# 2000-2001 YEARBOOK FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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#### MINUTES OF THE

# ONE HUNDREDTH AND FORTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST HELD AT SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SPIVEY'S CORNER, NORTHCAROLINA

**NOVEMBER 14, 2000** 

Moderator: The Reverend Fred Baker (2001) Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Roy Clifton (2001) Secretary: The Reverend Phillip Boykin (2001) Assistant Secretary: The Reverend Charlie Caroll (2001)

Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2001) Member at Large: The Reverend Jessie Caton (2001)

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Charlie Caroll, Sam Weeks, J.B. Caton

# STANDING BOARDS **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mosbey Elmore (2001), Ray Warrick (2002), Ray G. Smith (2003), J.N. Bryant (2004) Granville Denning (2005)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Helen Coats (2001), Martha Parsons (2002), Peyton Lee (2003), Doug Seymour (2004) Ricky Warren (2005)

### ORDAINING BOARD

Frank Harrison (2001), Fred Baker (2002), Roy Clifton (2003), Sam Weeks (2004) Phillip Boykin (2005)

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

| P        | Armstrong, Henry   |                 |                    |
|----------|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| P        | Ard, Norman  | A               | Byrd, Raeford      |
| P        | Baker, Fred  | E               | Carroll, Charlie   |
| <b>P</b> | Ballance, Joe  | ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) |                    |
| Е        | Barrow, William David  | <b>P</b>        | Casey, Scott       |
| P        | Benson, Swade  | P               | Caton, Jessie B.   |
| Α :      | Blackman, James Cecil  | P               | Clifton, Roy       |
| Ρ        | Bogel, Jim and the state of the | P               | Coats, C.M.        |
| , E      | Boling, Dewey C.   | P .             | Corbett, James     |
| P        | Boykin, Phillip  | P               | Fulcher, Jesse     |
| P        | Gonzalez, Edmundo E  | Parker, V       | Vilson             |
| E        | Hamm, Otis   |                 |                    |
| E        | Hargrove, Wayne  | P               | Phillips, Kenneth  |
| P        | Harrison, Frank  | Ε               | Pollock, Dennis    |
| E        | Hayes, Ronnie  | P               | Raper, W. Burkette |

|     | P Seymour, Doug P Smith, Elijah Floyd                                  |  |
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| P   | Johnson, Earl A Stanley, Hubert  |  |
| P   | Kennedy, Dean  |  |
| P   | Lamm, Alan   |  |
| P . | Ledbetter, Michael E Tew, Bobby  |  |
| E   | Lee, John Raeford  |  |
| Ε . | Markuson, Al   |  |
| P   | McLamb, Tony state and the large seasons. English van der Plas, Willem |  |
| P   | Massengill, John E Van, Sexton   |  |
| E   | Miles, Edward and Advanced Advanced Power Warrick, Alexander           |  |
| P   | Myrick, Joe 2, 1984, 1984, 1984, 1984, 1984, P. Weeks, Sam             |  |
| P   | Nowell, Billy E Williamson, Aubrey                                     |  |
| E   | Painter, Edward  |  |

#### **LICENSE MINISTERS**

| Α . | Holmes, Bobby -Yelverton Grove    | E Bryan Williamson-St. Marys Grove |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Α   | Martin, Gary-Riverside P          | Ken Dabbs-Vandora Springs          |
| P   | Scott Johnson-Pleasant Grove      | P Roger Hill-Powhatown             |
| E   | Scott Satterfield- Pleasant Grove |                                    |

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

The One Hundred and Forty Sixth Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptist convened at Shady Grove FWB Church, Spivey's Corner, N.C., on November 14, 2000.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Fred Baker. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again," led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by Roger Hill, licensed minister from Powhatown Free Will Baptist Church. He based his devotional on Joshua 24:14-20. We were welcomed to the church by the Pastor, Rev. Jesse Fulcher. The response was given by Rev. Scott Casey.

The rules of the Credentials Committee were explained by Rev. Jesse Fulcher as adopted by the One hundred and Fourteenth Session of the Conference. Before the rules were read a special recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Shady Grove was given by the moderator. These rules 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 the right to vote. It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to explain the registration at the opening of the Cape Fear Conference.

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

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

Credentials Committee: Jesse Fulcher, Ken Dabbs
Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Jim Bogel, Charlie Carroll,
John Massengale

Nominating Committee: Sam Weeks, James Corbett, Kenneth Phillips Obituary Committee: Dean Kennedy, Billy Nowell, Scott Casey

The moderator asked the congregation if there were any ministers who wanted to join the conference. Rev. Donnie Massey from Faith FWB Church and Rev. Richard McKeel from Steven's Chapel FWB Church joined. Both were given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the conference by the moderator. Rev. Fred Baker then gave his remarks to the conference. He spoke from Matthew 17:14-21. He challenged us to love one another and to uphold the Word of God. He asked us to encourage one another and not to bring one another down. He spoke on unity in the cause of Christ and to work together for the cause of saving the lost.

We then were introduced to the representatives of the Ministries that were presented and allowed them to speak on behalf of each organization. Those present were Dr. Bobby Taylor, Children's Home; Rev. Bruce Dudley, Retirement Homes; Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; Rev. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College; Mary Dudley, Sunday School; Cliff Gray, FWB Press; Mike Williams, Camp Vandemere. Rev. David Hansley, then spoke to us for Cragmont Assembly, The Minister's Retirement Board, Church Finance, and Home Missions. He then spoke to us on the work of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist. The reports were enjoyed by all present.

We were then given a small break asking everyone to come back into the sanctuary when they began to hear the piano music, this will signal the start of our worship time. Our worship time began with the singing "At the Cross." The offering was taken and prayer was offered for God's blessings by Scott Johnson. The moderator then turned the service over to the host church for special singing. Rev. Fred Baker then introduced Dr. W. Burkette Raper, the speaker for the conference. Dr. Raper spoke on Matthew 7:24-27. He spoke to us on the difference of a life built on God's word and a life built on man's word. Man's word is built on the sand, it is built quickly and as easily as it can, but when the storms of life come it is washed away. God's word is built on the rock, it uses the best to build with and when the storm comes it stands. If we build our lives or our churches on the easy, cheap and most contemporary, it will fall. But if we will build on the solid rock of Christ even in the difficult times we will stand. We need to be Pillars and not Pillows. Pillows are for sleeping but Pillars are for building and support. We need to dig through the sands of this world and build on the Rock of Jesus Christ. His message was inspiring and gave all the conference a great deal to consider.

Rev. Jesse Fulcher then gave instruction on lunch and closed us in prayer giving the blessing for the meal as he prayed.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with singing, "How Marveles," by song leader Peyton Lee. Rev. Doug Seymour then lead the group in our devotional, he is pastor of Blended Fellowship Mission Church. He uses Psalms 96:1 as his text, sharing with us the blessings of singing a new song in our lives. The psalmist always closed a difficult time in his life with a new song. We all know beautiful old hymns that we love. But once those old songs were new songs, what would have happen if no one had sang them. The same thing applies in life there are a lot of needs in this world and we do not need to be afraid of helping people who need Christ just because they may be different than us. He closed his devotional in prayer.

The moderator then asked for the reports of all Standing Boards of the Conference: Executive Committee -Rev. Phillip Boykin (See Report)

Ordaining Council-Rev. Frank Harrison (See Report)

Cape Fear Ministers-Rev. Roy Clifton (See Report)

Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary-Linda Jackson (See Report)

Cape Fear Youth and Board of Education-Martha Parsons (See Report)

The reports of the temporary committees were given as follows:

Temperance/Resolutions-Rev. Jim Bogel (See Report)

Credentials-Rev. Jesse Fulcher (See Report)

Obituary-Rev. Dean Kennedy (See Report)

Nominating Committee-Rev. Sam Weeks (See Report)

In our business session the moderator called for Old Business. It was suggested that a statement be placed in the minutes that The Blended Fellowship Mission was formerly organized into a mission by the Cape Fear Conference on July 9, 2000. The organizational service was held at Mount Olive College on July 9th by the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference and we were blessed with this service. This mission now is active and growing in the Goldsboro area. The moderator then called for any further Old Business, there being none, he then called for New Business. A motion was made from the floor that Dr, Raper write his message in manuscript form and it be published in the FWB Magazine as soon as possible. The motion met with a proper second and was passed. There being no further New Business the moderator asked for the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Sam Weeks gave the report (See Reports) and a motion was made and properly seconded to accept the report. A motion was then made that all unfinished business be left to the Executive Committee and that we adjourn the meeting. That motion was properly seconded and approved. Closed in prayer by Rev. Roy Clifton. The next Conference will be November 13, 2001 at Covenant Free Will Baptist Church in Hope Mills, N.C.

# REPORTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 10, 2000

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met at Lee's Chapel FWB Church on Monday January 10, 2000. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, and Scott Casey. Jesse Caton was not there due to his son having surgery that day. The meeting was opened in prayer by Sam Weeks. The moderator asked the clerk to read the minutes from the 1999 Cape Fear Conference. After some corrections the minutes were approved as read.

The moderator asked the clerk to send each church the constitutional changes that the conference approved in November 1999. The changes will be sent also to pastors of all our churches. In this letter the clerk was asked to list all the new officers and their addresses and phone numbers. There will also be a statement to the churches reminding them of their obligation to clear with the Ordaining Council any new pastor they are interested in, before they hire them.

There was also some discussion on asking the Union Meeting to consider changing the Union to another Saturday other than the 5th Saturday. Some pastors have off on they 5th Sundays so they may not be there on the 5th Saturday. It was

suggested that on the survey that the Union will send out this should be a suggestion for them. There will be no meeting on the 5th Saturday of October, instead we will have a Revival Meeting on the 5th Sunday Night at Lee's Chapel. There was also some discussion on the Cape Fear Conference's representative on the Executive Committee of the Convention.

Sam Weeks then gave the Treasurer's Report. His report was approved as given. He reported that \$1,000.00 has been given to Riverside FWB Church for the rebuilding of their church after the flood. Fred Baker and Scott Casey will be distributing the Lighthouses to churches in our conference. A motion was then made and seconded to adjourn. It passed and Roy Clifton closed the meeting in prayer. February 7, 2000

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met at Lee's Chapel FWB Church on Monday, February 7, 2000. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, Scott Casey, and Jesse Caton. The meeting was opened in prayer by Scott Casey. The moderator asked the clerk to read the minutes from our last meeting in January. After some corrections the minutes were approved as read.

A motion was made and properly seconded to reimburse Fred Baker in buying the Lighthouses that is going around the conference churches. The motion passed. There was then some discussion on the work at Covenant FWB Mission in Fayetteville. Brother Otis Hamm is the assigned pastor by the Ordaining Council there. The work is going well but the Executive Committee had some questions about how the mission was being run. It was agreed that the committee needed to talk with the Director of Home Missions, The Reverend Al Markuson. A meeting was then set up for Monday, March 6th with Rev. Markuson and a member of his board to be with him. The clerk was asked to contact Rev. Markuson and notify him of this meeting. After further discussion a motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was closed in prayer by Roy Clifton.

March 6, 2000

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Robert's Grove OFWB Church on March 6, 2000. Present at the meeting were Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Jesse Caton, and Scott Casey. Also present was Rev. Al Markuson, Director of the Home Missions Department.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Fred Baker, after which he welcomed the group to the meeting. He then stated the purpose of the meeting was to help our Executive Committee better understand the work of the Home Missions Department. The committee had some questions concerning a mission church in our conference and how the overall working of the Home Missions Department was conducted.

After many questions and the appropriate answers a letter was read to the group from a new work sponsored by Haymount FWB Church called Blended Fellowship. The work wants to go to mission status but under a Mother Church program sponsored by Haymount. A discussion with our Home Mission Department produced no program for Mothering churches so the Executive Committee would have a meeting to see what the next step would be for Blended Fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned with Roy Clifton closing the meeting in prayer. April 30,2000

The Executive Committe of the Cape Fear Conference meet at Blended Fellowship in Goldsboro, N.C. on Sunday, April 30, 2000. Present for the meeting was Fred Baker, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, J.B. Caton, and Scott Caton. Also present was Rev.

Al Markuson, Director of our Home Missions Department, Dean Kennedy, pastor of the Mother Church, Haymount FWB Church, and Charlie Johnson, chairman of the deacon board at Haymount. Doug and Melanie Seymour, directors of the work were present along with other members of the congregation. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate the possibility of this work becoming a mission under the mother church program of our conference.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Dean Kennedy. Doug Seymour then took the group on a tour of the facilities in Goldsboro. The building can now seat 56 people with a room in the back not yet completely open to the sanctuary with additional room for 15 more soon to be opened. This is an office complex and Doug has secured permission by the surrounding complexes to use their parking on Sundays. They are renting the building and the owners are tithing back to the work 10% of the rent money to help with the work. The building already has bathroom facilities and a small kitchen area. The building was in good physical condition.

Blended Fellowship has a two hour service on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. It incorporates hearing as well as deaf worship during these meetings. They also meet on Sunday nights for Bible Study and discussion. They are planning a Sunday School when they have a larger group and leaders to teach both the hearing and deaf in each class.

Members of the Fellowhip present were Sarah Snider, Ray Snider, Brandie Snider, Cindy Bailey, Robert Jones, Phillip Gamble, William Berryman, and the interpreter was Reita Radford. This was a group made up of hearing and deaf people attending the fellowship. Fred Baker then asked some general questions to the group. He explained the relationship that this group will have with the conference and the conference to our denomination. The mother church, Haymount FWB, was then given the opportunity to share in its experience with the new group and all comments were positive and uplifting. One of the members of the Fellowship then gave his testimony of how Christ had come into his life as a result of this new work. The members were then dismissed.

The Executive Committee then met with Doug and Melanie along with Home Missions and the Mother Church. Fred Baker lead the group in prayer to begin further investigation. Doug then shared with the committee some very good detailed records of the work since it opened. He reported that they have 9 new converts and 11 people waiting to be baptized. The work continues to grow and financial records are very good and sound. After reviewing the records we were then shown a video tape of the worship service on 4/23/00. After reviewing all the evidence and records the committee unanimously voted to approve the investigation and move toward the next step for the work. Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with Home Missions, the Mother Church and the Committee on May 18th at Lee's Chapel at 9:00am.

May 18, 2000

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met at Lee's Chapel FWB Church on Thursday, May 18, 2000. Present at the meeting were Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, Scott Casey, Dean Kennedy, and Al Markuson. The meeting was opened in prayer by Scott Casey. The moderator stated the purpose of today's meeting was to see how we could help The Blended Fellowship become a mission.

The clerk read the minutes of the meeting with Blended Fellowship and Rev. Kennedy added that one new convert had been added to the Fellowship since we met. The floor was turned over to the Director of Home Missions, The Rev. Al

Markuson. Rev. Markuson stated that there had been some programs in the past years on starting churches but he could not find one that the Mission Board had that was an official policy for him. Rev. Markuson stated that with no guidelines that the only way Home Missions could help with the Blended Fellowship was if the group applied to become a part of Home Missions and came under all rules and regulations of that Board.

A discussion followed on a possible Mother Daughter program that Home Missions could sponsor. But because Rev. Markuson has no program like this one his only program is the full missions program and he could not participate in this work without guidelines from his Board of Directors. Seeing this would take too long we dismissed Rev. Markuson from the meeting. We then turned to page 77 of The Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptist where it speaks of a conference mission board.

Rev. Roy Clifton made a motion that the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference serve as a Mission Board for our Conference and that we accept The Blended Fellowship as a mission of the conference as soon as it can be organized. The motion also included that we will leave it up to the Conference in November to create a new board called the Mission Board of the Cape Fear Conference or they may let the Executive Committee remain this board. The motion was seconded by Rev. Sam Weeks and the motion passed with an unanimous vote. We will use these terms to help in guiding The Blended Fellowship. 1) Day to Day operations of the Blended Fellowship will be coordinated by the Mother Church (Haymount FWB) and the Mission. 2) The conference mission board will be a part of the governing body and all the groups involved will meet at least twice a year on the work. 3) A service will be planned to officially recognize this mission into the Cape Fear Conference by the Mission Board as soon as possible.

After further discussion a motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was closed in prayer by Roy Clifton.

\*\*June 7, 2000\*\*

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee received a request by thirteen members of Riverside FWB Church asking for the committee to send representatives to a business meeting on June 7, 2000. Rev. Fred Baker, Moderator and Rev. Roy Clifton, Assistant Moderator attended the meeting.

The pastor opened the meeting in prayer and devotional. The church roll was called and 45 members who were eligible to vote were present. A motion from the floor was made to dismiss the pastor. The motion failed and the group had other business that was carried on peacefully.

After the further business, the Executive Committee was given the opportunity to speak. Rev. Baker reminded them that the enemy was the devil, and not each other. After closing the meeting in prayer at the alter, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted;
The Reverend Fred Baker, Moderator
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Secretary
The Reverend Scott Casey, Assistant Secretary
The Reverend Roy Clifton, Acting Secretary

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# ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordaining Board met on January 24, 2000 at First FWB Church in Smithfield with all members present. There was no business to come before the council so we dismissed in prayer.

The board met on April 28, 2000 at Mount Olive College with all members present. Mr. Otis Hamm was given permission to take the ordination exam. He took the exam the next week and passed. He was ordained on July 29, 2000. Mr. Doug Seymour also met with the board and was cleared to take the exam. He also passed the exam and was ordained on July 9th at Roger's Chapel. The meeting was closed in praver.

The board met on May 18, 2000 at Lee's Chapel FWB Church. Rev. Ron Deans met with the board to be cleared to pastor Lanwood Chapel FWB Church. He was cleared to be the interim pastor for a period of 90 days. If he wishes to be called as their full time pastor he will need to meet with the board after 90 days.

The board met on July 24, 2000 at First FWB Church in Smithfield. Mr. Bryan Williamson met with the board to be examined for licensing. After discussion he was passed as a licensed minister. He is a member of St. Mary's Grove FWB Church. Mr. Scott Johnson, a member of Pleasant Grove FWB Church met with the board and was examined. He was passed by the board and is to be licensed by his church.

Mr. Kenneth Dabbs after meeting all the requirements was also given the ordination exam. He passed the exam and will be ordained upon a calling given by a FWB Church. The meeting was closed in prayer.

The board met at Mount Olive College on September 13, 2000 with all members present. The Rev. Richard McKeel sought permission to pastor in our conference. He was cleared. He is the pastor of Stephen's Chapel FWB Church. The meeting was closed in prayer.

The board met on October 23rd at First FWB Church in Smithfield, with all members present. The board met with Scott Saterfield from Pleasant Grove FWB Church. The board examined him to be licensed and after discussion he was passed. The meeting was then closed in prayer. Rev. Jerry Stephenson also met with the board to be approved to pastor Vandora Springs FWB Church. He was approved.

Ministers received into the Cape Fear Conference by letter of transfer are as follows:

The Reverend Dan Jordan

The Reverend Joe Myrick The Reverend Donnie Massey

Licensed Minister this past year:

The Reverend Dr. Jerry Stephenson The Reverend Aubrey Williamson The Reverend Richard McKeel

Mr. Bryan Williamson

Scott Johnson

Scott Satterfield

The Reverend Aubrey Williams

The Reverend Dr. Alan Lamm

# **CAPE FEAR MINISTERS MEETINGS**

The Cape Fear Ministers Conference was held on January 24, 2000 with 7 ministers present. Otis Hamm gave our devotional and Rev. Frank Harrison had our program. He spoke to the group on the subject of Real Revival. Rev. Harrison shared with the group the 6 keys to true Revival. He also shared with us some statistics on the thinking

of Americans on the Church and Christ. After some discussion the meeting was closed in prayer.

There was no meeting in April due to the Easter Holiday.

The Cape Fear Ministers Conference met on July 24, 2000 with 14 ministers present. The devotional was given by Dr. Sam Weeks and the program was given by Rev. Leon Grubbs, President of the Convention of OFWB. He spoke to the group on his term as president and some of the things he has done during his term. He also told the group of a proposal of changing the convention to a week in May. He told us that a committee is formed to try and get all the conventions to meet on that same week. The meetings will all be held at MOC with no students on campus, it would let everyone plan to go to the meetings for just one week out of the year, and it would be out of the hurricane season. Some discussion followed and we closed in prayer.

The Cape Fear Ministers Conference met on October 23, 2000 with 14 minister present. Our devotional was given by Rev. Doug Seymour and the program was given by the Rev. Donald Fader. Rev. Fader spoke to the group on the Retirement program and Church Finance. He urged each one to consider what they will do in retirement and begin to do something about their future now. He also told the group of the different programs that now are offered by the Retirement Board. He also urged the group that if their church has a savings account in the bank, that we consider letting Church Finance use that money to build other churches. After some discussion the meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted; Phillip Boykin, Secretary/Treasurer Roy Clifton, President

# WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliary met October 7, 2000 at Shady Grove Church with 12 churches reporting. We did our meeting a little differently. Instead of a sermon, we had a workshop entitled Servant Leadership. The object was to show leadership through serv tude. The attendance was good, as was the response of the workshop. Our next meeting will be in Smithfield on the 1st Sunday in April. We will have an election and installation of officers on that day.

Respectfully Submitted; Linda Jackson, President

# BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Report to the Cape Fear Conference-November 14, 2000

Applications were mailed to each church and we received 2 back. We had enough money to give both applicants a \$500.00 scholarship.

One was awarded to Kimberly Gail Casey, from Casey's Chapel Church. Kimberly is attending UNC Wilmington. The second was awarded to Johnathan Willard "Will" Faircloth from Robert's Grove. Will is attending Mount Olive College.

The Board of Christian Education has asked the Cape Fear Union if we could

have a Union Meeting Saturday during the Summer for a Sunday School Training day. We will get our answer when the Union meets in April 2001.

Respectfully Submitted;

Martha Parsons

Board of Education Chairman

# RESOLUTION/TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1) Be it resolved that the 146th session give a rising vote of appreciation and hanks to all those officials of both the Cape Fear Conference and the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist for all the work done this past year. Be it further resolved that a rising vote be given to Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church for their marvelous support in hosting the conference today. Be it further resolved that by our applause, we encourage them toward another 150 years of solid Christian service.

The resolution was met with proper motion and second. The resolution was bassed by the session.

Respectfully Submitted; Jim Bogel, Chairman Charlie Carrol John Massengale

# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR 2000

| CAPE FEAR MINISTERS PRESENT | 38          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| MINISTERS EXCUSED BY LETTER | 14          |
| DELEGATES                   | 24          |
| VISITORS                    | 6           |
| LICENSED MINISTERS          | <u>. 5</u>  |
| TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE         | <b>87</b> . |

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

It was reported that two ministers from our conference had passed away since our last meeting. 1) Rev. W.A. (Atlas) Hogg-1919-2000. He was a veteran of World War II. Rev. Hogg was called into the ministry in 1972. He was licensed by Powhatown FWB Church the year before. Upon his ordination he was called as associate pastor of the Powhatown FWB Church. He served as interim pastor of many local churches and he also preached at churches throughout our conference when pastors needed him. He also served as pastor of Faith FWB Church for 3 years. In January 2000 he was diagnosed with cancer. He was operated on February 14, 2000 and never regained consciousness from the surgery. He died on March 3, 2000. He served his family and his denomination well during his ministry.

2) James Elmer Thompson - March 14, 1918-January 22, 2000. The Reverend James Elmer Thompson of 141 County Store Road, Selma, NC died unexpectedly in Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield, NC, on January 22, 2000. He was the son of the late James Monroe Daniels Thompson and Mary Ellen Thompson. Thompson was born March 14, 1918 in Johnston County, NC. He married Eunice Braswell on September 4, 1938, in Dillion, SC, and to this union was born four children: Glenda Rose T.

Polk, Lavia LaVerne T. Rose, Mary Sue T. Dupree and Jimmy Wayne Thompson. Mrs. Thompson and the children all survive him.

Converted in June 1938, he joined Tee's Chapel FWB Church. He felt the call to preach later in his life and was ordained in the Cape Fear Conference on November 4, 1971 at age 53. Following his ordination he took night courses at Mount Olive College and pastored Otway FWB Church, Beaufort, NC, in the early 1970's. After this pastorate he returned to Johnston County where he assisted other preachers and churches doing supply work as long as he was able.

Characterized by his family as a "little man with a big heart full of love for everyone," his funeral was conducted by the Reverend Dennis Pollock at Casey's Funeral Home in Princeton, NC, and interment was in the Princeton Cemetery. A large snowfall prohibited having the services at Tee's Chapel Church because of the danger of climbing the numerous steps to the sanctuary.

A motion and second was given to receive the obituary committee's report. It was approved.

Respectfully Submitted;

Dean Kennedy, Chairman

Billy Nowell

Scott Casey

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1. Board of Trustees: Mr. Granville Denning term expires 2005
- 2. Board of Education: Rev. Doug Skinner (Filling Gene Britts Term) term expires 2004

Ricky Warren term expires 2005

- 3. Board of Ordination: Rev. Phillip Boykin term expires 2005
- 4. Officers for 1999-2001

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Moderator: Rev. Fred Baker

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Roy Clifton

Secretary: Rev. Phillip Boykin

Assistant Secretary: Rev. Charlie Carrol (filling the term of Scott Casey)

Treasurer: Dr. Sam Weeks

This committee will also serve as the Mission Board of the Conference.

Respectfully Submitted; Sam Weeks, Chairman Kenneth Phillips James Corbett

# TREASURER'S REPORT

November 8, 1999-November 13, 2000

I. Balance on hand as of November 8, 1999:

\$2,856.75

II. Receipts:

1999 Conference (offering and letters)
Sunday School Convention

\$1,501.06 \$565.36

| 1999 Conference (late)   | \$55.00  |
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| Union Offerings and letters (Jan/May/Aug/Oct)  | <u>\$2,379.70</u>  |
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| Total Receipts:  | \$4,501.12   |
|  | \$7,357.87   |
|  | transfer from the  |
| . Disbursements:   |  |
| Riverside OFWB Church  | \$1,000.00   |
| Conf/Union Expenses  | garan katalon kalendarian da katalong kalendarian da katalong katalong katalong katalong katalong katalong kat |
| (postage, travel, supplies, honorariums)   | \$669.43   |
| Foreign Missions   | \$438.26   |
| Home Missions  | \$438.26   |
| Education Scholarship (Johnathan Faircloth)  | \$500.00   |
| Education Scholarship (Kimberly Casey)   | \$500.00   |
| Convention of OFWB (1999 Yearbook)   | \$700.00   |
| Convention of OFWB (2000 Yearbook)   | <u>\$700.00</u>  |
| Region Association and the contract of the con |  |
| Total Disbursements:   | \$4,945.95   |
| Balance on hand as of November 13, 2000:  (Out of this balance \$242.84 is in the Education Fun  | \$2,411.92<br>d)   |
|  | Programme and Control  |
| Funds available to the <b>Conference</b> for spending as of Nov.   | 13, 2000: <b>\$2,169.08</b>  |
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VI. Formula for disbursements:

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Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)
Christian Education Fund = 20%
Union and Conference expenses = 55%

Respectfully Submitted; Sam Weeks, Treasurer

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|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CHURCHES                    | 2000 | Active | Inactive           | Baptism    | Letter | Other      | Deceased      | Letter | Other | Net<br>Change | Sunday<br>School | Avg. SS<br>Attend. | Ave. MW<br>Attend. |
| Cape Fear Conference        | Γ    | 1      |                    |            |        | Γ          |               | 1      |       |               |                  |                    |                    |
| Bethel                      | 136  | 70     | 66                 | 17         | 1      | 0          | 5             | 1      | 0     | 148           | 8                | 55                 | 71                 |
| Blended Fellowship(Mission) | 0    | ۰٥.    | 0                  | 13         | 26     | 0          | 0             | 0      | 0     | 39            | 0                | 0                  | 35                 |
| Caseys Chapel               | 138  | 84     | 54                 | 11         | . 0    | _ 0        | 0             | 1.     | 0     | 148           | 62               | 35                 | 65                 |
| Cross Ridge                 | 10.1 |        | 1                  |            |        |            |               | 1      | 7     |               | 11               |                    |                    |
| Covenant of the Deaf        | 80   | 18     | 62                 | 0          | . 0    | 0          | 0             | 0      | 0     | 80            | 12               | 12                 | 20                 |
| Faith                       | 147  | 61     | 86                 | 2          | 0      | 1          | 2             | 1      | 2     | 145           | 98               | 76                 | 85                 |
| Goldsboro, First            | 225  | 101    | 124                | 0          | 4      | 0          | 3             | 3      | 0     | 223           | 102              | . 81               | 98                 |
| Haymount                    | 183  | , ,    | 100                | 6          | 0 :    | 7          | 2             | 0      | 0     | 194           | 71               | 65                 | 116                |
| Hopewell                    | 243  |        |                    | 9          | 1      | 0 :        | 3             | 5      | 0     | 245           | 102              | 54                 | 75                 |
| Johnston Union              | 162  |        |                    | 6 ,        | 9 :    | 0          | · 3           | 1      | 0     | - 173         | 122              | 72                 | 100                |
| Lanwood                     | 40   | 24     | 16                 | 0          | 2      | 0          | 0             | 0      | 14    | 28            | 28               | 24                 | 45                 |
| Lee's Chapel                | 355  | 250    | 105                | 1          | 1      | 0 -        | 2             | 0      | 0     | 35            | 160              | 100                | 150                |
| Mount Olive                 | 7    | 7      | 44                 |            |        |            |               | I      |       | 7             | 10               | - 1                |                    |
| Oak Grove                   | 163  |        | į.                 | 0          | 1      | 0          | t '           | 1      | 0     | 162           | 130              | 55                 | 75                 |
| Palmer Memorial             | 171  | - 56   | 115                | 3          | 6      | 0          | ÷ 0           | 6      | 0     | 174           | 46               | 39                 | 50                 |
| Pleasant Grove              | 196  | - 112  | 84                 | 2          | 0      | 0          | 2             | 2      | . 0   | 194           | 86 -             | 68                 | 85                 |
| Powhatan                    | 308  | 115    | 196                | 0          | 0      | 5          | 8             | 0      | 0     | 3             | 140              | 98                 | 115                |
| Riverside                   | 117  | 75     |                    | 0          | 0      | 0          | 2             | 0      | 0     | 115           | 78               | 50                 | : 100              |
| Robert's Grove              | 239  | 1      |                    | - 0        | 0      | 0          | t             | 1      | 0     | 237           | 149              | 111                | 121                |
| Shady Grove                 | 277  | 125    | 152                | 2          | 0      | 0          | 7             | 1      | 0     | 271           | 90               | 70                 | 90                 |
| Smithfield First            | 88   | 56     | 32                 | *** 4 ·· · | 5      | 0          | · · · * [ · · | 0      | 0 /   | 96            | 30               | 18                 | 52                 |
| Smyrna                      | 178  |        | 2000               | 3          | 2      | 0          | 3             | 2      | 1     | 177           | 93               | - 80               | 85                 |
| St. Mary's Grove            | 234  | 3.00   | approximate to the | 14         | 8      | · 1 ·      | 6             | - 0 -  | 0     | 251           | 105              | 63                 | 130                |
| St. Paul                    | 167  | 121    | 46                 | . 4        | 0      | ···· 0 ··' | 1 1           | 1      | - 0   | 169           | 121              | 68                 | 68                 |
| Steven's Chapel             | 85   | 40     | 45                 | 0          | 0      | 0          | 3             | 2      | 0     | 81            | 43               | 28                 | 65                 |
| Tee's Chapel                | 341  | 341    | 33                 | 2          | 5      | 0          | 5             | 3      | 0     | 340           | 215              | 160                | 203                |
| Vandora Springs             | 104  | 69     | 35                 | 3          | 8      | 0          | 0             | . 3    | 0     | 112           |                  | 40                 | 72                 |
| West Clinton                |      |        |                    |            |        |            |               |        |       |               |                  |                    |                    |
| Wooten's Chapel             | 212  | 100    | 105                | 0          | 11     | 0          | 0             | 4      | 0     | 7             | 107              | 65                 | 95                 |
| Yelverton Grove             | 132  | 68     | 64                 | ı          | 1      | 0          | 4             | 0      | 0     | 130           | 88               | 65                 | 60                 |
| Cape Fear Totals            | 4728 | 1893   | 1420               | 103        | 91     | 14         | 64            | 38     | 17    | 3984          | 2286             | 1652               | 2326               |