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North Carolina

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November 2, 1978

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C. Felton Godwin, Foy C. Futrelle, H. T. Hinson, Ray G. Smith, and Kemery Ard

STANDING BOARDS

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Cooper Thompson, 1983; Billy R. Nowell, 1982; Edward C. Taylor, 1981; J. Rayford Lee, 1980; Leo Bass, 1979

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

S. D. Allen, 1983, R. Ray Warrick, 1982, W. A. Hogg, 1981; Clarence Woodall, 1980; Paul Lassiter, 1979

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Edward C. Taylor, 1983; Milton Wiggs, 1982; Ruth Warrick, 1981; Mrs. Faye Baumgartner, 1980; C. M. Coats, 1979

ORDAINING COUNCIL

L. B. Woodall, Jr. 1983; C. Felton Godwin, 1982; Kemery Ard, 1981; John David Hill, 1980; Henry Armstrong, 1979

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Martin, W. A., Route 1, Benson, N. C. 27504

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Johnson, Earl, Box 203, Stancil Street, Smithfield, N. C. 27577

Mees, Carl, (Eastwood)

Miller, Phil, (Palmer Memorial)

Nordon, Roy F., Route 1, Benson, N. C. 27504 (Steven's Chapel)

Overman, Richard Carrol

Wilkins, Theodore, (Faith)

Blackmon, James Cecil, Route 2, Benson, N. C. 27504 (Smyrna)

Scott, Mike, (Palmer Memorial)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cape Fear Conference opened its one hundred and twenty-fourth session on Thursday morning, November 2, 1978, at 9 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven." The session met at the Smyrna Original Free Will Baptist Church on Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer and Scripture were led by the Rev. Bobby Murray Jr. from the Victory Mission in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The welcome was extended by the church pastor, the Rev. W. A. Martin.

The response to the welcome was given by the Rev. Kemery Ard, pastor of Powhatan church.

The session was called to order by the conference assistant secretary, \mathbf{Mrs} . Ray G. Smith.

The Rev. Edward C. Taylor, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedures adopted by the one hundred and fourteenth session of the Conference as offered by the Resolutions Committee, which stated as follows:

"Be it resolved, that in all future sessions of the Cape Fear Conference, the Credentials Committee be instructed to issue a badge of identification to all duly registered ministers, delegates, and visitors.

"Be it further resolved, that no person will be allowed to vote who does not properly display said badge. It is understood that visitors shall be granted all rights and privileges except that of voting.

"Be it further resolved, that upon the adoption of this resolution, it shall become the duty of the Credentials Committee to explain the registration at the opening of each session of the Cape Fear Conference."

The enrollment of officers and standing boards was called as follows:

Executive Board: C. Felton Godwin, Foy C. Futrelle, H. T. Hinson, Ray G. Smith, and Kemery Ard.

Board of Missions: Billy R. Nowell, Edward C. Taylor, J. Rayford Lee, Leo Bass, and Cooper Thompson.

Board of Trustees: R. Ray Warrick, W. A. Hogg, Clarence Woodall, Paul Lassiter, and S. D. Allen.

Board of Education: Milton Wiggs, L. B. Woodall Jr., Mrs. Faye Baumgartner, Gene B. Britt, and Mrs. Dola Dudley.

Ordaining Council: C. Felton Godwin, Curtis Jones, W. O. Lassiter, Henry Armstrong, and W. A. Martin.

The roll call of churches included the following: Bethel, Casey's Chapel, Christian Chapel, Daly's Chapel, Eastwood, Faith, Goldsboro, Hopewell, Johnston Union, Lanwood Chapel, Lee's Chapel, Mount Olive, Oak Grove, Palmer Memorial, Pleasant Grove, Powhatan, Riverside, Robert's Grove, Saint Mary's Grove, Saint Paul, Shady Grove, Smithfield, Smyrna, Steven's Chapel, Tee's Chapel, West Clinton, Wooten's Chapel, and Yelverton Grove.

Missions represented included Catalpa Mission, Haymount Mission, Victory Mission, and Happiness Mission.

Following the moderator's remarks, the following temporary committee appointments were made by the moderator:

Credentials Committee: Edward C. Taylor, John Rayford Lee, and John David Hill.

Temperance Committee: Alton Howard, Foy Futrelle, and Atlas Hogg.

Resolutions Committee: Kemery Ard, Henry Armstrong, and J. Walter Stanley.

Obituary Committee: Billy R. Nowell, W. O. Lassiter, and Taylor Hill.

Nominating Committee: L. B. Woodall, W. A. Martin, and C. M. Coats.

Ushers for the Conference: William Blackman and Lonnie Barefoot.

Song Leader and Pianist: Johnnie Woodall and Sandra M. Worley.

The Children's Home report was presented by the superintendent, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey. This report was received as information.

The Rev. Humphrey also presented the Retirement Homes report. This report was also received as information to the Conference.

At this point the moderator recognized the following visiting ministers: Larry Barbour and Roy Clifton of the Western Conference; David Charles Hansley, president of State Convention, and J. Stewart Humphrey, Children's Home superintendent, both from the Central Conference.

The moderator called for Denominational Enterprise reports.

The Home Missions report was presented by the Rev. Taylor Hill, Home Missions director. The report was received as information.

The Foreign Missions report was presented by the Rev. Henry Armstrong, a member of the State Foreign Mission Board. This report was received as information.

The Mount Olive College report was presented by the president of the college, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The report was received as information.

The Church Finance report was presented by the Rev. Hubert Burress. This report was received as information.

The moderator recognized the State Convention president, the Rev. David Charles Hansley. Brother Hansley reviewed the progress, resolutions, and challenges being made through the State Convention and made several announcements which affected the churches of the Conference.

The Cragmont Assembly report was given by Mrs. Ruth Warrick who referred to the written report sent to the Conference. The report was received as information.

The moderator opened the floor for any general report or discussion.

The Rev. Taylor Hill remarked concerning the great work of the youth of the Conference through the Youth Rallies and challenged churches to support their youth in the endeavors of the Youth Rallies.

Since the representative of the Press had not arrived, the Rev. Hubert Burress gave brief reports dealing with the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and remarked concerning Superannuation.

The moderator called for a ten-minute recess.

Following the recess, the session was called back to order by the moderator with the singing of the hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, preached the morning sermon on the topic "Pressing Toward the Mark," using Scripture from Philippians 3:1-3.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by the moderator.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Tell It to Jesus."

Scripture and prayer was by the Rev. Arnold Price.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, was recognized by the moderator. Brother Reynolds gave brief remarks in connection with the Press and Superannuation.

The moderator called for standing reports.

The Executive Committee report was given by the assistant secretary. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Ordaining Council report was given by the chairman of the council, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, in the absence of the council secretary. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention report was given by John Adcox. The report was received as information.

The Cape Fear Mission Board report was presented by the board secretary, the Rev. Cooper Thompson. The report was accepted with the exception of the last paragraph, which dealt with the Conference holding joint

title to mission property. Mrs. Ruth Warrick moved that this portion of the report be reviewed by the Executive Committee for further information and action. The motion was seconded by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. The motion carried. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Bernice Godwin, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, presented her report to the Conference. Her report was accepted as information and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference report was presented by the Rev. J. Walter Stanley. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Board of Education report was presented by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. The report was received as information and is recorded. (See Reports.) Following this report, the moderator asked for a rising vote of appreciation for Mrs. Dola Duley for 25 years of service as member of the Board of Education.

The moderator asked for temporary committee reports.

The Temperance Committee report was presented by the Rev. Alton Howard. Resolution No. 1 and No. 2 were adopted. Resolution No. 3 read: "Let it be resolved that we, the Cape Fear Conference support the Christian Action League in their fight "against alcohol and pornography with our prayers and a \$75 offering from the Conference." The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. moved that the offering be \$100. The motion was seconded and carried and this portion of the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Resolutions Committee report was presented by the Rev. Kemery Ard. A total of five resolutions were presented to the session and each were adopted and are recorded. (See Reports.)

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. Billy R. Nowell. The report was accepted and a silent prayer of praise was offered by the delegation in memory of those servants of our Lord who have labored long these past years for our denomination.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. The reported was adopted. (See Reports)

The Rev. John Rayford Lee presented the Credentials Committee's final report. The report included the following delegation present: 5 licensed ministers, 36 ordained ministers, 7 visiting ministers, 41 delegates, and 11 visitors.

An invitation was extended by Saint Mary's Grove church by their pastor, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor, to host the 125th session of the Conference to be held November 1, 1979.

The moderator opened the business session and asked for any business that should be brought before the session.

The Rev. Edward C. Taylor, chairman of the Cape Fear Mission Board, reviewed minutes of previous sessions with reference to the boundaries of the Conference in financing missions.

At this point, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the State Convention, reported that to his knowledge there are no recorded boundaries available. He requested that anyone having any knowledge of recorded boundaries to inform a member of the State Convention Executive Committee.

Conference treasurer, Mr. H. T. Hinson, presented the finance report. The

Conference treasurer, Mr. H. T. Hinson, presented the finance report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

By motion, the session adjourned with the moderator asking for special prayer for a 20-year-old leukemia patient from the Oak Grove church.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Ray G. Smith Assistant Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met February 20, 1978.

The motion was made by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle and seconded by the Rev. Kemery Ard that the treasurer's bond be increased to \$10,000. The motion was accepted unamiously.

A motion was made by Kemery Ard, seconded by Foy Futrelle, that the prepared minutes of the 123rd session be approved for printing in the Yearbook. The motion was seconded and carried unamiously.

The Executive Committee discussed a resolution presented to the 123rd session asking the Executive Committee to appoint an assistant treasurer. The committee accepted the fact that parliamentary law does not provide for an assistant treasurer and that should a person be needed, a temporary treasurer can be appointed by the committee.

A motion was made by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle and seconded by Mr. H. T. Hinson that each minister and members of standing boards receive a copy of the Conference Constitution and Bylaws. The motion carried.

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met again on October 12 for the purpose of preparing the program for the 124th session to be held at Smyrna church, Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina, on November 2, 1978.

Ray G. Smith, Secretary C. Felton Godwin, Moderator

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 2, 1978)

Report of the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists to the annual meeting of the Cape Fear Conference, held at Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina.

The Ordaining Council convened four times during the past year, for the purpose of interviewing and recommending applicants for licenses and ordination. The following were recommended to their respective churches for licensing:

Brother James Cecil Blackmon, Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church

Brother Mike Scott, Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church

The following passed the ordination test and were ordained:

Brother William Atlas Hogg, March 29, 1978, Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church

Brother Robert Milton Murray Jr., May 17, 1978, Victory Free Will Baptist

Mission

The following requested and received letters of transfer of membership into another conference:

The Rev. Roger C. Heath to Eastern Conference The Rev. Gene Britt to Western Conference (See below for special called meeting.)

Respectively submitted:
C. Felton Godwin, Chairman
Curtis W. Jones, Secretary
W. A. Martin
Henry Armstrong
W. O. Lassiter

A special called meeting was called on November 2, 1978, and received a request from the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. for a letter of transfer to the Central Conference. The Rev. Henry Armstrong made a motion to grant the letter of transfer at the close of the Conference on November 2, 1978. The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. Felton Godwin and was passed.

CAPE FEAR MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Cape Fear Mission Board met January 23, 1978, The Rev. Edward C. Taylor was elected chairman and the Rev. Cooper Thompson was elected secretary. This meeting consisted of general discussion.

The Mission Board met again on July 29, 1978, with reference to action from the Haymount Mission coming under watchcare of the Conference. Their letter was approved by the Board. This mission was given all rights and privileges of the Conference, save that of voting until it becomes organized into a church.

A third meeting of the Mission Board was held on October 28, 1978.

The following recommendation was made to be presented to the Conference in session on November 2, 1978: "We, the Mission Board request that the Conference require joint title of mission property by deed made to mission trustees and Conference trustees effective current date. This requirement applies only to mission property during mission status and terminates upon the mission becoming a church."

Edward C. Taylor, Chairman Cooper P. Thompson, Secretary John R. Lee Leo Bass Billy R. Nowell

ANNUAL REPORT OF CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary has held two meetings during the year 1978. On April 12, 1978, we met at Lee's Chapel church. The fall meeting was held at the Goldsboro church. God blessed the district to reach all quotas for our denominational enterprises.

One new auxiliary, Haymount, was organized in Fayetteville. They were accepted into the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Conference.

We continue to support the Youth Fellowship. They meet the first Saturday night in each month. Their special project for the year was "College Hall."

Two study courses have been held during the year at the Smithfield church. In March, Mrs. Norvelle Dawson taught "Heaven Help the Home," and in July, Mrs. Dola Dudley taught "How to Utilize Your Time." Both courses were very ably presented. Several courses have been taught in our district on the Woman's Auxiliary Manual."

The Spring Convention will be held at the Bethel church on April 12, 1979.

Submitted by, Bernice D. Godwin President

CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE REPORT

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met the following months: January, with 13 present; April, with 11 present; July, with 14 present; October, with 15 present.

The Ministers' Conference is doing a good work for the ministers of the churches. Love offerings were taken during the year for Brother H. T. Hinson and Brother Cooper Thompson. The Conference has contributed to Foreign and State Missions and to the Carolina Bible Institute. Ministers of the Conference were urged to become a part of the Ministers' Conference. We need to work together for the future of the church in our Conference.

Respectfully submitted, J. Walter Stanley Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met at Johnston Union church to select the recipient of the \$300 Cape Fear Scholarship. This year's scholarship was awarded to Miss Taylor LaNelle Hill of Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville. Miss Hill is attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, North Carolina.

The members of the board request suggestions on guidelines in awarding the scholarship and when and how to present the award.

A motion was made and carried to ask the Conference to give a rising vote of appreciation to Mrs. Dola Dudley who has faithfully served on this Board for a total of twenty-five years.

Respectfully submitted, Gene W. Britt Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Temperance Committee presents to the Cape Fear Conference the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

LET IT BE RESOLVED that we, the members of the Cape Fear Conference, will unite our efforts together to oppose and vote against liquor by the drink, wherefore and whenever we have the opportunity, according to our Church Covenant found on Page 42, Paragraph 2, of the Faith and Discipline, which we agreed to abide by.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that we, the members of the Cape Fear Conference, reaffirm our stand against attending races of all descriptions, dances, games of chance, such as Bingo, cards, etc. also remaining away from shooting matches, according to the Statement of Faith and Discipline, as found on Page 51, Paragraph 2, Section 2.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that we, the Cape Fear Conference, support the Christian Action League in their fight against alcohol and pornography with our prayers and a \$75 offering from the Conference.

Respectfully submitted, Alton Howard Foy C. Futrelle Atlas Hogg

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following resolutions were submitted to the members of the committee during the conference.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Cape Fear Conference in their 1978 session reaffirm our doctrine of one's spiritual growth as set forth on Page 30 of our Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, which reads as follows:

"Sanctification is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Free Will Baptist ministers of the Cape Fear Conference stress to the people of our churches that the teaching and practice of speaking in tongues is Pentecostal doctrine and it is not, nor has it ever been, the teaching and practice of the Original Free Will Baptist church.

2. WHEREAS the Constitution and Bylaws, Section 20 reads: "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 of the Conference for action on the following day."

BE IT RESOLVED that since the Conference is now a one-day session the 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 in the morning session for action in the afternoon session.

- 3. BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws be placed in the Yearbook along with our minutes of the Conference.
- 4. WE RESOLVE THAT the Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the Smyrna church for its hospitality in hosting this the 124th session.

5. WE RESOLVE THAT this Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted, Kemery Ard J. Walter Stanley Henry Armstrong

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee report that to our knowledge our Lord has not seen fit to call any of our brother ministers to their Heavenly reward during the past year.

However, we respectfully request that this Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of those servants of our Lord who have labored long these past years for our denomination.

Respectfully submitted, W. O. Lassiter Taylor Hill Billy R. Nowell

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

Licensed ministers present	5
Ordained Ministers present	36
Visiting Ministers present	7
Delegates present	41
Visitors present	11

Submitted by, Edward C. Taylor, Chairman John David Hill John Rayford Lee

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Standing Boards:

Missions-The Rev. Cooper Thompson to succeed himself, 1983

Trustees-Mr. S. D. Allen to succeed himself, 1983

Education-The Rev. C. M. Coates to succeed the Rev. Gene Britt, 1979

Mrs. Ruth Warrick to succeed the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., 1981

The Rev. Taylor Hill to succeed Mrs. Dola Dudley, 1983

Ordaining Council:

The Rev. Kemery Ard to succeed the Rev. Curtis Jones, 1981

The Rev. David Hill to succeed the Rev. W. O. Lassiter, 1980

The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., to succeed the Rev. W. A. Martin, 1983

Members of Nominating Committee.

C. M. Coates

W. A. Martin

L. B. Woodall Jr.

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Balance on Hand

Cape Fear Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT (July 1, 1977—June 30, 1978) Administrative Department

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Receipts			
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977		\$	516.18
50 Percent Conference Funds at Mount Olive	285.83	Ψ.	010.10
50 Percent Union Funds at Palmer Memorial	169.48		
50 Percent Union Funds at Oak Grove	169.42		
50 Percent Union Funds at Pleasant Grove	163.46		
50 Percent Union Funds at Powhatan	174.75		
Total Receipts			962.94
Total to Account For		\$1	479.12
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Disbursements			
C. J. Hanna Associates, Treasurer's Bond for 1976	10.00		
C. J. Hanna Associates, Treasurer's Bond for 1977	10.00		•
C. J. Hanna Associates, Increase Treasurer's Bond	10.00		
Rev. W. A. Martin, 328 Miles	49.20		
Rev. Curtis Jones, 1009 Miles and Postage	158.45		
Christian Action League — 1976	100.00		
Christian Action League—1977	100.00		
Rev. Henry Armstrong, 490 miles	73.50		
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, 2 Bibles	25.90		
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer's Allowance			
H. T. Hinson, Postage and Envelopes	65.00 2.00		
Ray G. Smith, Secretary's Allowance	2.00 50.00		
Ray G. Smith, Secretarial Services, Postage, Mileage, a			
Telephone Calls	129.50		
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Printing of Yearboo	oks 403.70	6 4	107 05
Total Disbursements		क्र	187.25
Total to Account for		Ф	291.87
Education Department			
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	\$2,122.08		
20 Percent Union Funds at Oak Grove	67.77		
20 Percent Union Funds at Palmer Memorial	67.78		
20 Percent Union Funds at Pleasant Grove	69.90		
20 Percent Union Funds at Powhatan	65.38		
20 Percent Conference Funds at Mount Olive	114.33		
Total Receipts			385.16
Total to Account for			507.24
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Disbursements			
Denise Powell, Scholarship	300.00		
Total Disbursements			300.00
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MISSION DEPARTMENT Receipts		
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977		\$3,716.22
Received from Faith Church	25.00	φ0,110.22
Received from Lee's Chapel Sunday School	179.28	
20 Percent of 30 Percent Union Funds at Oak Grove	15.25	•
20 Percent of 30 Percent Union Funds at Palmer Memorial	20.34	
20 Percent of 30 Percent of Union Funds, Pleasant Grove	19.62	
20 Percent of 30 Percent of Union Funds at Powhatan	20.97	
20 Percent of Conference Funds at Mount Olive	171.49	
Total Receipts		451.95
Total to Account for		4,168.17
Disbursements		
Rev. Edward C. Taylor, 56 miles	5.60	
Rev. Cooper Thompson, 38 miles	3.80	
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, 3 Bibles	38.85	
Total Disbursements		48.25
Balance on Hand		\$4,119.92
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Student Loan Fund		
Receipts		
Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	632.95	
Received from Delores Blount on Loan (July 12, 1977)	100.00	
Received from Delores Blount on Loan (August 12, 1977)	100.00	
Interest Received	54.00	
Total Receipts		254.00
Total to Account for		\$ 886.95
No Disbursements		
Balance on Hand		\$ 886.95

Cape Fear Conference

SUMMARY

Administrative Department

Education Department 2,207.24 Cape Fear Mission Department 4,119.91 Student Loan Fund 886.95 \$7,505.98 Total to Account for Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Hinson Treasurer

\$ 291.87

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

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. REPRESENTATION

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 I—Standing boards shall write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to their 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 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 representatives; 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 to 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 committees 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 subjected 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.

UNION MEETING

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF 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 in session or the executive committee.

ARTICLE IX

A mendment—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 officers 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 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 education institutions in the promotion of general Christian education.
- 7. The organization, direction, and the training program of the 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 ar 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 percent while the student is in training. After completion of training, a new note shall be made bearing 6 percent 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 serve 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, each for a term 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 officers 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 to attend to all matters pertaining to missions within the territory of the Cape Fear Conference, and mission points that have been approved for membership in the Cape Fear Conference.
- 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 only signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board. Annual reports shall be rendered to the conference of all funds received and disbursed by the treasurer.
- 5. Churches and / or individuals are encouraged to expedite the work of missions in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord in appropriate communities throughout the conference. No reimbursement, however, shall be made for expenses incurred without the approval of the Board of Missions.
- 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. The board shall render annual reports to the conference and interim reports to the executive board when requested.
- 9. 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.

Churches			M	EMBERSHI	Total	TREASURER'S REPORT					
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL	Property Value	Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprises	Grand Total
ALBEMARLE CON- FERENCE											
Belhaven	20	10		·				S	·s	s	S
Corinth Free Union	39	39				14		20,000 300,000	3,944	340	4,28
Gum Neck	43	31				14		10,000	1,430	280	1,710
Hickory Chapel	271	124						200,000	22,394	2,830	25,22
Malachi's Chapel	161	65							5,245	2,063	7,308
Mount Tabor	164	65	l i	8	6	22		60,000	9,740	2.084	11.82
Mount Zion	50	51	23			6		25,000	5,973	2,443	8,416
Piney Grove	28	41	36					25,000	7,672	434	8,100
Plymouth, First	112	78		7	8	21		45,000	12,331	869	13,200
Shiloh	241	148		12	10	23	15		30,700		30,700
Sidney	177	98	40	24		20	18	172,000	22,763	2,419	25,182
Sound Side	196	146	25		1				13,872	1,312	15,184
St. Paul	133	50				15		80,000	15,120	997	16,117
Trinity	50	30	12					25,000	3,277	1,533	4,810
Union Chapel	151	117	11					48,500	24,373	2,875	27,248
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE Bethel	149	95		9	12	17	13	80.000	19,836	1,380	21,21
Casey's Chapel	135	94		12	'-	16	13	85,000	12,628	947	13,57
Catalpa Mission	78	50		6	5	,,,		125,000	8,000	· "]	8,00
Christian Chapel	77	46		Ŭ	ĭ			70,000	8,402	331	8,73
Daly's Chapel	48	45				13		36,000	5,755	686	6,44
Eastwood	67	48		8	5	11		1 10,000	16,745	1,278	18,02
Faith	134	98		_	-			70,000		.,	
Goldsboro, First]]	
Haymount Mission	58	52		15	7	10	8	30,000	6,200	1,866	8,066
Hopewell	269	193		19	9	57	19	157,424	30,167	7,589	37,756
Johnston Union	280	253		15	10	25		200,000	16,352	4,685	21,037

Lanwood Chapel	48	61				15		35,000	2,770	113	2,883
Lee's Chapel	273	215		12	16	25	ļ	125,000	47,161	8,846	56,115
Mount Olive	12	10									
Oak Grove	141	125	1	25		30		75,000	9,100	2,608	11,708
Palmer Memorial	146	140	,	10	14	22	10	200,000	31,162	2,883	34,045
Pleasant Grove	162	154	·	16	16	16		175,000	20,958	2,366	23,324
Powhatan	214	94		10		18	10	75,000	18,883	1,557	20,440
Riverside	88	75				12		50,000	11,538	2,474	14,012
Robert's Grove	195	140		15	15	33_		(135,000)	14,365	1,600	15,965
St. Mary's Grove	201	150		15	14	40		30,000	8,977	1,765	10,742
St. Paul	194	111				25	•	100,000	16,534	2,906	19,440
Shady Grove	354	182	[18	[350,000	36,272	7,500	43,772
Smithfield, First	242	80			9	15		125,000	19,503	2,336	21,840
Smyrna	134	137		10	10	10		66,000	3,411	903	4,314
Steven's Chapel	119	93					[60,000	9,069	300	9,369
Tee's Chapel	242	214		14	15	22		125,000	24,025	3,992	28,017
Victory Mission	51	63		8		12		40,000	4,773	475	5,248
West Clinton	49	48	Ì	8		15		35,000	8,737	762	9,499
Wooten's Chapel	131	54		11	6	12		70,000	12,436	1,202	13,638
Yelverton Grove	115	127		20		13		50,000	13,403	2,119	15,522
CENTRAL CONFERENCE											
Aspen Grove	177	150	20		ļ	22	13	100,000	17,635	5,681	23,316
Ayden	145	105		11	15	12		200,000	20,487	3,492	23,979
Bethany	114	94	ł	8	8	28	25	200,000	35,205	2,247	37,452
Black Jack	676	576	,		j -	110		350,000	49,949	9,113	59,062
Cedar Grove				ĺ							
Community	ł	}	}	ł	}		1			1	
Daniels Chapel	1		- '								
Dawson's Grove Dilda's Grove	12	13				6		30,000	2,839	1,896	4,735
Edgewood				ŀ							
Elm Grove	153	100		10	9	35	15	250,000	34,300	7,889	42,189
Free Union	327	192]	12	72	30	200,000	32,654	5,885	38,539
Friendship				[ĺ				,50	-	22,300
Greenville, First	269	221	L	16	19	50	10	325,000	108,358	3,250	111,648