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for
Original
Free Will Baptists
of
North Carolina

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MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND SESSION
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

of NORTH CAROLINA
Held at
Lee's Chapel Church
Dunn, North Carolina
October 30, 1986

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- E Robbins, Henry Darrell, Jr.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred thirty-second session of the Cape Fear Conference convened at Lee's Chapel Church, Dunn, North Carolina, Thursday, October 30, 1986.

The meeting began with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Eugene Jernigan served as music director, and Mrs. Felton Godwin was pianist.

The opening devotion was by the Rev. Bobby Tew. He read Scripture from Romans 12:1-2.

The host pastor, the Rev. Bobby Tew, welcomed everyone to Lee's Chapel Church, and Mrs. Ruth Warrick responded.

The Conference was called to order by the moderator and the Rev. Bobby Tew, 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 the Cape Fear Conference."

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

The moderator extended greetings to the following visitors: The Revs. De Wayne Eakes, David C. Hansley, Clifford Ball, Donald Coates, W. S. Burns, Bobby Taylor, Walter Reynolds, Walter Sutton, Harold Jones, David Hill, Harry Jones, and Mr. Cliff Gray.

The moderator addressed the Conference, challenging those in attendance to not be selfish in their endeavors but to work hard for the betterment of the Cape Fear Conference and the Free Will Baptist denomination. He based his thoughts on Scripture from Hebrews 13:1.

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

Credentials Committee: Bobby Tew, Jeff Scarborough and Rod Jones.

Temperance Committee: Alan Lamm, Gary Patterson and Kenneth Hardison.

Resolutions Committee: Ed Miles, W. A. Martin and Earl Johnson.

Obituary Committee: Luby Tyner, Chris Markuson and C. M. Coats.

Nominating Committee: Dean Kennedy, Frank Harrison and Lizzie Dawson.

Ushers: Mosby Elmore and Freddie Tew.

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

Mount Olive College, by the Rev. Frank Harrison

Children's Home, by the Rev. Bobby Taylor

Home Missions, by the Rev. Dean Kennedy

State Sunday School Convention, by the Rev. Donald Coates

Foreign Missions, by the Rev. Harold Jones

Church Finance Association, by the Rev. Walter Reynolds

Cragmont Assembly, by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes

Retirement Homes, by the Rev. Walter Sutton

North Carolina State Convention, by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes

The morning worship began with the congregation singing "Jesus Saves." After the worship offering and offertory prayer by the Rev. Billy Nowell, special music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. David Earl Wise.

The moderator introduced the Rev. Dean Kennedy, pastor of Haymount Church, who brought the morning message. He chose Scripture from Matthew 28:18-29 and Acts 1:8 for his message entitled "We Are Witnesses."

The Conference recessed for lunch, which was served by the host church in the fellowship hall.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name."

Scripture and prayer were by the Rev. Tony Reep.

The moderator called for reports from standing committees.

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

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. Ed Miles and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Cape Fear Ministers' Conference was given by the Rev. Calvin Heath and adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Board of Education was given by the Rev. Bobby Tew and adopted. (See Reports.) A motion was made and carried that the awarding of an annual scholarship made by this Board be left to the Board in making decisions regarding qualifications.

The report of the Woman's Auxillary was given by Joy Garris. The report was received as information and is recorded. (See Reports.)

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

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

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

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. Bobby Tew and adopted. (See Reports.)

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

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

The moderator of the Conference was elected to represent the Conference at a meeting with the Executive Committee of the State Convention and a representative from the other Conferences on January 9, 1987, to study the Constitution in regards to representation in the State Convention.

The hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates and pastor from Hickory Grove Church.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper invited the 1987 session of the Conference to meet at Mount Olive College. Motion carried to accept the invitation.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. W. Burkette Raper.

C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*

Dola Dudley, *Secretary*

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 19, 1985)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met November 19, 1985, at the home of the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. Brother Godwin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the 1985 session of the Conference were read and approved for publication in the 1986 *Yearbook*.

The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison was elected to succeed himself on the Executive Committee, term to expire in 1987. (This was overlooked when the Nominating Committee reported at the Conference.)

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dewey Boling.

(February 10, 1986)

The Executive Committee met February 10, 1986, at the home of the moderator. All members were present.

The Rev. C. Felton Godwin called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

Motion was made and carried that the Rev. Ed Miles be elected to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Leonard Woodall on the Board of Ordination.

Motion made and carried that the Executive Committee go on record as affirming the policy and practice of Original Free Will Baptists as related to ordaining of ministers and calling of ministers, and affirm our historic faith and practice as outlined in our *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

Motion was made and carried that the secretary notify each church that when calling a pastor from another conference, the church must contact the Ordaining Council for the minister to be approved by the Council, and that a copy of this motion be sent in the annual church letter each year.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by the Rev. Frank Harrison.

(September 9, 1986)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met September 9, 1986, at the home of the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, who opened the meeting with prayer.

A letter was read from Hickory Grove Church in the Piedmont Conference, who petitioned for membership in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was made and carried to accept Hickory Grove Church into the Cape Fear Conference pending a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference.

The program was planned for the 1986 session of the Conference to be held at Lee's Chapel Church on October 30, 1986.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*

Dola Dudley, *Secretary*

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The word *temperance*, according to *Webster's Third International Dictionary*, means "the regulation or restraint of one's self; moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions; moderation in or total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink."

The Temperance Movement grew out of the Evangelical Movement in the nineteenth century. Many great names in history were associated with the Temperance Movement, such as Lyman Beecher, Charles Finney and D. L. Moody.

The records of the Cape Fear Conference show the Conference as a leading temperance proponent. In the year 1855 the Conference records state:

"[We] call to your attention the evil and ruinous effect of intemperance. Let us then in the first place very strictly observe the language of the Proverbial writer—'wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise' (Proverbs 20:1).

In 1872, Cape Fear Conference member Elder B. B. Holder reported that he had conducted five lectures on temperance.

In 1884, a formal Temperance Committee reported to the Cape Fear Conference:

"We find the cause Temperance gaining strength in our churches. We, therefore, respectfully ask all our ministers to abstain from, and discountenance the use of all intoxicants; and we further recommend to the laity of all our churches, to abstain from the use of spirituous liquor and their concomitants."

In 1905, the Temperance Committee reported to the Cape Fear Conference:

"We recommend that the laity live temperance, pray temperance; vote temperance and teach temperance to their children, until this great evil shall have no place in our land.

The temperance proponents were rewarded in 1908, when the state of North Carolina adopted prohibition, and in 1920, the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution made prohibition the law of the entire land.

Since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, once again individuals are permitted to manufacture, purchase and consume alcoholic beverages. However, some states (including our own) have created much stricter laws. We feel that these new measures are a definite change for the good. But temperance does not refer to alcoholic consumption only, it also includes one's eating, temper, use of drugs and medication, tobacco etc. If Christians are to truly be imitators of Jesus Christ, as it is intended, then we should strive always and in every way to be temperate.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lamm, *Chairman*

Gary Patterson

Kenneth Hardison

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(December 23, 1985)

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. M. Coats, chairman, who opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were: Leonard B. Woodall, Dewey Boling, Foy Futrelle, Jeff Scarborough and C. M. Coats.

New officers were elected as follows: Dewey Boling, chairman; and Jeff Scarborough, secretary. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Motion made by C. M. Coats and seconded by Foy Futrelle to prepare and present a certificate of ordination to the Rev. Charles Barnard to replace his Philippine certificate. (Motion carried.)

Darrell Robbins Jr. requested help in preparing for ordination. Test guidance was given in what to study.

Motion made by Leonard Woodall and seconded by Jeff Scarborough that no ordination questions be given a candidate before time of ordination test. (Motion carried.)

Motion made by Jeff Scarborough and seconded by Foy Futrelle that the Board of Education be asked to purchase a Bible to be presented to the Rev. Bobby Tew. (Motion carried.) Motion to adjourn.

(December 28, 1985)

The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Foy Futrelle. Members present were: Foy Futrelle, C. M. Coats, Dewey Boling and Jeff Scarborough.

Edmundo Gonzalez asked to be cleared to pastor in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion carried to grant the request.

Cape Fear Conference

Raeford Byrd asked to be cleared as a minister in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion carried to grant the request.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Dewey Boling.

(March 24, 1986)

Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Foy Futrelle. Members present were: Jeff Scarborough, Foy Futrelle and Ed Miles.

Motion made and carried that upon receipt of letter from Tee's Chapel Church instructing renewal of license to preach for Darrell Robbins Jr. that the Board approve the request, retroactive to original date in February 1986 to February 1987.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Jeff Scarborough.

(May 19, 1986)

The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Leonard Woodall. Members present were: Dewey Boling, C. M. Coats, Leonard Woodall, Felton Godwin and Jeff Scarborough.

The Board instructed Robert Reep and Gary Patterson to refrain from any further contact with the Rev. Alton Howard and his Association, and that they concentrate their abilities working for the Lord in other areas; and that we notify the Rev. Alton Howard of this action.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Jeff Scarborough.

(June 23, 1986)

The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. C. M. Coats. Members present: Ed Miles, C. M. Coats, Dewey Boling and Jeff Scarborough.

The Rev. Harry Jones asked to be cleared to pastor in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion carried to grant the request.

Request from Johnston Union Church to license H. C. Womack to preach in the Cape Fear Conference. Request denied.

Gary Patterson was given the ordination examination. On motion he was unanimously approved. Motion carried that Gary send the Board transcripts from Methodist College and Lenoir Community College.

Motion carried that upon receipt of proof that Gary Patterson and Tony Reep have completed studies equivalent to two years of college education that they be approved by the Board.

Motion carried to adjourn.

(August 25, 1986)

The meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Ed Miles.

Motion made and carried that a time be set for the ordination of Robert Reep as a minister. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 against.

Upon the resignation of Jeff Scarborough as secretary, motion was made and carried that Ed Miles be elected to fill this office.

Motion by C. M. Coats that the license for James Corbett be renewed for one year. Motion carried.

Motion by Ed Miles that the Board receive the ordination certificate of Charles Barnard since he will no longer be pastoring in the Free Will Baptist Church. Motion carried.

Motion carried to clear the Rev. Clifford Ball to pastor Daly's Chapel Church in the Cape Fear Conference.

Motion carried to ordain Robert Reep on September 3, 1986, at 7 p.m., at Hickory Grove Church, Fayetteville, NC.

(October 28, 1986)

In a telephone conversation between Danny Braswell and the Rev. Ed Miles. Mr. Braswell stated that he was mailing in his ordination certificate since he no longer desires to be a Free Will Baptist minister.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Boling, *Chairman*
Ed Miles, *Secretary*
Jeff Scarborough
C. M. Coats
Foy Futrelle

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, are happy to report that we have not lost a minister by death since the last Conference. For this we praise God. However, we have two ministers who are members of the Cape Fear Conference and have been very faithful in their attendance in the past who need our prayers. Brother Joe Hathaway, who now resides in Tucker, Georgia, is in poor health; and Brother Wilson Dowdy is terminally ill in a Raleigh hospital. We ask that this body stand in a moment of silent prayer in behalf of these brethren after which the Rev. C. M. Coats will close the prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Luby Tyner, *Chairman*
C. M. Coats
Chris Markuson

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Cape Fear District Auxiliary Convention held two meetings during the year with very inspiring programs. The spring convention was held at Palmer Memorial Church, with "Showers of Blessings" as the theme. Mrs. Ruth Warrick was the speaker. The fall convention was held at Pleasant Grove Church, with "Come to the Fountain" as the theme; Becky Jo Sumner was the speaker.

Two district study courses were held this year. One study was on "Prayer" and one on "Stewardship."

Four auxiliaries achieved A-1 status this year. They are Johnston Union, Robert's Grove, Saint Mary's Grove and Tee's Chapel.

The 1987 spring convention will be held with Powhatan Church. The Cape Fear District will host the 1987 State Auxiliary Convention, which will be held on May 14, at Robert's Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Garriss, *Vice President*

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Amendment #I, relative to a Constitutional Amendment, which will be voted on at the polls on November 4th, and

WHEREAS, voting for this Amendment would permit church-related colleges to issue tax-exempt bonds;

BE IT RESOLVED that this body go on record endorsing Amendment #I and that we urge our ministers and delegates to announce this in their churches on November 2, 1986, and that we exercise our voting privileges by voting on November 4.

WHEREAS, Lee's Chapel Church and the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Tew, have been most gracious in hosting the sitting of the Cape Fear Conference,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to this church and pastor a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Miles, *Chairman*

W. A. Martin

Earl Johnson

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers present	32
Ministers excused	6
Visiting ministers	11
Licensed ministers	2
Delegates	43
Officers present	3
Visitors present	17

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Tew, *Chairman*

Jeff Scarborough

Rod Jones

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Cape Fear Conference has held three meetings during the year.

The annual scholarship awarded by the Board has been increased from \$300 to \$500. All churches in the Conference are asked to encourage their high school seniors to apply for the scholarship. Nicole Byrd, a member of Lee's Chapel Church, was the 1986 recipient of the scholarship.

The Board purchased one Bible during the year to be presented to Tony Reep upon his ordination to the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Tew, *Chairman*

Martha Parsons, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Board of Trustees: Luby Tyner, 1991

Board of Education: Ruth Warrick, 1991

Ordaining Council: Foy Futelle, 1991

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Kennedy, *Chairman*

Frank Harrison

Lizzie Dawson

TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1985—June 30, 1986)

Beginning Balance	\$ 329.82
<i>Receipts</i>	
Sales Tax Refund on Yearbooks	\$ 44.77
1985 Conference Funds	642.02
50% Union Meeting Funds	658.78
Interest, Checking Account	<u>31.26</u>
Total	<u>\$1,376.83</u>
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance	\$1,706.65

Disbursements

C. J. Hanna Associates, Treasurer's Bond	\$ 25.00	
Ruth Warrick, 150 Miles Travel	30.00	
H. T. Hinson, 107 Miles Travel	21.40	
Dola Dudley, Conference Expense	54.75	
Free Will Baptist Press, Yearbook	705.92	
Dola Dudley, Secretarial Services	150.00	
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer's Allowance	125.00	
Total		\$1,112.07
Balance in Administrative Fund		\$ 594.58

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Beginning Balance		\$2,875.52
<i>Receipts</i>		
20% 1985 Conference Funds	\$ 233.46	
20% Union Meeting Funds (1985-86)	244.67	
Total		\$ 478.13
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance		\$3,353.65

Disbursements

Mount Olive College, Sunday School Workshop	\$ 125.00	
Scholarship, Nicole Byrd	300.00	
Total Disbursed		\$ 425.00
Balance in Educational Fund		\$2,928.65

STUDENT LOAN FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 355.66	
No Transactions During Year		
Balance in Fund		\$ 355.66

MISSIONS FUND*Receipts*

25% Union Meeting Funds	\$ 235.40	
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Disbursed

Home Missions	\$ 117.70	
Foreign Missions	117.70	
Balance		0

The Cape Fear Missions Board was dissolved at the 1985 session of the Conference and all funds were sent to the Home Missions Board. Amount sent was \$1,034.96.

SUMMARY

Administrative Fund	\$ 594.58	
Educational Fund	2,928.65	
Student Loan Fund	355.66	
Total		\$3,878.89

Respectfully submitted,
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 to 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 session 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 session 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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL DATA

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Gain Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	Members	Average SS Att	Denom Gifts	Total	Local Use
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE																
Belhaven	6			15							0		5			
Corinth	19	19	5		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14		840	38,766	37,926
Free Union	373	292	81		1	2	0	1	0	0	2			625	5,816	5,191
Gum Neck	60	20	40	25	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	24	15			
Hickory Chapel	272			120	2	0	0	1	3	0	-2	108	80	8,755	50,038	41,283
Malachi's Chapel	146			40	0	0	0	1	2	0	-3		56	4,359	18,279	13,920
Mount Tabor	154	68	86	100	6	6	2	2	0	0	12		65	3,021	35,900	32,879
Mount Zion	93	47	46	34	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	28	24	2,788	16,298	13,511
Plymouth, First	39	39	66	30	0	0	0	1	3	0	-4	41	28	1,281	21,060	19,779
Saint Paul	65	65	0	45	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2		50	1,673	48,164	46,491
Shiloh	252			100	1	1	0	3	3	0	-4	124	85	4,849	37,515	32,666
Sidney	170			80	5	2	2	1	0	0	8	86	63	3,645	30,154	26,509
Sound Side	113			94	0	1	0	1	2	0	-2	155	94	3,486	28,929	25,443
Trinity	45			27	2	4	0	1	1	0	4		30	3,505	14,475	10,970
Union Chapel	156	71	85	80	1	0	0	2	2	0	-3	88	70	3,157	31,708	28,551
A TOTALS	1963	621	409	790	20	17	4	17	16	0	8	668	665	41,983	377,102	335,119
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE																
Bethel	150			75	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	102	88	2,967	23,785	20,818
Casey's Chapel	155	92	63	50	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	67	45	2,995	30,882	27,886
Daly's Chapel	33	33	10	25	0	0	0	0	0	5	-5			244	9,340	9,096
Faith	108	34	74	65	0	2	0	3	1	0	-2	78	58	1,075	36,401	35,326
Goldsboro, First	256			120	3	4	0	4	4	0	-1	130	102	4,490	83,947	79,457
Haymount	98	73	25	86	9	2	6	1	7	0	9	71	63	10,155	86,490	76,334
Hickory Grove	20				1	0	0	0	0	4	-3		16	271	13,655	
Hopewell	287			115	4	7	0	1	3	0	7	134	76	5,192	52,074	46,883
Johnson Union	289	203	86	100	2	4	0	6	5	0	-5	139	101	3,288	31,403	28,115
Lanwood Chapel	26	26	16	25	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	25	18	832	8,350	7,517
Lee's Chapel	292			155	5	3	0	0	2	0	6		140	11,314	75,780	64,466
Mount Olive	9	8	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		25	8,230		
Oak Grove	154			65	4	3	0	1	1	0	5	129	79	2,188	23,922	21,734
Palmer Memorial	193	101	92	95	0	2	1	0	4	0	-1	105	75	5,529	47,574	42,045

Pleasant Grove	182			98	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	101	81	3,600	46,517	42,917
Powhatan	220			75	4	3	3	3	9	0	-2	102	75	2,058	27,440	25,382
Riverside	133	133	0		12	8	0	4	0	0	16	110	88	2,809	29,545	26,736
Roberts Grove	205			85	0	2	0	2	3	0	-3	146	100	5,246	39,505	34,259
St Mary's Grove	213	213	45	150	3	2	0	4	11	0	-10	139	98	1,432	48,000	46,568
St Paul	111	111	45	45	2	0	0	2	2	0	-2	120	60	2,049	19,626	17,577
Shady Grove	310			110	1	0	0	5	1	0	-5			9,616	65,023	55,407
Smithfield, Firs	130	70	60	60	0	6	0	2	1	0	3		50	1,970	43,777	41,808
Smyrna	139	139	0	55	0	0	0	1	1	0	-2	92	65	1,938	125,000	123,062
Steven's Chapel											0					
Tee's Chapel	241			150	14	2	0	3	2	0	11	218	171	4,085	44,332	40,247
Victory	44			40	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	48		1,500	14,700	
West Clinton	85	23	62		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	30		275	9,879	9,604
Wooten's Chapel	116			30	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2	21	19	1,295		
Yelverton Grove	137	137	0	60	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	99	65	2,114	12,637	10,523
Genesis Mission	15	15	0	23	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	21	19	1,504	16,635	15,132
CF TOTALS	4351	1411	579	1957	80	58	12	46	65	11	28	2227	1777	100,260	1,066,218	948,900

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	237	119	118	105	1	0	0	2	1	0	-2	145	115	5,215		
Ayden	149	98	51	65	1	8	0	1	4	0	4	62	52	3,015	43,669	40,654
Bethany	178	88	90	65	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	79	55	4,426	36,951	32,526
Black Jack	644	644	0	275	6	9	0	6	13	29	-33	460	290	9,480	109,799	100,320
Community	118			75	4	5	0	1	2	0	6	101	65	552	23,600	
Daniels' Chapel											0					
Dilda's Grove	102	102	26	75	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	69	60	4,211	22,777	18,566
Edgewood	41	41	20		1	5	0	1	0	0	5	40		2,415	16,915	14,500
Elm Grove	179	179	0	120	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	117	92	5,396	44,611	39,215
Free Union	297	297	200	200	2	5	0	4	3	0	0	115	95	6,857	43,998	37,141
Friendship	288			185	4	5	0	5	3	0	1	240	150	20,535		
Greenville	180			150	1	0	0	2	4	0	-5	108	85	9,950	78,069	68,119
Grimsley	72	72	67		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65		2,570	20,253	17,683
Gun Swamp	239	239	209	150	14	2	0	5	2	0	9	195	125	10,706	58,859	48,153
Harrell's Chapel	156	128	28	100	0	2	0	2	2	0	-2	138	122	3,054	33,884	30,830
Hickory Grove	94	94	5		2	0	0	2	1	0	-1	74		3,831	27,451	23,620
Howell Swamp	137				1	0	0	4	1	0	-4			1,525	15,650	14,125
Hugo	99	75	21	65	0	0	0	0	3	0	-3	72	62	7,232	30,264	23,031