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**MINUTES  
of the  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST SESSION  
of the  
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE  
of  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
of  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held at  
Palmer Memorial Church  
Garner, North Carolina  
October 31, 1985**

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Jeff Scarborough, 1990; C. M. Coats, 1989; Dewey C. Boling, 1988; L. B. Woodall, 1987; Foy Futrelle, 1986.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred thirty-first annual session of the Cape Fear Conference convened at Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, North Carolina, Thursday, October 31, 1985.

The meeting began with the congregation singing "All Hail the Power." Johnny Woodall served as music director, and Mrs. Betty Jo Perritte as pianist.

The opening devotions were given by the Rev. Bobby Tew, reading Scripture from Ecclesiastes 2:24-26.

The Rev. Dewey C. Boling, host pastor, extended a most cordial welcome to those present.

The Conference was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. The Rev. Jeff Scarborough, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedure of the Conference, adopted at the one hundred fourteenth session, which states: "In all future sessions of the Cape Fear Conference, the Credentials Committee shall be instructed to issue a badge of identification to all duly registered ministers, delegates and visitors, and that no person 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. It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to explain the registration at the opening of each session of the Cape Fear Conference."

The roll was called of officers, ministers, standing boards and churches.

The moderator extended greetings to the following visiting ministers: Noah Brown, Billy Ray Jordan, John Williams, Gary Bailey, Walter Sutton, Walter Reynolds, J. B. Narron, Henry Armstrong, Bobby Taylor, Charles Crisp and Bass Mitchell.

The moderator addressed the Conference briefly asking that we work together unitedly in thought, feeling and prayer.

The following temporary committees were appointed with the first person named serving as chairman:

*Credentials Committee:* Jeff Scarborough, Rod Jones and Kenneth Littleton.

*Temperance Committee:* Don Venable, Hubert Stanley and Cecil Blackman.

*Resolutions Committee:* Frank Harrison, Ed Miles and Bobby Tew.

*Obituary Committee:* Billy Nowell, W. A. Martin and Luby Tyner.

*Nominating Committee:* L. B. Woodall, C. M. Coats and Ruth Warrick.

*Ushers:* Glenn Dupree and Lawrence Garriss.

The following reports from denominational enterprises were given and received as information:

Mount Olive College, by Dr. W. Burkette Raper

Children's Home, by the Rev. Bobby Taylor

Free Will Baptist Press, by Cliff Gray

Church Finance Association, by the Rev. Walter Reynolds

Retirement Homes, by the Rev. Walter Sutton

Home Missions, by the Rev. Charles Crisp

Foreign Missions, by the Rev. Ed Miles

Cragmont Assembly, by the Rev. John Williams

State Convention, by the Rev. Gary Bailey

State Sunday School Convention, by the Rev. Bass Mitchell.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the secretary and a motion was made and carried to place this report on the table until the afternoon session for a constitutional change.

The body was dismissed for a short recess.

The morning worship service began with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." After the worship offering and offertory prayer, Mrs. Betty Strickland of the host church sang "Let Me Touch Him."

The moderator introduced the Rev. Gary Bailey, president of the State Convention, who brought the morning message. He chose Scripture from Proverbs 22:28 as a basis for his message entitled "Landmarks."

The host pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling, invited everyone to lunch in the fellowship building. Benediction and table blessing were prayed by the Rev. Jeff Scarborough.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Scripture and prayer were by the Rev. C. M. Coats.

Motion was made and carried to take from the table for proper action the report of the Executive Committee.

The secretary stated that in dissolving the Cape Fear Missions Board a brief constitutional change would be necessary. Under Article IV, paragraph 2, which reads "... a board of missions and church extension shall be elected ..." this phrase would be deleted. The By-laws governing the Missions Board would also be deleted.

A motion was made to amend the motion of the Executive Committee relative to the dissolving of the Cape Fear Missions Board to read, "That any funds in the Cape Fear Missions account be turned over to the State Home Missions Board and that necessary repairs at this time be made to the Princeton Mission." With this change the report of the Executive Committee was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Don Venable and adopted. (See Reports.)

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

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. Billy Nowell and adopted. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough gave the report of the Credentials Committee. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See Reports.)

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

The following reports of standing committees were given and adopted:

Ordaining Council, by the Rev. Leonard Woodall. (See Reports.)

Cape Fear Missions Board, by the Rev. T. C. Farmer. (See Reports.)

Woman's Auxillary, by Mrs. Joy Garris. (See Reports.)

Board of Education, by Mrs. Ruth Warrick. (See Reports.)

The report of the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference was given by the Rev. Bobby Tew and received as information.

Motion was made and carried to give the Rev. Floyd Smith a rising vote of appreciation for services rendered to the Princeton Mission.

Motion carried to discontinue discussion of Ordaining Council and continue with the business of the Conference.

Motion carried to contact denominational enterprises before the 1986 session of the Conference and request that any printed reports or literature to be distributed be made available at the beginning of the Conference.

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

Motion carried to accept the invitation extended by Lee's Chapel for the 1986 session of the Conference.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction, "Blest Be the Tie."

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

## REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 12, 1984)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met November 12, 1984, at the home of the Rev. C. Felton Godwin.

The moderator called the meeting to order and the Rev. Dewey C. Boling offered prayer.

The minutes of the 1984 session of the Conference were read and approved for publication in the 1985 *Yearbook*.

Motion was made and carried that the Conference purchase 100 *Yearbooks*.

Motion carried to adjourn.

(September 24, 1985)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met September 24, 1985, at the home of the moderator.

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

Motion was made and carried to authorize the treasurer to draw \$500 from savings to pay balance on *Yearbooks* due to lack of funds in the general treasury.

Motion was made and carried to affirm and support the 5-year program plan as requested by the State Convention regarding our church and denominational growth.

The program was planned for the 1985 session of the Conference to be held at Palmer Memorial Church on October 31, 1985.

Motion was made and carried to submit the following recommendation to the Conference in its 1985 session:

"After much careful consideration and deliberation, the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference recommends that the Cape Fear Missions Board be dissolved; we further recommend that any property and missions under this Board be brought under the auspices of the State Home Missions Board; we further recommend that any funds in the Cape Fear Missions account be turned over to the Administrative Fund of the Conference and that hereafter 55% of all receipts be allowed for administrative use, 20% to Christian Education and 25% to missions to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions."

We recommend that appropriate constitutional changes be made relative to the dissolving of the Board.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

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

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(March 25, 1985)

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. M. Coats.

The Rev. Davie Brinson read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read.

The Council instructed the secretary to contact the Rev. Danny Braswell asking him to meet with the Council at their next meeting.

A letter was read from licensed minister Wayne Pauley stating that he was withdrawing as a candidate for ordination for personal reasons. Motion was made and carried to grant his request.

Plans were made to ordain licensed minister Bobby Tew at Lee's Chapel Church on June 2, 1985, at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Leonard Woodall will bring the message.

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

(June 24, 1985)

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. M. Coats. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dewey Boling.

The Council granted license to preach to James Corbett on recommendation from Tee's Chapel Church.

A letter was read to the Council from Jerry L. Hickok regarding dissension with the pastor, the Rev. Ted Bryant, at Pleasant Grove Church.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

(August 9, 1985)

The Rev. C. M. Coats presided at a special called meeting of the Council at Palmer Memorial Church. The Rev. Dewey Boling led in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider problems at Pleasant Grove Church. A letter was read from the Church clerk, Jerry L. Hickok. The Council decided to call a meeting with the Rev. Ted Bryant, pastor, on August 15, 1985, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield regarding charges and complaints by members and officers of Pleasant Grove Church.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

(August 15, 1985)

The Council met at the Smithfield Church. The Rev. C. M. Coats opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Ted Bryant was recognized and asked to present his view of the problem at Pleasant Grove Church. The Council voted to take no further action at this time.

(September 23, 1985)

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. M. Coats at the First Church in Smithfield. The opening prayer was by the Rev. L. B. Woodall.

A motion was made and carried to receive the Rev. Kenneth L. Hardison into the Conference by letter from the Piedmont Conference. (Write John Furr in Kannapolis.)

The Rev. Ted Bryant turned in his credentials.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

(October 31, 1985)

The Council met at Palmer Memorial Church. A motion was made and carried to receive the Rev. Calvin Heath into the Conference pending a letter from the Central Conference.



The Chairman announced that the Rev. Alton C. Howard had surrendered his credentials.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. M. Coats, *Chairman*  
Foy Futrelle  
David Brinson  
L. B. Woodall Jr.  
Dewey C. Boling

#### REPORT OF THE CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

The Cape Fear Missions Board wishes to express appreciation to the Conference for the prayerful and financial support given this year.

The Princeton Mission has had a good year. There has been an increase both in attendance and offerings. The highest number for Sunday School attendance this year was 16; prayer meeting was 19; attendance at Homecoming was 22. Offerings this year have been approximately \$2,500.

The Board recommends that a new door for the trailer at the Princeton Mission be purchased at a cost of approximately \$450.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. C. Farmer, *Acting Chairman*  
C. M. Coats, *Proxy*  
Raymond Godwin, *Proxy*

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Cape Fear Board of Education communicated by telephone and granted the Rev. Charles Barnard, a student at Mount Olive College, \$500 from the Student Loan Fund. Mr. Harvey T. Hinson, Treasurer, negotiated the loan.

The Board met September 25, 1985, at the home of the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. Mrs. Ruth Warrick reported that, due to illness of Mrs. Wiggs, Milton Wiggs requested that someone be elected to fill his unexpired term.

There were no applications for the Scholarship Fund the past year.

Mount Olive College was sent \$125 from the Board to help sponsor Mrs. Dianne Riley in an Area Workshop at Shady Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth L. Warrick, *Chairman*  
Jeff Scarborough  
Milton Wiggs  
Peyton Lee  
Grace Barbour

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Delegates and Visitors present	52
Ministers present	36
Represented by letter	4
Asked to be excused	2
Visiting Ministers	12

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Scarborough, *Chairman*  
Kenneth Littleton  
Raymond (Rod) Jones

### REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, wish to submit the following report:

1. That we, the members of the Cape Fear Conference, continue to oppose the use of alcohol and illegal drugs.
2. That the churches of the Cape Fear Conference write their Congressmen and Senators urging them to pass legislation banning the advertisement of alcoholic beverages on television.
3. That we continue to uphold the teachings of the Scripture and the guidelines found in our *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government* in regards to our conduct toward our fellow Christians.
4. That we support the fight against pornography and immorality.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Venable, *Chairman*

Cecil Blackman

Hubert Stanley

### REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention held two meetings during the past year, with a remarkable increase in attendance. The spring convention was held at Lee's Chapel in April, and the fall convention met at Oak Grove Church in October.

The Convention has sponsored a study course on Missions and one on Evangelism during the year. Both were well attended.

Support has been given to all phases of our denominational work. The Convention also sponsors the Cape Fear Youth Program which meets monthly.

Five auxiliaries reached the A-1 status this year. They are Johnston Union, Oak Grove, Palmer Memorial, Robert's Grove and Tee's Chapel.

The 1986 Spring Convention will be held at Palmer Memorial Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Barbour, *President*

Sadie Daughtry, *Secretary*

### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Palmer Memorial Church has been most gracious in hosting this setting of the Cape Fear Conference, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to the church and pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Ray Harrison, *Chairman*

Ed Miles

Bobby Tew

### REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Since our last Conference God saw fit to call home one of our beloved ministers, the Rev. William Otis Lassiter.

In paying tribute to Brother Lassiter, the Rev. Luby Tyner quoted Psalm 23, and the Rev. Billy Nowell read 2 Timothy 2:11.

Mr. Nowell said the memories of Brother Otis Lassiter linger with us today. Let us be grateful for the service he rendered to our Conference and churches.

We ask that the body stand in appreciation of Brother Lassiter's dedication to the work of God as the Rev. W. A. Martin leads in the memorial prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Nowell, *Chairman*  
Luby Tyner  
W. A. Martin

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following slate:

*Moderator:* C. Felton Godwin  
*Assistant Moderator:* Dewey C. Boling  
*Secretary:* Dola Dudley  
*Assistant Secretary:* Ruth Warrick  
*Treasurer:* H. T. Hinson  
*Board of Trustees:* Raymond Godwin, 1990  
*Board of Education:* Bobby Tew, 1990  
*Ordaining Council:* Jeff Scarborough, 1990

Respectfully submitted,  
L. B. Woodall, *Chairman*  
C. M. Coats  
Ruth Warrick

#### TREASURER'S REPORT (July 1, 1984—June 30, 1985) Administrative Department

Amount brought forward		\$ 303.20
<i>Receipts</i>		
50% Union funds, Powhatan	\$ 127.79	
50% Union funds, Robert's Grove	155.98	
50% Union funds, Riverside	129.49	
50% Union funds, Saint Mary's Grove	143.01	
50% Union funds, Saint Paul	159.25	
50% Conference funds, Tee's Chapel	494.48	
Refund sales tax on <i>Yearbooks</i>	44.78	
Interest on Checking Account (1 year)	<u>87.20</u>	
Total receipts		\$1,341.98
Transfer from Savings	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total for which to account		\$2,145.18

#### *Disbursements*

Ruth Warrick, telephone and postage	\$ 3.00
C. M. Coats, 250 miles travel	50.00
H. T. Hinson, 110 miles travel	22.00
C. J. Hanna Associates, Treasurer's bond	25.00
Dola Dudley, secretarial services (1 year)	150.00
Ruth Warrick, 205 miles travel	41.00
Postage	8.00
Dola Dudley, Conference expenses	106.11
Davie Brinson, Ordaining Council expenses	25.00
Davie Brinson, telephone and Council expenses	26.30

## Cape Fear Conference

Alton Howard, reimbursement for plaque	31.61	
Free Will Baptist Press, Yearbooks	1,039.77	
Dola Dudley, secretarial services	150.00	
H. T. Hinson, treasurer's allowance	125.00	
Bank charges	12.57	
Total disbursed		<u>\$1,815.36</u>
Balance in Administrative Fund		\$ 329.82

## Missions Department

## Receipts

Brought forward		\$ 710.93
Union Meeting, Powhatan	\$ 15.35	
Shady Grove	80.00	
Union Meeting, Robert's Grove	18.72	
Tee's Chapel	16.00	
Powhatan	40.09	
Faith	25.00	
Tee's Chapel	300.00	
Conference at Tee's Chapel	59.35	
Shady Grove	20.00	
Union Meeting, Riverside	15.52	
Powhatan	41.96	
Union Meeting, Saint Mary's Grove	17.16	
Powhatan	26.74	
Union Meeting, Saint Paul	19.11	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 695.00</u>
Total for which to account		\$1,405.93

## Disbursements

Farm Bureau, insurance on mobile unit	\$ 50.00	
Tri-State, sign for Princeton Mission	275.00	
Alton Howard, sheets	16.36	
The Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Smith	75.00	
J. B. Caton, Genesis Mission	100.00	
Total disbursed		<u>\$ 516.36</u>
Balance in Missions Fund		\$ 889.57

## Education Department

## Receipts

Brought forward		\$2,989.15
Union funds, Powhatan	\$ 51.11	
Union funds, Robert's Grove	64.78	
Union funds, Riverside	51.79	
Union funds, Saint Mary's Grove	57.20	
Union funds, Saint Paul	63.70	
Conference funds, Tee's Chapel	197.79	
Total receipts		<u>\$ 486.37</u>
Total for which to account		\$3,475.52

*Disbursements*

Scholarship to Karen Jackson	\$ 300.00	
Scholarship to Charles Barnard	<u>300.00</u>	
Total disbursements		600.00
Balance in Education Fund end of fiscal year		<u>\$2,875.52</u>

*Student Loan Fund*

Balance on hand	\$ 855.66	
Loan to Charles Barnard	<u>500.00</u>	
Balance in Student Loan Fund end of fiscal year		\$ 355.66

*Summary*

Administrative Fund	\$ 329.82	
Education Fund	2,875.52	
Cape Fear Missions Fund	889.57	
Student Loan Fund	<u>355.66</u>	
Total balance on hand June 30, 1985		\$4,450.57

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, 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 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 10*—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 11*—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 12*—All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

*Section 13*—Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference and reported

to his local church.

*Section 14*—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 15*—No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

*Section 16*—The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

*Section 17*—Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

*Section 18*—The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

*Section 19*—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.