

**MINUTES OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE  
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD AT TEE'S CHAPEL OFWB CHURCH  
SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**Moderator:** The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2022)

**Assistant Moderator:** The Reverend Jeff Daughtry (2022)

**Clerk:** Eva Ballance (2023)

**Assistant Clerk:** Teresa Eason (2023)

**Treasurer:** The Reverend Dr. Brad Williamson (2022)

**Member at Large:** The Reverend Dr. Ken Benton (2023)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry, Eva Ballance,  
Teresa Eason, Brad Williamson, Ken Benton

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Braxton Carter (2022), William "Corky" Herring (2023), Brad Barbour (2024)  
Jim Best (2025) Carlton Barefoot (2026)

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Martha Parsons (2022), Doris Johnson (2023) Doug Seymour (2024)  
Vicki Medlin (2025) Wayne Puckett (2026)

**ORDAINING BOARD**

Stephen Prescott (2022), Aubrey Williamson (2023) Sam Weeks (2024)  
Joe Ballance (2025) Ricky Warren (2026)

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

EFred Baker	PRoger Hill
PJoe Ballance	PAlan Lamm
PKen Benton	EDavid Langley
PCecil Blackmon	ETony McLamb
EGene Britt	PVicki Medlin
PJohn Butler	PJoe Myrick
P Rayford Byrd	P Billy Nowell
A Charlie Carroll	E Charles Petit
P Duane Casey	P Kevin Phillips
A Scott Casey	P Dennis Pollock
A Larry Coats	P Stephen Prescott
P Jacob Cottle	P Pete Radford
P Tod Creech	A Scott Satterfield
A <i>Ken Dabbs</i>	P <i>Doug Seymour</i>
P Jeff Daughtry	P Marci Rollins-Smart
E Wade Daughtry	P Wesley Taylor
A Jesse Fulcher	P Ricky Warren
E Frank Grubbs	P Sam Weeks
P Chris Hall	P Richard Whitman
P Otis Hamm	P Aubrey Williamson
P Frank Harrison	P Brad Williamson
P Kaye Heroux	E Carla Williamson
P William Herring	

## LICENSED MINISTERS

P Ricky Hopper	E Johnathan Solomon
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## PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB), which is the 168<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cape Fear Conference, convened at Tee's Chapel OFWB Church, Smithfield, North Carolina on November 15, 2022. Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone. Moderator Aubrey Williamson presented the program for adoption. A motion was made to accept the program for adoption. Motion carried.

The congregation opened by singing, "Come, Thou Fount," *Wyeth*, led by song leader, Rev. Stephen Prescott. Licensed Minister Ricky Hopper offered scripture and prayer from I Corinthians 4:4. The conference was welcomed by Rev. Joey Williams, associate pastor of Tee's Chapel OFWB Church of Smithfield. The response was heard from Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren of Robert's Grove OFWB Church of Dunn.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by Rev. William "Corky" Herring, Chair 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.

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

**Resolutions Committee:** Chair Ricky Warren, Kendall McLamb, Stephen Prescott

**Obituary Committee:** Chair Vicki Medlin, Kay Heroux

**Credentials Committee:** Chair William "Corky" Herring, Tod Creech,  
Marci Rollins-Smart, Jacob Cottle

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Teresa Eason, Chris Hall, Jeff Daughtry

**Parliamentarian:** Ricky Warren

Assistant Moderator Jeff Daughtry recognized visiting ministers and guests. Wall of Honor speakers were introduced by Assistant Moderator Jeff Daughtry. Angela Warren and Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Wall of Honor recipient Martha Parsons for her many years of Christian service. Linwood Massey, Chairman of the Deacon Board at Tee's Chapel and Aubrey Williamson recognized Wall of Honor recipient Rev. Dennis Pollock for his many years of faithful service in Christian ministry.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from Matthew 22:34-40. He stated, "We will perish if we don't open our eyes and see plainly what God wants us to see. With proper vision we can see deeper than the surface. Our churches need to have a clearer vision. We need to be a service-oriented people and be the hands and feet of Jesus."

A motion was made to adopt the written report of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Eva Ballance, Clerk read the proposed Constitutional Change, Article VIII, Section 1.

Vicki Medlin, serving as the Convention Representative for the conference, gave the Convention Report and recognized the Director of Convention Services, Rev. Gary Bailey. Rev. Bailey introduced the denominational ministry representatives. Representatives from the denominational ministries were given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Ministry of Christian Education – Gary Bailey, OFWB International – Rev. Harold Jones, OFWB Children's Home – Gary Lee, Free Will Baptist Press – Rev. John Hill, Church Planting and Renewal – Rev. Franklin Baggett and Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, Cragmont – Carolyn Best, and Minister's Program – Rev. Doug Seymour. Moderator Aubrey Williamson recognized Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren for a report from the N.C. Foundation For Christian Ministries. Rev. Stephen Prescott provided a report from the Ministerial Association of OFWB.

The Morning Worship Service began with singing, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" *Crosby*. An offering was received and the offertory prayer was given by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Special music was provided by Tiffany Pollock Hodge and Hugh Worley, members of Tee's Chapel OFWB Church. Rev. Dennis Pollock, pastor of Tee's Chapel OFWB Church, brought the morning message from Acts 17. He compared fire to the Lord Jesus Christ. He noted that fire and God's Word are alike in that neither are a respecter of persons. Fire and gospel preaching stir up people. Just as it is important to know where the fire escape is during a fire, it is important to know where the fire escape is when Christ returns. He stated that the fire extinguisher is Jesus Christ and happy are those who find Him. He acknowledged that Paul taught from the Word of God and all will be judged from the same Book. When a building is on fire, everyone needs to get up and get out. Some will believe and be saved. Others will not. On Judgment Day, those who walk away will be reminded of their decisions. Some will burn up with the fire extinguisher, Jesus Christ, sitting right beside them. Some people told Paul that they would listen to him later, just like people tend to do today. Rev. Pollock ended with expressing the importance of preachers who must continue preaching because dying without Christ is like dying in the eternal flames. Everyone better have a fire escape close by. He stated Sunday School teachers are important in sharing the Word too. All should give praise and glory to God. Rev. Dennis Pollock, pastor of Tee's Chapel OFWB Church prayed 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, "Holy, Holy, Holy," *Heber*, led by song leader Rev. Stephen Prescott. Scripture from Micah 6:3-8 and prayer were offered by Rev. Marci Rollins-Smart.

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. Dr. Ricky Warren gave the Ordaining Council report. Rev. Joe Ballance gave the report of the Cape Fear Conference Minister's Association. 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 four resolutions. A motion was made to accept these resolutions. Motion carried. A 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 was elected by acclamation and a motion was made to adopt the report. Motion carried. The Obituary Committee Report reported that there were six Cape Fear Conference ministers and a minister's wife who had passed since our last meeting.

The conference then moved into its business session. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Brad Williamson, and it was received by motion (see attached report). There was one item of new business, which was voting on the proposed constitutional change, Article VIII, Section 1. Eva Ballance, Clerk read the recommendation again. A motion was made in favor of the proposal. The constitutional change was approved by a two-thirds majority vote. Article VIII, Section 1 now reads as follows, "The conference shall meet in annual session on the second Tuesday of November. Should Election Day or a national holiday fall on the second Tuesday, the conference shall meet in annual session on the third Tuesday of November. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting may be changed by the executive committee should a change become necessary." The 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB), which is the 169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cape Fear Conference, will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at a place to be announced.

Motion carried to adjourn the 166th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Stephen Prescott.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Aubrey Williamson, Moderator

Eva Ballance, Clerk

## CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 166th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Yelverton Grove OFWB Church on January 28, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry, Eva Ballance, Teresa Eason, Brad Williamson and Ken Benton. Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Psalm 139 and prayed the opening prayer.

Aubrey Williamson welcomed Teresa Eason, Assistant Clerk as the newest member of the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee.

Motion made to accept the minutes as written and were approved for submission to the Convention for printing (MSP).

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Balance is \$3,453.24 of which \$894.00 is in the Education Fund. Motion made to adopt the Treasurer's Report (MSP).

Pamela Sinclair from Covenant OFWB Church notified the CFC Executive Committee of an emergent need for funding. The CFC Executive Committee unanimously agreed to the transfer of money from a memorial fund, that was established from the merger of Genesis and Victory OFWB churches, from Church Finance Association to Covenant OFWB Church.

New business included the planning of the Fellowship Meeting. Suggested dates were April 23, 2020, April 30, 2020 and May 7, 2020 and the date to be determined by the host church.

The 2020 Wall of Honor recipient was determined.

Motion was made to consider completing the Annual Conference meeting in the AM and finalizing the meeting with lunch (MSP).

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

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met virtually on September 10, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry, Eva Ballance, Teresa Eason, Brad Williamson and Ken Benton. Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the meeting to order. He gave the devotion from Psalm 46 and prayed the opening prayer.

Motion made to accept the minutes as given (MSP).

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given (MSP).

Old business noted was a prior decision of the Executive Committee to cancel the Fellowship Meeting generally held in the Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wall of Honor recipient was discussed again and confirmed for presentation at the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

New business included selection of alternates for the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government Revision Committee. Motion made for Jeff Daughtry and Stephen

Prescott to serve as alternates (MSP). Aubrey Williamson will notify the named alternates.

Motion was made to postpone the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference generally held in November 2020, revisit the decision in January 2021 based on the COVID-19 situation and the necessity of a meeting, with consideration of a date in conjunction with our mid-year Fellowship Meeting in 2021 (MSP).

It was decided to send a letter to all Cape Fear Conference churches and ministers informing them of the postponement of the annual meeting and requesting payment of the 2020 Conference dues, as well as, the 2020 Fellowship dues.

Motion made to contact each CFC committee member who was due to rotate off in 2020, inquiring if they are willing to serve until the conference convenes in 2021 (MSP). Eva Ballance will contact each member.

Motion made to send the North Carolina Foundation For Christian Ministries an annual donation of \$1,200.00 (MSP).

It was decided to vote on the Covenant donation at the next Executive Committee Meeting in January 2021.

Eva Ballance will contact Rev. Doug Seymour, requesting the receipt of an Annual Report from Blended Fellowship prior to the January 2021 Executive Committee Meeting.

It was noted that the Cape Fear Conference had lost one minister, Rev. Donnie Massey, since our last conference meeting and a Christian flag had been presented at his service by the Cape Fear Conference.

Motion made to adjourn (MSP).

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met virtually on February 2, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry, Eva Ballance, Teresa Eason, and Ken Benton. Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the meeting to order. Jeff Daughtry prayed the opening prayer.

Motion made to accept the minutes as given (MSP).

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given (MSP).

Motion made to give Eva Ballance the clerk's stipend for 2020 (MSP). There were no expense reimbursements requested by the clerk.

Eva Ballance will complete items as noted in the September 10, 2020 minutes. She will contact Doug Seymour, pastor of Blended Fellowship, requesting the Annual Report for review by the Executive Committee. An inquiry of all CFC committee members who rotate off in 2020 will occur to determine their willingness to serve until the conference reconvenes in 2021.

The Covenant donation is on schedule for 2021, either beginning in June or September, depending on the impact of COVID-19. Rev. Josh Whitfield and Rev. Josh Hobgood are coordinating the program.

Teresa Eason gave an update on the progress of the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government Revision Committee.

New business was to discuss the Cape Fear Conference Constitution and Bylaws. It was decided to include the date of the most recent revision on the actual document. Other items for consideration of amending at the next annual meeting are as follows.

- Bylaws, Section 6 Update the verbiage to clarify the events that constitute the Executive Committee transacting the business of the conference when the annual meeting cannot take place, consider revising conference fellowship revival meetings to annual fellowship meeting, and revising Home Missions and Evangelism to Church Planting and Renewal.
- Under Name, consider revising meeting quarterly to meeting annually as the Conference Fellowship Meeting.

There will not be a meeting of the Cape Fear Conference until the scheduled annual conference in November 2021 (MSP). Aubrey will contact the Convention to release this information to the conference. Eva Ballance will send letters to notify the churches and pastors.

Motion made to adjourn (MSP). Teresa Eason prayed the closing prayer.

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met virtually on January 25, 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry, Eva Ballance, Teresa Eason, Ken Benton and Brad Williamson, who joined by phone. Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the meeting to order. Jeff Daughtry prayed the opening prayer. Scripture reading by Aubrey Williamson was taken from Matthew 6 on the topic of prayer.

Motion made to accept the minutes as presented (MSP).

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given (MSP).

The Covenant donation of \$500.00 is pending approval at the next annual meeting. The Executive Committee meets Friday, January 28, 2022 and will hopefully update the Executive Committee of the status of The Covenant. Approval by the Executive Committee can occur following the meeting (MSP).

Eva Ballance will request a report from Blended Fellowship for the Year 2021.

Teresa Eason gave an update on the progress of the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government Revision Committee. Presently they are reviewing the Governance Section and will be meeting again on February 1, 2022.

New business was to discuss the upcoming meetings, the Cape Fear Conference Fellowship Meeting and the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. It was decided to cancel the Annual Fellowship Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference and send a letter to notify the churches and pastors. In the letter, the date of the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be announced, noting that the Executive Committee made a motion to move the meeting to November 15, 2022 since it falls on Election Day with a unanimous vote by the Executive Committee and will suggest a Bylaw change at the next annual meeting (MSP).



The Executive Committee will meet in September 2022 to plan the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

Expressions of sympathy were made to Ken Benton on the passing of his mother, and the passing of Reverend Alan Price and Rev. Elijah Floyd Smith were acknowledged.

Motion made to adjourn (MSP). Ken Benton prayed the closing prayer.

**The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met at Kenly OFWB Church on September 27, 2022.** Members present were Aubrey Williamson, Jeff Daughtry and Eva Ballance. Brad Williamson and Ken Benton joined by phone. Moderator Aubrey Williamson called the meeting to order. Scripture reading by Jeff Daughtry was taken from Psalm 146. Aubrey Williamson prayed the opening prayer.

Motion made to accept the minutes as corrected (MSP).

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given (MSP).

Aubrey requested to purchase two Christian flags on behalf of the Ordaining Board from the Cape Fear Conference funds to have on hand for needs in the future.

New business was to plan the 166<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference, which is the 168<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conference. Wall of Honor recipients were discussed.

Motion made to adjourn (MSP). Ken Benton prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Ballance, Clerk of the Cape Fear Conference

### **Blended Fellowship Mission Report 166th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

All of us at Blended Fellowship thank you so much for all you have done and continue to do in support of this ministry. As we minister to Deaf people and their families, we are ever mindful that you are a vital part of everything we do. Your faithfulness inspires and encourages us.

During the closures caused by COVID-19, our operations did not stop. However, things slowed down enough for us to reflect on the last twenty plus years. In the beginning, we envisioned a church where Deaf and hearing could worship together as a family. That vision became reality and continues to this day. Also, during those early years, we became aware of the many needs of some of our Deaf adults. We developed programs to meet these needs. The more we got involved, the more we realized that their needs stemmed from more than their deafness.

In recent years, we have learned that they are suffering as adults because they were deprived of language as children. This deprivation is now recognized and has been given a name, Language Deprivation Syndrome. Because of LDS, part of the brain does not develop properly and certain connections are never made. This lack of development results in adults who can sometimes work, drive and do many normal activities but are not able to grasp other basic concepts.

For some Deaf adults, those who suffer from LDS are seen as an embarrassment. For that reason, we were forced to make a choice many years ago. We could shun the LDS Deaf so that other Deaf would attend or we could continue to minister to those suffering from LDS and be shunned by the other Deaf. Based on the example Jesus set in His earthly ministry, we chose the latter. Many of the LDS Deaf adults we serve have been with us from the beginning. We continue to assist them in every possible way and their quality of life is much improved as a result.

The only good thing about LDS is that it's preventable. We are putting more and more emphasis on preventing it by teaching hearing family members how to use sign language. We also have frequent opportunities to help Deaf children improve their signing skills. The ability to communicate and get language early will prevent these Deaf children from suffering the same fate as our LDS adults. We believe God has prepared us over these many years to do what we're doing now. If we had not experienced all that we have along the way, we would never have realized what was at stake.

The best part of what we do is being able to help these families grow in their relationship with God. Our staff (my wife, my daughter and myself) and our handful of volunteers use every opportunity to interject how faith in Christ relates to their situation. It takes time, but we are seeing evidence of their spiritual growth. Recently, we were working at our facility and heard someone yelling and crying out. It was the man living next door, a Deaf man for whom we were able to secure the house for him to rent. I went over to see what was wrong and found him sitting in a lawn chair. He had recently lost his car due to an accident. As I approached him, I saw that he had tears running down his cheeks. His eyes were closed so I tapped him to get his attention. When I asked what he was doing, he said he was praying for God to help him get his car back. I was so proud of him for understanding the concept of talking to God, for believing God was hearing him and for trusting God to help him. These things may seem quite ordinary to you but they were major accomplishments for him.

We are currently in the process of recovering from the impact of the pandemic. We took advantage of the closure to revamp some of our processes and do some reorganizing and cleaning of our facility. Our staff and volunteers are working hard to rebuild momentum. Our thrift store has been completely redone and has recently opened again. Before COVID, we had an annual Bridges Day Camp for blended families of Deaf and hearing. Now, our team has taken the Bridges concept and expanded it by putting together monthly events for the same purpose. These events have been well attended and very effective.

The last time I gave you a report, I mentioned an upcoming 20th anniversary celebration. The pandemic prevented that from happening. Hopefully, we can plan on a 25th anniversary event and invite all of you. We will keep you posted.

Lastly, I want to thank you again for your continuing financial support. We depend on support from outside our congregation and you have stood by us and been faithful in your giving, even during these challenging last few years. Thank you so much and please know that our team stretches every gift as far as possible. We are forever grateful that God blessed us to be a part of the Cape Fear Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Seymour

Pastor/Director

Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry

**Report of the Board of Ordination  
165th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference  
2019 - 2022**

**March 25, 2019** - A meeting of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference was held at Smithfield First Church on Monday, March 25, 2019. David Earl Norris, II, from Yelverton Grove OFWB Church, appeared before us to discuss his application to become a licensed minister. The board approved him for licensing by Yelverton Grove with Joe Ballance serving as his mentor.

David Thomas appeared before us to report on his progress as the interim at Wooten's Chapel OFWB Church and his progress with credential exchange. The board granted him approval to serve Wooten's Chapel for another ninety days with Sam Weeks as his mentor. The board received a letter from Shady Grove OFWB Church in support of Drew Johnson who had appeared before us in September of 2018 inquiring about the license process. Kaye Ward Heroux appeared before us and successfully completed the oral portion of the ordination exam. The board granted approval for her ordination, which took place at Johnston Union on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Kevin Phillips appeared before us and successfully completed the oral portion of the ordination exam. The board granted approval for his ordination, which took place at Riverside Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

**May 24, 2021** - A meeting of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference was held at Yelverton's Grove OFWB Church on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. Aubrey Williamson reported that Marci Rollins-Smart had completed all her requirements and the board subsequently granted approval for her ordination, which took place at Goldsboro First FWB Church on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

Kevin Phillips appeared before us and successfully completed the oral portion of the ordination exam. The board granted approval for his ordination, which took place at Riverside Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Aubrey Williamson reported that Jacob Cottle had completed the ordination exam and was ready for the oral portion to be administered. Afterwards, his orthodoxy having been found acceptable, the board granted approval for his ordination, which took place at Branch Chapel OFWB Church on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Aubrey Williamson shared a letter from Haymount OFWB Church in recommendation of Mr. Ricky Hopper, who also appeared before us, to begin the licensure process and fill the pulpit as their interim licensed minister. The board shared the expectations, limitations, and process of licensure and ordination with Mr. Hopper who agreed to submit to them. The board granted him approval to begin the licensure process and to serve Haymount OFWB Church for ninety days with Sam Weeks as his mentor.

**January 31, 2022** - A meeting of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference was held via Zoom video on Monday, January 31, 2022. Due to the cumulative effects of the COVID pandemic our meetings have been infrequent and brief. After a general discussion, the following noteworthy items from our previous meetings were offered in summary of the board's awareness and understanding of the state of our churches and ministers:

- The Reverend Chris Bagley is currently serving as the pastor of Johnston Union OFWB Church.
- The Reverend Roger Hill (formerly at Powhatan) is currently serving as the pastor of Hopewell OFWB Church.
- The Reverend Allen Stanley is currently serving as the pastor of Faith OFWB Church.
- The Reverend Freddie Gooding is currently serving as the pastor of St. Paul OFWB Church.
- Ricky Hopper is currently serving a renewable ninety-day interim as a licensed minister at Haymount OFWB Church.

Johnathan Solomon, an ordained minister with the Southern Baptist Convention, appeared before the board and asked to begin the credential exchange process so that he might serve at Powhatan OFWB Church. The board approved the normal plan for credential exchange and approved Johnathan Solomon to serve a ninety-day interim at Powhatan OFWB Church.

**July 25, 2022** - A meeting of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference was held via Zoom video on Monday, July 25, 2022. Johnathan Solomon appeared before us to report on his progress as the interim pastor at Powhatan Church and credential exchange work. The board approved Johnathan Solomon for another ninety days of service. Ricky Hopper, a licensed minister serving as the interim at Haymount OFWB Church, appeared before us to report on his progress. The board approved Ricky Hopper for another ninety days of service. Joey Williams, an ordained OFWB minister from another conference, appeared before us to seek approval to serve as an associate pastor at Tee's Chapel OFWB Church.

The board approved and endorsed his ministry there. Joseph Braxton from Daley's Chapel OFWB Church appeared before us to discuss the possibility of beginning the licensure process. Mr. Braxton was informed of the process and asked to submit all licensing materials by Monday, September 26, 2022.

**October 24, 2022** - A meeting of the Ordaining Board of the Cape Fear Conference was held at Smithfield First Church on Monday, October 24, 2022. Johnathan Solomon appeared before us to report on his progress as the interim pastor at Powhatan Church and credential exchange work. The board approved Johnathan Solomon for another ninety days of service.

Ricky Hopper, a licensed minister who is serving as the interim at Haymount OFWB Church, did not appear as expected due to a miscommunication. Based on the report given by his mentor, Sam Weeks, the board approved Ricky Hopper for another ninety days of service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aubrey Williamson, Chairman  
Sam Weeks  
Joe Ballance  
Stephen Prescott  
Ricky Warren, Secretary

### **The Report of the Minister's Association 166<sup>th</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Due to Covid-19, the Cape Fear Minister's Association has not met since September 23, 2019. Our first and only meeting this year was held on October 24, 2022,

The guest speaker in October was Rev. Gavin Daniels, Director of Campus Ministry at The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, who gave everyone present an update on this denominational ministry. His stories were heart-touching and offered insight into the value and importance of this denominational ministry.

There are twenty-five ministers on roll and eleven ministers were in attendance at this meeting.

Reverend Joe Ballance requested to be replaced as Secretary of the Minister's Association and remain as Treasurer. Reverend Vicki Medlin said she was willing to assume the role of Secretary.

The meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist church in Smithfield. Dr. Sam Weeks and his wife, Connie, prepared and served the noon meal following the meeting. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

**Resolutions Committee**  
**166th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

WHEREAS, in light of the wonderful hospitality extended to the Cape Fear Conference by Tee's Chapel OFWB Church in hosting the 166th Annual Session,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual Conference offer a rising vote of thanks to the congregation of Tee's Chapel Church for their friendliness and generosity.

**Resolution adopted**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a unique set of challenges for the world in general and for the Church in particular, our Cape Fear Conference has not escaped these challenges, placing an exceptional burden upon our Executive Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for their diligent work during these unusual circumstances.

**Resolution adopted**

WHEREAS, the work of our Cape Fear Conference, OFWB Convention, and Denominational Ministries is a vital and important part of our OFWB Denomination, as they serve our churches and various peoples with diligence and devotion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our Cape Fear Conference Churches recommit themselves to pray for and financially support our Conference, our Convention, and ALL our denominational ministries.

**Resolution adopted**

WHEREAS, for 20+ years, the Rev Aubrey Williamson has faithfully served the Cape Fear Conference as Moderator, leading and guiding our Conference through good times, as well as times of challenge.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Conference give a rising vote of thanks to Reverend Williamson for his resolute work on behalf of our conference.

**Resolution adopted**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Ricky Warren, Chairperson  
Mr. Kendall McLamb  
Rev. Stephen Prescott

**Credentials Committee**  
**166th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

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

Ministers.....	31
Licensed Ministers .....	1
Officers.....	2
Delegates .....	20
Visitors and Visiting Ministers .....	31
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>85</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Chairperson Rev. William “Corky” Herring,  
Rev. Tod Creech,  
Rev. Marci Rollins-Smart,  
Rev. Jacob Cottle

**Nominating Committee**  
**166th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

**Executive Committee**

Moderator (2024): *Jeff Daughtry*  
Assistant Moderator (2024): *Chris Hall*  
Treasurer (2024): *William “Corky” Herring*

Member of the Board of Trustees – (2026): *Norman Branch*, (2027): *Tod Creech*

Member of the Board of Education - (2027): *Gracelyn Hobbs*

Member of the Ordaining Board – (2027): *Stephen Prescott*

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson Teresa Eason,  
Rev. Chris Hall,  
Rev. Jeff Daughtry

**Obituary Committee**  
**166<sup>th</sup> Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

Since the meeting of the Cape Fear Conference in 2019 the following ministers have died. Today we remember these servants of God and light candles in their memory. Rev. Kay Heroux will present information on the following.

Rev. Alan Price was born on October 4, 1957. He passed away on November 2, 2021. He was licensed from Powhatan OFWB Church on March 3, 2002, and was ordained by the Cape Fear Conference on May 1, 2005. Rev. Price pastored several churches in the area including Welcome Home FWB Church in Beaufort. He made his home in Clayton along with his wife Beverly Cole Price and is also survived by son, Daniel, daughters Kelly, Ashley, Brittany and 2 grandsons.

Rev. Elijah Floyd Smith was born in Nash County on October 31, 1928, and passed away in Smithfield at the age of 93 on January 21, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Flossie Mae Smith, brothers, Troy, Coy, Grady, Jack, Daniel and Irving Smith and sisters, Letha Rowe, Katherine Catlett, Ruth Joyner, and Ora Edwards. He is survived by a caregiver of many years, Scott Casey; sisters-in-law, Mae Smith, Jean Smith, and Linda Smith; brother, Shelton Smith; and niece, Judy Poland. Rev. Smith was a member of Lanwood Chapel OFWB Church and pastored numerous churches for over 50 years.

Eddie Joe Mooring, 66, of Fremont passed away on July 30, 2020, at Barbour Court Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Smithfield. He was born in Wayne County on July 20, 1954, to Lois Raye Holland Mooring and the late James David Mooring.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Mooring is survived by his wife, Marcia Mooring; one son, Mark Allan Mooring of Fremont; two daughters, Karen Howell and husband, Shawn of Fremont, and Crystal Mooring of Florida; one stepson, Matthew Quick of Raeford; two stepdaughters, Daphne Dilbeck and husband Matt of Georgia and Stephanie Herring and husband Donald. He had eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter whom he adored. Eddie was a licensed minister of the Cape Fear Conference. He attended Carolina Bible Institute but was hindered by his debilitating health. He was always willing and ready to share his testimony of the blessings he received from the Lord and always willing to serve in any capacity when asked.

Rev. Donnie Carrol Massey at the age of 72 went to be with his Lord on May 29, 2020, while at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born the son of the late Charles Patrick Massey and Lela Ingram Massey on August 12, 1947, in Johnston County. He was the pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Four Oaks for 20 years. Brother Massey was a very Godly man who loved serving the Lord and caring for the people of God. He might be heard saying that the people of the Lord were very special people and needed to be cared for a lot. He loved to play golf and said that you could witness



to the Lord while playing golf. Another pastime of his was fishing and hunting turkey. Although he loved his church and church family, he most loved his family. He graduated from Princeton High School and continued his study at Carolina Bible Institute in Pine Level. In addition, Brother Donnie ran a successful heating and air conditioning company for many years, but would say that his church job was his main job. He served our country proudly in the United States Army. Brother Massey left behind a wife, Dianne Cooper Massey, a daughter Lynette Wasilewski and husband Chris of Kenly and several very special grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as brothers and sisters.

Rev. Emmitt Jones passed away on August 11, 2022. Brother Emmitt was living in Mount Olive with his wife Carolyn. Emmitt Jones was the son of the late Herbert Andrew Jones and Mildred Perry Jones. Brother Jones and his wife Carolyn were involved in a tragic car accident and Carolyn was killed at the scene of the accident. Brother Jones died a day later at Vidant Medical Center. Rev. Jones was retired from fulltime ministry. He was the pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Four Oaks for 30 years. He was a pastor in the Convention of OFWB for 40 years. He served in the United States Air Force and with the NC National Guard. In addition, he had a long tenure of employment with what was then Carolina Power and Light Company.

Along with her husband, Carolyn was retired and, in their retirement, they were members of May's Chapel OFWB Church.

The Jones' had five children, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It was always a pleasant experience to see Carolyn's post on FB about their travels, her decorations and about the grandchildren. Emmitt was very proud of his wife's undertakings, and I can remember at a CFC Ministers' meeting, he brought us all samples of her handmade hand lotions.

Both Emmitt and Carolyn will be greatly missed.

Let us stand and remember the brothers in Christ who served faithfully but are no longer with us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chairperson Rev. Vicki Medlin,  
Rev. Kay Heroux

# Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report 166th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

*Balance From November 1, 2019* \$2,668.95

## Receipts

2019 Conference Offering .....	\$219.00
2019 Conference Church Dues .....	\$4,250.00
2019 Church Dues since Conference .....	\$1,100.00
2020 Fellowship Meeting Dues .....	\$1,500.00
2020 Conference Church Dues .....	\$2,815.00
2021 Fellowship Meeting Dues .....	\$1,700.00
2021 Conference Church Dues .....	\$3,100.00
2022 Fellowship Meeting Dues .....	\$1,500.00
2022 Conference Church Dues .....	\$200.00
2020 Designated gift for Blended Fellowship Mission	\$500.00
Miscellaneous (2020 gift to increase scholarship fund) .	\$106.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$16,990.00</u></b>
<i>Total to account for in Checking Account .....</i>	<i>\$19,658.95</i>

## Disbursements

Conference Expense .....	\$2,416.93
North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries	\$3,600.00
OFWBI .....	\$1,310.51
CPR .....	\$1,310.51
Convention of OFWB (Report Book) .....	\$270.00
Convention of OFWB (Delegates)	
Convention of OFWB (Wall of Honor) .....	\$500.00
Education Scholarships	\$1,600.00
Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts .....	\$500.00
Miscellaneous .....	\$500.00
MAOFWB Pastoral Leadership Institute .....	\$500
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b><u>\$12,007.95</u></b>

*Total in Checking account as of October 31, 2022 .....* \$7,651.00  
(Out of this balance \$1,000.00 is in the Education Fund)

The formula for disbursement of Conference Dues and Offerings:

Missions = 25% (half to OFWBI and half to CPR)

Christian Education Fund = 20%

Conference and other expenses = 55%

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, Treasurer