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OF THE

109th Annual Session

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CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

OF

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## Officers

*Moderator:* M. E. Godwin, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina

*Assistant Moderator:* J. W. Everton, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina

*Treasurer:* H. T. Hinson, Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina

*Secretary:* Mrs. Carl Dudley, 114 East Street, Fuquay Springs, North Carolina

*Assistant Secretary:* Garland Teasley, Smithfield, North Carolina

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

M. E. Godwin, J. W. Everton, H. T. Hinson, Mrs. Carl Dudley, Garland Teasley, C. M. Coates, Raeford Lee, Roland Cherry, Ed Taylor, (Moderator of Union Meeting), Mrs. Merle A. Stephenson (President of Woman's Auxiliary Convention)

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### BOARD OF MISSIONS

J. C. Blinson, 1968; W. R. Martin, 1967; Milton Wiggs, 1966;  
W. A. Martin, 1965; C. M. Coates, 1964

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R. A. McLamb, 1968; Henry Lee, 1967; Clarence Woodall, 1966;  
Felton Godwin, 1965; Paul Lassiter, 1964

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Carl Dudley, 1968; Raeford Lee, 1967; Ray Smith, 1966;  
Mrs. Ruth Warrick, 1965; Walter Stanley, 1964

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

C. M. Coates, 1968; Walter Reynolds, 1967; Ed Taylor, 1966;  
W. O. Lassiter, 1965; Roland Cherry, 1964

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Kemery Ard, Route 2, Clayton, North Carolina  
J. Vernon Barbour, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina  
Swade Benson, Route 2, Box 193, Clayton, North Carolina  
L. J. Carlyle, Route 3, Box 134, LaGrange, North Carolina  
Austin Carter, Greenville, North Carolina  
Roland Cherry, Route 1, Smithfield, North Carolina  
C. M. Coates, 212 Hancock Street, Smithfield, North Carolina  
James A. Evans, 1500 East Maple Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina  
J. W. Everton, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina  
Wiley Ferrell, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina  
Felton Godwin, Route 2, Newton Grove, North Carolina  
M. E. Godwin, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina  
J. C. Hathaway, S. Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina  
W. H. Lancaster, Smithfield, North Carolina  
W. A. Martin, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina  
W. Royster Martin, Micro, North Carolina  
Wilson W. Parker, Smithfield, North Carolina  
Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina  
J. Walter Stanley, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina  
Gideon Stevens, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina  
Ed Taylor, Marion Road, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Garland Teasley, 517 S. Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina  
Herman Wooten, Garner, North Carolina

## LICENSED MINISTERS

T. Allen Johnson

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS, CHURCHES, AND DELEGATES

### MINISTERS PRESENT

Kemery Ard, J. Vernon Barbour, Swade Benson, Roland Cherry, C. M. Coates, James A. Evans, J. W. Everton, Wiley Ferrell, Felton Godwin, M. E. Godwin, W. H. Lancaster, W. A. Martin, W. R. Martin, Wilson Parker, Walter Reynolds, J. Walter Stanley, Gideon Stevens, Ed Taylor, and Garland Teasley.

### VISITING MINISTERS

Roy O'Donnell, Carol Hansley, David C. Hansley, David Hansley, and Lloyd Vernon—Eastern Conference.

C. F. Bowen, James V. Joyner, M. L. Johnson, R. H. Jackson, and H. M. Minschew—Western Conference.

R. W. Allman, C. H. Overman, and C. L. Patrick—Central Conference.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

*Bethel*: Wilson Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Massengill, Mrs. David Hill  
*Casey's Chapel*: Charlotte Casey, Mrs. Walter F. Uzzell  
*Daly's Chapel*: Albert Farmer  
*Goldsboro*: Charlie Malpass, Fred Roberts  
*Hopewell*: Mrs. Ethel T. Johnson, Mrs. Herman Johnson, Mrs. Harvey Johnson  
*Johnston Union*: Mr. and Mrs. Luby Warrick, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Jones  
*Lanwood Chapel*: Mrs. Ed Johnson  
*Lee's Chapel*: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barefoot  
*Mount Olive*: Mrs. Roy O'Donnell  
*Oak Grove*: Mrs. Leo Bass  
*Palmer Memorial*: Mrs. Louise Puckett  
*Pleasant Grove*: Garland Woolard, John N. Bryant  
*Powhatan*: Mrs. Dwight Stephenson  
*Riverside*: L. P. Williford  
*Robert's Grove*: Henry Lee  
*St. Mary's Grove*: Mrs. Eula Coates, Mrs. Leon Stephenson  
*St. Paul*: Fulton Warren  
*Shady Grove*: A. F. Balance, W. E. McLamb, Dalma West  
*Smithfield*: Miss Callie Jones, Mrs. Emma Sykes, Mrs. W. H. Pierce  
*Smyrna*: Mrs. Bert Denning  
*Steven's Chapel*: By Letter  
*Tee's Chapel*: Clarence Woodall, Henry Kemple  
*West Clinton*: Fannie Tyndall  
*Wooten's Chapel*: Paul T. Lassiter  
*Yelverton's Grove*: Carl Rose, Clinton Lane, Lester Stephenson  
*Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention*: Mrs. Roland Cherry, Mrs. W. B. Raper, Mrs. R. B. Baggette  
*Cape Fear Sunday School Convention*: Mrs. H. E. Dorman, Mrs. J. L. Parker  
*Cape Fear Union Meeting*: Ray Smith, Mrs. Pauline Sills

## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred ninth annual session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Oak Grove Church in Sampson County, North Carolina, October 31, November 1, 1963.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, OCTOBER 31, 1963

The Cape Fear Conference opened its annual session Thursday morning at 10 a.m., with the singing of the hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven," under the direction of the Rev. W. Royster Martin.

The devotions were given by the Rev. Felton Godwin, who read Scripture from Acts 4:13-22.

The Rev. Felton Godwin, host pastor, extended a hearty welcome to all present. The Rev. J. Walter Stanley gave the response.

The Rev. M. E. Godwin, moderator, declared the meeting opened for business.

Enrollment of officers and standing boards as follows:

*Officers:* M. E. Godwin, moderator; J. W. Everton, vice-moderator; H. T. Hinson, treasurer; Mrs. Carl Dudley, clerk; Mrs. Eugene Jernigan, assistant clerk

*Executive Board:* M. E. Godwin; J. W. Everton; H. T. Hinson; Mrs. Carl Dudley; Mrs. Eugene Jernigan; C. M. Coates; R. W. Allman; Roland Cherry; Ed Taylor, moderator of Union Meeting; Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, president of Woman's Auxiliary Convention

*Mission Board:* C. M. Coates, W. R. Martin, W. A. Martin, Milton Wiggs, J. C. Blinson

*Board of Trustees:* R. A. McLamb, Felton Godwin, Paul Lassiter, Henry Lee

*Board of Education:* R. W. Allman, Raeford Lee, Mrs. Carl Dudley, W. J. Langdon, Mrs. Ruth Warrick

*Board of Ordination:* Roland Cherry, C. M. Coates, Ed Taylor, C. H. Overman, W. O. Lassiter

The following visitors were recognized: the Revs. Kemery Ard, Roy O'Donnell, Carol Hansley, David Hansley, David C. Hansley, and Lloyd Vernon, Eastern Conference. The Revs. C. F. Bowen, James V. Joyner, H. M. Minschew, M. L. Johnson, and R. H. Jackson, Western Conference. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, Central Conference. The Rev. James A. Evans, Central Conference of Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, president of North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and Mrs. C. L. Patrick were also present as visitors.

The moderator's remarks were brief. He said, "This is your conference. May we work in cooperation and in a spirit of love." He requested prayer as he endeavored to preside over the meeting.

Motion was carried to adopt the program as prepared, granting the moderator the right to make revision if and when necessary.

The following temporary committee appointments were made:

*Credentials:* J. W. Everton, H. T. Hinson, M. D. West

*Resolutions:* Garland Teasley, C. M. Coates, Clarence Woodall

*Temperance:* Roland Cherry, W. O. Lassiter, J. Vernon Barbour

*Obituary:* Ed Taylor, Swade Benson, Mrs. Luby Warrick

*Nominating:* W. R. Martin, W. A. Martin, L. P. Williford

Partial report of the credentials committee was given by J. W. Everton and adopted.

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk and adopted. (See report.)

A report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman and received as information.

The morning worship was entered into with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me." The Rev. Lloyd Vernon led in prayer.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Rev. Ed Taylor, using as his subject, "The Church." Scripture was read from Romans 8:14-19. After an inspiring message, the host pastor, the Rev. Felton Godwin, extended an invitation to those present to partake of the bountiful lunch prepared in the church fellowship hall. Benediction and grace were offered by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

Recess for lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation's singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

The Rev. Walter Reynolds was in charge of the devotions. He read Proverbs 3:1-6.

The report of the board of ordination was given by the Rev. Roland Cherry and adopted. (See report.)

The following ministers were received by the conference: J. A. Evans, Kemery Ard, Wiley Ferrell, and Walter Reynolds. The moderator extended the usual hand of fellowship to the ministers and welcomed them into the conference.

A motion was made to refer a request by T. Allen Johnson to the ordaining council for clarification. Motion carried.

Report of the revision committee was given by the Rev. Roland Cherry and adopted as amended. (See report.)

Motion carried to receive the Rev. James E. Timmons into the conference, pending a letter of transfer, according to recommendations from the North Carolina State Mission Board.

Motion was made and carried that the ordaining council prepare a



questionnaire for the Rev. James E. Timmons and that he answer said questionnaire and return it to the board of ordination for approval.

The report of the board of education was given by Raeford Lee and adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. J. C. Moye reported on Cragmont Assembly. This was received as information.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning.

Benediction by the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, NOVEMBER 1, 1963

The second day's session of the Cape Fear Conference reassembled at 9:30 a.m. with the Rev. M. E. Godwin, moderator, presiding. The session began with the congregation's singing "Faith of Our Fathers."

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. David Charles Hansley. He read Scripture from the Book of Psalms.

The final report of the credentials committee was given and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Cape Fear Mission Board was given by the Rev. C. M. Coates. The report was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention was given by the Rev. Roland Cherry. Report was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The Rev. Wilson Parker gave the report of the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The Rev. M. L. Johnson gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Report was received as information. (See report.)

Dr. Roy O'Donnell gave the report of Mount Olive College. Report was received as information. (See report.)

The Rev. R. H. Jackson gave the report of the North Carolina State Mission Board. Report was received as information. (See report.)

The morning worship service opened with very inspirational music with Mrs. M. D. West at the organ and Mrs. M. E. Godwin at the piano. The congregation sang "I love to Tell the Story" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The Rev. G. C. Joyner led in prayer.

The worship offering was received and the offertory prayer was offered by the Rev. L. J. Carlyle.

The moderator presented the Rev. Roland Cherry, who brought a very inspiring message. He used Scripture from the Book of Luke.

The congregation sang a hymn, after which the Rev. Carol Hansley gave the benediction and blessing.

Recess for lunch.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotions were conducted by the Rev. G. S. Stevens. Scripture was read from Hebrews, Chapters 3 and 4.

Report of the state superannuation board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds and received as information. (See report.)

The Rev. David W. Hansley made announcement of the Semiannual State Ministers' Conference at St. Mary's Church in New Bern on January 16 and 17. Services are to begin at 4 p.m. on the sixteenth.

Motion was carried to receive David C. Hansley into Cape Fear Conference pending a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference.

Report of the resolutions committee was given by the Rev. Garland Teasley. Report was adopted. (See report.)

Report of the temperance committee was given and adopted. (See report.)

Report of the obituary committee was given by the Rev. Ed Taylor and adopted. (See report.)

Report of the nominating committee was given by the Rev. W. A. Martin and adopted. (See report.)

Motion was made to accept the invitation extended by Shady Grove Church for the 1964 session of the conference. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by H. T. Hinson and adopted. (See report.)

Motion was carried to change ratio of conference funds from 40% to 50% for administrative fund and from 30% to 20% for educational funds.

Motion was carried to allocate \$75 to the clerk for secretarial services.

Motion was carried to increase treasurer's salary to \$65.

Motion carried that any unfinished or miscellaneous business be taken care of by the conference executive board.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by the Rev. M. E. Godwin.

## REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED AT THIS CONFERENCE

<i>Name of Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
Bethel	297	\$30.00	\$30.00
Casey's Chapel	97	10.00	10.00
Daly's Chapel	41	10.00	10.00
Goldsboro	253	30.00	30.00
Hopewell	301	40.00	30.00
Johnston Union	225	30.00	30.00
Lanwood Chapel	85	10.00	10.00
Lee's Chapel	200	30.00	30.00
Mount Olive	15	10.00	10.00
Oak Grove	140	20.00	20.00
Palmer Memorial	30	10.00	10.00

Pleasant Grove	112	20.00	10.00
Powhatan	278	30.00	30.00
Riverside	90	10.00	10.00
Robert's Grove	100	20.00	20.00
Saint Mary's Grove	252	30.00	30.00
Saint Paul	193	20.00	20.00
Shady Grove	353	40.00	25.00
Smithfield	240	30.00	30.00
Smyrna	68	10.00	10.00
Steven's Chapel	64	10.00	10.00
Tee's Chapel	273	30.00	30.00
West Clinton	41	10.00	10.00
Wooten's Chapel	78	10.00	10.00
Yelverton's Grove	120	20.00	20.00

## REPORTS

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT LEE'S CHAPEL CHURCH, NOVEMBER 12, 1962

The purpose of this meeting was to try to bring reconciliation between a newly organized mission in Clinton and the Original West Clinton Church. A delegation from each organization was present. Motion was carried to hear grievances from each group. After hearing the grievances the following motion was passed:

Whereas, there are no doctrinal difficulties involved and neither group has actually filed a charge, and whereas, we feel that differences hinge around certain personalities, we, therefore, recommend that both groups return and in a spirit of Christian love endeavor to affect reconciliation. We do continue to recognize the West Clinton Church as a member of the Cape Fear Conference in good standing.

Motion carried that in the event reconciliation is not met that we authorize the Conference Mission Board to grant the newly organized mission the privilege of going to the Eastern Conference in this particular case.

The moderator appointed J. W. Everton, R. W. Allman, and Ed Taylor to approve the minutes of the 1962 session of the Cape Fear Conference when the clerk had completed them and authorized the clerk to have 500 copies of minutes printed.

MEETING HELD AT SMITHFIELD, JANUARY 14, 1963

The clerk read a letter from the North Carolina State Mission Board in regards to a mission in Clinton, asking that we grant the mission the privilege of joining the Eastern Conference. This was done because of conference boundary lines and the mission was within the bounds of the Cape Fear Conference.

Motion was carried to send the State Mission Board and the Mission

Board of the Eastern Conference a copy of the minutes of the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee meeting held on November 12, 1962, at Lee's Chapel Church, at which time there was a motion passed by the executive committee granting the Clinton Mission the privilege of going to the Eastern Conference in this particular case.

Motion carried to counsel with the Cape Fear Conference Mission Board in regards to this matter and advise them that any further inquiry relative to this matter be handled by the Cape Fear Conference Mission Board.

Motion carried to grant the Rev. Carey Cheshire letter of transfer to the Central Conference at his request.

#### MEETING HELD AT JOHNSTON UNION CHURCH, JUNE 4, 1963

The conference treasurer, H. T. Hinson, presented a check from Genevieve Johnson in payment of a loan she had made from the Student Loan Fund, less the interest that was due on the note.

Motion was carried to accept the check and give the chairman of the board of education authority to send the cancelled note to Miss Johnson.

Motion carried to reimburse the Rev. Ed Taylor thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for mimeograph machine.

#### MEETING HELD AT HOPEWELL CHURCH, JUNE 29, 1963

The purpose of this meeting was to grant a letter of transfer to the Rev. Kirby Joe Godwin from the Cape Fear Conference to the Progressive Association in the state of Alabama. This was done at the request of Mr. Godwin.

Motion carried to instruct the clerk to send letter to proper person.

#### MEETING HELD AT SMITHFIELD CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 5, 1963

Motion carried to accept the invitation extended by Oak Grove Church to meet with them for the annual conference on October 31 and November 1. Motion carried to grant the Rev. C. F. Bowen a letter of transfer to the Western Conference at his request.

Motion carried to accept the Rev. Walter Reynolds into the Cape Fear Conference pending letter of transfer from the Central Conference.

Report of the revision committee was given, at which time a newly proposed constitution and bylaws for the conference was presented. Motion carried to adopt the report and present same to conference for final approval.

Motion carried to ask all general boards to have annual reports to the clerk by October 15.

The moderator appointed Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson and Mrs. Carl Dudley to work with him in approving conference reports.

The committee adopted the proposed conference program.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. Godwin, *Moderator*

Mrs. Carl Dudley, *Clerk*

J. W. Everton

H. T. Hinson

Mrs. Eugene Jernigan

R. W. Allman

C. M. Coates

Roland Cherry

Ed Taylor

Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson

### REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Cape Fear Mission Board has met as often as was necessary to attend to matters that have come to us for consideration.

The work has been with the Palmer Memorial Mission in the Raleigh-Garner area. We have been able to aid them in the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) per month. Beginning the new year, September 1, 1963, we were able to increase this amount to sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars per month to cover the rent on the house that is now being rented for a parsonage.

We urge each church to continue to include a liberal amount in its budget for missions, that we might be able to aid any opportunity that might present itself.

The board is indeed grateful to all who have had a part in making it possible to aid in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Coates, *Chairman*

W. R. Martin, *Secretary*

W. Milton Wiggs

W. A. Martin

J. C. Blinson

### CAPE FEAR DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

The convention is made up of 22 auxiliaries with a membership of 341. We have in our youth auxiliaries an enrollment of 238.

The mission project for this year is to continue to send funds for the metal building to be used in organizing mission churches in North Carolina.

The auxiliaries are also continuing a project for Mount Olive College in the purchasing of a concert grand piano.

Plans for the Children's Home this year are to help refurnish the boys' dormitory.

Literature for all auxiliary departments is available at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden. We recommend that auxiliaries use the new Manual

of Methods for a study course in the near future to acquaint themselves with the changes that have been made.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, *President*

Mrs. Roy O'Donnell, *Secretary*

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board of education of the Cape Fear Conference met March 15, 1963, at the home of Mrs. Carl Dudley in Fuquay Springs. The following business was transacted:

Motion carried to send payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) to Mount Olive College Thousand Dollar Club, of which this board is a member. Motion carried that this board present a Bible to each minister ordained by this conference and that the presentation be made at the ordination service. Motion carried to assist any minister of this conference who wishes to take advantage of any course of study offered by Mount Olive College in this area.

The board met on June 29, 1963, at Hopewell Church. Motion was carried that the board of education underwrite the expenses of the daily vacation Bible school at Palmer Memorial Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. Allman, *Chairman*

Raeford Lee, *Secretary*

W. J. Langdon

Mrs. Ruth Warrick

Mrs. Carl Dudley

#### REPORT OF CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention held its eighty-fifth annual session with Pleasant Grove Church, October 12, 1963, with twelve Sunday schools reporting. The Rev. Wilbert Everton delivered the convention message using the subject "Sunday School Evangelism." Other topics relative to the Sunday school were given. Special music was rendered throughout the day. We urge all pastors and Sunday school superintendents to support the convention.

Each Sunday school is allowed three delegates to the convention. Voting privileges are granted also to pastors, superintendents, and Sunday school teachers.

The 1964 session will be held with Smyrna Church on the second Saturday in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Cherry, *President*

Mrs. Joy Garris, *Secretary*

#### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council of the Cape Fear Conference met February 25,

1963, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro. The examination papers of W. Royster Martin were examined and found satisfactory for ordination. By motion ordination service for Brother Martin was set for March 31, 1963, at 8 p.m., at Riverside Church.

The ordaining council met at Riverside Church on March 31, 1963, for the purpose of ordaining Brother W. Royster Martin. The welcome was given by the Rev. Roland Cherry. The Bible was presented by the Rev. Ed Taylor, and the laying on of hands was by the ordaining council.

The ordaining council met at Hopewell Church on September 9, 1963, at 10 a.m.

By motion, the Rev. Roland Cherry was instructed to give examination for ordination to Brother Felton Godwin and return the test papers to the council at a future meeting.

The ordaining council met at Hopewell Church on October 7, 1963. The examination papers of Brother Felton Godwin were examined and found satisfactory for ordination. Motion was carried that Brother Godwin be ordained the fifth Sunday evening in December at 7:30 p.m., at Oak Grove Church.

Motion carried that the ordaining council revise its bylaws and present same to the 1963 session of the Cape Fear Conference for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Cherry, *Chairman*

C. M. Coates

W. O. Lassitor

Ed Taylor

C. H. Overman

## REVISION OF THE BYLAWS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

October 31, 1963

1. The ordaining council shall be at liberty to organize and operate independent of any and all boards, and shall be required to answer only to the annual conference of churches, or the executive board.

2. It shall be the duty of the council to examine all applicants for license as prescribed in the North Carolina Treatise of Original Free Will Baptists.

3. The ordaining council shall examine all applicants for ordination, when a request is made by some church that wishes his services as pastor, and shall issue him a suitable certificate for ordination when the ordaining examination is passed successfully.

4. The council shall not be at liberty to ordain any man to the gospel ministry who cannot furnish sufficient proof of a divine call and reasonable preparation which qualifies him for any and all duties required of a pastor.

5. The council shall have power to recall any certificate which it has issued to any man, when and if he has failed to comply with any and all agreements made between the council and the bearer.

6. The council shall be charged with the responsibility of disciplinary measures of all ministers and their ministerial labors.

7. These bylaws shall be in full effect when approved by the annual conference in regular session.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Ordaining Council,  
Roland C. Cherry, *Chairman*

## REPORT OF CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference has held four meetings during the past year.

The first meeting was held at Pleasant Grove Church on December 17, 1962, at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. O. Lassiter was the speaker. There were ten ministers and three laymen present.

There was a fellowship meeting held on March 25, 1963, at Nelson's Restaurant in Smithfield. This was attended by ministers, lay members, and their wives. After the evening meal a very inspiring message was given by the Rev. J. Garland Teasley, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

The third meeting was held on June 24, 1963, at Hopewell Church. The Rev. W. H. Lancaster spoke on the subject, "The Greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ," which was inspiring to each one present. Each minister then gave his personal testimony.

The Rev. M. E. Godwin spoke on "Freedom of the Individual and the Church."

The ministers' conference went on record as being opposed to the ruling of the Supreme Court in regards to prayer and reading of the Bible in public schools.

The fourth meeting was held with Palmer Memorial Mission. The Rev. Roland Cherry brought the devotions. He reminded us that we, as ministers, need to be able to recognize the presence of Satan and to know God's will for our life.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilson Parker, *President*  
W. A. Martin, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Cape Fear Conference for the year 1962-63:

I. We have 12 ministers who receive regular pension checks; of this number two (2) are from the Cape Fear Conference.

II. We have 2 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks; of this number two (2) are from the Cape Fear Conference.



III. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

1. Churches	\$ 633.63
2. Auxiliaries	35.00
3. Sunday Schools	123.60
4. Individuals	350.41
5. Conference	30.00

Total	\$1,172.64
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IV. The budget for 1963-64 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

V. October was Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

VI. May I say thank you for your support and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

September 1, 1962 to August 31, 1963

<i>Church</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bethel	\$ 422.30
Casey's Chapel	406.38
Daly's Chapel	88.55
Goldsboro	319.83
Hopewell	421.29
Johnston Union	577.74
Lee's Chapel	305.00
Mount Olive	114.54
Miscellaneous	116.71
Oak Grove	454.85
Palmer Memorial	189.92
Pleasant Grove	326.00
Powhatan	486.15
Riverside	93.14
Robert's Grove	120.00
Shady Grove	755.52
Smithfield	304.35
Smyrna	30.10
St. Mary's Grove	322.79
St. Paul	173.25
Tee's Chapel	82.00
West Clinton	75.00
Wooten's Chapel	91.08

Churches	Value of Church Property	Received by Letter	Statement	Baptized	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Decreased	Total Members	S. S. Members	W. A. Members	League Members	Pastoral Service	Children's Home	Superannuation	Foreign Missions	N. C. State Missions	Cape Fear Missions	Mt. Olive College	Other Purposes	Total Raised During Year	Total Disbursed During Year
Bethel	\$ 20,000	0	0	3	2	3	0	2	297	252	14	0	\$1,970.00	\$478.53	\$ 33.00	\$	\$ 63.99	\$	\$515.31	\$ 1,628.43	\$	\$ 4,899.26
Casey's Chapel	35,000	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	97	79	14	0	1,526.71	408.38	60.00	125.00	25.00		530.00	738.40	4,395.51	3,561.49
Daly's Chapel	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	64	16	0	300.00	89.55					30.00	562.54	472.54	
Goldsboro	90,000	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	253	161	44	61	4,688.60	319.83	67.80		387.53	20.00	480.49	12,588.66	12,798.66	
Hopewell	35,000	6	0	8	2	5	0	0	301	205	35	45	3,867.00	436.32	120.60	74.86	74.87		319.55	2,254.00	7,738.34	7,297.69
Johnston Union	40,000	9	0	16	0	0	2	7	225	187	35	46	3,900.00	688.74	123.00		369.06	184.55	425.00	11,874.36	16,862.87	17,724.92
Lanwood Chapel	5,000	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	85	93	12	0	720.00	100.00	15.00			10.00		15.00		
Lee's Chapel		4	0	3	0	0	6	1	254	196			1,540.00	100.00	15.00		204.15		250.00	6,162.43	6,913.29	
Mount Olive		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	15	45	10	15	215.00	109.54	2.00		40.00		551.29	753.78	1,326.74	2,182.52
Oak Grove	50,000	1	0	10	0	1	10	0	140	140	25	0	1,200.00	454.85	15.68		39.48		328.50	1,745.09	5,193.99	3,465.38
Palmer Memorial		4	0	1	0	0	5	0	30	52	12	15	1,050.00	96.00	101.15		95.12	42.56	63.06	4,000.00	3,542.28	
Pleasant Grove	16,000	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	112	149	15	0	2,442.50	155.00	25.00		50.00	40.00	50.00	2,099.19	4,612.43	4,541.71
Powhatan	29,000	1	0	8	11	2	9	6	278	222	18	49	2,100.00	486.15	72.00	100.00	50.00	20.00	413.00	174.11	8,930.27	7,723.57
Riverside	15,000	0	3	7	2	0	10	2	90	100	15	0	1,200.00	92.14				25.00	80.00	864.12	2,475.00	2,435.98
Robert's Grove													1,178.00	150.00					120.82	5,631.55		
St. Mary's Grove	62,000	2	0	13	6	2	7	0	252	230	36	36	3,494.75	310.77			66.23		116.06	8,588.41	8,588.41	
St. Paul	25,000	0	0	10	0	2	8	0	193	126	33	0	1,320.00	240.00	25.00		50.00		150.00	3,372.31	2,659.40	
Shady Grove	91,000	7	0	4	11	1	11	12	353	191	27	0	3,674.64	555.52	75.00				506.25	14,138.32	16,222.36	
Smithfield	100,000	9	0	11	0	3	20	9	240	180	25	0	3,965.00	314.35	50.00		301.36		105.00	10,099.13	11,394.43	14,934.84
Smyrna	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	84	22	0	480.00	37.00					18.00	2,648.00	2,732.23	2,666.00
Steven's Chapel		1	0	2	0	0	3	0	64	104	0	0	150.00	15.00			10.00			140.00	391.29	355.00
Tee's Chapel	43,220	2	0	9	7	3	1	0	273	229	14	55	1,650.00	82.00	100.00		142.94	77.00	149.37	7,989.29	9,417.32	8,651.60
West Clinton	15,000	3	2	13	1	0	18	1	41	102	20	0	905.30	75.00	15.00				50.00		2,765.07	
Wooten's Chapel	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	78	80	15	0	600.00	91.08	10.00				26.16	1,713.02	1,608.96	
Yelverton's Grove	7,000	3	0	2	1	0	4	0	121	143	24	44	600.00	238.29	10.00			12.00		4,034.24	2,334.28	

## CHURCH CLERKS AND TREASURERS

CHURCHES	CLERKS	ADDRESSES	TREASURERS	ADDRESSES
Bethel	Raeford Lee	Box 143, Four Oaks, N. C.	A. W. Massengill	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Mrs. Bennie H. Casey	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.	Mrs. Benjamin Casey	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	Fred Carlyle	Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.	Joseph L. Carlyle	Box 707, Kinston, N. C.
Goldsboro	Melvin Jackson	1807 Palm St., Goldsboro, N. C.	E. E. Best	704 N. Virginia St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	Leon J. Hudson Jr.	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.	J. L. Cooke Jr.	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Johnston Union	Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.	Nolan Clark	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	Darrell Langston	Smithfield, N. C.	Bertha Gordon	Selma, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	H. T. Hinson	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.	Earl Eason	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Mount Olive	Miss Pattie Davis	Mt. Olive College, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Mrs. Leslie Anderson	Mount Olive, N. C.
Oak Grove	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Newton Grove, N. C.	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Newton Grove, N. C.
Palmer Memorial	Mrs. Ralph Beamom	216 Blanchard St., Raleigh, N. C.	Louis Puckett	404 Calleton Rd., Raleigh, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Timothy Pope	Route 3, Dunn, N. C.	Garland Woolard	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.
Powhatan	Lloyd Stephenson	103 Blanche St., Clayton, N. C.	Mrs. Melza Blinson	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Riverside	Miss Patsy Pilkington	Route 1, Princeton, N. C.	Mrs. Melvin Allen	Route 1, Princeton, N. C.
Robert's Grove	M. F. Jackson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.	B. L. Peters	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	Douglas Langdon	Route 3, Benson, N. C.	Mrs. George E. Coates	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
St. Paul	L. G. Creech	Newton Grove, N. C.	Frank Warren	Newton Grove, N. C.
Shady Grove	Mrs. C. O. Wooten	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.	Dumas Dawson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
Smithfield	Mrs. Doris Peeden	Route 3, Buffalo Rd., Smithfield, N. C.	John S. Creech	S. Third St., Smithfield, N. C.
Smyrna	Mrs. Lennie A. Tart	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.	Linden Noles	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Mrs. Kay Stevens	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	Thereldine Parker	Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	James W. Olive	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.	Percy Woodall	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	Route 1, Box 20-B, Clinton, N. C.	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	Route 1, Box 20-B, Clinton, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	Miss Helen Barbour	203 Parkland Rd., Raleigh, N. C.	Mrs. P. T. Lassiter	Route 3, Raleigh, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	Clinton Lane	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.	Person Daughtry	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.

## PASTORS

CHURCH	PASTOR 1963-64	ADDRESS
Bethel	Boyd Shook	Selma, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Bruce Barrow	Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Goldsboro	James A. Evans	1500 E. Maple St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	Roland C. Cherry	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Johnston Union	J. Wilbert Everton	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	H. M. Minschew	Fremont, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	James V. Joyner	209 Park Dr., Wilson, N. C.
Mount Olive	Supply	
Oak Grove	C. Felton Godwin	Newton Grove, N. C.
Palmer Memorial	Ed Taylor	2810 Marion Rd., Raleigh, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	W. O. Lassiter	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Powhatan	Kemery Ard	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Riverside	W. H. Lancaster	Smithfield, N. C.
Robert's Grove	David Charles Hansley	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	Wiley Ferrell	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
St. Paul	Michael Pelt	Durham, N. C.
Shady Grove	Walter Reynolds	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Smithfield	J. Garland Teasley	527 S. Third St., Smithfield, N. C.
Smyrna	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Gideon S. Stevens	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	C. M. Coates	Hancock St., Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	C. Felton Godwin	Newton Grove, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	Gideon S. Stevens	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	ADDRESSES
Bethel	A. W. Massengill	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Ben H. Casey Jr.	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	George Rouse Jr.	Route 1, LaGrange, N. C.
Goldsboro	Raymond Howell	208 S. Lee Dr., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	J. L. Cooke Jr.	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Johnston Union	B. D. Jones	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	Darrell Langston	Smithfield, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	Eugene Hawley	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
Mount Olive	Charles Harrell	Mt. Olive, N. C.
Oak Grove	Fulton Blackman	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Palmer Memorial	Lawrence Garriss	628 E. Garner Loop Rd., Raleigh, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Jerry Wood	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.
Powhatan	I. C. Blinson	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Riverside	L. P. Williford	Route 1, Princeton, N. C.
Robert's Grove	Ottis Carroll	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
St. Mary's Grove	George E. Coats	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
St. Paul	L. G. Creech	Newton Grove, N. C.
Shady Grove	Ermon Godwin Jr.	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Smithfield	W. Milton Wiggs	102 F. Davis St., Smithfield, N. C.
Smyrna	Roy G. Smith	203 S. McLamb St., Benson, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Glenn Parrish	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	Leonard Grant	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	Willie James Hobbs	Route 5, Clinton, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	P. T. Lassiter	Route 3, Raleigh, N. C.
Yelverton's Grove	W. L. Roberts	Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.

Total

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\$6,484.70

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

## REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

We sincerely thank our friends in the Cape Fear Conference for helping to make 1962-63 the most successful year in the history of Mount Olive College. Enrollment and financial support exceeded all previous years.

Twenty-six churches and other organizations within the conference contributed \$7,376.74 during our fiscal year July 1, 1962, through June 30, 1963.

## GROWTH

This fall our enrollment has climbed to an all-time high of 226. Of this number 131 are boarding students. Because college-owned dormitory space is limited to 22 students, it was necessary for us to find off-campus accommodations for 109 students this fall. It was only by urgent appeals through newspaper, radio, and personal friends that we were able to find enough rooms for our students.

Moreover, the college is now paying more than \$10,000 annually in rent for space to house its students, faculty offices, and other activities. The future growth of the college will depend upon the development of our new 90-acre campus.

## RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

In order to assure the continued service and growth of the college, we have submitted to our churches two recommended quotas for 1963-64: one quota for the general fund and another for the development fund. A summary of support last year and recommended quotas for this year for the churches of the Cape Fear Conference is submitted with this report.

The North Carolina State Convention has approved an overall budget of \$82,000 in denominational support for the general fund and \$50,000 to the development fund for the 1963-64 fiscal year.

The Cape Fear Conference has a membership of approximately 4,080 Original Free Will Baptists, and your recommended quotas total \$8,875 to the general fund and \$7,855 to the development fund.

We recognize that in most cases the recommended quotas will require sincere dedication in order to be reached. But Christian education does not come easily nor is it cheap. The higher the goal, the greater the sacrifice required to attain it. Jesus never set low goals for His followers, and neither can the church today. Christian education is worth whatever it costs.

Church	Approximate Membership	Total Gifts 1962-63	Recommended Quotas 1963-64	
			General Fund	Development Fund
Bethel	299	\$ 518.70	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Casey's Chapel	104	760.00	500.00	500.00
Goldsboro	276	483.62	500.00	500.00
Hopewell	296	404.81	600.00	400.00
Johnston Union	224	367.00	500.00	500.00
Lanwood Chapel		0	75.00	50.00
Lee's Chapel	256	306.30	500.00	250.00
Mount Olive	27	1,077.20	825.00	750.00
Oak Grove	131	323.64	500.00	250.00
Palmer Memorial	26	173.06	175.00	100.00
Pleasant Grove	122	90.00	150.00	250.00
Powhatan	291	546.45	700.00	300.00
Riverside	143	80.00	200.00	100.00
Robert's Grove	187	250.00	400.00	200.00
Shady Grove	353	666.25	750.00	1,000.00
Smithfield	174	155.00	300.00	300.00
Saint Mary's Grove	250	121.06	250.00	200.00
Saint Paul	290	170.00	400.00	200.00
Smyrna	67	9.00	75.00	50.00
Tee's Chapel	268	143.71	400.00	200.00
Wooten's Chapel	105	46.04	100.00	75.00
West Clinton	36	50.00	100.00	50.00
Yelverton's Grove	115	0	125.00	50.00
Daly's Chapel	40	0	25.00	25.00
Clinton Mission		33.00	50.00	25.00
Steven's Chapel		0	25.00	25.00
Conference, etc.		601.90	250.00	1,000.00
Totals	4,080	\$7,376.74	\$8,875.00	\$7,855.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

#### Receipts

Balance on Hand October 20, 1962	\$ 18.24
40% Conference Funds at Tee's Chapel	239.38
40% Union Funds, Daly's Chapel	92.59
40% Union Funds, Goldsboro	96.31
40% Union Funds, Hopewell	103.36
40% Union Funds, Johnston Union	96.33
Total Receipts	\$ 646.21

### *Disbursements*

Mrs. Carl Dudley, Preparing Conference Reports	\$ 75.00
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Reimbursement for Supplies	16.22
Johnson & Gamble, Attorney Retained	60.00
Johnson & Gamble, Additional Expense	37.25
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Reimbursement for Executive Meal	8.99
Rev. Ed Taylor, Mimeograph Machine	35.00
Rev. Ed Taylor, Union Postage	9.00
Nelson Cafe, Executive Meal	9.94
Free Will Baptist Press, Printing 1962 Convention Minutes	245.92
Alfred Williams, Filing Cabinet	112.72
Nelson Cafe, Executive Meal	9.17
Bank Service Charge	.80
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Mileage to Durham	21.00
Total Disbursements	<hr/> 641.01
Balance	\$ 5.20

### EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

#### *Receipts*

Balance on Hand October 20, 1962	\$ 866.04
30% Conference Funds, Tee's Chapel	179.54
30% Union Funds, Daly's Chapel	70.94
30% Union Funds, Goldsboro	72.24
30% Union Funds, Hopewell	76.02
30% Union Funds, Johnston Union	72.23
Replaced from Student Loan Fund	312.15
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$1,649.16

#### *Disbursements*

Mount Olive College \$1,000.00 Club	\$200.00
Free Will Baptist Press, Bible for W. R. Martin	19.00
J. D. Strickland, Bible School Supplies for Palmer Memorial Mission	35.00
Total Disbursements	<hr/> 254.00
Balance	<hr/> \$1,395.16

### STUDENT LOAN FUND

Genevieve Johnson, Repayment on Loan	\$ 654.10
Powhatan	25.00
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$ 679.10

Repaid Educational Fund	312.15
Balance	<u>\$ 366.95</u>

#### CAPE FEAR MISSION FUNDS

##### *Receipts*

Balance on Hand October 20, 1962	\$ 708.01
30% Conference Funds, Tee's Chapel	179.54
Palmer Memorial Mission	8.30
30% Union Funds, Daly's Chapel	70.94
Ministers' Conference	10.00
Palmer Memorial Mission	10.00
Palmer Memorial Mission	21.28
Palmer Memorial Mission	11.28
30% Union Funds, Goldsboro	72.24
Powhatan Auxiliary	9.52
Riverside Church	25.00
30% Union Funds, Hopewell	76.02
Palmer Memorial Mission	10.00
30% Union Funds, Johnston Union	72.23
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,284.36</u>

##### *Disbursements*

J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	\$ 40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	40.00
J. D. Strickland, Palmer Memorial	90.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 530.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 754.36</u>

#### SUPERANNUATION

Received from Robert's Grove	\$ 25.00
Paid to Rev. Walter Reynolds	25.00
Balance	<u>\$ 00.00</u>

#### BALANCE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Balance Administrative Fund	\$ 5.20
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Balance Educational Fund	1,395.16
Balance Student Loan Fund	366.95
Balance Cape Fear Mission Fund	754.36
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Balance of All Funds	\$2,521.67

Respectfully submitted,  
H. T. Hinson, *Treasurer*



# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

## OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF 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 have been received into the conference and 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 all churches who are in good standing with the conference.

### 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 session with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof, and each subordinate general organization of the conference 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, vice-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 con-

sisting 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 of 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 option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed expedient.

#### ARTICLE VII

*Finance*—Each church is requested to contribute to the conference \$10 annually for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. All funds shall be allocated by the executive board for the purpose and objects approved by the conference, and an itemized treasurer's report shall be given at each annual conference.

#### ARTICLE VIII

*Admission of Churches*—Any properly constituted church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desire to conform to the policies, practices, customs, and usages 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 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 in November. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session, or by the executive board. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by act of the executive board should such a change become necessary.

#### ARTICLE XI

*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 Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Any proposed amendment must be laid on the table for a period of not less than six hours. Copies of proposed amendments shall be made available to all delegates.

## 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 committees, 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 cordial relations among ministers of the conference; the cooperation of the churches and subordinate general organizations in the promotion of the program and work of the conference.

*Section 2*—The duties of the vice-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. The secretary 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 the secretary's signature; and serve as a member of 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 itemized report according to the conference. He shall serve as 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, but shall make report at annual conference for approval. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall supervise the work of the union meeting 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 of the conference, 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 carry out the general purpose for which they are constituted. They shall remain subordinate to the conference and report their accomplishments at its annual session.

*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, nominating, 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 sessions 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 a term of one year, the second a term of two years, the third a term of three years, the fourth a term of four years, and the fifth 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 as stipulated in Article XI of the constitution.



# 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 percent of its annual budget exclusive of funds for building and equipment, or a total of four percent 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 advantage 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 composite 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 be 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 cooperating 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 programing 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 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.

#### 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 at-



tend 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 conferences 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.



