

**1994-95
YEARBOOK
FOR
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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MINUTES
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held at
Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
Garner, North Carolina
November 3, 1994

Officers

Moderator: The Reverend Dewey C. Boling, 712 East Home St, Clayton, NC 27520
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Billy Nowell, Rt. 3, Box 934, Dnn, NC 28334
Secretary: The Reverend Michael Ledbetter, Rt. 5, Box 592, Dunn, NC 28334
Assistant Secretary: The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Rt. 5, Box 177, Dunn, NC 28334
Treasurer: Mr. H. T. Hinson, Rt. 2, Box 332, Dunn, NC 28334

Executive Board

Dewey C. Boling, Billy Howell, W. Michael Ledbetter
 Phillip Boykin, H. T. Hinson, Al Markuson

Standing Boards

Board of Trustees

J. N. Bryant (1999), Ray G. Smith (1998), Ray Warrick (1997)
 Mosby Elmore (1996), Raymond Godwin (1995)

Board of Education

Ruth Scarborough (1999), Peyton Lee (1998), Martha Parsons (1997)
 Helen Coats (1996), Bobby Tew (1995)

Ordaining Board

Edmundo Gonzalez (1999), Dewey Boling (1998), Fred Baker (1997)
 Frank Harrison (1996), Phillip Boykin (1995)

Ordained Ministers

(P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused)

E	Armstrong, Henry	P	Boykin, Phillip
P	Ard, Norman	E	Brinson, Davie
P	Baker, Fred	P	Britt, Gene
P	Barrow, William David	P	Caton, J. B.
P	Benson, Swade	P	Coats, C. M.
P	Blackman, James Cecil	P	Farmer, T. C.
E	Boling, Dewey C.	P	Godwin, Felton
E	Byrd, Raeford	P	Gonzalez, Edmundo

P	Hargrove, Wayne	P	Pelletier, Keith
P	Harrison, Frank	E	Pollock, Dennis
E	Heath, Roger	P	Raper, Burkette
E	Hogg, Atlas	P	Scarborough, Jeff
P	Johnson, Earl	P	Smith, Elijah Floyd
P	Kennedy, Dean	P	Stanley, Hubert
P	Ledbetter, W. Michael	P	Taylor, Edward
A	Lee, John Raeford	P	Tew, Bobby
P	Markuson, Al	A	Thompson, Elmer
E	Markuson, Chris	A	Tyner, Luby
P	McLamb, Tony	E	Tyner, William J.
E	Miles, Edward	E	van der Plas, Willem
P	Nowell, Billy	P	Vann, Sexton
A	Parrish, Tony	P	Venable, Don
P	Painter, Edward		
A	Parker, Wilson W.		
P	Petit, Charles		
E	Peedin, Kenneth		

Licensed Ministers

P	Harris, John R. — Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church
P	Hayes, Ronnie — Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church
P	Nordan, Ray — Steven's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Proceedings

The One Hundred Fortieth Session of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina, November 1, 1994.

The session was opened by singing *Stand Up For Jesus* by our song leader, Peyton Lee. The Reverend Billy Nowell moderated the session due to the absence of the Reverend Dewey C. Boling. The morning Scripture and prayer was brought by the Reverend Kenneth Phillips of the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church. The welcome was given by the Reverend Jeff Scarborough of the host church. The response was given by Peyton Lee of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The session was called to order by the assistant moderator, Billy Nowell. He gave a thank you for all those present to the session.

The rules of the Credentials Committee were explained by J. B. Caton as were adopted at the one hundred and 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 to registration at the opening of the Cape Fear Conference."

The roll call of the officers, ministers, standing boards and churches was called. The moderator recognized the visitors and welcomed them to the session.

The following temporary committees were appointed to serve during the session with the first person named to serve as chairman:

Crédentials Committee—J. B. Caton, Chris Markuson, Charles Petit
 Temperance/Resolutions—Frank Harrison, Don Venable, Keith Pettetier
 Nominating Committee—Fred Baker, Edmundo Gonzalez, Norman Ard
 Obituary Committee—Ruth Warrick, C. M. Coats, Dean Kennedy

The floor was opened for membership with the Cape Fear Conference. The ministers that joined were the Reverend Charles Carroll of Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, the Reverend Kenneth Phillips of West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church and the Reverend Dan Jordan of New Freedom Free Will Baptist Church. A right-hand of fellowship was offered to our brothers in Christ.

The moderator offered his remarks. He said we all should be active in the matters of the conference. Being active is doing God's work. It is God's will that we continue the work set before us. Being Free Will Baptist is a choice we all have made. This conference is also our choice. We need to yield to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work for our Lord. We all need to be ready to carry the load. He gave words of thanks with God's blessings to all who were present today.

The following reports were given from denominational ministries for our information:

Mount Olive College—Dr. Burkette Raper
 Children's Home—Bobby Taylor
 Free Will Baptist Press—Cliff Gray
 Foreign Missions—Harold Jones
 Home Missions—David Charles Hansley
 Minister's Program—Donald Fader
 Retirement Homes and Convention—C. H. Overman
 Carolina Bible Institute—no report
 Cragmont and Church Finance—C. H. Overman

Before the recess, with the session ahead of schedule, the following reports were given:

Woman's Auxiliary—Claudette Lane (see reports)
 Cape Fear Minister's Program—Billy Nowell (see reports)
 Cape Fear Sunday School—Michael Ledbetter
 Cape Fear Board of Education—Martha Parsons

The Morning Worship began with singing *Power in the Blood*. The offering was taken with C. M. Coats offering the prayer. We were blessed with special music from the host church. Teresa Lane sang *I Call Him Lord* and *A Miracle in the Making* dedicated to the host pastor, the Reverend Jeff Scarborough.

The Reverend Hubert Stanley brought the morning message from Mark 5:1-20. The title of his message was, "The Stronghold of the Devil and Only God can Break It." Satan has power but God has all power! Why do we back down? We need to cultivate our salvation with prayer and nourish our salvation with the Word of the Lord.

Brother Jeff Scarborough was called to give instructions for the noon meal and offered the prayer over the food.

Afternoon Session

After a wonderful meal served by the host church, the afternoon session began with singing *When We All Get to Heaven*. The Scripture and prayer were given by the Reverend Tony McLamb.

The Executive Committee report was given, MSC (see reports). Included in the report was an invitation from the Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church to host the 141st Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

The Ordaining Board report was given, MSC (see reports).

The Temperance/Resolutions report was given, MSC (see reports).

The Treasurer's Report was given, MSC (see reports).

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn. Brother Michael Ledbetter was called upon to offer the closing prayer.

Reports Executive Committee

(November 4, 1993)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met after the 139th Session of the Conference. A motion was made and approved to send the proceedings of the conference to the Free Will Baptist Press for printing in the *Yearbook*. With no other business pending, we dismissed.

(September 6, 1994)

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met, at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, with the purpose of planning the 140th Session of the Cape Fear Conference. All members were present except the moderator, the Reverend Dewey Boling, who was absent because of illness. Assistant moderator, the Reverend Billy Nowell, led the meeting. Prayer was made for the sick and God's guidance upon the committee.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee proceeded with planning the 104th Session. Speakers were discussed for the session. The alternate from 139th Session was contacted about speaking this year. He said if the Lord was willing, he would speak this year. The Reverend Hubert Stanley was approved as speaker with the Reverend Phillip Boykin as alternate.

The temporary committees were appointed.

There was discussion about funds available to the Conference. All checks are to be made out to the **Cape Fear Conference**. If funds are available, maybe in the future we can add another scholarship. At the present time, funds are still not available for a third scholarship.

Motion was made to adjourn. The Reverend Al Markuson led us in prayer of dismissal.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Michael Ledbetter, Clerk

Ordaining Council

The Ordaining Council met on Monday, January 24, 1994, with the following members present: Dewey Boling, Ed Gonzalez, Phillip Boykin, Fred Baker, and Frank Harrison.

The Reverend Bruce Dudley and the Reverend Kenneth Phillips met with the Board for clearance to serve churches in the Cape Fear Conference.

By motion, Kenneth Phillips be granted permission to serve as pastor of West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church. His address is 8233 NC Highway 96 North, Selma, NC 27576.

By motion, Bruce Dudley be granted permission to serve as pastor of Victory First Deaf Church. His address is Rt. 1, Box 430, Deep Run, NC 28525.

There being no further business, the Board dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Phillip Boykin.

(Letter received dated 4-13-94 requesting letter of transfer for the Reverend Pete Norris to the Western Conference. Letter granted on April 18, 1994.)

The Cape Fear Conference Board of Ordination met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC, at 1:00 p.m., on May 23, 1994. Members present were Dewey Boling, Ed Gonzalez, Phillip Boykin, Fred Baker, and Frank Harrison.

There was no business to come before the Board at this time. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Ordaining Council met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, on July 24, 1994, with the following members present: Dewey Boling, Ed Gonzalez, Frank Harrison, and Henry Armstrong, proxy for Phillip Boykin.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By motion, the Reverend Charlie Carroll was (as requested by him) granted permission to serve as pastor of Wooten's Chapel Church and that his conference membership be transferred to the Cape Fear Conference from the Western Conference. (Letter of transfer was received on October 1, 1994.)

A letter of transfer to the Western Conference was granted to the Reverend Kenneth Jackson by request on July 22, 1994.

There being no other business, the Council adjourned with prayer.

A called session of the Cape Fear Ordaining Board was held at Mount Olive College on September 14, 1994. Members present: Dewey Boling, Fred Baker, Ed Gonzalez, and Frank Harrison.

Mr. Keith Pelletier met with the Board for examination for ordination, having received a call from Mt. Tabor Church, Creswell, NC, and upon being recommended by his home church, Daly's Chapel, La Grange, NC.

Upon passing the written exam, Mr. Pelletier will be ordained on October 23, 1994, 5:00 p.m., at Daly's Chapel, near La Grange (Keith's home church).

The Reverend Harry Jones was given clearance to serve as pastor of Daly's Chapel as requested by the church and Reverend Jones.

The meeting closed with prayer.

(Note: Mr. Keith Pelletier was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on October 23, 1994, at 5:00 p.m., at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, La Grange, NC., by the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference. His address is Rt. 1, Box 94-B, Creswell, NC 27928.)

The Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference met on October 24, 1994, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC. The following members were present: Dewey Boling, Fred Baker, Phillip Boykin, Henry Armstrong, proxy for Ed Gonzalez, and Frank Harrison.

The meeting opened with prayer and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

By motion, the credentials of ordination were received from Dr. Ray Taylor who now feels his ministry is best fulfilled outside the pastoral setting.

Mr. Lewis Godwin appeared before the Ordaining Board to be examined in regard to receiving a license to preach. He is currently supplying the pulpit at Lanwood Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, where he is now a member. He came from the Southern Baptists where he was a licensed minister. His address is 5970 NC 42 West, Garner, NC 27527; phone, (919) 772-2193.

Mr. Godwin clearly stated his belief in the doctrine of "eternal security" which is in conflict with the Original Free Will Baptist position and concept of freedom of one's will to turn away from Christ and be eternally lost.

By motion, the Ordaining Board decided to let Mr. Godwin continue to supply the pulpit at Lanwood Chapel and reappear before the Board a year from now for examination in the matter of being licensed as a Free Will Baptist minister.

The Board further recommends that Mr. Godwin attend classes at Mount Olive College or Carolina Bible Institute and take some courses in Free Will Baptist History, Doctrine and Polity, Pastoral Care, Sermon Preparation and Delivery.

Further, the Ordaining Board urges Mr. Godwin to study carefully the Free Will Baptist position and doctrine of "freedom of will" vs. the "eternal security" concept as stated in our Discipline.

Mr. Curtis Wall, a member of Lanwood Chapel, appeared before the Ordaining Board for licensing as recommended by Lanwood Chapel. Upon examination of Mr. Wall, the Ordaining Board recommends that he be granted a license for one year, and that he make plans to pursue his education to meet the 60 hour requirement of the Conference. His address is 7779-8 NC Hwy 222 West, Kenly, NC 27542; phone, (919) 284-6173.

The Reverend Dan Jordan met with the Ordaining Council and requested transfer of his membership to the Cape Fear Conference and clearance to pastor New Freedom Original Free Will Baptist Church.

By motion, he was cleared to pastor in the Conference and membership granted upon receiving his letter from the Eastern Conference.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank R. Harrison, *Secretary*

Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Report

Greetings from the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Conference. We have tried very hard to do the Lord's will in all of our auxiliary work this year and believe that we have had a successful year.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, was the host for our fall convention held on October 13, 1993. The theme for the convention was "Glorify His Name for Evermore" supported by the scripture from Psalm 86:12. The attendance was good and the day was spiritually uplifting to everyone. A Life Membership Award was presented to Mrs. Estelene Tart, District Benevolence Chairman, for her many years of faithful and devoted service in the Auxiliary.

Sixteen churches in the Cape Fear District participated in a survey of all the Woman's Auxiliaries in the state to gather and compile data to be used for future direction and planning of the needs of the Woman's Auxiliary program. The survey was conducted under the guidelines of the State Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Deborah King, State Missions Chairman, was the survey chairman with the seven district presidents serving on the committee. The results of the survey will be considered in 1994-1995.

Genesis Mission, Fayetteville, NC, hosted the spring convention on April 13, 1994. The theme was "God Will Supply Every Need" with the scripture taken from Philippians 4:19. The Convention was well attended and we are happy to report that the following five churches reaches A-I status this year: Hopewell, Lee's Chapel, Tee's Chapel, Robert's Grove and Shady Grove.

The Cape Fear District had the honor and privilege of hosting the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention on May 12, 1994. Lee's Chapel Church provided everything necessary for the meeting, which was well attended and was a wonderful day of fellowship in the Lord for all.

The Cape Fear District sponsored two study courses this year. The Reverend Fred Baker, pastor of Robert's Grove, spoke on "Missions" on October 25, 1993. A second study course was held on April 18, 1994, with Mrs. Jean Tripp, of Johnston Union, speaking on "Stewardship." Both study courses were well attended and very inspiring to all who came,

Our Woman's Auxiliary program prayerfully supports and contributes financially to all of our denominational ministries and sponsors the Cape Fear youth program which meets monthly.

Please pray that we will glorify God in all that we do and to be a blessing to the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
 Claudette G. Lane, *President*
 Betty Strickland, *Secretary*

Cape Fear Ministers Report

The Cape Fear Ministers met on January 24, 1994, with 16 ministers present. The results of the survey on the possibility of a new time for our meeting was announced. Seventeen ministers indicated they would like to keep the meetings in the morning. Six ministers indicated they would like to change the time. The Reverend C. H. Overman gave a very interesting program concerning his work as Executive Administrator of our Convention. The Reverend J. B. Narron also gave a report on the work of the Free Will Baptist Minister's Program. We enjoyed the program.

The Cape Fear Ministers met on May 23, 1994, with 12 ministers present. Our program was given by the Reverend Harold Jones, Director of Foreign Missions. He had a very interesting slide program on our works through out the world.

The Cape Fear Ministers met on July 25, 1994, with 12 ministers present. The program was given by the Reverend Al Markuson who was the moderator of the Union Meeting. Much discussion followed on how we can make our Union better. Many ideas were given and would be voted on at the next Union Meeting.

The Cape Fear Ministers met on October 24, 1994, with 15 ministers present. The program was given by Dr. Wayne Hatcher, a professor at Campbell University. His topic was concerning "Christians and Suicide," and the help the Bible can give us. The program was very informative and enjoyed by all who were present.

Respectfully submitted,
 The Reverend Billy Nowell, *President*

Credentials Committee Report

Ministers Present	36
Visiting Ministers	9
Licensed Ministers	3
Delegates	21
Visitors	21
Total Present	93
Ministers Excused	10
Ministers Absent	4

Respectfully submitted
J. B. Caton, Chairman
Charles Petit

Board of Education Report

We received six applications and awarded 2 scholarships. They went to Brent Summerlin of Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church and Corey Dean of Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

We are in process of making plans for a workshop to be held the 5th weekend of April. Al Markuson, Fred Baker, and Michael Ledbetter will present the workshop. Please watch the Free Will Baptist and your mail for time and date.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Parsons

Temperance/Resolutions Committee Report

Whereas, Dr. W. Burkette Raper is a member of the Cape Fear Conference and has served as President of Mount Olive College for 40 years;

Whereas, he has given so faithfully of his time and energy and his life to the ministry of Christian Higher Education through Mount Olive College;

Be it resolved, that this, the Cape Fear Conference, give Dr. Raper a rising vote of appreciation and that \$100.00 contribution be made to the W. Burkette Raper Scholarship Endowment at Mount Olive College.

Whereas, Palmer Memorial Church has been a gracious host for this 140th 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 thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Harrision, Chairman
Don Venable
Keith Pelletier

Obituary Committee Report

We, the Obituary Committee, are not aware of the passing of any of our Cape Fear Ministers in the past year. There are several of our churches that have lost faithful members and we pray that their witness will live on.

A poem and song were offered in the memory of those who are now with the Lord.

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

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994

Balance brought forward	\$ 984.46
Received from Cape Fear Conference	612.98
Received from Union Meetings	<u>397.99</u>
Total to account for	\$1,994.99

Disbursements

Flag	66.78
Dewey Boling	19.00
Treasurer's Bond	100.00
Michael Ledbetter	43.20
Kathy Markuson	35.79
MOC Dining Hall	150.00
Free Will Baptist Press	446.37
Phillip Boykin (mileage)	52.50
Kathy Markuson (mileage)	40.00
H. T. Hinson (treasurer's allowance)	125.00

Total Disbursements	\$1,329.64
Balance on hand	\$ 665.35

Educational Fund

Balance forward	\$ 984.46
From Cape Fear Conference	173.42
From Union Meetings	<u>247.31</u>
Total to account for	\$1,405.19
Less 2 scholarships	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 405.19

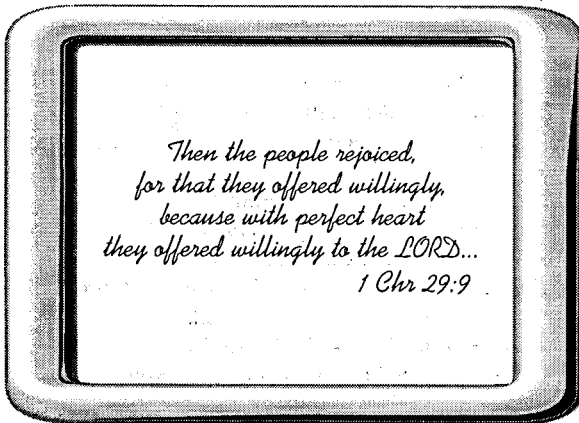
Student Loan Fund

Student Load Fund

\$1,105.00

By motion, it was recommended that the Educational Fund and Student Load be combines since the Loan Fund seems to be inactive at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. Hinson



Cape Fear Conference

Churches	1993 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1994 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
Bethel	140		2		1			1	141	76	78	63	61	66
Casey's Chapel														
Daly's Chapel	50	1			1			0	50	23	31	19	15	20
Faith	119	2	3		1	1		3	122	68	43	79	55	60
Genesis Mission	54		2					2	56	30			25	30
Goldsboro, First														
Haymount	97	3	3	1	1	7		1	96	67	96		57	85
Hopewell	247	1			2	2		3	244	102			61	85
Johnston Union	150		1					1	151	120	150		97	115
Lanwood Chapel	60	3	9				5	7	67	60			45	60
Lee's Chapel	321	10	3		5	1		7	328	200			145	175
Mount Olive	7								7		7			
Oak Grove	169		1		1	1		1	168	130			45	61
Palmer Memorial	188		1		1			0	188	58	76	112	45	55
Pleasant Grove														
Powhatan	258	5	8		4	1		8	266	116			80	90
Riverside	78	2	1	6				9	87	70			65	100
Robert's Grove	201	5			6		2	3	198				100	104

Shady Grove	283		1		6	5		10	273	116			74	95
Smithfield, First	127	4	6			5		5	132	26	73	59	20	42
Smyrna	153	5	2		2	6		1	152	97	152		75	78
Steven's Chapel	117	2	5			1		6	123	54			40	60
St. Mary's Grove	217	3	6	1	8	4	1	3	214	144	214	34	85	140
St. Paul	165				6			6	159	102	95	70	68	68
Tee's Chapel	294	6	9		2	1		12	306	196	306	39	147	159
Vandora Springs	82	4	9			2	2	9	91	65	83	8	45	70
Victory First Deaf	9								9					5
West Clinton	70				1	1		2	68	20	19	49	18	20
Wootens Chapel	105		1		1			0	105	17	25	80	15	28
Yelverton Grove	148				1			1	147	100			68	62
Cape Fear Totals	3909	56	73	8	50	38	10	101	3948	2057	1448	612	1551	1933

Central Conference

Churches	1992 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1993 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
Aspen Grove	234	2	2		6	15		17	217	94			75	100
Ayden	135	6	2		2	2		4	137	44			44	80
Bethany														
Black Jack	590	8	10		7	15		4	598	231	420	178	231	312