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REVEREND HERMAN RUDOLPH FAIRCLOTH

These minutes respectfully dedicated to the memory of

Reverend H. R. Faircloth

February 15, 1882—October 20, 1957

On February 15, 1882, in LaGrange, North Carolina, a son was born to Mary Ann Whitley and Benjamin Franklin Faircloth. This was their first born. A daughter born later completed the family. They named the child Herman Rudolph Faircloth, a name that was to be loved among many Free Will Baptists.

Herman grew up in LaGrange and received his education in the local schools. When he became old enough he found employment at a local buggy shop where he became an expert buggy maker. During those years he met Lula Gray and they were married in 1902. From this union there were nine children, three boys and six girls born. There were twins born but died at birth, and one daughter, Doris Lee, who died at the age of two.

In 1912, at Bethel Church in Johnston County, he was ordained to the ministry. This began a life of unusual devotion and work to the call of the ministry. In his work he organized two churches, LaGrange and Smithfield in 1928, and was pastor of twenty-five churches. His first pastorate was Daly's Chapel, and his last was Old Field.

He moved to Johnston County in 1920 in order to be near the churches that he served. It was in 1945 that he retired from active pastoral work, but he continued to conduct revivals and do supply work. On October 12, 1952, God saw fit to call home his dear companion. Then on October 20, 1957, he went to join his beloved and be with the Lord.

Those who knew him best loved him for his humility and his love for lost souls. They praise him for his ability to adjust to any situation. He was a fearless preacher who traveled by horseback and buggy to preach Christ, and in the last days of his life in a modern age was found faithful to the Christ he loved. Isaiah 61:1, 2 was truly a description of his life's work: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn."

These are the churches he served: Prospect, Shady Grove, Casey's Chapel, Powhatan, Bethel (Johnston Co.), Hopewell, Tee's Chapel, Lee's Chapel, Robert's Grove, Riverside, Holly Springs, Everett's Chapel, Old Field, Daly's Chapel, Goldsboro, Smithfield, Johnson's Union, Yelverton's Grove, Friendship, Owens Chapel, Selma, LaGrange, Branches Chapel, Hull Road, King's Chapel.

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Board of Missions

Cecil Rose, 1958 Percy L. Strickland, 1959 Chester Phillips, 1960
W. Milton Wiggs, 1961 W. C. Clearman (chairman), 1962

Board of Trustees

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Elijah Woodall, 1961 Owen Thomas, 1962

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Mrs. Carl Dudley, 1958 Thomas E. Beaman (chairman), 1959
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M. E. Goodwin, 1961 Herman Hersey, 1962

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J. Walter Stanley, Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
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Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
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Royster W. Martin, Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.

Enrollment of Ministers, Churches and Delegates

Ministers

R. W. Allman, N. D. Beaman, Thos. E. Beaman, A. B. Bryan, L. J. Carlyle, W. C. Clearman, C. M. Coates, J. R. Davidson, Herman L. Hersey, W. H. Lancaster, W. A. Martin, Hilery M. Minchew, Wilson W. Parker, J. Walter Stanley, Ed Taylor, Leonard B. Woodall, L. R. Ennis, Chester R. Phillips, Cecil E. Rose.

Licentiates

J. Vernon Barbour

Visiting Ministers

Central: W. Burkette Raper

Eastern: J. C. Griffin

Western: Paul Jenkins

Others: Angus Prevatte and James Earl Raper

Churches and Delegates

Bethel (Johnson)—David Hill, Mrs. David Hill
Bethel (Lenoir)—
Casey's Chapel—Mrs. Elizabeth Casey, Miss Annie Whitley
Community Chapel—Mrs. Ed Taylor
Corinth—Luther A. Strickland, Waitus Lee
Daly's Chapel—
Goldsboro—E. E. Best, Mrs. W. E. Branch, Mrs. J. R. Davidson
Hopewell—Mrs. Wade H. Stephenson, Mrs. Elijah Woodall, Elijah Woodall,
Wade H. Stephenson
Johnson's Union—Mrs. Lester Warrick
Lakwood Chapel—Mrs. Luby Warrick, Mrs. Ed Johnson
Lee's Chapel—Mrs. Neil Phillips, Mrs. A. M. Stone, Neil Phillips, H. T.
Hinson
Oak Grove—Leo Bass, Mrs. Leo Bass
Pleasant Grove—John N. Bryant
Powhatan—Mrs. J. V. Barbour
Prospect—Mrs. J. C. Ennis, J. C. Ennis
Riverside—Mrs. J. L. Martin, Mrs. L. P. Williford, L. P. Williford
Robert's Grove—Harvey Barefoot, Henry Lee
Raleigh—Ruth Rose, J. D. Ballance, Mrs. Ralph Beamon
Shady Grove—Kermit Jackson
Smithfield—Thomas H. Pittman, Mrs. H. A. Crumpler
Smyrna—
St. John—
St. Mary's Grove—Ray Cobb, R. C. Gregory, W. J. Langdon
St. Paul—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Warren, Mrs. I. A. Barefoot
Steven's Chapel—
Tee's Chapel—Mrs. Ethel Grant, Mrs. John R. Davis, Mrs. Hettie Woodall
West Clinton—
Wooten's Chapel—Mrs. Cecil E. Rose
Yelverton's Grove—

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred third annual session of the Cape Fear (Original) Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, North Carolina, on Thursday and Friday, October 31 and November 1, 1957.

Thursday Morning Session, October 31

The Cape Fear Conference opened its annual session at 10:00 a. m., Thursday morning, with the singing of the hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing."

Rev. J. C. Griffin conducted the morning devotions, using for his Scripture text the second chapter of Hebrews, and closing with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

A very hearty welcome was extended to the visiting ministers and delegates by the host pastor, Rev. N. B. Beaman. The response was given by Brother J. D. Ballance.

The moderator made a very appropriate address to the session at this time using as his text, Romans 1:16.

Then the moderator recognized the following visitors: Rev. Bruce Barrow, Central Conference; Rev. James E. Raper, Arcadia, South Carolina; Rev. J. C. Griffin, Eastern Conference; Rev. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College.

Enrollment of officers and standing boards as follows:

Officers: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Moderator; Rev. Leonard B. Woodall, Assistant Moderator; H. T. Hinson, Treasurer; Percy L. Strickland, Secretary; Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Assistant Secretary.

Executive Board: Rev. J. R. Davidson, H. T. Hinson, Percy L. Strickland, Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Rev. A. B. Bryan, Rev. Herman Hersey, Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Mission Board: Rev. A. B. Bryan (Chairman), Rev. Chester Phillips, H. T. Hinson, Percy L. Strickland.

Board of Trustees: Rev. Thomas E. Beaman.

Board of Education: Rev. Thomas E. Beaman.

Board of Ordination: Rev. L. R. Ennis (Chairman), Rev. Herman Hersey (Secretary), Rev. C. M. Coates, Rev. M. E. Godwin.

The following temporary committee appointments were made:

Obituary: Rev. J. Walter Stanley, Rev. W. H. Lancaster, Mrs. Carl Dudley.

Temperance: Rev. Thomas E. Beaman, Rev. A. B. Bryan, J. D. Ballance.

Resolutions: Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. Edd Taylor, Mrs. Novell Dawson.

Nominations: Rev. Herman Hersey, E. E. Best, Rev. C. M. Coates.

After a short recess the congregation joined together in singing the hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," prayer by Rev. Clyde Clearman,

hymn "Love Lifted Me." After this, the worship offering was taken, prayer by Rev. Leonard B. Woodall, followed by singing. "I Am Thine, O Lord."

The introductory sermon was brought by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman. Scripture was Exodus 14:15; subject: "We Shall Go Forward," which was a great challenge to us.

Following this, the congregation joined in singing "Rescue the Perishing." Benediction by Rev. R. W. Allman.

Recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Prayer by Rev. Bruce Barrow.

The devotions were given by Rev. R. W. Allman, Scripture 1 Kings 20:14; subject, "Responsibility of a Christian."

The report of the ordination board was given by Rev. Herman Hersey and adopted with reservations as to constitutional amendment which will be voted on in second day's session. We were very happy to welcome two new ministers, Rev. Cecil Rose and Rev. R. W. Allman. (See report.)

At this time Rev. Bruce Barrow was recognized and brought an oral report from the State Convention and the Free Will Baptist Press.

The report of the executive board was given by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the board of education was given by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman and was adopted, with reservations as to amendment which is to be voted on in second day's session. (See report.)

The report of the mission board was given by Rev. A. B. Bryan and adopted. (See report.)

A report of the contributions of the churches to the conference was given by Rev. Herman Hersey. A motion was made, seconded and passed that this report be amended by the secretary, to show all the contributions sent in by the time the minutes were to be printed. Adopted. (See report.)

Brother Wade Stephenson was recognized at this time and made some very stirring remarks concerning our educational needs.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the executive board be authorized to have a copy of the constitution and bylaws gathered together and printed in the minutes of the 1957 session of this conference.

A motion was also made, seconded and passed that the minutes of the 1957 session of the Cape Fear Conference be dedicated to the memory of Rev. H. R. Faircloth.

There being no other business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the first day's session of the conference to meet again Friday morning at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Leonard B. Woodall led the congregation in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Benediction by Mrs. Elizabeth Casey.

Friday Morning Session, November 1

The second day's session of the Cape Fear Conference reassembled at 10:00 a. m. with the moderator presiding. The session began with the congregation singing "All Hail the Power."

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Chester Phillips; Scripture reading from Ephesians 2; concluded by singing of hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

The business session was called to order by the moderator and the following visitors were recognized:

Rev. Wilbert Everton, Central Conference; Rev. Paul Jenkins, Western Conference; Rev. Angus Prevatte, Reynard, North Carolina.

The reading of the minutes of the first day's session was omitted.

The first order of business was a vote on the constitutional change as carried in the report of the board of ordination, brought in the first day. The vote was favorable and the change was carried. (See report.)

The next was a vote on an amendment to the bylaws affecting the board of education, this was also passed. (See report.)

Rev. W. Burkette Raper was recognized at this time and he gave a report of the condition and needs of Mount Olive Junior College, which was received as information.

The report of superannuation was given by Rev. Wilbert Everton and received as information.

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by Rev. W. Burkette Raper and received as information.

The report from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Mrs. S. A. Smith.

At this time we were dismissed for a short recess. Benediction by Brother Waitus Lee.

Conference was reopened with congregation singing "There Is a Fountain." Responsive reading No. 497; prayer by Rev. J. Walter Stanley, followed by the singing of "If Jesus Goes With Me." After this the worship offering was taken.

The morning sermon was brought by Rev. L. R. Ennis. Scripture was taken from Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; subject, "The Gospel We Believe." After a very inspiring message, the congregation joined in singing "Make Me a Channel of Blessings." Benediction by Rev. W. H. Lancaster.

Recess for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The conference reassembled for the afternoon session with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," followed by prayer led by Rev. Wilson Parker.

Rev. Leonard B. Woodall conducted the afternoon devotions using for his Scripture, Psalm 24.

At this time the report from the Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee, was given by Rev. J. R. Davidson. A special appeal was made that each church send an offering of \$100.00 to the school. The report was received as information.

The report of the woman's auxiliary was given by Mrs. Herman Hersey. (See report.)

At this time Mrs. Carl Dudley, state president of the woman's auxiliary, was recognized.

The treasurer's report was given by Brother H. T. Hinson and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the nominating committee was given by Brother E. E. Best and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the resolutions committee was given by Rev. L. R. Ennis and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by Rev. Thomas E. Beaman and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the obituary committee was given by Rev. J. Walter Stanley and adopted. (See report.)

On motion the executive board was authorized to appoint delegates to the state and national conventions in due process of time.

Also a motion was made and passed that the minutes of this session of the conference be approved by the executive board and the usual number be printed and distributed to the churches.

Petitions were received for the next session of the conference. By vote the next session will convene with St. Mary's Church in Johnston County.

A motion was made and passed that the session give a rising vote of thanks for their service to the following board members who are retiring:

Mrs. Earl Lockamy, Board of Education; Rev. A. B. Bryan, Mission Board; Brother H. T. Hinson, Mission Board.

At this time Rev. A. B. Bryan was recognized and asked for a letter of transfer to the Albemarle Conference. A motion was passed to grant his request, with our regrets at seeing him leave.

There being no other business, a motion was made, seconded and passed that this session be adjourned.

The congregation joined together in singing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Benediction by Rev. W. H. Lancaster.

The next session will convene with St. Mary's Grove Church, Johnston County, North Carolina, on Thursday morning before the first Sunday in November, 1958.

J. R. Davidson, Moderator
Percy L. Strickland, Secretary

REPORTS

Report of the Ordaining Council

We beg to submit herewith our annual report.

We have had several meetings during the past year and attended to all routine matters claiming our attention.

During the year we examined and ordained two ministers, namely: Brothers Thurman Hall and Cecil Rose, with appropriate ceremonies. We ask that their names be added to the list of ordained ministers.

We submit the following resolution:

"Whereas, consistency of caption as applied to official boards created by the several Free Will Baptist conferences of North Carolina is both desirable and required in consequence of an act adopted by the Cape Fear Conference, as requested by the State Convention, in its annual session in 1955 which prescribes the use of the appellation 'Ordaining Council' instead of 'Board of Ordination'; therefore be it resolved:

"1. That Article 6 of the constitution of the Cape Fear Conference be amended to read 'Ordaining Council' in lieu of 'Board of Ordination.'

"2. That all contingent usage be changed to conform to the amendment herein prescribed."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L. R. Ennis, *Chairman*

Rev. Herman L. Hersey, *Secretary*

Rev. C. H. Coates

Rev. C. M. Coates

Rev. M. E. Godwin

We recommend that Brother R. W. Allman be received into our conference upon receipt of letter of commendation and transfer from the Western Conference.

Report of the Executive Board

During the year we have held two sessions in which sessions we attended to all routine matters claiming our attention.

In the meeting on March 18, 1957, held in our Goldsboro Church, we received the report of a special committee composed of Rev. Thos. Beaman Sr., Rev. A. B. Bryan, Rev. L. R. Ennis, Rev. Herman Hersey and Mrs. Norvell Dawson appointed on September 10, 1958, to revise the "Go-Forward Program."

The committee recommended that the program continue as already established with the exception of the financial division of funds, and that beginning with the 1957 session all general funds received through the conference, union meetings and any other subordinate body that may be hereafter established, be divided as follows:

Fifty per cent of total sum for work for the conference:

1. Twenty per cent for Administration
2. Fifteen per cent for Education
3. Fifteen per cent for Missions

Twenty-five per cent of total sum for the State Convention program:

1. Ten per cent for State Missions
2. Five per cent for Children's Home
3. Five per cent for Mount Olive Junior College
4. Three per cent for Superannuation
5. Two per cent for Cragmont Assembly

Twenty-five per cent of total sum for the National Association program:

1. Ten per cent for Foreign Missions
2. Ten per cent for Bible College
3. Three per cent for National Home Missions
4. Two per cent for National Superannuation

The committee's report was adopted with the understanding it was to be submitted to the conference for ratification.

In the March 18 meeting we also authorized the trustees of the conference to execute a deed in fee simple to the trustees of the Community Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Buies Creek, N. C., conveying our equity to the said church.

In a meeting in Smithfield, N. C., on September 9, 1958, we attended to general routine matters regarding the 1957 session.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Moderator
Rev. Thos. E. Beaman Sr.
Rev. Herman L. Hersey
Rev. L. R. Ennis
Rev. A. B. Bryan
H. T. Hinson
Percy L. Strickland
Mrs. Herman L. Hersey

Report of the Board of Education

1957 Session

We submit herewith our annual report:

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST YEAR

We had two meetings during the year and attended to all routine matters claiming our attention.

A pastors' and deacons' conference was sponsored by our board meeting at the Smithfield Church. There was a good attendance and excellent program. A proposed form of constitution and bylaws to be adopted by the local churches was presented. We recommend that our churches adopt a

constitution and bylaws and we will be happy to furnish a copy to those requesting one. Direct requests to the promotional secretary of the board, Herman L. Hersey, P. O. Box 11173, Raleigh, N. C.

The plans for the Master's Men were presented to the pastors and deacons.

The month of October has been Stewardship month in the conference. A Stewardship Kit was prepared for every pastor in the conference. Suggestions were mailed to every Sunday school superintendent and teacher to aid them in promoting this program. A total of 395 pieces of mail were sent. We furnished 3,000 tracts to our churches.

From the few reports that have been turned in, the month was a great success. Every pastor, superintendent and teacher is urged to mail your report promptly.

2. DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Days Held
Bethel (Johnston)	185	157	5
Bethel (Lenoir) and Daly's Chapel	53	48	5
Casey's Chapel	54	51	5
Community Chapel	48	44	5
Corinth	71	61	5
Goldsboro	126	114	10
Hopewell	116		5
Johnson's Union	95	80	5
Lanwood Chapel	73	63	5
Lee's Chapel	94	78	5
Oak Grove	80	65	5
Pleasant Grove	82	71	5
Powhatan	111	97	5
Prospect	97	81	9
Raleigh	114	92	8
Robert's Grove	80	75	5
Shady Grove	60	56	5
Smithfield	116	102	8
Smyrna	61	55	5
St. John	183	36	5
St. Mary's Grove	77	71	5
West Clinton	75	65	5
Wooten's Chapel	54	49	5
Yelverton's Grove	63	52	5
Totals	2,168		135

Eight churches operated nurseries with total enrollment of 66. Other enrollments as follows: Beginners, 376; Primaries, 396; Juniors, 424; Inter-

mediates, 337; Seniors, 99; Adults, 75. The total cost of operating schools was \$1,424.79.

Comparision with Other Years

Year	Total Enrollment	Total Days	Total Cost
1952	1,759	108	\$ 911.19
1953	1,513	106	760.18
1954	2,241	145	1,554.00
1955	1,712	115	724.35
1956	1,198	69	832.55
1957	2,168	135	1,424.79

In order to make our youth more mission minded, and in order to teach them to give to all phases of our denominational missions program, we requested that the daily offerings be earmarked for missions. The following churches co-operated:

Lanwood	\$ 7.00
St. John	4.44
Lee's Chapel	9.66
Symrna	10.35
Shady Grove	13.40
Total	\$44.85

These offerings will be disbursed as follows:

25% Cape Fear Missions	\$11.22
25% Foreign Missions	11.21
25% National Home Missions	11.21
25% N. C. State Missions	11.21
Total	\$44.85

3. STUDENT LOAN FUND

We have loaned to Miss Eula Mae Martin from our Student Loan Fund the sum of \$125.00. The loan is secured by note with good endorsement. According to the terms of the note it bears 1% interest while the student is in training or until September 1, 1958, at which time a new note is to be made bearing interest at 6%, with payments of \$15.00 per month on principal until the note is fully paid.

Miss Martin is in training for a missionary nurse. She is the daughter of our Rev. W. A. Martin.

At the last meeting of the board of education we transferred \$200.00 to the Student Loan Fund account. We want every member of the Cape Fear Conference to have a share in building up this fund. Money for education of our youth is needed.

Each church is being asked to contribute the sum of 20c per member

to the Student Loan Fund. This is a small amount from each church; but it would give us an additional \$900.00 in this fund. Each church should raise their quota of 20c per member as soon as possible.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS GOVERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We recommend that bylaw 13 read as follows:

"The board shall be responsible for the promotion and administration of a Student Loan Fund with which to aid worthy students in securing an education."

We recommend that bylaw 14 read as follows:

"The board shall lend money only upon the following terms and conditions:

"A. Students must be adjudged worthy as to character and ability, and must attend an institution of learning approved by the board.

"B. A promisory note must be made by the student, with one or more good endorsements, or other good security satisfactory to the board. The rate of interest shall be 1% while the student is in training. After completion of training a new note shall be made bearing 6% interest with monthly or quarterly payments to be made until obligations are fully discharged."

We recommend that the present bylaw 13 become No. 15.

5. PROGRAM FOR 1957-58

A number of things have been assigned to the work of the board of education. We here submit a month by month summary of activities sponsored by the board of education.

November, 1957—*Pastors' and Deacons' Conference*—An excellent program has been prepared. I will be held in our Smithfield Church, Tuesday, November 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. An interesting talk will be given by one of our laymen on "The Problems of Youth Today," and Rev. Ronald Creech will preach. This is one conference pastors and deacons cannot afford to miss.

November, 1957—*Church and Sunday School Libraries*—Bulletins, book lists and complete instruction regarding the operation of church libraries will be mailed the latter part of the month.

January, 1958—*Music and Worship Workshops*—These will be held on an area institute basis, two nights in each area. Topics to be taught are:

1. History of Church Music
2. What is Worship?
3. Arranging Orders of Service
4. Training the Amateur Choir
5. Effective Song Leading.

Bulletins will be mailed as to time and place in January.

February, 1958—*Study Courses for Children*—One of the talented women of our conference is writing a study course entitled, "What My

Church Believes." A complete teachers guide will be prepared and a training class for teachers will be held. These teachers in turn will teach this course to the children of their church.

February, 1958—*League Emphasis*—Training classes and reactivating our present leagues.

March, 1958—*Sunday School Teacher's Training Month*—One of our capable ministers, Brother Chester Phillips, is writing a study course on Free Will Baptist Doctrine using the treatise as a guide. This course will be taught in five areas: Raleigh, Smithfield, Lee's Chapel, Goldsboro and Kinston.

April, 1958—*Sunday School Workshop*—A giant Sunday school workshop is being planned for a Sunday afternoon.

May, 1958—*Pastors' and Deacons' Conference*—Program to be announced.

June, July and August, 1958—*Vacation Bible School Emphasis!*

June, July and August, 1958—*Personal Evangelism Study Courses*—The Personal Evangelism Manual, written by Herman L. Hersey, will be reactivated and taught on a local church basis. This Manual belongs to the board of education and is available at 50c a copy.

September, 1958—*Sunday School Training Month*—Plans for this will be announced.

October, 1958—*Area Bible Conferences*—This will be the greatest project ever undertaken in our conference program. We will meet in three areas (Lee's Chapel, Smithfield and Goldsboro) for two nights in each area. On these nights we will have outstanding Bible teachers to speak to us. We will expect to have overflow attendance at these area Bible conferences.

6. BUDGET

In preparing this budget the following things were taken into consideration in arriving at the figures: Publicity, mimeographing, secretarial help, postage, mileage, honorariums, etc.

Estimated Expenses

Music and Worship Workshops	\$100.00
Church Libraries	50.00
Children's Study Courses	60.00
Free Will Baptist Doctrine Course	75.00
Pastors' and Deacons' Conferences	40.00
Sunday School Workshops	55.00
Area Bible Conferences	350.00
League Emphasis	40.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
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	\$920.00

Anticipated Income

Balance on Hand	\$327.64
Estimate from 1957 Conference	64.00

Estimate from Four Union Meetings	140.00
Needed in Offerings	388.36

\$920.00

Goal for Student Loan Fund	\$900.00
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Respectfully submitted,
Thomas E. Beaman, *Chairman*

Report of the Board of Missions

We submit herewith our annual report.

The board of mission in a meeting on September 28, 1957, at Lee's Chapel Church, authorized the board of education to promote the Lord's Acre program.

Rev. Allen B. Bryan investigated the possibilities of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church in Dunn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. B. Bryan, *Chairman*
Milton Wiggs, *Secretary*
Rev. Chester Phillips
H. T. Hinson
Percy L. Strickland

Report of Money Received at This Conference

Name of Church	Membership	Amount Due	Amount Sent	In Balance Due
Bethel (Johnston)	259	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 17.50
Bethel (Lenoir)	72	10.00	10.00	—
Casey's Chapel	117	20.00	20.00	—
Community Chapel		10.00	10.00	10.00
Corinth	89	10.00	10.00	—
Daly's Chapel		10.00	—	10.00
Goldsboro	279	30.00	30.00	—
Hopewell	265	30.00	15.00	15.00
Johnson's Union	312	40.00	10.00	30.00
Lanwood Chapel	78	10.00	10.00	—
Lee's Chapel	228	30.00	10.00	20.00
Oak Grove	123	20.00	20.00	—
Pleasant Grove	75	10.00	10.00	—
Powhatan	240	30.00	20.00	10.00
Prospect	311	40.00	20.00	20.00
Raleigh	141	20.00	20.00	—
Riverside	137	20.00	10.00	10.00
Robert's Grove	189	20.00	20.00	—
St. John	124	20.00	20.00	—
St. Mary's Grove	268	30.00	10.00	20.00
St. Paul	167	20.00	10.00	10.00
Smithfield	325	40.00	—	40.00

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Value of Church Property	Received by Letter	Statement	Baptized	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Decreased	Male Members	Female Members	Under 13	Total Members	Tithers	S. S. Members	W. A. Members	League Members	Pastoral Services	Revivals	Orphanage	Superannuation	Foreign Missions	National Home Missions	N. C. State Missions	Cape Fear Missions	Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	Mt. Olive College	State Convention	Conference Funds	Union Meetings	Other Purposes	Grand Total
Bethel	\$20,000	2	3	3	4	1			104	155	3	259	313	23			\$1,540.00	\$175.00	\$211.81	\$34.00	\$65.00	\$	\$	\$	\$196.91	\$12.50	\$	\$	\$	\$2,759.21	\$4,994.93
Bethel (Lenoir)	35,000	2	9	3					24	48		72	115	15			513.62								295.00						1,223.00
Casey's Chapel	20,000								46	71		117	115	18			1,200.00	114.42	292.76	28.75					10.00						2,534.10
Community Chapel	10,000	8	2						14	19	2	33	52	12			420.00	50.00							50.00						490.00
Corinth	10,000		1			1						89	89	13	15		900.00	75.00	184.51	20.00			55.10		10.00						2,339.74
Daly's Chapel	10,000								23	24	1	47	36	10			412.03	50.00		10.00		5.00			60.88						785.00
Goldsboro	90,000	3	24	3	2	22			111	154		279	235	50	50		3,975.00	481.43	257.40	151.50	483.15	137.70	75.00	60.00	493.10	90.00	10.00	30.00	40.00	6,129.66	12,432.21
Hopewell	25,000	9	5	12	5				130	182		265	186	35	65		3,380.00	100.00	215.00	40.00	25.00	70.10			12.50						15,820.50
Johnson's Union	10,000	2	8	2	1	7			37	41	1	78	257	28	55		1,440.00	95.00	100.00	25.00		30.00									19,685.60
Lanwood Chapel	3,000								80	148		228	90	15			600.00	120.00	34.66												2,001.96
Lee's Chapel	25,000		1	1	1	4			48	75		123	156	30	16		1,350.00	110.00	245.00				24.07		90.66						6,095.00
Oak Grove	8,000	1	1	1	4	2			33	41	1	75	163	24			600.00	150.00	54.10				34.12		107.36						7,924.73
Pleasant Grove	5,000	4	1	1	3	2			105	135	3	240	175	20			780.00	185.51	150.00	10.00	10.00	5.00			12.00						256.48
Powhatan	10,000		9	2	2	7			126	185	3	311	190	35	35		1,345.00	100.00	148.00	60.00	25.00				25.00						846.49
Prospect	29,000	2	17	4	3	13											1,200.00	335.00	460.83	11.50	91.17				49.29	124.29	10.00				1,378.87
Riverside	10,000		3	3	2	1											600.00	160.00	145.00						40.00						2,892.06
Robert's Grove	1,200		3	3	2				81	108	8	189	127	22	18																626.00
Raleigh	20,000	19	32	3	1	47			65	79	20	144	204	18			3,744.00	300.00	220.00	90.00	590.00				204.00	204.00	10.00				1,571.00
Shady Grove	50,000		2										45				1,420.00	125.00	440.00	40.00	25.00										12,000.00
Smithfield	85,000	18	1	25	1	43						306	234	35	30		4,160.00	325.00	150.00	50.00	280.00	45.00	25.00								9,853.00
Smyrna	4,000	4	3	41					19	28		47	62	22			330.00	85.00							21.41	10.00					1,276.23
St. John	28,000	1	8		2	7			54	70	2	124	92	12	50		805.00	175.00	86.00		40.00				97.22	5.00					4,884.26
St. Mary's Grove	27,000		28	8	3	17			95	173		268	200	35			1,250.00	90.00		25.00			25.00		10.00	116.44	10.00				4,922.41
St. Paul	10,000	10	10	2	2	16			72	95		167	143	32			600.00	140.00	176.61	25.00	25.00										1,298.40
Steven's Chapel	5,500	13	3	53					25	44	1	69	56				105.34	30.00							10.00	5.00					302.25
Tee's Chapel	6,000		1						35	190	5	275	201	15			1,705.50	60.00	49.55			24.11			97.25	5.00					1,936.77
West Clinton	5,000		2	2	2				14	28	4	46	104	19	35		960.00		20.63			6.25			16.25	10.00					1,559.42
Wooten's Chapel	6,000		2	2	2				34	46		80	92				600.00	127.21	65.16	10.00			10.00								802.97
Yelverton's Grove	7,000		2	2	1				45	66	2	111	90	14			445.69	100.00	74.00	10.00	10.00		10.00		10.00						1,096.54

Shady Grove	331	40.00	40.00	—
Smyrna	47	10.00	10.00	—
Steven's Chapel	69	10.00	10.00	—
Tee's Chapel	275	30.00	10.00	20.00
West Clinton	46	10.00	10.00	—
Wooten's Chapel	80	10.00	5.00	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	111	20.00	20.00	—
	4,767	\$630.00	\$402.50	\$227.50

The constitution of the conference provides that each church shall send to the conference \$10.00 for each 100 members or fraction thereof. No official of the conference has a right to waive any provision of the constitution, neither has a church. Therefore, we respectfully request each church to promptly send in the balance due the conference. Send remittances to Mr. H. T. Hinson, Route 2, Dunn, N. C. Some of the smaller churches seriously complain about meeting their requirements while the larger churches fail in meeting their requirements.

This report prepared by authorization of the Executive Board of the Cape Fear Conference.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

We submit herewith our annual report:

The women of the Cape Fear Conference look back at the last quarter century with pride and thankfulness unto the Lord. In our April 10 session, meeting with Prospect Church, we had our twenty-fifth anniversary program. The accomplishments of the past challenged us to greater activities in the future.

Our second session was held with the Goldsboro Church on October 9. The theme was "The Challenge of Missionary Endeavor." We set a goal of \$15 from each auxiliary as our share in the "African Mission Project," sponsored by the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Two fellowship meetings have been planned for the coming year. We are looking forward to getting to know each other better. The first fellowship meeting will be held at Smithfield on the night of January 28, 1958, using the teaching staff from the woman's conference at Cragmont.

We submit the following statistics:

Number of Auxiliaries	21
Total Membership	481
Members in the G. T. A.	72
Members in the Y. P. A.	62
Study Courses Conducted	21
Weeks of Prayer Sponsored	20

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Herman L. Hersey, President

Treasurer's Report to the Cape Fear Conference, 1957 Session

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Receipts:

11/ 3/56	Balance on Hand Last Conference	\$ 600.81
11/ 3/56	40% of Conference Funds at Lee's Chapel	171.23
12/29/56	40% of Union Meeting Funds at Hopewell	93.03
3/30/57	40% of Union Meeting Funds at Johnson's Union	100.68
6/29/57	40% of Union Meeting Funds at Lanwood Chapel	93.81
9/28/57	40% of Union Meeting Funds at Lee's Chapel	110.59

Balance Brought Forward and Receipts for the Year	\$1,170.15
Amount Disbursed During the Year	345.95

Balance on Hand in Administrative Fund	\$ 824.20
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Disbursements:

11/28/56	Mrs. Vernie Hersey for Secretarial Services	\$ 12.75
11/28/56	Herman Hersey for Postage	3.00
11/28/56	Raleigh Church for Bulletins and Stencils	5.85
1/ 4/57	Edwards and Broughton for Minute Book	9.00
1/ 4/57	Herman Hersey for Bulletins and Secretarial Service	4.90
2/26/57	Herman Hersey for Postage	6.00
2/26/57	Mrs. Ralph Beamon for Secretarial Services	9.00
6/30/57	Mrs. Betty Lou Glover for Secretarial Services	17.00
9/13/57	Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes of 1956 Conference	145.41
9/28/57	Dillard Paper Co. for Mimeo Paper	19.11
9/28/57	Raleigh Church for Bulletins and Phone Calls	8.93
10/15/57	Treasurer's Allowance	35.00
10/15/57	Percy Strickland for Secretary Services, 1956	35.00
10/15/57	Percy Strickland for Secretary Services, 1957	35.00

Total Disbursements During Year	\$345.95
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EDUCATION

Receipts:

11/ 3/56	Balance on Hand Last Conference	\$ 628.66
12/ 3/56	30% of Conference Funds at Lee's Chapel	128.42
12/29/56	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Hopewell	69.76
3/30/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Johnston's Union	75.52
6/29/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Lanwood Chapel	70.35
7/31/57	Check Returned from Steven's Chapel	35.00
9/28/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Lee's Chapel	82.95
9/28/57	Sale of Poster15

Balance Brought Forward and Receipts for the Year	\$1,090.81
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Amount Disbursed During the Year 763.17

Balance on Hand in Education Funds \$ 327.64

Disbursements:

11/ 3/56	Paid to Mount Olive College as Ordered	\$100.00
11/28/56	Herman Hersey for Services Last Year (1955-56)	35.00
11/28/56	Mrs. Herman Hersey for Secretary Services	2.25
1/ 4/57	National Film Service Rental	6.39
2/26/57	Mrs. Herman Hersey for Secretary Services	16.00
2/26/57	Herman Hersey for Postage	10.00
2/26/57	Larry Brown for Mimeo Work	2.50
2/26/57	Mrs. Ralph Beamon for Steno Services	13.50
5/ 1/57	Dillard Paper Co. for Mimeo Paper and Envelopes	32.38
5/ 3/57	The Master's Men, Handbooks and Attack	20.00
5/18/57	Bethel (Lenoir) for Bible School	35.00
5/18/57	Daly's Chapel for Bible School	35.00
5/18/57	Steven's Chapel for Bible School	35.00
5/18/57	Community Chapel for Bible School	35.00
5/18/57	Smyrna for Bible School	35.00
9/28/57	Tithes for Stewardship Tracts	4.90
9/28/57	Mrs. Vernie Hersey for Steno Services	14.25
9/28/57	Herman Hersey for Postage	10.00
9/28/57	Mrs. Betty Lou Glover for Steno Services	8.00
9/28/57	Raleigh Church for Booklets, Phone Calls and Stencils ..	22.40
9/28/57	Herman Hersey Reimbursement for Milage (Two Years) and Secretary Services	40.60
10/16/57	Herman Hersey for Services Rendered	50.00
10/16/57	Transferred to Student Loan Fund	200.00
Total Disbursements During the Year		\$763.17

CAPE FEAR MISSION FUNDS

Receipts:

11/ 3/56	Balance on Hand Last Conference	\$1,090.93
11/ 3/56	30% of Conference Funds at Lee's Chapel	128.42
11/ 6/56	Raleigh Church	1.74
12/29/56	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Hopewell	69.76
2/18/57	Goldsboro Church	15.00
3/23/57	Lee's Chapel Church	24.07
3/30/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Johnson's Union ...	75.52
6/ 6/57	Goldsboro Church	12.50
6/29/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Lanwood Chapel ...	70.35
9/28/57	30% of Union Meeting Funds at Lee's Chapel	82.95
10/ 2/57	Goldsboro Church	7.50
Balance Brought Forward and Receipts for the Year		\$1,578.74

Amount Disbursed During the Year 21.00

Balance on Hand in Missions Funds \$1,557.74

Disbursements:

11/28/56 Mrs. Vernie Hersey for Secretarial Services \$ 2.25

10/16/57 Herman Hersey Rembursement for Postage and
Secretarial Services 18.75

Total Disbursements \$21.00

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

7/15/57 Powhatan Church \$25.00

7/26/57 Forwarded to Mount Olive College 25.00

\$100-A-MONTH CLUB

Balance Brought Forward \$382.00

STUDENT LOAN FUND

Receipts:

11/ 3/56 Balance on Hand Last Conference \$135.00

10/16/57 Transferred from Education Funds as Ordered 200.00

Balance Brought Forward and Receipts \$335.00

Disbursements:

5/18/57 Loaned to Miss Eula Mae Martin \$125.00

Balance on Hand in Student Loan Fund \$210.00

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Receipts:

Lee's Chapel \$ 9.66

Smyrna 10.35

Shady Grove 13.40

Receipts and Balance on Hand \$33.41

SUPERANNUATION

7/15/57 Powhatan \$60.00

Forwarded 60.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS

7/15/57 Powhatan \$25.00

Forwarded 25.00

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Balance Brought Forward from Last Conference \$12.15

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Receipts:

12/29/56	St. Mary's Grove	\$35.00
7/15/57	Powhatan	25.00

Total Receipts	\$60.00
Forwarded to Bible College	\$60.00

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Balance Brought Forward	\$10.00
Forwarded	10.00

BALANCES AND SUMMARY

Administrative Funds	\$ 824.20
Education Funds	327.64
Cape Fear Missions	1,557.74
\$100-A-Month Club	382.00
Student Loan Funds	210.00
Vacation Bible School Funds	33.41
Community Chapel	12.15

Total on Hand	\$3,347.14
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My books are open at all times for inspection by any one. All bills paid as shown by this report have been properly authorized, and where reimbursements have been made, a proper order was drawn and receipted bills are attached. These may be inspected by any one.

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Report

We, your committee, submit the following nominations:

Moderator: Rev. J. R. Davidson

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Leonard B. Woodall

Secretary: Percy L. Strickland

Assistant Secretary: Rev. Thos. E. Beaman

Treasurer: H. T. Hinson

Board of Education: Mrs. Norvell Dawson

Board of Trustees: Owen Thomas

Ordaining Council: Rev. Herman Hersey

Board of Missions: Rev. Clyde Clearman (5 Five Year Term), Rev. Cecil Rose (Unexpired Term)

Respectfully submitted,
Herman L. Hersey
E. E. Best
C. M. Coates

Report of Resolutions Committee

For the cordiality, generosity and hospitality so beautifully shown the officials, delegates and visiting friends, at this 1957 session of the Cape Fear Conference, we do hereby pledge, by motion, sincere appreciation to Shady Grove Church by a standing vote of thanks from this honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Ennis

Edd Taylor

Mrs. Norvell Dawson

Temperance Report

Whereas, The Bible clearly and unmistakably teaches against the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic beverages, and

Whereas, the doctrine and discipline of Free Will Baptists take a firm stand against same;

There, be it resolved:

1. That our pastors, deacons, superintendents and other church leaders take more aggressive stand against the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

2. That we use our rights at the polls to see to it that consecrated Christian men are elected to the State Legislature; who will give to the people of North Carolina a state referendum on the liquor question.

3. That we request our people to be temperate in all things as the Bible requires.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to our pastors, deacons, superintendents, teachers and other workers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Ballance

Thomas E. Beaman

A. B. Bryan

Obituary Report

We, your obituary committee, make the following report:

It is with deepest regret that we report the passing of our dearly beloved minister, the Rev. H. R. Faircloth, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Brother Faircloth was ordained to the ministry, at Bethel Church in Johnston County, during the conference of 1912. Since that time he has been active in pastoral and evangelistic work, having served 25 churches as pastor. Brother Faircloth was loved and esteemed by all who knew him, we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

We recommend that this conference stand in silent prayer in his memory, after which Rev. L. R. Ennis led in the memorial prayer.

We further recommend that his picture and the story of his life appear in the minutes of this conference, which are being dedicated to his memory, and that his pastor assume this responsibility.

We further recommend that his picture and life story appear in The Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. Walter Stanley
Rev. W. H. Lancaster
Mrs. Carl Dudley

Bylaws Governing the Board of Missions

1. The board shall be composed of five members. The first named shall be for a term of one year, the second for two years, the third for three years, the fourth for four years, the fifth for five years and thereafter, for a term each of five years.

2. The officers shall be chairman, assistant chairman, recording secretary, and an executive secretary, who shall have general charge of the promotional work of the board. Provided, however, that any two offices may be combined at the option of the board, and provided, further, that the executive secretary may, or may not, be a member of the board.

3. The board shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary and attend to all matters pertaining to missions within the territory of the Cape Fear Conference, but must meet at least twice a year.

4. The treasurer of the conference shall hold all funds designated for Cape Fear missions and pay out same on order of the board, or when said order is duly signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board. Annual reports shall be rendered to the conference of all funds received and disbursed.

5. All persons doing work that merit compensation must first apply to the board on approved forms, and receive authorization to do work under regulations of the board before they can be compensated for same with mission funds.

6. Mission points, or stations, may be opened and maintained by the board for such a length of time as may be deemed best, employ evangelists, missionaries, and such field workers as may be deemed necessary for the proper promotion of the mission work.

7. The board shall not make any investment in property, nor promote any investment in property, without first giving due consideration to the safety of the investment, property titles, and other matters relative to the security of any investment.

8. No person shall be at liberty to enter upon any approved mission point, without first consulting the board and receiving its approval as to place, plans and purposes.

9. The board shall render annual reports to the conference, and interim reports to the executive board when requested.

10. The board shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient for the proper prosecution of the mission program, provided that same shall not be inconsistent with these bylaws.

11. These bylaws may be amended or revised at any annual session of the conference, provided that such amendments and revisions, as may be deemed necessary, shall lie on the table at least three hours before the vote is taken, during which time they shall be read at least twice, and provided that such amendments shall require a two-thirds vote.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	ADDRESSES
Bethel	Coolidge Dowdy	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Bethel (Lenoir)	Jonah Hill Jr.	Route 2, Dover, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Jesse Hawley Jr.	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.
Community Chapel	Gideon Stevens	Erwin, N. C.
Corinth	Waitus Lee	P. O. Box —, Dunn, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	Kirby Moore	Route 1, LaGrange, N. C.
Goldsboro	Raymond Howell	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Hopewell	Ernest Whitley	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Johnson's Union	L. Wilmund Barnes	Route 1, Selma, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	Lonnie E. Johnson	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	Earl Godwin	Newton Grove, N. C.
Oak Grove	C. Felton Godwin	Route 3, Dunn, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Emerson West	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Powhatan	Norvelle Cole	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.
Prospect	R. D. Coleman	P. O. Box 132, Micro, N. C.
Riverside	W. R. Martin	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Robert's Grove	B. L. Peters	702 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, N. C.
Raleigh	B. F. Young	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Shady Grove	W. C. Westbrook	502 S. 3rd Street, Smithfield, N. C.
Smithfield	Milton Wiggs	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
Smyrna	Ray G. Smith	State Hospital, Goldsboro, N. C.
St. John	Donald Edwards	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	R. C. Gregory	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
St. Paul	S. A. Barefoot	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Charlie Parish	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	Thomas Woodall	Warren Street, Clinton, N. C.
West Clinton	Elliott Tew	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	S. D. Allen	Route 1, Selma, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	Rommie Daughtry	

PASTORS

CHURCH	PASTOR 1956-57	ADDRESS	PASTOR 1957-58	ADDRESS
Bethel	Lloyd Vernon	Route 2, Richlands, N. C.	Lloyd Vernon	Route 2, Richlands, N. C.
Bethel (Lenoir)	Thos. E. Beaman	P. O. Box 120, Goldsboro, N. C.	Thos. E. Beaman	P. O. Box 120, Goldsboro, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Leonard B. Woodall	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.	L. R. Ennis	P. O. Box 391, Goldsboro, N. C.
Community Chapel	Ed Taylor	Box 346, Buies Creek, N. C.	Ed Taylor	P. O. Box 346, Buies Creek, N. C.
Corinth	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	Thos. E. Beaman	P. O. Box 120, Goldsboro, N. C.	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Goldsboro	J. R. Davidson	713 Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.	J. R. Davidson	713 Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	W. C. Clearman	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.	W. C. Clearman	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Johnson's Union	W. H. Lancaster	Smithfield, N. C.	W. H. Lancaster	212 Handcock St., Smithfield, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	W. H. Lancaster	Smithfield, N. C.	W. H. Lancaster	212 Handcock St., Smithfield, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	A. B. Bryan	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	R. W. Allman	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Oak Grove	R. P. Harris	1200 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.	R. P. Harris	1200 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	G. C. Joyner	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.	G. C. Joyner	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Powhatan	C. M. Coates	Smithfield, N. C.	C. M. Coates	212 Handcock St., Smithfield, N. C.
Prospect	Bob M. Rogers	Erwin, N. C.	Ed Taylor	Buies Creek, N. C.
Riverside	C. M. Coates	Smithfield, N. C.	M. E. Godwin	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Robert's Grove	A. B. Chandler	Ahoskie, N. C.	M. E. Godwin	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Raleigh	Herman L. Hersey	P. O. Box 11173, Raleigh, N. C.	Herman L. Hersey	P. O. Box 11173, Raleigh, N. C.
Shady Grove	Norman Q. Adams	Durham, N. C.	N. D. Beaman	Snow Hill, N. C.
Smithfield	Chester R. Phillips	609 S. 3rd St., Smithfield, N. C.	Chester R. Phillips	609 S. 3rd St., Smithfield, N. C.
Smyma	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
St. John	Melvin K. Everington	Route 3, Wilson, N. C.	Hilery M. Minshew	Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	A. B. Bryan	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	R. W. Allman	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
St. Paul	D. W. Alexander	Bethel, N. C.	R. P. Harris	1200 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	Swade Benson	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	B. L. Shook	Kenly, N. C.	B. L. Shook	Kenly, N. C.
West Clinton	Thos. E. Beaman	P. O. Box 120, Goldsboro, N. C.	C. M. Coates	Smithfield, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	Milford Hales	Route 3, Kenly, N. C.	Cecil Rose	Route 2, Raleigh, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.

CHURCH CLERKS AND TREASURERS

CHURCH	CLERK	ADDRESS	TREASURER	ADDRESS
Bethel	W. H. Massengill	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.	A. W. Massengill	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Bethel (Lenoir)	Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins	702 Wake Ave., Kinston, N. C.	Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins	702 Wake Ave., Kinston, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Ben F. Grant	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.	Mrs. Ben Casey	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.
Community Chapel	Mrs. Doris Stewart	Buies Creek, N. C.	Mrs. James Ferrell	Buies Creek, N. C.
Corinth	Mrs. Lena Strickland	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.	Ida Strickland	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	Joe Perry	Kinston, N. C.	Joseph L. Carlyle	Kinston, N. C.
Goldsboro	Ralph Barnes	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.	Mrs. Linwood Benton	1604 Laurel St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	Walter C. Langdon	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.	Seth Barnes	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Johnson's Union	Mrs. Mae B. Garduer	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.	J. M. Jones	Wilson Mills, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	Mrs. Lonnie E. Johnson	Route 1, Selma, N. C.	Mrs. Sol Gordon	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	H. T. Hinson	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.	Earl Eason	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Oak Grove	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Newton Grove, N. C.	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Newton Grove, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Margaret Pope	Route 3, Dunn, N. C.	Leroy Faircloth	Erwin, N. C.
Powhatan	Billy Holder	P. O. Box 266, Clayton, N. C.	Mrs. Helen W. Little	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Prospect	R. McLeod	Route 3, Dunn, N. C.	B. B. Gomedella	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.
Riverside	W. R. Martin	P. O. Box 132, Micro, N. C.	Mrs. J. L. Martin	Route 1, Princeton, N. C.
Robert's Grove	M. F. Jackson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.	B. L. Peters	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
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Shady Grove	Mrs. Oleta Jackson	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.	D. H. Dawson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
Smithfield	Mrs. Bill Pittman	426 N. 5th St., Smithfield, N. C.	Mrs. J. S. Creech	502 S. 3rd St., Smithfield, N. C.
Smyrna	Mrs. Lennie A. Tart	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.	Jack H. Wilkins	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
St. John	Mrs. Edward McKeel	Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.	Mrs. Edward McKeel	Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	R. C. Gregory	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.	Marvin Langdon	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
St. Paul	Mrs. Marshall Warren	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.	Mrs. F. W. Warren	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Esther Dayringer	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	Mrs. Ina Wallace	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	John R. Davis	Smithfield, N. C.	Layton Woodard	Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	502 Woodrow St., Clinton, N. C.	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	502 Woodrow St., Clinton, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	Larry Barbour	Route 1, Varina, N. C.	P. T. Lassiter	Route 3, Raleigh, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	Clinton Lane	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.	Rommie Daughtry	Route 1, Selma, N. C.

Constitution and Bylaws

Of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists Of North Carolina

ARTICLE I

Name—This organization shall be known as the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and by this name shall it be designated in all its work, government and fraternal relations.

ARTICLE II

Composition—This conference shall be composed of the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, all general officers of the conference, the members of standing boards, or committees, the president of each subordinate general organization, and the following churches together with those that may subsequently be admitted.

Bethel (Johnston), Bethel (Lenoir), Casey's Chapel, Corinth, Daly's Chapel, Goldsboro, Hopewell, Johnson's Union, Lanwood, Chapel, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Powhatan, Prospect, Riverside, Robert's Grove, Raleigh, Shady Grove, Smyrna, Smithfield, St. John, St. Mary's Grove, St. Paul, Steven's Chapel, Tee's Chapel, West Clinton, Wooten's Chapel, Yelverton's Grove.

ARTICLE III

Purpose—The general purpose of this conference shall be the exaltation of Christ, the great head of the church; the edification of its members, through effective teaching and mutual encouragement in the use of the manifold means of grace; the unification of the methods and programs of its affiliated churches and subordinate organizations; and the coordination of persistent efforts in church extension, Christian education, benevolence and evangelism.

ARTICLE IV

Representation—Every church affiliated with the Cape Fear Conference shall represent in its annual sessions with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof, and each subordinate general organization shall represent with three delegates. Reports of approved delegates shall be rendered by each church and subordinate organization at the yearly session of the conference.

ARTICLE V

Officers—The general officers of this conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office for all general officers shall begin at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

ARTICLE VI

Boards and Subordinate General Organizations—It shall be the method of this conference to simplify its work by the assignment of specific functions to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and subordinate general organizations. A board of trustees, a board of education, a board of missions and an ordaining council consisting of five members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the tenure of office of one member annually.

Section 1.—Standing boards and subordinate general organizations shall have authority to write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the authority and approval of the conference.

Section 2.—The executive board shall be composed of the general officers of the conference, the president of each subordinate general organization and the chairman of the board of education, the board of missions, and the board of ordination. Membership on this board shall be contingent upon and by virtue of the aforesaid offices held by its members.

Section 3.—Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VII

Finance—Each church shall contribute to the conference program \$10 annually for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. All funds shall be allocated by the executive board for the purposes and objects approved by the conference.

ARTICLE VIII

Admission of Churches—Any properly constituted church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Free Will Baptists and a desire to conform to the policy and program of the Cape Fear Conference may submit its petition for membership through an official delegation at any annual session of the conference. If the petition for membership be approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates and declare them duly seated.

ARTICLE IX

Fraternal Delegations and Visitors—Fraternal delegations and visitors shall be extended all the privileges of the conference except that of voting, serving on committees or holding elective offices.

ARTICLE X

Meetings—The Cape Fear Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday of November. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session, or by the ex-

cutive board. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive board should such a change become necessary.

ARTICLE XII

Amendment—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Cape Fear Conference by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment shall not be found in conflict with the general policy of Free Will Baptists.

Bylaws

Section 1.—The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Cape Fear Conference; to appoint temporary committee, delegates and representatives; to fill irregular vacancies that may occur between the general sessions of the conference; to serve as ex-officio member of all standing boards and subordinate general organizations; to sign official documents that require the signature of the moderator; encourage amicable relations among ministers of the conference; the co-operation of the churches and subordinate general organizations in the promotion of the program and work of the conference.

Section 2.—The duties of the assistant moderator shall be those of the moderator when the latter shall so direct or when he is absent.

Section 3.—The secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Cape Fear Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference; hold in trust all documents, not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference; conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature; and act as ex-officio member of the executive board.

Section 4.—The duties of the assistant secretary shall be those of the secretary when the latter shall so direct, or is absent.

Section 5.—The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference, the executive board, or any standing board or subordinate general organization invested of the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report according to the conference. He shall serve as ex-officio member of the executive board.

Section 6.—The executive board shall have power to act in the behalf of and for the Cape Fear Conference from one regular session to another. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall supervise the work of the union meeting, plan its programs, and allocate to the objects approved by the conference all undesignated funds both of the conference and the union meeting.

Section 7.—The board of trustees shall hold in trust, all personal and

real property, gifts and bequests, and convey or expend said property or assets as the Cape Fear Conference may direct.

Section 8.—Standing boards shall have power to organize at will, to write their own bylaws, and to carry out the general purposes for which they are constituted. They shall remain subordinate to the conference and report their accomplishments at its annual sessions.

Section 9.—The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: Obituary, temperance, resolutions, credentials, nominations and letter digest.

Section 10.—The general officers of the Cape Fear Conference shall be elected for a term of two years and said term shall begin immediately following the session at which they are elected.

Members of standing boards shall be elected for a term of five years and said term shall begin at the close of the session of the conference at which they are elected. It is provided, however, that the first member elected shall serve for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years; and that successions in office thereafter shall take place as order requires—each for a term of five years.

Section 11.—All reports, resolutions and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

Section 12.—The voting sign shall be "Aye" and "Nay," or any other sign the moderator may deem appropriate to the question.

Section 13.—No minister, officer or delegate shall be at liberty to retire from the building during a session of the conference without the consent of the moderator.

Section 14.—These bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present at any regular session of the Cape Fear Conference.

UNION MEETING

Cape Fear Conference Original Free Will Baptists

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name—This organization shall be known as the Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ARTICLE II

Purpose—The purpose of this union meeting is the creation of an effective agency through which the Cape Fear Conference may successfully promote its work. It shall thus be and remain subject to the authority and use of the conference—except in the election of its general officers—as a consistent medium devoted to the advancement of the conference program of evangelism, education, benevolence and church extension.

ARTICLE III

Composition—This union meeting shall be composed of churches affiliated with the Cape Fear Conference, the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, and all general officers and members of standing committees of both the conference and the union meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Representation—The churches of the Cape Fear Conference shall represent in the quarterly sessions of the union meeting with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. Sunday schools, leagues, and auxiliaries shall each represent with one delegate.

ARTICLE V

Finance—Each church shall send with its delegation to the quarterly sessions of this union meeting one per cent of its annual budget exclusive of funds for building and equipment, or a total of four per cent of the church budget for the full year of four union meeting sessions. Sunday schools, leagues and auxiliaries shall represent with whatever amounts they may choose. All funds shall be allocated by the executive board of the conference, but said allocations shall be approved by the union meeting in regular session or by the conference.

ARTICLE VI

Officers—The general officers of this union meeting shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, at the last session of the union meeting before the annual session of the Cape Fear Conference.

ARTICLE VII

Boards and Committees—All standing committees and boards created

by the conference shall avail themselves of the advantages of promoting their work through the union meeting.

The general officers of the union meeting shall be added to the executive board of the conference and this composit committee shall constitute the executive committee of the union meeting. This committee shall have power to act for and on the behalf of the union meeting between its regular sessions. It shall also be the duty of the executive committee to prepare and supervise the programs of the union meeting and to allocate all undesignated funds.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings—The union meeting shall hold its regular sessions Saturday before each fifth Sunday in the churches of the Cape Fear Conference. The host church shall be selected from time to time, according to the alphabetic succession of the initial letter of the name of each church. This method of selecting the place of meeting may be changed, when deemed expedient or necessary, by an act of the union meeting in session or the executive committee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendment—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Cape Fear Conference by a majority vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment presented in writing by the union meeting.

Bylaws Governing the Board of Education

1. The board shall be composed of five members. Their terms of office shall be as provided for in the constitution of the conference.

2. The officers shall be chairman, assistant chairman, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, and executive secretary, who shall have charge of the promotional work of the board. Provided, however, that any two offices may be combined at the option of the board, and provided further, that the executive secretary may, or may not be, a member of this board.

3. The treasurer of the conference shall, unless otherwise provided for, hold all funds of the board and disburse same on order of the board, or when duly signed by the chairman and secretary of the board. Annual reports of all receipts and disbursements shall be made to the conference in session and interim reports to the executive board when requested.

4. The board shall meet as often as necessary for the proper dispatch of the work assigned to it by conference direction, but must meet at least twice a year.

5. The board shall make, or cause to be made, adequate records of the meetings of this board, detail records, reports, etc., of all activities of the board and its officers, and preserve same as permanent records.

6. This board shall be charged with the responsibility of co-operating

with our state and national educational institutions in the promotion of general Christian education.

7. The organization, direction and the training program of Free Will Baptist leagues shall be under the direction and supervision of this board.

8. The general supervision of the Sunday school promotional activities, organization of new Sunday schools, training programs for workers, and any and all other Sunday school promotional programming shall be the responsibility of this board.

9. This board shall be charged with the responsibility of making, or cause to be made, emphasis on the Christian family life.

10. This board shall be responsible for conducting area institutes, and conferences, on a conference-wide scale, annually to instruct and help our people when necessary to have a better understanding of our conference, state or national programs.

11. It shall be the responsibility of this board to direct and supervise all training programs of the conference.

12. The board shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient for the proper prosecution of the responsibilities assigned to it, provided, however, that the same shall not be inconsistent with bylaws, nor the constitution of the conference.

13. The board shall be responsible for the promotion and administration of a Student's Loan Fund with which to aid worthy students in securing an education.

14. The board shall lend money only upon the following terms and conditions:

A. Students must be adjudged worthy as to character and ability, and must attend an institution of learning approved by this board.

B. A promissory note must be made by the student, with one or more good endorsements, or other good security satisfactory to the board. The rate of interest shall be 1% while the student is in training. After completion of training, a new note shall be made bearing 6% interest with monthly or quarterly payments to be made until obligations are fully discharged.

15. These bylaws may be amended or revised at any annual session of the conference, provided that such amendments, or revisions as may be deemed necessary, shall lie on the table at least three hours before a vote is taken, during which time they shall be read twice, and provided further, that such amendments or revisions shall require a two thirds vote.

