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MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH SESSION
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA
Held at
Tee's Chapel Church
Smithfield, North Carolina
November 1, 1984

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Grace Barbour, 1989; Peyton Lee, 1988; Milton Wiggs, 1987; Ruth Warrick, 1986; Jeff Scarborough, 1985

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C. M. Coats, 1989; Dewey C. Boling, 1988; Davie Brinson, 1987; Foy C. Futrelle, 1986; L. B. Woodall, 1985

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* P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-thirtieth session of the Cape Fear Conference convened with Tee's Chapel Church on November 1, 1984.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by Johnny Woodall, who served as music director for the day.

The opening prayer and Scripture were given by the Rev. Danny Braswell.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer, host pastor, welcomed everyone to Tee's Chapel, and the Rev. Felton Godwin responded.

The session was called to order by the moderator, and the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedures adopted by the Conference at the one hundred and fourteenth session 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 roll of officers and standing boards was called as follows:

Executive Committee: C. Felton Godwin, H. T. Hinson, Dola Dudley, Helen Smith and Frank Ray Harrison.

Board of Trustees: Ray G. Smith, R. Ray Warrick, Luby Tyner, Raymond Godwin and Paul Lassiter.

Board of Education: Peyton Lee, Milton Wiggs, Ruth Warrick, Jeff Scarborough and J. B. Caton.

Board of Missions: Dean Kennedy, T. C. Farmer, Alton Howard, Ted Bryant and Leo Bass.

Board of Ordination: Dewey Boling, Davie Brinson, Foy Futrelle, John R. Lee and C. M. Coats.

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

The following visiting ministers were present: The Rev. Gary M. Bailey, president of the State Convention; the Rev. Bobby Taylor, Free Will Baptist Children's Home; the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, Retirement Homes; the Rev. Charles Barnard, former missionary to the Philippines; and the Rev. Bobby Futrell, Western Conference.

The roll call of churches showed the following represented: Bethel, Casey's Chapel, Catalpa, Daly's Chapel, Faith, Goldsboro, Haymount, 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, Victory, West Clinton, Wooten's Chapel and Yelverton Grove.

The moderator addressed the conference extending greetings to the visitors and challenging those present to work together in love to further the cause of Christ. He said, "Unity comes through love."

The following temporary committees were appointed:

Temperance Committee: Dean Kennedy, C. M. Coats and Hubert Stanley.

Resolutions Committee: L. B. Woodall, W. A. Martin and Billy Nowell.

Obituary Committee: Davie Brinson, Earl Johnson and Alton Howard.

Credentials Committee: Jeff Scarborough, Kenneth Littleton and Cecil Blackman.

Nominating Committee: Frank R. Harrison, Ed Miles and Leo Bass.

The following denominational enterprises were represented, and reports were received as information:

Mount Olive College, by Dr. W. Burkette Raper
Children's Home, by the Rev. Bobby Taylor
State Convention, by the Rev. Gary Bailey
Home Missions, by the Rev. Dean Kennedy
Foreign Missions, by the Rev. Charles Barnard
Retirement Homes, by the Rev. Walter J. Sutton
State League Convention, by Mrs. Margaret Ard
The body was dismissed for a short recess.

The Conference reassembled with the singing of "He Keeps Me Singing." Following the worship offering and offertory prayer by the Rev. Ed Taylor, the host church provided special music.

The moderator declared a time of special prayer in behalf of those who were sick and had special needs. The Rev. L. B. Woodall led in prayer.

The moderator presented the Rev. Ed Miles, who brought the morning message, using Scripture from the Gospel according to John 13:34-35 on the subject, "Love."

Following the worship service, the Rev. T. C. Farmer, host pastor, invited everyone to lunch in the fellowship hall. He prayed the benediction and table blessing.

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "All Hail the Power."

Scripture and prayer were given by the Rev. Cecil Blackman.

The moderator called for reports from standing committees.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved. (See Reports.)

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by Davie Brinson and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Cape Fear Missions Board was given by Ted Bryant and adopted. (See Reports.)

A motion was made and carried that the Cape Fear Conference ask the Cape Fear Missions Board to suggest to the State Home Missions Board a meeting with all Conference Missions Boards to consider guidelines for establishing and promoting new churches.

A motion was made and carried to ask the churches of the Cape Fear Conference to receive a monthly love offering for Cape Fear missions work.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by Sadie Daughtry. The report was received as information and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The report of the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference was given by Ted Bryant and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Board of Education was given by Ruth Warrick and adopted. (See Reports.)

The moderator called for reports from the appointed temporary committees.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Dean Kennedy and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Leonard B. Woodall and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Davie Brinson and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Jeff Scarborough and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Frank Harrison and adopted. (See Reports.)

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

Motion carried to adjourn and any unfinished business be left to the Executive Committee.

The closing prayer was by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*
Dola Dudley, *Secretary*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(May 29, 1984)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met May 29, 1984, at the home of the Rev. C. Felton Godwin.

Mr. Godwin, Conference moderator, called the meeting to order. Prayer was by the Rev. Frank Harrison.

The Rev. Alton C. Howard was recognized by the moderator. Mr. Howard asked for the endorsement of the committee to form a new conference which would include the Free Will Baptist churches in the Fayetteville area and some in the old Rock Fish Conference. He stated there are churches in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida who have indicated interest in becoming members of a new conference and affiliating with the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

After discussing Mr. Howard's request a motion was made by the Rev. Frank Harrison and seconded by Harvey Hinson that the Rev. Gary Bailey, president of the State Convention, and the Rev. Charles Crisp, director of State Home Missions, be invited to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the possibility of organizing a new conference.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

(June 12, 1984)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met June 12, 1984.

The Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, called the meeting to order and the Rev. Charles Crisp led in prayer.

The moderator recognized the Rev. Scott Sowers, representative from the State Convention; the Rev. Charles Crisp, director of State Home Missions; and the Rev. Alton Howard, pastor of Catalpa Church.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the request made by the Rev. Alton Howard in a previous meeting regarding the forming of a new conference.

The Executive Committee advised Mr. Howard to follow guidelines as set forth in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government* if the churches in the Fayetteville area desired to further pursue this matter.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by the Rev. Scott Sowers.

(September 24, 1984)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met September 24, 1984, for the purpose of planning the program for the 1984 session of the Conference to be held at Tee's Chapel Church on November 1, 1984.

The moderator asked for recommendations for temporary committees to serve at this session.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by H. T. Hinson.

C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*
Dola Dudley, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(October 24, 1983)

The Rev. C. M. Coats called the meeting to order at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore Conference Room at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Dewey Boling led in prayer.

The secretary, the Rev. Davie Brinson, read the minutes of the two previous meetings. They were approved as read.

The following ministers were excused for being absent from the 1983 session of the Cape Fear Conference: The Revs. William Barrow, Alton Bennett, Wilson Dowdy, Dean Kennedy, W. O. Lassiter, John Rayford Lee, Al Markuson, Edward Painter, Wilson Parker and W. J. Tyner.

The following ministers were dropped from the roll of ordained ministers of the Conference: The Revs. Roger Heath and Robert David Jones.

The following ministers were transferred by letter from the Cape Fear Conference: The Revs. David Hill (Central), Mark Hobbs (Central), Dave DeHart (Western) and Arnold Price (Western).

The Rev. Danny Braswell was transferred by letter from the Central Conference into the Cape Fear Conference.

A letter was read from Yelverton Grove Church requesting the examination of Kenneth Littleton for ordination. The request was granted, and the candidate was examined by the board and approved for ordination.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Davie Brinson.

(January 23, 1984)

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. M. Coats, chairman, at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Davie Brinson led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Henry Darrell Robbins Jr. of Tee's Chapel Church was approved for a minister's license.

Final plans were made for the ordination of Kenneth Littleton. The service will be held at Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday evening, February 26, 1984, at 7 p.m. Each council member was given a part in the service.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle.

(February 26, 1984)

The Ordaining Council met at 7 p.m. at the Yelverton Grove Church and ordained Kenneth Littleton into the gospel ministry.

(April 23, 1984)

The Rev. C. M. Coats, chairman, opened the meeting with prayer at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Davie Brinson, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

Bobby Tew of Robert's Grove Church and Tony Reep of Catalpa Church were approved for minister's licenses. Mr. Reep was approved upon the condition that he continue his formal education. The motion was as follows: "Upon the promise of Tony Reep that he will continue his formal education, we hereby grant his church the approval to issue him a license for one year. At that time the Council will review his status to see how much progress he has made." Motion carried.

The Rev. Chris Markuson was approved to pastor a church in the Cape Fear Conference and was transferred by letter into the Conference.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 28, 1984, at Powhatan Church following the Cape Fear Union Meeting. The chairman instructed the secretary to make sure this change in place and meeting was properly announced through the *Free Will Baptist*.

The Rev. Jerry Allen closed the meeting with prayer.

(July 28, 1984)

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. M. Coats at Powhatan Church following the Cape Fear Union Meeting. The Rev. Dewey Boling led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Catalpa Church presenting Gary Patterson to be approved by the council to receive a minister's license from his church. The Board requested that Mr. Patterson complete a ministerial candidate profile and report back at the September meeting.

A letter was read from Community Church and the pastor, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, requesting information regarding the status of Joe Gerald. After discussing the matter the chairman instructed the secretary to send a letter to the church stating that Mr. Gerald is no longer a minister in good standing with the Cape Fear Conference.

Information was given regarding the State Convention Review Committee which is made up of members from each conference ordaining council that have reviewed a standard for ordination procedures.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. C. M. Coats.

(September 24, 1984)

The meeting was held at First Church in Smithfield at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. C. M. Coats, chairman, called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board recommended that the names of Theodore Wilkins and Robert Haun be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers.

Gary Patterson appeared before the Council and was approved to be licensed by Catalpa Church.

A report was given regarding the illness of a council member, the Rev. John Rayford Lee. Upon his request, due to his ill health, the Board made the following recommendation: That someone be elected at the 1984 session of the Cape Fear Conference to fill the unexpired term of Brother John Rayford Lee.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Davie Brinson.

REPORT OF THE CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

The Cape Fear Missions Board met November 11, 1983, at the Princeton Mission with 4 members present. The Rev. Ted Bryant led in prayer. The Rev. Alton Howard spoke to

those present on the subject "The Great Commission" in respect to their responsibility as a Board.

It was requested that a list of churches and their contributions to missions be listed in the Yearbook. (See below.)

A motion was made and carried to purchase a fan to repair the heater in the trailer at Princeton.

The Board offered their support in the fall revival that was announced for the Princeton Mission. On Friday night of the revival the Rev. Floyd Smith was officially named as missionary for the Princeton Mission. A motion was made and carried that the Rev. Smith be given a Christmas gift of \$50.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The Mission Board met at Henry's Restaurant in Newton Grove January 27, 1984, with all members present. The Rev. T. C. Farmer led in prayer. A short devotion from Romans 8:31-39 was given by the Rev. Alton Howard.

A motion was made and carried to inquire of the Rev. Charles Crisp regarding the status of Eastwood Church, that if it needs to become a mission church that we offer our assistance and start supporting it.

A motion was made and carried that if the State Home Missions Board would start a work in Wallace, North Carolina, the Cape Fear Missions Board would endorse and help sponsor the work.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

The Board met three other times during the year following Union Meetings. We discussed the progress of the Princeton Mission and looked at other areas that were brought to our attention in regards to establishing missions.

A motion was made and carried to purchase a suitable sign to set up outside the Princeton Mission. The Princeton Mission is now self-supporting with an average attendance of about 15 per Sunday. They are looking for a permanent site to locate. Please pray for this work and give all the financial support you can.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPE FEAR MISSIONS 1983-84

Catalpa	\$ 50.00
Faith	25.00
Haymount	1,300.00
Palmer Memorial	20.00
Powhatan	40.00
Robert's Grove	80.00
Riverside	100.00
Shady Grove	80.00
Tee's Chapel	777.59
Yelverton Grove	10.00
Union Meeting offering	142.05
C. M. Coats	30.00
J. B. Caton	20.00
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	\$2,674.64

Alton Howard, *Chairman*
T. C. Farmer
Dean Kennedy
Ted Bryant
Leo Bass

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention held two meetings in 1984. The spring convention was held at Hopewell Church on April 14, and the fall convention at Johnston Union on October 10.

We have supported all phases of our denominational work and have met our quota for each project.

Two district study courses have been taught at Yelverton Grove Church during the year.

The Life Membership Award was presented to Mrs. Sadie Daughtry this year. Mrs. Daughtry is a member of the Johnston Union Church.

The auxiliary convention sponsors the district youth rally. The meetings are held monthly. The youth also support all phases of our denominational work and have a special project for one enterprise each year.

Six auxiliaries reached A-1 status: Catalpa, Eastwood, Johnston Union, Palmer Memorial, Robert's Grove and Tee's Chapel.

We extend a special invitation to all our ministers to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held in April at Lee's Chapel Church.

Please pray for us and for our youth that we will work for the cause of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Barbour, *President*
Sadie Daughtry, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met regularly during the year on Monday before each fifth Sunday. The July meeting was cancelled due to the annual Ministers' Meeting at Cragmont.

This year our meetings have been held at First Church, Smithfield, due to the closing of the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore. There was an average attendance of 13 ministers attending the meetings.

The Ministers' Conference allows ministers to fellowship with one another and share spiritual truths and church growth in regards to their work. Programs are presented that are helpful in our local churches. This year the following have presented programs at our meetings: The Rev. Charles Crisp spoke on evangelism; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sauls spoke to us about eye and kidney donors, showing us how we may help others even after death; the Rev. Floyd Cherry reported on Carolina Bible Institute. He shared with us their diploma and degree program. He stated, "the institute was started not to take away from existing institutions but to teach those that may not be able to go to these places and give Bible courses to people that desired to be taught."

The annual Valentine's banquet was held at Holt Lake Restaurant, Smithfield. The program for the evening was given by Dr. Calvin Mercer.

We encourage all ministers to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Alton Howard, *President*
Ted Bryant, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met at Robert's Grove Church October 13, 1984. We were informed that the 1983 recipient of the Cape Fear Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$300

did not attend school as planned; therefore, the scholarship was granted to Miss Carol Jackson from Lee's Chapel Church. She is attending Johnston Technical College.

The committee awarded the 1984 Scholarship in the amount of \$300 to Charles Barnard. Mr. Barnard, former missionary to the Philippines, has returned to the States due to health problems within his family. He plans to attend Mount Olive College as a ministerial student. He is a member of First Church, Goldsboro.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Warrick, *Chairman*
Peyton Lee
Milton Wiggs
Jeff Scarborough
J. B. Caton

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Today the harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; therefore, we, the Temperance Committee, recommend that all our churches pray earnestly each Sunday during the coming year for laborers to reap the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38).

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Kennedy, *Chairman*
C. M. Coats

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the membership and pastor of Tee's Chapel Church have been most gracious in entertaining the one hundred-thirtieth session of the Cape Fear Conference; BE IT RESOLVED, that we give them a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality, the use of their facilities and the delicious meal served us.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a minister attend two annual conferences in succession and at least two Union Meetings per year or report to the Conference Ordaining Council and explain his absence. Otherwise his name will be removed from the roll of ordained ministers of the Conference and Union Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard B. Woodall, *Chairman*
W. A. Martin
Billy R. Nowell

The following resolution was opposed by the committee but was presented from the floor and passed:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cape Fear Conference go on record as standing against the sin of homosexual acts, as stated in Romans 1:17-32, among our ministers, church leaders and church members.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

On behalf of the obituary committee, we are pleased to report that God's mercy has sustained the lives of all our ministers during the past year. However, we recommend to this conference that we pause for prayer in memory of those faithful servants who have gone to be with the Lord during the year and to thank God for His kindness toward us.

Respectfully submitted,
Davie Brinson, *Chairman*
Earl Johnson
Alton Howard

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delegates and visitors present	49
Ministers present	44
Absent without notification	11
Represented by letter	3
Reported sick	2
Asked to be excused	6
Visiting ministers	5

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeff Scarborough, *Chairman*
 Kenneth Littleton
 Cecil Blackman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate:

Assistant Moderator: Dewey C. Boling (To fill the unexpired term of Philip Wood, 1985).

Board of Missions: Danny Braswell, 1989

Board of Trustees: Paul Lassiter, 1989

Board of Education: Grace Barbour, 1989

Ordaining Council: C. M. Coats, 1989

L. B. Woodall (To fill the unexpired term of John R. Lee, 1985).

Respectfully submitted,
 Frank Harrison, *Chairman*
 Leo Bass
 Edward Miles

TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1983—June 30, 1984)

Administrative Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1983 \$ 673.87

Receipts

50% Union funds at Oak Grove	\$ 161.75	
Refund sales tax on Yearbooks	30.00	
Sale 2 Yearbooks	10.00	
50% Union funds at Johnston Union	158.56	
50% Conference funds at Robert's Grove	523.35	
50% Union funds at Palmer Memorial	145.77	
Free Will Baptist Press overcharge on Bible	34.93	
50% Union funds at Pleasant Grove	136.50	
Total receipts		\$1,200.86
Total for which to account		\$1,874.73

Disbursements

Ruth Warrick, 100 miles travel	20.00
C. J. Hanna Associates, treasurer's bond	25.00
Christian Action League	100.00
H. T. Hinson, 185 miles travel	37.00
Free Will Baptist Press, tags	2.84
Davie Brinson, supplies for Ordaining Council	35.30

Smithfield Copy Center, bulletins for Cecil Blackman ordination	5.12	
H. T. Hinson, treasurer's allowance	125.00	
Smithfield Bible and Bookstore, Bible for Cecil Blackman	34.93	
Benton Card Company, 500 letterheads	29.28	
Helen Smith, postage, telephone calls, supplies	50.60	
Free Will Baptist Press, Bible for Cecil Blackman	34.93	
Free Will Baptist Press, Bible for Kenneth Littleton	39.95	
Legal pad	1.15	
Dola Dudley, 50 miles travel	10.00	
Postage	4.00	
Free Will Baptist Press, 100 Yearbooks	1,004.85	
Dunn Business Machine Company, ledger sheets	11.60	
Total disbursed		<u>\$1,571.53</u>
Balance in Administrative Fund		<u>\$ 303.20</u>

Missions Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1983 \$ 772.04

Receipts

20% Union funds at Oak Grove	\$ 19.89	
20% Union funds at Johnston Union	19.04	
20% Union funds at Palmer Memorial	17.50	
20% Union funds at Pleasant Grove	16.38	
Robert's Grove	50.00	
Riverside	100.00	
J. B. Caton	20.00	
Tee's Chapel	58.25	
Tee's Chapel Woman's Auxilliary	8.00	
Catalpa	50.00	
Palmer Memorial	10.00	
Tee's Chapel	66.86	
Tee's Chapel	28.83	
20% Conference funds at Robert's Grove	62.80	
Tee's Chapel	26.00	
Cancelled insurance on mobile unit	36.00	
Fidelity Sunday School Class, Shady Grove	106.00	
Tee's Chapel	26.13	
Sheila Jackson, AFC class, Lee's Chapel	15.00	
Tee's Chapel	21.45	
Tee's Chapel	34.26	
Tee's Chapel	23.76	
Farm Bureau, overcharge on insurance	11.00	
Tee's Chapel	23.00	
Robert's Grove Auxilliary	30.00	
Tee's Chapel	230.05	
Total receipts		<u>\$1,110.20</u>
Total for which to account		<u>\$1,882.24</u>

Cape Fear Conference

Disbursements

George A. Baker, painting mobile unit	\$ 750.00	
Alton Howard, reimbursement	321.31	
Elijah Floyd Smith	50.00	
Farm Bureau, insurance on mobile unit	50.00	
Total disbursed		<u>\$1,171.31</u>
Balance in Missions Fund		\$ 710.93

Education Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1983	\$2,538.77
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Receipts

20% Union funds at Oak Grove	\$ 64.70	
20% Union funds at Johnston Union	63.43	
20% Union funds at Palmer Memorial	58.31	
20% Union funds at Pleasant Grove	54.60	
20% Conference funds at Robert's Grove	209.34	
		<u>\$ 450.38</u>
Balance on hand		\$2,989.15

Student Loan Fund

Balance on hand 1983 Conference	\$ 590.66
Paid by Rosa Lee Barbour for Paula Barbour note	\$ 250.00
Interest	15.00
	<u>\$ 265.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 855.66

Summary

Administrative fund	\$ 303.20	
Cape Fear Missions	710.93	
Christian Education	2,989.15	
Student Loan Fund	855.66	
Balance on hand		<u>\$4,858.94</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 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

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.