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MINUTES

of the

Two Hundred Fourth Session

of the

CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

of the

(ORIGINAL)

Free Will Baptist Church

held with

Elm Grove Church

PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

November 5, 6, 1952

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Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator

Leo Tripp, Clerk

Rev. J. C. Moye, Conference Host

Rev. Frank Davenport, (Assistant Pastor)



Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg, N. C.

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Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.

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Leo Tripp, Winterville, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Ralph Osborne, Pinetown, N. C.

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Rev. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.

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D. W. Alexander

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Lee Jones

Mrs. Wilbur Worthington

Russell Little

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Russell Little

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BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rashie Kennedy

N. D. Beaman

Charles Craddock

W. B. Raper

Frank Davenport

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.....Rev. Rashie Kennedy

Roll of Ministers

D. A. Windham	Greenville, N. C.
J. C. Moye	Snow Hill, N. C.
D. W. Alexander	Bethel, N. C.
W. B. Nobles	Winterville, N. C.
W. L. Hart	Clayton, N. C.
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.
M. A. Woodard-Retired	Winterville, N. C.
W. A. Dail-Retired	Route 2, Winterville, N. C.
L. B. Manning	Route 1, Fountain, N. C.
H. T. Sowers	Snow Hill, N. C.
R. H. Mason	Ayden, N. C.
W. G. Ennis	Greenville, N. C.
N. D. Beaman	Snow Hill, N. C.
Marshall Joyner	Winterville, N. C.
J. P. Barrow	Nashville, Tenn.
P. C. Wiggs	Macclesfield, N. C.
R. B. Spencer	Ayden, N. C.
C. D. Hamilton	Fountain, N. C.
Loy E. Ballard	Ayden, N. C.
Leonard Earl Harris	Rocky Mount, N. C.
J. D. Vernelson	Route 3, Washington, N. C.
R. C. Proctor	Route 3, Wilson, N. C.
C. L. Patrick	Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.
C. J. Harris	Greenville, N. C.
Ralph Osborne	Pinetown, N. C.
R. B. Crawford	Bryan, Texas
T. P. Ellis	Route 1, Fountain, N. C.
Graham Baker	Greenville, N. C.
Clarence Little	Greenville, N. C.
Rashie Kennedy	303 Meade St., Greenville, N. C.
Roland Cherry	Williamston, N. C.
Charles Craddock	Ayden, N. C.
Hubert Burress	Saratoga, N. C.
W. B. Raper	Snow Hill, N. C.
Frank Davenport	Grifton, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

M. A. Woolard		Pantego, N. C.
Heber Joyner		Greenville, N. C.
R. L. Norville	J. C. Smith	Luther Tyson
Carson Tyson	A. G. Baker	Charles Edward Keith

Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

PITT COUNTY—

Reedy Branch—Mrs. C. L. Davenport, Winterville, N. C., R-2.
Bethany—Mrs. Charles Edwards, Winterville, N. C.
Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forest, Greenville, N. C., 304 Oak St.
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.
Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Margaret Barnhill, Greenville, N. C., R-4.
Rose Hill—Mrs. Myra Stanley, R-3, Greenville, N. C.
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Conetoe, N. C.
Greenville—Mrs. Kincy Smith, Greenville, N. C., R-2.
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Archie Horton, Macclesfield, N. C.
Winterville—Clyde Hines, Winterville, N. C.
Parker's Chapel—Lloyd Johnson, Greenville, N. C., R-5.
Pleasant Hill—L. D. Stanley, Winterville, N. C., R-1.
Elm Grove—Levi G. Worthington, Ayden, N. C., R-3.
Black Jack—A. G. Gaskins, Greenville, N. C., R-3.
Ayden—Mrs. Thelbert Hart, Ayden, N. C., R.F.D.
Marlboro—Sam V. Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.
Gum Swamp—Floyd P. Harris, Greenville, N. C., R-4.
Grifton—Miss Lynnette Barfield, Grifton, N. C.

GREENE COUNTY—

Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Farmville, N. C., R-1.
New Sts. Delight—K. L. Wooten, Maury, N. C.
Old Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Snow Hill, N. C.
Little Creek—Earl McLawhorn, Grifton, N. C., R-2.
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard Owens, Walstonburg, N. C.
Howell Swamp—R. S. Holloman, Walstonburg, N. C.
Maury—Lynnell Spivey, Maury, N. C.
Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Walstonburg, N. C.
Hull Road—Alford Ginn, Snow Hill, N. C., R-2.
Harrel's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Snow Hill, N. C., R-3.
Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Hookerton, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY—

Hugo—Mrs. Wilton Faulkner, Grifton, N. C., R-2.
LaGrange—Mrs. Mary Hardy, LaGrange, N. C., R-1.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY—

Rocky Mount—Mrs. O. C. Merritt, Rocky Mount, N. C., 1509 Wilson Rd.
Edgewood—R. H. Harrell, Greenville, N. C.
Otters Creek—Mrs. Johnnie Wooten, Macclesfield, N. C., R-1.

WAYNE COUNTY—

Antioch—George C. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C., R-2.
Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, LaGrange, N. C., R-2.
Watery Branch—Edger Benton, Lucama, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY—

Owen's Chapel—J. E. Baker, Elm City, N. C., R-3.
Saratoga—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg, N. C., R-1.
Aspin Grove—Clifton Gardner, Fountain, N. C.
Daniel's Chapel—Charlie Pittman, Jr., Wilson, N. C., R-3.

MARTIN COUNTY—

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Mae Jones, Williamston, N. C., R-3.
Rose of Sharon—Saith Bailey, Williamston, N. C.
Williamston—Mrs. Simon Gurganus, Williamston, N. C.

BEAUFORT COUNTY—

Piney Grove—James Ausborn, Robersonville, N. C.
Shiloh—J. E. Foreman, Washington, N. C., R-2.

HALIFAX COUNTY—

Dawson's Grove—W. D. Harris, Enfield, N. C., R-1.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY—

St. Paul—Mrs. Sudie Copeland, 715 Fleetw'd St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The North Carolina Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina convened its two hundred fourth session with Elm Grove Church, Pitt County, November 5 and 6, 1952.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. B. Nobles. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Dail.

The welcome address was delivered by the pastor of the local church, Rev. Frank Davenport and the response by Mrs. Thomas Tyndall.

The Moderator in his message, emphasized the fact that we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us.

The following ministers were enrolled: Revs. J. E. Wooten, Graham Baker, Clarence Little, R. B. Spencer, R. H. Mason, M. A. Woodard, W. A. Dail, N. B. Barrow, D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, Rashie Kennedy, Hubert Burress, D. A. Windham, Loy E. Ballard, Frank Davenport, J. D. Vernelson, C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, L. B. Manning, C. J. Harris, T. P. Ellis, J. C. Moye and C. L. Patrick.

Eastern Conference—Revs. D. W. Hansley, James Miller.

North East Mississippi Association—Rev. Charles Craddock.

Western Conference—Revs. Burkette Raper, M. L. Johnson, R. P. Harris.

On motion all visiting ministers and brethren were asked to sit with us in this conference and all privileges be given them save that of voting.

The minutes of the executive committee were read and adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

Orphanage—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, M. A. Woodard, Mrs. Wilbur Worthington.

Temperance—Rev. L. B. Manning, Mr. Will Hardison, M. S. Cowan.

Resolution—Rev. Hubert Burress, D. W. Alexander, Graham Baker.

Obituary—Rev. D. A. Windham.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, the state Promotional Secretary, gave a report of the funds received by the promotional office from the Central Conference for the past year. By a motion this report was received as information.

Rev. S. A. Smith gave a report of the orphanage, and urged the churches to rally to the support of the orphanage. A collection was taken for the orphanage which amounted to \$174.96.

After some announcements and a congregational hymn, Rev. W. B. Raper delivered the Introductory Sermon. His subject was "Why The Church."

Recessed for Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled at one o'clock with the devotions conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, prayer by Rev. James Miller.

The memorial tributes were conducted by Rev. D. A. Windham, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Mrs. Levi Worthington, Mr. George Harrison and Rev. R. P. Harris.

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow gave a report of the State Mission work, also a report of the Ordaining Council. By a motion his report was received in its entirety.

A letter was read from the Mississippi Association recommending Rev. Charles Craddock to this conference. Rev. W. B. Raper also asked to become a member of this conference. By a motion Rev. Craddock and Rev. Raper were enrolled as ministers of this conference with the consent of the Ordaining Council.

Rev. J. E. Wooten spoke in the interest of the Youth Spotlight.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard spoke concerning the purchasing of an organ for the Bible College.

By a request of the Williamston Church and the Grifton Church, the two were received by a motion as members of this conference.

Rev. D. W. Alexander gave a report concerning the sale made of the Arthur Church. The report was accepted.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy made an announcement about a county wide church census.

By a motion, the Clerk was asked to notify all ministers about the action of the conference concerning their identification cards.

Recess.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Central Conference reassembled at nine thirty o'clock, November 6, 1952. After some congregational singing, Rev. D. A. Windham led the opening prayer. Rev. Leroy Forlines conducted the devotions. In his opening talk to the conference, he urged each one to acquaint themselves with the plan of salvation.

The minutes of yesterday's activities were read and approved.

Rev. L. B. Manning gave a report of the Temperance Committee and recommended the adoption of the Church Covenant as our guide and offered it as a temperance report. By a motion this report was received.

The following ministers were enrolled that were not present yesterday:

Central Conference—Revs. Ralph Osborne, R. C. Proctor, Leroy Forlines.

Licensed Minister—Rev. Robert Lee Norville.

Eastern Conference—Revs. J. C. Griffin, J. W. Alford, J. E. Howard.

Western Conference—Revs. W. E. Anderson, Floyd Cherry, Ray Allman.

East Texas Association—Rev. Wesley Calvery.

Rev. Hubert Burress gave a report of the Resolution Committee and the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that we give a rising vote of thanks to Elm Grove Church for its wonderful hospitality shown this conference.

(Signed)

Hubert Burress

D. W. Alexander

Rev. D. A. Windham gave an Educational report and by a motion the report was received and adopted. (see Report)

The following resolution was passed: Resolved, that the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist recommend to its churches that they use Original Free Will Baptist Ministers to conduct their revivals and evangelistic campaigns.

(Signed)

Hubert Burress

D. W. Alexander

C. J. Harris

Rev. Rashie Kennedy gave a report of the Mission Board, and by a motion the report was received. (See Report)

On motion, we take an offering of which one-half the amount went to the needy students of this conference who are in the Bible College at Nashville, and the other half to go to Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery who are making preparations to go on the Mission field. The Educational Board and the Finance Committee were to determine who would receive the funds designated for the college students. By a motion, we took the offering after the message.

On motion that we pause for a moment of prayer and meditation in the behalf of Johnnie Humbles who is very ill.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery brought us a message in song.

The Convention Sermon was delivered by Rev. Wesley Calvery.

The offering referred to earlier amounted to \$154.42.

After some announcements we recessed for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Central Conference reassembled at one o'clock with the devotions conducted by Rev. R. L. Norville. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Vernelson.

A special solo was rendered by Miss Janice Worthington.

As there was only one invitation for the next conference so it was voted to go to Hugo Church, Lenoir County. The delegates of Hugo asked Rev. D. W. Alexander to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. L. B. Manning to be his alternate.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy gave a report of the Orphanage Committee and the report was adopted. (See Report)

By his own request, Rev. Leroy Forlines was granted a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Virginia Association.

On motion we ask the Executive Board to appoint delegates to the various church bodies.

The officers of the conference were elected for the next two years. (see List of Officers)

On motion we have three to represent stock in the Press instead of two.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy was elected as a publicity committee.

Rev. J. D. Vernelson gave the report of the Finance Committee and by a motion the report was adopted. (See Report)

The conference was closed by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and an old-fashioned hand shaking was enjoyed.

Conference dismissed.

Respectfully,

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator

Leo Tripp, Clerk

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1—The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met at the Mission Tent in the Town of Grifton, Pitt County, Thursday Night, May the Twenty Second, Nineteen Hundred Fifty Two, at seven o'clock.

The following members of the committee were present: Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator; Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Assistant Moderator; Leo Tripp, Clerk; Rev. C. J. Harris, Treasurer; and Rev. J. D. Vernelson. Rev. Clifton Rice and Rev. Frank Davenport were also present.

The meeting was presided over by the Moderator, prayer by Rev. C. J. Harris.

At this meeting the Conference Mission Board requested that a Free Will Baptist Church be organized in the town of Grifton. This was also recommended by Bro. Clifton Rice and Bro. Frank Davenport. By a motion this request was granted.

At the close of the evangelistic service that night, eleven persons presented themselves as charter members of the Grifton Church. The following officers were elected: Deacon—Mr. Zelbert Cox; Clerk—Miss Lynnette Barfield; Treasurer—Mr. Elmer Nelson. The presiding officers were asked to serve as the Board of Trustees.

Rev. J. D. Vernelson then presented the Church Covenant. Rev. N. B. Barrow presented The Bible. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. C. J. Harris. The Moderator then declared the Grifton Church as being officially organized. Dismissed by Rev. L. B. Manning.

Respectfully,

The Committee

Churches	Delegates	Contributions	Value of Church Property	No. Members	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dismissed	Died	Total Money Raised	Offerings	Tithes	Members of S. S.	Members of League	Members of W. A.	Members, Other Aux.	Number of Minutes
<i>Pitt County--</i>																
Ayden	Mrs. Wilbur Worthington, Mrs. Leon Dunn, Mrs. Katie Hemyby, Mrs. Guy Dunn	\$10.00	\$20,000	212	7	6	3	2	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,322.50	0	174	0	26	30	
Bethany	Mrs. G. N. Edwards, Mrs. Charles Edwards	10.00	15,000	161	4	1	1	1	180.00	2,137	0	137	0	0	20	
Black Jack	Scott Dixon, Arthur Galloway	10.00	34,000	385	7	0	7	4	4,298.68	0	313	95	67	40		
Diddy's Grove	By Letter	10.00	4,000	65	9	6	0	0	1,744.70	699.51	0	82	20	30		
Elm Grove	J. T. Beddard, Jr., E. B. Murphy	10.00	75,000	299	11	4	2	2	17,495.00	862.04	0	163	50	30	30	
Greenville	Mrs. Marion Mills, Mrs. Kiney Smith	10.00	35,000	583	63	25	10	1	10,233.00	0	358	54	87	25	30	
Hickory Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whitehurst	10.00	10,000	125	0	1	4	0	299.91	275.68	0	72	0	18	15	
King's Cross Roads	J. A. Fulford, R. R. Case	20.00	5,000	226	10	3	3	6	0	1,719.43	0	41	0	30		
Marlboro	Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Bundy	20.00	6,000	248	3	3	10	0	2,386.16	497.97	0	149	41	25	11	30
Parker's Chapel	Paul W. Harris, C. J. Jones	10.00	10,000	164	22	22	6	0	1,983.18	0	130	0	30	20	20	
Piney Grove	Mrs. Leslie Humbles, Mrs. Steven Humbles	10.00	20,000	227	4	6	4	3	4,784.81	428.18	0	172	37	15	15	
Pleasant Hill																
Reedy Branch	F. McCoy Tripp, C. F. Little	25.00	12,000	229	6	1	3	5	3,536.80	3,217.85	179	51	33	30		
Rose Hill	H. M. Page, Ernest Adams	15.00	15,000	255	9	3	0	4	1,574.67	1,574.67	170	15	25	20		
Sweet Gum Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barnhill	20.00	5,000	193	19	1	9	1	1,825.22	1,825.22	112	30	40	20		
Winterville	Mrs. J. L. Forlines, Mrs. Claude Whitehurst	15.00	15,000	164	15	0	3	2	3,500.00	0	194	20	20	20		
Gum Swamp	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones	10.00	40,000	538	4	4	11	1	4,153.00	0	95	25	20	20		
Grifton																
<i>Greene County--</i>																
Friendship	Jesse O'Quinn, L. D. Braxton	15.00	5,000	156	15	3	2	6	2,324.85	0	115	29	10			
Free Union	Mrs. Ida Jones, L. H. Heath	35.00	28,000	407	30	4	2	2	8,112.11	2,066.01	217	50	59	40		
Grimsley	R. E. Robinson, B. T. Dail	10.00	15,000	174	16	0	7	1	1,672.87	0	78	25	20			
Harrell's Chapel	R. E. Hart	10.00	15,000	100	0	0	0	0	75.00	109	109	84	35	40		
Hull Road	Levi Hill, Daniel Barrow	40.00	30,000	484	31	1	3	9	10,400.00	300	256	84	35	40		
Little Creek	Mrs. Joe Sumrell, Mrs. J. E. Humbles	10.00	10,000	73	7	2	0	0	2,140.18	0	92	19	12			
Maury		5.00	4,000	35	20	1	0	0	2,140.18	0	92	19	12			
Saint's Delight	Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tripp	10.00	10,000	344	9	2	6	2	1,000.00	108.00	176	20	22	30		
Old St.'s Delight	Miss Helen Moccie, Mrs. C. H. Cox	10.00	4,500	95	3	0	3	2	1,985.00	257.00	88	43	30			
Howell Swamp	Carl Cobb, Lee Jones	10.00	15,000	134	0	0	6	4	466.77	0	82	16	20			
Spring Branch	Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bailly	25.00	2,500	234	16	1	0	5	2,999.32	2,999.32	88	43	30			
<i>Edgecombe County--</i>																
Edgewood	Rufus Harrell, C. F. Abrams	20.00	14,000	104	4	9	7	0	1,205.25	0	87	18	10			
Otter's Creek	Mrs. L. A. Bell, Mrs. Saddle Lilly	5.00	350	83	2	2	1	0	1,850.05	1,336.28	1	60	21	10		
Rocky Mount			25,000	144	10	8	3	1	4,521.84	0	155	40	21	10		
<i>Lenoir County--</i>																
La Grange		10.00	8,000	169	4	2	0	2	1,050.77	0	169	20	20			
Hugo	Mrs. Martha Holt, Mrs. Leona Faulkner		15,000	200	5	0	1	2	0	150	20	10				
<i>Martin County--</i>																
Williamston																
Cedar Grove																
Rose of Sharon	Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cowan	10.00	4,500	133	7	0	1	2	1,612.20	784.30	55	15				
<i>Wilson County--</i>																
Aspen Grove																
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pittman	10.00	10,000	139	12	1	0	1	2,872.71	2,517.21	172	17	27	14		
Owens' Chapel		10.00	10,000	149	36	3	3		1,423.00	0	98	33	25	12		
Saratoga	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proctor	10.00	6,000	223	16	2	2	0	3,346.92	0	153	46	24	25		
<i>Wayne County--</i>																
Antioch	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edmondson	10.00	25,000	158	20	0	2	1	1,653.49	920.84	130	31	30	20		
Walnut Creek	By Letter	5.00	2,600	70	3	1	0	1	1,451.07	641.20	67	12	10			
Watery Branch		10.00	6,000	181	11	2	4	0	1,118.24	0	126	12	10			
<i>Beaufort County--</i>																
Piney Grove	Charlie Taylor, A. H. Jackson	10.00	2,000	112	1	0	4	0	890.23	555.38	56	25	18	20		
Shiloh	J. E. Foreman, Erving G. Foreman	25.00	2,000	300	1	1	3	1	1,894.78	0	114	45	30			
<i>Halifax County--</i>																
Dawson's Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sarrie	10.00	10,000	80	0	1	0	1	1,240.76	0	29	25	10			
<i>Pasquotank County--</i>																
St. Paul	By Letter	5.00	3,500	46	7	7	0	0	3,949.83	2,569.14	76	33	22	10		

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<i>Greene County—</i>													
Friendship	365.00	1,119.00	780.00		190.00	92.00	40.00		40.00	280.00	100.00		
Free Union	100.00	7,597.05	1,200.00	34.60	798.85	38.08	40.60		20.00	5,030.42			
Grimsley	325.00	1,672.87	480.00	139.80	284.72	181.37	39.00		25.00	61.35	136.73		
Harrell's Chapel	150.00	3,000.00	400.00	50.00	200.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	2,000.00	50.00		
Hull Road	200.00		1,500.00	907.00	497.00	50.00			40.00	110.60	800.00		
Little Creek	100.00	2,000.00	600.00							1,312.17			
Mauzy	262.00	1,332.00	108.00						12.00	950.00			
Saints' Delight	200.00	1,687.00	700.00	10.00	211.00	94.50	5.00	10.00	32.00	200.00	200.00		
Old Saints' Delight	100.00	450.92	210.00	8.00					32.00	30.92			
Howell Swamp	100.00	2,686.32	1,500.00	30.00	270.00	43.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	288.00	375.72		
Spring Branch	200.00	2,723.65	540.00	45.00	420.00	20.00	45.00	15.00	60.00	930.84	446.81		
<i>Edgecombe County—</i>													
Edgewood	175.00	1,175.00	480.00	10.00	40.25				30.00		450.00		
Otter's Creek	250.00	2,867.31	420.00		60.00	17.00			29.00	1,928.47	166.31		
Rocky Mount	296.55		2,888.00	88.55	203.28	19.74	9.83		20.00	2,950.53	88.55		
<i>Lenoir County—</i>													
Hugo	100.00	1,854.34	779.00	15.00	60.00	15.00	15.00		20.00	1,160.00	32.50		
La Grange	200.00	1,254.32	600.00						15.00		80.49		
<i>Martin County—</i>													
Williamston													
Cedar Grove													
Rose of Sharon	205.00	1,397.11	720.00	36.02	94.05	15.00	20.00		32.00	75.79	300.00		
<i>Wilson County—</i>													
Aspin Grove													
Daniel's Chapel	287.37	2,642.10	360.00	10.00	283.00	30.00	25.00	5.00	60.00	853.37	227.03		
Owens' Chapel	400.00		840.00	20.00	125.00	10.00			28.00				
Saratoga	226.00	3,181.52	1,209.11	10.00	503.15	10.00	23.65		75.00	1,006.53	158.88		
<i>Wayne County—</i>													
Antioch	402.35	1,629.26	600.00	20.00	152.00	22.33			30.00		287.93		
Walnut Creek	175.00	928.37	466.20	27.07	83.60		20.00		20.00	147.45	34.05		
Watery Branch	210.00		440.00		87.00				20.00	500.00			
<i>Beaufort County—</i>													
Piney Grove	220.50	771.68	463.22	4.00	91.57	4.00	4.00		38.00	17.00	31.45		
Shilon	263.12	1,771.78	1,060.00	25.00	100.00	10.00			20.00		546.00		
<i>Halifax County—</i>													
Dawson's Grove	205.00	1,942.90	925.00	32.33	151.14	19.35	31.08	14.29	36.00	186.45	302.26		
<i>Pasquotank County—</i>													
St. Paul	657.52	3,949.83	2,356.06		121.50				16.75	66.18	731.82		

2—On the night of June 26, 1952, three members of the Executive Committee, composed of Rev. C. L. Patrick, Rev. J. D. Vernelson and Leo Tripp, met at the home of Rev. Roland C. Cherry, in the town of Williamston, N. C. At this meeting the Conference Mission Board and Rev. Roland Cherry requested that a Free Will Baptist Church be organized in the town of Williamston. By a motion this request was granted.

Later that night at the home of Mr. Simon Gurganous, twenty persons presented themselves as charter members of the Williamston Church and the following officers were elected: Deacons, Mr. Simon T. Stevenson, Mr. Clyde Owens, and Mr. Luther Taylor; Clerk, Mrs. Simon Gurganous; Treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Owens. The Board of Deacons plus Mr. W. A. Roberson, were asked to serve as Trustees.

Rev. C. L. Patrick presented the Bible and Rev. J. D. Vernelson presented the Church Covenant. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Luther Tyson.

The Moderator then declared the Williamston Free Will Baptist Church as being officially organized. Dismissed by Rev. Roland Cherry.

Respectfully,

The Committee

3—The Executive Committee met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C., on the afternoon of September 9, with all members being present. The meeting was presided over by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Harris.

The program for the Nineteen Hundred Fifty Two session was arranged and the Clerk was asked to notify those on the program and to have a copy of the program run in the Baptist paper announcing the setting of the conference. Also to have seven hundred and fifty copies printed.

As there was no other business we were dismissed by Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Respectfully,

The Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Conference:

We, your Educational Board, wish to make the following report and recommendations:

While we have not put on any kind of special drive or campaign in the interest of Christian Education during this year as a board, we can report some work throughout the conference bounds that has been done with our approval.

First, the quartet from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, visited a number of the churches, singing and taking offerings for the college. Second, a number of the students from the college worked in this section during the past summer, holding meetings and conducting rallies of young people at which offerings were taken for a fund used to supplement the funds of students toward their college expenses. Third, the Girl's Quartet from King's Cross Roads Church, visited a number of the churches, giving programs emphasizing Christian Education.

We recommend that the churches of our conference cooperate to the fullest possible extent in the present drive for funds to liquidate the indebtedness against our college property in Nashville, Tennessee, and that we give such moral and financial support that we can to students from this conference attending the Bible College.

The Board of Christian Education,

D. A. Windham, Chairman

L. E. Ballard

C. J. Harris

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Balance from last year's report	\$ 8.29
Paid out for telegrams	3.00
Balance at this conference	5.29
Receipts from churches	570.42
Offering for orphanage	174.96
Offering for Wesley Calvary and college students	152.42
Gift	1.00

Total amount received\$904.09

Paid out as follows:

L. B. Manning (Mileage)	\$ 10.20
D. W. Alexander (Mileage)	26.73
N. D. Beaman (Mileage)	7.50
Rashie Kennedy (Mileage)	38.70
C. L. Patrick (Mileage)	16.75
Ralph Osborne (Mileage)	38.15
N. B. Barrow (Mileage)	22.75
J. D. Vernelson (Mileage)	10.00
F. W. B. Press (Bibles, Programs, Etc.)	27.75
F. W. B. Press (Minutes)	75.00
Leo Tripp (Salary)	35.00
Superannuation	30.00
Missions	100.00
F. W. B. College	75.00
Mt. Allen School	25.00
Cragmont	10.00
Orphanage	200.00
Wesley Calvary (Gift)	76.21
Needy College Students (Gift)	76.21

Total Paid Out\$900.95

Amount left in treasury\$ 3.14

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We, your Board of Trustees, on or about November 15, 1951, sold the Bell Arthur Church building to the colored Church of Bell Arthur, for the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars. One thousand dollars was paid cash and a first mortgage was taken on the church building and a new lot bought by them in the amount of one thousand dollars.

We also sold the said church lot for the sum of one hundred dollars.

(Signed) D. W. Alexander, Chairman

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend that Bro. W. B. Raper and Bro. Charles Craddock be welcomed into our conference as of now, as full pledged members. This done on the basis of letters and reports received.

Respectfully,

Ordaining Council

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

We, the Orphanage Committee, report as follows:

1—We recommend that this conference go on record as approving the operation of the orphanage under the present management.

2—We recommend that every person here pledge his prayers and support, and that every church in the conference do its best to raise the assigned quota to pay off the indebtedness by Thanksgiving.

3—Further that each individual and church help either by their volunteer labor, prayers or gifts to complete the chapel between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so the boys and girls may have a proper place to worship God.

4—We also recommend that the churches of this conference continue their support monthly in order that our boys and girls may have equal opportunity with other children.

By the Committee

Rashie Kennedy, Chairman

Mrs. Wilbur Worthington

Rev. M. A. Woodard

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Central Conference Mission Board Report—November 6, 1952

The Central Conference in session at Rose Hill church in November, 1951, elected a Mission Board and charged them with the responsibility of administration of all mission work in the conference.

The mission board has met four times during the year in regular sessions besides in called sessions and other committee activities to plan and execute work. We have traveled over 774 miles. We are asking for \$38.70 to pay our mileage at 5 cents mile.

The Board in cooperation with the State Mission Board and the Executive Committee of the conference brought to the conference two organized churches; namely Grifton and Williamston, which became members of the conference yesterday.

Thus far the conference has not been called upon to finance the mission work except to pay the expense of the Board in operation. Any help needed by the mission points or newly organized churches has been granted by the State Mission Board from the home mission funds as the need has been presented. The more we give to State Home Missions, the more they can help us organize and establish churches. Our Foreign Mission money goes to help in the foreign field. Our home mission money goes to help establish churches at home. Home missions and foreign missions go together. The foreign mission interest in our conference has been well taken care of during the year. We trust you will help raise the states \$13,000.00 quota this year. We also hope you will help raise the State Mission Board quota of \$6,500.00 and the National Home Mission quota of \$1,500.00. As you help the state raise her quota she will be able to help our mission points grow into churches.

Since we have a church now in Grifton and Williamston we plan as a board to move on into new fields. The following fields have been approved by our Board as mission points worthy of our best efforts this year and as we can get around to them: Pinetops, Robersonville, Bethel, Snow Hill, Grimesland, Pactolus, Greenville, Tarboro, Hookerton, and Stokes. If you know of other needy places in the conference please notify the board.

Your Mission Board solicits your prayers, financial support, and personal service in bringing to the conference several newly organized churches during the coming year.

The present board members are: Rashie Kennedy, chairman, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, North Carolina; Ralph Osborne, Secretary-Treasurer, Pinetown, North Carolina; C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg, North Carolina; N. D. Beamon, Snow Hill, North Carolina; Levi Hill, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Signed

Rashie Kennedy, Chairman
Ralph Osborne, Secy.-Treas.
C. L. Patrick
Levi Hill
N. D. Beaman

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Report adopted

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina make the following report:

Meetings:

December 10, 1951, at Marlboro.

Examined for ordination Bro. Hubert Burress, who passed with the Board's recommendation that he take one year's work in a fundamental Bible School or College.

Bro. A. G. Baker could not be examined because his approach to Board was not according to regulations.

December 17, 1951, at Saratoga.

Bro. Burress ordained.

Bro. A. G. Baker examined for license.

May 29, 1952, at Friendship, Greene County.

Examined for license Bro. Luther Tyson and Bro. Carson Tyson. These brothers were recommended for license with the condition both familiarize themselves with chapter 22 of our Treatise, and they preach no other doctrines than these.

July 8, 1952, Ayden.

Examined Charles Edward Keith for license. We recommended his license after hearing from his church.

Examined Robert Lee Norville for license. We recommend his license.

October 7, 1952, Ayden.

Bro. Smith present for license, but due to lack of proper recommendation from church he was not examined.

Bro. Frank Davenport present but not questioned for ordination, due to time element. (One year not passed since licensing.)

We recommend to the conference we forgive Bro. P. C. Wiggs of any rumors circulated, he having been before Board and satisfied the Board.

That our conference refuse to fellowship anyone who flees from Central Conference Council to another for either license or ordination, unless he clears himself with Central Conference first, and that our churches refuse to recognize those the Conference do not approve.

That we have six men elected to the Ordination Council, and no pastor be allowed to help question his own member. Where embarrassment is present, the sixth man replace the one embarrassed due to blood kin or pastorate relationship, etc.

All ministers coming to our Conference, come by way of Ordination Councils' recommendation.

Note: The Council meets quarterly: Tuesday after 1st Sunday in January, April, July, and October, 10 a. m.

Meeting: November 3, 1952, at Ayden.

Bro. Smith examined for license.

Bro. Davenport examined for ordination. We are to ordain him Wednesday night at regular evening service.

We recommend that we refuse to recognize Bro. C. Tom Wells as a licensed minister because he failed to clear himself with the Salvation Army and held back the true facts from the Council.

We recommend that any church or pastor within the Central Conference that refuse to follow the state Treatise in licensing prospective ministers be disciplined by the conference.

Respectfully,
Ordaining Council



