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of the  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION  
of the  
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE  
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of  
NORTH CAROLINA  
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Wilkins, Theodore (Faith)	A

PROCEEDINGS

The Cape Fear Conference opened its one hundred and twenty-fifth session on Thursday morning, November 1, 1979, at 9 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus, Jesus." The session met at the Saint Mary's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church on Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer and Scripture were led by the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, pastor of the Shady Grove church.

The welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor.

The response to the welcome was given by the Rev. A. B. Bryan.  
The session was called to order by the moderator.

The Rev. Billy R. Nowell, 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:

"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 were called as follows:

*Executive Board:* C. Felton Godwin, Foy C. Futrelle, H. T. Hinson, Ray G. Smith, and W. A. Martin.

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

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

*Board of Education:* Edward C. Taylor, Milton Wiggs, Ruth Warrick, Faye Baumgartner, and C. M. Coats.

*Ordaining Council:* L. B. Woodall Jr., C. Felton Godwin, John David Hill, and Henry Armstrong.

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.

The roll of missions included: Catalpa, Eastover, Happiness, Haymount, and Victory.

Following the moderator's remarks of challenge and requests, the following temporary committee appointments were made by the moderator with the first person named on the committee serving as chairman:

*Credentials Committee:* Billy R. Nowell, Edward L. Painter, and J. B. Caton.

*Temperance Committee:* C. M. Coats, Hubert Stanley, and J. C. Hathaway.

*Resolutions Committee:* John Adcox, Wilson Dowdy, and J. Walter Stanley.

*Obituary Committee:* L. B. Woodall Jr., John David Hill, and Taylor Hill.

*Nominating Committee:* W. A. Martin, W. O. Lassiter, and A. B. Bryan.

*Ushers for the Conference:* Joe Hobbs and Norlyn Matthews.

*Song Leader and Pianist:* Johnnie Woodall and Mrs. Faye Johnson.

The moderator noted that the following ministers were represented by letter, Frank Harrison, Robert M. Murray, Arnold Price, and J. E. Timmons.

The Mount Olive College report was presented by the president of the college, Dr. Burkette Raper, who in giving his progress report noted the day marked the thirty-third anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. Dr. Raper's report was received as information.

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

The Rev. Humphrey also introduced Mr. Harold Dunn, who presented a report on the Retirement Homes. Mr. Dunn's report was received as information to the Conference.

The moderator recognized the following ministers: The Revs. Hubert Burress, Walter Reynolds, Stewart Humphrey, and Norman Ard.

The moderator called for Denominational Enterprise reports.

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

The Home Missions report was given by the Rev. Taylor Hill. This report was also recorded and received as information.

The Foreign Missions report was given when the Rev. Henry Armstrong gave a condensed progress report.

The Free Will Baptist Press report was presented by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. This report was received as information.

Mr. Reynolds also gave the Superannuation report, which was received as information to the Conference.

The moderator and the Rev. Hubert Burress presented progress reports dealing with Cragmont Assembly.

The moderator called for a ten-minute recess.

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

An offertory prayer was by the Rev. Earl Glenn.

Special music for the Conference was by the Saint Mary's Grove quartet accompanied by Mrs. Faye Johnson. Their selections included "I'm Depending on Him" and "What Will I Leave Behind."

The Rev. Henry Armstrong preached the morning sermon on the topic, "Judge Me, O God," using Scripture from Psalms 43:1-4.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Scripture and prayer were by the Rev. John Rayford Lee.

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 Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., secretary to the Council. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention report was given by the Rev. John Adcox. The report was accepted and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Edward C. Taylor presented the Cape Fear Mission Board report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Thelma Jackson in the absence of the president. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

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

The Board of Education report was presented by Mr. Milton Wiggs. The Board's report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The moderator called for temporary committee reports.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by the Rev. C. M. Coats. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. John Adcox. Three resolutions were presented to the session and each was adopted and recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., chairman of the Obituary Committee, was in charge of a memorial service in memory of the Rev. Kemery Ard, the Rev. Cooper Thompson, and the Rev. M. E. Godwin. The report was accepted with the congregation rising in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the three beloved ministers. The memorial prayer was offered by the Rev. Taylor Hill. (See Reports.)

The Credentials Committee report was given by the Rev. Billy R. Nowell. The report showed 31 ministers present, 5 visiting ministers, 2 licensed ministers, 33 delegates, and 24 visitors. Six ministers were represented by letter. (See Reports.)

A report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. W. A. Martin. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

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

The Rev. Edward C. Taylor moved that the secretary and treasurer of the Union Meeting receive \$5 for each meeting attended, plus mileage. The motion was seconded and adopted. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Taylor Hill presented a presentation signed by himself, the Rev. Charles Parrish, and the Rev. Alton Howard. The presentation read as follows: "Due to the fact that the Rockfish Conference has become nonexistent so far as our State Convention is concerned, we respectfully request the consideration of the Cape Fear Conference to release its missions and churches which are within the old Rockfish boundaries upon their request for the purpose of reestablishing the Rockfish Conference, or a new conference under a new name. Such a possibility has already been endorsed by the North Carolina State Home Missions and Church Extension Department. If such action should be taken, it would be done in cooperation with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Executive Board."



Following discussion on the topic, the Rev. Edward C. Taylor moved that the Cape Fear Conference give support in the exploration of the Rockfish Conference. The Rev. A. B. Bryan requested that the motion be amended that any exploration be conducted under the supervision of the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee. The motion, with the amended section, was seconded and adopted.

The Rev. Swade Benson asked those seated in the session to offer special prayer in behalf of retired minister Herman Wooten.

The Rev. John Adcox moved that a "love offering" be taken for the Rev. Mr. Wooten. The motion was adopted and the moderator instructed the ushers to place offering plates in the vestibule in order that the offering might be received following the closing of the session, due to time involved.

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

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough invited the Conference to be held with the Shady Grove church in 1980 for its one hundred and twenty-sixth session.

The moderator extended appreciation to each person who had assisted in the session.

By motion, the session adjourned with the congregation singing the hymn, "Amazing Grace." The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Alton Howard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ray G. Smith  
Assistant Secretary

#### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met January 5, 1979, at Oak Grove church.

A motion was made by the Rev. Foy Futrelle and seconded by Mr. H. T. Hinson that the Rev. W. A. Martin be appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Kemery Ard on the Executive Committee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. H. T. Hinson and seconded by the Rev. Foy Futrelle that the minutes of the 124th session of the conference be approved for printing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by the Rev. Foy Futrelle and seconded by Ray G. Smith that three copies of the yearbook be purchased for each church and mission in addition to those ordered by individual churches. The motion carried.

A motion was made by H. T. Hinson and seconded by Ray G. Smith that the Rev. Foy Futrelle be appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Kemery Ard on the Ordaining Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made by the Rev. Foy Futrelle and seconded by H. T. Hinson that the Executive Committee accept the recommendation of the Cape Fear Missions Board to accept the Eastover Mission into the Cape Fear Conference. The motion carried.

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

## REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

(April 23, 1979)

The Ordaining Council held its first meeting on April 23, 1979. The Rev. C. Felton Godwin called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

Those present were the Revs. C. Felton Godwin, Henry Armstrong, Foy Futrelle, and L. B. Woodall Jr. The Rev. W. A. Martin served as proxy for the Rev. David Hill until Mr. Hill could get to the meeting.

C. Felton Godwin was renominated and reelected as chairman by acclamation. L. B. Woodall Jr. was nominated and elected by acclamation as secretary to the council. Henry Armstrong was nominated and elected by acclamation as vice chairman of the council. Foy Futrelle was nominated and elected by acclamation as assistant secretary of the council.

The Rev. Roger C. Heath had written the chairman about his ministerial standing in the Cape Fear Conference. It was moved, seconded, and adopted that Mr. Heath's ministerial credentials be registered in good standing in the Cape Fear Conference. The secretary was ordered to send to Mr. Heath a notice notifying him that his credentials were in good standing in the conference. (The secretary sent this letter of notice on Wednesday, April 25, 1979.)

It was moved, seconded, and adopted that the Rev. Paul Grubbs be given a letter of transfer from the Cape Fear Conference to join the Western Conference. (The letter was mailed on Friday, April 27, 1979.)

A letter from the Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville, North Carolina, was received by the council requesting the council to examine Mr. Dean Kennedy for license to preach. Mr. Kennedy was examined by members of the council and was found qualified to be licensed by the Haymount mission to preach. (This letter of notice to permit the Haymount mission to license Mr. Kennedy was mailed on Friday, April 27, 1979.)

The Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina, notified the council that it had renewed Mr. James C. Blackman's license to preach for another year.

The council received a letter from Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, requesting the council to examine Mr. John Adcox Jr. for ordination. Mr. Adcox was examined the same day and scored well on the examination. It was moved, seconded, and adopted that Mr. Adcox be ordained. Mr. Adcox's ordination service was set for Sunday evening, May 13, 1979, at 7:30 o'clock at the Eastwood church.

The council was read a letter by Chairman Godwin from the Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church requesting the council, if the council could see fit, to examine Mr. Mike Scott for ordination and ordain him as soon as possible so that he could carry the full duties as pastor at the Johnston Union church.

The council studied and discussed the request and informed the Johnston Union church that the council could not ordain Mr. Scott until he had been licensed one year.

The secretary of the council was directed to write the Johnston Union church clerk with reference to the council's decision concerning Mr. Mr. Scott's ordination. (This letter was mailed to Mrs. Jean Evans, Johnston Union church clerk. Mr. Thomas Austin, Chairman of Johnston Union's Deacon Board, acknowledged the letter.)

Mr. Theodore Wilkins was examined for ordination by the council on Monday, April 23, 1979. He made a passing score on the written part of the examination, but was asked by the council to return or to report back to the council on January 23, 1979, to discuss further the oral part of the examination. The council advised Mr. Wilkins that if a church desired his service as a pastor for that church to write the chairman of the council and that Chairman Godwin would arrange a convenient date for Mr. Wilkins to come before the council before the July meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted for the council to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

On April 28, 1979, at a called meeting, Chairman Godwin called the council into a short session after the Union Meeting on Saturday, April 28, 1979, at Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church and shared a letter from the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina, notifying the council that the Eastwood church had called Mr. John Adcox Jr. as pastor pending his ordination.

Letters for Mr. Dean Kennedy's character references were mailed on April 30, 1979. Responses from all three persons who received the letters have been received by the secretary.

The Ordaining Council met again on July 23, 1979. The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Felton Godwin at 1:15 p.m.

The Rev. Foy Futrelle led the group in the opening prayer.

Board members present in the meeting were: C. Felton Godwin, Henry Armstrong, Foy Futrelle, and L. B. Woodall Jr.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer came before the council to notify the council that he had been called and had accepted the call to pastor Tee's Chapel church, Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina. Mr. Farmer presented his ministerial credentials in good order from the Pee Dee Conference to become a member of the Cape Fear Conference. It was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive Mr. Farmer pending the Conference's action on his request in the Conference sitting on November 1, 1979.

Mr. Mike Scott appeared before the council and was informed to be ready to take the ordination examination on Monday, September 24, 1979.

The Rev. Swade Benson requested the council to send a letter of good standing to the Rev. Marvin Waters, Secretary to the Ordaining Council of the Albemarle Conference in order that Mr. Benson could pastor in the Albemarle Conference. It was moved, seconded, and adopted that Secretary Woodall send such a letter. (This letter was given to Mr. Benson to take to Mr. Waters on July 23, 1979.)

It was moved, seconded, and adopted that the meeting adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

Another meeting of the Ordaining Council was held on September 24, 1979, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Chairman C. Felton Godwin called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

The Rev. David Hill led the members in prayer.

Members present in the meeting were Chairman Felton Godwin, Henry Armstrong, Foy Futrelle, David Hill, and L. B. Woodall Jr.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted that the Rev. Charles H. Parrish be received back into the Cape Fear Conference to pastor Victory mission pending the Conference action on November 1, 1979.

The council examined Mr. Mike Scott orally on September 24, 1979, on the oral part of the ordination examination. He made an excellent score on the oral part and was examined on a portion of the written part of the examination, but because of time, the council could not examine all the written part of the examination. The council by motion, seconded, and adopted to adjourn until Saturday afternoon, September 25, 1979, following the Union Meeting to complete the scoring of the remainder of the examination for Mr. Scott.

On Saturday afternoon, September 29, 1979, at 1:15, Chairman Felton Godwin called the Ordaining Council into session to finish the scoring of the remainder of Mr. Mike Scott's examination. Mr. Scott scored well on the written part of the examination.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted that Mr. Mike Scott be ordained into the gospel ministry.

Those to serve in the ordination service to ordain Mr. Scott into the ministry when the Johnston Union church can make the arrangements were as follows: Chairman Felton Godwin is to be in charge of the service and give the charge, the Rev. Henry Armstrong is to preach the sermon, the Rev. Foy Futrelle is to pray the ordination prayer, and the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. is to present the Bible.

Submitted by,

L. B. Woodall, Jr., *Secretary*

C. Felton Godwin, *Chairman*

(The Rev. Mike Scott was ordained in a lovely service on Wednesday evening, October 17, 1979, at Johnston Union church.)

#### CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention met at the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church the second Saturday in October. The theme for the session was "Work 'Til Jesus Comes." The meeting was called to order by the president, Robert Haun.

The Convention message was by the Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of Pleasant Grove church.

New officers elected at this convention for the next two years were: John Adcox, President; Arnold Price, Vice President; Margaret Lassiter, Secretary; and Lillian Stanley, Treasurer.

Submitted by

John Adcox, *President*

## CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The one hundred and first Sunday School Convention of the Cape Fear Conference met with Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church October 13, 1979. The theme was "Work Till Jesus Comes."

The Rev. John Adcox had the devotions, reading Scripture from John 4:12. He also led in prayer.

Everyone received a warm welcome from the Rev. Billy Nowell, pastor of the host church. Jessie Hartley responded to the welcome.

Robert Haun appointed the following committees:

Nominating: Mrs. Dola Dudley, Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Mr. Milton Wiggs.

Finance: The Rev. Leonard Woodall, the Rev. Billy Nowell, Mrs. Hazel Lassiter.

Resolutions: The Rev. Otis Lassiter, Mr. Frank Baumgartner, Mrs. Lillian Stanley.

The youth choir of Powhatan church sang "The Sweet Spirit" and "Alleluia." After which the offering was taken.

Harold and Tina Wallace rendered special music. They sang "The Sweet Spirit," "I'd Like to Kneel Down," and "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me."

The Rev. Arnold Price was the main speaker of the convention. He read one verse of Scripture, Deuteronomy 10:12. The title of his message was "Service For God." He brought out many ways of improving our Sunday schools. Everyone surely went away with a greater determination to go back to their local Sunday school with a prayer and message on their heart to build a more spiritual Sunday school. Anyone desiring a tape recording of this message please contact the secretary of the convention: Mrs. Paul T. Lassiter, Route 3, Box 284, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

After the message, the congregation sang "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord."

The business session was opened by Robert Haun.

The secretary, Paul Lassiter, called the roll with thirteen churches answering. He read the minutes of the previous convention and they were approved.

Robert Haun recognized twenty-three Sunday school teachers and five Sunday school superintendents.

Jessie Hartley gave the treasurer's report; the amount was \$148.66.

John Adcox presented the plaques. Steven's Chapel was awarded the plaque for the largest increase in attendance. Wooten's Chapel received the plaque for the largest number present at the convention.

The chairman of the Finance Committee stated that their report was given along with the Treasurer's.

The Resolutions chairman presented the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved: That the convention give Powhatan church a rising vote of thanks for graciously accepting this body today.

2. Be it resolved: That we each pray earnestly for our Sunday school Convention and its officers that we might continue to have a glorifying convention.

3. Be it resolved: That all teachers and superintendents be informed of their obligations to this convention before they are installed.

4. Be it resolved: That each superintendent promote the convention in his local church and ask that it be included in the budget.

5. Be it resolved: That a complete statistical report of this convention be compiled for the 1980 yearbook and a copy be sent to the superintendents.

A motion was made and passed for the resolutions to be adopted.

The nominating committee presented the following officers to serve two years: President, John Adcox; Vice President, Arnold Price; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Lassiter; Treasurer, Jessie Hartley.

Jessie Hartley declined the nomination, and Mrs. James Stanley was nominated from the floor.

A motion was made and passed for these officers to be accepted.

Mrs. Ruth Warrick made a motion to give a rising vote of thanks to the returning officers. The motion passed.

The Rev. Leonard Woodall announced the Mount Olive Benefit Dinner would be at Everett Chapel, November 5, 1979, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Joyce Nowell announced next year will be the 200th year for Free Will Baptist Sunday schools.

Tee's Chapel volunteered to entertain the 1980 convention.

The Rev. Billy Nowell gave the benediction and grace. A delicious lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Haun, *President*  
Paul Lassiter, *Secretary*

#### CAPE FEAR MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Cape Fear Mission Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield on November 6, 1978, with three members present: Brothers Cooper Thompson, Leo Bass, and Ed Taylor. Brother Ed Taylor was elected chairman and Brother Cooper Thompson was elected secretary.

The Mission Board met again on December 30, 1978, at Saint Mary's Grove church in behalf of the mission at Eastover. After discussion with Brother W. O. Lassiter and the delegates of the mission, the board made a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Conference that we accept the mission under the watchcare of the conference until it is organized into a church.

The Board sent a second recommendation to the Executive Committee, that if the mission was accepted, that the conference start support on a three-year phase-out program of \$75 per month substitute pay to the pastor for the first year, \$50 per month for the second year and \$25 per month for the third year. All members were present.

The Board met again on September 29, 1979, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield to approve the minutes of the Board. Brothers Leo Bass, Ed Taylor, and Billy R. Nowell were present.

The members present made a request to the Executive Committee to select a replacement on the board due to the death of Brother Cooper Thompson.

Submitted by  
Edward C. Taylor, *Chairman*  
Leo Bass, *Acting Secretary*  
Billy R. Nowell  
Rayford Lee

### ANNUAL REPORT OF CAPE FEAR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Greetings from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Cape Fear Conference.

We have tried to work in God's will in our Auxiliary work, and have accomplished much in all of our denominational enterprises. We are happy to report that we have eight A-1 Auxiliaries.

The Cape Fear district had the honor and privilege of hosting the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on May 10, 1979. We had a wonderful day in the Lord!

On October 16, 1979, we sponsored a study course on Missions at the Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Joseph Ingram gave a lecture and showed slides of the work in India and Mexico.

Our spring convention was held at the Bethel church and the fall convention was held at Rodgers Chapel at Mount Olive College. Both meetings were very well attended and very inspiring.

The YFA Rally which we sponsor has held monthly meetings. Their project this year is Cragmont. Each Youth Fellowship Association is striving to raise \$100. This offering will be given during their next meeting which will be held at the Pleasant Grove church. Please encourage your youth to attend.

Please pray for us that we may be a blessing to God and our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. C. I. Godwin, *President*  
Mrs. Thelma Jackson, *Vice President*

### CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE REPORT

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met three times in the past year: April 23, July 23, and September 24.

In the year of 1979, there were 54 ordained ministers listed in the minutes of the conference. We had only twenty listed in the ministers' conference. In April, eight were present; in July, 14 were present; and in September, 14 were present.

We encourage our ministers to take an active part in the ministers' conference.

The next meeting will be March 24, 1980. Officers for 1980 will be elected during this meeting.

The ministers' conference meets on Monday morning before the fifth Sunday at 10 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

Submitted by  
J. Walter Stanley, *Secretary*

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Cape Fear Conference met July 2, 1979, at 8 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. Those attending were Ruth Warrick, the Rev. C. M. Coats, the Rev. Taylor Hill, Milton Wiggs, and Faye Baumgartner.

The Rev. Taylor Hill was elected Secretary-Chairman, the Rev. C. M. Coats was elected Assistant Chairman, and Faye Baumgartner was elected Assistant Secretary.

The committee requested that the Rev. Taylor Hill send out letters and applications to the pastors of each church in the conference referring to the Cape Fear Board of Education's \$300 scholarships. Applicants would be asked to return applications to Mr. Hill prior to, or at the Union meeting, on July 28, 1979.

The committee decided to bring to bring up at the next conference that it be made known to the people that the Cape Fear Conference has a Student Loan Fund available to students at low interest rates.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on July 28 at the Union meeting to be held at Shady Grove. At this meeting applications would be reviewed for the \$300 scholarship and the recipient selected.

The Board of Education of the Cape Fear Conference met again on July 28, 1979, at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church during the Union meeting. Those attending were Ruth Warrick, the Rev. C. M. Coats, the Rev. Taylor Hill, Milton Wiggs, and Faye Baumgartner.

Applications and references for the 1979-80 Cape Fear Conference \$300 scholarship were read and discussed. There were nine applications.

Members of the Board of Education expressed the worthiness of each applicant and the outstanding qualifications each possessed.

After each application was read, board members voted by secret ballot. The vote was unanimous that Jeff Daughtry from Yelverton Grove church, Route 2, Smithfield, receive the \$300 scholarship. Mr. Hill was asked to notify Jeff that he had been selected. He was also asked to notify Mr. H. T. Hinson, Conference Treasurer, to send a check in the amount of \$300 to Jeff Daughtry.

The Board of Education encouraged each applicant to apply again next year for the scholarship.

Faye Baumgartner, *Assistant Secretary*

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Temperance Committee, recommend that we, as ministers, laymen, and all Christians, be temperate in all things and be conformed to



the Word of God. We refer you to the second paragraph of our Church Covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil, and to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world. We also promise to abstain from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. M. Coats, *Chairman*  
J. C. Hathaway  
Hubert Stanley

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that those present give a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and committee members of the conference for their loyal service.

BE IT RESOLVED that those present give a rising vote of thanks to Saint Mary's Grove church for their hospitality in hosting this the 125th session of the Cape Fear Conference.

WHEREAS the conference in session is the highest tribunal—

BE IT RESOLVED that all officers and committee members adhere to the rules and regulations as adopted and passed by the conference without exception.

Submitted by  
John Adcox, *Chairman*  
J. Walter Stanley  
Leon Wilson Dowdy

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Scripture: Psalm 1;1-3; 2 Timothy 4:7-9

Reading: "The Power of the Preacher"

By Dr. William Barclay

We, the Obituary Committee, beg to report the following:

The Lord saw fit during the past church year to call from our midst the following beloved ministers:

On December 28, 1978, the Rev. Andrew Kemery Ard, who was pastoring Powhatan church, was called to be with the Lord;

On February 26, 1979, the Rev. Cooper P. Thompson, who was not pastoring because of his acute illness, was called;

And on May 13, 1979, the Rev. Minot E. Godwin, who was retired at the time of his death, answered the supreme call.

The members of the Obituary Committee ask all present in the Cape Fear Conference to stand for a moment of silent prayer in their memory, and that the Rev. Taylor Hill lead us in a memorial prayer.

Submitted by  
L. B. Woodall Jr.  
Taylor Hill  
W. O. Lassiter

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

Ministers Present	31
Visiting Ministers Present	5
Licensed Ministers Present	2
Delegates Present	33
Visitors Present	24
Ministers Represented by Letter	6

Submitted by  
Billy R. Nowell, *Chairman*  
Edward L. Painter  
Lillian Stanley, Proxy for J. B. Caton

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following to fill the positions open in the Cape Fear Conference:

Moderator—The Rev. C. Felton Godwin

Assistant Moderator—the Rev. Billy R. Nowell

Treasurer—Mr. H. T. Hinson

Secretary—Mrs. Ray G. Smith

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Stanley

Executive Board Member-at-Large—The Rev. W. A. Martin

Board of Missions—Mr. Leo Bass to be reappointed, the Rev. A. B. Bryan to serve the unexpired term of the Rev. Cooper Thompson

Board of Education—The Rev. J. B. Caton to be appointed

Ordaining Council—The Rev. C. M. Coats to be appointed and John Rayford Lee to fill the unexpired term of John David Hill who is pastoring outside the Conference.

Submitted by  
W. A. Martin, *Chairman*  
W. O. Lassiter  
A. B. Bryan

TREASURER'S REPORT  
(July 1, 1978—June 30, 1979)  
Administrative Department  
*Receipts*

Balance on Hand July 1, 1978		\$291.87
Received from Union Meetings		
50 percent—Riverside	\$ 160.83	
50 percent—Mount Olive	160.48	
50 percent—Saint Mary's Grove	142.47	
50 percent—Saint Paul	158.01	
50 percent Conference Funds at Smyrna	357.49	
Late Conference Funds	30.00	
Received from Churches for Yearbooks	69.95	
Interest on Savings	97.97	1,177.20
Total Receipts		<u>1,469.07</u>

*Disbursements*

Flowers for the Rev. Kemery Ard services	\$ 26.00	
Flowers for the Rev. Cooper Thompson services	20.80	
Flowers for the Rev. M. E. Godwin services	26.00	
Free Will Baptist Press for Yearbooks	469.21	
C. J. Hanna Associates for Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Curtis Jones (Reimbursement for supplies)	8.22	
Free Will Baptist Press for Church Letters	3.12	
Treasurer's Allowance	65.00	
Secretary's Allowance	50.00	
Secretarial Services	58.00	
Reimbursement to Secretary for Phone	8.40	
Reimbursement to Secretary for Postage	18.00	
Reimbursement to Secretary for Supplies	11.60	
Postage and Supplies for Treasurer	7.31	
Rev. W. A. Martin (188 miles)	28.20	
Rev. W. O. Lassiter (108 miles)	16.20	
Rev. C. Felton Godwin (370 miles)	55.50	
Rev. Henry Armstrong (325 miles)	48.75	
Rev. Curtis Jones (298 miles)	44.70	
Rev. C. Felton Godwin (2,815 miles)	478.58	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,468.59</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>\$ .48</u>

Education Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1978		\$2,207.24
	<i>Receipts</i>	
Received from Union Meetings:		
20 percent—Riverside	\$ 64.33	
20 percent—Robert's Grove	64.19	

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20 percent—Saint Mary's Grove	56.98	
20 percent—Saint Paul	63.21	
20 percent Conference Funds at Smyrna	143.00	
20 percent Late Conference Funds	6.00	
Total Receipts		<u>397.71</u>
Total to Account For		<u>\$2,604.95</u>

*Disbursements*

Miss Taylor Lanell Hill—Scholarship \$300.00

Total Disbursements		<u>300.00</u>
Balance on Hand		<u><u>\$2,304.95</u></u>

## MISSION DEPARTMENT

*Receipts*

Balance on hand July 1, 1978		\$4,119.92
Received from Union Meetings		
20 percent of 30 percent—Riverside	\$ 19.29	
20 percent of 30 percent—Robert's Grove	18.30	
20 percent of 30 percent—Saint Mary's Grove	17.09	
20 percent of 30 percent—Saint Paul	18.97	
20 percent of 30 percent Conference Funds at Smyrna	42.89	
20 percent of 30 percent of Late Conference Funds	1.80	
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	179.37	
		<u>297.71</u>
		<u>\$4,417.63</u>

*Disbursements*

Rev. W. O. Lassiter (for service at Eastover Mission for 6 months)	450.00	<u>450.00</u>
Balance on hand		<u>\$3,967.63</u>

## Student Loan Fund

*Receipts*

Balance on hand July 1, 1978		\$ 886.95
Received from Deloris Blount on Note and Interest		<u>253.71</u>
		<u><u>\$1,140.66</u></u>

## SUMMARY

Total Balances of All Departments as of June 30, 1979:

Administrative Department	\$ .48
Educational Department	2,304.95
Mission Department	3,967.63
Student Loan Department	<u>1,140.66</u>
Total to account for	<u>\$7,413.72</u>

Submitted by  
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer

## 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 1*—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 the 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 the best interests 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 amendment*—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Cape Fear Conference by a majority vote of the members present,

provided that the proposed amendment be presented in writing by the union meeting.

### **Bylaws Governing the Board of Education**

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

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

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

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

5. The board shall make, or cause to be made, adequate records of 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 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 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 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 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 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 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, and evangelists, missionaries, and such field workers as may be deemed necessary for the proper promotion of the mission work may be employed.

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	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprises	Grand Total
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE											
Belhaven	20	12									
Cape Colony Mission											
Corinth	37	27				14		20,000	3,206	682	3,888
Free Union	356	159		20	24	30		250,000	38,794	2,154	40,947
Gum Neck	43	34				14		25,000	1,777	450	2,227
Hickory Chapel	282	124		4	6	33	6	300,000	23,841	8,106	31,947
Malachi's Chapel	152	60							12,130	2,198	14,328
Mount Tabor	157	53		7		24		70,000	18,548	2,270	20,818
Mount Zion	92	48	24			5		25,000	9,178	2,461	11,639
Piney Grove											
Plymouth, First	58	71		5	8	17		40,000	13,140	632	13,772
Shiloh	236	142		10	12	23	15	200,000	30,228	1,417	31,645
Sidney	158	98	35	20		20	18	175,000	17,040	1,690	18,730
Sound Side	199	116	19	20		15			12,473	1,665	14,138
St. Paul	132	50				15		80,000	13,800	1,036	14,836
Trinity	50	30	30			15		40,000	3,630	1,420	5,050
Union Chapel	145	118						61,500	10,606	1,095	11,701
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE											
Bethel	148	96		8	11	16		80,000	13,788	2,029	15,817
Casey's Chapel	136	78				16		95,000	16,169	1,665	18,284
Catalpa Mission	106	63		7	6			125,000	9,066	909	9,975
Christian Chapel	82	50				15	10	70,000	12,079	165	12,244
Daly's Chapel	49	36				13		36,000	5,289	442	5,731
Eastover Mission	21	9		12				12,500	5,408	20	5,428
Eastwood	35	46		10	5	14	8	150,000	15,989	1,077	17,066
Faith	127									1,835	1,835
Goldsboro, First	251	135		10	12	61		400,000	36,825	4,100	40,925

Haymount Mission	65	60		15	12			60,000	13,669	2,697	
Hopewell	273	198		13		62	16	237,000	25,161	9,122	34,283
Johnston Union	282	154		15	10	20		200,000	21,174	4,768	25,942
Lanwood Chapel	41	31				15		35,000	5,969	245	6,214
Lee's Chapel	269	221		14	18	26		125,000	39,719	8,314	48,033
Mount Olive	10								40	1,156	1,196
Oak Grove	144	125	22			31		75,000	8,861	3,257	12,118
Palmer Memorial	156	139		10	12	18	8	225,000	30,453	2,805	33,258
Pleasant Grove	171	164		14	20	15			42,884	3,379	46,263
Powhatan	227	107		10	12	18	10	75,000	6,766	1,756	8,522
Riverside	88	75				12		100,000	16,598	2,769	19,367
Robert's Grove	190	162		12	16	36		155,000	24,312	4,310	28,622
St. Mary's Grove	209	156		10	8	38		130,000	13,369	1,911	16,280
St. Paul	192	111				20		100,000	16,534	2,906	19,440
Shady Grove	345	173				18		350,000	23,342	7,542	30,884
Smithfield, First	240	60			8	18		180,000	21,225	1,900	23,125
Smyrna	138	130		10	10	10		66,000	6,542	1,040	7,582
Steven's Chapel	116	98						60,000	4,746	239	4,985
Tee's Chapel	235	212		18	24	24		250,000	23,012	2,287	25,299
Victory Mission	74	69		17		10		40,000	6,884	771	7,655
West Clinton	32	32		8				90,000	9,008	223	9,231
Wooten's Chapel	128	60		8	4	12		70,000	11,627	1,248	12,875
Yelverton Grove	107	109		20		12		50,000	11,507	2,357	13,864
<b>CENTRAL CONFERENCE</b>											
Aspen Grove	173	166	18			23	13	100,000	15,853	3,739	19,592
Ayden	141	94		10	11	18	12	200,000	24,479	5,139	29,618
Bethany	117	94		8	8	35	30	300,000	24,436	3,765	28,201
Black Jack	706	576				110		500,000	44,400	8,681	53,081
Cedar Grove											
Community	108	117	15	4	5	10	5	160,000	15,549	879	16,428
Daniels Chapel	325	203		15	15	25	20	275,000	51,557	6,538	58,095
Dawson's Grove	13	13						25,000	3,103	1,309	4,412
Dilda's Grove	101	69				10		150,000	10,227	3,831	14,058
Edgewood	110	101		15		27		100,000	11,192	3,533	14,725