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Of The

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Of The

Central North Carolina Conference

Of The

(Original)

Free Will Baptist Church



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One Hundred and Ninety-Seventh Session

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(ORIGINAL)

Free Will Baptist Church

Held With

Little Creek Church

GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

November 7-8, 1945

ORIGINAL

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W. B. Manning

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Winterville, N. C.

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J. E. Wooten	Ayden, N. C.
J. W. Wooten,	Walstonburg, N. C.
C. T. Pugh	New Bern, N. C.
E. L. Abrams	Tarboro, N. C.
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L. W. Humbles	Walstonburg, N. C.
H. T. Sowers	Snow Hill, N. C.
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Marshall Joyner	Winterville, N. C.
J. P. Barrow	Dudley, N. C.
N. Bruce Barrow	LaGrange, N. C.
P. C. Wiggs	Fountain, N. C.
R. B. Spencer	Ayden, N. C.
C. D. Hamilton	Fountain, N. C.
Loy E. Ballard	Greenville, N. C.
L. R. Ennis	Goldsboro, N. C.
Dewey Tyson	Stantonsburg, N. C.
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James Albert Harris	Enfield, N. C.
J. D. Vernelson	Farmville, N. C.
R. C. Proctor	Route 3, Wilson, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

M. A. Woolard	Pantego, N. C.
Heber Joyner	Greenville, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND TIME OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS

CHURCH	CLERK	POST OFFICE	TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING
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GREENE COUNTY

Grimsley-----	B. T. Dail,-----	Snow Hill, R1.	Oct. 2nd Sunday--
Free Union-----	Walter Heath ----	Snow Hill-----	Oct. 1st Sunday---
Little Creek-----	Elizabeth McLawhoi	Hookerton-----	Oct. 1st Sunday---
St. Delight-----	T. E. Skinner,-----	Ayden, R1-----	Sept. 4th Sunday--
Friendship-----	Carl Tyson -----	Farmville -----	Oct. 3rd Sunday---
Hull Road -----	H. B. Hill -----	Snow Hill -----	Oct. 3rd Sunday---
Howells Swamp----	W. B. Gay -----	Walstonburg----	Oct. 2nd Sunday---
Harrells Chapel----	R. E. Hart,-----	Snow Hill-----	Oct. 4th Sunday---
Spring Branch----	Mildred Gay-----	Walstonburg----	Oct. 1st Sunday---
Maury -----	Bill Wood-----	Maury -----	

PITT COUNTY

Gum Swamp-----	Floyd Harris -----	Washington --	Sept. 4th Sunday--
Parkers Chapel ---	J. O. Johnson -----	Robersonville,--	Sept. 2nd Sunday--
Hickory Grove----	J. K. Barnhill ----	Stokes -----	Sept. 3rd Sunday--
Reedy Branch-----	E. W. Smith,-----	Greenville-----	Nov. 1st Sunday--
Elm Grove-----	Levi Worthington--	Ayden-----	Nov. 2nd Sunday--
Piney Grove-----	J. H. Tucker, -----	Greenville-----	Sept. 2nd Sunday--
Kings Cross Roads	L. A. Fulford -----	Pinetops -----	Sept. 3rd Sunday--
Arthur-----	L. B. Willoughby, ..	Bellarthur ---	Oct. 1st Sunday---
Marlboro-----	Sam Tugwell, -----	Farmville-----	Oct. 4th Sunday---
Pleasant Hill-----	Herman Stox ----	Washington --	Sept. 1st Sunday--
Black Jack-----	J. S. Dixon,-----	Greenville, --	Sept. 3rd Sunday--
Rose Hill-----	F. A. Haddock,-----	Winterville-----	Oct. 4th Sunday---
Bethany-----	Eva Edwards-----	Winterville --	Oct. 3rd Sunday---
Ayden-----	T. D. Caton,-----	Ayden-----	Oct. 4th Sunday---
Greenville-----	James Ray Pittman.	Greenville-----	Aug. 3rd Sunday--
Winterville-----	E. C. Hines,-----	Winterville---	Oct. 2nd Sunday---
Sweet Gum Grove--	J. L. Barnhill-----	Stokes-----	Sept. 1st Sunday--
Dildy's Grove-----	Benj. Dildy,-----	Fountain-----	Oct. 4th Sunday -

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Shiloh-----	J. E. Foreman, R-1	Greenville, R 4	Oct. 3rd Sunday--
Piney Grove-----	Orlanda Harrison--	Greenville-----	Sept. 4th Sunday..

WILSON COUNTY

Saratoga.....	Rev. R. C. Proctor..	Stantonburg..	Sept. 3rd Sunday..
Aspin Grove.....	Clifton Gardner,....	Fountain.....	Sept. 2nd Sunday
Owens Chapel.....	J. E. Baker,.....	Elm City, R3..	Oct. 4th Sunday..
Daniels Chapel....	Vernon Sullivan ---	Wilson	Sept. 4th Sunday..

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove.....	Mrs. Seth Williams..	Robersonville..	Oct. 3rd Sunday..
Rose of Sharon....	T. L. Roberson ---	Williamston....	Oct. 2nd Sunday..

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Otters Creek.....	R. L. Owens.....	Fountain.....	Sept. 4th Sunday..
Edgewood.....	A. L. Sumerlin.....	Tarboro.....	Sept. 1st Sunday..
Rocky Mount.....	Mrs. O. C. Merritt..	Rocky Mt.	Oct. 1st Sunday..
Riverside.....	Mrs. Martha Newell,	Tarboro, R2..

WAYNE COUNTY

Watery Branch....	J. S. Jones,.....	Stantonburg..	Oct. 2nd Sunday..
Antioch.....	Barney Kirby,....	Pikeville.....	Sept. 1st Sunday..
Walnut Creek.....	Leslie Rollins,....	LaGrange.....	Sept. 4th Sunday..

LENOIR COUNTY

Hugo.....	Ada Phillips.....	Grifton.....	Oct. 2nd Sunday..
LaGrange.....	Mrs. Mary Hardy --	LaGrange.....

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

Elizabeth City....	J. W. Copeland ---	Elizabeth City..	Oct. 4th Sunday..
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HERTFORT COUNTY

Hickory Chapel....	C. W. Overton	Ahoskie.....	Aug. 1st Sunday..
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HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawsons Grove....	W. D. Harris,.....	Enfield, R-1---	Sept. 3rd Sunday .
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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Ninety Seventh session of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina convened with Little Creek Church, Greene County, November 7-8, 1945.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. M. A. Woodard. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Vernelson.

Welcome address by Rev. N. B. Barrow, pastor of local church.

Response, also remarks by the Moderator, Rev. L. B. Manning.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—Bro. J. L. McLawhon and Elds. W. B. Nobles and J. D. Vernelson.

Resolutions—Sister N. E. Harris, and Eld. W. A. Dail and Bro. J. E. Foreman.

Temperance—Sister Nettie Thigpen, James Little.

Orphanage—Sister Clarence Barnhill, Rev. W. G. Ennis, A. L. Summerlin.

Rev. R. P. Harris stated that the Albemarle Conference had been organized and that they had made a very good start. All ministers and churches joining the Albemarle Conference, were dismissed from our minutes.

The following ministers were enrolled:

Central—L. B. Manning, N. D. Beaman, J. E. Wooten, D. W. Alexander, W. A. Dail, P. C. Wiggs, W. G. Ennis, D. A. Windham, M. A. Woodard, N. B. Barrow, W. B. Nobles, R. B. Spencer, Albert Harris, Levy Humbles, J. C. Moye, R. H. Mason, R. C. Proctor, Marshal Joyner, J. W. Wooten.

Eastern Association—W. B. Everette, S. A. Smith, J. C. Griffin, Rashie Kennedy.

Western Association—M. L. Johnson, A. R. Flowers, J. H. Worley, F. A. Rivenbark, W. K. Jordan.

Albemarle Conference—R. P. Harris, Cecil Alexander.

Cumberland Association, Tennessee—J. R. Davidson.

By motion any minister elected on any board, his appointment on any committee shall be terminated.

Rev. M. A. Woodard was elected to serve on the Ordaining Council in place of Rev. R. P. Harris.

Rev. D. A. Windham and sister N. E. Harris were appointed to write a biographical sketch of the life of Rev. W. W. Cuthrell, and a notation be made as to its being late.

The Resolutions of Respect for Rev. W. W. Cuthrell were adopted.

Song service conducted by Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Special music by Rev. R. P. Harris.

The Conference sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, using as a text, Matt. 19: 27. Subject, "The Christian's Reward."

Rev. M. L. Johnson made a fine report about the Church Finance Corporation, also about Superannuation. An offering was taken for Superannuation, amount \$30.91.

Rev. Bruce Barrow made a few remarks and assured all present that they were welcome to the fine dinner to be served.

Dismissed for dinner by Rev. R. B. Spencer.

12:00—Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Reassembled. Song service led by Rev. Albert Harris.

Rev. D. W. Alexander made a splendid talk on Temperance.

Devotional Committee reported—Rev. W. G. Ennis open, Rev. J. D. Vernelson preach tonight (Wed.) at 7:30, and Rev. R. P. Harris preach tomorrow (Thurs.) at 11:30.

Elds. J. E. Wooten and D. W. Alexander reported that much progress had been made by the F. W. B. Press.

The report on Education was adopted with the following recommendation:

That this Conference hold a ministers' Institute once each three months.

Conference called off 'til 9:30 Thursday morning. Dismissed by Rev. W. B. Nobles.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotions by Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Prayer by Sister Nettie Thigpen and Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Minutes of yesterday corrected and approved.

Rev. R. C. Proctor was accepted as a member of this Conference and his name added to the roll.

The report of the Mission Board was adopted. (See Report).

We had short talks by all the visiting ministers.

Bro. Jesse Gay was asked to serve on the Finance Committee.

Rev. J. R. Davidson made a fine talk about the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn.

By motion we accepted the program of the Educational Board.

Rev. J. E. Wooten offered his resignation on the Ordaining Council, but it was tabled.

By motion the account of \$2.50 for programs was paid, and Clerk is to have 500 printed each year.

The Orphanage report was accepted. (See Report.)

Rev. J. A. Evans made an extremely good report about the Orphanage. Rev. J. C. Moyer continued the Orphanage report, showing what Our Confer-

ence had done for it during the past year. An offering was taken for the Orphanage, amount \$201.01.

Sister Ethel Moye, assisted by Sisters Roy Dail, Preston Clark, Mary Ida Moye, Elds. J. A. Evans and Rev. J. H. Worley, conducted a very impressive memorial service. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Alexander. Sermon by Rev. R. P. Harris. Subject: "Christian Stewardship."

Dismissed by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Re-assembled at 1:15. Devotions by Bro. E. D. Griffin. Prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

Quartette by Elds. J. R. Davidson, R. P. Harris, Albert Harris and Bro. E. D. Griffin.

The place for the next Conference to be held was left with the Executive Committee, and they decided to hold it with Shiloh Church, Beaufort County.

By motion the Temperance report was adopted.

Sister Ethel Moye spoke concerning the Assembly Grounds and an offering was taken amounting to \$74.46.

Rev. J. E. Wooten stated that the \$150.00 held in trust from the Pittman Memorial Institute, had been turned over to the Assembly Grounds Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion we raise the salary of the Clerk from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per year.

Special music by the male quartette named above.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the church and community for the splendid way in which they had cared for the Conference.

A free-will offering was taken for the Clerk, amount \$42.50.

Conference closed by singing, "God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again."

Rev. L. B. Manning, Moderator.

E. C. Hines, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total amount raised ----- \$852.48

Disbursed as follows:

Superannuation -----	\$ 35.91
Orphanage -----	267.26
National Unified Program -----	124.85
Conference Expense -----	127.50

Assembly Grounds -----	100.00
Assembly Grounds by off. -----	74.46
Local Missions -----	40.00
Church Building Program—Hugo \$20, LaGrange \$20 -----	40.00
Offering for Clerk -----	42.50
Total -----	\$852.48

L. W. Humblès,
J. Albert Harris,
R. H. Mason,
W. M. Hardison,
Jesse Gay,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Temperance for the Central Conference, now in session at Little Creek Church, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That we urge each member of the churches within this Conference to be temperate in all things.

2. That we observe total abstinence from all appearances of evil, especially the use of intoxicating beverages, realizing its evil effects on the soul as well as the body.

3. That we abstain from buying or selling any kind of alcoholic beverages.

4. We recommend that each church member within this Conference use his or her influence against the A. B. C. Stores, because we realize its the same old Bar-room dressed up in a new suit of clothes. We also recommend that we refuse to vote for any wet politician, and that when ever an opportunity presents its self we as Christians go to the polls and vote the A. B. C. Stores out.

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
M. A. Woodard.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

Received from Central Conference, November 11, 1944 -----	\$62.96
Received from Miss Alice Dail, January 3, 1945 -----	5.00
Received from Mrs. McCoy Tripp, February 12, 1945—Balance in Treasury of previous Mission Board of Central Conference ----	137.85

(One meeting of this Board was held at which it was decided to send checks of the following amounts:)

To South Norfolk Church, Norfolk, Virginia -----	\$62.96
To Little Creek Church in Virginia -----	50.00
To Rocky Mount Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina -----	50.00
Balance in treasury, November 8, 1945 -----	\$42.95

Submitted by:

Mr. J. H. Harris, Chairman,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Mrs. W. L. Haddock.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

We, your Committee on Education, beg to report:

There was turned over to us at last Conference \$116.74. We contacted Rev. L. R. Ennis, President of our Bible College, as to what students from our Conference were in need of funds, and he informed us that Miss Etheridge would need at least fifty dollars to complete the year and to graduate and we placed the amount to her credit, which she expressed thanks to this Conference. This leaves in our hands \$66.74.

We have held three Bible Institutes, two in Greenville, and one at Reedy Branch; at which we studied Christian Baptism, The Lord's Supper and regeneration, respectively.

For the lack of interest we decided the effort not justified and discontinued.

Submitted by Committee:

D. A. Windham, Chairman,
S. J. Vincent, Secretary,
Levi Hill, Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

We, the Committee, submit the following report: the Orphanage is progressing nicely under the present circumstances. We find there is a labor shortage. They need some equipment in the kitchen and dining room, such as rugs and other things that are commonly used in both. We suggest general improvements and enlargement of the Orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. W. G. Ennis,
Mrs. Clarence Barnhill,
A. L. Summerlin.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

November 1, 1944, to October 31, 1945

Total Receipts from this District -----\$616.20

This amount was given as follows:

Churches -----	\$338.07
Women's Auxiliary Work -----	\$ 87.46
Sunday School Work -----	\$102.72
Union Meetings -----	\$ 71.45
Leagues -----	\$ 16.50

Three of your Ministers are receiving Help from this Board now.

One Insurance Policy has been issued to a Minister in your Conference through the National Board of Superannuation. One application is now pending. Others may make application for this Insurance at any time by contacting the Chairman-Treasurer of this State Board. This Insurance is a Retirement-Life Policy, and the National Board pays half the Premiums.

We ask you to help us reach our Goal for this year, which is \$5,000.00 for the State. We are asking each Church to try to raise 25c per member. An Honor Roll of all who raise the 25c per member will be published in the Baptist.

M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Upon being formally advised of the death of our brother, Rev. W. W. Cuthrell, of Rocky Mount, N. C., this (his) Central Conference of North Carolina, in executive session with Sweet Gum Grove Church, in Pitt County, November 8, 1944, do submit the following resolutions:

First—That we bow humbly to His will in calling the spirit of our beloved brother to live with Him;

Second—That our sympathy and prayers go out to his bereaved family. May they take their burdens to the Lord, in whom he had supreme faith, and find comfort; and

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, a copy to the members of the family, and a copy to be reserved in the minutes of the Conference.

Wilton H. Dail,

Robt. M. Gradeless,

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Counties	Delegates	Died	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Diamlased	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contribution	Value of Church Property	No. of Minutes
Black Jack	Pitt.	J. S. Smith, H. A. Dixon	2	3	3	5		350	\$25.00	\$ 5,000	25
Reedy Branch	Pitt.	Charlie Davenport, Raymond Hardee	2	2	3			406	25.00	5,000	25
Hickory Grove	Pitt.	Fred Jones and Wife	2	2	3			108	15.00	3,000	20
Elm Grove	Pitt.	Sisters S. E. Beddard, App Reaves			10			150	10.00	2,000	20
Dilda's Grove	Pitt.	James Little	1	5	2			30	5.00	1,500	10
Bethany	Pitt.	Luther Dail	1		2			100	10.00	10,000	15
Winterville	Pitt.	N. C. Forlines, R. J. Briley	1	1	7	1		136	10.00	3,000	20
Rose Hill	Pitt.	J. T. Roberson, Sr., J. T. Roberson, Jr.	2	2	9			263	15.00	3,000	25
Gum Swamp	Pitt.	A. L. Morris and Wife	3	1	21			450	10.00	3,000	30
Pleasant Hill	Pitt.	Mrs. R. P. Gaskins	1					102	5.00	2,500	15
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt.	Leon Barnhill, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill	3	1	14	1		184	10.00	4,000	20
Kings Cross Roads	Pitt.	I. C. and L. A. Tugwell	2	1	10	3	3	224	20.00	3,000	25
Ayden	Pitt.	Mrs. Cornelia Nobles						256	10.00	15,000	30
Parker's Chapel	Pitt.	D. S. Harris and Wife	5		3			50	5.00	1,000	10
Greenville	Pitt.	H. A. Moore and Wife						200	15.00	6,000	25
Marlboro	Pitt.	Lt. and Mrs. L. M. Brock						210	15.00	3,000	25
Hull Road	Greene	Noah Hemby, Levi Hill	5	2	6			453	40.00	3,500	30
Mauzy	Greene	H. L. Spivey, Mrs. J. D. Vinson	1		9	1		69	5.00	1,500	10
Grimsley	Greene	B. T. Dail	2	11	3	1		147	15.00	1,500	20
Sts. Delight	Greene	J. I. Mooring and Edward Bowen		2	18	4		360	10.00	3,500	30
Spring Branch	Greene	Jesse Gay, G. W. Bailey			7			232	12.50	2,000	25
Little Creek	Greene	J. L. McLawhorn, Blaney Sumrell	2		2			93	10.00	2,500	15
Harrell's Chapel	Greene	T. E. Ham and Herman Radford						61	8.00	500	10
Friendship	Greene	H. C. Tyson, Grey Craft		5	2			110	7.50	1,000	15
Free Union	Greene	W. M. Hardison, Jamie Heath and M. Edwards	6		14			282	20.00	5,000	25
Otter's Creek	Edgecombe	R. J. Owens and Albert Lewis	3	2	3			75	23.00	2,000	15
Edgewood	Edgecombe	A. L. Summerlin	1	1	2	1		82	10.00	1,000	10
Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	Mrs. N. E. Harris						39	2.00	5,000	10
Dawson's Grove	Halifax	J. H. Harris						54	10.00	2,000	10
Hugo	Lenoir	J. C. Smith and Wife	1	4	24	1		150	10.00	1,500	20
LaGrange	Lenoir	Not Represented						77		1,500	15
Cedar Grove	Martin	Z. B. Cox and Wife	1					50	5.00	1,000	10
Rose of Sharon	Martin	Jesse E. Mizelle and Wife		2	1		2	73	10.00	1,700	15
Shiloh	Beaufort	J. E. Foreman and J. H. Waters	5		13	5		294	30.00	2,000	30
Piney Grove	Beaufort	L. W. Mizell			3		1	82	2.00	1,000	10
Watery Branch	Wayne	Nannie and Jasper Jones	1		20	2		62	10.00	2,500	10
Antioch	Wayne	M. K. and Larry Bartlett	1		3			144	10.60	2,500	15
Walnut Creek	Wayne	Not Represented									
Saratoga	Wilson	Maggie Proctor and Nettie Thigpen	2		7	2		113	10.00	3,000	15
Aspin Grove	Wilson	Rev. C. D. Hamilton and Wife	4		20			125	11.00	1,500	20
Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	C. W. Pittman			3			120	10.00	2,500	15
Owen's Chapel	Wilson	J. E. Baker						125	10.00	1,500	12



