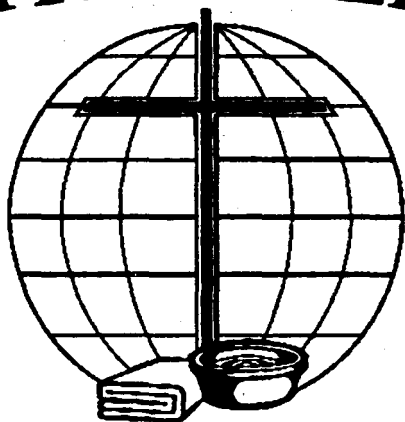


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**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT ROBERT'S GROVE OFWB CHURCH
DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

Moderator: The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2012)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Otis Hamm (2012)
Clerk: Eva Ballance (2011)
Assistant Clerk: Carolyn Jernigan (2011)
Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2012)
Member at Large: The Reverend Stephen Prescott (2011)

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Eva Ballance,
Carolyn Jernigan, Sam Weeks, Stephen Prescott

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Bobby Johnson (2011) Chris Markuson, Jr. (2012)
Ray Smith (2013) J.N. Bryant (2014) Dean Kennedy (2015)

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Peyton Lee (2013) Doug Seymour (2014) Emmitt Jones (2015)

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CONFERENCE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR
Braxton Carter (2012)

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

E	Henry Armstrong	E	Scott Casey
P	Fred Baker	A	Larry Coats
P	Joe Ballance	P	James Corbett
E	Swade Benson	P	Ken Dabbs
P	Cecil Blackmon	A	Wade Daughtry
E	Jim Bogle	E	Jesse Fulcher
E	Gene Britt	A	Edmundo Gonzalez
P	John Butler	P	Otis Hamm
P	Rayford Byrd	P	Frank Harrison
E	Braxton Carter	P	Ronnie Hayes

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P	John Hill	E	Alan Price
P	Roger Hill	E	Jimmy Price
E	Earl Johnson	P	Clarence Privette
P	Emmitt Jones	P	Burkette Raper
E	Dan Jordan	P	Scott Satterfield
P	Dean Kennedy	E	Jeff Scarborough
P	Alan Lamm	P	Doug Seymour
A	John Rayford Lee	P	Elijah Smith
P	Donnie Massey	E	Hubert Stanley
P	Richard McKeel	E	William Van der Plas
E	Tony McLamb	P	Ricky Warren
E	Joe Myrick	P	Sam Weeks
P	Billy Nowell	P	Aubrey Williamson
E	Charles Petit	P	Carla Williamson
P	Dennis Pollock	P	Richard Whitman
P	Stephen Prescott		

LICENSED MINISTERS

P	Chris Bagley- Powhatan
P	Tod Creech- Faith
A	Neil McLamb- Lee's Chapel

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Robert's Grove OFWB Church, Dunn, North Carolina on November 9, 2010. Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone. Moderator Aubrey Williamson presented the program for adoption. Motion was made to accept the program for adoption. Motion was carried.

The congregation opened in singing "Trust and Obey," *Towner*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. Carla Williamson offered scripture and prayer from Psalm 133. The conference was welcomed by Pastor Fred Baker of Robert's Grove OFWB Church. The response was heard from Pastor John Hill of First OFWB Church of Goldsboro.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by Tod Creech, serving on the Credentials Committee, as adopted by the One Hundred Fourteenth Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Clerk Eva Ballance called the Roll of Officers and Standing Boards, Churches, and Ministers. Rev. Charlie Carroll requested to join the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was made to accept Rev. Carroll in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was carried. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Moderator Aubrey Williamson to Rev. Charlie Carroll to our conference. The Moderator recognized the visitors. Broken Wing Fellowship OFWB Church and the delegation from the church were recognized as a newly organized OFWB church.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from I Corinthians 13. He expressed thankfulness for the dedication of the conference and the thirty churches that are in the conference. In speaking from Paul's epistle, he remarked that if we love folks, God will bless you. It was love that put our churches into

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existence and that love started on the cross. He encouraged demonstrating love, despite our status. Through love, the church will grow as well as the conference.

Motion was made to adopt the written report of the Executive Committee as given. Motion was carried.

Motion was made to appoint the following Temporary Committees by Moderator Williamson. The motion was carried.

Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Chair Fred Baker, John Hill, Stephen Prescott

Obituary Committee: Chair Clarence Privette, Emmitt Jones, Ronnie Hayes

Credentials Committee: Chair Carolyn Jernigan, Tod Creech, John Butler

Nominating Committee: Chair Otis Hamm, Dean Kennedy, Ricky Warren

Parliamentarian: Ricky Warren

Dr. Sam Weeks was recognized as the Cape Fear Conference representative to the Executive Committee of the Convention, who gave the Convention report. He encouraged every Cape Fear Conference Church to place the Convention in their church budget. Rev. Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services of the Original Free Will Baptists, was recognized and he introduced the denominational ministry representatives.

Representatives from our denominational ministries were present and given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Sunday School Ministry – Gail Heath, Children’s Home - Gary Lee, Retirement Home Ministry - Ronnie Taylor, Free Will Baptist Press - Cliff Gray, Home Missions & Evangelism and Harvest Connection – David Charles Hansley, Minister’s Program - Ricky Warren, Mount Olive College – Dr. Philip Kerstetter, Cragmont Assembly and Foreign Missions – Buddy Sasser and Convention of OFWB – Harold Swinson. Rev. Buddy Sasser noted that the denominational ministries were beginning to work together. He announced that 2012 will be the 100-Year Anniversary of the Convention Campaign and requested churches to send a copy of their history to Kitty Barnes.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Dr. Burkette Raper, President of the Foundation of Christian Ministries. Dr. Raper recognized Ricky Warren, pastor of Lee’s Chapel OFWB Church, who is a student in Campbell University Divinity School. Rev. Warren spoke on behalf of the support he receives from the Foundation for Christian Ministry through the Shepherd’s Fund and how this had assisted him in furthering his education.

Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm presided over the Morning Worship Service. The service began with singing “Praise Him, Praise Him,” *Allen*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. An offering was received and Rev. Hamm prayed the offertory prayer. Special music was presented by Rev. Buddy Sasser and Rev. John Hill. Rev. Joe Ballance, pastor of Yelverton Grove OFWB Church, brought the morning message from Matthew 28:18-20, entitled “We Must Unite for God.” He noted that Jesus promised to be with us in all things. For His work to be accomplished in the world and our denomination, we must unite as churches. If we want to be victorious as a church, as a conference, as a denomination, we must be all that God wants us to be. We must come together, work together and most important, stay together. We must understand that God can only use us effectively when we are united in our mission, our purpose, and in our call. He encouraged

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all believers to be united in all efforts to fulfill the Great Commission. Rev. Ballance led the altar prayer and Rev. Dean Kennedy closed the service with prayer.

Rev. Fred Baker prayed the blessing and the conference went to lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm called the session to order. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing," *Bridgers*, led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by Licensed Minister Chris Bagley from Titus 2.

The following reports of the Standing Boards were received by the conference (see attached reports of the Standing Boards). The Conference Mission's report was included in the Executive Committee report. The Ordaining Council report was given by Dr. Sam Weeks. Cape Fear Minister's Conference report was given by Rev. Joe Ballance and the Board of Christian Education report was given by Martha Parsons. Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm asked for a motion to receive these reports as information as presented to the conference. Motion was carried.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson presided over the remainder of the meeting. The following reports of the Temporary Committees were received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). Rev. Otis Hamm presented the Feasibility Committee report. Rev. Doug Seymour gave a report on Blended Fellowship, Rev. Ricky Warren gave the Historical Committee report and Rev. Stephen Prescott gave the Five Year Growth Plan report. Motion was made to receive all these reports as information. Motion was carried.

The Temperance/Resolutions Committee presented two resolutions, of which both passed. The Obituary Committee reported one death of a Cape Fear Conference minister's wife during the past year. Motion was made to receive the report as information. Motion carried. The Credentials Committee gave a report of the Annual Conference's attendance. Motion was made to receive this report as information. Motion carried. The Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the conference. The list of candidates for nomination received a motion to be elected, was seconded and passed. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sam Weeks and was received by motion (see attached report).

The conference then moved into its business session. Old business was determining which church would host the 157th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Rev. Stephen Prescott responded that Shady Grove OFWB in Dunn will host the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Dr. Burkette Raper addressed the conference and expressed appreciation to the Cape Fear Conference for their spirit of fellowship and display of Christian unity. He felt the conference deserved to be commended for demonstrating the right kind of leadership in churches and for the outstanding work of the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee.

Motion was carried to adjourn the 156th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Respectfully submitted,
Aubrey Williamson, Moderator
Eva Ballance, Clerk

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Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 2010

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met with representation from Daly's Chapel OFWB Church on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. at the First Original Free Will Baptist in Goldsboro. The purpose of this meeting was to review Daly's Chapel's current status and decide if they should be released from their Harvest Covenant, as recommended by Rev. David Charles Hansley, Director of Home Missions and Evangelism. Executive Committee members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance and Carolyn Jernigan. Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the meeting to order and made introductions. Rev. Ed Thornton, pastor of Daly's Chapel, gave a report on their progress for release from their Harvest Covenant. He stated they had studied *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*. The church had elected officers, had ordained five deacons, and is tithing to all denominational ministries. They hold quarterly meetings and observe the ordinances of communion and foot washing. Otis Hamm offered the Executive Committee's support with planning and training. He encouraged them to attend the Cape Fear Conference Minister's meetings. Motion was made to reinstate Daly's Chapel to church status (MSP). Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Moderator Aubrey Williamson closed in prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on November 23, 2009, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, and Eva Ballance. Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Psalm 100 and prayed the opening prayer.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. Charlie Carroll, who has started a church, Broken Wing Fellowship, and is interested in it becoming an Original Free Will Baptist Church. Information was provided by Rev. Carroll. It was noted that there are 45-60 people in attendance, officers have been elected, bills are being paid, a building fund is established, and the pastor is receiving a salary. *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* have been taught to the congregation. Two organizational meetings have been held and approximately thirty people are interested in joining the church. Rev. Carroll approached the Executive Committee for assistance to organize and establish an Original Free Will Baptist Church with an expressed willingness to work with the Cape Fear Conference to achieve this goal.

The Executive Committee selected two possible meeting dates with Broken Wing Fellowship. Sam Weeks will notify Rev. Carroll and determine which date is better. Old business from the August 24, 2009 minutes was discussed. Sam Weeks gave a report of his meeting with Rev. David C. Hansley regarding the formation of Messiah OFWB Church. It was reported that the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference has not addressed the Fellowship of Conservative FWB letter, but they will at their next scheduled meeting.

Minutes from November 10, 2009 stand approved as presented.

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Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$3368.39 of which \$2494.35 is designated, leaving a remaining balance of \$874.04. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report (MSP).

The clerk will notify the Western Conference that Rev. Charles Petit has joined the Cape Fear Conference and that Rev. Fred Johnson has moved to the Western Conference. The final report of the 155th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference was reviewed and corrections were made. Motion was made to accept the report for the yearbook (MSP).

Other old business discussed was the Feasibility Committee for Blended Fellowship. A change in procedure will be implemented. Minutes for the Feasibility Committee for Blended Fellowship will be kept separate from the Executive Committee minutes. Dr. Burkette Raper will be contacted by Sam Weeks to come to the Executive Committee meeting on January 25, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. to offer insight into Blended Fellowship's status as a ministry or a church.

New business discussed was the responsibility of the Executive Committee to form a historical committee to update the history of the Cape Fear Conference, per a resolution that was adopted at the 155th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Rev. Ricky Warren was appointed temporary chairperson and Aubrey Williamson will contact him regarding this appointment. Other committee members selected were Rev. Gary Barefoot, Dr. Alan Lamm, and Dr. Michael Pelt. Rev. Otis Hamm agreed to serve as a resource for the committee since he wrote the previous historical update.

Another item of new business discussed was the need to appoint a committee to establish a 5-year plan to grow our conference, which was from a motion that was carried at the 155th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Rev. John Hill was appointed temporary chairperson and Aubrey Williamson will contact him regarding this appointment. Other committee members selected were Rev. Braxton Carter, Rev. Stephen Prescott and Licensed Minister Carla Williamson.

The clerk will send letters to each committee member selected for both committees asking them to faithfully serve and report to the Executive Committee on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Motion was made to plan the Minister's Association meeting in January (MSP). The topic will be "Strategies for Church Growth." Recommendations for speakers were Dr. David Hines and Rev. Gary Bailey. Rev. Joe Ballance will be notified of these recommendations so he can arrange a speaker for the meeting on January 25, 2010, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made to make reference to the pages in the Yearbook for upcoming office vacancies in the conference letter that is mailed to all churches and ministers annually. The clerk will send conference letters to all standing officers since there are officers serving who are not ministers.

The clerk will have a registration designated for Licensed Ministers at the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Licensed Ministers will receive a Visitor's nametag.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Eva Ballance closed in prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on January 24, 2010, at Broken Wing Fellowship at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator

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Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance and Carolyn Jernigan. Rev. Charlie Carroll prayed the opening prayer. Otis Hamm gave the devotion from John 13:34.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson stated the purpose for meeting with Broken Wing Fellowship was to inquire, investigate and offer help per their request to become an Original Free Will Baptist Church. The agenda for the meeting was presented. Introductions of the Executive Committee members, Broken Wing Fellowship attendees and guests were made.

The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage) were presented. The "Free Will Baptist Church Covenant" was read and discussed. The ordinances were presented and discussed. "The Rules of Church Government", "Organization and Establishment of a New Church from a Mission", "Organization of a Mission", "Establishment of a New Church from a Mission", and "Establishment and Organization of a Non-Mission Church" were read and explained.

Rev. Charlie Carroll stated there were twenty-eight confirmed, responsible believers. Approximately seven other individuals were prayerfully considering joining. The Fellowship has 40 – 45 people who attend service regularly. The majority of the confirmed believers live within a 10-mile radius of the present location. Eighteen of the twenty-eight confirmed believers are Original Free Will Baptists.

Inquiry was made if anyone had questions about the "Articles of Faith". Rev. Carroll said they observed Communion and Washing of the Saints' Feet quarterly. A Woman's Auxiliary has been established. Information was shared by Carolyn Jernigan about upcoming auxiliary meetings. A Layman's League has been started. A Youth Program has been established and Carolyn Jernigan shared contact information for the Cape Fear Conference Youth leaders. Business meetings have been held following *Robert's Rules of Order*. Moderator Aubrey Williamson asked for them to share their purpose. It was defined as spreading the Word, offering glory to God, showing love to one another and making a difference in the community. Ways they are helping in the community are collecting goods for a Pregnancy Crisis Center, collecting items for the crisis in Haiti, and passing out a meal in a bag to the homeless called "Just Feed Them Program."

Services are currently being held on Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. and every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. with choir practice following. The pastor includes Children's Church in the Morning Worship Service. Their desire is to stay in close proximity to their present location, depending upon land availability.

"Relationship of the Local Church to the Conference" was read and discussed. Information was given about the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference and an explanation of the number of delegates that can represent as stated in the Constitution. "The Organization of a Local Congregation", "Church Membership", "Christian Discipline", "Meetings of the Local Congregation", and "Objects and Duties of the Local Congregation" were read and explained in detail.

Information was given about the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and the delegation that can represent at this annual meeting in May.

Inquiry continued regarding their financial status. They have funded special programs, e.g. Vacation Bible School, Harvest Festival and Hanging of the Greens while maintaining their expenses positively.

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The Executive Committee shared that they were very receptive of the guidance and information provided and the potential for future growth and development was evident. Rev. Carroll stated they plan to establish a General Board and a Building Committee and presently have \$7500.00 in the Building Fund.

Rev. Charlie Carroll restated their interest and desire to become an OFWB Church. The Executive Committee advised them to move forward and establish a membership list of the body of believers. Once received a motion to approve them as a an OFWB Church will be considered and procedures to establish them as a church could begin as stated in *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

The meeting was adjourned. Rev. Charlie Carroll prayed the benediction and blessings for the food prepared by Broken Wing Fellowship. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on January 25, 2010, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott. Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from John 13 and prayed the opening prayer.

Rev. Stephen Prescott, pastor of Shady Grove OFWB Church, was welcomed as the Member at Large of the Executive Committee, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Ken Dabbs.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. John Hill, Committee Chairperson of the five-year plan to grow the Cape Fear Conference. The committee's strategy and plan was presented with the intent to put this plan into action by Easter, 2010. Moderator Williamson thanked Rev. Hill for his presentation and he was dismissed from the meeting.

Minutes from November 23, 2009 stood approved as presented. Minutes from January 24, 2010 stood approved as corrected.

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$1909.39 of which \$724.40 designated for the Education Fund, leaving a remaining balance of \$1184.99. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report (MSP).

Rev. Sam Weeks, who serves as Chairman of the Ordaining Board, gave a report regarding the official stationary used by the Fellowship of Conservative Free Will Baptists. The Fellowship should not be listing a Conference Representative from the Cape Fear Conference since there has not been the selection of a representative from this conference. A motion was made to send a letter to Rev. Rudy Owens, Moderator of the Fellowship of Conservative Free Will Baptists, requesting the removal of Rev. Donnie Massey's name as a Conference Representative on the official stationary since he has not been voted on to serve as a Conference Representative (MSP).

Further discussion continued regarding the impact the Fellowship of Conservative Free Will Baptists may have in the Cape Fear Conference. It was voiced that promotion of unity and peace within our conference should be a priority.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson asked for a decision regarding Broken Wing Fellowship becoming an Original Free Will Baptist Church. A motion was made, pending receipt of their list of a body of believers, to establish them as an Original Free Will Baptist Church,

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following the guidelines "Establishment and Organization of a Non-Mission Church," on page 80 of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

Sam Weeks, Cape Fear Conference representative, gave a report from the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. A motion was made to send a letter to each Cape Fear Conference Church, requesting a gift of \$100.00 or more, to maintain the valuable work at Convention Headquarters (MSP).

Sam Weeks, Cape Fear Conference representative, stated that the Executive Committee of the Convention had approved the involvement of Crown Financial Ministries with our pastors and churches. A motion was made to invite all Cape Fear Conference pastors of churches and their wives to a banquet, sponsored by Don Fader, Director of Church Finance, to see a presentation on Financial Literacy by Crown Financial Ministries (MSP). There will not be any cost for this program to the conference or churches. Date, time and place will be determined and information will be given in the mailing.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Aubrey Williamson prayed the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on April 8, 2010, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks and Eva Ballance. Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Philippians 2 and prayed the opening prayer.

Minutes from January 25, 2010 were reviewed and approved as read.

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$2465.34, of which \$724.40 is designated for the Education Fund, leaving a remaining balance of \$1740.94. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report (MSP).

Old business for discussion was the 5-year plan to grow the conference. Motion was made to contact Rev. John Hill, Chairperson of the 5-Year Growth Plan, to proceed with contacting churches and pastors to determine the level of interest in forming prayer triplets in determining how to grow our conference, and to request Rev. Hill to e-mail the material to the Executive Committee for their review that the prayer triplets will be using in their 10-week group sessions (MSP).

Other old business was establishing Broken Wing Fellowship's body of believers as an OFWB Church of the Cape Fear Conference on May 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. The clerk will e-mail the Executive Committee regarding this date.

A report was given regarding the excellent presentation and meal given by Crown Financial Ministries. Discussion continued with interest in presenting this program locally among all Cape Fear Conference churches.

New business presented was information about Mac Wallace, a speaker at the Deacon/Pastor Retreat. Rev. Emmitt Jones, pastor of Bethel OFWB Church, would like to host a seminar by Mr. Wallace and invite other Cape Fear Conference churches to attend. Possible dates are July 31, August 7 and September 18. The cost for the seminar is \$200.00 and Bethel OFWB Church would furnish the meal. A motion was made for the Cape Fear Conference to cover the fee of \$200.00 for the presentation by Mac Wallace at Bethel OFWB Church (MSP).

Planning began for the 156th Session of the Cape Fear Conference at Robert's Grove OFWB Church on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. Moderator Aubrey Williamson will

contact Neil McLamb and Carla Williamson to give the morning and afternoon scripture and prayer. Rev. Joe Ballance will be notified of his appointment to present the message in the Morning Worship Hour and Rev. Fred Baker will be notified that he is the alternate speaker. Recommendations were made for the temporary committees and will be contacted by the clerk. Reports from the Feasibility Committee for Blended Fellowship, the Historical Committee and the 5-Year Growth Plan Committee will be added to the program under Temporary Committee Reports. After establishment as a church, Broken Wing Fellowship OFWB Church will be given special recognition during the conference meeting.

It was noted that final planning for the 156th Session of the Cape Fear Conference, a meeting with Rev. John Hill regarding the 5-Year Growth Plan and a meeting with the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee are items of business at our next scheduled meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Otis Hamm prayed the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in joint session with Broken Wing Fellowship at 3236 Hwy. 50 Building E, Garner, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to establish Broken Wing Fellowship into a church by the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott. Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone and prayed the invocation.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. A motion was made to allow Broken Wing Fellowship, as a body of believers, the privilege to vote (MSP). Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm gave Words of Wisdom, quoting an Early Church Father. An opening hymn, "The Solid Rock," was led by Rev. Stephen Prescott. The Church Covenant was read and explained by Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm. A motion was made to permit Broken Wing Fellowship, as a body of believers, to adopt The Church Covenant as read and explained (MSP).

The Articles of Faith and The Rules of Church Government, Section 1: The Local Government were read by members of the Executive Committee. The slate of officers was read by Moderator Aubrey Williamson, as presented by Broken Wing Fellowship. A motion was made to elect the slate of officers as presented by Broken Wing Fellowship, as listed on pages 65-68 of *"The Articles of Faith and Principles of Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)."* (MSP) The reading of Section 1: The Local Congregation was completed. Reading continued of Section 2: The Ministry, Section 3: The Annual Conference and Section 4: Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. A motion was made for Broken Wing Fellowship, as a body of believers, to adopt *"The Articles of Faith and Principles of Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)"* (MSP). The Constitution and By-Laws of the Cape Fear Conference were read by Clerk Eva Ballance.

A motion was made that following the presentation of the Bible and praying the Prayer of Consecration that Broken Wing Fellowship be accepted as an Original Free Will Baptist Church in good standing of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination (MSP).

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The presentation of The Bible was made by Moderator Aubrey Williamson to Rev. Charlie Carroll, pastor of Broken Wing Fellowship. The Prayer of Consecration was prayed by Rev. Sam Weeks. Immediately following, Broken Wing Fellowship's body of believers were recognized as Broken Wing Fellowship Original Free Will Baptist Church. A standing ovation was given.

Rev. Stephen Prescott presented the Homily, entitled "The Role of the Church." The scripture was read from Acts 2: 42-47. Rev. Prescott noted that the world has become a "Jesus and me" society in which we fail to see the purpose of the church. In seeking a church, we seek for what a church can give us instead of what we can give to the church. In Acts, it is noted that the Holy Spirit initiated a new community, where trust and dependence were in God and in each other. When the Holy Spirit formed this community, the first things the church did were study together, love one another and love their enemies. As a result their lives were continually changing. Worship practices taught them what it meant to be God's people. They learned to live like Christ in a world that had put Christ to death. To be a faithful church, the church should become a nurturing Christian community, faithful to God's call in the world and living a lifestyle directed by God's command. Rev. Prescott encouraged commitment to become a nurturing, Christian community. Follow the model of the first church in Acts; grow to be more like Christ. Rev. Charlie Carroll, pastor of Broken Wing Fellowship OFWB Church, shared his love for his congregation and prayed the closing prayer and blessing on the food. A delicious meal, prepared by the congregation of Broken Wing Fellowship OFWB Church, was enjoyed by everyone.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on May 24, 2010, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks Eva Ballance and Carolyn Jernigan. Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Ephesians 5 and prayed the opening prayer.

Motion was made to accept the minutes from April 8, 2010 and May 2, 2010 as presented (MSP).

Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. Fred Baker who provided additional information and explanation in the formation of Blended Fellowship as a conference mission. He spoke of the initial vision that Blended Fellowship becomes a mission of the Cape Fear Conference with its support and discussed some of the goals. He agreed with Rev. Doug and Melanie Seymour and their current vision for the mission to become a ministry of the Cape Fear Conference instead of a church.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. John Hill, committee chairperson of the 5-year plan to grow the conference, who had come to report on the progress of the committee's work. A prayer guide had been received by the Executive Committee for review and Rev. Hill was seeking approval of this plan. He also asked for assistance from the Executive Committee in identifying and selecting ordained ministers and laypersons who are passionate about this work. A motion was made for Rev. John Hill to review the prayer guide with his committee and present a final copy with proper citation to the Executive Committee when ready (MSP).

A written report of the Historical Committee was presented by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. The report stated,

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“We envision a publication with three or possible four sections. (1) an overview of the history of the Cape Fear Conference, (2) an edited collection of local church histories (3) a section to cover the histories of the churches lost to the conference through various splits, and (4) a section of biographical synopses of the early ministers of the conference. Initial work on these sections has been assigned to the members of the committee: Dr. Pelt – overview, Dr. Lamm and Mr. Barefoot – local histories, and Ricky Warren – early ministers.”

A motion was made to accept, as information, the report provided by the historical committee to the Executive Committee (MSP).

Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee and recognized Chairperson Otis Hamm. (See Blended Fellowship Feasibility Study minutes dated May 24, 2010, for additional meeting information) It was noted that there were issues that needed to be dealt with by the Executive Committee of the Conference, serving as the Mission Board, so the meeting with the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Study was suspended so action could be taken by the Mission Board of the Conference. The Executive Committee, as Mission Board of the Conference, requested clarification of budget items. After discussion, a motion was made for Blended Fellowship to re-evaluate their 2010 budget and develop a 2011 budget. Further, that Blended Fellowship considers increasing their giving to denominational ministries; it was noted that they currently tithe 10% of their Sunday morning offering receipts. Additionally Blended Fellowship is asked to present the budget to the Mission Board of the Cape Fear Conference prior to the annual conference at their meeting scheduled on October 25, 2010, and provide clarification on budget issues as follows, (1) itemize and provide detail for the General Fund, (2) clarify outside sources of funding for Blended Fellowship, and (3) investigate insurance coverage for the facility (MSP).

It was noted that the seminar at Bethel OFWB Church is replacing the Cape Fear Conference Fellowship meeting scheduled at Johnston Union OFWB Church and will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. with H. Mac Wallace, D. Min., LMFT as guest speaker. The mailing was reviewed and approved.

Planning continued for the 156th Session of the Cape Fear Conference at Robert's Grove OFWB Church on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. Final recommendations were made for the temporary committees. Motion was made to adopt the Conference Program (MSP). Motion was made that the Executive Committee recommends to the Nominating Committee of the conference that the Executive Committee officers whose terms expire 2010, retain their positions with new terms expiring according to the Constitution and include a statement to support the retention of the three positions due to the intricate nature of their work on the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee (MSP). A letter will be sent to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee listing each name and position.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson requested that Sam Weeks report to the Convention regarding the Cape Fear Conference Seminar with Crown Financial Ministries as requested by the Convention.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson will contact Rev. Charlie Carroll to discuss transfer of his membership from the Western Conference to the Cape Fear Conference.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled on Monday, August 23, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

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Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Carolyn Jernigan closed the meeting in prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on September 3, 2010, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott. Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Isaiah 40:26-31 and prayed the opening prayer.

Motion was made to accept the Executive Committee minutes and the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee minutes from May 24, 2010, as corrected and amended.

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$1,476.77. The treasurer's report was received as information.

A replacement for Rev. John Hill, who had resigned his position on the committee exploring the Five-Year Plan to Grow the Conference, became necessary. A motion was made to appoint Otis Hamm (MSP).

Otis Hamm will draft a letter for Blended Fellowship, to be distributed to conference churches outlining the progress of the feasibility task force's work thus far.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled on Friday, October 22, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. and copies of the minutes from the May 24, 2010 Executive Committee and Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee will be sent to Rev. Doug Seymour. The clerk will notify all committee members of the meeting date.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Carolyn Jernigan closed the meeting in prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on October 22, 2010, at 1st Smithfield OFWB Church at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott. Aubrey Williamson prayed the opening prayer and Otis Hamm gave the devotion from Matthew 25:35.

Minutes from the September 3, 2010 meeting stood approved as read.

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$2002.44, with \$103.00 designated for the Education fund, leaving a balance of \$1999.44. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented (MSP).

Old business included review of the letter concerning Blended Fellowship's new vision to become a ministry of the Conference.

The Executive Committee convened as the Mission Board of the conference. Rev. Dean Kennedy of Haymount OFWB Church, Rev. Doug and Melanie Seymour of Blended Fellowship and Jarvis Pittman were in attendance. Dr. Sam Weeks prayed the opening prayer.

Rev. Doug and Melanie Seymour presented the Annual Budget for Blended Fellowship and a detailed report of the General Fund for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2010. It was noted that there had been an increase in support to the denominational ministries. Discussion continued regarding adequate insurance coverage for their facility. A report of contributions to Blended Fellowship by the Cape Fear Conference, as well as, other conferences was reviewed. All members of the Executive Committee were pleased with the information provided.

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Then the Mission Board meeting adjourned so the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee meeting could convene.

After the Feasibility Committee meeting, the Executive Committee reconvened. A motion was made to give a love offering of \$200.00 to Eva Ballance, Clerk of the Cape Fear Conference for the extra work that she was doing (MSP).

The next meeting will be held in January, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. on a date to be determined. Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Eva Ballance prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Ballance, Clerk of Cape Fear Conference

Report of the Board of Ordination 156th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference

Board members during this report year were Sam Weeks, Frank Harrison, Joe Ballance, Jim Bogle, and Aubrey Williamson. All meetings were opened and adjourned with prayer and were held at the Smithfield 1st. FWB Church.

The Board met on January 25, 2010. All members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. Information has been received that the Conservative Free Will Baptists' letterhead identifies Donnie Massey as a conference representative. Brother Massey is a member of this Conference and has not been elected to serve in this capacity as a representative. After discussion, a motion was presented to refer this to the Executive Committee (MSP).

The Board met on March 22, 2010. All members were present, except Jim Bogle. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. The board reviewed the educational requirements of Neil McLamb (Licensed Minister from the Lee's Chapel Church) with his mentor. The Board met with Tod Creech concerning serving Flood's Chapel Church. Motion made to approve him to serve as pastor there for 90 days (MSP).

The Board met on May 24, 2010. All members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. Motion was made to approve Tod Creech to serve Flood's Chapel Church for another 90 days (MSP). A letter from Casey's Chapel Church was presented requesting that Licensed Minister Carla Williamson sit for the Ordination Exam. The letter states that she has met her educational requirements and is prepared for examination, when it can be scheduled with her mentor Sam Weeks. A letter from Lee's Chapel Church was presented advising that Neil McLamb has been approved for another year as a Licensed Minister. The Board met with Mr. Christopher Eric Bagley from the Powhatan OFWB Church. A letter was received from the church requesting approval for licensure. The Board reviewed Mr. Bagley's application and examined Mr. Bagley. Motion seconded and passed that Mr. Bagley is approved and Powhatan OFWB Church is notified to proceed with licensing. Mr. Bagley's Board mentor is Jim Bogle. The Board was given information concerning the Continuing Education recommendation from the Committee. Discussion led to a decision for all Board members to spend some time

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reviewing the information and at our next meeting discuss what will follow as a result of the recommendation.

The Board met on August 23, 2010. All members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. The Board met with the Reverend Jerry Campbell to discuss his association with Riverside Church. He has been elected as pastor and requesting permission to serve in the Cape Fear Conference. He is a member of the Piedmont Conference at present. Jerry is considering moving his membership to this Conference in the future. Motion was made to grant permission to serve Riverside Church in the Cape Fear Conference (MSP). The Board met with Licensed Minister Carla Williamson from the Casey's Chapel Church. Carla has completed the written portion of the Ordination Examination that was administered by her Board mentor, Sam Weeks. She is before the Board to complete the oral portion of the examination. Ms. Williamson successfully passed both the written and oral portion of the examination. Motion was moved, seconded and passed to ordain. Discussions followed to make plans for the service. It was agreed that the requested date, Sunday October 31, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Casey's Chapel Church be set for the special service. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing those who sit for the Ordination Examination to use the Bible as an open book while taking all parts of the examination. It was noted that at the present time the Bible is used during one portion of the exam as an open book. Information was shared that other Conferences allow their candidates to use the Bible for the entire exam. Motion was made to allow the use of the Holy Bible as an open book during the Ordination Examination (MSP). After some discussion a motion was made to send a letter from the Ordaining Board to Licensed Minister Neil McLamb, strongly encouraging him to attend the annual Conference on November 9, 2010. The Board discussed the Continuing Education recommendation from the Committee of the Convention. Motion was moved, seconded and passed to approve the following: We recommend the voluntary participation of all ministers in the Continuing Education program proposed by the Commission on Education for Christian Ministries for the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. We recommend the completion of one CEU (one-Continuing Education Unit) annually. The secretary of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference will receive and file all submitted records of CEU's completed. This recommendation is to be acted on in the Business section of the Cape Fear Conference meeting in November. The Board continued discussion of the educational process and procedures for ministers. Motion was moved, seconded and passed to strongly encourage all future Licensed Ministry candidates to seek a four year degree or program. The Board approved Tod Creech to serve Flood's Chapel Church for another 90 days (MSP). Tod will be contacted by his Board Mentor, Jim Bogle and be asked to report to this committee at the next meeting in October.

The Board met on October 25, 2010. All members were present. The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. The Board met with Chris Bagley from the Powhatan Church. He is requesting permission to serve the Powhatan Church as interim until a pastor is secured for the church. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Bagley to serve as interim for 90 days (MSP). The Board discussed Neil McLamb from Lee's Chapel Church and agreed that he and his Board mentor will discuss Mr. McLamb's relationship

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to the Conference. The Board approved Tod Creech to serve Flood's Chapel Church for another 90 days (MSP). Tod will be contacted by his Board Mentor, Jim Bogle and be asked to report to this Board at the next meeting in January 24, 2011. It was noted that Bryan Williamson's name as a Licensed Minister has been removed from that list because his church membership has changed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Weeks, Frank Harrison, Joe Ballance, Jim Bogle, and Aubrey Williamson

The Report of the Minister's Association 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association met for five meetings. Several good speakers made excellent presentations that provided good information and challenged each of the ministers to work for the cause of Christ.

Our guest speaker in November, 2009, was Rev. Neal Cox, whose topic was "Bible Interpretation: A Riddle, Wrapped in a Mystery, Shrouded in an Enigma. In January, 2010, Rev. Gary Bailey spoke about the "Strategies for Church Growth." In May, Rev. John Hill's topic was "Leading Change and Strategic Planning. The Palmer Partnership. For the meeting in August, the guest speaker was Pedro Rosario, Area Director of Crown Financial Ministries for eastern North Carolina. In the October meeting, there was a time of discussion by all ministers in attendance.

There are 28 ministers on roll with an average attendance of 14 ministers at each meeting. All of the meetings were held 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 that were served after each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

Christian Board of Education Report 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Board of Christian Education met at First Original Free Will Baptist at Smithfield to grade the applications which were received for scholarship. Eight applications were received. First place received \$500.00. Each applicant received the remaining scholarship money equally divided among the applicants.

1 st Place	Sarah Wood	Yelverton Grove OFWB Church
2 nd Place	Adriana I. Hortelano	Hopewell OFWB Church
3 rd Place	Hannah Ingram	Steven's Chapel OFWB Church
4 th Place	Stewart D. Hardy, Jr.	Powhatan OFWB Church
5 th Place	Elliott Earl McConnell	Smyrna OFWB Church
6 th Place	Jennie Bachellor	Bethel OFWB Church
7 th Place	Brittany Renee Ward	Yelverton Grove OFWB Church
8 th Place	John H. Bates, III	First OFWB of Smithfield

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October has been designated as Scholarship Fund Contribution Month by the Cape Fear Conference. Please consider including this in the church budget.

The 2011 Cape Fear Conference Fellowship Meeting Schedule was presented and the host churches had been scheduled.

January 29, 2011	Haymount OFWB Church	10:00 AM	Home Missions Rev. David Charles Hansley
		11:00 AM	Host Church

May 28, 2011

July 30, 2011	Johnston Union OFWB Church	10:00 AM	Retirement Home Rev. Ronnie Taylor
		11:00 AM	Host Church

October 30, 2011	Oak Grove OFWB Church	10:00 AM	Foreign Missions Rev. Harold Jones
		11:00 AM	Host Church

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Parsons, Chairperson

Feasibility Committee Report 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

About two years ago a committee was established to study the feasibility of Blended Fellowship becoming a ministry of the conference. This is something that is extremely unique, not only to the conference, but to the denomination. It is complicated and requires quite a bit of study and work and the taskforce has been working diligently. The taskforce involves the executive committee of the Cape Fear Conference, the mother church, Haymount, Blended Fellowship, not just Doug and Melody, but its laity as well. We are making great strides, but we are not ready to make a recommendation at this point. Today each church received a letter asking that Blended Fellowship be given an opportunity to come to your church and speak to you. This is not a time for them to come and perform; this is a time for them to come and explain the vision that God has placed upon their hearts. They come seeking your support, your prayers, but mostly to let you know what God is doing at Blended Fellowship. They can explain why they are seeking to become a ministry of the Conference. As a taskforce, we implore you to give them this opportunity. They have several things that had been outlined for them to do in this coming year and it includes visiting churches throughout the conference. The information they gain will help the taskforce determine the feasibility of them becoming a ministry of this conference. Please read the letter carefully, and when they call, extend to them an invitation to come. Make sure it is a time when folks will be there that can hear the message and ask questions to gain a complete understanding and offer support. This is a major undertaking and it's not something to be considered lightly. This is why it is taking

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so long for us as a feasibility taskforce to give you a recommendation. We want to make sure what we're doing for God is done correctly. We ask for your patience and your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Otis Hamm

Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry Report 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Blended Fellowship family wishes to express deep and sincere appreciation to the Cape Fear Conference for your continuing support. We are mindful of your generosity every time it rains. We are so thankful for our new roof that does not leak! We also gratefully acknowledge the contributions received from the Cape Fear Conference for regular support, the Blended Fellowship Endowed Fund, and our food and clothing distributions. We appreciate the guidance of the Conference in helping us establish the best structure to support the vision we believe God has given us.

We were blessed this reporting year by members of Stoney Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church in the Western Conference when they provided a platform/stage for our sanctuary. They provided labor and materials and the resulting platform has greatly improved the worship/learning experience for our congregation, particularly the Deaf. They can now see what is being signed or presented much better.

Our congregation continues to grow and we are currently preparing to greatly expand our outreach due, in part, to the proceeds received from the Blended Fellowship Endowed Fund. Our camera and computer equipment is being upgraded, which will enable Deaf people to view our services from anywhere. This is a huge opportunity and we thank the Lord for it, and for the people who have made it possible.

We would appreciate the opportunity to come to your church and share with your congregation the vision and ministry of Blended Fellowship. If you are interested, please call our office at 919-736-7676 or you can check with Melanie today.

As always, we appreciate your prayers as we continue to make Jesus known to the Deaf.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Seymour, Pastor/Director

Cape Fear Conference Historical Committee Report 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The members of the Cape Fear Conference Historical Committee gathered for their first meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. All committee members were present. After reviewing the resolution to establish the committee, Ricky Warren was named as chairman of the committee and initial discussions began. The committee noted with gratitude the value of previous work done on the history of the Cape Fear Conference. The committee hoped to draw from these works as resources and to add to them any new information that might have become available. Four possible areas for research were identified: (1) an overview of the history of the Cape Fear Conference, (2) an edited

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collection of local church histories, (3) a section to cover the histories of the churches lost to our conference through various splits, and (4) a section of biographical information on the early ministers of the conference. Each committee member was assigned a topic to work on independently until the next meeting and a means of communication by email was established. The goal of the committee was to complete and publish this material in time for the Cape Fear Conference meeting in November of 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Barefoot, Dr. Alan Lamm, Dr. Michael Pelt, and Ricky Warren

5-Year Growth Planning Committee Report 156th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

On behalf of the Cape Fear Conference 5-Year Planning Committee, I would like to thank you, Cape Fear Annual Conference, for your decision to implement this committee for the purpose of examining, discerning, and determining a godly vision for our Conference. It was the great Yankee player and coach Yogi Berra who said, "If you don't know where you're going, you'll wind up somewhere else." As your 5-Year Planning Committee-consisting of myself and the Reverends Braxton Carter, Carla Williamson, and Otis Hamm-it is our hope, through the will and spirit of God, to engage the minds of the churches and people of our Conference in order to ascertain ideas and insight regarding the future plans of our Conference. This is an important task, for if we fail to discern a proper vision, we will definitely end up somewhere else.

Our first year has been quite laborious, as we have dealt with changes in committee structure, as well as questioned exactly how this process ought to be undertaken. Nevertheless, it is the hope and prayer of this committee that, over the next year, we will be able to reach conclusions regarding the prospects of our Conference. And we will need your help in this process. If you, as churches and individuals, are contacted in any way, please make every effort to help in the discovery of our Conference's vision. It takes all of us, for though we are many, we are one body in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Stephen Prescott, M.Div.

Temperance and Resolutions Committee

Whereas, Ms. Merle Stevenson, member of Johnston Union OFWB Church, served the Cape Fear Conference as clerk during difficult times in the 1950's and 1960's, and
Whereas, Ms. Merle Stevenson has celebrated her 104th birthday this past August,
Be it resolved that the Cape Fear recognize her by a letter from the conference and place her name on the "Wall of Honor" at the Convention Office, cost \$500.00.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Resolution adopted

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Whereas, Robert's Grove has been a hospitable host for this seating of the Cape Fear Conference, **be it resolved** that the Cape Fear Conference offer a rising vote of thanks to Robert's Grove OFWB Church for their hospitality.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Resolution adopted

Respectfully submitted,
John Hill

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee do offer the following report to the 156th Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Since the 155th Session of our Conference, we have had one minister's wife to pass away, Mrs. Flossie Smith, wife of Rev. Floyd Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Privette, Chair

Credentials Committee

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

Ministers	30
Licensed Ministers	2
Officers	5
Delegates	43
Visitors	<u>25</u>

Total **105** (Several workers not counted)

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Jernigan, Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee- Moderator (2012): *Aubrey Williamson*
Assistant Moderator (2012): *Otis Hamm*
Treasurer (2012): *Sam Weeks*
One Member of the Board of Trustees - (2015): *Dean Kennedy*
One Member of the Board of Education - (2015): *Emmitt Jones*
One Member of the Ordaining Board – (2015): *Joe Ballance*
Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator- (2012): *Braxton Carter*

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Respectfully submitted,
Otis Hamm, Chair

Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report

I.	Balance on hand as of November 9, 2009:	\$1,093.07
II.	Receipts:	
	2009 Conference (offering and letters)	\$2,748.00
	Union offerings and letters (Dec/Jan/May/Aug/Oct)	\$3,249.00
	Late Conference/Union (Mailed in)	\$775.00
	Haiti Relief (designated gift)	\$75.00
	Designated Gifts for Blended Fellowship Mission	<u>\$1,950.00</u>
	Total Receipts:	\$8,797.00
	Total to account for:	\$9,890.07
III.	Disbursements:	
	Conf/Union Expenses (Mailings, Bibles, honorariums)	\$1,300.12
	N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries	\$1,200.00
	Foreign Missions	\$543.26
	Home Missions	\$543.24
	Home Missions (Haiti Relief)	\$75.00
	Education Scholarships	\$1,200.00
	Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts	\$1,950.00
	Convention of OFWB (2009 Report Books)	<u>\$770.00</u>
	Total Disbursements:	\$7,581.62
IV.	Balance on hand as of November 8, 2010: (Out of this balance \$208.20 is in the Education Fund)	\$2,308.45
V.	Formula for disbursements of Conference/Union Dues and Offerings:	
	Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)	
	Christian Education Fund = 20%	
	Union and Conference expenses = 55%	

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Weeks, Treasurer