

**2001-2002
YEARBOOK
FOR
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL
BAPTISTS**

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**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDREDTH AND FORTY SEVENTH MEETING
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD AT
COVENANT FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION
HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

Moderator: The Reverend Fred Baker (2002)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Roy Clifton (2002)
Secretary: The Reverend Phillip Boykin (2003)
Assistant Secretary: The Reverend Charlie Carroll (2003)
Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2002)
Member at Large: The Reverend Jessie Caton (2003)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

STANDING BOARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ray Warrick (2002), Ray G. Smith (2003), J.N. Bryant (2004), Granville Denning (2005)
Mosbey Elmore (2006)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Martha Parsons (2002), Peyton Lee (2003), Doug Seymour (2004), Ricky Warren (2005)
Wayne Puckett (2006)

ORDAINING BOARD

Fred Baker (2002), Roy Clifton (2003), Sam Weeks (2004), Phillip Boykin (2005)
Frank Harrison (2006)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

E	Armstrong, Henry	P	Byrd, Raeford
P	Ard, Norman	P	Carroll, Charlie
P	Baker, Fred	A	Casey, Scott
P	Ballance, Joe	P	Caton, Jessie B.
E	Barrow, William David	P	Clifton, Roy
P	Benson, Swade	P	Coats, C.M.
P	Blackman, James Cecil	P	Corbett, James
P	Bogel, Jim	P	Dabbs, Ken
P	Boling, Dewey C.	P	Fulcher, Jesse
P	Boykin, Phillip	P	Gonzalez, Edmundo
P	Hamm, Otis	P	Nowell, Billy

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P Hargrove, Wayne
P Harrison, Frank
E Hayes, Ronnie
E Hill, Roger
E Johnson, Earl
E Jordan, Dan
P Kennedy, Dean
A Lamm, Alan
P Ledbetter, Michael
E Lee, John Raeford
P Markuson, Al
P Massey, Donnie
E McKeel, Richard
P McLamb, Tony
E Miles, Edward
E Myrick, Joe

E Parker, Wilson
P Phillips, Kenneth
P Pollock, Dennis
E Raper, W. Burkette
P Seymour, Doug
P Scarbrough, Jeff
P Smith, Elijah Floyd
A Stanley, Hubert
P Stephenson, Jerry
E Tew, Bobby
E van der Plas, Willem
A Van, Sexton
P Warrick, Al
P Weeks, Sam
P Williamson, Aubrey

LICENSED MINISTERS

P Scott Satterfield - Pleasant Grove E Bryan Williamson - St. Marys Grove
E Scott Johnson - Pleasant Grove

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Forty Seventh Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptist convened at Covenant FWB Mission, Hope Mills, N.C., on November 13, 2001.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Fred Baker. The congregation sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by Scott Satterfield, licensed minister from Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He based his devotional on Proverbs 11:24-25. We were welcomed to the church by the Rev. James Corbett, the pastor of Covenant Mission, the host church. The response was given by Rev. Jesse Fulcher.

The rules of the Credentials Committee were explained by Rev. James Corbett as adopted by the One Hundred and Fourteenth Session of the Conference. 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: James Corbett, Jesse Fulcher

Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Jim Bogel, Charlie Carroll, Ken Dabbs

Nominating Committee: Sam Weeks, Joe Balance, Otis Hamm

Obituary Committee: Dean Kennedy, Billy Nowell, Doug Seymour

The moderator asked the congregation if there were any ministers who wanted to join the conference. Rev. Jerry Stephenson from Vandora Springs FWB Church and Rev. Jeff Scarbrough 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 I Peter 3:15. He challenged us to love one another and to uphold the Word of God. In this time of war and terror it is the best time to witness to people about our Lord. There are a lot of questions about the future and we have the greatest opportunity to tell others of Christ that we have ever had. The Lord will give us the right words to say if we will ask Him to. Seize the moment.

We then were introduced to the representatives of the Ministries that were present and allowed them to speak on behalf of each organization. Those present were Dr. Bobby Taylor, Children's Home; Mary Dudley, Sunday School Ministry and Retirement Homes; Rev. Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; Rev. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College; Rev. Al Markuson, Home Missions; Rev. Bryant Hines, Cragmont Assembly. Rev. Buddy Sasser, then spoke to us for The Minister's Retirement Board, Church Finance, and FWB Press. He also 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 "Marching to Zion." The offering was taken and prayer was offered for God's blessings by Rev. Ken Dabbs. The moderator then turned the service over to the host church for special singing. Rev. Fred Baker then introduced Rev. Dennis Pollock, the speaker for the conference. Rev. Pollock spoke from John 3:14-15. He spoke to us on the subject, "Why Keep Preaching?" Many times pastors feel that their preaching is in vain and no one is responding. He encouraged all pastors to keep preaching using the example that Moses gave when he held a serpent so that all who had been bitten by the other serpents could be kept alive. He said that there were 5 reasons why this serpent and Jesus had to be lifted up: 1) Need - the people needed relief from the poisonous snakes, the world needs the gospel message more than ever, 2) To show grace - God wanted to let the Israelites know He was still with them, We still need to know that we must show God's grace to all people, 3) He wanted to show them He was in control. They had to trust God for healing, we need to still trust Him with our lives, 4) He wanted to teach them to use their faith - God asked them to use their faith and look upon the serpent and use their faith and they would be healed. We must keep the faith, 5) He is available to all. God loves all people. Christ died for all. Keep on preaching, look upon Jesus and live. He then closed his message in prayer.

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

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," by song leader Peyton Lee. Rev. Ken Dabbs then lead the group in our devotional, he is pastor of Riverside FWB Church. He used Proverbs 13:17 as his text, sharing with us that we must be devoted to God's word. We must be devoted to Christ. We must trust God with all our heart, soul and mind. He closed his devotional in prayer. The moderator then asked for us to share in a special time of prayer for the requests that had been given him and for our country and the war we are involved in. The prayer was lead by Rev. Roy Clifton.

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 Women's Auxiliary - Martha Parsons (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. James Corbett (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. There being none, we moved into New Business. The clerk then read the constitutional Article III the way it is now written and then the proposed change. A motion was made from the floor that we approve the change in the Constitution of the Cape Fear Conference (See the Change). It was voted upon and approved. A motion was then made and properly seconded that the Ordination Board change the policy on ordaining candidates who have passed all necessary steps to be ordained but they must be called to a church before they may be ordained. The reason for the change is that churches looking for pastors are asked to hire a minister only from the list of duly ordained pastors of OFWB. This policy could stop men who are not yet ordained from finding a church to pastor. The motion passed. The moderator put before the conference the work of Blended Fellowship, the mission church sponsored by the Cape Fear Conference. Before they could secure a loan on a new building the conference was asked to pledge support to this work for the next three years. A motion was then made and properly seconded that the Cape Fear Conference officially go on record as supporting with our finances and our prayers the work of Blended Fellowship for the next three years. The motion passed.

In our special offering we did receive enough money for the down payment but more was needed to get them through their lease of the property they now occupy. The moderator then asked any church who would commit to paying the monthly payment on this property for Blended Fellowship to come and tell the clerk who would record their intentions to pay either a part of or the entire monthly payment for them. There being no further New Business the moderator asked for the treasurers report. Dr. Sam Weeks gave the treasurers report (See Report). 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 laying on of hands on Rev. Doug Seymour and his wife Melanie for the work at Blended Fellowship Mission. It was lead by Rev. Frank Harrison. The next Conference will be November 12, 2002 at Vandora Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Garner, N.C.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met with members of Covenant FWB Mission at Shady Grove FWB Church on **November 14, 2000**. All members were present.

The meeting was about the property at the former Genesis Mission. The building is being rented out by another church group but the Covenant group wants to sell the property. The group wants the conference to help them with the Home Missions Board and their claim to the property. The deed calls for the Home Missions group to have their names on the deed for 10 years and then the property will be totally theirs. The deed was dated 1986 so in 1996 the property should be theirs. They said that they were told by Home Missions that they could not sell the property so they want the conference to help in getting this issue settled. The pastor of Covenant is now the Reverend James Corbett and they want to move forward with their church.

The Moderator told the group that he and the secretary will meet with the Reverend Al Markuson, the Director of Home Missions and then get back to the church. After the money from the sell of Genesis, Covenant would like to pay off the lean on their property that is now \$25,000. The meeting was then closed in prayer by Jesse Caton.

The Clerk met with Al Markuson, Director of Home Missions on Thursday, **December 14, 2000** at the Headquarters Building in Ayden. Rev. Markuson said that the group that is meeting at Covenant owns the property at Genesis. He stated that the deed that was drawn up has the names of the Trustee in the 80's and all of them now are gone. The only active trustee now is Frank Parsons.

Rev. Markuson stated that if and when the property is sold all the money will go to the group at Covenant. He stated that there is a church now meeting at the Genesis property. This group now pays rent and wants to buy the property and a price for the building was agreed upon. They went to the bank and a set of trustees signed a note for the loan. When the bank investigated the loan two of the three trustees had moved because of the military and the third trustee had lost his job. So the bank turned down the loan. Since then the church has voted in new trustees and they will try for a loan again soon. They still want to buy the property. Rev. Markuson stated that in 1997 or 1998 that the Covenant group asked Home Missions to be in charge of leasing or selling the property.

Rev. Markuson said that there is still a Genesis bank account open called the Genesis Fire Account. This account is open so that a check can be made at the time of the sale to Genesis. Rev. Markuson still has signature rights to this account but he pledged to the

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clerk that at the sale of the Genesis property he will sign over all the money to the Covenant group and close this account. With this understanding the clerk said he would take this information back and if any further questions are needed he would be back in touch with Rev. Markuson.

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met at Lee's Chapel FWB Church on **January 24, 2001**. Present for the meeting were, Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, and Jesse Caton. Rev. Caton opened the meeting in prayer. After some review of the minutes of the conference a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the 2000 Cape Fear Conference as corrected. The motion passed. The minutes of the meeting with Covenant FWB Mission and Rev. Al Markuson were also read and upon proper motion and second they were approved. Dr. Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report and it was approved as given.

A report was given on the property situation between Covenant FWB Mission and Home Missions on the sell of the former Genesis property. A March 1, 2001 deadline has been set for Home Missions to come up with some kind of an agreement on the church property or it will be handed over to the mission to sell as they see fit. The Executive Committee has set a meeting with Blended Fellowship and Haymount FWB Church for April 28, 2001 after the Union Meeting at West Clinton FWB church. This meeting will be a part of the proper review of the conference on the work of the mission.

The Executive Committee makes a suggestion to the Union that we continue the Camp Meeting/Revival for one of the Union Meetings. Possible September 30, 2001. We also want to suggest to the Union that a topic for one of the workshops they are planning may be, "How to Hire a Pastor".

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be June 27, 2001 at Lee's Chapel. A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer by Dr. Sam Weeks.

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met at First FWB Church, Smithfield on **April 23, 2001**. Present for the meeting were, Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, and Charlie Carroll. Rev. Baker opened the meeting in prayer. Rev. Al Markuson was asked to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the proper procedures in helping a church in danger. Home Missions has such a program that must be agreed upon by 3/4 of the church in order to put this in place. The program is called The Harvest Covenant Program. It has Phase I for a church this is in trouble but needs guidance for growth. Phase II is for a church that is about to fold unless some drastic changes happen. The Home Missions Board will be the one who decides which Phase a church needs. These Phases are set up for one year and can be extended if needed. Every member that votes to participate in this program must sign a covenant with Home Missions in order for this to work. An agreement was met with Rev. Markuson that if our conference needed a combination of these two programs for a particular church that Home Missions would work with us.

The committee then met with Blended Fellowship and Haymount FWB Church. Rev. Doug Seymour and Rev. Dean Kennedy were present. Doug reported to the committee

that the church has 41 active members now, 3 new converts so far in 2001, and they are paying their own bills and have no outstanding debt. They are experiencing growing pains and they are now using a donated bus for Sunday School space. Doug has a vision for this ministry to one day have a campus for the deaf. This will have camps, retreats and worship areas. This will not just be for the deaf but also for hearing parents of deaf children and deaf parents of hearing children. Doug had financial reports and a growth chart of the work. All is going well and we laid hands on Doug for the vision he has for his people.

The Executive Committee instructs the Board of Trustees to sign an agreement with the State of North Carolina giving the Department of Transportation the right to expand and pave a road running on property formerly owned by Anderson Creek FWB Church. This church no longer exists and the state needed the Board of Trustees approval. A motion was made and properly seconded that we see this action through.

The Executive Committee then discussed the issue of Ordaining Ministers only after a church has called them. We were informed that our conference is the only conference that requires this. A motion was made and properly seconded that in order to comply with the Statement of Faith and Discipline that governs our denomination, we suggest that the conference review this policy. The Statement of Faith states that churches hire men from the list of all duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers. Thus a minister not yet ordained can be overlooked.

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be May 8, 2001 at Lee's Chapel. A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer by Dr. Sam Weeks.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **May 8, 2001** at Lee's Chapel FWB Church. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, and Jesse Caton. Rev. Caton opened the meeting in prayer. The moderator called for the reading of the minutes of our last meeting and the minutes were approved as read. A discussion then followed on the need to continue our meetings with Blended Fellowship, the mission church the conference is overseeing. The committee will meet with Blended Fellowship twice a year to give support and to encourage the work in Goldsboro.

The committee then discussed the situation at Riverside FWB Church. The church has asked the Executive Committee to help the church find a pastor and to it in its mission to unite the church. The Executive Committee had met with Rev. Al Markuson on programs that the Home Missions Department has for helping churches. The committee decided that if we could combine two different programs that Home Missions has and add some new agreements that the conference could come up with a Joint Covenant Agreement for Riverside. The committee then drew up a plan that was fair and reasonable. The agreement will put the church in the hands of the conference for at least one year. The church must compensate the pastor with one check designated as salary and a second separate check designated for travel. All financial responsibility will be on the church. A called business meeting will be held at Riverside FWB Church on May 17, 2001. At this meeting the Joint Covenant Agreement will be explained and voted upon by the church body. The Executive Committee will be there to answer any questions and to

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oversee the vote of the church. It was agreed that the job description for the Pastor/Director will be the same one on page 70 of The Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptist. It was also agreed that we must get a 2/3rds majority vote of members present in order to put this plan into effect.

A motion was made by Jesse Caton and seconded by Sam Weeks that we present this agreement and that Ken Dabbs be appointed as Pastor/Director for this 12 month period. Also Rev. Roy Clifton will be appointed as Ken Dabbs overseer to give guidance and help to him. The motion passed.

At our next meeting on June 27, 2001 the committee will try and come up with a list of Widow and Widowers in our conference for the convention office. A motion was made by Roy Clifton and seconded by Sam Weeks that the honorarium for the clerk be increased to \$300.00 a year. The motion was voted upon and approved. A motion was made by Jesse Caton and seconded by Phillip Boykin that the conference buy a file cabinet that will be kept at First FWB Church, Smithfield. This cabinet will hold the conference minutes and other information that the conference has. The motion passed. A motion was made by Sam Weeks and seconded by Roy Clifton to adjourn the meeting. It passed. The meeting was closed in prayer by Jesse Caton.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **May 17, 2001** at Riverside FWB Church. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, and Sam Weeks.

The moderator asked for a motion to appoint Rev. Fred Baker as the moderator for the rest of the meeting. Upon proper motion and seconded the motion to appoint Rev. Baker was approved. Rev. Baker explained the work the Executive Committee had done and a copy of the Joint Covenant Agreement was passed out to every member present. He then went over every point of the agreement. After he finished with the agreement he asked for any questions. After several questions were given and answered the moderator then called for a vote by the church body. Rev. Baker explained that the vote would be a secret ballot and a vote yes would be for the agreement as written and a vote no would be against.

The clerk was asked to record the tally of the votes. The rest of the Executive Committee members would receive the votes and count the votes. After the votes were taken up the count was as follows: With 30 members eligible to vote, 30 Yes, 0 No. The agreement was passed.

After receiving the vote a meeting was set up for May 31, 2001 with Riverside FWB church to introduce the new Pastor/Director for the church. The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Baker.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **May 28, 2001** at the home of Rev. Sam Weeks. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Sam Weeks, Charlie Carroll, Jesse Caton and Ken Dabbs. Rev. Charlie Carroll opened the meeting in prayer.

This meeting was held to discuss with Ken the situation with Riverside FWB Church and to go over with him the Joint Covenant Agreement that he would be working under.

A meeting with Riverside was set up for May 31, 2001 to introduce Ken and his family to the church.

Ken was told that a quarterly report must be given to the Executive Committee and that same report will be given to the church and to Roy Clifton, his overseer. This report will include attendance, attitudes and growth in the church during that quarter. Any business that comes to the church must be given to the Pastor/Director at least two weeks in advance of the Business meeting. He was advised to study the Roberts Rules of Order, to try and unite the church, helping them to pull together, not separate. He will be backed by the conference and to use his overseer and this committee when he needs help. A motion was then made to adjourn. It met with a second and passed. Rev. Sam Weeks then closed the meeting in prayer.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **May 31, 2001** at Riverside FWB Church. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Phillip Boykin, Charlie Carroll, Jesse Caton, and Sam Weeks.

The moderator opened the meeting with the Hymn "Are You Washed?". After prayer requests the meeting was turned over to Rev. Fred Baker, Moderator of the Cape Fear Conference. Rev. Baker read from the 23rd Psalm urging the church to depend upon the good shepherd and He will guide the church. He asked the church to work together and love each other for the cause of Christ.

Rev. Baker then read a corrected version of the Joint Covenant Agreement. In the job description for the Pastor/Director a sentence had been left out. After reading the correction he notified the church that a copy of the agreement with everyone's signature was given to the clerk of their church. Rev. Baker then introduced their new Pastor/Director, Ken Dabbs along with his family: wife Linda and children, Luke, age 9 and Kelly, age 4. Rev. Baker also introduced Rev. Roy Clifton as Ken's overseer. The overseer will be Ken's partner in ministry and at the work at Riverside. If the overseer has any questions he will come to the Executive Committee for help.

After the introductions Ken and his family, along with Rev. Clifton, were asked to come forward and the whole body laid hands on them for God's guidance during the work that lay ahead of them. Rev. Baker prayed the Prayer of Dedication and all were asked to go to the fellowship hall for refreshments. Rev. Baker also announced that Ken would be ordained on June 10, 2001 at Vandora Springs FWB Church. The meeting was closed in prayer by Ken Dabbs.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **June 28, 2001** at Lee's Chapel. Present for the meeting were Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, Jesse Caton, and Charlie Carroll. Moderator called the meeting to order and Charlie Carroll lead the meeting in prayer. The minutes from our last five meetings were read and approved.

Discussion on the work at Riverside and the selling on the Genesis Mission property. A motion was made by Sam Weeks and seconded by Roy Clifton that we send money to the Convention of OFWB for 16 delegates. This would be a total of \$240.00 for 9 delegates from the Conference and 7 from the Union meeting. The motion passed. A motion was then made to send \$260.00 to the Convention of OFWB as a contribution to the work of the Convention. Charlie Carroll made the motion and Jesse Caton seconded

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it and the motion passed. The total for both motions will be \$500.00. A discussion followed on widows of ministers in the Cape Fear Conference to be reported to the Convention office. A discussion on the Cape Fear Conference which will be held on November 13, 2001 at Covenant Mission followed. The temporary committees and the program was planned. We also discussed the need to stagger the officers of the conference so that all the officers do not go off at the same time. The moderator and the clerk will meet to draw up a plan for officers by the time the conference meets.

After many prayer concerns Fred Baker closed the meeting in prayer.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **August 20, 2001** at Mount Olive College. Present for the meeting were Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, Jesse Caton, Charlie Carroll, Frank Harrison, Dean Kennedy, Doug and Melanie Seymour, Otis Hamm, Peyton Lee, and Al Markuson. Moderator called the meeting to order and Frank Harrison lead the meeting in prayer.

The moderator then discussed the purpose for this joint meeting. He stated that Blended Fellowship was a mission located within the Cape Fear Conference in Goldsboro and it was a Daughter Church to Haymount FWB Church who is the Mother Church. He stated the work was growing and that they had a desire to be a ministry to deaf people and all people in their church and the community. The mission has already outgrown the property they now are renting and in order for their vision of ministry to come true they would need more room that is not available to them at this property. So the mission is now looking at property in Wayne County near the community of Pikeville. The pastor of Antioch FWB Church, Rev. Otis Hamm, was present so he could get information on this new mission and know that it is not a threat to the work of Antioch. Home Missions was present in order for them to understand what was happening and to give them an opportunity to become a partner in a joint Leadership Team for the mission, and give us guidelines on raising funds for this work.

Rev. Markuson was then given an opportunity to speak. Rev. Markuson stated that he wanted to find a way to join with the conference and the Mother Church but he was unsure how that could happen. He stated that Home Missions had a program called Basic Plus which was a Mother/Daughter type of program first started in 1985 but it did not allow for a joint Leadership Team. The executive committee then asked if Home Missions could somehow commission or recognize this mission without any financial help from Home Missions. Again Rev. Markuson stated that there was no such plan in Home Missions work that would do that. He suggested that Rev. Seymour fill out a Missionary Application Form and then the Home Missions Board would then discuss what they could do next. Rev. Markuson stated that he would be willing to take back to his board of directors this new information and see if there was anything they could do to help this new work. After this report the committee then laid down guidelines for Blended Fellowship when they receive monetary gifts: 1) If any church in the Cape Fear Conference wants to give to the work they are asked to go through the conference and then a check will be given to Blended Fellowship, 2) If any money comes to the mission outside the conference that it be recorded and listed as an offering and reported to the Mission Committee as such, 3) Internal contributions be reported as regular offering and listed in our regular report.

After much discussion a motion was made by Jesse Caton and seconded by Sam Weeks that Blended Fellowship make an offer to purchase the property in Wayne County. A ceiling of \$165,000 was given to Rev. Seymour for the purchase price on the property. The motion passed. It was agreed that the property be deeded to the Cape Fear Conference, Haymount FWB Church, and Blended Fellowship Mission. It was also agreed that a special offering be taken up at the Revival/Camp Meeting to be held at Lee's Chapel on September 30, 2001. This offering will go toward the down payment on the property in Wayne County. Rev. Hamm was then asked if this mission moved to Pikeville will it be any problem for Antioch. He stated it would NOT and he welcomed this new ministry in the community. After discussion a motion was made and properly seconded that we adjourn. We were closed in prayer by Rev. Jesse Caton.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **September 25, 2001** at Mount Olive College with the Board of Home Missions at their request. Present for the meeting, Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, Jesse Caton, Frank Harrison, Dean Kennedy, Doug and Melanie Seymour, Al Markuson and members of the Home Missions Board. Rev. Markuson called the meeting to order and Rev. Jacky Raper lead the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Markuson welcomed the group and stated the purpose for this meeting was to let the Home Missions Board hear what is happening at Blended Fellowship and see if there is any more information the board might need. Rev. Seymour, the pastor of Blended Fellowship Mission was given the opportunity to review the work of the mission. He handed out to all present a history and fact sheets on the mission.

Rev. Markuson stated the main road block is that there is no program where the conference and Mother Church can have any voice in the work of a mission. He stated that Home Missions had a program called Basic Plus which was a Mother/Daughter type of program first started in 1985 but it did not allow for a joint Leadership Team. He suggested that Rev. Seymour fill out a Missionary Application Form so he could go through the same process that other missionaries have. Rev. Markuson stated that he could not support the mission without the application being filled out. Rev. Seymour agreed to do this once he got an application. The conference asked if the Home Missions Board could support a mission with a joint committee with the Mother church and conference helping in the work of the mission. The board stated they do not have such a program but another joint meeting between the conference, Mother Church, Mission and Home Missions will be held to discuss creating such a program, possibly after the Cape Fear Conference meeting to work out a program where all parties could work together.

A suggestion was made that a program be created were a mission could become an associate member of Home Missions. This would be a Mother and Daughter program where Home Missions would not have any financial responsibilities but a joint voice in the work of a mission. The Home Missions Board agreed to have a meeting to work out the details for this possible program working with the conference the mission is a member of.

After much discussion Rev. Markuson agreed to send Rev. Seymour an application and he would complete it as soon as possible.

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The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **September 25, 2001** at Mount Olive College. Present at the meeting was Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Jesse Caton and Frank Harrison as proxy for Phillip Boykin. Rev. Caton opened the meeting in prayer. The moderator called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting was to come up with some thoughts on fundraising activities for Blended Fellowship. The following are the agreed upon activities:

- 1) The Blended Fellowship newsletter to be distributed Sunday Night at the Revival/Camp Meeting service at Lee's Chapel September 30, 2001.
- 2) Rev. Baker, moderator, will explain what is happening at the mission and why the offering will be so important at the September 30th meeting.
- 3) A letter and information will be sent to all pastors and church clerks of the conference regarding the work of Blended Fellowship, urging a special offering for the property for Blended Fellowship by the Conference Meeting on November 13, 2001.
- 4) The first Sunday in November be designated for a special offering from all the churches of the Cape Fear Conference to go toward the down payment for the property.
- 5) All pastors of churches in the Cape Fear Conference are to be contacted in regards to the special offering by the Executive Committee.

Rev. Clifton then gave a report on Riverside. Rev. Dabbs gave his report and things are going very well. After his report a motion was made to dismiss and it was approved, and the meeting was closed in prayer by Jesse Caton.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met with the Board of Trustees of the Conference on **October 16, 2001** at Lee's Chapel. Present for the meeting, Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, Charlie Carroll, Doug and Melanie Seymour, and members of the Trustee Board, Mosbey Elmore, J.N. Bryant and Granville Denning. The moderator called the meeting to order and Rev. Sam Weeks lead the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Seymour, the pastor of Blended Fellowship Mission, was given the opportunity to review the work of the mission to the Board of Trustees. Rev. Weeks reported that \$9,467.26 was given at the Camp Meeting/Revival on September 30th. A bid of \$160,000 was accepted by the owners and \$3,000 was needed for earnest money. A letter will be sent to all Cape Fear Churches to take up a love offering for Blended Fellowship on November 4, 2001 to help with the down payment for this property. The trustees had some questions and the committee answered them. Questions were raised about it being located in the Western Conference and why our Home Missions Department has not taken over this work. The committee stated that one of the contingencies of purchasing the property is that the Western Conference would accept and support this work as a Cape Fear Conference Mission. If this is not agreed to then the purchase will not be made and all monies returned to the mission. It is also agreed that the work be within the Western Conference but it is a Cape Fear Conference work and we accept all responsibility for the property. The Cape Fear Conference will jointly hold the deed and will have all rights to the property should the mission fold. Also the committee informed the Trustees of the attempts with Home Missions to work with this mission and no agreement has been reached.

Rev. Seymour asked for some advise in filling out the application to Home Missions he had received. The committee then advised Rev. Seymour on the questions he had about the application. The Executive Committee stated that they have followed all rules and regulations that are written in the Statement of Faith and Discipline in the work of this mission. The Executive Committee also wanted to officially state that it requests another meeting with Home Missions that was agreed upon at our last meeting. The Home Missions Board sent a letter to all Cape Fear Ministers and Churches that they have no provisions to endorse a mission outside the Home Missions Board's existing programs. The letter was sent on October 5, 2001 stopping all future discussion.

After some discussion a motion was made by Roy Clifton and seconded by Phillip Boykin to allocate \$1,000 given to Blended Fellowship as a gift to the mission to help with the earnest money it needed to make the bid on the new property. The motion passed. The meeting was closed in prayer by Doug Seymour.

The Cape Fear Executive Committee met on **October 22, 2001** at First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. Present for the meeting, Fred Baker, Roy Clifton, Sam Weeks, Phillip Boykin, Charlie Carroll, Frank Harrison, Dean Kennedy, Doug Seymour and Rev. Donald Fader, Director of Church Finance. The Moderator called the meeting to order and Charlie Carroll lead the meeting in prayer.

The Moderator then discussed the purpose for this meeting. He stated that Blended Fellowship had a bid for the property in Goldsboro and we were meeting with Rev. Fader to see what we needed to do to secure the money needed through Church Finance. Rev. Fader stated that the church was very young, and that to this point they did not have the finances needed to make the monthly payments on a loan. He also stated that Church Finance was not like other banks and that if God's hand was in this work that they may be willing to loan the money. He asked that the Cape Fear Conference commit to helping this work for the first 3 years in making the necessary payments. He needed specific churches to commit to supporting this work.

One expense that can be lowered is the cost of membership into Church Finance. If churches in the Cape Fear Conference who hold memberships will donate them to Blended Fellowship then they would not have to pay the membership fee. Each church with memberships will have to vote to transfer their membership and the clerk from each church will need to notify Church Finance of their decision.

Rev. Fader asked that at the Cape Fear Conference meeting on November 13, 2001 that the conference vote to meet a 3 year pledge to help Blended Fellowship meet its financial obligations. After this we then need individual churches to pledge \$1,200 a year in their budgets to make one months payment for them during this 3 year period. If some churches cannot make a full payment then two churches can pay half. After further discussion the meeting was closed in prayer by Dean Kennedy.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on April 21, 2001 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC, with all members present.

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The Reverend Al Markuson met with the Board to explain the "Harvest Covenant Program" for a local church. By motion it was the recommendation of the Ordaining Board that Riverside Church be invited to enter this program, and to work with the Home Missions Board and the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee.

(Mr. Roger Hill met the requirements for ordination and was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 3, 2001 at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.)

Mr. Alan Price appeared before the Board and was approved as a lay speaker.

Mr. Jimmy Price appeared before the Council to be examined for license. It was recommended that he return at a later date if he wished to seek license as a minister. Mr. Scott Johnson was given permission to continue as a supply minister at Lanwood Chapel.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on May 8, 2001 at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were Fred Baker, Sam Weeks, Roy Clifton and Phillip Boykin. The meeting was to approve the Reverend Fred Johnson to pastor at Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for a 90-day period. After some discussion, a motion was made by Roy Clifton and seconded by Sam Weeks that we approve Reverend Johnson for Lanwood Chapel. The motion passed. The meeting was then adjourned in prayer.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met on May 28, 2001 at the home of Reverend Sam Weeks. Present for the meeting were Fred Baker, Sam Weeks, Roy Clifton and Phillip Boykin.

The meeting was to approve Ken Dabbs for ordination. He is to be ordained on June 20, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. at Vandora Springs Free Will Baptist Church. He has been called to pastor Riverside Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Sam Weeks made a motion that we ordain Mr. Dabbs, and Rev. Roy Clifton seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was then adjourned in prayer.

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC on July 23, 2001.

By motion, the Reverend Jeff Scarborough be received as an ordained minister pending his letter of transfer from the Western Conference. (His letter was received and noted in the minutes on September 5, 2001.)

The Ordaining Council met on October 22, 2001 with all members present. There was no active business transacted.

Mr. Kenneth Dabbs was ordained into the Gospel Ministry June 20, 2001 at Vandora Springs FWB Church.

A letter of transfer was given for the Reverend Gene Britt, who transferred to the Central Conference.

A letter of transfer was given for the Reverend John Massengill, who transferred to the Western Conference.

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Dr. Jerry Stephenson's letter of transfer from the Western Conference was received to join the Cape Fear Conference.

Licensed Ministers: Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Bryan Williamson, Mr. Scott Satterfield

Members of the Ordaining Council:
The Reverend Fred Baker, Chairman
The Reverend Phillip Boykin
Dr. Sam Weeks

The Reverend Roy Clifton
The Reverend Frank Harrison

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

1. We had our Spring and Fall Conventions, they were attended well. The Spring Convention is the first Saturday in April. The Fall Convention is the first Saturday in October.
2. We support all Free Will Baptist Enterprises.
3. November 3, 2001 we had a study course at Oak Grove Church.

We would like to invite all you ministers to come to our conventions.

Respectfully Submitted:
Martha Parsons/for Jane Parker

YOUTH REPORT

Project for last Christmas was Foreign Missions for shoes and clothing for youth. This year we will have the same project. The youth rallies are doing good. New programs and new ideas are being looked at for the youth rallies. In March the youth participated in an all-day competition in public speaking, lesson presentation and talent. In May the State Convention was well attended with the theme "Survivor". Next years Convention is already being planned. In June the youth went to Kings Dominion them park and this was enjoyed by all who went. In August we had a joint youth rally with the Western Conference Youth at the FWB Children's Home and we had a great time there. The rest of the months we were hosted by churches with very good programs. Please continue to pray for the youth of our conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Parsons

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. The Board of Christian Education mailed applications to all Cape Fear Conference Churches reference the \$500.00 Scholarship. We received two applications, one from Saint Mary's Grove, Deandra Stewart and one from

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Tee's Chapel, Michael Justin McLamb. Each applicant received a \$500.00 Scholarship.

2. The board is waiting for an answer from the Cape Fear Union reference a Union Meeting date to have Sunday School Workshops.

Respectfully Submitted:

Martha Parsons

Board of Education Chairman

RESOLUTION/TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1) Be it resolved that the 147th session give a rising vote of appreciation and thanks 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 Covenant Free Will Baptist Mission for their marvelous support in hosting the conference today.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Carroll, Chairman

Jim Bogel

Ken Dabbs

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR 2001

CAPE FEAR MINISTERS PRESENT	35
MINISTERS EXCUSED BY LETTER	14
DELEGATES	31
VISITORS	23
LICENSED MINISTERS	<u>1</u>
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	90

Respectfully Submitted,

James Corbett, Chairman

Jesse Fulcher

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

It was reported that one minister from our conference had passed away since our last meeting. 1) Rev. Eddie Painter - 1935-2001. Rev. Painter was called into the ministry in 1972. He was licensed by Pleasant Grove FWB Church the year before. Upon his ordination he was called to serve at Christian Chapel FWB Church, Steven's Chapel FWB Church, and Faith FWB Church. He served as interim pastor of many local churches and he also preached at churches throughout our conference when pastors needed him. In

January 2000 he was diagnosed with cancer. He died on July 6, 2001. He married the former Berlene Lucas on January 19, 1958, who survives him. The couple had no children. Interment was in the church cemetery of Pleasant Grove FWB Church. He served his family and his denomination well during his ministry.

A motion and second was given to receive the Obituary Committee's report. It was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Kennedy, Chairman
Billy Nowell
Doug Seymour

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

. Board of Trustees: Mr. Mosbey Elmore term expires 2006

. Board of Education: Wayne Puckett term expires 2006

. Board of Ordination: Rev. Frank Harrison term expires 2006

. Officers

Moderator: Rev. Fred Baker (2002)

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Roy Clifton (2002)

Secretary: Rev. Phillip Boykin (2003)

Assistant Secretary: Rev. Charlie Carroll (2003)

Treasurer: Dr. Sam Weeks (2002)

Member at Large: Rev. Jesse Caton (2003)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Weeks, Chairman
Otis Hamm
Joe Balance

Addition to Cape Fear Constitution 2001

OLD: ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected. Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

NEW: ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer and a member at large, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected. These officers shall be elected on a rotational election as follows: Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Treasurer will be elected on even number years of the calendar, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Member at Large will be elected on the odd number years of the calendar. Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 13, 2000 - November 12, 2001

I.	Balance on hand as of November 13, 2000:		\$ 2,411.92
II.	Receipts:		
	2000 Conference (offering and letters)	\$ 2,253.80	
	2000 Conference (late)	675.00	
	Union offerings and letters (Apr/Jul)	1,034.94	
	Late Union receipts	335.00	
	Haymount OFWB Church (Blended Fellowship)	1,000.00	
	Union/Conf. Camp Meeting (Blended Fellowship)	9,467.26	
	Total Receipts:	\$14,766.00	
	Total to account for:		\$17,177.92
III.	Disbursements:		
	Covenant OFWB Mission Church	500.00	
	Conf/Union Expenses		
	(Postage, Travel, Supplies, Honorariums)	802.62	
	Foreign Missions	403.60	
	Home Missions	403.58	
	FWB Press (Books for new Ministers)	163.66	
	Convention of OFWB (2000 Conf/Union Reg. fees)	240.00	
	Convention of OFWB (2001 Yearbook)	840.00	
	Convention of OFWB (2001 Conf/Union fees/offering)	500.00	
	Blended Fellowship Mission (Prop. deposit/Bibles)	2,200.00	
	Total Disbursements:	\$ 6,053.46	
IV.	Balance on hand as of November 12, 2001:		\$11,124.46
	(Out of this balance \$768.40 is in the Education Fund and \$9,467.26 is in the Blended Fellowship account)		
V.	Funds available to Conference for spending as of Nov. 12, 2001:		\$ 888.80
VI.	Formula for disbursements:		
	Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)		
	Christian Education Fund = 20%		
	Union and Conference expenses = 55%		

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Weeks, Treasurer

CHURCHES	2001	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Cape Fear Conference													
Bethel	148	85	64	4	3	0	5	0	0	150	83	51	72
Blended Fellowship (Mission)	39	39	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	35
Casey's Chapel	149	75	74	0	1	0	1	5	0	144	61	32	75
Covenant	83	21	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	86	13	13	25
Faith	145	65	80	2	0	0	0	0	0	147	90	73	87
Goldsboro, First	223	101	122	0	2	3	4	0	0	224	90	72	98
Haymount	70	70	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	71	0	0	115
Hopewell	245			4	2	0	0	1	0	250	102	56	81
Johnston Union	162			0	0	0	0	0	0	162	0	68	85
Lanwood Chapel	40	24	16	0	0	0	0	0	14	28	40	34	40
Lee's Chapel	355	250	105	2	0	0	1	0	0	356	160	100	150
Mount Olive	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Oak Grove	162			0	0	0	4	2	0	154	132	55	76
Palmer Memorial	171	56	115	3	1	0	2	1	0	172	46	33	40
Pleasant Grove	196	120	76	3	2	3	6	0	0	198	75	66	95
Powhatan													
Riverside	115	75	40	0	0	0	0	10	0	105	55	40	75
Robert's Grove	237			6	1	0	6	1	0	237	0	105	113
Shady Grove	251			2	1	0	2	0	0	252	105	65	130
Smithfield, First	79	59	20	6	0	0	3	1	0	81	30	20	55
Smyrna	177			0	0	0	2	1	0	174	96	80	85
St. Mary's Grove													
St. Paul													
Steven's Chapel	103	43	60	3	0	3	0	0	0	109	100	60	60
Tee's Chapel	373	340	33	5	6	0	3	1	0	380	226	157	211
Vandora Springs	112	80	32	13	2	5	1	3	1	127	55	47	95
West Clinton													
Wooten's Chapel													
Yelverton Grove	130	66	64	3	0	0	0	0	0	133	91	65	70
Cape Fear Totals	3772	1576	963	66	24	17	43	26	15	3795	1650	1292	1968