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ASSISTANT MODERATOR

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Rev. Henry Melvin

Rev. C. L. Patrick

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Rev. Hubert Burress

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. J. O. Fort

Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

PITT COUNTY

Ayden—Mrs. Thelbert Hart, Route 1, Box 192, Ayden
Bethany—Miss Arlene Cayton, Route 1, Winterville
Black Jack—A. G. Gaskins, Greenville
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Archie Horton, Macclesfield
Elm Grove—Mr. Harry Jarvis, Route 1, Ayden
Grace—Mrs. Burell Dixon, Route 4, Box 2, Greenville
Greenville—Mrs. A. D. Lincoln, West 5th St. Extension, Greenville
Grifton—Mrs. Percy Boyd, Grifton
Gum Swamp—W. E. Bell, Route 6, Greenville
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Conetoe
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Route 1, Box 254A, Farmville
Marlboro—Mrs. Alice C. Parker, Route 1, Box 359, Farmville
Parker's Chapel—Lloyd W. Johnson, 1112 S. Overlook Drive, Greenville
Pleasant Hill—Norman Stanley, Greenville
Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forrest, Route 2, Greenville
Reedy Branch—R. E. Smith, Box 44, Winterville
Rose Hill—Bernie W. Wilson, Route 1, Winterville
Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville
Winterville—Clyde Hines, Winterville
Maranatha—Mrs. Earl Garriss, Route, Box 611, Greenville

GREENE COUNTY

Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg
Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville
Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Route 1, Farmville
Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill
Howell Swamp—James E. Shackelford, Walstonburg
Hull Road—Alfred Ginn, Route 2, Snow Hill
Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Ayden
Maury—Mrs. Leonard Cox, Maury
Ormondsville—John Stephens, Route 1, Ayden
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard E. Owens, Walstonburg
Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Snow Hill

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville
Otter's Creek—Raymond Jefferson, Fountain
Peace—Irving Wooten, Pinetops
Rocky Mount—W. S. Wooten, 414 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount
Tarboro—Mrs. A. L. Sumerlin, 905 S. David St., Tarboro

LENOIR COUNTY

Faith—Herman Spence Jr., Route 1, Kinston

Hugo—Mrs. Howard Holt, Route 1, Box 349, Kinston
LaGrange—Mrs. Lessie Aldridge, Route 1, LaGrange

WAYNE COUNTY

Antioch—Mrs. T. B. Lancaster, Pikeville
Watery Branch—Mrs. Edgar Benton, Fremont
Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville
Daniel's Chapel—Charlie Pittman, Route 3, Wilson
Owen's Chapel—Arthur R. Walston, Route 3, Elm City
Saratoga—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Route 1, Stantonsburg

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Rachel E. Wynn, Everetts
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston
Williamston—Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Williamston

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Mizpah—Mrs. Ida Spruill, 1008 Bonner St., Washington
Piney Grove—Rachael Manning, Route 3, Washington
Washington—Marrice Cartwright, 814 E. 5th St., Washington

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Hubert R. Dickens, Route 1, Enfield
Hope—Mrs. Bessie Strickland, Route 1, Scotland Neck

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul—Mrs. C. S. Lupton, Route 2, Box 190, Elizabeth City

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, Wilson, N. C.
J. E. Wooten, Black Mountain, N. C.
E. L. Abrams, Black Mountain, N. C.
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C.
W. G. Ennis, 430 N. Second St., Smithfield, N. C.
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Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
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L. E. Ballard, Box 83, Selma, N. C.
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R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.
 C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.
 C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.
 T. P. Ellis, Route 1, Fountain, N. C.
 Graham Baker, Greenville, N. C.
 Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.
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 Roland Cherry, 624 W. Main St., Williamston, N. C.
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 Charles Craddock, 805 Lafayette St., Dothan, Ala.
 Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.
 Frank Davenport, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.
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 Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C.
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 Roger Tripp, Ayden, N. C.
 F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Greenville, N. C.
 I. J. Blackwelder, Turbeville, S. C.
 J. C. Lynn, Route 3, Ayden, N. C.
 J. O. Fort, Ayden, N. C.
 J. W. Everton, Middlesex, N. C.
 J. C. Smith, Kinston, N. C.
 Willis Wilson, Route 1, Stokes, N. C.
 Jack Paramore, Greenville, N. C.
 Gordon Hart, Warsaw, N. C.
 Billy Davidson, Nashville, Tenn.
 Adam Scott, Saratoga, N. C.
 C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.
 Walter Reynolds, Winterville, N. C.
 Billy Walker, 1309 Gay St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
 Jerry Ballard, Columbia, S. C.
 Melvin Worthington, Columbia, S. C.
 Milton Worthington, Columbia, S. C.
 Guy Owens, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Billy Jackson, Greenville, N. C.
 LaRue Davis, 1110B S. Cotanche St., Greenville, N. C.
 Raymond Gaskins, Ayden, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Charles Doss, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Walter Sutton Jr., Mount Olive, N. C.

Nathan Earl Eason, Tarboro, N. C.
R. J. Kennedy, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
R. H. Gregory
Ray Harrison
Henry Hagan, Greenville, N. C.
Melvin Moore, Farmville, N. C.
Mack Humbles

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened its two hundred tenth session with the Parker's Chapel Church, Pitt County, November 4, 5, 1958. The moderator, Rev. Henry Melvin, presided over the conference.

Opening devotions were conducted by Rev. Hubert Burress whose subject was "Loyalty to Christ."

The welcome was given by Rev. Billy Jackson, host pastor.

The response was given by Rev. Billy Walker.

The clerk, Rev. C. H. Overman, officially opened the conference, and presented the moderator to the conference.

By motion the program was adopted as the order of business and the moderator was given the right to alter it as necessary.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: J. A. Evans, Western Conference; J. C. Griffin, Eastern Conference; Herman Griffin, Western Conference; Hilery Minshew, Western Conference; S. A. Smith, Eastern Conference; R. M. Fader, Eastern Conference; W. H. Willis, Eastern Conference (delegate); R. C. Alexander, Albemarle Conference; LaRue Davis, Albemarle Conference; R. T. Sasser, Western Conference; R. H. Jackson, Piedmont Association; Kirby Godwin, Cape Fear Conference.

The following Central Conference ministers were present during the conference: D. A. Windham, D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, J. E. Wooten, L. B. Manning, R. H. Mason, N. D. Beamon, C. D. Hamilton, L. E. Ballard, R. C. Proctor, C. L. Patrick, C. J. Harris, Graham Baker, Clarence Little, Rashie Kennedy, N. B. Barrow, W. B. Raper, Hubert Burress, Frank Davenport, Henry Melvin, C. E. Keith, R. L. Norville, R. B. Crawford, R. P. Harris, S. R. Kennedy, F. B. Cherry, J. C. Lynn, J. O. Fort, J. W. Everton, J. C. Smith, Willis Wilson, Jack Paramore, Gordon Hart, C. H. Overman, Walter Reynolds, Billy Walker, Walter Sutton Jr., Nathan Earl Eason.

Represented by letter: J. B. Narron, Adam Scott, Michael Pelt, Jerry Ballard.

The moderator's message was presented by the moderator.

There was a total of 54 churches reporting.

The following committees were appointed:

Temperance: Willis Wilson, T. N. Stocks, Billy Walker.

Resolution: C. L. Patrick, chairman; F. B. Cherry, J. A. Fulford.

Children's Home: Frank Davenport, chairman; J. W. Everton, Mrs. Ruth Taylor.

Digest: C. H. Overman, chairman; C. J. Harris, R. E. Hart.

Nominations: Walter Reynolds, chairman; R. B. Crawford, J. T. Bedard Jr.

Rev. C. L. Patrick was appointed as parliamentarian.

Rev. F. B. Cherry was appointed as news reporter.

A report of the 1958 session of the National Association was given by Walter Reynolds, and by motion it was received as information.

A report of the 1958 session of the State Convention was given by Rev. N. B. Barrow. By motion it was received as information. By motion that the Central Conference send the sum of \$50.00 for the enteraining of the National Association in its 1959 session which convenes at Asheville, N. C.

The report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. S. A. Smith, who in turn presented the new superintendent, Rev. Wilbert Everton. By motion the report was received as information.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. W. H. Willis, former pastor of the host church. His subject was, "The Price of the Church." The text was 1 Corinthians 3:11.

The conference dismissed for the noon hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon song service was conducted by Rev. S. R. Kennedy.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. R. L. Norville. His subject was, "Loyalty to the Local Church."

Memorial tributes were given by Rev. Rashie Kennedy who reported the passing of Rev. W. L. Hart. The conference stood for a moment of silent prayer. Rev. D. W. Alexander then led in prayer.

Report of Mount Olive Junior College was given by Rev. W. B. Raper and by motion was received as information. By motion to receive an offering for Mount Olive Junior College.

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk. By motion the matter of building the girls' dormitory at the Children's Home be deferred until after the report of the Children's Home committee. By motion the report relative to the Hookerton mission was adopted. (See report.)

Mount Calvary Church, Hookerton, and Maranatha Church, Greenville, were received into the conference. The delegates were extended the right hand of fellowship by the modrator.

The report of the ordaining council was given by Rev. J. C. Lynn. By motion the report was adopted with the reception of two ministers by letter. (See report.)

The report of the board of trustees was given by A. G. Mangum. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The state superannuation report was given by Rev. J. W. Everton and by motion it was received as information. (See report.)

The report of the special committee on superannuation was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The following persons were appointed to various bodies: Jack's Creek

Association—Rev. J. O. Fort; Blue Ridge Association—Rev. J. O. Fort; French Broad Association—Rev. Wilbert Everton; Pee Dee Association—Rev. Charles Keith; Rockfish Association—Rev. Frank Davenport; Mount Moriah Association—Rev. Willis Wilson; Cape Fear Conference—Rev. F. B. Cherry; Western Conference—Rev. C. J. Harris; Albemarle Conference—Rev. C. H. Overman; Eastern Conference—Rev. Billy Jackson; State Convention—J. T. Beddard Jr., Leo Tripp, R. E. Hart.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Rev. J. O. Fort and by motion it was received as information.

The report of national home missions and state missions were given by Rev. R. H. Jackson. By motion they were received as information.

The report of the temperance committee was given by Rev. Billy Walker and by motion it was received as information. (See report.)

The report of the East Carolina College Fellowship was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford and by motion it was received as information. He presented Miss Linda Lou Godwin, Miss Hilda Faye Owens and George Wilson who spoke of what the fellowship means to them.

By motion the conference adjourned the day's session.

THURSDAY MORNING

The congregation sang "Stand Up for Jesus."

The devotions were conducted by Rev. C. L. Patrick. His subject was, "Loyalty to Church—Contending for the Faith."

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that Mack Humbles name be added to the list of licensed ministers.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Rev. Robert E. Picirilli, Cumberland Association, Tennessee; Rev. Ronnie Peele, Western Conference; Rev. Dean Dobbs, Northeast Association, Missouri.

The report of the conference historian was given by Rev. Hubert Burress. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the conference mission board was given by Rev. C. E. Keith. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Children's Home committee was given by Mrs. Ruth Taylor. By motion it was adopted. By motion the report of the executive committee relative to the new dormitory was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the resolutions committee was given by Rev. C. L. Patrick. By motion the first resolution was adopted. By motion the second resolution was adopted. (See report.)

A report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Robert E. Picirilli, a professor at the college. By motion it was received as information.

A motion was made and carried to receive an offering for the Bible College during the worship hour.

Rev. Jack Paramore rendered a special message in song at the worship hour. The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Robert E. Picirilli.

The conference dismissed for the noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. R. B. Crawford. His subject was, "Loyalty to Church—Denominationally."

A delayed resolution was presented by Rev. C. L. Patrick and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

Rev. M. L. Johnson presented additional information concerning Mount Olive Junior College.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Rev. C. H. Overman and by motion it was adopted. (See report.) (Each was elected by acclamation.)

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Rev. C. D. Hamilton and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The treasurer's report was given by Rev. C. J. Harris and by motion it was adopted. By motion that the treasurer's report of the board of trustees be recorded in the regular treasurer's report.

By motion to go to Ormondsville Church for the 1959 session, providing Ormondsville officially extends the invitation.

Rev. S. R. Kennedy asked for a letter of recommendation to the Eastern Conference and by motion it was granted.

The report of the digest committee was given by the clerk and by motion it was adopted.

Mrs. J. C. Moye named Revs. C. H. Overman and C. L. Patrick to work with her on the special Children's Home committee, and by motion they were elected.

A motion was made to print the conference minutes with those of the State Convention.

A substitute motion was made and passed to proceed as before with the printing of the minutes.

A motion was made and passed that the conference recommend to the secretary of the State Convention the preparing of a list of North Carolina Free Will Baptist ministers.

Mrs. J. C. Moye was recognized as chairman of special Children's Home committee who discussed the raising of the \$25,000.

Rev. J. E. Wooten made a few remarks relative to Cragmont Assembly.

By motion to adjourn and the minutes of the day's session be approved by the executive committee.

Meetings of the Executive Committee

First Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met September 5, 1958, at the Hookerton Community Building. Those present were: Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. C. H. Overman, Rev. C. J. Harris, Rev. Wilbert Everton and Rev. Burkette Raper.

Rev. S. A. Smith of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was present and stated that the board had approved the building of a new girls' dormitory. He came with the suggestion that the Central Conference sponsor the building. By motion that the moderator of the Central Conference work as a committee of one with the superintendent of the home in working out the details of such a building.

By motion to accept the recommendation of the conference mission board to organize a Free Will Baptist church in Hookerton.

By motion that the moderator and secretary work as a committee to draw up a set of questions that will obtain from the mission board the charter members and (or) such information as the executive committee of the conference shall need; to determine the advisability of approval for organization, any request for the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. Henry Melvin, *Moderator*
C. H. Overman, *Clerk*

Second Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in the Hookerton Community Building for the purpose of organizing the Hookerton mission into a Free Will Baptist church on September 14, 1958. Members present: Henry Melvin, J. W. Everton, C. J. Harris, Walter Reynolds, proxy for C. H. Overman.

The meeting was opened with a devotional consisting of the hymn "Come, Thou Fount." Prayer offered by Rev. Frank Davenport, and the reading of the Scriptures responsively.

The roll of charter members was read. The pastor and officers were elected by the church.

The Bible was presented as the only rule of faith and practice by J. W. Everton.

The statement of faith and discipline was read by Henry Melvin.

The Church Covenant was read by C. J. Harris.

The prayer of consecration was prayed by Walter Reynolds.

The right hand of fellowship was offered this new church by the moderator and committee.

The service was closed by singing "Blest Be The Tie," and a prayer of benediction by David Paramore.

Henry Melvin, *Moderator*
Walter Reynolds, *Secretary pro tem*

Churches	Delegates	Contributions	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	To Orphanage	To Education	To Superannuation
PITT COUNTY								
Ayden	No Delegates	\$20.00	\$90,000	\$2,686.00	\$200.00	\$327.82	\$ 392.17	\$
Bethany	Mrs. Jack Dail, Mrs. Bill McLawhorn	10.00	62,000	3,900.00	100.00	270.40	102.00	
Black Jack	Alton Gray, W. L. Buck, Hubert Mills, Gladys Edwards, Alice Elks, Mrs. Roy Stocks	10.00	45,000	3,600.00	413.86	868.07	292.70	
Dilda's Grove	Arthur Corbitt, W. C. Dilda	10.00	15,000	875.00	100.00	254.61	33.00	5.00
Elm Grove	Gerald Briley, J. T. Beddard Jr., Mrs. Lucille Briley	10.00	85,000	3,200.00	300.00	331.86	45.00	5.00
Greenville	Mrs. Bill Taylor, Mrs. Sophie Hardee, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. Paul Vincent	10.00	41,000	4,500.00	260.00	793.59	1,505.35	25.30
Grifton	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turnage	5.00	6,000	600.00	180.00	87.40	83.60	9.00
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Garland Manning, Mrs. J. V. Whitehurst	10.00	10,000	1,200.00	270.94	145.00	80.00	42.50
King's Cross Roads	Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fulford	10.00	10,000	1,350.00	160.00	449.18	217.58	20.85
Marlboro	Mrs. Frank Webber	25.00	15,000	1,625.00	200.00	617.00	192.75	85.50
Parker's Chapel	Charles Jones, Mrs. Clara Briley	10.00	50,000	2,740.00	330.00	60.00	378.00	5.00
Piney Grove	Mrs. T. E. Dickerson, Mrs. Floyd Miles	10.00	33,350	1,472.40	415.00	363.25	250.00	8.25
Pleasant Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mayo	5.00	15,000	1,800.00	150.00	700.00	100.00	60.00
Reedy Branch	Mr. C. F. Little, Mrs. Evelyn Smith, Mrs. M. A. Woodard	25.00	65,000	3,900.00	160.00	126.83	351.75	10.00
Rose Hill	Mr. Marvin McLawhorn	20.00	22,500	1,800.00	225.00	470.71	76.90	100.00
Sweet Gum Grove	Mr. and Mrs. David Clarence Barnhill	10.00	15,000	1,240.00	100.00	249.00	112.33	7.00
Winterville	Durwood Lawrence and Leo Tripp	10.00	47,000	2,630.00	200.00	562.28	251.67	
Gum Swamp	Mrs. Kettie Clark, Mrs. Reba Clark	10.00	30,000	1,784.05	215.00	281.42	488.55	90.00
Grace	Mrs. T. N. Stocks	10.00	25,000	4,544.00	375.00	39.84	100.00	15.24
Maranatha	Mrs. Earl Garriss	5.00	15,000					
GREENE COUNTY								
Friendship	Jessie L. Cobb, R. E. Cobb	15.00	10,000	1,945.00	256.41	438.00	228.00	
Free Union	Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Edwards, Mr. J. B. Murphy, Mrs. Sallie Murphy, Mrs. Charity Lovitte	35.00	60,000	3,600.00	300.00	749.81	381.00	41.70
Grimsley	No Delegates	10.00	15,000	1,640.00	275.72	260.27	97.62	48.83
Harrell's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hart	8.00	20,000	700.00	200.00	240.00	200.00	25.00
Hull Road	R. G. Turnage, Daniel Barrow	25.00	30,000	3,640.00	200.00	953.05	3,164.27	37.00
Little Creek	C. F. Dail, Mrs. Addie Sumrell	10.00		1,675.00	100.00	204.06	114.30	11.00
Maurv	Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mrs. Susie Ross	5.00	4,500	240.00	245.00	36.84	308.00	
Saints' Delight	No Report							
Ormondsville	Mrs. K. L. Wooten, Mrs. J. R. Martin	10.00	19,000	1,800.00	275.00	595.52	254.00	30.00
Howell Swamp	No Delegates	10.00	20,000	1,800.00	150.00	337.00	1,164.35	60.00
Spring Branch	Mr. W. A. Dildy	25.00	28,000	1,650.00	162.34	600.00		45.00
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Grace W. Taylor	5.00		172.74	70.00	2.00	2.00	
EDGECOMBE COUNTY								
Edgewood	Mr. Charlie Frank Abrams, Wilbur Hart	10.00	12,000	1,320.00	280.00	200.00	120.00	60.00
Rocky Mount	Mrs. Charles Dickerson, Mrs. O. C. Merritt	5.00	30,000	4,310.00	451.22	361.37	327.77	13.44
Tarboro	No Delegates	10.00	39,000	3,900.00	270.00	115.00	170.00	10.00
Peace	Mrs. Irving Wooten, Mrs. Bettie Cummings	5.00	17,500	1,335.00	75.00	45.00	10.56	
Otter's Creek	No Report							
MARTIN COUNTY								
Cedar Grove	No Delegates			6,500	985.00	225.00		
Rose of Sharon	Mrs. M. S. Cowan, Mr. James Bailey	10.00	6,000	1,085.00	180.00	139.63		
Williamston	No Delegates	5.00	7,000	545.00	90.00	43.00	10.00	4.00
LENOIR COUNTY								
Hugo	Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Howard Hart	10.00	16,500	1,800.00	309.50	101.52	277.55	7.02
LaGrange	Kendrick Harrison	5.00						
Faith	Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor	5.00	20,000	2,055.00	220.00	64.00	91.94	
WILSON COUNTY								
Aspen Grove	Mr. A. G. Mangum	10.00	30,000	1,200.00	200.00	573.00	125.00	25.00
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pittman	10.00	25,000	3,314.00	250.00	420.69	451.00	50.00
Owen's Chapel	Mr. Elmer Owens, Mr. Frank Sawrey	10.00	16,000	2,886.00	260.00	109.00	40.20	25.00
Saratoga	Mrs. David Gay, W. R. Owens	10.00	42,000	3,380.00	252.00	298.61	486.49	
WAYNE COUNTY								
Antioch	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lancaster	10.00	20,000	1,200.00	100.00	180.95	201.08	50.00
Walnut Creek	Mr. and Mrs. John Delsler	5.00	15,000	703.80		110.48	113.69	25.00
Watery Branch	Mr. Edgar Benton	5.00	7,075	240.00	228.83	28.50	4.86	
BEAUFORT COUNTY								
Piney Grove	No Delegates			8,000	1,039.31	100.00	126.50	
Washington	Mrs. Curtis May, Mrs. Jim Bell	10.00	50,000	4,198.75	200.00	135.24	189.00	119.00
Shiloh	No Report							
Mizpah	Mrs. Luther Burns, Mrs. Lewis Jordan	5.00	10,000	865.00	123.52	8.00		
HALIFAX COUNTY								
Dawson's Grove	No Delegates			1,200.00	100.00	212.75	263.50	157.00
Hope	Mrs. Allie T. Moore	5.00	1,550	3,185.00	321.86	25.00		
PASQUOTANK COUNTY								
St. Paul	No Delegates	5.00	35,000	3,315.00	400.00	136.55	31.99	4.00

Churches	Number of Members	Sunday School Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Church Members Gained	Church Members Lost	To Church Finance Association	To Missions	To Cragmont Assembly	To Promotional Work	For Repairs and Improvements	Paid Out for All Purposes
<i>Pitt County</i>												
Ayden	275	172	32	25	8	4	\$	\$ 579.86	\$	\$	\$ 1,094.25	\$ 5,803.50
Bethany	225	133	25	17	3	5				1,355.61	2,000.00	7,728.01
Black Jack	467	420	92	46	14	16		156.44			795.82	8,362.89
Dilda's Grove	95	98	32	20	14	3		80.41	5.00		994.56	2,523.65
Elm Grove	338	155	42	32	16	14	5.00	45.55	10.00	5.00	53.54	5,233.54
Greenville	837	626	90	87	45	14		1,326.80	6.25		12,910.47	21,330.76
Grifton	88	100	47	32	10	5		41.37		5.74		1,713.26
Hickory Grove	118	106		23	5	5		65.00	25.00	72.00	150.00	2,060.44
King's Cross Roads	235	184	50	29	1	5		172.10		15.00	113.81	2,763.10
Marlboro	180	246		36	5	6		86.25			400.00	4,731.50
Parker's Chapel	215	271		30	40	9					98.02	8,064.78
Piney Grove	252	244	35	48	18	10		163.05			403.09	5,172.66
Pleasant Hill	120	80		20	4	2		30.00				2,245.00
Reedy Branch	255	264	11	56	14	7		427.93			2,846.43	7,847.88
Rose Hill	288	212	35	20	30	12	1,700.00	60.00	2.00	90.52	100.00	4,645.13
Sweet Gum Grove	197	150		31	8	3	2.00	68.63	7.00	2.00	274.01	2,758.98
Winterville	225	254	35	45	13	1		60.00			7,000.00	10,838.65
Gum Swamp	520	228		35	7	7	40.00	251.50	24.00	322.63	177.08	3,684.23
Grace	371	350	100	100	18	23	6.10	356.63	1.96	2.99	177.65	11,244.08
Maranatha	30	83		10	15	7						
<i>Green County</i>												
Friendship	166	153	82	24	15	2		82.50			200.00	3,421.28
Free Union	474	299		79	5	12		35.05	5.00		4,408.73	11,097.40
Grimley	171	121		51	15	7		389.23	11.45	23.25	620.58	3,146.87
Harrell's Chapel	86	135		30	6	4	25.00	50.00		25.00	2,900.00	4,373.00
Hull Road	488	290	50	33	12	13		1,005.81	4.00		270.20	9,299.33
Little Creek	91	125		16	13	2		16.62			554.88	3,532.61
Maury	29	61						55.00	2.50	7.59	92.50	992.93
Ormondsville	287	168		38	2	6	10.00	219.00		10.00	1,724.27	5,907.36
Howell Syamp	133	74		31	10	1	15.00	232.25	15.00	15.00	64.00	5,269.38
Spring Branch	213	126	30	47	4	3	15.00	78.03	15.00	10.00	2,000.00	4,600.37
Mt. Calvary	27	71		27				2.00				
<i>Edgecombe County</i>												
Edgewood	120	114	37	16	3	3		120.00			124.00	2,124.00
Rocky Mount	154	114	35	38	6	1		676.70	32.97	124.67	589.92	9,078.92
Tarboro	189	180	40	30	12	1		165.93	15.00		1,068.94	10,842.21
Peace	31	98		15	5	3	8.00	219.45			200.00	2,520.01
Otter's Creek	No Report											
<i>Martin County</i>												
Cedar Grove	123	95	35	20		2					499.84	1,947.40
Rose of Sharon	146	79		12		2		20.00				1,705.72
Williamston	107	102	12	21	5	4		15.00			620.00	1,564.00
<i>Lenoir County</i>												
LaGrange												
Hugo	169	137	45	24	7	7		180.56			601.30	3,277.45
Faith	85	126	21	25	16			37.50			3,406.00	6,725.98
<i>Wilson County</i>												
Aspen Grove	202	216	30	20	12	3		75.00			212.00	2,420.00
Daniel's Chapel	190	192	35	28	21	3		245.00	30.00		207.05	4,967.74
Owen's Chapel	159	178	44	30	20	7		120.19			1,550.00	4,982.39
Saratoga	231	151	34	30	13	5		241.03		76.50	149.78	9,300.82
<i>Wayne County</i>												
Antioch	152	113		25	1	8		100.00	20.00	32.74	7.20	2,560.67
Walnut Creek	55	77		2		1		50.16				1,497.94
Watery Branch	56	67		15	5	5	10.16	11.00		17.50		509.02
<i>Beaufort County</i>												
Mizpah	38	106	46	16	7	4						1,715.55
Piney Grove	106	60		19	7	4						1,603.76
Washington	230	239	50	25	49	6	40.00	161.31	76.50	172.50	1,193.25	8,801.85
Shiloh	No Report											
<i>Halifax County</i>												
Dawson's Grove	68	64	28	16	5	3		217.72	3.00		1,722.00	5,319.85
Hope	108	114		25	28	3		18.00			49.80	4,862.34
<i>Pasquotank County</i>												
St. Paul	106	132	35	75	21	2	4.00	100.52	4.00	141.00	68.06	5,280.56

Reports

ORPHANAGE REPORT

October 31, 1957—October 31, 1958

Superintendent's Account	\$14,564.96
Clothing	1,825.00
Dining Room Tables and Chairs	419.64
Concert Class and Field Representative	2,383.76
Total for Conference	\$19,193.36

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council has ordained during the year Rev. Guy Franklin Owens. We recommend that his name be listed with the ordained ministers of this conference.

The council questioned Mr. Ashley Garris from the Du Pont mission and requested that he further prepare himself until he reaches the conference requirements.

The council granted permission to brother Henry Hagan to work under the care of an ordained minister with the River Road Mission, Washington, North Carolina. Since then he has been given permission to work with the Maury Church.

The council granted Billy Livesey a letter of recommendation to the conference in Jacksonville, Florida. We recommend that his name be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers of this conference.

The council received Rev. Billy Jackson from the Eastern Conference and Rev. LaRue Davis by letter from the Albemarle Conference. We recommend their names be added to our list of regular ordained ministers.

We have met four times during the year.

Rev. J. C. Lynn, Secretary

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In December of 1957, the board of trustees met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville.

Those present were: Frank Davenport, R. G. Gregory, Sam Kennedy, C. J. Little, Rashie Kennedy, C. J. Harris, J. T. Beddard Jr., and A. G. Mangum.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Sam Kennedy.

Brothers Frank Davenport and R. G. Gregory, from Maranatha Church of Greenville, met with the board of trustees for the purpose of getting a loan to complete their church which was in progress of being built.

We, the board of trustees, granted this loan in the amount of \$2,000.00, with the interest on the principal to be paid this year and next and then

beginning in 1960 with a payment each year of \$500.00 and interest of 6 per cent until paid.

There is one more note of \$550.00 and interest due December 1, of this year from the Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by Rashie Kennedy.

A. G. Mangum, Secretary

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Report of the North Carolina State Board of Superannuation, made to the Central Conference for the year 1957-1958. This is a financial report of the various departments.

Contributions by Churches	\$ 600.67
Contributions by Auxiliaries	58.00
Contributions by Sunday School	284.54
Contributions by Leagues	43.94
Contributions by Union Meetings	96.59
Total Contributions	<hr/> \$1,083.74

Rev. Wilbert Everton

Chairman-Treasurer North Carolina
State Board of Superannuation

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUPERANNUATION

The board of superannuation appointed at the last session of the conference met at Reedy Branch Church on May 5, 1958. Those present Walter Reynolds, Billy Walker, R. L. Norville. Visiting were Henry Melvin and Wilbert Everton.

After due consideration of the work of a conference board on superannuation we recommend the following:

1. The disbanding of the conference superannuation board.
2. The continuing of our support to superannuation through the state board.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds
Billy Walker
R. L. Norville

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee, wish to make the following recommendation to the ministers and churches:

1. We recommend that the temperance report of last year be reinstated with activity.

2. We recommend that the year 1957 be changed to 1958 in the fifth recommendation of last year's report.

Submitted by,
Rev. Billy Walker
Rev. Willis Wilson

1957 TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The temperance committee, appointed at this session of the Central Conference, wishes to make the following recommendations to the ministers and churches of this conference:

1. We recommend the endorsement of the work of the Allied Church League in attempting to secure a state-wide referendum on the question of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

2. We recommend that ministers and other community leaders among our people inform themselves concerning the availability of materials on alcohol education which may be used in our local churches, in our public schools and in our community organizations.

3. We recommend that our ministers familiarize themselves with the problem of alcoholism and the agencies outside of the church which are working with the victims of alcoholism. Some information may be secured by writing to the North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Board in Raleigh.

4. We recommend that the ministers and other church leaders of the Central Conference teach their people the principles of self-control as set forth in the Bible and in our Treatise.

5. Whereas the various media of communication such as radio, television, bill boards, daily and weekly papers and magazines have been used as a means of advertising the sale of alcoholic beverages, and whereas grocery stores and super markets display beer and wine among their other products for sale; be it resolved that we go on record in this 1958 session of the Central Conference as opposing and detesting such advertising.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to our church papers, and to representatives of the various newspapers which serve the area of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,
Michael Pelt, *Chairman*
Willis Wilson
T. N. Stocks

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

During the year I have continued my research in the interest of the Central Conference.

I will be glad to help any church interested in a marker for their church.

I request the help of anyone having any information of interest to our conference history.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Hubert Burress *Conference Historian*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

I am happy to bring you greetings from your conference mission board, reporting that we have been busy within the bounds of the conference. God's blessings have been upon us as we yielded our lives to Him. Our problems have been many and of various nature.

Rev. Frank Davenport worked with us on a part-time basis until the church at Hookerton was organized. Since that time we have not had a worker on the field.

It is the thinking of your present board to begin work in the northern part of the conference, where there is no Free Will Baptist church. We will need your increased support for this undertaking. We do appreciate your fine spirit of co-operation through your prayers and gifts. We wish to thank each one who had a part in this great work. We urge you to continue your support, that we might be able to do more in this field in 1959.

During the year we organized a mission club, you may become a member of this club by contributing \$1.00 a month to conference missions.

Churches Organized

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Hookerton, N. C.

Missions Organized

Du Pont Mission, Route 2, Grifton, N. C.

Treasurer's Report

Total Receipts	\$1,226.87
Brought Forward	447.08
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Total	\$1,673.95
Disbursements	696.75
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Balance	\$ 977.20

Charles E. Keith, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF \$5 BUILDER'S CLUB

Received for and Paid Out

Faith Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 10.00
Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church	20.00
Hope Free Will Baptist Church	\$298.65
Mizpah Free Will Baptist Church	235.00
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Total Received and Paid Out	\$563.65

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

Whereas the executive committee of this conference has approved the construction of a new building on the foundation of the former girls' building, this committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Central Conference accept the responsibility of raising \$25,000 which is the estimated cost of construction of this building over and above our regular contributions to the Children's Home.

2. We further recommend that Mrs. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, North Carolina, be named chairman of a fund raising committee, and that individuals or groups contributing \$500 or more be given special recognition by putting their names on a bronze plaque and hanging the plaque in an appropriate place in the building.

3. We also recommend that this conference pledge its support to the Children's Home.

Respectfully submitted:

J. W. Everton
Frank Davenport
Mrs. Bill Taylor

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Mount Olive Junior College is currently conducting a loyalty fund campaign to raise \$50,000 in gifts this fall, and

WHEREAS, Sunday, November 2, was designated as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day, and

WHEREAS, we feel that the purpose and objective of Mount Olive Junior College deserves the whole-hearted support of all of our people, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

(1) That we endorse the loyalty fund campaign now being conducted.

(2) That we recommend that all of our churches and Sunday schools, who did not observe Sunday, November 2, as loyalty fund day, designate a Sunday during this month to be so observed.

Submitted by,

J. A. Fulford
C. L. Patrick
F. B. Cherry

DELAYED RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved:

1. That every church in the conference be requested to send an offering of not less than \$10.00 for the entertainment of the National Association which is to meet in Asheville in July, 1959. This money should be in the hands of the conference treasurer, not later than February 1, 1959.

2. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to Parker's Chapel Church

and pastor for their hospitality during this conference and to the retiring officers of this conference who have so ably served us for the last two years.

Your committee,
Rev. C. L. Patrick
Rev. F. B. Cherry
Mr. J. A. Fulford

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Moderator—Rev. F. B. Cherry
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Walter Reynolds
Clerk—Rev. C. H. Overman
Assistant Clerk—Rev. R. P. Harris
Treasurer—Rev. C. J. Harris

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board—Rev. F. B. Cherry, Rev. Walter Reynolds, Rev. C. H. Overman, Rev. C. J. Harris, Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Ordaining Council—Rev. D. W. Alexander, Rev. J. C. Lynn, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Rev. N. B. Barrow, Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. C. L. Patrick.

To Work With the Education Board—Rev. Billy Walker, Rev. Willie Wilson, Rev. Adam Scott.

Committee on Finance—Mr. Leo Tripp, Mr. Luther Barrow, Mr. M. S. Cowan, Rev. Raymond Gaskins, Mr. Luther Dail.

Conference Board of Trustees—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Mr. A. G. Mangum, Rev. Clarence Little, Rev. Billy Jackson, Mr. J. T. Beddard Jr.

To Represent Stock in Press—Mr. Norman Stanley, Mr. C. F. Little, Mr. Levi Worthington.

Board of Missions—Rev. J. C. Smith, Rev. Charles Keith, Mr. Jimmie Lee Jones, Rev. L. B. Manning, Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Conference Historian—Rev. Hubert Burress.

Publicity Committee—Rev. J. O. Fort.

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee
R. B. Crawford
J. T. Beddard Jr.
Walter Reynolds

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Amount Received at this Setting:

Brought Forward	\$120.87
Children's Home Offering	121.63
Mount Olive College Offering	70.05
Bible College Offering	129.47

Received from Churches	543.00
Total	<u>\$ 985.02</u>

Expenses and Appropriations

Conference Expense	\$271.41
National Association Entertainment	50.00
Conference Missions	100.00
East Carolina Student Fellowship	100.00
Mount Olive College	70.05
Total Expense and Appropriations	<u>\$591.46</u>
Treasurer's Balance	<u>\$112.53</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance November 7, 1957	\$120.87
Received from Churches	587.00
Offering for Children's Home	140.03
Second Offering for Children's Home	43.46
Offering for Mount Olive Junior College	80.18
Offering for Free Will Baptist Bible College	109.41
Error in Counting Money	3.07
Total Received	<u>\$1,075.02</u>

Paid Out

Conference Expenses	\$168.94
Children's Home	183.49
Mount Olive Junior College	180.18
Free Will Baptist Bible College	109.41
Free Will Baptist Press	100.00
Mission Board	100.00
East Carolina College Fellowship	100.00
Free Will Baptist Press	15.25
Total Paid Out	<u>957.27</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 117.75</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 14, 1957, Balance in First Federal and Loan Association	\$1,495.68
December 4, 1957, Received on Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church	
Note	616.00
Total	<u>\$2,111.68</u>

December 16, Loan to Maranatha

2,000.00

Balance

\$ 111.68

Rev. C. J. Harris, Treasurer

DIGEST REPORT

Number of Churches in Conference	56
Number of Churches Reporting this Session	53
Number of Church Members	9,952
Number of Sunday School Members	8,498
Number of League Members	1,056
Number of Woman's Auxiliary Members	1,434
Number of Members Gained	594
Number of Members Lost	286
Net Gain	308
Contribution to the Conference	\$543.00
Value of Church Property	\$1,167,125.00
Paid out to Pastors	\$ 102,890.05
To Evangelists	\$ 10,551.25
To Orphanage	\$ 13,285.06
To Education	\$ 9,324.07
To Superannuation	\$ 1,285.63
To Church Finance Association	\$ 1,865.26
To Missions	\$ 7,929.88
To Cragmont Assembly	\$ 300.86
To Promotional Work	\$ 2,532.24
Paid Out for Repairs and Improvements	\$ 54,756.33
Paid Out for All Purposes	\$ 249,508.00



