

THE 101ST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Convention of
Original Free Will Baptists

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In the Church
Acts 1:8



2013
Ministry and Conference Report Book

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**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT BLENDED FELLOWSHIP
PIKEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

Moderator: The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2014)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Doctor Otis Hamm (2014)
Clerk: Eva Ballance (2013)
Assistant Clerk: Carolyn Jernigan (2013)
Treasurer: The Reverend Doctor Sam Weeks (2014)
Member at Large: The Reverend Stephen Prescott (2013)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

George Thomas (2013) J.N. Bryant (2014)
Dean Kennedy (2015) Carlton Barefoot (2016) Braxton Carter (2017)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Peyton Lee (2013) Doug Seymour (2014)
Emmitt Jones (2015) Wayne Puckett (2016) Martha Parsons (2017)

ORDAINING BOARD

Aubrey Williamson (2013) Sam Weeks (2014)
Joe Ballance (2015) Frank Harrison (2016) Roger Hill (2017)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

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

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P	Emmitt Jones	E	Stephen Prescott
E	Dan Jordan	P	Alan Price
P	Dean Kennedy	A	Jimmy Price
P	Alan Lamm	E	Clarence Privette
P	David Langley	A	Scott Satterfield
E	John Rayford Lee	E	Jeff Scarborough
P	Donnie Massey	P	Doug Seymour
P	Richard McKeel	E	Elijah Smith
P	Tony McLamb	P	George Thomas
P	Vicki Medlin	P	Ricky Warren
A	Joe Myrick	P	Sam Weeks
P	Billy Nowell	E	Richard Whitman
P	Charles Petit	P	Aubrey Williamson
P	Dennis Pollock	E	Carla Williamson

PROVISIONAL MINISTERS

P	Frank Gonzalez
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LICENSED MINISTERS

A	Ken Benton	E	Jamie Coats
P	Jason Bordeaux	P	William "Corky" Herring
P	Duane Casey	P	Jason Pittman

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Blended Fellowship, Pikeville, North Carolina on November 13, 2012. Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone. Moderator Aubrey Williamson presented the program for adoption. Motion was made to accept the program for adoption. Motion carried.

The congregation opened in singing "When We All Get to Heaven," *Hewitt*, led by song leader, Dean Kennedy. Licensed Minister Duane Casey offered scripture and prayer from Philippians 3. The conference was welcomed by Licensed Minister Jason Bordeaux of Blended Fellowship. The response was heard from Lee Jernigan of Shady Grove OFWB Church.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by John Butler, Chairperson of 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. The Moderator recognized visiting ministers and guests.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from Philippians 2:1-8 and Romans 12:1, 2. He expressed the importance of being obedient to God, having the mind of Jesus Christ and His unconditional love for all mankind. He stressed that all believers should love Him likewise. Moderator Williamson led in prayer.

Motion was made to receive the written report of the Executive Committee as information. Motion carried.

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

Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Chair Frank Harrison, Ricky Warren, Dean Kennedy

Obituary Committee: Chair Jim Bogle, Roger Hill

Credentials Committee: Chair John Butler, Braxton Carter, Carolyn Jernigan

Nominating Committee: Chair Sam Weeks, Joe Ballance, Emmitt Jones

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 consider recognizing an individual on the Wall of Honor and support the Convention through the Century of Grace. Rev. Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services of the Original Free Will Baptists, was recognized and he introduced the denominational ministry representatives, encouraging support for all ministries.

Representatives from our denominational ministries were present and given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Retirement Home Ministry - Ronnie Taylor, OFWB International - Harold Jones, Children's Home - Gary Lee, Mount Olive College - Neal Cox; Cragmont Assembly - John Hill, Home Missions & Evangelism and Harvest Connection - Tim Heath, Free Will Baptist Press - Jeff Daughtry, Minister's Program and Church Finance - Ricky Warren, and Sunday School and Convention of OFWB - Buddy Sasser. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Ricky Warren for a report from the N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries.

The Morning Worship Service began with singing "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" and "I Surrender All." Blended Hands presented "God's Building the Church" and "The Midnight Cry" led by Kayla Seymour. An offering was received and the offertory prayer was given. A video, created by Blended Fellowship, was presented. Special music was presented by Kayla Seymour, who signed "Amazing Grace." Rev. Doug Seymour, pastor of Blended Fellowship, brought the morning message from Matthew 5:1, 2 and Mark 4. He noted that churches in our conference are declining in membership. It is important to involve younger people and their ideas for potential church growth, as long as their suggestions are not in direct opposition to the Holy Scriptures. Allowing the younger members the opportunity to make changes and permitting them freedom gives them a feeling of ownership. Trust in the Holy Spirit to lead our churches to accept change and grow. Rev. Seymour closed with a prayer of commitment.

A blessing was prayed and the conference went to lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Assistant Moderator Dr. Otis Hamm called the session to order. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus," *Bartlett*, led by song leader Buddy Sasser. Scripture and prayer were offered by Provisional Minister Frank Gonzalez from Isaiah 45:41, 42.

The following reports of the Standing Boards were received by the conference (see attached reports of the Standing Boards). The Conference Missions report for Blended Fellowship was given by Rev. Doug Seymour. The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Aubrey Williamson and Cape Fear Conference Minister's Association report was given by Rev. Joe Ballance. Martha Parsons gave the Board of Education report. Assistant

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Moderator Doctor Otis Hamm asked for a motion to receive these reports as information as presented to the conference. Motion carried.

The following reports of the Temporary Committees were received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). The Temperance/Resolutions Committee presented two resolutions, of which both passed. The Obituary Committee reported the passing of three Cape Fear Conference ministers 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 included a motion to submit Rev. Doug Seymour's message for printing in the Free Will Baptist publication. Motion carried. New business included a motion to send \$150.00 from the conference to Harvest Connection to distribute water to victims of the Hurricane Sandy. Motion carried. The 159th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at a location to be announced on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

Motion carried to adjourn the 158th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed in prayer by Dr. Otis Hamm.

Respectfully submitted,
Aubrey Williamson, Moderator
Eva Ballance, Clerk

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 158th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on November 8, 2011, at Shady Grove OFWB Church following the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. The meeting was called into order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott. Aubrey Williamson recognized Pastor John Butler and members of Covenant OFWB Church. Rev. Butler's resignation, effective January 1, 2012, was noted. Due to concerns of the stability of Covenant OFWB Church, a decision was made for the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference to meet with Covenant OFWB Church in Hope Mills on Sunday, January 22, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned and Covenant OFWB Church was lifted up in prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met with Covenant OFWB Church on Sunday, January 22, 2012, at their church. Executive Committee members present were Aubrey Williamson, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan, Stephen Prescott and Otis Hamm. Four members of Covenant OFWB were present. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how the Executive Committee could assist them with issues of church attendance, offerings and pastoral needs. Members of Covenant had strong concerns that the church would have to close its doors if they continued to decline in membership and support. They requested assistance for leadership to help them develop a plan to save their church. It was felt that the presence of the

church in the community was important, too important than watching it fail to exist. They presented ideas and programs they had tried, but without success.

A review was made of their financial situation and the present cost to operate on a monthly basis. A major concern was the salary owed to their previous pastor and the need to resolve this debt.

Covenant is not presently following church guidelines. Deacon's meetings and business meetings are no longer held. They do not have a pastor nor do they have the financial means to support a pastor.

First Free Will Baptist in Smithfield offered pastoral support for 90 days. The following motion was made. The Executive Committee will give Covenant a 90-day probationary period, assistance for 90 days and meet with them again in 90 days to discuss the situation (MSP). After the probationary period and 90-day commitment, decisions will be made by the Mission Board and Covenant combined, not Covenant alone. Covenant will continue as an OFWB church for now.

A request was made by the Executive Committee to examine their financial report at the next meeting at a time to be announced. The next meeting will be held in April 2012, Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Otis Hamm prayed the benediction, asking for God's guidance and blessings upon Covenant.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Covenant OFWB Church on Sunday, May 6, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott.

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$4392.20, of which \$150.00 was designated for an honorarium, \$1053.89 for the Education Fund, \$81.50 for Foreign Missions and \$81.50 for Home Missions.

Motion was made to send \$500.00 to Convention of OFWB for delegates and Century of Grace (MSP).

Discussion began for the Fellowship Meeting scheduled on July 28, 2012.

The Executive Committee moved to the sanctuary of Covenant OFWB Church to meet with the members in attendance. Seven members of Covenant were present. Sam Weeks opened the meeting with prayer.

A report by Covenant acknowledged they had 18 on roll and 8-10 members in attendance for services. The members were feeling more positive about the condition of their church. The church budget was reviewed and it was noted that \$50.00 had been added beginning May 2012, for pastoral support. The Executive Committee recommended that the church treasurer contact the previous pastor, Rev. John Butler and establish payment of debt. The members had no complaints, expressed their concerns and confirmed their feelings that a church was needed in the present community. The lack of finances to support a pastor was discussed. There was a willingness among the members to work for church growth and stability.

The Executive Committee went back into private session. After further discussion, it was decided to meet with Covenant in November 2012, and review their church status at that time.

The following motion was presented to Covenant OFWB Church members. Motion to continue the probationary period until the Annual Session of 2012 Cape Fear Conference on a provisional basis providing they seek their own pastoral supply with special attention given to the "church" as indicated in the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist

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Heritage), at which time we will expect to see documentation to support fifty percent average growth from the average of the past 90 days in finance and attendance with a plan to resolve the debt to Rev. John Butler (MSP).
Motion made to adjourn at Covenant (MSP). Myrisha Goodson prayed the closing prayer. The Executive Committee reconvened at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Fayetteville. Motion was made to invite Dr. David Hines or Rev. Neal Cox to present the twenty-two Articles of Faith as a seminar for continuing education on July 28, 2012, for the quarterly Fellowship Meeting (MSP).
The next Executive Committee Meeting will follow the Fellowship Meeting at First OFWB Church of Smithfield on Saturday, July 28, 2012, which will include a meeting with the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at First OFWB Church of Smithfield on Saturday, July 28, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, and Carolyn Jernigan.
Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Psalm 92:12-15 and opened with prayer.
Minutes from the meeting on May 6, 2012, were reviewed and accepted as corrected (MSP).
Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$1917.14. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as information (MSP).
An update was given on Covenant OFWB Church. Covenant will contact Rev. John Butler and establish a method of payment for unpaid salary. Licensed Minister Vicky Medlin is temporarily serving the church and Rev. Earl Johnson has presided over Communion. Attendance is better.
Planning of the upcoming 158th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference continued. Sam Weeks will contact the licensed ministers for the morning and afternoon devotions. Aubrey Williamson will contact the Alternate Speaker.
Motion was made for the Conference to pay for the meal for the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference at Blended Fellowship (MSP).
Motion was made to retain the three positions on the Executive Committee due to their intricate nature of their work on the Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee (MSP).
Motion was made to give Duane Casey a Conference Love Offering of \$500.00 (MSP).
Motion made to adjourn (MSP). The meeting closed in prayer.
The next Executive Committee Meeting will follow the 158th Session of the Cape Fear Conference at a time to be decided.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Ballance, Clerk of Cape Fear Conference

Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry Report 158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The past year has been a busy one for our ministry team. As you might recall, we had a tremendous response to our "deaf" version of the "Judgement House" drama last year and saw 32 deaf teens receive Christ as their Savior. We have followed up with these young people at every opportunity and have made numerous visits to the Eastern North Carolina School For the Deaf. For example, several members of our team attended their graduation

ceremonies and presented Bibles to the graduates. Other visits allowed us more time to fellowship with the students and get to know them better, while at the same time showing them we care enough to be there for them. These visits included helping students get ready for prom night by providing outfits, assisting with makeup and hair, etc., helping serve meals on special occasions and volunteering at various events. The students also came to our facility for "Blended Who?" a special program in which we entertain, share about our ministry and teach them about Jesus. Through this interaction with the students we hope to establish long lasting relationships that will keep these young men and women connected to Christ and Blended Fellowship after they complete their high school education.

We recently completed this year's "Deaf Judgement House" and the results were once again phenomenal. 37 accepted Christ, including a young man who graduated from Gallaudet University, the most prestigious school for the Deaf in the country. We are overjoyed and encouraged by this tremendous response to the Good News of the Gospel! During the month of July we implemented our first ever "Blended Bridges" program for the purpose of ministering to main-streamed deaf children, those who attend hearing public schools. About 20 volunteers, including adults and young people skilled in sign language, came to Blended Fellowship 4 days a week for the entire month. Their compassionate service was invaluable as they assisted siblings and parents of deaf children in learning how to communicate with their deaf family members and reinforced not only the signing skills, but other educational needs of the deaf children themselves. Each day a drama was presented in sign language to teach Biblical concepts. More than a dozen children participated in the program. It was a huge success and we definitely plan to do it again next year.

We have started a visitation program to minister to deaf seniors. We are in the process of seeking out elderly deaf people who are isolated and lonely. Several visits have already been made as well as providing transportation for these special people to come to our events.

We are very grateful to all of you for your continued support of the ministry. Particularly, we want to express our deep gratitude to all of our Blended Investment Partners (BIP's), those who provide regular monthly support to the ministry. Because of your giving, we were able to establish Administrator as a paid staff position which will help anchor the ministry for the future. As more partners join with us, we hope to also establish Pastor/Director as a paid staff position. We feel these positions are essential for the ministry to continue beyond our lifetimes.

We would greatly 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 speak with my wife, Melanie, today about scheduling.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Seymour, Pastor/Director

**Report of the Board of Ordination
158th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference**

The Ordaining Board met on January 23, 2012, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. All Board members were present. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. c) The Board met with Rev. Myrisha Goodson from the First Church, Smithfield. Rev. Goodson asked to meet to request consideration of exchanging her ordination credentials with the Pentecostal Holiness. After careful discussion and questions, the Board voted to approve Rev. Goodson for consideration of the credential exchange upon the following conditions. 1) That Rev. Goodson begin a year probationary period and return to this Board in one year for consideration of the credential exchange, 2) During this time Rev. Goodson shall read and/or reread both Dr. Floyd Cherry's and Dr. Michael Pelt's books concerning the history of the Free Will Baptist Church, and 3) That she complete the study guide provided by this Board. Aubrey Williamson will serve as her Board mentor. d) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

The Ordaining Board met on April 23, 2012, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. Those present were Sam Weeks, Frank Harrison, Joe Ballance, and Aubrey Williamson. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. c) The Board met with Mr. Duane Casey from the Hopewell OFWB Church. A letter was received from the church requesting approval for licensure. The Board reviewed Mr. Casey application and examined Mr. Casey. Motion seconded and passed that Mr. Casey is approved and Hopewell OFWB Church is notified to proceed with licensing. Mr. Casey's Board mentor is Frank Harrison. d) The Board met with Mr. William "Corky" Herring from the Robert's OFWB Church. His pastor, Rev. Fred Baker accompanied Mr. Herring and expressed that a letter from the church requesting approval for licensure was forth coming. Rev. Baker informed the board that the church had voted to recommend him for license at their last quarterly meeting March 2012. The Board reviewed Mr. Herring's application and examined Mr. Herring. Motion seconded and passed that Mr. Herring is approved, contingent upon the receipt of his letter from Robert's OFWB Church. After his letter is received, the church will be notified to proceed with licensing. Mr. Herring's Board mentor is Joe Ballance. e) Noted that a letter was received from the church after the date of these minutes and the church was notified to proceed to license by letter.) e) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

The Ordaining Board met on July 23, 2012, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. All Board members were present. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. c) The Board met with Rev. Frank Gonzalez from the Smithfield First OFWB Church. A letter was received from the church requesting consideration for ordination credential exchange. Rev. Gonzalez stated that he wishes to exchange his ordination credentials with the Cross Point World Outreach Ministries. After careful discussion and questions, the Board voted to approve Rev. Gonzalez for consideration of the credential exchange upon the following conditions. 1) That Rev. Gonzalez meet the minimal educational requirements set forth at this conference for ordination. A) 64-hours of college credit, the following courses shall be included: i) Introduction to the Old Testament, ii) Introduction to the New Testament, iii) Pastoral Care, iv) Homiletics, v) History of the Free Will Baptist Church, 2) That Rev. Gonzalez begin a year probationary period and return to this Board after

one year for consideration of the credential exchange. (It is understood that additional time may be needed to meet the requirements set forth by this board.), C) that Rev. Gonzalez complete the study guide provided by this Board. Note: Sam Weeks will serve as his Board mentor. d) The Board met with Mr. Jason Christopher Pittman from the Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry to be examined for licensing. His pastor, Rev. Doug Seymour accompanied Mr. Pittman and offered his support and expresses his approval. Rev. Seymour and Mr. Pittman provided a letter of recommendation from Blended Fellowship. The Board reviewed Mr. Pittman's application and examined Mr. Pittman. Motion seconded and passed that Mr. Pittman is approved, contingent upon the receipt of his letter from Haymount OFWB Church (Mother Church of Blended Fellowship) signed by the clerk, pastor and Rev. Doug Seymour. After his letter is received, the church will be notified to proceed with licensing. Mr. Pittman's Board mentor is Jim Bogle. e) The Board met with Mr. Jason Daniel Bordeaux from the Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry to be examined for licensing. His pastor, Rev. Doug Seymour accompanied Mr. Bordeaux and offered his support and expresses his approval. Rev. Seymour and Mr. Bordeaux provided a letter of recommendation from Blended Fellowship. The Board reviewed Mr. Bordeaux's application and examined Mr. Bordeaux. Motion seconded and passed that Mr. Bordeaux is approved, contingent upon the receipt of his letter from Haymount OFWB Church (Mother Church of Blended Fellowship) signed by the clerk, pastor and Rev. Doug Seymour. After his letter is received, the church will be notified to proceed with licensing. Mr. Bordeaux's Board mentor is Aubrey Williamson. f) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

The Ordaining Board met on September 24, 2012, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. Those present were Sam Weeks, Frank Harrison, Joe Ballance, and Aubrey Williamson. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. c) The Board has received proper documentation concerning the licensing process for Mr. Jason Bordeaux and Mr. Jason Pittman of Blended Fellowship. The church has been notified to proceed with licensing. d) The Board met with George Thomas from the Bethel Church in Four Oaks to discuss ordination credential exchange. Rev. Thomas has met all the requirements as set forth by this board concerning the exchange of ordination credentials. Motion, seconded and passed to exchange credentials. e) The Board met with Licensed Minister Vicki Medlin from the First Free Will Baptist Church Smithfield. A letter has been received from her Church requesting that Vicki sit for the Ordination Exam. Vicki 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. Medlin 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 7, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield be set for the special service. f) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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The Report of the Minister's Association

158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association met for four meetings. Several speakers made excellent presentations that provided good information and challenged each of the ministers to work for the cause of Christ. The guest speaker in January 2012 was Rev. Jeff Daughtry, President of the Free Will Baptist Press, who provided information about the 20/20 plan. He distributed fliers to provide information in support of the changes taking place within the Press. In April 2012, Dr. Mark Creech, Executive Director of The Christian Action League of North Carolina, topic was An Artificial Wall of Separation. His Scripture was taken from II Corinthians 7 and Matthew 5. In July 2012, Rev. Harold Swinson, Coordinator of The Harvest Connection gave updates on the Disaster Relief Ministry and The Harvest Connection. The guest speaker in September 2012 was Rev. Al Warrick, pastor of Micro Original Free Will Baptist Church. He provided information about the Hinnant Outreach Center and how it was ministering to local families.

There are 28 ministers on roll with an average attendance of 12 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,

Rev. Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

Christian Board of Education Report

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The Board of Christian Education met at First Original Free Will Baptist at Smithfield to grade scholarship applications received. The scholarships were awarded as follows:

Nathan Raynor	Smyrna OFWB Church	\$500.00
Lindsey Taylor Johnson	Haymount OFWB Church	\$100.00
Hayley Benson	Powhatan OFWB Church	\$100.00
Megan Kristine Heath	Johnston Union Church	\$100.00
Abigail Jane Moore	Lee's Chapel Church	\$100.00
Kimberly Buyford	Wooten Chapel OFWB Church	\$100.00
Taylor D. Raynor	St. Paul OFWB Church	\$100.00

The 2013 Cape Fear Conference Fellowship Meeting Schedule was presented.

March 30, 2013	Blended Fellowship Rev. Doug Seymour	2091 Big Daddy's Road Pikeville, North Carolina 27863
June 29, 2013	Faith OFWB Church Rev. Donnie Massey (Conference in charge of service)	Webb Mill Road Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524
September 28, 2013	Covenant OFWB Church	813 Orchard Street Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348

There will not be a meeting on December 28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Parsons

Temperance and Resolutions Committee
158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Whereas, Blended Fellowship has been a gracious host of the 158th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and

Whereas, the people of Blended Fellowship have demonstrated the nature of Christian love and service to which we all should aspire

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we give a rising vote of appreciation to the Blended Fellowship Mission.

Resolution adopted

Whereas, as there have been and with God's grace there will be, many people worthy of being recognized for their contributions to the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the 158th Session of the Cape Fear Conference recommends, that beginning in 2013, the Executive Committee choose a candidate whose name will be placed on the Convention's Wall of Honor and that the person be recognized at the annual conference.

Resolution adopted

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Frank Harrison, Chair, Rev. Dean Kennedy and Rev. Ricky Warren

Obituary Committee
158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

We, the Obituary Committee do offer the following report to the 158th Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Since the 157th Annual Session of our Conference, we have had three ministers to pass away, Rev. Henry Armstrong, Rev. Hubert Stanley and Rev. Willem Van der Plas. Rev. Roger Hill opened with prayer. Scripture reading was taken from Psalm 116:15 and Rev. Jim Bogle closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jim Bogle, Chair and Rev. Roger Hill

Credentials Committee
158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

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

Ministers	29
Provisional Minister	1
Licensed Ministers	4
Officers	3

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Delegates	13
Visitors	39
Total	89

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John Butler, Chair, Rev. Braxton Carter and Carolyn Jernigan

Nominating Committee 158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee- Moderator (2014): *Rev. Aubrey Williamson*
 Assistant Moderator (2014): *Dr. Otis Hamm*
 Treasurer (2014): *Dr. Sam Weeks*
 Member of the Board of Trustees - (2017): *Rev. Braxton Carter*
 Member of the Board of Education - (2017): *Martha Parsons*
 Member of the Ordaining Board – (2017): *Rev. Roger Hill*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sam Weeks, Chair, Rev. Joe Ballance and Rev. Emmitt Jones

Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report 158th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

I.	Balance on hand as of November 7, 2011:	\$2,180.07
II.	Receipts:	
	2011 Conference (offering and letters)	\$2,792.00
	Union offerings and letters (Jan/Apr/Jul/Sep)	\$2,482.01
	Late Conference/Union (Mailed in)	\$1,000.00
	Returned Check from Covenant Insurance	\$346.94
	Designated Gift for Blended Fellowship Mission	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	Total Receipts:	\$8,120.95
	Total to account for:	\$10,301.02
III.	Disbursements:	
	Conf/Union Expenses (Mailings, Bibles, honorariums)	\$792.75
	N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries	\$1,200.00
	N. C. Foundation for Raper Scholarship Fund	\$500.00
	Foreign Missions	\$684.88
	Home Missions	\$684.87
	Education Scholarships	\$1,100.00
	Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts	\$1,500.00
	Love Offerings for two Ministers	\$750.00
	Convention of OFWB (Century of Grace)	\$500.00

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Convention of OFWB (2011 Report Books) \$560.00

Total Disbursements: **\$8,272.50**

IV. Balance on hand as of November 12, 2012: **\$2,028.52**
(Out of this balance \$32.29 is in the Education Fund)

V. Formula for disbursements of Conference/Union Dues and Offerings:
Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)
Christian Education Fund = 20%
Union/Conference and other expenses = 55%

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Sam Weeks, Treasurer