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of the  
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of  
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## PROCEEDINGS

The Cape Fear Conference opened its one hundred and twenty-eighth session on Thursday morning, November 4, 1982, at 9 a.m. with the singing of the hymn "Stand Up for Jesus." The session was held at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer and Scripture were given by the Rev. Earl Johnson.

The welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Henry Armstrong.

The response to the welcome was given by Mr. R. Ray Warrick.

The Rev. Philip Wood, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedures adopted by the one hundred and fourteenth session as offered by the Resolutions Committee, which stated the following:

"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 enrollments of officers and standing boards were called as follows:

*Executive Board:* C. Felton Godwin, Philip Wood, H. T. Hinson, W. A. Martin, and Mrs. Ray G. Smith.

*Board of Missions:* Alton Howard, Arnold Price, Leo Bass, Mike Scott, and Rod Jones.

*Board of Trustees:* Luby Tyner, Raymond Godwin, Paul Lassiter, S. D. Allen, and R. Ray Warrick.

*Board of Education:* Ruth Warrick, Jeff Scarborough, J. B. Caton, C. Nelson Stewart, and Milton Wiggs.

*Ordaining Council:* Foy C. Futrelle, John Rayford Lee, C. M. Coats, L. B. Woodall Jr., and C. Felton Godwin.

The enrollment of ordained and licensed ministers was called. (See listing.)

The roll call of churches included delegates as follows: Bethel 1, Casey's Chapel 2, Catalpa 1, Daly's Chapel 0, Eastwood 0, Faith 0, Goldsboro 2, Hopewell 1, Johnston Union 3, Lanwood Chapel 0, Lee's Chapel 3, Mount Olive 1, Oak Grove 2, Palmer Memorial 0, Pleasant Grove 2, Powhatan 3, Riverside 1, Robert's Grove 2, St. Mary's Grove 3, Saint Paul 1, Shady Grove 3, Smithfield 2, Smyrna 1, Steven's Chapel, 0, Tee's Chapel 3, Victory 0, West Clinton 0, Wooten's Chapel 0, Yelverton Grove 0, Eastover Mission 0, Haymount Mission 0.

The moderator extended greetings to the visiting ministers and other visitors present.

Following the moderator's remarks of challenge to be stronger Christians, the temporary committee appointments were made by the moderator, with the first person named on the committee to serve as the chairman:

*Temperance Committee:* Luby Tyner, Alton Howard, and Ted Bryant.

*Resolutions Committee:* C. Bryant Hines Jr., C. M. Coats, and Leo Bass.

*Obituary Committee:* Foy C. Futrelle, Mike Scott, and Dewey Boling.

*Credentials Committee:* Philip Wood, Mike Scott, and Billy R. Nowell.

*Nominating Committee:* Jeff Scarborough, J. Rayford Lee, and Milton Wiggs.

*Ushers for Conference:* Tommy Shirley and W. H. Hawley.

*Song Leader:* Johnny Woodall.

*Pianist:* Mrs. Alene Elmore.

The Children's Home report was presented to the Conference by Jean Brickhouse. The report was received as information.

The Mount Olive College report was presented by the president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The report was received as information and is recorded in the book of reports.

The Retirement Homes report was given by Walter J. Sutton, director. The report was received as information and is recorded in the book of reports.

The State Convention President, the Rev. Gary Bailey, reviewed highlights of the State Convention of which minutes are recorded.

The moderator declared a ten-minute break for a time of fellowship and the Conference resumed with the singing of the hymn, "At the Cross."

Dean Kennedy, promotional assistant for Home Missions, gave the Home Missions report. The report was received as information.

The Foreign Missions report was given by the director, Harold Jones. The report was received as information.

The Cragmont Assembly report was received as information.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation report was presented by the Rev. David Charles Hansley. It was noted that the 109th anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was being celebrated. Mr. Hansley also challenged us to keep the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore open and extended appreciation to the ministers and other volunteers in the Smithfield area, assisted by T. C. Farmer, who were volunteering their time in remodeling the new headquarters for the Smithfield store.

The Superannuation report was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. The report was received as information.

The Church Finance Association report was also given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. This report along with all other State Convention reporting information is recorded in the book of reports of the *Year-book*.

Following the morning offering and offertory prayer, special music was rendered by Phyllis Godwin of the host church.

The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, preached the morning sermon, using Scripture based on 1 Peter 2:9-11.

Following the sermon, the host pastor made announcements concerning the noon meal. The benediction and blessing on the food were offered by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

The Rev. T. C. Farmer was in charge of the opening prayer and Scripture.

The Rev. Charles Crisp, a representative of the Home Missions Board, presented the promotional program of the Board, using keys.

Ruth Allen of the admissions office at Mount Olive College made announcements regarding High School Days on campus.

The moderator called for reports from standing committees:

The Executive Committee's report was presented by the Conference secretary. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Ordaining Council's 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 president of the Convention, the Rev. Philip Wood. The report was accepted and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Mike Scott presented the Cape Fear Missions Board report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

A formal report of the Woman's Auxillary Convention was not available; however, it was reported that a written report would be made available for printing. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference report was presented by the Rev. Mike Scott. The report was accepted. (See Reports.)

The Board of Education's report was presented by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Nelson Stewart. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The moderator called for reports from the appointed temporary committees.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by the Rev. Ted Bryant. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)



The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. Jeff Scarborough. A total of three resolutions were presented to the session and each was adopted and recorded. (See Reports.)

The Obituary Committee's report included a memorial service in memory of Brothers J. E. Timmons, Herman Wooten and J. Walter Stanley. Assisting Chairman C. Foy Futrelle were Mike Scott and Dewey C. Boling. (See Reports.) Dean Kennedy sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" representative of the three "soldiers" of the Cross.

The Credentials Committee report was given by the chairman of the committee, the Rev. Philip Wood. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The moderator opened the business session and asked for any business that should be presented to the session.

The Ordaining Council's report requested that the Conference dispense with Bylaw 3 of the Council just to ordain Mr. Dean Kennedy as a home missionary and pastor to work with and for the Home Missions Board of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina. The Secretary of the Council moved that the action go on record. There being several seconds to the motion, the delegation followed with a vote to wish Mr. Kennedy God's blessings and that time and place of ordination be set at his convenience.

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

The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. moved that \$100 be contributed to the Christian Action League. The motion was seconded and carried.

An invitation for the one hundred and twenty-ninth (1983) session was extended by Robert's Grove Church.

Tee's Chapel Church extended an invitation for the session in 1984.

There being no further business, the session was declared adjourned by the moderator as the congregation gave the right hand of fellowship to the new ministers who had entered the Conference since the 1981 setting.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. David Charles Hansley.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*  
Mrs. Ray G. (Helen) Smith, *Secretary*

## REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(December 15, 1981)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met December 15, 1981, at the home of the moderator. The treasurer was absent due to sickness.

Members present were the Revs. C. Felton Godwin, W. A. Martin, Philip Wood, Mrs. Dola Dudley, and Mrs. Ray G. Smith.

Also present were members of the Cape Fear Missions Board including: The Revs. Alton Howard and Mike Scott, and Mr. Leo Bass. The moderator called the meeting to order.

The Rev. Alton Howard prayed the opening prayer.

The minutes of the 127th session of the Cape Fear Conference were read by the Conference secretary. After minor changes, the Rev. Phillip Wood moved that the minutes be accepted as read and forwarded to the press for printing. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. W. A. Martin moved that 120 copies of the *Yearbook* be ordered for distribution with three copies to each church and mission in the Conference to include a copy for the pastor, the church clerk and chairman of the deacon board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Following discussion dealing with finances of the Conference, Mrs. Dola Dudley moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the 128th session of the Conference that a change be made to provide that each church and mission be requested to send to the annual session of the Conference \$25 for each 100 members or fraction thereof and that the Conference secretary notify each church and mission of the recommendation prior to the annual Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator read a letter regarding a meeting to be held January 25, 1982, at the Saint Paul Church with a representative of the Rest Home planning committee presenting the proposal of the committee. Each church and mission is requested to send a representative.

Learning that each church represented had received a letter from the committee, no further action was necessary.

The Rev. Alton Howard, chairman of the Cape Fear Missions Board, presented to the Executive Committee questions regarding the bylaws of the Conference Missions Board.

Following a question and answer session, the moderator asked for further business of the committee. There being none, the Rev. Phillip Wood prayed the prayer of benediction and the moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(February 9, 1982)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met February 9, 1982, at the home of the moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, for the purpose of planning the program for Victory Mission to become a church.

The moderator called the meeting to order with all members present. Mrs. Dola Dudley, assistant secretary, prayed the opening prayer.

The moderator read a letter from the mission pastor, the Rev. Charles N. Parrish, requesting action of the Executive Committee and suggesting a tentative date, February 21, 1982, for the special service.

A motion was made by H. T. Hinson to accept the request of the pastor and membership of the mission to plan a program for the purpose of organizing the mission into a church and that the date be set for February 21, 1982, at 6:30 p.m. at the mission. The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. A. Martin and was carried unanimously by the Committee.

The Committee proceeded with planning the program with the moderator to preside and present the responsibilities to the church officers. The Rev. Ray Wells, chairman of the Home Missions Board, would present the subject, "The Bible—The Word of God"; Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the religion department at Mount Olive College, the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government*; and the Rev. W. A. Martin, the Church Covenant. The program would be concluded with the Executive Committee extending the Right Hand of Fellowship to the chartered members of the new church. The Rev. W. F. Tew would pray the prayer of benediction and dedication.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Hinson to adjourn. The closing prayer was by the Rev. W. A. Martin.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(July 1, 1982)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met July 1, 1982, at the home of the moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, for the purpose of planning the program for Catalpa Mission becoming a church.

The moderator called the meeting to order with four members present. The Rev. Alton Howard, pastor of the Catalpa Mission, was welcomed by the moderator. The Rev. W. A. Martin prayed the opening prayer.

The moderator stated that the mission pastor had made the request by telephone on behalf of the membership that the Executive Committee proceed with planning the service in which the mission would become a church.

The committee unanimously consented to the request and proceeded with planning the program to be held July 12, 1982, at 8 p.m., with the moderator to preside and to present the responsibilities to the church officers. The Rev. Charles Crisp, Home Missions Director, would present the topic, "The Bible—The Word of God"; Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the religion department at Mount Olive College, the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government*; and the Conference treasurer, H. T. Hinson, the Church Covenant, The Rev. Taylor Hill would give the Prayer of Consecration, and the program would conclude with the Executive Committee extending the Right Hand of Fellowship to the chartered members of the new church. Dean Kennedy would pray the prayer of benediction and dedication.

By motion, the meeting adjourned and the moderator prayed the prayer of benediction.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(September 28, 1982)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met September 28, 1982, at the home of the moderator.

Opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Wood.

A motion was made and seconded and carried that the secretary make contact with the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation regarding shipping charges for the 1981 *Yearbooks*.

Following a recommendation of the treasurer, the Rev. W. A. Martin moved that \$500 be transferred from the Educational and Missions Funds to the Administrative Fund. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously by the board.

The Rev. Philip Wood requested that a letter be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press in support of the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore.

The program for the 128th session of the Conference to be held November 4, 1982, at Lee's Chapel Church was prepared. Temporary committees for the Conference were discussed.

The meeting adjourned with closing prayer by the Rev. W. A. Martin.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(January 4, 1983)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met January 4, 1983, at the home of the secretary.

The Conference moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, called the meeting to order.

The Rev. Dewey Boling prayed the opening prayer.

Following a review of the proceedings of the 128th session of the Conference prepared by the secretary, Mr. H. T. Hinson moved that the minutes be approved and that information for printing of the *Yearbook* be forwarded to the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation for printing. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Hinson moved that 120 copies of the *Yearbook* be ordered for the Conference with three to be obtained for each church and mission for the property of the church pastor, church clerk, and chairman of the board of deacons. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the moderator praying the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*  
Mrs. Ray G. Smith, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 23, 1981)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order, at Smithfield, First Church, at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. C. M. Coats gave the invocation.

Present were the Revs. Felton Godwin, C. M. Coats, Foy Futrelle, Rayford Lee, and Leonard Woodall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Ronnie Mohn came before the Council to notify it that he had been called to pastor Powhatan Church. It was moved that he be received into the Conference to pastor. Motion adopted.

The Rev. Tony McLamb came before the Council to notify it that he had been called to pastor Daly's Chapel Church. It was moved that he be received into the Conference to pastor. Motion adopted.

The Rev. Elmer Thompson came before the Council to explain his absence from the Conference in session. It was moved to receive Mr. Thompson's explanation. Motion adopted.

Mr. Earl Johnson came before the Council and notified it that he had been called to pastor the West Clinton Church. Since Mr. Johnston had already taken and made a satisfactory score on the ordination exam, it was moved that Mr. Johnson be ordained at Johnston Union Church on Sunday evening, January 31, 1982, and that the Rev. Mike Scott plan the ordination service. Motion adopted.

There being no other business, it was moved to adjourn. Motion adopted.

The Rev. Foy Futrelle gave the closing prayer.

Note:

On December 7, 1981, the secretary received a letter from the West Clinton Church stating that the Church had called Mr. Earl Johnson to be its pastor.

In January, 1982, the secretary received a letter of ministerial membership transfer from the Central Conference transferring the Rev. Bryant Hines's ministerial membership to the Cape Fear Conference.

(January 25, 1982)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order at Smithfield, First Church, at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Mike Scott prayed the invocation.

Present were the Revs. Felton Godwin, Foy Futrelle, Mike Scott, Rayford Lee, and Leonard Woodall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Godwin gave each member of the Council an order of the ordination service for Mr. Earl Johnson at Johnston Union Church, scheduled for Sunday evening, January 31, 1982.

It was moved that the Rev. W. F. Tew be received into the Cape Fear Conference as a minister if he could show proper credentials from the Rockfish Conference. Motion adopted.

Mr. David DeHart was given the written and oral ordination exams and made satisfactory scores on both. It was moved that he be ordained. Motion adopted.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer met with the Council to plan Mr. DeHart's ordination. Plans were made to ordain Mr. DeHart at Tee's Chapel Church on Sunday evening, April 4, 1982.

There being no other business, it was moved to adjourn. Motion adopted.

Mr. David DeHart gave the closing prayer.

Note:

The Cape Fear Conference Ordaining Council met at Johnston Union Church on Sunday evening, January 31, 1982, and ordained the Rev. Earl Johnson into the gospel ministry.

The secretary received a letter from the clerk of Smyrna Church on March 17, 1982, stating that the church had renewed Mr. Cecil's Blackmon's license to preach.

(May 24, 1982)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order, at Smithfield, First Church, at 1:15 p.m.

The Rev. Rayford Lee gave the invocation.

Present were the Revs. Felton Godwin, C. M. Coats, Foy Futrelle, and Leonard Woodall. Mr. Scott served as an alternate for the Rev. C. M. Coats.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Ted Bryant came before the Council to notify it that he had been called to pastor Pleasant Grove Church. It was moved to receive Mr. Bryant into the Conference to pastor. He also requested the secretary to get his ministerial membership transferred from the Western Conference to the Cape Fear Conference. That transfer has been completed. Motion seconded and adopted.

The Rev. Rayford Lee called in and notified the Council that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Robert Haun came before the Council for an interview about his call to preach and how to go about being licensed to preach. Mr. Haun was informed that he would need to become a member of a church rather than a mission to be licensed.

Mr. Haun was advised to counsel with the Rev. Charles Parrish, pastor of Victory Church, about membership with the church and Victory Church licensing him.

There being no other business, it was moved to adjourn. Motion adopted.

Note:

Since the above meeting, Mr. Robert Haun has joined Victory Church and has been licensed by the Church to preach.

The Conference Ordaining Council met on Sunday evening, April 4, 1982, and ordained the Rev. David DeHart. The service was held at Tee's Chapel Church.

(August 29, 1982)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order, at Smithfield, First Church, at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Leonard Woodall gave the invocation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Charles Parrish and the Rev. W. F. Tew met with the Ordaining Council to explain the loss of the Rev. W. F. Tew's ministerial credentials and to ask that the Rev. Tew be received from the Rockfish Conference. After the Council interviewed both gentlemen, it was moved and adopted to present the Rev. Tew an ordination certificate

based on the statements they had given to the Council. The certificate is to be presented at the ministers' meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Monday, October 25.

Mr. Dean Kennedy met with the Council and asked to take the ordination exam and, if he made a satisfactory score, to be ordained as a home missionary with the Home Missions Board of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Mr. Kennedy was informed that if he passed the ordination exam, the Council could not ordain him without special permission of the Conference. The Council moved to examine Mr. Kennedy on Monday, October 25. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Wayne Pauley, a member of the Goldsboro Church, came before the Council for an interview concerning his call to preach and how to be licensed. After the Council interviewed Mr. Pauley, it was moved that the secretary notify the Goldsboro Church to license Mr. Pauley. Motion adopted. The Council was very impressed with Mr. Pauley as a candidate for the ministry.

The Rev. Jerry Allen met with the Council to request ministerial membership with the Conference. It was moved to receive Mr. Allen and for the secretary to make the transfer from the Western Conference to the Cape Fear Conference. Motion adopted. The transfer has been made.

The Rev. W. S. Burns met with the Council to be received into the Conference to pastor. It was moved to receive him. Motion adopted.

The Rev. Tony McLamb notified the Council that he wished for his ministerial membership to be transferred from the Western Conference to the Cape Fear Conference. It was moved that the secretary make the transfer. The transfer has been made.

There being no other business, it was moved to adjourn. Motion adopted.

The Rev. W. S. Burns prayed the closing prayer.

(October 25, 1982)

Chairman C. Felton Godwin called the meeting to order, at Smithfield, First Church, at 1:30 p.m.

Present were the Revs. C. Felton Godwin, Foy Futrelle, Mike Scott, alternate for C. M. Coats; and Phillip Wood, alternate for Leonard Woodall.

The Rev. Phillip Wood prayed the invocation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Foy Futrelle raised the question as to whether the secretary had sent the letter to the Goldsboro Church notifying the



Church that it had the permission from the Ordaining Council to license Mr. Wayne Pauley to preach. It was decided that the letter had been sent. It had.

Chairman Godwin presented a note from the Rev. Charles Parrish requesting his ministerial membership be transferred from the Cape Fear Conference to the Albemarle Conference. The transfer had been made.

The Rev. W. F. Tew was to receive his ordination certificate at the Union Meeting Saturday, October 30, 1982.

After Mr. Dean Kennedy's taking two ordination exams and making a satisfactory score on both the written and oral exams, it was moved and seconded to ask the Conference for the permission to ordain Mr. Kennedy as a missionary for the Home Missions Board of the State Convention of North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Churches, if the Conference permitted.

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion adopted.

Mr. Dean Kennedy prayed the benediction.

#### RESOLUTION OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

(at Cape Fear Conference Session, November 4, 1982)

Before the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference can ordain Mr. Dean Kennedy, the Conference needs to adopt the following resolution while it is in session today:

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean Kennedy has taken and made satisfactory scores on both the oral and written exams of Ordaining Council; and,

WHEREAS, Bylaw 3 of the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference, paraphrased, says that the Ordaining Council cannot ordain a candidate for the ministry, if he has passed the exams, until a church requests with a written statement that it wishes the Council to ordain a specific candidate for its pastor;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Cape Fear Conference in its 1982 session permit the Ordaining Council of the Conference to dispense with Bylaw 3 of the Council just to ordain Mr. Dean Kennedy as a home missionary and pastor to work with/for the Home Missions Board of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

Brother Moderator, I move the adoption of this resolution.

L. B. Woodall Jr.  
*Secretary of Council*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 104th session of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, October 9, 1982. The Rev. Philip Wood, president, opened the Convention with the congregation singing "Jesus Loves Me." Mr. Wood welcomed everyone attending the Convention and also remarked on the Theme—REACH AND TEACH—as Jesus gave His disciples the "Great Commission" to go and teach. He also commented on the relationship between Christian maturity and numbers.

The following committees were appointed:

*Resolutions:* Mr. Milton Wiggs, Chairman; the Rev. Ted Bryant, the Rev. T. C. Farmer.

*Finance:* Mr. Steve Beasley, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Warrick, Mr. Nelson Stewart.

On behalf of the Smithfield Church, Mrs. Pat Wall extended a welcome to everyone. Mrs. Ruth Warrick of the Johnston Union Church gave the response.

The Rev. Philip Wood brought the devotion. He read Scripture from Acts 1:8 on going into the nations witnessing.

The offering was received in the amount of \$33. The Rev. T. C. Farmer gave the offertory prayer.

President Wood then called the business session to order. The secretary read the minutes of the 1981 meeting. They were approved as read. The roll was called with ten (10) churches present and three (3) representing by letter. (Two reports were received from churches after the Convention.) Of the churches reporting at the time of the Convention, there were not any that had an increase in their attendance over the previous year. However, Robert's Grove, that reported late, did have an increase. The church with the most in attendance at the Convention was Pleasant Grove. Plaques are to be presented later so that names can be added to them.

The President then recognized the teachers and superintendents present at the Convention. There were ten (10) superintendents or assistants present.

The treasurer's report was given, with a balance of \$304.57 at the beginning of the Convention. With registrations from churches, offering and the disbursements for this Convention, the new balance was \$455.85.

Mr. Milton Wiggs brought greetings and reports of the workshops from the State Sunday School Convention.

There was not any old business.

**New Business:** The Rev. T. C. Farmer reported on the closing of the Smithfield Bookstore. He stated that at this time it would not close; instead, it would move into a new location and that requests for help in the renovation were being asked in the amount of \$100 per church or any donations. A plaque with the names of individuals and churches who help will be on display in the bookstore.

After some discussion, the motion was made and passed that the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention give \$100 to the bookstore renovation project.

There being no further business, a short intermission was called.

After re-convening, Mr. Wood announced that there would be a meeting of superintendents, teachers and pastors, and other interested persons, on January 10, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. at Smithfield, First Church, to seek means of helping our Sunday schools grow in the coming year.

Special singing was presented by the Capps Family. They sang, "Tell 'em Again" and "Give Them All."

The Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez brought a very inspirational message concerning the role that home life should take in the training program of a Sunday school. He also stressed that Sunday schools have the responsibility of being a "nurturing" Sunday school and that the teaching program should not compromise the Scriptures.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that all of our Cape Fear Conference Sunday schools be encouraged to support the Free Will Baptist Press and the Bible and Bookstores operated by the Press;
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that this Cape Fear Sunday School Convention encourage each superintendent of our Sunday schools to set an attendance goal and to work to accomplish this goal;
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that this Cape Fear Conference Sunday School Convention adopt the 1981 resolutions for another year; those resolutions are:
  - a. BE IT RESOLVED, that all of our Cape Fear Conference Sunday schools be encouraged to attend and to support the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention and that our superintendents and ministers be encouraged to attend the ministers' and superintendents' banquet;
  - b. BE IT RESOLVED that the work, history and the importance of the Sunday school be kept before our people in the form of announcements, bulletin inserts and special presentations;

- c. BE IT RESOLVED, that the importance of being on time for Sunday school be stressed for our members;
- d. BE IT RESOLVED that the practice of leaving Sunday school and not attending morning worship services be discouraged among Sunday school members, and especially among teachers and officers, and that the total Convention training program be stressed;
- e. BE IT RESOLVED, that a full report of this Convention be presented by the delegates to their churches;
- f. BE IT RESOLVED, that a report of this Convention be compiled for the *Yearbook*.

Mr. Milton Wiggs read the resolutions and moved that they be accepted. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to give the Smithfield, First Church, a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Convention. Motion passed, everyone responded by standing.

A motion was made by the Rev. Ted Bryant that a copy of the minutes be sent to the superintendents and pastors of the Cape Fear churches. Motion was seconded and passed.

Tee's Chapel Church volunteered to host the Convention next year if no one else desired. (Shady Grove Church indicated that they would like to host it if the date was changed; motion on this matter did not pass.)

Motion to adjourn was passed. We were dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Wood, *President*  
Elaine Smith, *Secretary*

#### CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

The Cape Fear Missions Board met as often as it deemed necessary to carry on its work during the past Conference year.

We met with the Executive Board of the Conference in order to define our purpose as a board. Once our boundaries were defined, Brother Alton Howard, chairman, encouraged all members to be on the lookout for areas that we as a board could become involved in.

It was decided by the proper motion to extend support to the Eastwood Mission in Fayetteville through the Home Missions Department as follows: \$75 per month for one year, \$50 per month for one year and \$25 per month for one year.

The board requests the prayers of the Conference membership as we strive together to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alton Howard, *Chairman*  
Mike Scott, *Secretary*

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxilliary held two meetings in 1982. The spring meeting convened April 14, 1982, at Casey's Chapel Church, and the fall meeting convened October 13, 1982, at Catalpa.

During the past year, we have supported each phase of the denominational work and have met our quota for each project.

We sponsor the Youth Fellowship. They meet the first Saturday night in each month. The meetings are very well attended.

Two study courses have been held during the year at the Smithfield, First Church.

We have six A-1 Auxiliaries.

Our life membership award went to Mrs. Helen Coats this year. Mrs. Coats is a very deserving member of St. Mary's Grove Church.

Pray for our youth and us as an Auxilliary that we will work for the glory of God and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Sadie Daughtry, *Secretary*

**CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met regularly during the year on the Mondays before the fifth Sundays in the fellowship hall of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. There was an average attendance of 16 ministers attending.

During the year, we heard from Brother Walter Reynolds concerning the work of Superannuation, from Brother David Charles Hansley regarding the work and operation of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, from Brother Floyd Cherry concerning the operation of the Carolina Bible Institute, from Brother Howard Cayton regarding the work of the Children's Home, and and also met with a representative of The American Cancer Society.

A Valentine banquet, which has become an annual function, was held at Holt's Lake BBQ and Seafood Restaurant in Smithfield on February 11. This was well attended by our ministers and their wives. Brother Harold Jones, director of our Foreign Missions program, and Brother Charles Barnard, our newest missionary to the Philippines and their wives, were our guests. The missionaries presented a most interesting program.

All ministers are encouraged to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. C. Farmer, *President*  
Mike Scott, *Secretary*

## Note:

The following recommendation was made to the Conference by the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference:

We, the Cape Fear Ministers Conference, recommend that the clerk be responsible for securing information and prepare a written obituary (appropriate biographical sketch) and that copies of this obituary be sent to Mount Olive College to be included in its historical collection, to *The Free Will Baptist*, to the deceased minister's family, and to be retained as a part of the Cape Fear Conference minutes.

The request was accepted during the Conference setting.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met January 30, 1982, and decided to sponsor a Sunday school workshop at Smithfield, First Church. This was a series of four meetings, one each week during April. These workshops are one of the requirements for the certification of Sunday school teachers. We, the Board members, highly recommend these workshops and the teacher certification program. For more information about this program see one of the board members or contact Mr. Frank Harrison, director of the Paul Palmer Institute at Mount Olive College.

On August 28, 1982, we met at Hopewell Church for the purpose of examining applications and selecting one to receive a \$300 scholarship. Miss Glinda JoAnne Mitchell of Route 2, Box 222-B, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, was awarded the scholarship. Miss Mitchell is an active member of Tee's Chapel Church.

There was not any money available this year for Student loans.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Nelson Stewart, *Chairman*  
Mrs. Ruth Warrick  
Jeff Scarborough  
J. B. Caton  
Milton Wiggs

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that since our Church Covenant tells us in the second paragraph, "to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity of the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages—and since this is advertised on TV, which is a bad influence not only on young people, but on older ones as well, for this reason let us the Cape Fear Conference go on record as being opposed to this type of advertisement.

LET IT BE ALSO RESOLVED, since according to David Friedman, executive director of the Adult Film Association, Los Angeles,

California, our State of North Carolina has more x-rated theaters and adult bookstores per capita than any other state, for this reason, let us the Cape Fear Conference go on record as being opposed to both.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that as God's Word teaches us, and Jesus said: "Then Jesus said unto them yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light lest darkness come upon you. For he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." Let us as Christians and as God's chosen people truly abide in Christ's teachings.

Luby C. Tyner, *Chairman*  
Ted Bryant  
Alton Howard

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, respectfully submit the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Cape Fear Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the membership of Lee's Chapel Church for their hospitality and generosity during this 1982 session of the Cape Fear Conference.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference extend a heartfelt vote of thanks to the outgoing officers of this Conference.

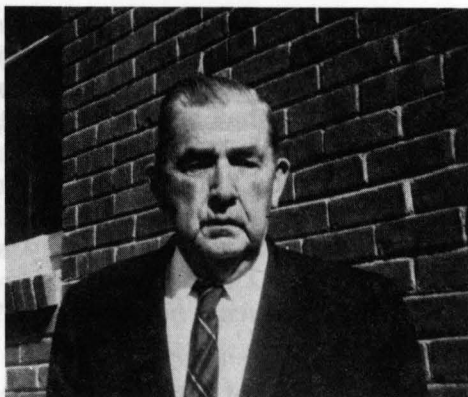
BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cape Fear Conference, give a rising vote of thanks in support of the work of the Rev. David Charles Hansley as out-going director of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, and that we go on record as supporting the Board's recent decision to keep the Smithfield Bookstore open.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to *The Free Will Baptist* for publication.

C. Bryant Hines, *Chairman*  
C. M. Coats  
Leo Bass

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

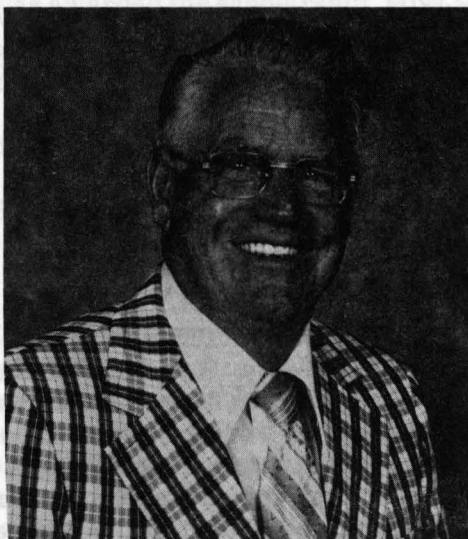
On February 25, 1982, the Rev. Herman Wooten, 89, of Garner, North Carolina, was called from this life to be with his Lord. The Lord blessed the efforts of this soldier very greatly in his early ministry in using him to touch the hearts of many unsaved people by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Wooten conducted many revivals, and as a result of being used greatly by the Lord, was able to organize six churches and helped build two churches. I never knew this old soldier of the Cross until I began my ministry at the Palmer Memorial Church



on March 15, 1981. In my visits to the home and the rest home, he was always concerned about the number of people who were going to Hell because the gospel was not being preached and believed in all of its power with the coming of the Lord so near at hand. As we memorialize these old soldiers of the Cross who have gone on to be with the Lord today, may each of us whom the Lord has called to the ministry and entrusted with its power determine to try harder to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ while we have time and opportunity.

Dewey C. Boling

*Member of the Obituary Committee*



Brother J. Walter Stanley was a man who possessed a great love for God, the church and his fellowman. He was born on December 15,



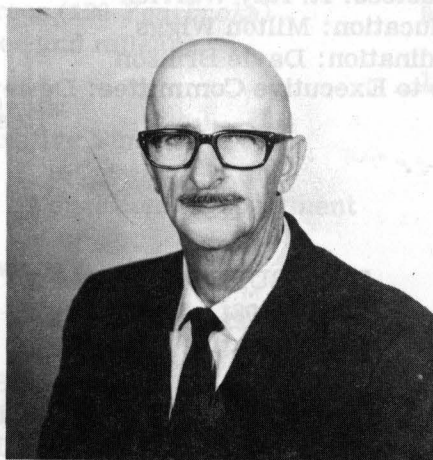
1910, and died August 2, 1982, at the age of 71. He was married for 51 years to the former Mozelle Lee of Four Oaks.

Brother Stanley preached the Word of God for 35 years, pastoring in the Western and Cape Fear Conferences. He was licensed in 1942 at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. During his ministry, he pastored the following churches: Spring Hill, Yelverton Grove, Steven's Chapel, Corinth, West Clinton and Daly's Chapel.

He was instrumental in the founding of Faith Free Will Baptist Church and served as its pastor for 12 years.

Mike Scott

*Member of the Obituary Committee*



The Rev. J. E. Timmons was born in 1924. He grew up in a bilingual home. This was excellent training for the time when the Lord called him to serve the Mexican people. Brother Timmons began his work with the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions in 1963. He served faithfully until his death on December 16, 1981. He will be missed, but the work he so dearly loved will continue.

Harold Jones

*Foreign Missions Director*

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

Ordained ministers present	28
Licensed ministers present	3
Visiting ministers present	10
Delegates present	39
Visitors present	22

Ministers absent due to sickness

6

Ministers represented by letter

2

Officers present

100%

Philip Wood, *Chairman*

Billy R. Nowell

Mike Scott

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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

Board of Missions: T. C. Farmer

Board of Trustees: R. Ray Warrick

Board of Education: Milton Wiggs

Board of Ordination: Davle Brinson

Member at large to Executive Committee: Dewey Boling

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Scarborough

J. Rayford Lee

Milton Wiggs

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

(July 1, 1981—June 30, 1982)

Administrative Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1981

\$ 12.32

***Receipts***

50% Union funds at Bethel

\$ 152.40

50% Conference funds at Casey's Chapel

399.73

50% Union funds at Daly's Chapel

140.21

50% Union funds at Catalpa

165.80

50% Union funds at Faith

161.82

Interest from checking account

171.76

Interest from savings account

467.70

Total Receipts

\$1,659.42

Total for which to account

\$1,671.74

***Disbursements***

Dola Dudley—76 miles

\$ 15.20

H. T. Hinson—30 miles

6.00

Postage

8.48

C. J. Hanna Associates (treasurer's bond)

25.00

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H. T. Hinson—19 miles	3.80	
Ayden Bookstore	1.44	
H. T. Hinson—80 miles	16.00	
Christian Action League	100.00	
Free Will Baptist Press (name tags)	6.49	
Helen Smith (secretarial services)	150.00	
Mount Olive College (book in memory J. E. Timmons)	10.00	
H. T. Hinson (treasurer's allowance)	125.00	
Dola Dudley—104 miles	20.80	
H. T. Hinson—70 miles	14.00	
Free Will Baptist Press (120 Yearbooks)	928.45	
Helen Smith (supplies and mileage, phone, etc.)	<u>118.10</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,598.76</u>
Balance in Administrative Fund as of June 30, 1982		\$ 72.98

## Educational Department

Balance brought forward \$3,038.61

*Receipts*

20% Union Fund at Bethel	\$ 60.95	
20% Conference funds at Casey's Chapel	159.89	
20% Union funds at Daly's Chapel	56.08	
20% Union funds at Catalpa	66.32	
20% Union funds at Faith	<u>64.73</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 409.97</u>
Total for which to account		<u>\$3,448.58</u>

*Disbursements*

Oliver Godwin, scholarship	\$ 300.00	
Mount Olive College, Teacher workshop	125.00	
Free Will Baptist Press, 2 Bibles	<u>69.90</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 494.90</u>
Total for which to account		<u>\$2,951.68</u>

## Missions Department

Balance brought forward \$3,364.24

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*Receipts*

20% Union funds at Bethel	\$ 18.28	
20% Union funds at Daly's Chapel	15.99	
20% Union funds at Catalpa	19.91	
20% Union funds at Faith	19.43	
20% Conference funds at Casey's Chapel	<u>47.97</u>	
Total receipts		\$ 121.58
Total for which to account		<u>\$3,485.82</u>

*Disbursements*

The Rev. Herman Wooten, love gift	\$ 25.00	
The Rev. W. O. Lassiter, services at Eastover	25.00	
The Rev. Eddie Painter, services at Eastover	<u>125.00</u>	
Total disbursements		\$ 175.00
Total for which to account		<u>\$3,310.82</u>

*Summary*

Total balances in all departments as of

June 30, 1982:

Administrative Fund	\$ 72.98
Educational Fund	2,951.68
Missions Fund	3,310.82
Student Loan Fund	<u>140.66</u>
Total for which to account	<u>\$6,476.14</u>

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 ses-

sion, 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**

*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	YFA	AFC	WA	LL	Scouts	CA	League		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprises	Grand Total
<b>ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE</b>													
Belhaven	20												
Cape Colony	52										6,935	420	7,355
Corinth	20	24			12						771	553	1,324
Free Union	290	139	15	12	24					300,000	43,780	1,372	45,152
Gum Neck	36									40,000	3,920	395	4,315
Hickory Chapel	288	131		10	25				14	365,000	30,473	7,108	37,581
Malachi's Chapel	154	73									6,457	2,670	9,127
Mount Tabor	54	77	6	8	25			6		150,000	16,795	3,859	20,654
Mount Zion	87	38							15	30,000	11,661	3,800	15,461
Piney Grove	27	31							13	35,000	1,152	273	1,425
Plymouth, First	64	55	5		14			4		150,000	5,600	780	6,380
Shiloh	252	120	10	25	24	14		10		150,000	37,811	2,400	40,211
Sidney	147	74	10	6	18	15				200,000	33,578	3,210	36,788
Sound Side	205	150		18	20				26		15,062	3,179	18,241
St. Paul	138	70			26	8				100,000	29,742	3,268	33,010
Trinity	45	30			12				18	55,000	5,306	2,293	7,599
Union Chapel	159	113			15	6			23	65,000	25,200	4,223	29,423
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,640,000</b>	<b>274,243</b>	<b>39,803</b>	<b>314,046</b>
<b>CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE</b>													
Bethel	144	90		10	15	8				223,000	12,586	3,265	15,851
Casey's Chapel	144	94			14					135,000	22,440	2,295	24,735
Catalpa	150	55	16		18			8		125,000	8,249	841	9,090
Daly's Chapel	53	48			10					35,000	6,805	600	7,405

Eastover Mission													
Eastwood													
Faith	81	52	12							195,000	5,480	1,080	6,560
Goldsboro, First	255	135	9	8	62			10	31	300,000	70,357	5,771	76,128
Haymount	38	48			11	10				70,000	23,712	2,871	26,583
Hopewell	283	180	16	10	73	18		18	23	282,240	47,574	6,208	53,782
Johnston Union	277	156	8	10	23			6		200,000	25,902	5,681	31,583
Lanwood Chapel	16	27			6					35,000	2,108	415	2,523
Lee's Chapel	270	190	16	32	52					130,000	38,028	9,508	47,536
Mount Olive	10										10	1,581	1,591
Oak Grove	146	125			30					75,000	11,529	4,236	15,765
Palmer Memorial	171	102	19	10	24	10		5		350,000	62,799	5,502	68,301
Pleasant Grove	206	157	18	20	31			15			34,207	2,250	36,457
Powhatan	222	124	2		16					100,000	24,675	1,969	26,644
Riverside	64	70			15					100,000	13,194	2,780	15,974
Robert's Grove	214	168	21	14	34	42		8		300,000	35,408	4,165	39,573
Saint Mary's Grove	217	155	12	10	39					130,000	34,720	2,269	36,989
Saint Paul	150	107			29					200,000	200	3,068	3,268
Shady Grove	331	126	25	15	20			10		350,000	41,538	11,264	52,802
Smithfield, First	143	82	6		21					125,000	22,905	3,518	26,423
Smyrna	138	108			10							700	700
Steven's Chapel	129	75											
Tee's Chapel	250	158	11	15	16			16		250,000	32,732	3,055	35,787
Victory Mission	72	93	8	12	5	8				54,000	3,717	1,240	4,957
West Clinton	42	36			8						3,506	658	4,164
Wooten's Chapel	128	23			9							1,082	1,082
Yelverton Grove	144	95	23		12					85,000	11,820	1,885	13,705
Totals	4,488	2,879	240	166	603	86		96	54	3,849,240	596,201	89,757	685,958
CENTRAL CONFERENCE													
Aspen Grove	177	170			26	15			25	100,000	17,646	5,073	22,719
Ayden	163	83	5	4	35	16		4		265,000	25,874	2,726	28,600
Bethany	131	75	8	12	27					265,000	39,803	5,639	45,442