughes  
Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. Kenneth Deal

## SINGING CONVENTION OFFICERS

President ..... Bro. Roland Langley  
Vice-President ..... Rev. William S. Childers  
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Becky Murph  
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Peggy Bunton

## TRUSTEES

Rev. Johnny Triplette  
Rev. Raeford James  
Bro. Danny Wilson

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Raeford James  
Rev. Johnny Triplette  
Rev. Junior Ballew  
Rev. Kenneth Deal, Vice-Chairman  
Rev. Lester Hughes, Chairman

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Alfred Absher (1979)  
Bro. Jack Langley, Jr. (1979)  
Bro. Jesse Ostwalt (1980)  
Rev. William S. Childers (1979)  
Bro. Danny Wilson (1981)

## ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address	Telephone
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Rev. Junior Ballew,	Turner Rd., Lexington, N. C. 27292 .....	(704) 249-6775
Rev. Grover C. Bare,	Rt. 1, Box 234-E, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081 ....	(704) 932-5321
Rev. Bobby J. Brown,	Rt. 1, Box 63, Harmony, N. C. 28634 .....	(704) 546-2387
Rev. William S. Childers,	112 Stanfield Dr., Stanley, N. C. 28164 ....	(704) 263-4559
Rev. Kenneth E. Deal,	13 Freewill Circle, Lexington, N. C. 27292 ..	(704) 249-8294
Rev. Norman Hansley		
Rev. Wayne Hart,	Rt. 1, Iron Station, N. C. 28080 .....	(704) 735-4315
Rev. Willard Howard,	Rt. 14, Box 543, Lexington, N. C. 27292 ....	(704) 249-1574
Rev. Lester Hughes,	1825 Mountain Brook Dr., Gastonia, N. C. ....	(704) 864-4671
Rev. Raeford James,	139 Douglas St., Statesville, N. C. 28677 .....	(704) 872-0446
Rev. R. D. Mason,	Rt. 2, China Grove, N. C. 28023 .....	(704) 857-2582
Rev. Clarence Talley,	Rt. 2, Maiden, N. C. 28650 .....	(704) 428-2330
Rev. Johnny Triplette,	104 Valley Circle, Thomasville, N. C. 27360	(919) 475-1425

### RETIRED MINISTERS

Rev. Ray Dancy,	378 Water St., Mooresville, N. C. 28115
Rev. J. C. Huneycutt,	Rt. 2, Box 177, Lexington, N. C. 27292 .....
Rev. I. W. Plyler,	Rt. 1, Troutman, N. C. 28160

### CHURCHES

Church	Clerk's Name and Address
Alexis FWB Church,	Joyce Greson
Arrington Heights FWB Church,	Mrs. Bea Jenkins, 30 Robbins Circle, Lexington, N. C. 27292
Friendship FWB Church,	Lester Oliver, 1311 Fox Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Lincolnton FWB Church,	Kathalene Britton, 124 D St., Lincolnton, N. C. 28092
Near Calvary FWB Church,	Gloria Langford, 9 Price Rd., Lexington, N. C. 27292
Northview FWB Church,	Peggy Bunton, 2925 Eastway Dr., Statesville, N. C. 28677
Prince of Peace FWB Church,	Sharon Moffitt, Clay St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

## 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, 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. 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 vote 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 dis-



obedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature or 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 becomes 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, Judgment 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 in a report or dues to this Association shall subject his name to be placed on the Nominal Roll of Ministers. (Association of 1978).
4. The Annual Association shall begin with a Worship Service on Friday Night at 7:30 P. M. and the Business Session will be conducted on Saturday Morning to begin at 10:00 a. M. (Association of 1978)

### 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 convened at the Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. at 10:00 A. M. on September 2, 1978 with 15 present - 8 Ministers and 7 Visitors.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Kenneth Deal, after which Rev. Junior Ballew led the congregation in singing, "I'll Fly Away". We then had an altar of prayer led by Rev. Johnny Triplette. Scripture for devotions was read by Rev. Raeford James, "The 23rd Psalm".

Rev. Wayne Hart, Moderator, then declared the conference open for business.

The first order of business was the nomination of new officers as follows:

Moderator .....	Rev. Wayne Hart
Vice-Moderator .....	Rev. Junior Ballew
Clerk and Treasurer .....	Rev. Lester Hughes
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Kenneth Deal

The Ordaining Council was elected as follows:

Rev. Raeford James	Rev. Junior Ballew
Rev. Johnny Triplette	Rev. Kenneth Deal (Vice-Chairman)
Rev. Lester Hughes, Chairman	

There was one other item of business concerning unfaithfulness of some of our Minister brethren in the conference. A motion was made and seconded that "Any Minister missing three (3) Ministers' Conferences in a row without some form of notification, and after two (2) visits by their brother Ministers, would automatically surrender their credentials".

The motion carried and the business session was closed.

The next Ministers' Conference will convene with the Northview Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C. on the first Saturday in December, 1978.

The Worship Service began with a song, "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Danny Wilson. Prayer was led by Rev. Alfred Absher. A soul-stirring message was delivered by Rev. Junior Ballew on being commissioned and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Then a time of fellowship, testifying and singing was enjoyed by everyone.

An offering was received in the amount of \$9.71, bringing the total in treasure to \$33.13. \$23.13 was given to the Association leaving a total of \$10.00 for miscellaneous purposes.

The meeting was then dismissed in the fear of the Lord.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

September 8, 1978

The Twenty-sixth Annual Association opened at 10:00 A.M. and everyone was welcomed by Rev. Kenneth Deal. The service was opened with everyone singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Rev. Lester Hughes read the Scripture from Psalms 122 after which there was an Altar Prayer.

The service was then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Alfred Absher who immediately declared the House in Order for business. The Roll Call was made by Rev. Bobby Brown.

The Rules of the Decorum were read by Rev. Kenneth Deal.

The Officers of the Association were elected:

Moderator ..... Rev. Alfred Absher

Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Kenneth Deal

Clerk and Assistant Treasurer ..... Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.

Assistant Clerk ..... Mrs. Bonnie Deal

Treasurer ..... Mrs. Arlene Brown

Promotional Evangelist ..... Rev. Johnny Triplette

Rev. Willard Howard was given a voice and a seat.

After much discussion, it was voted on and passed that due to the lack of interest for the Friday Morning Sessions, the Association will begin at 7:30 P.M. on Friday Night with the Worship Service being conducted and the business session to start on Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

The Ministers' Conference asked the Association for permission to be able to convene with how many Ministers they had present at the Ministers' Conference. It was discussed and passed that no quorum would be necessary for the Ministers' Conference convening.

Due to some Ministers failing to send in Reports or Dues, their names would be subjected automatically to the Nominal Roll of Ministers. Also, a Minister who missed four Meetings within one year, without a personal or letter contact either with the Moderator or the Clerk of the Ministers' Conference or Association, the Ordaining Council will send this delinquent Minister a letter. If no answer or response is received to the letter, then a Committee will be sent to ask for the Minister's credentials. All Ministers are to be expected to surrender their credentials without question, should this deem necessary.

Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church was reinstated into the Association and then we adjourned for a brief intermission.

After intermission, Rev. Guy Owens, State Minister at Large, was given the service with no singing. He gave a short condensed report of the State Work and read the Scripture which was found in Hebrews 25 and delivered a wonderful and inspiring message and then we were dismissed by Rev. Junior Ballew for lunch.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

All the Reports were read and these Reports may be found elsewhere in these Minutes. A Motion was made, seconded and carried to send \$10.00 Monthly to the State Association instead of the \$75.00 per year. This money is to be sent out of the Offerings which each Church sends to the Clerk monthly to be deposited in the Savings Account. The Clerk will be responsible for sending these checks to the State Association.

The Association voted to give the typewriter to the Clerk of the Ministers' Conference.

The Committee Reports were read and we voted to reimburse the Clerk for expenses incurred during the year. The expenses were \$37.15.

The Motion was made to adjourn and Rev. Kenneth Deal dismissed in prayer.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday Morning Session was opened with the Song, "Eastern Gate" led by Brother Danny Wilson. Rev. W. W. Howard led in prayer and Rev. Raeford James read the Scripture which was found in Psalms 27. The Moderator, Rev. Alfred Absher declared the House in Order for Business, after which the Roll Call was made by Rev. Kenneth Deal. The Rules of the Decorum were read by Rev. Lester Hughes and the remaining Reports were read and accepted by the Body.

Reverends Howard Pittman and John Hall, visiting Ministers, were given a voice and seat in our deliberations.

A short Memorial Service was observed in memory of Rev. J. E. Fisher who went to be with the Lord a few weeks before the Association.

The next Association will meet at the North View Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C.

Rev. W. W. Howard was accepted back into the Association which was followed by a letter from the Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

A goal of \$400.00 was set to send to Rev. Guy Owens for expenses connected with the National Association which will be convening in Charlotte in 1979. Several Ministers and Churches have pledged money for this purpose. All monies sent in for these expenses should be sent to the Clerk, Brother Jack Langley, Jr. and specified as "National Associational Expenses". This money should be sent in as soon as possible but no later than May 31, 1979.

After this, we went right into the Worship Service.

The song, "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian" was sung by the congregation. Rev. John Hall led the congregation in prayer and Rev. Howard Pittman preached a great and inspiring message taken from Job 16:19.

We were then dismissed by Rev. Kenneth Deal.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

We the Ministers' Report Committee recommend the following: Due to the fact that there has been much discussion in the past over unfaithfulness of our Ministers in the areas of reports and dues, no satisfaction has been obtained, we recommend that any Minister failing to pay his dues or send in a report, that his name be placed on the Nominal Roll of Ministers. If this happens two years in a row, that Minister shall surrender his credentials.

We also recommend that this be written in the By-Laws of the Association, exempting those Ministers that are disabled, on a pension, or are retired.

Rev. Lester Hughes      Rev. W. W. Howard      Rev. Junior Ballew

### SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your Singing Committee do recommend the following:

(1) That we have one Singing Convention each year. This Convention is to be held at the Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N. C. on the first Sunday in May, 1979.

(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 attend 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 only. The President will have the authority to advise the groups when their time is up.

(5) Officers are to be elected at every other Singing Convention for the next two-year term and will fill these offices for two consecutive years.

Rev. Bobby Brown      Mrs. Bonnie Deal      Mrs. Vina Triplette

### LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the Ladies Auxiliary Committee do hereby recommend that pastors encourage the ladies of their church to start a Ladies Auxiliary. As each organizes, let the other churches know about the steps they took. Also, send any interesting news to the Free Will Baptist Witness, c/o Dennis Lowery - Editor, P. O. Box 11277, East Durham Station, Durham, N. C. 27703.

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

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

We also recommend that pastors encourage the starting of a Young Girl's Auxiliary.

Bro. Danny Wilson      Mrs. Carrie Crisp      Rev. Johnny Triplette

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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 each Church receive a free will offering on the first Sunday of each month, send it to the Clerk of the Association, to be deposited in the Savings Account.

5. That the Association pay the clerk forty dollars (\$40.00) per year for his or her services.

6. That the Association pay the treasurer twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year for his or her services.

7. If the Executive Committee is called to a church, said church shall pay the traveling expenses of the members of the Committee.  
Bro. Jack Langley, Jr.      Rev. Johnny Triplette

Rev. William S. Childers

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### NOMINAL ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. Norman Hansley

Rev. R. D. Mason

Rev. Clarence Talley



**DATES TO REMEMBER  
SCHEDULE**

- December 2, 1978 ..... 1st Quarterly Ministers' Conference  
North View Free Will Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.
- March 3, 1979 ..... 2nd Quarterly Ministers' Conference  
(To be announced)
- May 6, 1979 ..... Annual Singing Convention  
Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Lexington, N. C.
- June 2, 1979 ..... 3rd Quarterly Ministers' Conference  
(To be announced)
- September 1, 1979 ..... Annual Ministers' Conference  
North View Free Will Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.
- September 7 - 8, 1979 ..... 27th Session of Yadkin Valley Association  
North View Free Will Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.

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**GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL SINGING CON-  
VENTION AT NORTH VIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,  
STATESVILLE, N. C. ON MAY 7, 1978.**

**Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church.**

**BECKY AND TABATHA MURPH AND ROLAND LANGLEY:**

Tabatha Murph

Roland Langley

Becky Murph - Fairfax Rd., Lexington, N. C. 27292

**LITTLE DEAL TRIO:**

Angie Deal

Juanita Deal

Tammy Deal - P. O. Box 649, Welcome, N. C. 27374

**THE GOSPEL BEAMERS:**

Mrs. Mary Berrier

Roger Berrier

Mrs. Bea Jenkins

Mrs. Gerrie Langley

Mrs. Paulette Adams - CC12 Rodger Road, Lexington, N. C. 27292

**THE SINGING JUBILEES:**

Rev. Kenneth Deal

Mrs. Bonnie Deal

Miss Tammy Deal

Roland Langley

Mrs. Becky Murph - Fairfax Rd., Lexington, N. C. 27292

**MRS. CARRIE CRISP AND ANNA EVANS AND  
ROLAND LANGLEY:**

Mrs. Anna Lou Evans

Roland Langley

Mrs. Carrie Crisp - 7 Longview St., Lexington, N. C. 27292

**Groups representing Lincolnton Free Will Baptist Church, Lincoln-  
ton, N. C. 28164**

**LINCOLNTON FREE WILL SINGERS:**

Ms. Kathleen Briton

Rev. W. S. Childers - 112 Stanfield Dr., Stanley, N. C. 28164

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Each Report has been compiled by the information submitted in the reports that were turned in to the clerk at the Association. Any errors or missing items on any report, the clerk is not liable since all reports were copied verbatim from the original reports.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasure from 1977	\$ 73.30
Receipts:	
From Ministers .....	\$132.00
From Churches .....	219.50
From Ministers' Conference .....	23.13
	\$374.63
Total Received .....	374.63
Total before any disbursements .....	\$447.93
Disbursements:	
Clerk of Association and Expenses .....	\$ 77.19
Treasurer of Association .....	25.00
	\$102.19
Total Disbursements .....	102.19
Balance in treasure before 1978 Minutes .....	\$345.74

### Summary of Receipts:

Rev. Alfred Absher .....	\$ 12.00
Rev. Junior Ballew .....	12.00
Rev. Grover Barè .....	12.00
Rev. Bobby Brown .....	12.00
Rev. William Childers .....	12.00
Rev. Kenneth Deal .....	12.00
*Rev. Norman Hansley .....	
Rev. Wayne Hart .....	12.00
Rev. Willard Howard .....	12.00
Rev. Lester Hughes .....	12.00
Rev. Raeford James .....	12.00
*Rev. R. D. Mason .....	
*Rev. Clarence Talley .....	
Rev. Johnny Triplette .....	12.00
Total received from Ministers .....	\$132.00
*These names are automatically placed on the Nominal Roll	
Alexis Church .....	\$ 19.50
Arrington Heights Church .....	85.00
Friendship Church .....	24.00
Lincolnton Church .....	
Near Calvary Church .....	41.50
North View Church .....	
Prince of Peace Church .....	48.50
Total received from Churches .....	\$219.50
Savings Account Balance at present .....	\$525.94

Name of Church Auxiliary	President's Name and Address	No. on Roll	No. Present at Last Meeting	Average No. on Roll for the year	Average No. Present for the year	Money in Treasure at beginning of the year	Money Received during the year	Amount in Treasure
Arrington Heights	Bonnie Deal Lexington, N. C.	14	12	14	10	\$ 767.12	\$1,172.55	\$ 738.74
Near Calvary	Louise House Lexington, N. C.	17	6	17	10	40.00	64.61	92.50
North View	Louise Lafarce Statesville, N. C.	14	10	14	12	593.74	175.25	43.80
Prince of Peace	Martha Morris Kannapolis, N. C.	11	3	11	9	60.55	0	10.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		56	31	56	41	\$1,461.41	\$1,412.41	\$ 885.04

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

## MINISTERS' REPORT

Name	Church Pastored (If Any)	Sermons Preached	Revivals 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
Rev. Alfred Absher	Arrington Hgts.	80	1	5	0	0	1	25	15	1	1	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,500.00
Rev. Junior Ballew	Near Calvary	100	2	20	0	5	2	45	20	2	0	1,820.00	
Rev. Grover Bare	Friendship	56	0	8	8	0	2	30	15	3	10	700.00	
Rev. Bobby Brown			0		0	0	1			1	1	77.00	
Rev. William Childers	Lincolnton	160	1	26	11	0	1	50	100	0	52	600.00	0
Rev. Kenneth Deal	Arrington Hgts.	55	0	13	2	1	2	209	152	0	3	290.00	2,700.00
Rev. Wayne Hart	Alexis	85	2	7	8	1	1		30	0	31	815.00	0
Rev. W. W. Howard		300	1	8	0	0	2	53	28	3	44	40.00	300.00
Rev. Lester Hughes	North View	90	1	25	15	0	0	30	10	0	75	900.00	4,500.00
Rev. Raeford James		25	0	0	0	0	1	10	30	3	35	50.00	10.00
Rev. Johnny Triplette		6	0	0	0	0	0	20	25	0	0		10.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>957</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$5,942.50</b>	<b>\$11,020.00</b>

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	RECEIVED				DISMISSED				Gain	Loss	
		Total Membership	Membership Last Year	By Letter	By Statement	Total Received	By Letter	By Erasure	By Death			Total Dismissed
Alexis	Rev. Wayne Hart	14	10	0	10	10	0	6	0	6	4	
Arrington Heights	Rev. Kenneth Deal	69	78	0	0	2	0	10	1	11		9
Friendship	Rev. Grover Bare	30	22	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	
Lincolnton	Rev. William Childers	7	11	0	11	11	0	4	0	4		4
Near Calvary	Rev. Junior Ballew	100	125	4	4	8	8	0	0	6		25
Northview	Rev. Lester Hughes	63	60	1	14	15	2	0	1	3	3	
Prince of Peace	Rev. J. E. Fisher (Deceased)	32	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		3
<b>TOTALS</b>		315	341	13	39	54	10	20	3	31		26

## 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	J. R. Hord Dallas, N. C.	Mary Hart Iron Station, N. C.	23	32	20	25
Arrington Heights	Roland Langley Lexington, N. C.	Ruby Presnell Lexington, N. C.	88	157	113	124
Friendship	Lester Oliver Kannapolis, N. C.	Lester Oliver Kannapolis, N. C.	24	16	18	17
Lincolnton		Kathlene Britton Lincolnton, N. C.	11	11	8	8
Near Calvary	Donnie M. Black Lexington, N. C.	Faye Barnes Lexington, N. C.	100	125	57	70
Northview	Freddie Curtin Statesville, N. C.	Jesso D. Ostwalt, Jr. Troutman, N. C.	63	60	25	50
Prince of Peace	Ken Carter Kannapolis, N. C.	Ms. Tony Morris Kannapolis, N. C.	35	33	32	33
Totals			344	434	273	327



**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	Indebtness	Value Of Church Property
Alexis	Rev. Wayne Hart	\$ 0	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 22,000.00		
*Arrington Heights	Rev. Kenneth Deal	5,487.50	1,550.00	747.00	1,458.68	169.80	15,995.06	1,525.46		
Friendship	Rev. Grover Bare			0						18,000.00
Lincolnton	Rev. W. S. Childers	0	0	0	0	0	0			2,000.00
Near Calvary	Rev. Junior Ballew	2,239.85		320.00	350.00	41.50	2,100.00			60,000.00
Northview	Rev. Lester Hughes	3,900.00	0	0	0	50.00	5,000.00	500.00	14,000.00	60.00
Prince of Peace	Rev. J. E. Fisher	875.00	0	0	49.50	520.74	556.00	730.00		
<b>Totals</b>		\$12,502.35	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,127.00	\$ 1,808.68	\$ 330.30	\$23,815.80	\$ 2,616.45	\$15,904.00	\$287,000.00

\*See additional financial report on separate page.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
ARRINGTON HEIGHTS F.W.B. CHURCH  
FROM JULY 1, 1977 TO JULY 1, 1978**

**INCOME:**

Total Cash Received .....	\$33,181.45
Plus Cash In Bank July 1, 1977 .....	3,901.70
Plus Cash In Building Fund .....	2,152.86
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Total To Be Accounted For .....	\$39,236.01

**EXPENDITURES:**

State Association .....	\$ 275.00
Pastors Sal. ....	5,487.50
Pastors Exp. ....	1,087.50
Janitor .....	780.00
Tres. ....	120.00
Caretaker .....	350.00
Caretaker For Fellowship .....	300.00
Utilities .....	1,607.42
Literature .....	685.43
Flowers .....	462.91
Church Payments .....	5,420.88
Bible School .....	276.06
Christmas Treats .....	553.29
Cash Contributions .....	1,458.68
Addition and Repairs .....	10,574.18
Miscellaneous .....	1,525.46
Evangelistic Purpose .....	747.00
Yadkin Valley Assoc. ....	169.80
Ins. Church and Fellowship Hall .....	549.00
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Total .....	\$32,430.18

Total Expenditures .....	\$32,430.18
Plus cash in Bank July 1, 1978 ....	\$ 4,652.97
Plus cash in Building Fund .....	\$ 2,152.86
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	\$39,236.01

Respectfully Submitted  
Mrs. Kenneth Deal, Sec./Tres.



