

THE 102ND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
CONVENTION OF
**ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

*“Being People of Service
in the Community”*
Acts 1:8



2014
MINISTRY AND CONFERENCE REPORT BOOK

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**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT FAITH OFWB CHURCH
FOUR OAKS, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

Moderator: The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2014)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Doctor Otis Hamm (2014)
Clerk: Eva Ballance (2015)
Assistant Clerk: Carolyn Jernigan (2015)
Treasurer: The Reverend Doctor Sam Weeks (2014)
Member at Large: The Reverend Stephen Prescott (2015)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brad Barbour (2014) Dean Kennedy (2015)
Carlton Barefoot (2016) Braxton Carter (2017) George Thomas (2018)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Doug Seymour (2014) Emmitt Jones (2015)
Wayne Puckett (2016) Martha Parsons (2017) Peyton Lee (2018)

ORDAINING BOARD

Sam Weeks (2014) Joe Ballance (2015)
Frank Harrison (2016) Roger Hill (2017) Aubrey Williamson (2018)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

P	Fred Baker	P	Wade Daughtry
P	Joe Ballance	A	Jesse Fulcher
P	Ken Benton	P	Edmundo Gonzalez
E	Cecil Blackmon	P	Otis Hamm
P	Jim Bogle	P	Frank Harrison
P	Gene Britt	P	Ronnie Hayes
P	John Butler	P	William Herring
P	Rayford Byrd	P	Roger Hill
A	Charlie Carroll	P	Emmitt Jones
P	Braxton Carter	E	Dan Jordan
A	Scott Casey	P	Dean Kennedy
A	Larry Coats	P	Alan Lamm
P	James Corbett	P	David Langley
P	Ken Dabbs	A	John Rayford Lee

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P	Donnie Massey	E	Scott Satterfield
P	Richard McKeel	E	Jeff Scarborough
E	Tony McLamb	P	Doug Seymour
P	Vicki Medlin	E	Elijah Smith
P	Joe Myrick	E	George Thomas
P	Billy Nowell	P	Ricky Warren
P	Charles Petit	P	Sam Weeks
A	Dennis Pollock	P	Richard Whitman
E	Stephen Prescott	P	Aubrey Williamson
E	Alan Price	P	Carla Williamson
P	Clarence Privette		

LICENSED MINISTERS

P	Jason Bordeaux	P	Jamie Coats
P	Duane Casey	E	Jason Pittman

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Faith OFWB Church, Four Oaks, North Carolina on November 12, 2013. 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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," *Steed*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. Rev. William Herring offered scripture and prayer from Joshua 1:1-9. The conference was welcomed by Rev. Donnie Massy, pastor of Faith OFWB Church. The response was heard from Rev. Doug Seymour, pastor of Blended Fellowship.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by Dr. Ken Benton, member 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. Carolyn Jernigan recognized Wall of Honor recipients, Rev. Edmondo and Joel Ruth Gonzalez.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from Matthew 5:13-16. He expressed the importance of letting our lights shine and letting our lives be the salt of the earth because we are the Church. He stated if there has ever been a time for the Church to be the Church, it is now, and we need to allow God to be God. Moderator Williamson led in prayer.

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

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

Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Chair Emmitt Jones, Carla Williamson, Ricky Warren

Obituary Committee: Chair Braxton Carter, John Butler, Doug Seymour

Credentials Committee: Chair Carolyn Jernigan, William Herring, Ken Benton

Nominating Committee: Chair Otis Hamm, Vicki Medlin, Duane Casey

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 or the Wall of Honor. 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: Home Missions & Evangelism and Harvest Connection – Tim Heath, Retirement Home Ministry - Ronnie Taylor, OFWB International – Harold Jones, Children's Home - Gary Lee, Free Will Baptist Press – Jeff Daughtry, Mount Olive College – Carla Williamson, Sunday School Ministry – Roger Hill, Cragmont Assembly and Convention of OFWB – Buddy Sasser. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Ricky Warren for a report from the N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries. Brad Williamson presented a report from the Ministerial Association of OFWB.

The Morning Worship Service began with singing "He Keeps Me Singing, *Bridgers*. An offering was received and the offertory prayer was given. Special music was presented by Scott Smith and Jerry Creech, who sang "Where Could I Go?" and "I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand." Rev. Frank Harrison brought the morning message from Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 18-20. He stated that the memory can be a blessing or a curse. Israel's future depended on their memory, recalling the goodness and mercy of God. What is true for Israel is true for the New Israel. He presented three things that are essential for the church today. We must remember who God is. We must remember what God has done for us. We must remember as Israel that we are the people of God. He expressed the importance of being Disciples of Christ.

Rev. Donnie Massey prayed the closing prayer and blessing. The conference recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Assistant Moderator Dr. Otis Hamm called the session to order. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven," *Hewitt*, led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by Licensed Minister Jason Bordeaux from John 16:13 and Galatians 5:16.

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. Sam Weeks and Cape Fear Conference Minister's Association report was given by Rev. Joe Ballance. Martha Parsons gave the Board of Education report. Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm asked for a motion to receive these reports as information and presented to the conference. Motion carried.

Rev. Aubrey Williamson presided over the remainder of the session. Blended Fellowship Feasibility Report was presented by Rev. Aubrey Williamson. Motion was made to receive the report as information. Motion carried. Rev. Carla Williamson presented the Five Year Growth Plan Report. Motion was made to receive the report as information. Motion carried. The following reports of the Temporary Committees were received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). The Temperance/Resolutions Committee presented one resolution, which passed. The Obituary Committee reported the passing of two 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. There was no old business. New business included a motion to submit Rev. Frank Harrison's message for printing in the Free Will Baptist publication. Motion carried. Mark Creech, representative for the Christian Action League, stated there was a dire need for financial support due to a \$30,000.00 debt. A request was made for all churches to prayerfully consider support for this situation. A request was made for everyone to attend the quarterly Fellowship Meetings. The 160th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at First OFWB Church of Smithfield on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

Motion carried to adjourn the 159th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Aubrey Williamson, Moderator
Eva Ballance, Clerk

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 159th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Covenant OFWB Church on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone present. Executive Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Sam Weeks, Otis Hamm, and Carolyn Jernigan. Rev. Otis Hamm presented the devotion and led in prayer. His scripture was taken from Luke 1:46.

The Executive Committee met with Rev. Vicki Medlin. An inquiry was made about Covenant, its budget, and potential growth of this church. She shared that the church was viable. Cottage prayer meetings were being held for homebound individuals in the area. A Baptismal Service was scheduled at 4:30 p.m. for a new member.

The Executive Committee re-assembled in the sanctuary to meet with the church members present. Moderator Williamson apologized for failing to have an earlier meeting. The minutes for May 6, 2012 were read and discussed. Marion Bandel distributed the quarterly reports from June, 2012 - January, 2013. Covenant reported that they had opened a Food Closet, participated in the Annual Christmas Parade, receiving second place, were planning to participate in the Fourth of July parade, were holding a breakfast each Sunday morning, were having a birthday celebration on the first Wednesday night of the month, and had paid for septic tank work by a fund that began in December, 2012. The church has attended all denominational meetings during the past year. Martha Parsons reported that attendance was up but the Executive Committee noted the total in attendance was comparable to 2012.

Rev. Otis Hamm inquired about the fluctuation in tithing. The explanation was that more was given some weeks compared to others. It was asked if a Pastoral Search Committee had been appointed and the response was a committee was in place. Pastoral supply on

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May 5, 2013 was by Joe Gerald and he would cover the second Sunday in May, 2013. It was undetermined who would fill the pulpit on the third and fourth Sundays in May. Fifth Sunday will be Sunday school only.

The Executive Committee re-assembled in the classroom and discussed the information received. The Executive Committee returned to the sanctuary and made the following motion:

A motion to continue the probationary period until the 2013 Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference on a provisional basis; providing they seek their own pastoral supply, with special attention given to "Church" as indicated in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for OFWB (of English General Baptist Heritage)* at which time we will expect to see documentation to support a fifty percent average growth in membership and finances as it relates to the special report given at the meeting on May 6, 2012 (MSP).

Moderator Aubrey Williamson reported the motion from May 6, 2012, was published in the 2013 Year Book, which will be available in the spring. Rev. Medlin asked a question about the expected increase and Moderator Williamson responded.

Motion made to adjourn. Rev. Vicki Medlin closed in prayer.

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference reconvened at Covenant OFWB Church following the meeting with Covenant. Rev. Williamson reviewed the last minutes from 2012 and there was no old business.

A treasurer's report was given by Sam Weeks. Balance on hand is \$2240.71, of which \$253.75 is designated as Missions and \$784.00 is designated for the Christian Education Fund. Actual ending balance is \$1198.42. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as information (MSP).

A Wall of Honor recipient will be acknowledged in 2013.

It was discussed to cancel the Fellowship Meeting scheduled for the fifth Sunday in June due to a pending amendment to change the meeting occurrence to twice annually. Motion was made to cancel the June Fellowship meeting at Faith OFWB Church (MSP). Sam Weeks will notify Faith OFWB Church of the cancellation.

It was discussed that the Church Growth Committee needs to re-vitalize plans & bring them forth.

The Executive Committee will meet with Blended Fellowship for an update at the next called meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mayflower Restaurant, Hwy. 70, Smithfield, NC. Members are to convene at 1:00 pm to eat and the meeting will follow.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on September 26, 2013, at the First OFWB Church of Smithfield at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan and Stephen Prescott.

Assistant Clerk Carolyn Jernigan read the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes with correction (MSP).

Treasurer Sam Weeks reported a balance of \$971.96 in the treasury. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as information (MSP).

Old business included finalizing plans for the upcoming Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. It was recommended that the 5-year Church Growth Plan Committee report at the fall meeting.

The Blended Fellowship update was received as information.

It was decided to meet with Covenant OFWB Church after the CFC Annual Session. It was noted that Vikki Medlin had accepted the position as pastor at Covenant. 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). The clerk will send a letter to the chairperson of the Nomination Committee. Business discussed was the recognition of one individual on the Wall of Honor. This selection will be presented by Carolyn Jernigan at the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

Sam Weeks will get name tag holders for the meeting.

Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Psalm 1 and prayed the closing prayer.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP).

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Ballance, Clerk of Cape Fear Conference

**Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry Report
159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

We are thankful for those individuals, both Deaf and hearing, who are investing themselves into this ministry. Reaching Deaf adults is more of a challenge than we ever expected, which probably explains why there are so few ministries reaching out to this special group of people. Even a deaf/hard of hearing man we met recently told us that he had decided a few years ago that he didn't want any part of the silent world...he wanted to be a minister in the hearing world. He had recently changed his mind when he saw the stats concerning how many in the Deaf community are not Christians. However, with God all things are possible. Recently, we have been encouraged by the interest shown in our ministry by two men from a segment of the Deaf community in which we have had little influence. We will continue to pursue all possible avenues to make Christ known to the Deaf.

Our efforts to reach Deaf young people have been and continue to be more successful. We have three major Deaf outreach events each year (Blended Who in Spring, Blended Bridges in Summer and Deaf Judgment House in Fall) and many smaller deaf outreaches throughout the year focusing on deaf students, those "main streamed" in public hearing schools and those from Eastern North Carolina School For the Deaf (ENCSD). These outreach events have been hugely successful and well attended. Thirty young people accepted Christ as a result of Deaf Judgment House!

We are fully utilizing our facility and have begun plans to use some of the current storage space for processing of donated items. Our hope is that eventually this space will begin to pay for itself and provide jobs for some of our Deaf. Currently, we have around 10 deaf volunteers and 5 or 6 hearing volunteers helping each week. We appreciate all the items that have been donated to the ministry. Besides the obvious direct blessing to our people, these items have indirectly helped to give these Deaf adults a sense of purpose and belonging by giving them important work to do.

Due to the significant interest in signing among our young people, a new choir was started for their age group. We are calling it "Blended Kidz". This group is already receiving many invitations to minister at various church and community events including leading worship at the October 2013 Cape Fear Conference Youth Rally and hosting the youth rally in March of 2014. Our plans are to incorporate young people from the

conference into our 2014 Blended Who presentation and use the March youth rally to rehearse. We currently have four deaf children who are part of Blended Kidz and are a regular part of our ministry. We are excited about the potential in these children as they learn about Christ at an early age.

Another positive outcome of the ministry has been the licensing of two young men for the ministry. Jason Bordeaux and Jason Pittman have both been licensed through the Cape Fear Conference and are currently serving in various capacities at Blended Fellowship while they pursue their educational requirements. Jason Bordeaux is also volunteering as Youth Minister at Blended and is focusing his efforts on the hearing young people.

We appreciate all that the Cape Fear Conference churches and individuals do to support our ministry financially. We have experienced some difficult days in recent months, but we trust God for His provision. We are especially grateful to our monthly partners we call B.I.P.'s. Your monthly support keeps the work going.

In my preaching ministry during the year 2013, I have been following the theme "Upgrade". Along with seeking personal spiritual upgrade, we have focused on upgrading our facility. Our people have done a fantastic job with a minimal budget. Several rooms have been repainted and the nursery has had a complete makeover...and looks beautiful! An unexpected blessing that tied in with our theme came from Bethel Church in Goldsboro, a non-denominational church. Some of their classes came over on a few Saturdays and worked on cleaning up the grounds, cleaning the decks, painting our outside platform and putting vinyl siding on our pump house! Their work not only made our facility look much better but was also a morale booster for our core group who work so hard. Recently, one of our newer members, Eddie Mooring, has begun the process of sanding our large blue bus so he can paint it and put our name on the sides. He is getting the materials donated.

During the past year or so, I have been asked to speak at several community prayer breakfasts. As a result, the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club is now contributing \$500/year to our ministry, specifically for Blended Bridges. Also, as a direct result of connections made, St. Joseph Methodist Church in Pikeville is now providing food each week for our food pantry.

Finally, 13 people have been baptized since our last conference, four of which are deaf! Since our beginning in 1999, 142 people have been baptized. Praise the Lord!

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Seymour
Pastor/Director
Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry

Report of the Board of Ordination 159th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference

I) The Ordaining Board met on March 25, 2013, 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 Mr. Jamie Coats, Licensed Minister from Powhatan Church. Mr. Jamie Coats is requesting to serve Free Union Church, Nash County. The board approved that he serve

for 90 days. New Board mentor assigned to Mr. Coates is Roger Hill. d) Mr. Jason Pittman, Licensed Minister from Blended Fellowship, (Haymount Church, Mother Church of Blended Fellowship) has a newly assigned Board mentor, Aubrey Williamson. e) The Board met with Mr. William "Corky" Herring, Licensed Minister from the Robert's Grove OFWB Church. His annual license is renewed by his church and requests permission to sit for the ordination examination. Mr. Herring is allowed to sit for his ordination exam when the Board receives transcripts that document his educational requirements have been met and the Board has received the written request from his church for the examination to be administered (MSP). f) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

II) The Ordaining Board met on June 24, 2013, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. Those present were Sam Weeks, Roger Hill 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 the Reverend Brad Williamson, Ordained Minister from the Central Conference. Rev. Williamson is requesting permission to serve Lee's Chapel Church, as Pastor. The Board approved by motion, seconded and passed (MSP). d) The Board met with Mr. William "Corky" Herring, Licensed Minister from the Robert's Grove OFWB Church. Mr. Herring has completed the written portion of the Ordination Examination. By consensus the Board requests that Mr. Herring retake the written portion of the examination with the exception of the sermon outline portion of the exam. Mr. Herring will contact his Board Mentor and schedule a date to sit for the exam when he is ready. After completion, Mr. Herring is invited to return for the oral portion of the Ordination Examination as early as the next scheduled meeting. e) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

III) The Ordaining Board met on September 23, 2013, 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 discussed the educational requirements for those seeking ordination in the Cape Fear Conference and added Church Administration to the list of courses of studies required for ordination. The list is now as follows: a minimum of 64 credit hours of college courses to include the following: 1) Old Testament, 2) New Testament, 3) Sermon Preparation (Homiletics), 4) OFWB Church History, 5) Pastoral Care and 6) Church Administration. The Board also suggests to every candidate preparing for ordination that one would do well to consider further studies and earn their four year degree from an accredited institution. d) The Board met with Mr. William "Corky" Herring, Licensed Minister from the Robert's Grove OFWB Church. Mr. Herring has completed the written portion of the Ordination Examination that was administered by his Board mentor, Joe Ballance. He is before the Board to complete the oral portion of the examination. William has 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 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn be set for the special service. (Note: Because of a conflict at Robert's Grove Church, an alternative date has been set, November 3, 2013 at 2:30pm) e) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Joe Ballance, Rev. Roger Hill, and
Rev. Aubrey Williamson

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The Report of the Minister's Association 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association met for three 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 March 2013, was Rev. Neal Cox, whose presentation was entitled, "Study to Shew Thyself Approved." In June 2013, Rev. Dean Kennedy was the guest speaker. He gave an interesting and challenging program about Blended Fellowship's Ministry to the Deaf. In September 2013, the program was an open discussion of concerns by the ministers in attendance. A prayer was offered for all the concerns mentioned. There will not be a meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday.

There are thirty ministers on roll with an average attendance of fourteen 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 the church, prepared the noon meals that were served after each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

Christian Board of Education Report 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

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:

Austin Alexander Whitman	Smyrna OFWB Church	\$500.00
Ashley Michelle Puckett	First OFWB Church - Smithfield	\$170.00
Jennifer Michelle Pittman	Blended Fellowship	\$170.00
Joseph Lee	Bethel OFWB Church	\$170.00

Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee Report 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Blended Fellowship Feasibility Committee would like to report to the Cape Fear Conference to consider Blended Fellowship as a ministry of this conference. A formal motion should be ready for a vote at next year's Annual Conference in 2014. Please carry this information to each of our Conference Churches and come prepared next year to vote on this key issue.

Financial support and other support will be expected from each of our churches. Our committee suggests that each Cape Fear Conference Church extend an invitation to Blended Fellowship to share knowledge and insight about their ministry and how each can become involved in supporting the ministry of Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Aubrey Williamson, Moderator of the Mission Board

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Five Year Conference Growth Committee 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

We are not yet ready to make any specific suggestions; however we are continuing to explore avenues for growth in our conference -- such as individual church projects, church planting, and brainstorming sessions. If you receive an invitation to join us for a brainstorming session please send a representative or two to the session. If you are doing something at your church that seems to be working, in terms of church growth, please share it with us along with information about your geographical location and the nature of the culture in which you church is located.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Stephen Prescott, Chair, Rev. Braxton Carter, and Rev. Carla Williamson

Temperance and Resolutions Committee 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Whereas, Faith OFWB Church has been a gracious host of the 159th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and

Whereas, the people of Faith OFWB Church have demonstrated the nature of Christian love, hospitality, and service to which we all should aspire

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we give a rising vote of appreciation to Faith FWB Church.

Resolution adopted

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Emmitt Jones, Chair, Rev. Ricky Warren and Rev. Carla Williamson

Obituary Committee 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

We, the Obituary Committee do offer the following report to the 159th Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Since the 158th Annual Session of our Conference, we have had two ministers to pass away, Rev. Swade Benson and Rev. Earl Johnson. Rev. Braxton Carter opened the service, Rev. John Butler read scripture from Revelation 7:9 and Rev. Doug Seymour closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Braxton Carter, Chair, Rev. John Butler and Rev. Doug Seymour

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Credentials Committee 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

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

Ministers	34
Licensed Ministers	3
Officers	4
Delegates	19
Visitors	23
Total	83

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Jernigan, Chair, Rev. William Herring and Rev. Ken Benton

Nominating Committee 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee- Clerk (2015): *Eva Ballance*
Assistant Clerk (2015): *Carolyn Jernigan*
Member at large (2015): *Stephen Prescott*
Member of the Board of Trustees – (2014) *Brad Barbour*
(2018): *Rev. George Thomas*
Member of the Board of Education - (2018) *Peyton Lee*
Member of the Ordaining Board – (2018): *Rev. Aubrey Williamson*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Otis Hamm, Chair, Rev. Vicki Medlin and Licensed Minister Duane Casey

Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report 159th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report

I.	Balance on hand as of November 12, 2012:	\$2,028.52
II.	<u>Receipts:</u>	
	2012 Conference (offering and letters)	\$2,766.25
	Union offerings and letters (Jan/Apr/Jul/Sep)	\$1,972.00
	Late Conference/Union (Mailed in)	\$450.00
	Designated Gift for Blended Fellowship Mission	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	Total Receipts:	\$7,688.25
	Total to account for:	\$9,716.77

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III.

Disbursements:

Conf/Union Expenses (Mailings, Bibles, honorariums)	\$643.33
N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries	\$1,200.00
Home Missions for Disaster Relief (Water)	\$150.00
Education Scholarships	\$1010.00
Foreign Missions	\$532.27
Home Missions	\$532.29
Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts	\$2,500.00
Convention Wall of Honor for two Ministers	\$1,000.00
Convention of OFWB for Delegate Fee	\$270.00
Blended Fellowship (2012 Conference Lunch)	\$634.17
Convention of OFWB (2013 Report Books)	\$390.00
Total Disbursements:	\$8,862.06

IV.

Balance on hand as of November 11, 2013: **\$854.71**
(Out of this balance \$95.40 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,
Sam Weeks, Treasurer