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**CONVENTION OF  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**Growing in Grace**

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**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD AT SHADY GROVE OFWB CHURCH  
DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA  
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

**Moderator:** The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2018)  
**Assistant Moderator:** The Reverend Frank Grubbs (2018)  
**Clerk:** Eva Ballance (2019)  
**Assistant Clerk:** Carolyn Jernigan (2019)  
**Treasurer:** The Reverend Brad Williamson (2018)  
**Member at Large:** The Reverend Jeff Daughtry (2019)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Aubrey Williamson, Frank Grubbs, Eva Ballance,  
Carolyn Jernigan, Brad Williamson, Jeff Daughtry

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

William "Corky" Herring (2018) Brad Barbour (2019)  
Jim Best (2020) Carlton Barefoot (2021) Doug Seymour (2022)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Peyton Lee (2018) Doug Seymour (2019)  
Vicki Medlin (2020) Wayne Puckett (2021) Martha Parsons (2022)

**ORDAINING BOARD**

Aubrey Williamson (2018) Sam Weeks (2019)  
Joe Ballance (2020) Ricky Warren (2021) Stephen Prescott (2022)

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

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

P Fred Baker	P Tod Creech	E Emmitt Jones	E Alan Price
P Joe Ballance	P Ken Dabbs	P Alan Lamm	P Pete Radford
P Ken Benton	P Jeff Daughtry	P David Langley	E Scott Satterfield
E Cecil Blackmon	E Wade Daughtry	P Donnie Massey	P Doug Seymour
E Gene Britt	A Jesse Fulcher	P Tony McLamb	E Elijah Smith
A John Butler	E Frank Grubbs	P Vicki Medlin	P Ricky Warren
E Rayford Byrd	P Chris Hall	E Joe Myrick	P Sam Weeks
P Charlie Carroll	E Otis Hamm	P Billy Nowell	P Richard Whitman
E Duane Casey	P Frank Harrison	P Charles Petit	P Aubrey Williamson
E Scott Casey	P William Herring	P Dennis Pollock	P Brad Williamson

**LICENSED MINISTERS**

P	Eddie Mooring	P	Marci Rollins-Smart
P	Kevin Phillips	P	Kaye Ward

## PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Shady Grove OFWB Church, Dunn, North Carolina on November 14, 2017. 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, "He Keeps Me Singing," *Bridger's*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. Licensed Minister Kevin Phillips offered scripture and prayer from Psalm 105:1-5. The conference was welcomed by Rev. Chris Hall, pastor of Shady Grove OFWB Church of Dunn. The response was heard from Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, pastor of Lee's Chapel OFWB Church.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by Rev. William "Corky" Herring, 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. Rev. Chris Hall requested to join the Cape Fear Conference. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Pete Radford, who had transferred to the Cape Fear Conference by letter in 2016. Motion was made to accept Rev. Chris Hall and Rev. Pete Radford in the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was carried. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Moderator Aubrey Williamson to Rev. Chris Hall and Rev. Pete Radford on behalf of the Cape Fear Conference.

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

**Resolutions Committee:** Chair Stephen Prescott, Jeff Daughtry,  
Vicki Medlin

**Obituary Committee:** Chair Tod Creech, Donnie Massey

**Credentials Committee:** Chair Carolyn Jernigan, Teresa Eason,  
William "Corky" Herring, Connie Weeks

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Brad Williamson, Carla Williamson,  
Duane Casey

**Parliamentarian:** Ricky Warren

The Moderator recognized visiting ministers and guests. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Wall of Honor recipients, Rev. Dr. Sam and Connie Weeks for their outstanding leadership in the Cape Fear Conference and Convention.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from John 14, John 16 and Philippians 4:6-14. He expressed the importance of our churches having peace, power and purpose with all that God gives us. We should pray without ceasing and love one another. Our churches should be full of love and prayer. He closed by reading, "The Prayer of Cyrus Brown," followed with prayer.

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

Rev. Gary Bailey, Director of Convention Services of the Original Free Will Baptists was recognized and he introduced the denominational ministry representatives, encouraging all churches to extend an invitation to the denominational 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: University of Mount Olive – Dr. Philip Kerstetter, Retirement Home Ministry – Rev. Ronnie Taylor, OFWB International – Rev. Harold Jones, FWB Children's Home – Gary Lee, Free Will Baptist Press – Rick Watson, Ministry of Christian Education – Brad Williamson, Minister's Program – Rev. Doug Seymour, Executive Committee of the Convention and Home Missions & Evangelism – Josh Whitfield. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren for a report from the N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries. Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson provided a report from the Ministerial Association of OFWB. He recognized Rev. Al Warrick who presented a new program, Pastoral Leadership Institute, to equip pastors to be effective leaders within the Free Will Baptist Church by providing a deeper understanding of the history and development of the OFWB denomination and its ministries.

The Morning Worship Service began with singing, "Standing on the Promises," *Carter*. An offering was received, and the offertory prayer was given by Rev. William "Corky" Herring. Special music was provided by Mr. Mike Lee. Rev. Chris Hall, pastor of Shady Grove OFWB Church of Dunn, brought the morning message, "The Greatest Need of the Church." He defined the church as people, not a building. He stated that the church has a great need, to fall head over heels in love with Jesus Christ. People who love Jesus should become soul saving, serving, submissive, sharers of Jesus and sweet. Rev. Chris Hall prayed the closing prayer for the worship service.

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

Rev. Chris Hall led the closing prayer for the morning session and prayed the blessing on the meal. The conference recessed for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the session to order. The afternoon session began with the congregation singing, "Victory In Jesus," *Bartlett, Sr.*, led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture from Matthew 7:7-13 and prayer were offered by Licensed Minister Eddie Mooring.

Reports of Standing Boards continued. Rev. Dr. Sam Weeks gave the Ordaining Council report. Moderator Aubrey Williamson asked for a motion to receive the Standing Board reports by acclamation. Motion carried.

The following reports of the Temporary Committees were received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). The Resolutions Committee presented two resolutions. Motion was made to accept these resolutions. Motion carried. Motion was made to receive the Credentials Report as information. Motion carried. The Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the conference. The floor was opened to receive nominees. There being no nominations from the floor, the list of candidates were elected by acclamation. The Obituary Committee reported the passing of one Cape Fear Conference minister, Rev. Edmundo Gonzalez during the past year. Motion was made to adopt the report. Motion carried.

The conference then moved into its business session. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Brad Williamson and was received by motion (see attached report). There was one item of old business which was information about the Hillsberry Property. A report will be given at a later date. There was one item of new business. Motion was made for the Cape Fear Conference to give \$500.00 to the Pastoral Leadership Institute. Motion carried. The 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at Snow Hill OFWB Church of Mount Olive on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. The 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at Robert's Grove OFWB Church on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Motion carried to adjourn the 163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed by praying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Aubrey Williamson, Moderator  
Eva Ballance, Clerk

## **CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference**

**Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Yelverton Grove OFWB Church on January 26, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Brad Williamson, Eva Ballance and Frank Grubbs. Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from John 1:1-5 and Brad Williamson prayed the opening prayer. Aubrey welcomed Rev. Frank Grubbs as the assistant moderator.

Treasurer Brad Williamson gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$3,855.69 of which \$1,312.00 is in the Education Fund. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report (MSP).

It was requested that the announcement for the fellowship meeting include a reminder to pay the dues to the conference.

Motion was made to purchase one flag to keep on hand and replace when used for a service (MSP).

The minutes of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of the OFWB held at Lee's Chapel OFWB Church in Dunn, NC on November 8, 2016 were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected (MSP).

New business was to discuss the Spring Fellowship meeting. Motion made to contact Blended Fellowship Mission to host the meeting with Blended Hands performing on April 6, 2017 or May 4, 2017 and the conference will cover the cost of the meal (MSP).

Include a statement requesting all churches to make a separate contribution to offset the cost of the meal since the conference has agreed to cover the cost.

At the next meeting we will plan the Annual Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference at Shady Grove OFWB Church in Dunn. The Wall of Honor recipients were determined (MSP).

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Rev. Frank Grubbs prayed the closing prayer.

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Yelverton Grove OFWB Church on September 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Brad Williamson, Eva Ballance, Frank Grubbs and Stephen Prescott. Moderator Aubrey Williamson prayed the opening prayer and gave the devotion from Psalm 24. The minutes of the Executive Committee on January 26, 2017 were reviewed. Motion was made to adopt the minutes (MSP).

Treasurer Brad Williamson gave the treasurer's report. Balance is \$2,930.69 of which \$800.00 is in the Education Fund. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report (MSP).

Next meeting there will be a discussion of ways to encourage churches to support the Fellowship Meeting with payment of \$100.00 for conference dues and a discussion of establishing an age for retirement status of CFC ministers. New business was to discuss and plan the program for the Annual Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference that will be held at Shady Grove OFWB Church in Dunn on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Motion was made to adjourn (MSP). Eva Ballance prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Ballance, Clerk of the Cape Fear Conference

### **Blended Fellowship Mission Report 163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Thank you so much for your faithful support of Blended Fellowship through prayer, financial support, donated items, volunteer help and various other forms of assistance. As I was writing this report, I heard the sounds of our Deaf volunteers as they were working, laughing and moving about throughout the building and I was reminded of how grateful I am that we can provide a place of purpose, meaning and communication for these precious people. Many of

you have helped us to have the facility they think of as their second home. Thank you for caring, giving and working to vastly improve the quality of life for these special people.

Our ministry is similar to that of the Salvation Army except that we are committed specifically to meeting the needs of Deaf families and blended families, those that include Deaf and hearing members. The services we provide have evolved based on the needs we have discovered. To meet these needs, we either connect our client families with available resources or we provide direct assistance. The services we provide can be grouped into three major programs. The first is **Spiritual Development**. This area of ministry focuses on helping each individual to reach their full potential in Christ. Spiritual development is foundational and integral with all we do. Our congregation is a part of this program.

The second program is **QLI**, which stands for **Quality of Life Improvement**. This program includes all the "hands on" ministry areas such as managing a food pantry, receiving and distributing donated items, providing hot meals, making appointments, scheduling transportation, assisting with housing needs and helping with personal financial management.

The third program we call **FACES**, which is an acronym for **Family Awareness and Communication Enhancement Services**. The focus here is on communication within blended families of deaf and hearing. We provide training and counseling for these families to bring about awareness of the differences between the hearing and deaf cultures. We also offer sign language training to improve communication and understanding. The Blended Bridges summer day camp we provide each July falls under this program.

This year has been one of many successes and blessings. With the help of a Raleigh based consulting firm, we recently received our very first grant and have applied for a second one.

You may recall from last year's report that a dear family included us in their estate planning which enabled us to begin renovation of the previously unusable half of our building. That renovation project has been progressing steadily and the work is near completion.

Also this year, we have begun weekly meetings with advisors to plan and coordinate improvements to our infrastructure and clarify our work. Though it has been a challenge to add these meetings to our schedule, the resulting improvements are making us more effective and also more attractive to potential significant funding sources. Another result of these planning sessions has been the establishment of teams of volunteers with their own leaders to help distribute the tremendous workload.

Recently, at our annual Deaf Judgement House event, 122 people attended of which 44 accepted Christ as Savior! 43 of those saved were Deaf! To God Be the Glory!

This year has also presented some challenges. We are about \$28,000 short of what we need to complete our renovation project. Some of you have heard about this need and responded and we are forever grateful to you. To those of you just hearing about this need today, we thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Also, due to an increase in needs and a reduction in the donations we receive from Walmart, we are asking for your help with care packages. These packages will be given to our clients twice a year in July and December. Your help with these items will enable us to distribute more perishable food items each week.

One other current need is more regular funding to enable us to add much needed trained professional staff and to fairly compensate our current staff who have not received a pay increase in 10 years.

To those of you who are providing regular support I want to assure you that you are the backbone of our ministry and we could not continue to meet the countless spiritual and physical needs without you.

If you would like more information about the services we provide or if you would like to be more involved in our work, we encourage you to contact us, plan a visit or invite me to your church and I would be happy to share with you what God is doing through Blended.

Again, thank you for your support of the ministry of Blended Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Seymour  
Pastor/Director

**Cape Fear Conference Missions Report**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Blended Fellowship Mission has already given a detailed report of their work through the leadership of Rev. Doug Seymour. It is apparent that God is at work in this mission. Prayerfully consider support of this mission to continue the work that was begun many years ago. Faith Mission, a new mission presented at last year's conference, has disbanded and is no longer meeting so there is nothing further to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Aubrey Williamson, Moderator

**The Report of the Minister's Association**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association met for four meetings. The guest speaker in January 2017 was the Rev. Gary Bailey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, N.C. Brother Gary shared information about his position as Interim-Director of Convention Services. He informed us of upcoming Convention activities and stated if anyone has suggestions to improve our Conference to contact him or the Convention Headquarters. In April 2017, Licensed Minister Kaye Ward was the speaker. She gave a very heart touching personal testimony and concluded with the verse from Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

In July 2017, Dr. Neal Cox gave an update on the Religion Department at the University of Mount Olive. In October 2017, the speaker was Rev. Frank Harrison. His presentation was about the early history of the Free Will Baptist and how it came to be what it is today.

A prayer was offered for all prayer requests at each meeting. Cape Fear Conference Ministers and Licensed Ministers are invited to attend the Cape Fear Minister's Association meetings which are held on the Monday before fifth Sunday. There are 30 ministers on roll with an average attendance of 16 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 prepared the noon meals that were served after each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

**Christian Board of Education Report**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

The Board of Christian Education received one application for the 2017 Scholarship. A \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to Caleb Andrew Weeks from Robert's Grove OFWB Church. The committee wishes to thank the applicant for his participation, the churches for promoting this scholarship and those who provide funds for this distribution.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Parsons, Chairperson

**Report of the Board of Ordination**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference**

I) The Ordaining Board was scheduled to meet on January 25, 2017, at the First FWB Church Smithfield. Those present were Sam Weeks and Aubrey Williamson, since there was not a quorum present, there was no formal meeting held and no action was taken for consideration. A prayer was offered before departing.

II) The Ordaining Board met on April 24, 2017, at the First Free Will Baptist Church Smithfield at 12:30 pm. Those present were Sam Weeks, Joe Ballance, Ricky Warren, Aubrey Williamson and Frank Harrison proxy for Roger



Hill. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted. c) The Board met with Mr. Kevin Phillips and discussed the Riverside Church. After discussion MSP to approve Mr. Phillips to continue to serve at Riverside for 90 days. d) The board met with Mr. Eddie Mooring and advised him to contact his mentor, Roger Hill to discuss his ministry. e) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

**III) The Ordaining Board met on June 8, 2017, at the Blended Fellowship Mission.** Those present were Sam Weeks, Joe Ballance, Ricky Warren, Roger Hill and Aubrey Williamson. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The board gathered at the annual Fellowship Meeting to discuss examining Mr. Kevin Phillips for licensing. c) The Board met with Mr. Kevin Phillips to seek approval for licensure. A letter from the Riverside Church has been received recommending that the Board of Ordination examine him. The board examined him and discussed the application procedure. Motion, seconded and passed that Mr. Kevin Phillips is approved, and his church may proceed to license. d) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

**IV) The Ordaining Board met on July 24, 2017 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Smithfield.** Those present were Sam Weeks, Joe Ballance, Ricky Warren and Aubrey Williamson. a) The meeting was opened with prayer. b) The minutes from the June 8 and the April 24 meetings were read and approved. c) The board met with Mr. Jason Bordeaux, licensed minister from the mother church of the Blended Fellowship Mission, Haymount Church, Fayetteville. Discussion concerning the fact that his five-year limit for being licensed is expiring and he has not prepared for following through with the next steps to become ordained. After discussion concerning Mr. Bordeaux's present intentions, the board recommended that since his time is expiring that he may consider returning if he desired to re-apply for approval for relicensing by his church after a minimum of one year (MSP). d) The board met with Mr. Jason Pittman, licensed minister from the mother church of the Blended Fellowship Mission, Haymount Church, Fayetteville. Discussion concerning the fact that his five-year limit for being licensed is expiring and he has not prepared for following through with the next steps to become ordained. After discussion concerning Mr. Pittman's present intentions, the board recommended that since his time is expiring that he may consider returning if he desired to re-apply for approval for relicensing by his church after a minimum of one year (MSP). e) The board met with Mr. Wes Holmes from the Snow Hill Church, Mt. Olive. Mr. Holmes was accompanied by his pastor. The reason for their meeting was to discuss Mr. Holmes' interest in one day making an application for Licensing and discuss those requirements for the intent of ordination in the future. Mr. Holmes feels a call to pastoral ministry but is not yet prepared to proceed at this time. The requirements were shared with Mr. Holmes and his pastor and he was encouraged to return when he was ready.

f) The meeting adjourned with prayer.

**V) The Ordaining Board met on October 24, 2017 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Smithfield.** Those present were Sam Weeks, Ricky Warren, and Aubrey Williamson. a) The meeting opened with prayer, b) The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. c) The board met with Rev. Chris Hall requesting permission to serve Shady Grove Church as a member of the Western Conference. Rev. Hall also expressed his desire to transfer his conference membership to the Cape Fear. Procedure for the transfer was discussed. The board approved Rev. Hall with permission to serve Shady Grove as pastor. d) The board met with Mr. Jacob Cottle who is currently serving as Associate Pastor of Youth and Worship of Lee's Chapel Church. Mr. Cottle was accompanied by Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, pastor of Lee's Chapel. Mr. Cottle and the pastor inquired as to what is necessary for him to begin the procedure to become a Licensed minister in the Cape Fear Conference. Mr. Cottle stated that he previously began the process for Licensure in the Eastern Conference and he had halted that process. Pastor acknowledged that Mr. Cottle has made Lee's Chapel aware of his intentions and are in support. Procedures were discussed with Mr. Cottle and he states he is planning to begin that process upon meeting the requirements of this Conference. He will return to meet with this board when his is ready to proceed. e) The board met with Mr. Kevin Phillips, Licensed Minister from Riverside Church who is seeking approval to serve Riverside as pastor for a 90 day approval by this board (MSP). f) Discussion followed concerning the positions of Chairman and Secretary of the Ordaining Board. The Rev. Dr. Sam Weeks expressed his desire to serve the Board, but not as Chairman. He stated that he had previously had positive, although unofficial discussion with members of the Board of Ordination concerning his decision. After the discussion

Rev. Aubrey Williamson was nominated as Chairman of the Board and Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren was nominated as the Secretary of the Board. Being no other nominees, by motion the board proceeded to elect (MSP). These elections will be in effect after the Annual Conference on November 14, 2017. g) The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Sam Weeks, Chairperson  
Rev. Aubrey Williamson, Secretary  
Rev. Joe Ballance  
Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren  
Rev. Roger Hill

**Resolutions Committee**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Whereas, Shady Grove OFWB Church has been a wonderful host of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Cape Fear Conference

—  
Now therefore, be it resolved that the Conference give a rising vote of thanks to congregation and pastor of Shady Grove OFWB Church for their outstanding service.

**Resolution adopted**

Whereas, the Reverend Chris Hall has offered a crucial challenge to the Conference to “Fall head over hills in love with Jesus” —

Now therefore, be it resolved that we accept this challenge and, with a greater resolve, demonstrate with intention our love for Jesus through renewed service to people of our churches and communities.

**Resolution adopted**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Stephen Prescott, Chairperson, Rev. Jeff Daughtry, Rev. Vicki Medlin

**Obituary Committee**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

We, the Obituary Committee do offer the following report to the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Reverend Edmundo Gonzalez is the only minister of the Cape Fear Conference who has passed since the last annual meeting. Let us remember members from our churches and families that have passed also. The service closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Tod Creech, Chairperson  
Reverend Donnie Massey

**Credentials Committee**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Present at the One Hundred and Sixty-Third Annual Session of Cape Fear Conference are as follows:

Ministers	28
Licensed Ministers	4
Officers	2
Delegates	18
<u>Visitors and Visiting Ministers</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Jernigan, Chairperson, Teresa Eason, Rev. William "Corky" Herring,  
Connie Weeks

**Nominating Committee**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee- Clerk (2019): *Eva Ballance*

Assistant Clerk (2019): *Carolyn Jernigan*

Member at Large (2019): *Jeff Daughtry*

Member of the Board of Trustees – (2022): *Doug Seymour*

Member of the Board of Education - (2022): *Martha Parsons*

Member of the Ordaining Board – (2022): *Stephen Prescott*

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Dr. Brad Williamson, Chairperson, Carla Williamson, Reverend Duane Casey

**Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report**  
**163<sup>rd</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

*Balance from November 1, 2016* \$2,962.40

**Receipts**

2016 Conference Offering	\$310.00
2016 Conference Church Dues	\$3,600.00
2016 Church Dues since Conference	\$950.00
2017 Fellowship Meeting Offering	\$225.00
2017 Fellowship Meeting Dues	\$1,800.00
2017 Conference Church Dues	\$350.00
Designated gift for Blended Fellowship Mission	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	
Total	<u>\$7,735.00</u>

*Total to account for in Checking Account* \$10,697.40

**Disbursements**

Conference Expense	\$816.71
North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries	\$1,200.00
Foreign Missions	\$950.00
Home Missions	\$950.00
Convention of OFWB (Report Book)	\$450.00
Convention of OFWB (Delegates)	
Convention of OFWB (Wall of Honor)	\$500.00
Education Scholarships	\$500.00
Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,900.00

(Riverside Hurricane Matthew recovery assistance and Cape Fear Fellowship Meal)

Total Disbursements \$7,766.71

*Total in Checking account as of October 31, 2017* \$2,930.69

(Out of this balance \$800.00 is in the Education Fund)

Formula for disbursement of Conference Dues and Offerings:

Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)

Christian Education Fund = 20%

Conference and other expenses = 55%

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, Treasurer