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**of the**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH SESSION**  
**of the**  
**CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE**  
**of**  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held at**  
**Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Clayton, NC**  
**November 4, 1993**

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*Assistant Moderator:* The Rev. Billy Nowell

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 Phillip Boykin, Al Markuson

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 Raymond Godwin (1995), J. N. Bryant

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Peyton Lee (1998), Martha Parsons (1997), Helen Coats (1996)  
 Bobby Tew (1995), Ruth Scarborough (1994)

**ORDAINING BOARD**

Dewey C. Boling (1998), Ed Miles (1997), Frank Harrison (1996)  
 Phillip Boykin (1995) (to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Scarborough)  
 Edmundo Gonzalez (1994)

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- P Farmer, T. C., 211 Stancil Street, Smithfield, NC 27577
- P Godwin, C. Felton, Route 2, Box 73, Newton Grove, NC 28366
- P Gonzalez, Edmundo, Route 1, Box 321, Smithfield, NC 27577
- P Harrison, Frank Ray, Route 3, Box 8, Mount Olive, NC 28356
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- P Hogg, Atlas, 2031 Powhatan Road, Clayton, NC 27520
- P Jackson, Kenneth, Route 5, Box 852, Goldsboro, NC 27530
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- P Petit, Charles, 2014 Penny Lane, Clayton, NC 27520
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- E Tew, Bobby, Route 1, Box 366, Dunn, NC 28334
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- E Tyner, Luby C., Route 2, Box 91-4-C, Selma, NC 27576
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- E Vann, Sexton, Route 1, Box 255, Erwin, NC 28339
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#### PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Powhatan Church, Clayton, NC, Thursday, November 4, 1993.

The session was opened with singing "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Dean Kennedy. The morning devotions were brought by the Rev. Wayne Hargrove, pastor of St. Mary's Grove.

The welcome was brought by the host church and response was from the Rev. Billy Nowell.

The session was called to order by the Moderator. The Rev. Pete Norris, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the rules of registration to the Conference. The roll was called of officers, ministers, standing boards, and churches. The Moderator recognized all visitors present and welcomed them to the Cape Fear Conference.

The Rev. Dewey Boling, moderator, gave some stirring remarks concerning the Free Will Baptist treatise. He stated that a lot of Free Will Baptists simply do not know what is written in the treatise. If we are Free Will Baptists, then we ought to live like Free Will Baptists.

The Secretary was instructed to read the proposed constitutional change. It read: "We recommend that due to the confusion over when the Cape Fear Conference is to meet each year that under the Constitution, Article IX, Meetings be changed from "on Thursday before the first Sunday in November" to read "on the first Thursday of November." Motion was made and seconded to lay on the table for afternoon session.

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

*Credentials Committee:* Pete Norris, Chris Markuson, Charles Petit

*Temperance/Resolution Committee:* Frank Harrison, C. M. Coats

*Obituary Committee:* J. B. Caton, Ed Gonzalez, Ed Miles

*Nominating Committee:* Fred Baker, Henry Armstrong, Gene Britt

The following reports from denominational ministries were given as information:

Mount Olive College, Frank Harrison

Children's Home, Bobby Taylor

FWB Press, Cliff Gray

Foreign Missions, Edmundo Gonzalez

Minister's Program, Don Fader

Home Missions, Al Markuson

Retirement Homes, C. H. Overman

Convention, C. H. Overman

Cragmont, Michael Ledbetter

Carolina Bible Institute, Joe Ingram

Billy Nowell gave the report for the Cape Fear Minister's Program (see Reports).

The morning worship began with singing "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Earl Johnson offered the offertory prayer. Special music by the Smith Family was rendered. They sang "Talking About Heaven," "Until Then," and "Look for Me." The speaker for the morning worship was the Rev. Al Markuson. His message was from John 4:31. He challenged us to grow in the Lord. We need to grow--to grow as the body of Christ! Grow means Go Reach Our World. We must be determined to labor for Christ and do it with the intelligence God has given all of us. The message is still the same, but the methods do change. We live in a changing world. We must not use antique methods in a modern world.

The Rev. C. Felton Godwin offered the blessing over the noon meal.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

After enjoying a wonderful meal by the host church, we gathered for the afternoon session and began by singing "Glory to His Name." The Rev. Atlas Hogg gave the devotions and prayer. The reports of the standing boards were given for adoption (see Reports). A motion was made and carried to take items off the table for discussion. A motion was made and carried to adopt the change in the Constitution (see Reports).

The Treasurer's report was given by H. T. Hinson.

An invitation was extended by Palmer Memorial Church to host the one hundred and fortieth session of the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept their invitation.

Motion was made and carried that all unfinished business be left for the Executive Committee.

Motion was made to adjourn. We all stood for dismissal prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Michael Ledbetter, Secretary

## REPORTS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(October 29, 1992)

The Executive Committee met immediately following the Conference. A motion was made and carried instructing the Secretary to prepare the proceedings of the 1992 Conference to be published in the 1993 *Yearbook*.

The Secretary suggested that since the cost of printing in the *Yearbook* is so high that instead of printing the Constitution and Bylaws this year in the *Yearbook*, that they be printed separately and made available at the 1993 Conference and all future Conferences. A motion was made and carried.

(August 31, 1993)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met at Lee's Chapel Church, with all members present. The meeting was called to order with prayer by the Rev. Al Markuson.

The Committee discussed the agenda for the 139th session of the Cape Fear Conference. The committees and program were approved by the members present.

The Cape Fear Executive Board discussed two matters to bring before the 139th session:

1. Whereas, in review of funds available through the year from the Union Meetings and the Conference, and Whereas, we are falling short of our obligations due to the increase in 1990 to three (3) scholarships;

We recommend that we go back to two (2) scholarships, with an increase of reporting fees to \$20 per church reporting to the Union Meetings.

2. We recommend that due to the confusion over when the Cape Fear Conference is to meet each year that under the Constitution, Article IX, Meetings be changed from "on Thursday before the first Sunday in November" to read "on the first Thursday of November."

The Cape Fear Executive Committee will meet following the 139th Session to approve the Minutes of the meeting for printing in the *Yearbook*.

The planning session was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Michael Ledbetter, *Secretary*

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on November 23, 1992, at First Church, Smithfield, NC, with all members present.

Mr. John R. Harris and Mr. William R. Davis, members of Powhatan Church, appeared before the Council, having been recommended by said church to be examined for license.

By motion that Mr. John R. Harris be licensed for one year.

By motion that Mr. William R. Davis continue his educational endeavors and further seek God's will for his life and future, and that he may appear before the Council again in six months, if he so desires.

Mr. Hubert Ray Radford successfully completed the written and oral ordaining exam and was ordained on February 1993, at Riverside Church.

Mr. Kenneth Jackson successfully completed the written and oral ordaining exam and was ordained in December 1992.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met January 25, 1993, at First Church, Smithfield, NC.

By motion, the Rev. Bobby Jones was granted permission to serve as pastor in the Cape Fear Conference, thereby serving Casey's Chapel Church.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on the 24th of May, 1993, at First Church, Smithfield, NC.

Mr. Larry Person, a member of Riverside Church, appeared before the Council upon the recommendation of said church, to be examined for license.

After careful consideration, the Board recommended that Mr. Person continue to pray about this matter and and continue his work as a lay person for a year, after which he may reappear before the Board for further consideration in this matter.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on September 23, 1993, at First Church, Smithfield, NC.

By motion, the Board recommended the license of Mr. Keith Pelletier be renewed.

The Council received a request from Mr. Ronnie Hayes, a member of Pleasant Grove Church, to meet with him at the Union Meeting on September 29, 1993, that he may be examined to be licensed. The Council instructed the Revs. Fred Baker, Jeff Scarborough, Phillip Boykin, and Henry Armstrong to meet with Mr. Hayes in keeping with his request. (Baker, Armstrong, and Boykin were acting as proxies for Council members who could not be there).

The Rev. Jeff Scarborough requested to resign from the Council and that the Executive Committee of the Conference choose someone to finish out his term.

His resignation was accepted with regrets.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on Saturday, August 29, at Victory Mission, Hope Mills, NC.

In attendance were the Rev. Phillip Boykin, proxy; the Rev. Fred Baker, proxy; the Rev. Henry Armstrong, proxy; and the Rev. Jeff Scarborough, who acted as Moderator.

Mr. Ronnie Hayes was examined and by motion recommended that he be licensed by his local church, Pleasant Grove. The Council recommended that he pursue studies to meet the educational requirements of the Conference.

The Council cleared the Rev. Wayne Hargrove to serve as pastor in the Cape Fear Conference and as an ordained minister of the Conference upon his letter from the Central Conference. (His letter was received September 29, 1993.)

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met at First Church, Smithfield, NC, on October 25, 1993, with all members present. The Rev. Phillip Boykin will fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Jeff Scarborough.

There was no item of business to come before the Council at this time. Dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Frank R. Harrison, *Secretary*  
 The Rev. Ed Miles, *Chairman*  
 The Rev. Dewey Boling  
 The Rev. Ed Gonzalez  
 The Rev. Phillip Boykin

#### CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' PROGRAM

The Cape Fear ministers met on January 25, 1993, with 12 ministers present. The program was given by the Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez. His topic was how the Free Will Baptist Church came from England to the U.S.

We met on May 24, 1993, with 14 ministers present. The program was given by the Rev. David Charles Hansley. He told us that the U.S. was fastly approaching the third largest mission field in the world for the gospel. He challenged us to meet the needs of our people. Also, the Rev. Al Markuson gave us a report on the Fayetteville, Cumberland County area, and the need for churches there.

We met on August 23, 1993, with 11 ministers present. The program was a video tape entitled "The Ministers." It made the point that all church members are ministers, not just the pastor. We had a lot of discussion and the need for a questionnaire was discussed and approved.

We met on October 25, 1993, with 12 ministers present. The program was given by Dr. Bobby Taylor, from the Children's Home. His program focused on our families, and how we as ministers need to recognize the importance of ministering to our own families, as well as the church family. It is impossible for us to preach about having a good family when we neglect our own.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Billy Nowell

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

**January 27, 1993:** Letters and applications were mailed to all Cape Fear Conference churches in reference to the three scholarships given by the Board of Education to graduates in June 1993.

**March 14, 1993:** The Board met with four of the five members present. The purpose of the meeting was to grade the twelve applications we had received in reference to the scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to Anita Dawn Capps, with 18 points. Anita is from Yelverton Grove Church. The second scholarship went to Michael Todd Brinson, with 16 points. Michael is from Oak Grove Church. The third scholarship went to Kevin Reece Nowell, with 16 points. Kevin was from Saint Mary's Grove.

**March 16, 1993:** A letter was sent to each applicant to inform him the status of his application.

The Board of Education sponsored the W.I.N. workshop on Tuesday, March 30, 1993. The workshop was held at Lee's Chapel Church, with four churches represented and 31 in attendance.

Report given by Martha Parsons, secretary of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Bobby Tew, *Chairman*  
 Martha Parsons, *Secretary*  
 Ruth Scarborough  
 Helen Coates  
 Peyton Lee

### TEMPERANCE AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, Powhatan Church has been a gracious host for this the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to the church and its pastor with a rising vote of appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Coats

Frank Harrison

Keith Pelletier

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, submit the following report: It is with deep regret that we report to this Conference the passing of one of our esteemed ministers, the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., a preacher of the gospel, a faithful man of God, and a beloved husband and father.

Brother Woodall was loved and respected by all who knew him. Our loss is his eternal gain.

We, your Obituary Committee, recommend that this Conference stand in silent prayer in his memory, after which the Moderator of this Conference offer a prayer in memory of this man of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Caton

Ed Gonzalez

Ed Miles

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers Present	29
Licensed Ministers	1
Visiting Ministers	10
Delegates	28
Visitors	27
Total	95
Excused	16

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Norris

Chris Markuson

Charles Petit

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee makes the following nominations:

Moderator: Dewey C. Boling

Assistant Moderator: Billy Nowell

Secretary: Michael Ledbetter

Assistant Secretary: Phillip Boykin

Treasurer: H. T. Hinson

Member at Large: Al Markuson

Board of Trustees: Ray G. Smith, term to expire 1998

Board of Education: Peyton Lee, term to expire 1998

Ordaining Board: Dewey C. Boling, term to expire 1998

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Baker

Gene Britt

Henry Armstrong



## TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1992--June 30, 1993)

Balance Brought Forward		\$869.65
Received from Cape Fear Conference	693.69	
Received from Union Meetings	<u>679.85</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,243.19</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Kathy Markuson (80 Miles)	\$ 20.00	
Secretary Allowance	5.00	
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H. T. Hinson (Treasurer's Allowance)	5.00	
The Rev. Dewey Boling (128 Miles)	27.50	
Wayne Bible and Bookstore (One Bible)	58.25	
Mount Olive College	250.00	
Michael Ledbetter (Secretary's Allowance)	125.00	
Wayne Bible and Bookstore (One Bible)	52.95	
H. T. Hinson (Treasurer's Allowance)	125.00	
C. J. Hanna (Treasurer's Bond)	100.00	
Yearbook	479.16	
The Rev. Dewey Boling (Mileage)	19.00	
The Rev. Phillip Boykin (Mileage)	17.50	
Mount Olive College for Dining Hall	50.00	
Martha Parsons (Mileage)	31.00	
Wayne Bible and Bookstore (One Bible)	46.52	
The Rev. Philip Boykin	17.00	
Flag in Honor of the Rev. Leonard Woodall	<u>66.78</u>	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>\$1,589.94</b>
Balance on Hand		<u>653.25</u>

## EDUCATIONAL FUND

Balance on Hand		\$ 984.46
Received from Cape Fear Conference	173.42	
Received from Union Meetings	<u>247.31</u>	
<b>TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>		<b>1,405.19</b>
Balance in the Student Loan Fund		<u>1,105.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,510.19</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Three Scholarships at \$550		<u>\$1,650.00</u>
Balance in Student Loan		<u>\$1,010.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
H. T. Hinson