

**1996-97
YEARBOOK
FOR
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**MINUTES
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held at
Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Dunn, North Carolina
November 7, 1996**

Officers

Terms for 1996-97

Moderator: The Reverend Billy Nowell
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Al Markuson
Secretary: The Reverend Michael Ledbetter
Assistant Secretary: The Reverend Phillip Boykin
Treasurer: Mr. H. T. Hinson

Executive Board

Billy Nowell, Michael Ledbetter, Phillip Boykin
Al Markuson, J. B. Caton

Standing Boards

Board of Trustees

Ray Warrick (1997), Ray G. Smith (1998), J. N. Bryant (1999)
Raymond Godwin (2000), Mosby Elmore (2001)

Board of Education

Martha Parsons (1997), Peyton Lee (1998), Ruth Scarborough (1999)
Bobby Tew (2000), Helen Coats (2001)

Ordaining Board

Fred Baker (1997), Charles Carroll (1998), Edmundo Gonzalez (1999)
Phillip Boykin (2000), Frank Harrison (2001)

Ordained Ministers

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

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

P	Harris, John Robert	P	Phillips, Kenneth
P	Hayes, Ronnie	P	Pollock, Dennis
P	Hogg, Atlas	E	Raper, Burkette
P	Johnson, Earl	A	Scarborough, Jeff
P	Kennedy, Dean	P	Smith, Elijah Floyd
P	Ledbetter, W. Michael	A	Stanley, Hubert
E	Lee, John Raeford	E	Tew, Bobby
P	Markuson, Al	A	Thompson, Elmer
P	Markuson, Chris	E	Tyner, Luby
P	McLamb, Tony	E	Tyner, William J.
P	Miles, Edward	E	van der Plas, Willem
P	Nowell, Billy	P	Vann, Sexton
P	Parrish, Tony	P	Venable, Don
P	Painter, Edward		
A	Parker, Wilson W.		
E	Peedin, Kenneth		

Licensed Ministers

P	Bogle, Jim--Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church
P	Homes, Bobby
P	Godwin, Lewis--Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
P	Martin, Gary--Riverside Free Will Baptist Church
A	Wall, Chris--Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
P	Warrick, Al

Proceedings

The One Hundred Forty-second Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convened at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, NC, November 7, 1996.

The session was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Billy Nowell. The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises," led by Mr. Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by the Reverend Ronnie Hayes, pastor of Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church. Isaiah 65:24 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 were the basis of his devotion.

We were welcomed by J. N. Bryant of the host church. The response was given by the Reverend Philip Boykin.

The rules of the Credentials Committee were explained by the Reverend Charlie Carroll, as were adopted by the One Hundred and Fourteenth Session, which state: "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 rolls of officers, ministers, standing boards, and churches were 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:

Credentials Committee: Charlie Carroll, Gene Boehning, Tony Parrish
 Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Roy Clifton, Fred Baker, John Robert Harris

Nominating Committee: Frank Harrison, Wayne Hargrove, Ed Gonzalez

Obituary Committee: Dewey Boling, Henry Armstrong, C. M. Coats

The Reverend Billy Nowell gave encouraging advice from God's Word. He stated, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." If the pastor loves as he should then the people will respond in the same way. The pastor should love the people first, love what he is doing, and lead the people to show their love to an unlovely world. If this one thing is practiced, then our churches will be better because of it."

The Secretary was instructed to have the first reading of the proposed constitutional change. It is as follows: Article IX. Meetings: "The Cape Fear Conference shall meet in annual session on the second Tuesday of November." (The rest remains the same.) The reason for this change is that our original date is in conflict with other conferences. We were the last to change our date and we felt obligated to change to accommodate other conferences. A motion was made by Dewey Boling and seconded by Wayne Hargrove to table the item. The item was laid on the table by unanimous vote.

The following reports were given from denominational ministries:

Mount Olive College -- The Reverend Frank Harrison

Children's Home -- Mr. Gary Lee

Foreign Missions -- The Reverend Edmundo Gonzalez

Home Missions -- The Reverend David C. Hansley

Executive Administrator -- The Reverend Scott Sowers gave an overall look at the departmental ministries. He summarized the work that each department is accomplishing and asked for our support prayerfully and financially.

Morning worship began with singing praises to our Lord and Savior, "Revive Us Again." After the offering, we were blessed with special singing by David Earl Wise, Wilma Jean Wise, and Peyton Lee. We were blessed as they sang "The Lights of Home" and "I Know A Man Who Can."

A stirring message was brought by the Reverend Fred Baker of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He spoke on "Revival Is Necessary." It is not an option but is essential in order to see Heaven. Revival is the answer to the sin problem. We have left our first love. It is we who have moved, not God. It is sin that causes separation. God is still in control. Revival tarries for Free Will Baptists. Do we want it--do we really desire it? If we do, then we can have revival. Revival will compel us to (1) Bible study, (2) prayer, (3) obedience, and (4) witnessing.

The Reverend David C. Hansley was called upon for the blessing of the noon meal.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with singing "When We All Get to Heaven," by Peyton Lee. Lewis Godwin, pastor of Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, brought the devotion and prayer.

The following reports were given: Executive Committee (see Reports), Woman's Auxiliary (see Reports), Cape Fear Sunday School (Al Markuson), Cape Fear Board of Education (see Reports), Ordaining Council (see Reports).

A motion was made by Wayne Hargrove and seconded by Phillip Boykin to take the constitutional change off the table. With a unanimous vote, we proceeded with the second

reading of the constitutional change. Motion was made by C. M. Coats and seconded by Philip Boykin to accept the constitutional change. The next Cape Fear Conference meeting will be Tuesday, November 11, 1997.

The reports of the temporary committees were as follows: Temperance/Resolutions (see Reports), Obituary (see Reports), Credentials (see Reports), Nominating (see Reports), Treasurer's Report (see Reports).

An invitation was given by the Reverend Charlie Carroll, pastor of Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, to host the One Hundred and Forty-third Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was made and carried to accept this invitation.

With no other business at hand, a motion was made and carried to leave all unfinished business to the Executive Committee. Motion was made to adjourn and we closed in prayer.

REPORTS

Executive Committee

November 6, 1995

The Executive Committee met after the 141st Session of the Cape Fear Conference. A motion was made and carried that Mike Ledbetter prepare the Minutes of the 141st Session for printing in the *Yearbook*. With no other business, we adjourned.

September 9, 1997

The Executive Committee met at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. All members were present, except for J. B. Caton. The meeting began with prayer by the Reverend Billy Nowell.

The committee appointed the speakers and the temporary committees to serve at the 142nd Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

Discussion ensued relative to the scheduling of the Cape Fear Conference, which is in conflict with the Central Conference. A constitutional change took place in the 139th Session (1993) changing our date to the first Thursday in November. Since we were the last to change our date, thus causing a conflict, we felt obligated to propose a constitutional change in the 142nd Session. A motion was made and carried to recommend to the Conference that we change our meeting date to the "second Tuesday in November."

Several questions were brought up by the Reverend Al Markuson concerning our current Constitution and Bylaws. As outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws, there are several areas that need clarification and possible revision, such as the the Sunday School Convention and the Board of Education. There were not any suggestions at this time but the Executive Committee felt the Conference should be made aware of the need of these revisions.

The Reverend Phillip Boykin reported on the Task Force. We have three representatives on the Task Force. They are the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Fred Baker, and Al Markuson.

It was noted that the *Yearbook* needs to revise its minister's list because there are some listed as members of the Cape Fear Conference who are no longer with us.

With no other business, we adjourned with prayer.

Sincerely,
Billy Nowell, *Moderator*
Michael Ledbetter, *Secretary*

Woman's Auxiliary

Greetings to the Cape Fear Conference from the District Woman's Auxiliary. The Lord has truly blessed us this year!

The host of the Cape Fear District Fall Convention, held on October 11, 1995, was Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. The theme was "Jesus Paid It All," with Scripture text from Luke 23:33. The attendance for the Convention was 85, with 20 of the 22 Auxiliaries represented. The Life Membership Award was presented to Mrs. Thelma Jackson, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, by Mrs. Linda Baker, district missions chairman. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day of worship and fellowship. We know that "Jesus Paid It All" for each one of us through His death and Resurrection.

Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was the host of the Spring Convention held on April 10, 1996. The theme was "My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee," with Scripture taken from 2 Corinthians 12:9. Attendance was 65, with 20 of the 22 Auxiliaries represented. Only one Auxiliary, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, reached A-1 status this year. The Lord gave us a beautiful day for worship and fellowship.

The Cape Fear District has sponsored 2 study courses at Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, this year. Mrs. Lydia van der Plas was the speaker on October 30, 1995, and her topic was "Missions." No topic could have been more appropriate, since Lydia and her husband Willem are our missionaries in Eastern Europe. Lydia spoke on her experiences as a missionary, its difficulties and the rewards of serving a living God. We had our largest attendance in years at this study course. There were 117 present and 18 churches represented.

Mrs. Dianne Riley, director of admissions at Mount Olive College, was the second study course speaker. She spoke on "Youth Stewardship" on April 15, 1996. The attendance was 41, with 9 churches represented.

We faithfully support all of the denominational ministries with our prayers, time, and finances. The Woman's Auxiliary sponsors the Cape Fear Youth Program, which meets monthly.

Please pray that God will continue to bless us and to receive glory in all that we do in the Woman's Auxiliary as we strive to serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudette Lane, *President*

Cape Fear Minister's Conference

The Cape Fear ministers met on March 25, 1996, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, with 16 ministers present. The Reverend Roy Clifton gave our devotional and the Reverend Frank Harrison gave our program. He spoke to us on the future requirements for ordained ministers of our Conference.

The Cape Fear ministers met on June 24, 1996, with 12 ministers present. The Reverend Charlie Carroll gave the devotional and Dr. De Wayne Eakes gave the program. Dr. Eakes spoke to the group on the different styles of pastoral leadership. The program was very informative and helpful.

The Cape Fear ministers met on September 23, 1996, with 19 ministers present. The devotional was given by Gary Martin and the program was given by Dr. Michael Pelt. Dr. Pelt spoke to the group of the importance of our history and the lessons that can be learned by studying the past. His new book, *A History of Original Free Will Baptists*, is on sale and is the most complete historical document ever written about our denomination.

Board of Education

November 7, 1996

1. Letters were mailed March 4, 1996, to all Cape Fear Conference churches in reference to the two \$500 scholarships given each year.

2. Board of Education Committee met on July 28, 1996, to grade the three scholarship applications received. They were awarded to Susan Michelle Collier from Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and Josh Kriger from Riverside Free Will Baptist Church.

3. The Board of Education sponsored a seminar on October 19, 1996, at Crossridge Original Free Will Baptist Mission. It was titled "Truth Matters, Right from Wrong" from Josh McDowell. The Reverend Fred Baker conducted the seminar. The material included a video, workbook, and leader's guide. It was set up in five sessions. "Truth Matters" is for adults and "Right Choices" is for youth. It is some great material and we recommend this material be used in our church's State youth work. Robert's Grove has a set and will loan it out.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Tew, *Chairman*

Martha Parsons, *Secretary*

Helen Coates

Peyton Lee

Ordaining Council

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on March 25, 1996, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. Members present were: Fred Baker, Phillip Boykin, Frank Harrison, and Charlie Carroll. The Reverend Fred Baker was elected to serve as Chairman of the Council. The Reverend Lloyd was approved to serve as interim pastor of Powhatan Church. The Reverend Sam Weeks was approved to serve as pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield. The Reverend James Corbett was approved as pastor of Steven's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and asked to transfer his membership back to the Cape Fear Conference from the Western Conference. Mr. Al Warrick was approved for license by Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church.

The Ordaining Council met on June 24, 1996, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield. All members of the Council were present. There were no items of business to come before the Council.

The Ordaining Council met on September 23, 1996, at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield. Mr. Bobby Helms, a member of Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, was examined for license and was approved. Mr. Al Warrick was approved to serve as interim pastor of Palmer Memorial Church. Mr. Jim Bogle was approved to serve as pastor of Powhatan Church.

The Ordaining Council met on October 4, 1996, in the Sawyer Room at Mount Olive College. Mr. Gary Martin met with the Council to renew his progress and his educational preparation as a licensed minister. He was encouraged to continue his good work and preparation.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Harrison, *Secretary*

Obituary Report

Prayer of Dedication

Dewey Boling

O. T. Scripture

Lewis Godwin

Silent Meditation

N. T. Scripture

Dewey Boling

Introduction of "Remembrance of Ministers"

Dewey Boling

Deceased

T. C. Farmer

Felton Godwin

Closing Benediction

C. M. Coats

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey Boling

Lewis Godwin

C. M. Coats

Credentials Committee Report

Ministers Present	30
Visitors	18
Licensed Ministers	3
Delegates	19
Ministry Representatives	4
Total Present	74
Ministers Excused	10
Ministers Absent	9

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Carroll, *Chairman*

Tony Parrish

Temperance/Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, the host church has done a good job hosting this Conference and the Executive Committee in planning the Conference,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we give them a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

BE IT RESOLVED that we ask our people to continue to take a stand against drugs and alcohol and that we monitor closely and turn off those television programs that are not wholesome to family values as we believe they are taught in the Scriptures.

Respectfully submitted,
 Frank Harrison, *Chairman*
 John Robert Harris
 Fred Baker

Nominating Committee Report

The following nominations are suggested by the Committee for the approval of the Conference.

Standing Boards:

Board of Trustees--Mosby Elmore (2001)
 Board of Education--Helen Coats (2001)
 Ordaining Board--The Reverend Frank Harrison

Respectfully submitted,
 Frank Harrison, *Chairman*
 Wayne Hargrove
 Ed Gonzalez

Treasurer's Report To the Cape Fear Conference 1995-96

Kathy Markuson (Mileage)	\$ 35.25
Rudy Owens (Money for Branch Chapel Fire)	50.00
Mount Olive College	150.00
1995 Yearbook	446.39
Phillip Boykin (Mileage)	13.50
Michael Ledbetter (Secretary's Allowance)	150.00
Ellis Barbour (Treasurer's Bond)	100.00
Kathy Markuson (Mileage)	40.00
Dewey Boling (Mileage)	28.00
Kathy Markuson (Mileage)	30.00
H. T. Hinson (Treasurer's Allocation)	125.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,369.43</u>

Churches	1995 Members	Gain			Lost			Net Change	1996 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other									
Cape Fear Conference														
Bethel	140				4			(4)	136	68	69	67	56	62
Casey's Chapel	142	3	2		1			4	146		80	66	50	75
Covenant of the Deaf									14		10			10
Crossridge Mission		5			1	2		2	65					30
Daly's Chapel					1	2		(3)	15					12
Faith	122	1	5		2			4	129	89	52	77	70	72
Goldsboro, First		2			5			(3)	226					104
Haymount	104	11		8	1	1		17	121	77	121		60	139
Hopewell	241	4	5		2			7	248	93			56	78
Johnston Union	149	2	1		2			1	150	105			82	115
Lanwood Chapel	68	3	3				4	2	67	58	50		40	50
Leo's Chapel	335	6	2		2	5		1	336	200			145	180
Mount Olive	7							0	7					
New Freedom														
Oak Grove	169	2	1		3	1		(1)	168	130			45	60
Palmer Memorial	184		1			4		(3)	181	40	57	124	30	45
Pleasant Grove			4		3	2		(1)	176	90				110
Powhatan	262	1	10		2	4		5	267	101			70	80
Riverside	82	5	3	4	2			10	92	67			60	100

Churches	1995	Gain			Lost			Net	1996	Sunday	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS	Avg. MW
	Members	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Change	Members	School			Atten.	Atten.
Robert's Grove	205	11	4			3		12	217	134			106	117
Shady Grove	275	5	6		4	5		2	277	90			67	90
Smithfield, First	120			2	3	4		(5)	115	15	56	59	12	35
Smyrna	155	13	3		7	3		6	161	102	161		80	85
Steven's Chapel			3		4	1		(2)	120					68
St. Mary's Grove	212	2	3		5	6		(6)	206	115	206	34	71	100
St. Paul	165	2	3					5	167	105	97	70	70	70
Tee's Chapel	310	2	6	1	1			8	318	201	318	36	145	159
Vandora Springs	94	1	1	2	2	6		(4)	90	42	77	13	30	55
West Clinton	20		3		1			2	22	20	20	2	18	20
Wootens Chapel	132	3	16	2				21	153	53	65	88	40	90
Yelverton Grove	143		1		4			(3)	140	99			63	52
Cape Fear Totals	3836	84	86	19	62	49	4	74	4530	2094	1439	636	1466	2263

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	214		2		11	6		(15)	199				65	65
Ayden	138	3	4		3	4	2	(2)	136	49			36	55
Bethany	162		2	6	3		2	3	165	70	100	65	50	80
Black Jack	591	17	2		4	2		13	604	364	427	177	236	247