

CONVENTION OF
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



2005

Convention and Conference
Annual Reports

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDREDTH AND FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT BLENDED FELLOWSHIP OFWB MISSION CHURCH
PIKEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 19, 2005**

Moderator: The Reverend Jerry Stephenson (2006)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2006)
Clerk: The Reverend Jesse Fulcher (2007)
Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Otis Hamm (2007)
Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2006)
Member at Large: The Reverend Ken Dabbs (2007)

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Ricky Warren (2006)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

P Norman Ard	E Scott Casey
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P	Joe Myrick	P	Ricky Warren
P	Billy Nowell	P	Sam Weeks
A	Johnathan Pearce	P	Aubrey Williamson
P	Kenneth Phillips	P	Richard Whitman
P	Dennis Pollock		

LICENSED MINISTERS

P	John Butler _ Oak Grove
P	Troy Jelley _ Wooten's Chapel
A	Kyle Watson _ Lee's Chapel
P	Bryan Williamson _ St. Mary's Grove

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Blended Fellowship OFWB Mission Church, Pikeville, North Carolina on November 19, 2005.

The congregation opened in singing 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus', *Kirkpatrick*, led by song leader, Brother Peyton Lee. Pastor/Director, Doug Seymour of Blended Fellowship Mission offered 'Scripture and Prayer' from II Chronicles 2:1 and commented "the reason that we are able to be here at Blended Fellowship today is because a lot of people were determined. God is faithful to use us if we are determined in our heart to obey His will. God needs faithful men and women." The conference was welcomed by Pastor/Director Doug Seymour and the response was heard from Brother Peyton Lee of Shady Grove Church.

Moderator, the Reverend Jerry Stephenson, called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by the Credentials Committee Chair, the Reverend Ken Dabbs, as adopted by the One Hundred Fourteenth Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Clerk Jesse Fulcher called the roll of Officers and Standing Boards, Churches, and Ministers.

The following temporary Committees were appointed by Moderator Clifton.
Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Chair Otis Hamm, Clarence Privette, Fred Johnson
Obituary Committee: Chair Jim Bogle, Jimmy Price
Credentials Committee: Chair Ken Dabbs, Richard McKeel, Joe Myrick
Nominating Committee: Chair Aubrey Williamson, Ricky Warren, Roy Clifton

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The Moderator recognized our visiting ministers and churches. By motion, the Reverend Braxton Carter was received into the membership of the Cape Fear Conference.

Representatives from our denominational ministries were present and given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Convention of OFWB_ Director of Convention Services, Buddy Sasser; Retirement Homes_ Ronnie Taylor; Sunday School Ministry_ Mary Dudley; Foreign Missions_ Harold Jones; FWB Press_ Cliff Gray; State Layman's League_ Russel Tyson; Camp Vandemere_ Wesley Taylor; Carolina Bible Institute_ Jerry Stephenson. Director of Convention Services, Buddy Sasser, reported for Cragmont Assembly and Home Missions & Evangelism. A report was given of the health condition of our President of the Convention of OFWB, Fred Baker. A presentation of the *'Wall of Honor'* plaque for the Reverend and Mrs. Fred Baker was left in the hands of the conference due to Brother Baker's sickness.

A time of prayer was offered on behalf of the sick and needy before the conference moved into a break.

The conference worshiped in a special program of dedication of the newly renovated facilities of Blended Fellowship Mission Church. Remarks were given by Pastor/Director Doug Seymour followed by special music from 'Blended Hands' and a video presentation of the construction process of the facilities. A moving expression of appreciation was given by Blended Fellowship through the song, 'Thank You For Giving To The Lord', Ray Boltz.

Director of Convention Services, Buddy Sasser, presented a *'Wall of Honor'* plaque to the Reverend and Mrs. Sam Weeks on behalf of the conference for dedication of service to the renovation project of Blended Fellowship Mission.

The Reverend Dean Kennedy, Pastor of Haymount Church, brought the morning message entitled 'Come and See' from the scripture passage, Matthew 28:19,20. He expressed his appreciation to Haymount Church, the Churches of the Cape Fear Conference, and to all others that have helped with the Blended Fellowship project and mission. Brother Dean began the message with this comment, "I believe it is our purpose and commission to make Christ known to all the world. What can we learn from our experiences at Blended Fellowship? There must be a call on people's lives (I Samuel 3:9). The church needs to encourage those who are being called, keeping our eyes open to God's calling. We must lift up the name of the Lord that our people will see the Lord (Isaiah 6:5-8). The Apostle Paul was influenced by Stephen (Acts 9:6). Churches were planted, people were saved (Acts 16:9)." Brother Dean commented that "we are to 'come and see' the Lord lifted up high. If we are to carry out the great commission, we need to bring people to 'come and see' Jesus, not what we have accomplished (John 1:39)." He encouraged people to go and tell how Jesus has changed their lives. The message was closed with the encouraging words that our churches need to love one another and help each other in need.

Pastor/Director, Doug Seymour expressed appreciation to the conference and special music was offered by April Wilson. Moderator gave the benediction and led in asking the Lord's blessing upon the food prepared for the conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing 'He Keeps Me Singing', *Bridgers*. 'Scripture and Prayer' was offered by Licensed Minister, Bryan Williamson from

Luke 10:38. He commented that "sometimes we are so busy doing the Lord's work we tend to forget our focus in life which is Jesus Christ."

Dr. Burkette Raper addressed the conference with a report on the North Carolina Fellowship for Christian Ministry.

The following reports of the Standing Boards were received by the conference (see attached reports of the Standing Boards). The Executive Committee report was given by Clerk Jesse Fulcher and approved by the conference. The Ordaining Council report was given by Secretary Aubrey Williamson. The Cape Fear Minister's Association was given by Secretary/Treasurer Joe Ballance. The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship and the Christian Board of Education reports were given by Chairperson Martha Parsons.

The following reports of the Temporary Committees were then received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). The Temperance/Resolutions Committee had one resolution that was read and a motion carried to accept. The Obituary Committee reported the deaths of two of our ministers the past year. The Credentials Committee gave a report of the Annual Conference's attendance. The Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the conference and it was voted by acclamation to accept the committee's recommendations.

The conference then moved into its business session. Moderator Jerry Stephenson called for Old Business. Motion was carried to place the plaque, "In Acknowledgement and appreciation for 150 years of Service", presented to the conference at the 150th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference to be placed in the Historical Collection at Mount Olive College. A motion was also carried to accept the motto 'Come and See' for our conference and to teach this principle to our churches.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sam Weeks and was received by motion (see attached report). Brother Sam encouraged the delegates to honor someone in their church on the 'Wall of Honor' at Convention Headquarters. He also brought attention to the Executive Committee report for our churches to continue to support Blended Fellowship Mission with prayer and financial support for an additional two years beginning in year 2006. Our churches were also encouraged to invite Blended Fellowship into their worship some evening in the future.

The 152nd Annual Session will be planned to meet tentatively at the Smyrna OFWB Church on November 14, 2006.

Motion was carried to adjourn the 151st Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed with prayer by Brother Billy Nowell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Stephenson, Moderator
Jesse Fulcher, Clerk

Executive Committee

The Cape Fear Conference met on December 6, 2004, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. The Executive Committee recognized Jean Ackiss, Director of Church Support, Mount Olive College. Mrs. Ackiss discussed with the committee the support of the conference in the naming of the 'Academic Complex' in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper. A motion was carried to pledge the support of the conference for the New Century Campaign and the naming of the 'Academic Complex' in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper. The

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minutes of the 150th Annual Session of the Conference were reviewed and approved. A report was given by Treasurer Sam Weeks on the building progress for Blended Fellowship Mission. Brother Sam also gave Treasurer Reports for Blended Fellowship and the Conference.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on January 1, 2005, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. Pastor/Director Doug Seymour gave a report of the ministry and building progress for Blended Fellowship Mission.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on May 23, 2005, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. A motion was carried to inform those present at the ministerial meeting and the union meeting of the interest to move the conference meeting date this year to Saturday rather than Tuesday, and to observe the response and note that this is not to set a precedence, but rather to highlight the efforts by the conference with Blended Fellowship. A motion was carried for the conference to advance \$500.00, the total cost, to the Convention of OFWB today in order to place The Reverend and Mrs. Fred and Linda Baker on the *'Wall of Honor'* at the OFWB Headquarters. The conference will receive two special collections: one at the May 5, 2005, minister's meeting and one at the July, 2005, minister's meeting to offset the cost and any balance owed to be absorbed by the conference. A motion was carried that the fourth Sunday in October, 2005, be designated Scholarship Sunday in the Cape Fear Conference with the money received that Sunday to go to the Board of Education to increase the amount and/or number of scholarships available and awarded in the Cape Fear Conference.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on August 1, 2005, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. A motion was carried to move the 151st Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference to Saturday, November 19, 2005, for the year 2005, to simply accommodate Blended Fellowship Mission Church in their plans to host the Annual Conference. A motion was carried that the conference make up the amount of \$92.00 for the *'Wall of Honor'* for The Reverend and Mrs. Fred and Linda Baker. Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Sam Weeks. A letter from the Reverend Ed Gonzales suggesting that the conference include a brief history of the Cape Fear Conference at our Annual Meetings was discussed. The Executive Committee discussed concern for our ministers' (ordained and licensed) attendance at the Annual Sessions of the Conference. A motion was carried to remove the Reverend Mike Ledbetter from the list of Cape Fear Conference ministers due to transfer of membership to the Eastern Conference. The Executive Committee discussed the future support of our churches for Blended Fellowship Mission. The 151st Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference was planned. It was decided that Moderator Jerry Stephenson, Treasurer Sam Weeks, Pastor/Director Doug Seymour, and Pastor Dean Kennedy will meet to plan the dedication service for Blended Fellowship. A motion was carried for the conference to pay for the cost of the meal for the 151st Annual Conference.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on September 6, 2005, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. The Executive Committee met with the Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator, Ricky Warren, to discuss the responsibilities of the Conference Coordinator and the Local Church Coordinator. A motion was carried to send a letter to each

church of the conference with suggestions and information concerning our disaster relief efforts. A motion was carried to recommend that the Cape Fear Union coordinate a date and meeting place with our Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator to provide information concerning Katrina disaster relief to local churches, pastors, and local disaster relief coordinators.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on October 24, 2005, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. Cape Fear Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator, Ricky Warren discussed with the Executive Committee the possible donation of trailers to be used in our Disaster Relief Ministry. A motion was carried to request a meeting with Director of Disaster Relief and the Board of Home Missions & Evangelism to discuss issues concerning the support of our Disaster Relief Ministry by our churches.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on November 07, 2005, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. The committee reviewed the printed program for the 151st Annual Session of the Conference. Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the report of Blended Fellowship Mission and discussed the commissioning of the mission into church status. Pastor/Director Doug Seymour reports that the mission is not ready at this time. A motion was carried that at the 151st Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference, the Executive Committee, will encourage our churches to support Blended Fellowship financially and prayerfully for an additional two years beginning in calendar year 2006. The Executive Committee plans to meet with Blended Fellowship at its location on a future date to discuss a plan to reach church status. Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the conference financial report. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be planned for November 30, 2005, to review the conference report for the Convention Yearbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Stephenson, Moderator
Jesse Fulcher, Clerk

**The Report of the Ordaining Board
151st Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists
November 19, 2005**

The Ordaining Board met on January 24, 2005 at the First FWB Church, Smithfield

All board members were present.

The Board met with Richard Whitman, a licensed minister from Pleasant Grove Church, who requested to discuss two issues:

- 1.) He would like to serve at Smyrna Church for 90 days. Motion was made, seconded, and passed.
- 2.) Mr. Whitman asked for a waiver of the educational requirement so he can proceed with ordination for the following reasons- his age, years of experience in ministry-related work, and near completion of his educational requirements.

The Board excused Mr. Whitman from the meeting and discussed his request. A motion was made to offer Mr. Whitman a compromise. It was moved that he proceed with ordination procedures. Mr. Whitman will meet with the Ordaining Council at our next meeting

in May and bring a signed letter stating that the completion of the 60-hour minimum requirement would be met within a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Whitman will also bring a letter, signed by the clerk and pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, stating that he is approved by the church to sit for his ordination exam.

The Board met with Mr. Alan Price, licensed minister from Powhatan Church, to review his ordination exam. The Ordination Board recommends that Mr. Price be re-examined on church doctrine and Original Free Will Baptist history. Mr. Price may determine when he is prepared to take this portion of the exam at his convenience.

The Ordaining Council reviewed the enrollment of ministers and their attendance records for the last five years. It was determined that only two letters would be sent to ministers for their unexcused absences at the Cape Fear Conference for the last two consecutive meetings: Reverend Mike Ledbetter and Reverend Pete Rawls.

The Ordaining Board met on April 4, 2005 at the St. Mary's Grove Church, Benson

The Board members present were, Rev. Joe Ballance, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Roy Clifton, and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

The secretary reported that a phone call was received from Rev. Mike Ledbetter in response to failing to attend the conference. He stated that he had requested to transfer his conference membership to the conference of the church that he is now pastoring.

The Board met with Mr. Alan Price to review the answers to questions on Church doctrine and Original Free Will Baptist Church history relating to re-examination for ordination. After discussions and oral examination, the motion was moved, seconded, and passed to proceed to ordain Mr. Price. The ordination date was set for May 1, 2005, at 4pm at the Powhatan Church. Mr. Price indicated that he would like for the Rev. Roy Clifton to deliver his ordination message.

The Board met with Mr. Jonathan Pearce for oral examination after having graded his written exam. Motion was moved, seconded, and passed to proceed to ordain Mr. Pearce. The ordination date was set for May 15, 2005, at 3pm at the Faith Church. Mr. Pearce indicated that he would like for Rev. Donnie Massey to deliver the ordination message.

The Ordaining Board met on May 23, 2005 at the First FWB Church, Smithfield

The Board members present were, Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Roy Clifton, and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

Sam Weeks, Convention Representative, reported on the progress of networking for youth pastors. His report stated that there is work that needs to be completed that is already started. The Board met with Mr. Clarence "Dickie" Privette. After review of ordination examination and oral questions it was moved to proceed with ordination. Ordination was tentatively scheduled for June 12, 3pm, at the Haymount Church.

The Board met with Rev. Pete Rawls concerning a letter about missing two consecutive Cape Fear Conference meetings. Discussion followed and it was agreed upon to meet again concerning this issue at the next scheduled meeting of the board, July 25, 1:00pm.

The Board met with Mr. Richard Whitman to present oral examination questions. It was concluded that Mr. Whitman needed to review his history and doctrinal statements and return to conclude his oral examination. It was moved, seconded, and passed with one exception. Rev. Roy Clifton abstained. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve 90 more days at Smyrna Church for Mr. Whitman.

The Ordaining Board met on June 6, 2005 at St. Mary's Grove Church, Benson

The Board members present were Rev. Joe Ballance, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Roy Clifton, and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

The Board met in special session to finish Mr. Richard Whitman's oral examination. Questions followed, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to proceed with the ordination. Ordination is tentatively scheduled for July 10 and July 24 will be the alternate date. The service is to be held at Smyrna Church.

The Ordaining Board met on July 25, 2005 at the First FWB Church, Smithfield

The Board members present were Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

The Board met with Mr. Scott Satterfield to review the written portion of his ordination exam and administer the oral portion. After satisfactorily answering the questions posed to him, it was motioned, seconded, and passed to proceed with ordination subject to the approval of the absent members of the board. Ordination date was set for August 28, 3:00pm at Pleasant Grove Church in Erwin.

Discussion followed concerning Rev. Pete Rawls' absences at the Annual Session of the Conference and failure to attend today's meeting as requested. We will extend another invitation to him by letter to be in attendance at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on October 24, 1:00pm.

The Ordaining Board met on September 19, 2005 at the First FWB Church, Smithfield

The Board members present were, Rev. Joe Ballance, Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

The Board met with Mr. John Butler, a candidate for licensure from Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove, NC. After reviewing his application and his call in the ministry, the Board discussed his intentions for ministry. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Mr. Butler for license to preach the Gospel by his church.

The Board met with Mr. Bryan Williamson to review the written examination and administer the oral exam for ordination. After satisfactorily answering questions posed to him, the motion was recommended, seconded, and passed to proceed with ordination. Bryan will come back with a date for his ordination at a later time.

The Board was reminded that we decided to send a letter to invite Rev. Pete Rawls to our meeting on October 24, 2005.

The Ordaining Board met on October 24, 2005 at the First FWB Church, Smithfield

The Board members present were Rev. Joe Ballance, Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

Discussion that the Rev. Pete Rawls has failed to comply with the requests of this Board, ended with a motion to send letter to Rev. Pete Rawls requesting that he turn in his ordination credentials from the Cape Fear Conference and we will reinstate his old credentials. Motion seconded and passed.

The Board met with Rev. Fred Johnson to discuss Rev. Wade Daughtry's intentions concerning affiliation with our denomination.

The Board met with Mr. Troy Jelley and Rev. Braxton Carter to discuss Mr. Jelley's letter of request for licensure to preach the Gospel. After discussion, motion seconded and passed that we approve Mr. Jelley and send a letter stating this to Wooten's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church for them to license him. (Rev. Aubrey Williamson will be his mentor).

The Board met with Rev. Wade Daughtry, member of Lanwood Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Daughtry is seeking recognition as an ordained minister. He comes to us as an ordained minister from the Independent Baptist Church. After discussion, the board approved with the following contingencies:

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- a. We will recognize Rev. Daughtry as an ordained minister in good standing for a one year probation. (Rev. Joe Ballance will be his mentor)
- b. Rev. Daughtry will take a course in Original Free Will Baptist church history.
- c. Rev. Daughtry will return after one year to meet with the Ordaining Board on October 23, 2006 to review his year of service and decide on issuing a certificate of ordination.

Cape Fear Minister's Association November 19, 2005

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association had four meetings. Several good speakers made presentations that provided us with excellent information about our denomination and challenged each of the ministers to live closer to Christ.

Our guests included Reverend Doug Seymour and Dr. Sam Weeks, who gave us an update on Blended Fellowship's progress and their needs. Reverend Donald Fader, Director of Church Finance and Minister's Program spoke to us about how they could help the church manage its money and as a result, the church could help them. He also gave us information on the Minister's Program and how they were able to assist the retired ministers or the widow of an Original Free Will Baptist Minister through the gifts of the church. The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services, came and left us with a challenge to increase our church membership by five percent each year in a 5-year program. He said the people are out there, we just have to go out and witness to them. Brother Ronnie Taylor, Director of our Retirement Homes Program informed us that the program was meeting the needs of their residents. He also challenged us to include them in the church budget if they were not a budget item. The Rev. Harold Jones came and presented a slide show of their mission work and stated that each Free Will Baptist should be proud of the work that is being accomplished by our Foreign Mission Program. Brother Harold told us that their funds were getting low and challenged us to increase our offering to the Foreign Mission Program.

During this year the Cape Fear Conference Minister's Association has placed two of our members and their wives on the Wall of Honor. They are the Reverend Fred Baker and wife, Linda and Dr. Sam Weeks and wife, Connie.

We have 21 ministers on the roll with an average attendance of 16 ministers each meeting. Our meetings were at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield. Dr. Sam Weeks and his wife, Connie, with assistance from members of his church, prepared the noon meals for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Joe Balance
Secretary/Treasurer

**Cape Fear Youth Fellowship
Summary Report 2005**

First Quarter

Youth Convention Executive Committee Meeting, January 8, Mount Olive College - Crystal Guy, Rita Jones & Martha Parsons were in attendance.

Youth Rally, January 8, Saint Mary's Grove - 103 in attendance with 8 churches represented. A Christmas musical was presented by the youth.

Lesson Presentation and Public Speaking Competitions, February 19, Yelverton Grove - State winners were from Robert's Grove and Powhatan.

Youth Rally, February 19, Mount Olive College Church Basketball Night - 166 registered in attendance with 12 churches represented.

Talent Competitions, March 12, Goldsboro First - 40 entries with 9 churches represented. Announced Christian Writing State winners from Bethel and Powhatan. 7 entries received from 4 churches.

Bible Bowl, March 19, Smithfield First - YFA Teams from Bethel and Robert's Grove. Congratulations to Robert's Grove YFAs and AFCs as district winners.

Second Quarter

Woman's Auxiliary Meeting, April 9, Covenant - Mary Allen and Martha Parsons were installed as Cape Fear Youth Directors.

Youth Rally, April 9, Shady Grove - 77 in attendance with 6 churches represented. Shady Grove Praise Team provided music and Scott Satterfield, Youth Minister at Black Jack, Central District, brought the message.

State Bible Bowl, April 30, Mount Olive College - Robert's Grove YFAs and AFCs represented the district and won.

State Officer Interviews, April 30, Mount Olive College.

State Youth Convention, May 13-15, Mount Olive College - The theme this year was 'Christian Olympics, United Servants of Jesus', and the theme verse, "I can do all things through Christ with strengtheneth me.", Philippians 4:13. Zack Tart was installed as Recording Secretary and Amanda Johnson as Board Representative. 3 Cape Fear District churches received the Elizabeth C. Hansley Award for Outstanding Youth Programs. Bethel, Powhatan and Robert's Grove received Gold Level recognition.

Youth Officer's Meeting, June 19, home of Phil and Mary Allen - 5 officers met with directors and discussed ways to make our youth rallies better and increase participation within the district. Plans were started for the Second Annual Cape Fear Classic Golf Tournament and the Cape Fear Singing Festival.

Third Quarter

State Youth Convention Missions Trip, July 30 - August 4, San Antonio, Texas - This is the fifth year a team has gone outside of North Carolina to serve in the mission field. This year 2 churches, Powhatan and Bethel, represented our district with 7 youth and 6 adults. The theme for the week was 'In a Dry and Thirsty Land.' Much hard, hot work was performed in the inner city of San Antonio to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Supplies Collection for Children's Home**, August 6, Bethel Men's Fellowship - Truck/Tractor Pull for Cragmont in Four Oaks. Children's Home residents were invited to

visit the truck/tractor pull and took home a van load of supplies collected at the track by Cape Fear youth.

State Youth Convention Executive Committee Meeting, August 27, Mount Olive College - Zack Tart was recording secretary and Mary Allen and Martha Parsons participated as Youth Directors. Plans were started for the next Youth Convention. The theme of 'Faith Factor' was accepted with the focus scripture, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him", Hebrews 11:6. New Song has been scheduled for a concert on Saturday night. All churches will be asked to help support the concert through purchasing space in a sponsorship book to be circulated to all ticket holders at the concert.

Youth Rally, September 3, Goldsboro First – cancelled due to Hurricane Ophelia and fuel shortages.

Forth Quarter

Cape Fear Fall Singing Festival, October 1, Bethel – 7 churches were represented. The program was provide by youth soloists or groups from churches.

Youth Directors' Meeting, October 16, Bethel – 3 Youth Officers and 6 Directors representing 6 churches were present. Urge from Youth officers to make the rallies more interesting and increase participation. Because talent competition winners from each district will no longer be recognized at the State Convention, the decision was made to have a Talent Exposition without judging. The other competitions would remain the same. A tentative schedule for 2006 was planned with a focus on fewer, but better planned rallies.

Arts and Crafts Competition, November 5, Powhatan – 91 in attendance with 9 churches represented. 53 entries were submitted in all seven categories. State representatives were announced which included youth from each church.

Second Annual Cape Fear Classic Golf Tournament, November 12, Pine Hills South Country Club – cancelled due to inadequate player and sponsor participation. The tournament will be rescheduled for April 2006.

Foreign Missions Offering is being received between November and December to send to Foreign Missions Board to be used to help children in Bulgaria.

Christian Board of Education Report to the Cape Fear Conference November 19, 2005

1. Letters and applications were mailed to all Cape Fear Conference Churches in January 2005 in reference to the scholarship that is given each year. We received a total of seven responses.
2. The Board of Christian Education Committee met on May 30, 2005, at Smithfield First Church, to grade the applications that had been received. There were enough funds to grant a \$500.00 and a \$250.00 scholarship. The \$500.00 scholarship went to Nikki Elizabeth Jones and the \$250.00 Scholarship went to Crystal Megan Guy. Both girls are from Powhatan Church. All the applicants were deserving. The board wishes that there had been enough funds to give all applicants a scholarship. Nikki Jones is attending N.C. State University and Crystal Guy is attending Mount Olive College.

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3. The Union Meeting was held on July 29-30, hosted by Lee's Chapel Church, which was a Sunday School workshop for the Christian Board of Education. Sister Mary Dudley, Director of the Sunday School Ministry, conducted the workshop, titled 'Awakening the Sleeping Giant: Maximizing Youth Sunday School.'
4. We would like to see more of our Sunday Schools attend these workshops. There have been some great workshops. If anyone has a suggestion concerning these workshops, please let the Board of Education know and we will do our best to get it done.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Parsons, Chair

Temperance and Resolutions Committee

Whereas, Blended Fellowship has been a wonderful and gracious host for the 151st Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference and has provided a wonderful worship experience, be it resolved that the conference extend a rising vote of thanks to Blended Fellowship Mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Otis Hamm, Chair

Obituary Committee

The committee reports that two of our ministers have departed from us this past year, the Reverend Dewey Boling and the Reverend Sexton Vann.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Bogle, Chair

Credential Committee

Present at the One Hundred Fifty-first Annual Session of Cape Fear Conference as follows:

Ordained Ministers	38
Licensed Ministers	2
Visiting Ministers	2
Delegates	19
Visitors	63
Total	125 (Number at Dedication Service_ 214)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Dabbs, Chair

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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee_	Jesse Fulcher, Clerk (2007)
	Otis Hamm, Assistant Clerk (2007)
	Ken Dabbs, Member at Large (2007)
Board of Trustees_	Donnie Massey (2010)
Board of Education_	Billy Nowell (2010)
Ordaining Board_	Joe Ballance (2010)

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee will continue to serve as the Cape Fear Conference Mission Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aubrey Williamson, Chair

**Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report
November 8, 2004 - November 18, 2005
Blended Fellowship OFWB Mission Church
November 19, 2005**

I.	Balance on hand as of November 8, 2004:	\$5,238.45
II.	Receipts:	
	2004 Conference (offering and letters)	\$2,054.25
	Union offerings and letters (Jan/May/Jul/Oct)	\$2,470.91
	Late Conference/Union (Mailed in)	\$765.00
	Café Fear Minister's Asso. (Baker's Honor)	\$405.76
	Individual Gifts (For Blended Fellowship Building)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	Total Receipts:	\$6,695.92
	Total to account for:	\$11,934.37
III.	Disbursements:	
	Conf/Union Expenses (Postage, travel, honorariums)	\$1,327.69
	Foreign Missions	\$533.15
	Home Missions	\$533.14
	Education Scholarship	\$750.00
	Blended Fellowship (Building Project)	\$5,489.24
	Convention of OFWB (2004 Yearbook-11 pages)	\$770.00
	Convention of OFWB (Baker's Wall of Honor)	<u>\$500.00</u>
	Total Disbursements:	\$9,903.22
IV.	Balance on hand as of November 18, 2005:	\$2,031.15
	(Out of this balance \$304.14 is in the Education Fund)	
V.	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

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DIRECTORY

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
Cape Fear Conference													
Bethel	147	88	59	1			1	6		141	86	58	69
Blended Fellowship (Missi	101	101		6	1			2		106	90	40	63
Casey's Chapel	137	55	82				1			136	40	30	60
Covenant	30	16	14	1	3					34	18	15	
Faith	121	68	53				2			119	95	75	80
Goldsboro, First	137	86	51	6	1		2	3		139	76	56	80
Haymount	96	90	6			5		2		99	37	26	107
Hopewell	232	127	105							232	93	62	75
Johnston Union													
Lanwood Chapel	85	65	20			2				87	42	32	45
Lee's Chapel	376	250	98	2	3		4	5	24	348	180	114	167
Mount Olive	7	7			1					8			
Oak Grove	158						1			157	136	43	54
Palmer Memorial	165	50	115	5				1		169	43	26	35
Pleasant Grove	195	101	94		5		2	1		197	75	46	85
Powhatan	291	109	182	5		1	3			294	104	71	120
Riverside	69	69			2			3		68	45	33	75
Robert's Grove	248			1			1	1		247		107	122
Shady Grove	271	150	121		3		2			272	110	68	124
Smithfield, First	84	66	18		4		1			87	32	24	51
Smyrna	189				1		1			189	90	65	80
St. Mary's Grove	261	230	31	4	1		1	3		262	173	74	118
St. Paul	145	90	55				3			142	89	45	60
Steven's Chapel	80	39	41	1						81	42	35	60
Tee's Chapel	379	347	32	12	8		6	4		389	230	153	219
Vandora Springs	72	60	12		7	1	3			77	53	45	80
West Clinton													
Wooten's Chapel	195			1			2	4		190	45	35	50
Yelverton Grove	123	55	68	2	1					126	80	54	50
Cape Fear Totals	4394	2319	1257	47	41	9	36	35	24	4396	2104	1432	2129