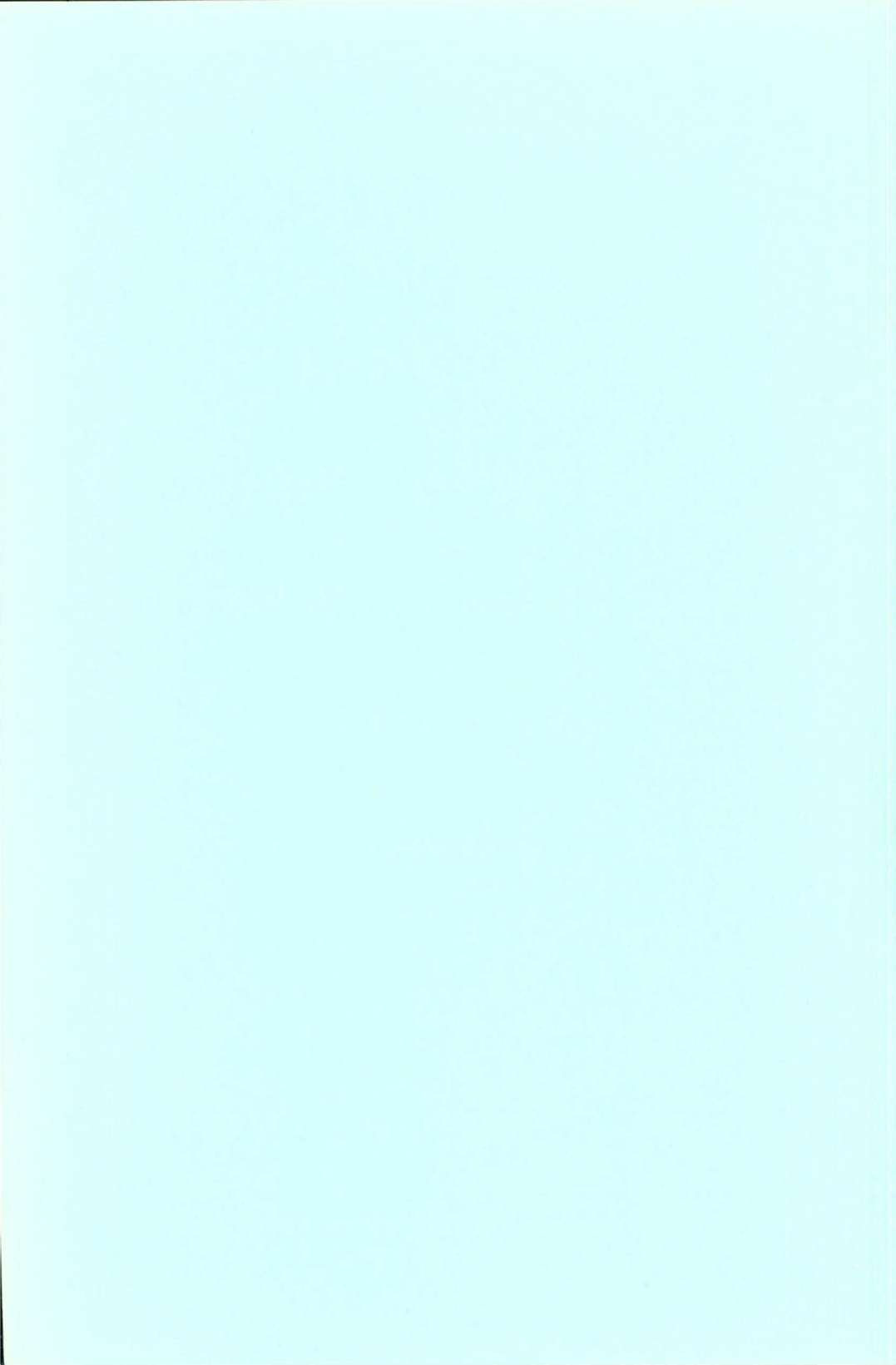


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A. F. Balance, 1970; C. M. Coates, 1969; J. C. Blinson, 1968; W. R. Martin, 1967; Milton Wiggs, 1966

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W. A. Martin, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina
W. Royster Martin, Micro, North Carolina
E. C. Morris
Wilson Parker, Smithfield, North Carolina
Fred S. Powers, Route 1, Smithfield, North Carolina
W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina
Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina
Boyd Shook, Selma, North Carolina
J. Walter Stanley, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina
Gideon S. Stevens, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina
Ed Taylor, Pineview Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina
Herman Wooten, Garner, North Carolina
J. E. Timmons, P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas

LICENSED MINISTERS

David Barrow, George Buck, Jesse Caton, Larry Coates, Robert David Jones, and Raeford Lee.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Swade Benson, C. M. Coates, Eddie Edwards, James A. Evans, J. W. Everton, Wiley Ferrell, James Gay, Felton Godwin, M. E. Godwin, W. H. Lancaster, W. O. Lassiter, W. Royster Martin, E. C. Morris, Wilson Parker, Fred S. Powers, Walter Reynolds, Boyd Shook, J. Walter Stanley, Gideon Stevens, Ed Taylor, Herman Wooten, Wilson Dowdy, and Taylor Hill.

VISITING MINISTERS

Bruce Barrow, R. W. Allman, Central Conference; C. B. Hansley, Robert Rollins, A. B. Bryan, Lloyd Vernon, Eastern Conference; R. H. Jackson, L. B. Woodall, Western Conference.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel: Cooper Thompson, Henry Hockaday, Coolidge Dowdy

Casey's Chapel: Mrs. W. F. Uzzell, Mrs. Benjamin Casey

Daly's Chapel: Fred Carlyle

Fayetteville: Mrs. Essie Lee Caton

Goldsboro: E. E. Best, W. H. Martin, Mrs. Nellie Jones

Hopewell: S. D. Allen, Ralph Parker, Mrs. Sarah Johnson

Johnston Union: Mrs. Almond Warrick, Mrs. Lester Warrick, Mrs. J. M. Jones

Lanwod Chapel

Lee's Chapel: Mrs. Alyene Elmore, Mrs. Pauline Sills, Mrs. Phelena Godwin

Mount Olive: Mrs. W. R. Raper

Oak Grove: Fulton Blackman, Junie Warren

Palmer Memorial: Mrs. Carl Dudley

Pleasant Grove: J. N. Bryant, G. J. Woolard

Powhatan: Mrs. Irene Hogg, Mrs. Ethel Stephenson

Riverside: Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williford

Robert's Grove: M. F. Jackson, Ottis Carroll

Saint Mary's Grove: Parker Johnson, Mrs. Ray Cobb, Willie Overman

Saint Paul: Mrs. Idell Herring

Shady Grove: Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ballance, Mrs. C. P. Warren, Mrs. C. R. Jernigan

Smithfield: Mrs. Margie Overman, Mrs. Emma Sykes

Smyrna: Mrs. Helen J. Smith

Steven's Chapel

Tee's Chapel: Henry Kemple, Leonard Grant

West Clinton: David F. Wise

Wooten's Chapel: P. T. Lassiter

Yelverton's Grove: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rose, Grace Littleton, Hilda Combs

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred eleventh annual session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Johnston Union Church on November 4, 1965.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, NOVEMBER 4, 1965 JOHNSTON UNION CHURCH

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

The devotions were given by Rev. Fred Powers, using Scripture from Hebrews 12. Rev. Henry Armstrong offered prayer.

Rev. J. W. Everton, host pastor, graciously welcomed everyone to Johnston Union Church. Rev. W. O. Lassiter gave the response.

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

Enrollment of officers and standing boards as follows:

Executive Board: M. E. Godwin, J. W. Everton, H. T. Hinson, Mrs. Carl Dudley, C. M. Coates, Raeford Lee, James A. Evans, Felton Godwin, and R. Y. Stephenson.

Board of Missions: C. M. Coates, W. A. Martin, Milton Wiggs, W. R. Martin, and J. C. Blinson.

Board of Trustees: Paul Lassiter, R. A. McLamb, Henry Lee, Clarence Woodall, and Felton Godwin.

Board of Education: Raeford Lee, Mrs. Carl Dudley, Mrs. Ruth Warwick, Ray Smith, and J. Walter Stanley.

Board of Ordination: James A. Evans, C. M. Coates, Walter Reynolds, Ed Taylor, and W. O. Lassiter.

The following temporary committees appointments were made:

Credentials: James A. Evans, Felton Godwin, and Coolidge Dowdy.

Resolutions: Boyd Shook, E. E. Best, and Ralph Parker.

Temperance: Fred Powers, James Gay, and Henry Hockaday.

Obituary: W. O. Lassiter, A. F. Ballance and Swade Benson.

Nominating: W. R. Martin, H. T. Hinson, and Ray Smith.

Motion was made and carried to adopt the proposed program, granting the moderator the privilege to make any necessary changes.

Report of committee on new constitution and bylaws was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds. Motion carried that this report be placed on the table the required length of time before being acted upon.

Rev. Walter Reynolds brought greetings from the State Convention of Churches. He stated that \$13,000 was raised during the 1965 session of the convention. He challenged the people to work for the cause of

Christ as a denomination. He said, "There is a place for everyone to serve."

Rev. Reynolds reported on Cragmont Assembly and superannuation. These reports were received as information.

Rev. A. B. Bryan gave the report for North Carolina State Missions. Report was adopted. (See report.)

The worship hour was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. W. R. Martin. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Lester Warrick with Mrs. Ralph Parker as pianist. Rev. Felton Godwin brought an inspiring message using Scripture from Ephesians.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was begun by singing the hymn, "I Am Resolved."

Devotions were led by Rev. Boyd Shook. Rev. W. H. Lancaster offered prayer.

Partial report of the credentials committee was given by Rev. James A. Evans. He reported 38 delegates present, 21 ministers, 8 officers, 1 licensed minister, 7 visiting ministers, and 21 visitors. Motion carried to receive the report and to seat all delegates and ministers, and that all visitors be given the same privileges except the power of voting.

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

The moderator extended the usual hand of fellowship to the pastor and delegates of the Fayetteville Church and received them into the full fellowship of the conference.

Report and supplement report of the ordaining council was given by Rev. James A. Evans and adopted. (See report.)

Report of the Ministers' Conference was given by Rev. James A. Evans and adopted. (See report.)

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning at 9:30.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, NOVEMBER 5, 1965 GOLDSBORO CHURCH

The second day's session began with singing of the hymn, "Have Faith in God." Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor of Lec's Chapel Church, led the devotions. He used 2 Timothy 2:12.

Mr. E. E. Best welcomed the conference to the Goldsboro Church.

The moderator recognized Revs. Robert Rollins, R. H. Jackson, and L. B. Woodall, visiting ministers.

The Cape Fear Missions Board's report was given by Rev. C. M. Coates. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

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

Rev. R. H. Jackson, chairman of the State Missions Board, gave a verbal report on state missions. Motion carried to adopt this report as information.

The report of the temperance committee was given by Rev. Fred Powers. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Final report of the ordaining council was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Motion was made by Rev. Walter Reynolds that the proposed constitution and bylaws be taken off the table. Motion duly seconded and opened for discussion. Amendment to the motion was made by Rev. M. E. Godwin to delete (Article IX, Meetings) from the proposed constitution. Motion to amend was carried.

Motion was made and carried to adopt the constitution and bylaws as amended.

The final report of the credentials committee was given by Rev. James A. Evans and adopted. (See report.)

The morning worship was opened with the ordaining council in charge of the service. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." The worship offering was received.

William Taylor Hill was ordained into the ministry. Rev. Walter Reynolds delivered the message and Rev. James A. Evans gave the charge. The Bible was presented by Rev. Fred Powers on behalf of the board of education. The prayer of ordination was prayed by Rev. C. M. Coates.

Recess for lunch with benediction by Rev. Eddie Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Trust and Obey." Rev. Taylor Hill led in prayer.

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The report of the resolutions committee was given by Rev. Boyd Shook. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The report of the obituary committee was given by A. F. Ballance. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The report of the nominating committee was given by H. T. Hinson. The report was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Children's Home was given by Mrs. M. L. Johnson. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Motion was made and carried that the conference go on record as supporting the Children's Home with our prayers and financial support.

A verbal report was given by Rev. N. B. Barrow from the Free Will Baptist Press. Motion was carried to adopt the report as information.

A report of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention was given by Ray G. Smith. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

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

Four invitations were extended the conference for the sitting of the 1966 session. Motion made to accept the invitations as follows: 1966, Lee's Chapel; 1967, Fayetteville; 1968, Casey's Chapel; and 1969, Bethel Church.

Motion made and carried to leave all unfinished business to the executive committee. Motion carried to adjourn. "Bless Be the Tie" was sung and benediction was by Rev. Eddie Edwards.

M. E. Godwin, *Moderator*

Mrs. Carl Dudley, *Secretary*

REPORTS

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met October 31, 1964, at Shady Grove Church. Delegates from the Fayetteville Mission were present to discuss the relationship of the mission to the conference. Motion was carried that the Fayetteville Mission be received into the fellowship of the conference.

The committee met on January 12, 1965, at the Goldsboro Church. The moderator presented letters relative to the Fayetteville Mission in which they requested a committee to examine them relative to being organized into a church. Motion was carried that a committee be appointed to meet with the Fayetteville Mission on January 3, 1965, at 7:30 p. m. The committee appointed was M. E. Godwin, J. W. Everton, and J. G. Teasley.

The committee met on March 12, 1965, at Smithfield Church. The moderator stated that the purpose of the meeting was to act on the status of the Fayetteville Mission. Motion was made and carried to organize the Fayetteville Mission into a church. The date was set for May 4, 1965, at 7:30 p. m.

Motion was made and carried that the Cape Fear Conference send a \$10 representation fee to the International Fellowship Convention in Rockingham in July.

The committee met on August 28, 1965, at Riverside Church. Motion was made and carried that the conference meet in its annual session at Johnston Union Church on November 4, and Goldsboro Church on November 5; and that each person be responsible for his own lunch provided by a local restaurant and served at the church at the noon hour. That the host pastors and Rev. C. M. Coates serve as a food committee for the two-day session.

Motion made and carried that the treasurer close his books on October 1 for this conference year.

Motion made and carried that each standing board have their annual reports ready and mailed to the conference secretary by October 15, 1965.

The moderator appointed Raeford Lee, Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson, and Mrs. Carl Dudley to prepare the program for the 1965 session of the conference and asked that the secretary mail a copy of the program to each church in the conference.

Motion made and carried that the union meeting contribute \$50 to the Founders' Day offering at the Children's Home.

Motion made and carried that a meeting be scheduled for the executive committee, ordaining council, deacons of the Goldsboro Church, and deacons and pastor of the Fayetteville Church to meet to discuss the Fayetteville Church. Tentative date set for October 14, 1965, at Shady Grove Church, at 8 p. m.

The committee met on October 14, 1965, at Shady Grove Church. Motion was made and carried that we recommend to the conference that the Fayetteville Church be received into full fellowship of the conference.

Motion was made and carried that we comply with the request of Rev. Eugene Hales in payment of a loan for the Student Loan Fund.

Motion was made and carried to authorize the chairman and secretary of this board to endorse the document presented by Rev. Eugene Hales relative to payment of the loan.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. Godwin, *Chairman*
Mrs. Carl Dudley, *Secretary*
H. T. Hinson
J. W. Everton
C. M. Coates
James A. Evans
Felton Godwin
Rayford Lee
Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council has held six meetings and conducted one ordination service during the year.

On November 23, 1965, the following two items were acted upon:

1. That since J. Vernon Barbour no longer belongs to a member church of the Cape Fear Conference, having left the conference without a proper letter of dismission; therefore, we declare that he is not now in good standing with the conference; and furthermore, we recognize his credentials as null and void within the bounds of the Cape Fear Conference and that this action be published in the Free Will Baptist paper. His name is to be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers.

2. Since there has been some question in regards to the proper procedure to follow in regards to the renewal of license, the following is given as a general statement by the ordaining council: (1) The procedure set forth in the

Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has been and will continue to be followed in dealing with all applicants who may appear before the council. (2) It is further stated for clarification that the license of the applicant must not be allowed to lapse for any period of time prior to ordination. The licentiate is solely responsible to keep his license renewed. If he desires, before his license lapse, he may request the church of which he is a member to renew them for one year. The church must report their action to the ordaining council. (3) However, it is further stated, that the council may impose additional requirements, not in conflict with the Statement of Faith and Discipline, upon anyone who may appear before them for the benefit of the applicant and the safe guard of the faith.

On November 28, 1964, Brother C. H. Parrish was examined for ministerial license. The council recommended him to Steven's Chapel Church for license to preach the gospel in the Original Free Will Baptist Church for a period of one year. His name is to be placed on the roll of licensed ministers.

On January 25, 1965, Brothers Rayford Lee, Wilson Dowdy, and Taylor Hill came before the council, recommended by their churches, to be given the examination for ordination to the gospel ministry. The examination was begun at this meeting and continued in the April 14 and May 23 meetings.

On May 24, 1965, Brothers Wilson Dowdy and Rayford Lee completed their examination for ordination. Plans were made for the ordination of Brother Dowdy who had accepted the call to pastor Steven's Chapel Church. Brother Rayford Lee was informed that he could be ordained whenever a church called him as pastor. Brother Taylor Hill will carry his license for another year.

Brother David Barrow was examined for ministerial license. The council recommended him to Pleasant Grove Church for license to preach the gospel in the Original Free Will Baptist Church for a period of one year. His name is to be placed on the roll of licensed ministers.

On August 23, 1965, at his request, the credentials of J. Garland Teasley were made void and his name is to be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers.

On August 28, 1965, Brother Wilson Dowdy was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Cape Fear Union Meeting convening at Riverside Church. His name is to be placed on the roll of ordained ministers.

Larry Coates' license have expired and his name is to be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers.

The ordaining council presents the following recommendation to the conference: We recommend that all candidates for ordination be ordained at the worship service of the annual conference on the second day of the conference except in cases of emergency.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MIMEOGRAPHED REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

On October 25, 1965, Brother William Taylor Hill completed his examination for ordination and the ordination will be held tomorrow at the worship hour. His name is to be placed on the roll of ordained ministers. On the same day, Brothers Jesse Caton and George Buck were examined for ministerial license. The council recommended them to their churches for license to preach the gospel in the Original Free Will Baptist Church for a period of one year. Their names are to be placed on the roll of licensed ministers.

We recommend that the Rev. David Charles Hansley be granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference and the Rev. Kemery Ard be granted a letter of transfer to the Central Conference.

We recommend that the Rev. Eddie Edwards be granted a membership in the Cape Fear Conference pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference, and upon receipt of said letter, his name be placed on the roll of ordained ministers.

Since the church is to call its own pastor out of the duly ordained ministers, and since the Cape Fear Conference recognizes those holding membership in the conference as being the duly ordained ministers; therefore, we recommend that all ministers not members of the Cape Fear Conference be cleared for pastoral work in the Cape Fear Conference by the ordaining council before pastoring churches in our conference.

We recommend that the Rev. Marion Austin Carter be granted membership in the Cape Fear Conference pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Central Conference; and upon receipt of said letter, his name be placed on the roll of ordained ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, *Secretary*
C. M. Coates
Ed Taylor
W. O. Lassiter

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Cape Fear Conference met on May 20, 1965, at the home of Dr. W. B. Raper in Mount Olive. We visited the new college campus and saw the progress that was being made there. The board members discussed ways in which our churches might be helped by Mount Olive College.

A motion was made and carried to donate \$200 in a Ministerial Scholarship at Mount Olive College, with preference given to a qualified student from the Cape Fear Conference.

Motion was made and carried to donate \$200 to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College.

The board met on October 4, 1965, at the home of Raeford Lee in

Four Oaks. Motion was carried that the secretary of the board contact Rev. Eugene Hales concerning a loan made to him by this board from the Student Loan Fund, and that we offer him settlement to pay the principal only of the loan.

The board presented one Bible this year to Rev. Wilson Dowdy upon his ordination to the ministry at Riverside Church on August 28, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,
Raeford Lee, *Chairman*
Ray G. Smith, *Secretary*
J. W. Stanley
Mrs. Ruth Warrick
Mrs. Carl Dudley

REPORT OF CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

We, your board of missions, report as follows: We have met four times this year and have attended to the business that has come before us.

We have been able to give to the Palmer Memorial Mission \$60 dollars per month for a total of \$660. We sent them an additional \$200 on the purchase of property, making a grand total of \$860. If we are to continue to support Palmer Memorial or start a new work, we will have to have additional funds. We would like to urge each church to place in their budget for the 1965-1966 year, at least \$50 to go for Cape Fear Missions.

We thank you for your past support.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. Coates, *Chairman*
W. Royster Martin, *Secretary*
W. Arthur Martin
W. Milton Wiggs
J. C. Blinson

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary has held two conventions this year. The spring convention was held Wednesday, April 14, 1965, with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Goldsboro, North Carolina, and the fall convention at Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 20, 1965. These conventions were well attended and were both inspirational and informative.

There are 22 auxiliaries with a membership of 482 composing the convention which sponsors three youth organizations: the Youth Fellowship Auxiliary, Ambassadors for Christ, and the Cherub Auxiliary.

The convention has paid its quota of \$100 toward the salary of Brother Guzman, Mexican missionary supported by the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary, and will continue to aid in the missionary endeavor by assisting in the support of a couple doing missionary work in Mexico.

The convention is continuing its payments to the Thousand Dollar

Club of Mount Olive College. Also, assisting in the furnishing of dormitories at the college.

Five children at the Children's Home are sponsored by auxiliaries in the district.

All phases of our denominational work are supported with emphasis on the mission program, our original purpose.

The convention solicits the prayers of each member of this conference that our auxiliary work may grow for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. Y. Stephenson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Administrative Department

Balance on Hand Beginning 1964 Conference	\$ 508.94
50% Conference Funds at Shady Grove	257.16
50% Union Funds at Pleasant Grove	112.66
50% Union Funds at Mount Olive	107.22
50% Union Funds at Powhatan	97.03
50% Union Funds at Riverside	97.51
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,180.52</u>

Paid Out

Rev. Roland Cherry, Mileage Ordaining Council	\$ 7.00
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Mileage and Supplies	19.96
Rev. Ottis Lassiter, Mileage Ordaining Council	7.56
Rev. E. C. Taylor, Mileage Ordaining Council	21.14
Rev. C. M. Coates, Mileage Ordaining Council	7.00
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Preparing Paper and Mileage	10.65
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Bulletin, Etc.	17.84
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Preparing Conference Paper	75.00
Twiford Printing Co., Certificates	8.24
M. E. Godwin, Mileage and Phone Calls	30.00
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Ordaining Council Expense Through April 14, 1965	67.40
Rev. J. Garland Teasley, Mileage	13.30
Rev. Walter Reynolds for Ordaining Council	12.04
Rev. James A. Evans, Mileage to Fayetteville Mission	25.20
Rev. James A. Evans, Mileage	19.19
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Ordaining Council Expense	30.85
Mrs. Carl Dudley, Secretary Service	50.00
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer Allowance	65.00
Free Will Baptist Press, 1964 Conference Minutes	<u>221.00</u>
Total Paid Out	<u>708.37</u>
Balance in Administrative Fund	<u>\$ 472.15</u>

Balance in Educational Fund	449.62
Balance in Cape Fear Mission Fund	74.21
Balance in Student Loan Fund	391.95

Balance on Hand	\$1,387.93
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Cape Fear Educational Department

Balance on Hand Beginning 1964 Conference	\$ 781.00
20% Conference Funds at Shady Grove	102.86
20% Union Funds at Pleasant Grove	45.06
20% Union Funds at Mount Olive	42.88
20% Union Funds at Powhatan	38.81
20% Union Funds at Riverside	39.01

Total Receipts	\$1,049.62
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Paid Out

Mount Olive College	\$200.00
Mount Olive College Ministerial Loan	200.00
Mount Olive College for Historical Collection	200.00

Total Paid Out	600.00
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Balance on Hand	\$ 449.62
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For Cragmont

John R. Lee for Floyd House	\$ 10.00
Pleasant Grove Church	10.00

Balance	00.00
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For Palmer Memorial Mission

Pleasant Grove Church	\$ 10.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	10.00

Balance	00.00
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For Superannuation

Robert's Grove Church	\$ 25.00
Paid to Walter Reynolds	25.00

Balance	00.00
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Cape Fear Mission Department

Balance on Hand Beginning 1964 Conference	\$ 459.13
30% Conference Funds at Shady Grove	154.29
Ottis Lassiter Returned Mileage Check	7.56
30% Union Funds at Pleasant Grove	67.60
Lee's Chapel Church	25.00
30% Union Funds at Mount Olive	64.33
Pleasant Grove Church	1.40

30% Union Funds at Powhatan	58.22
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	33.14
A. B. Bryan, Miscellaneous	5.03
30% Union Funds at Riverside	58.51

Total Receipts	\$ 934.21
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	<i>Paid Out</i>	
Palmer Memorial Mission to Be Used on Property	\$200.00	
Eleven Monthly Checks at \$60 per Month	660.00	

Total Paid Out	860.00
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Balance on Hand	\$ 74.21
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	<i>Student Loan Fund</i>	
Balance Same as 1964 Conference	\$ 391.95	

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

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Cape Fear Conference ministers approved and sent to the union meeting about a year ago a request for churches to assist their pastors in a retirement plan. The plan met with the approval of the union meeting delegates and is as follows: Churches on quarter time would pay \$30, churches on half time would pay \$60, churches on full time would pay \$150. This is to enable the pastor to take up the retirement program operated by the State Convention Superannuation Board. Therefore; be it resolved, that this conference endorse and urge our churches to put the above mentioned program in effect as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd Shook
E. E. Best
Ralph Parker

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your temperance committee, recommend that we as ministers and laymen conform to the teaching of God's Word. That we abstain from all appearance of evil as taught in 1 Thessalonians 5:22; that we preach and teach to our people the evils of our day and consider the seriousness of present day statistics compiled as a result of the evils of alcohol.

Realizing that opposition by our national and local governments are promoting the use of such by legalizing the sale of intoxicating beverages, may we endeavor to oppose the sale and use of alcohol in any form. May we use our influence to repeal such laws that permit the sale of such and oppose any legislation that would influence the youth of our land to feel that it has any rightful place in our society.

May we strive to be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred S. Powers

James Gay

Henry Hockaday

REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference has held five meetings during the past year. Interesting programs were planned with the following topics and speakers:

1. Program on mental health problems.
2. News of our Children's Home by Rev. M. L. Johnson.
3. Speaker was Miss Marilyn Coburn from the Adult Education Department of the Wayne Technical Institute.
4. News from Mount Olive College with Dr. W. B. Raper as our speaker.
5. The final meeting we had as our speaker Rev. Bruce Barrow who spoke to us concerning our Free Will Baptist Press.

We urge all ministers who are pastors in the Cape Fear Conference, licensed ministers, and retired ministers to attend these meetings which convene on Monday before fifth Sunday at 10 a. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Evans, *President*

W. A. Martin, *Secretary*

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The eighty-seventh annual Sunday School Convention of the Cape Fear Conference met at Shady Grove Church October 9, 1965, with twenty-one churches represented. Total receipts for the day was \$98.58.

Officers of the convention are as follows: President, Ray G. Smith; vice-president, Glenn Parrish; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cynthia Benson; pianists, Joe Wilson and Debbie Lane.

The 1966 session will be held with the Hopewell Church.

The officers of the convention would like to urge all churches to participate in this program of our conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray G. Smith, *President*

Mrs. Cynthia Benson, *Secretary*

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Registered first day session: delegates, 38; visitors, 21; ministers, 21; officers, 8; visiting ministers, 7.

Registered second day's session: delegates, 38; visitors, 17 ministers, 17; visiting ministers, 3.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Evans
Felton Godwin
Coolidge Dowdy

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your obituary committee, are glad to report that we have not lost any minister or officer by death during the past year. We offer thanks to God for His love toward us in this manner. We trust ourselves to His care and keeping as we enter into another year in His service.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. Ballance
W. O. Lassiter
Swade Benson

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. J. W. Everton
Assistant Moderator—Rev. James A. Evans
Secretary—Ray G. Smith
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Cynthia Benson
Treasurer—H. T. Hinson
Executive Committee—Raeford Lee
Board of Missions—A. F. Ballance
Board of Education—Mrs. Ruth Warrick
Board of Ordination—Rev. W. O. Lassiter

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Martin
H. T. Hinson
Ray G. Smith

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Cape Fear Conference for the year 1964-1965:

I. We have 10 ministers who receive regular pension checks; of this number two (2) are from the Cape Fear Conference.

II. We have 17 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	\$ 634.33
2. Auxiliaries	6.50
3. Sundays Schools	160.74
4. Individuals	1,553.06
5. Conference	25.00

Total

\$2,379.63

IV. The budget for 1965-1966 is \$20,000, based on 75¢ 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*

STATE CONVENTION'S MISSION REPORT

(November 4, 1965)

Those who are committed the responsibility of directing the *missions program* of the convention are very grateful for the support the Cape Fear Conference churches have given to missions during the past year. We look forward for faithful support from the member churches again this year. We are ready and willing to assist you in your efforts to support missions this year. If you need our services, please feel free to call on us.

The budget last year was \$50,000. Our total income was \$37,941.74. We fell short of our budget, \$12,058.26; however, our receipts were approximately \$8,000 above the previous year. The convention has adopted a total budget of \$50,000 again this year. It remains to be seen what we can do for missions when all of us faithfully support the cause for which the church exist. Only through missions can we survive.

In the Cape Fear District, the Palmer Memorial Mission organization has received assistance during the passed year the amount of \$1,100 and is applying for support for another year. The Fayetteville Mission Church has received designated funds but has never applied for assistance in their work. The Mount Olive Church has received pastoral assistance in the amount of \$1,200 during the passed year.

In the convention's home missions department there is a total of fifteen mission church organizations. In Mexico, in our foreign missions department, there are eight mission organizations under the Rev. J. E. Timmons, director. Progress is being made in the work there. No support is going to Arizona-Mexico Missions work. None is scheduled to be given until settlement is made for the past support. The Arizona-Mexico project is far less than half of our operation in Mexico; however, it has been much more expensive than the work directly under our supervision. If any church group or individual has given any designated funds for Arizona-Mexico Missions work since the first of June and desires to recall or re-designate such funds, we shall be happy for them to do so; however, such funds are being used in general Mexico mission work at the present time.

The department is sponsoring 11 adults in Spanish Missions work, seven of which are full-time workers, the other four being wives of minis-

ters. There are 28 ministers, including their wives, working in the home missions department. Not all of these workers are receiving funds. Some of them are receiving designated funds and others are receiving funds through their local conferences. It is our responsibility to work with mission organizations as opportunity permits and help supervise their program. Also, we are committed to each church in the convention to assist in mission efforts when opportunity permits itself.

On any given Sunday there are approximately 1,100 people attending mission organizations sponsored by Original Free Will Baptists in the State Convention. During the last two years more than \$90,000 in church properties have been purchased by mission organizations in the convention. Within a few weeks we shall go above \$105,000 in purchases; however, we have contributed during the two year period only \$61,787.54 to the total mission cause through this missions department. We have labored in fellowship with the conference mission programs to encourage and see this victory.

No other department of the church can show a greater return for its investment per dollar or in spiritual value than the missions department. For example, the record shows that four of our largest churches with a total attendance of our mission organizations would spend approximately \$100,000 annually and give less than \$3,000 annually to missions through the convention. *We are growing churches, buying buildings, and spreading the gospel in areas with no Free Will Baptist churches for less than one third of what our established churches are operating on.* Through the efforts we make for missions the people in mission organizations are encouraged to carry the bulk of responsibility and build for the future. Our failure to help new organizations to maturity instead of leaving them to carry their own responsibility has increased the tendency to operate as independent units, supporting only as they pleased and not build a strong denominational program for the glory of God.

The great need in our midst is for more people to measure the returns in our mission giving, and see the value of systematic support. *Only by establishing missions-supporting churches and leading established churches to support missions and church expansion can we meet the need of the Free Will Baptist Church and the call of the Lord.*

Our main concentration this year will be centered on assisting the Palmer Memorial work. We shall keep an eye on the new church in Fayetteville and assist in erecting a place of worship at Jackson Heights, Kinston, North Carolina. We shall help the people at Wildwood near Newport, North Carolina, to get into a badly needed building. Virginia Beach, Virginia, mission organization is in need of our assistance to help them keep up payments on \$25,000 worth of church property, composed of two and three-fourth acres of land. The Hillsberry Church in Clinton, which is a little more than two years old, is having more than sixty attendance in Sunday school at present; however, they are in need of assistance for another year. The area of Aurora is in need of ground work for a new organization.

In the next few years there is predicted a growth in eastern North Carolina of approximately 1,000,000 due to phosphate mining and related products. Also, unlimited opportunities are waiting in the Piedmont Conference area where more than six church organizations have been formed during the last year.

We shall continue in Spanish Missions work in Mexico as rapidly as possible. There are 40,000,000 people there with 40 percent of them below fifteen years of age, and more than 85 percent of religious belief in that country is of Catholic persuasion. We hope by the end of the year to have a \$5,000 fund built up to place Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow of Hull Road Church on a new mission field. They are at present ready to begin work as missionaries, however, funds are limited and they cannot be employed until ample funds are assured for their support.

The following is a list of total contributions from the churches of the Cape Fear Conference which has been handled by the director-treasurer. This does not include mission funds contributed through the State Auxiliary Convention or through your conference mission program. We urge you to continue to send your mission money to these organizations if you will.

Bethel, Four Oaks	\$ 2.50
Casey's Chapel, Goldsboro	192.65
Daly's Chapel, LaGrange	
First, Fayetteville	15.00
First, Goldsboro	360.31
First, Smithfield	50.00
Hopewell, Smithfield	232.01
Johnston Union, Clayton	1,042.36
Lanwood Chapel, Smithfield	
Lee's Chapel, Dunn	40.32
Mount Olive, Mount Olive	12.50
Oak Grove, Newton Grove	11.93
Palmer Memorial, Raleigh	52.60
Pleasant Grove, Dunn	
Powhatan, Clayton	141.66
Riverside, Smithfield	20.00
Robert's Grove, Dunn	
St. Mary's Grove, Benson	24.00
St. Paul, Newton Grove	50.00
Shady Grove, Dunn	329.51
Smyrna, Dunn	
Steven's Chapel, Benson	
Tee's Chapel, Smithfield	144.00
West Clinton, Clinton	
Wooten's Chapel, Garner	

Total Contributed to State

Convention Missions

\$2,733.25

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Bryan, *Director-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(November 5, 1965)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. has now completed twenty-five years—one quarter of a century—of service to Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The association was formed in April 1940, by action of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and was endorsed by the convention in September 1940, as the agency for helping in church extension within this state.

The church Finance Association was formed to:

- "a. To finance or assist in financing church buildings and other denominational property with the express stipulation that this section and the matters hereinafter set out apply to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

The extent to which the association has fulfilled its purpose can be seen from the fact that it has made a total of 102 loans for a total of \$533,982.45.

The solvency of this agency is attested to by its financial condition as of January 1, 1965, as follows:

Total Assets	\$164,200.90
Total Liabilities	150,145.15
Surplus or Earned Profits	\$14,055.75

The confidence of our people in this agency is attested by the fact that we now have 295 members who have placed almost \$20,000 in membership fees in the association and Free Will Baptist organizations and individuals have almost \$150,000 deposited with the association for its use. Deposit loans to the association will currently draw interest at 4% per annum.

We continue to have applications for more good loans than we have funds to take care of. We invite those who can, to help make these funds available through memberships and/or deposit loans.

The Cape Fear Conference has \$25 in the Church Finance Association, Inc. as membership fees, for which it holds one Membership Certificate. The Cape Fear Union Meeting has \$200 for which it holds eight Memberships Certificates.

The next annual meeting of the membership of the Church Finance Association, Inc. will be held at Mount Olive College on Tuesday, January 11, 1966.

For information write Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 220, Middlesex, North Carolina.

R. H. Hinnant, *President*
M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We thank you for the valuable support you gave this Children's Home last year. Our records show that during the year, ending August 31, 1965, we received a total of \$5,705.71 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of your district. (This includes gifts from all sources and for all purposes and is the amount actually received in our office, but does not include funds that were en route at the close of August.) Twenty-five of your churches were represented by these gifts.

In addition to the cash given by you during the year, many of you also remembered this Home with coupons, food, linens, clothing, visits, prayers, and in many other ways. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have seventy-eight children in our care. One other child has been approved for admission. Applications are pending for several children more than we will be able to care for.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 539. Applications have been made for many others who were worthy, but for whom we had no room. We need to enlarge our facilities if we are to serve all those who look to us and are worthy.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our Golden Anniversary Development Program includes a building schedule that will provide the additional facilities needed to care for one hundred children.

We are happy to report that the building schedule mentioned above is now well underway. We have the new staff residence and the new boys' cottage "closed in." We are ready to start on the inside work. We hope to have these two buildings ready for use by the spring.

REPORT OF GIFTS THIS YEAR AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS FOR NEXT YEAR

The following is a report of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1965-1966.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for 1964-1965. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds and to help reach the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program. We hope to be able to complete the two new buildings now under construction and to carry out the other goals of our development program without a special building fund campaign. We also hope to do the above without the use of special building fund quotas, or the necessity of "going in debt."

Please try to reach your quotas—so we can reach our goals!

<i>Church</i>	<i>Gifts During 1964-1965</i>	<i>Suggested Quota 1965-1966</i>
Bethel	\$ 315.38	\$ 550.00
Casey's Chapel	297.00	500.00
Daly's Chapel		100.00
Fayetteville Mission	10.00	100.00
Goldsboro	204.96	500.00
Hopewell	580.98	550.00
Johnston Union	310.00	650.00
Lanwood Chapel	50.00	150.00
Lee's Chapel	235.40	500.00
Mount Olive	75.22	185.00
Oak Grove	472.90	500.00
Palmer Memorial Mission	228.00	200.00
Pleasant Grove	221.71	350.00
Powhatan	464.50	550.00
Riverside	65.00	150.00
Robert's Grove	270.00	375.00
Shady Grove	307.50	750.00
Smithfield	215.00	400.00
Smyrna	61.05	100.00
Steven's Chapel	31.76	100.00
St. Mary's Grove	271.00	500.00
St. Paul	325.21	300.00
Tee's Chapel	200.00	400.00
West Clinton	137.20	150.00
Wooten's Chapel	41.00	200.00
Yelverton's Grove	173.64	275.00
Miscellaneous	141.30	100.00
Totals	\$5,705.71	\$9,185.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

The hopes and dreams of Original Free Will Baptists for an educational program that can meet the needs of our youth are rapidly being fulfilled at Mount Olive College. We are grateful to our friends in the Cape Fear Conference for sharing with us in this great ministry of Christian higher education.

New campus. After eleven years of operation in an old elementary school building, the college moved this fall the major portion of its activities to a new 90-acre campus valued at \$1 million.

The campus site was purchased at a cost of \$112,000, the Henderson Academic Building was constructed at a cost of \$400,000, and a \$500,000 dormitory complex is nearing completion. The office of the president, dean,

faculty, and all departments of instruction except music are in the Henderson Building. One unit of the dormitory complex is now occupied by 47 men and the other two units, which will house 83 women, are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.

These buildings are the first phase of a long-range development program. Future buildings include a library, cafeteria-student union, chapel, gymnasium, auditorium, and additional academic buildings and dormitories.

Enrollment for the fall semester has totaled 352 students. High school seniors who wish to attend Mount Olive next year should file their applications for admission early. It is the desire of the college to serve every qualified Free Will Baptist student who wants the advantage of attending a Christian college.

Development fund dinners are being held again this year throughout the state for the purpose of giving every Free Will Baptist an opportunity to share in the growth and services of the college. Forthcoming dinners include:

Johnston-Wake Counties, Tuesday, November 16, 7 p. m., South Smithfield Elementary School, Smithfield

Sampson-Harnett Counties, Saturday, November 27, 7 p. m., Midway School Lunchroom

A Christian education is the best security we can provide for our children.

REPORT OF GIFTS AND RECOMMENDED QUOTAS
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
(FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1—JUNE 30)

Church	Development Fund		General Fund	
	1964-65 Gifts	1965-66 Quota	1964-65 Gifts	1965-66 Quota
Bethel	\$ 291	\$ 400	\$ 278	\$ 350
Casey's Chapel	688	800	100	400
Goldsboro	607	800	429	600
Hopewell	642	650	516	700
Johnston Union	400	400	10	300
Lanwood Chapel		25		50
Lee's Chapel	320	400	54	350
Mount Olive	3,596	750	150	500
Oak Grove	507	500	376	500
Palmer Memorial	85	100	26	100
Pleasant Grove	127	150	89	125
Powhatan	88	300	441	500
Riverside	50	150	60	175
Robert's Grove	214	300	133	300
Saint Mary's Grove		300	102	250
Saint Paul	411	450	165	350
Shady Grove	1,497	1,500	773	1,000

Smithfield	1,046	1,000	245	400
Smyrna		50	50	75
Tee's Chapel	130	250	147	350
Wooten's Chapel	15	50		50
West Clinton	150	150		50
Yelverton's Grove	20	50		50
Daly's Chapel		25		50
Miscellaneous	264	50	50	25
Total	\$11,148	\$10,000	\$4,194	\$7,600

THE REWARDS OF GIVING

"This thing of giving I do not understand, any more than you do, but there is something about it that blesses us Those who gives most, have most left I believe that everyone who dries a tear will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears I believe that every sacrifice we make will so enrich us in the future that our regret will be that we did not enrich the sacrifice the more

"Give—and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depths of human hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth."—*George F. Burba.*

Respectfully submitted,
W. Burkette Raper, *President*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

P R E A M B L E

We, the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution.

NAME

This shall be the constitution of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

PURPOSE

The object of the Cape Fear Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE I. COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina shall be permitted membership in the Cape Fear Conference.

ARTICLE II. PRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church; together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denomination and benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected. Temporary officers, representatives, or messengers, may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

ARTICLE IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the policy of this conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

A board of trustees, a board of Christian education, a board of missions and church extension, and a board of ordination 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 shall write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the conference.

Section 2—The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, secretary, treasurer, and one member elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers.

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

ARTICLE V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference annually according to its membership.

ARTICLE VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desires to help promote the program and work of the Cape Fear Conference and the North Carolina State Convention, may present its petition to the regular session of the conference. If the petition for membership is approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ARTICLE VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the conference by vote of the conference.

ARTICLE VIII. VISITORS

The Cape Fear Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting and holding office.

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

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 repre-

sentatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general, to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

SECTION 2—The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and he shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

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 the duties of the secretary when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the secretary when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the secretary, the assistant secretary shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

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 committee, or any standing board invested with 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 to the conference.

SECTION 6—It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session, and make report at annual conference. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the conference.

SECTION 7—The board of trustees shall hold in trust all conference 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—It shall be the duty of the board of ordination to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of the Statement of faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, along with whatever additional requirements may be made by the conference. The board of ordination shall examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

SECTION 9—It shall be the duty of the board of missions and church extension to cooperate with the churches of the conference to promote the establishment of churches within the bounds of the conference. The board of missions and church extension shall cooperate with the state board of missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

SECTION 10—It shall be the duty of the board of Christian education to keep our people informed as to our educational needs, and endeavor to promote the cause of and stimulate interest among our people in the cause of Christian education. The board of Christian education shall cooperate with the educational institutions of our denomination and use all funds for best interest of Christian education.

SECTION 11—The following temporary committee shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: credentials, nominating, resolutions, temperance, obituary, and letter digest.

SECTION 12—A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

SECTION 13—All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

SECTION 14—Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

SECTION 15—If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

SECTION 16—No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

SECTION 17—The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

SECTION 18—Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

SECTION 19—The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

SECTION 20—This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the annual session for action on the following day.

Walter Reynolds
James A. Evans
W. Burkette Raper

UNION MEETING

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 action 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 boards 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 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 league 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 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 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.

P A S T O R S

CHURCH	PASTOR 1963-66	ADDRESS
Bethel	B. L. Shook	508 N. Pollock St., Selma, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	N. B. Barrow	Ayden, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	J. Walter Stanley	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Fayetteville	Taylor Hill	311 Bryan St., Fayetteville, N. C.
Goldsboro	James A. Evans	1500 Maple St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	Fred S. Powers	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Johnston Union	J. W. Everton	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	David Barrow	290 N. Ashe Ave., Dunn, N. C.
Lee's Chapel	Henry Armstrong	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Mount Olive	Austin Carter	Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N. C.
Oak Grove	Felton Godwin	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
Palmer Memorial	Ed Taylor	Raleigh, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	W. O. Lassiter	Route 1, Four Oaks, N. C.
Powhatan	Edward Edwards	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Riverside	C. M. Coates	208 Hancock St., Smithfield, N. C.
Robert's Grove		
Saint Mary's Grove	Wiley Ferrell	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
Saint Paul	Ed Miles	Mount Olive, N. C.
Shady Grove	Walter Reynolds	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Smithfield		
Smyrna	W. A. Martin	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Wilson Dowdy	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	C. M. Coates	208 Hancock St., Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	Felton Godwin	Route 2, 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.

CHURCH CLERKS AND TREASURERS

CHURCHES	CLERKS	ADDRESSES	TREASURERS	ADDRESS
Bethel	Mrs. Ray Narron	Route 1, Four Oaks, N. C.	A. W. Massengill	Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Casey's Chapel	Mrs. Bennie Casey	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.	Mrs. Benjamin Casey	Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.
Daly's Chapel	Fred Carlyle	Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.	J. L. Carlyle	Box 909, Kinston, N. C.
Fayetteville				
Goldsboro	Miss Linda Malpass	604 E. Ash St., Goldsboro, N. C.	E. E. Best	604 E. Ash St., Goldsboro, N. C.
Hopewell	Leon J. Hudson	Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.	J. L. Cooke	Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
Johnston Union	Mrs. Merle Stephenson	Route 1, Clayton, N. C.	Hubert Gower	Box 387, Smithfield, N. C.
Lanwood Chapel	Mrs. Ronda Register	Route 3, Smithfield, 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.
Mount Olive	Miss Pattie Davis	Mount Olive College	Mrs. W. B. Raper	Mount Olive College
Oak Grove	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.	Mrs. N. C. Lee	Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
Palmer Memorial	Mrs. Ralph Beamon	216 Blanchard St., Raleigh, N. C.	Louis Puckett	404 Colleton Rd., Raleigh, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Carl Smith	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.	C. J. Woolard	Route 1, Erwin, N. C.
Powhatan	J. R. Stanley		Dwight Blinson	Route 2, Clayton, N. C.
Riverside	Mrs. Patsy Howell	Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C.	Mrs. Naomi Allen	Route 1, Princeton, N. C.
Robert's Grove	M. F. Jackson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.	Boyd Peters	Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
Saint Mary's Grove	Douglas Langdon	Route 3, Benson, N. C.	Mrs. G. E. Coates	Route 3, Benson, N. C.
Saint Paul	L. G. Creech	Box 73, 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, Smithfield, N. C.	Jesse Overman	Whitley Drive, Smithfield, N. C.
Smyrna	Mrs. Lennie Tart	Route 2, Dunn, N. C.	Levi L. Noles	Route 2, Benson, N. C.
Steven's Chapel	Mrs. Cynthia Benson	Route 1, Benson, N. C.	J. L. Stevens	Route 1, Benson, N. C.
Tee's Chapel	Mrs. Henry Kemple	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.	Percy Woodall	Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
West Clinton	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	Route 1, Clinton, N. C.	Mrs. Fannie Tyndall	Route 1, Clinton, N. C.
Wooten's Chapel	Miss Helen Barbour	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.

Churches	Value of Church Property	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Baptized	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Decreased	Total Members	S. S. Members	W. A. Members	League Members	Pastor's Salary	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	\$ 54,000	2	3	13	5	1	5		295	195	23	25	\$4,370	\$324.14	\$ 51.00	\$26.55	\$	\$	\$ 534.18	\$21,791.61	\$27,585.14	\$27,297.48
Casey's Chapel	35,000			1			3		97	89	18	10	1,200	267.00	60.00		25.00		794.00	2,262.39	6,623.42	5,082.89
Daly's Chapel	7,250			6			11		51	83	18		550								800.00	725.00
Goldsboro	107,500			4			13		244	159	38	10	4,680	324.59	27.88		465.26		595.06			15,022.92
Hopewell	50,000			4		5	5		289	188	52		3,680	594.23	159.62		269.59		1,098.98	4,932.19	10,869.61	10,869.61
Johnston Union	42,000	16		11	3		24		233	185	35		4,680	400.00	120.00		421.56	40.00	416.00	63.00	11,181.57	11,041.47
Lanwood Chapel	5,000			4			5		233	75	8		720	50.00						1,439.00	2,659.00	2,307.00
Lee's Chapel	72,000			6	9	5	14	9	233	199	20		3,190	186.91	33.14		110.47		70.75		16,973.02	16,549.83
Mount Olive		2							23	20	3	15	3,600	10.25	5.00		10.00		230.11	5.00	3,597.86	3,572.12
Oak Grove	50,000			1	1	3	2	137	140	25			1,200	137.90	31.55		11.93		479.35	4,824.11	6,591.63	6,634.84
Palmer Memorial		6					6		139	47	11		3,340	166.00						2,050.84	5,661.60	5,576.84
Pleasant Grove	16,000	3		10	25		14	107	138	16			3,120	126.00			50.00		156.00	2,500.84	6,000.00	5,266.59
Powhatan	35,000	1		7			8		277	212	20	64	4,420	439.50	100.00		141.66		498.64	4,758.71	9,328.71	10,508.51
Riverside	25,000			3			4		98	123	20		1,150	65.00			20.00		110.00	5,763.00	7,675.00	7,375.00
Robert's Grove	60,000			4		1	3		193				2,960	150.00	25.00				200.00	7,290.50	11,561.69	10,700.50
St. Mary's Grove	62,000			1			2	247	227	30			3,380	148.00	50.00		29.00		124.63	4,836.46	9,121.56	8,668.09
St. Paul	25,000			5	1		2	202	154				1,500	325.21	25.00		50.00		541.00	990.47	3,775.91	3,706.47
Shady Grove	100,000			12	7	3	2	10	343	171	20		5,200	150.00	25.00		150.00		1,143.00	4,167.92	11,161.22	10,980.92
Smithfield	100,000	1		7			1		240	175	25		4,920	150.00	60.00		93.00		1,210.00	6,562.39	12,992.68	13,205.39
Smyrna	3,600	1		3	1	4	1		85	130	22		545	61.00	5.00				27.75	1,623.64	2,502.13	2,312.39
Steven's Chapel				1	2		1		64	90			2	64								
Tee's Chapel	40,000	4		13		3	14		194	188	12	66	1,800	200.00			110.00	40.00	206.66	9,536.28	12,137.94	9,536.28
West Clinton	20,000			4	1	2	4	1	49	119	18		1,025	137.20					150.00		3,136.61	2,935.11
Wooten's Chapel						1		1	83	83			750						50.00		3,019.16	2,996.75
Yelverton's Grove	15,000			2			2		125	130	24		900	234.00	12.00			12.00		1,920.15	3,460.80	

