

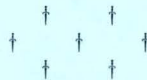
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Rev. Hubert Burress

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Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forrest, Route 2, Greenville  
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Winterville—Clyde Hines, Winterville  
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## GREENE COUNTY

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Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden  
Maury—Mrs. Leonard Cox, Maury  
Ormondsville—John Stephens, Route 1, Ayden  
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard Owens, Walstonburg  
Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Route 1, Snow Hill  
Mt. Calvary—Mrs. Wilton Taylor, Hookerton

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville  
Otter's Creek—Raymond Jefferson, Fountain  
Peace—Irving Wooten, Pinetops  
Rocky Mount—Robert Pierce, 304 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount  
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## LENOIR COUNTY

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LaGrange—Mrs. Lessie Aldridge, Route 1, LaGrange

#### WAYNE COUNTY

Antioch—Mrs. T. B. Lancaster, Pikeville  
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#### WILSON COUNTY

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#### MARTIN COUNTY

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Williamston—Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Williamston

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Hope—Mrs. Bessie Strickland, Route 1, Scotland Neck

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St. Paul—

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 Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C.  
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 I. J. Blackwelder, Turbeville, S. C.  
 J. C. Lynn, Box 99, Elm City, N. C.  
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 Willis Wilson, Robersonville, N. C.  
 Jack Paramore, Greenville, N. C.  
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 Billy Davidson, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee  
 Adam Scott, Winterville, N. C.  
 C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.  
 Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.  
 Billy Walker, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
 Jerry Ballard, Columbia, S. C.  
 Melvin Worthington, Route 1, Chocowinity  
 Milton Worthington, Lake Butler, Florida  
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 Melvin Moore, Farmville, N. C.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened its two hundred eleventh session with the Ormondsville Church, Greene County, November 4, 5, 1959. The moderator, Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, presided.

The opening session began at 10:00 a. m., with song service conducted by Rev. Willis Wilson. Devotions were conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning whose subject was, "Fellowship Through Prayer."

The clerk officially opened the conference, and presented the moderator.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Kirby. Wooten, a member of the host church.

The response was given by Rev. Charles E. Keith.

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

The following recommendation was presented by Rev. Walter Reynolds. The recommendation came from the ministers of the Central Conference.

"The Central Conference Ministers Meeting recommends to the Central Conference that two worship offerings be received during this session; and they be divided as follows: 25% to Free Will Baptist Bible College, 37½% to Mount Olive Junior College, and 37½% to the Children's Home."

By motion the recommendation was adopted.

The following Central Conference ministers were present during the session: D. A. Windham, D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, J. E. Wooten, L. B. Manning, R. H. Mason, N. D. Beaman, Marshal Joyner, L. E. Ballard, C. L. Patrick, C. J. Harris, T. P. Ellis, Rashie Kennedy, N. B. Barrow, Roland Cherry, W. B. Raper, Hubert Burress, Frank Davenport, Henry Melvin, Charles E. Keith, R. L. Norville, R. B. Crawford, Michael Pelt, F. B. Cherry, J. C. Lynn, J. W. Everton, Willis Wilson, Jack Paramore, Adam Scott, C. H. Overman, Walter Reynolds, Billy Walker, Melvin Worthington, Guy Owens, Billy Jackson, LaRue Davis, Raymond Gaskins, Walter Sutton Jr., Nathan E. Eason, Mack Humbles.

Represented by letter: Rev. J. B. Narron.

By motion the ministers and delegates were seated.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: J. C. Griffin, Eastern Conference; Melvin K. Everington, Eastern; S. A. Smith, Eastern; Clifton Rice, Eastern; Robert Edwards, Eastern; W. L. Poytress, Western; William Fulcher, Eastern; Carol Alexander, Central of South Carolina; Kirby Godwin, Western; R. C. Alexander, Albemarle; M. L. Johnson, Western; Owen Ganey, Piedmont; R. T. Sasser, Western; T. E. Beaman, Cape Fear; Herman Hersey, Cape Fear.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Temperance: R. L. Norville, T. P. Ellis, Jesse Proctor.

Resolutions: R. B. Crawford, LaRue Davis, J. E. Wooten, Adam Scott, Mrs. Kirby Wooten.

Children's Home: Roy T. Forrest, L. E. Ballard, Edgar Benton.

Digest: C. H. Overman, Henry Melvin, Lois Wagner.

Memorial: Billy Jackson, Mrs. Doris Hudson, Billy Walker.

Rev. C. L. Patrick was appointed by the chair as parliamentarian.

The moderator gave his message.

A report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Wilbert Everton, superintendent. It was received as information.

A report of Mount Olive Junior College was given by Rev. Burkette Raper, president. It was received as information. (See report of students from this conference.)

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Clifton Rice. Subject: "I Remembered the Lord and Was Troubled." Text: Psalm 77.

The morning session was dismissed by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon song service was conducted by Rev. Willis Wilson.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. Dan Beaman. His subject was, "Fellowship in Prayer."

The report of the National Association was given by Rev. C. L. Patrick and received as information.

The report of the State Convention was given by Rev. N. B. Barrow and was received as information.

The report of state superannuation was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds and was received as information. (See report.)

Report of the ordaining council was given by Rev. J. C. Lynn. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

Report of The Free Will Baptist Press was given by Rev. C. H. Overman and was received as information.

Report of East Carolina College Fellowship was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford and was received as information. Carl Johnson, a student at the college, extended words of appreciation to the conference for its support of the fellowship.

A motion was made that a standing obituary committee be elected.

A substitute motion was made that the chair appoint an obituary committee to serve during the next 12 months and that the matter be given study concerning its duties. The substitute motion was passed.

By motion that the Shiloh Church be granted a letter of dismissal to the Albemarle Conference.

By motion that St. Paul Church be granted a letter of dismissal to the Albemarle Conference.

Two petitions were extended for the 1960 session of the conference. They were Free Union and Owen's Chapel.

By motion that the choice be made during this day's session.

The conference voted to go to Free Union in 1960.

By motion the conference adjourned the day's session.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Song service was conducted by Rev. Willis Wilson.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Billy Walker. Subject: "Fellowship in Personal Witnessing."

The minutes of the first day's session were read and by motion they were approved.

The delegates of churches reporting for the second day were seated.

The standing obituary committee was appointed by the chair. They are: Rev. C. L. Patrick, Rev. Hubert Burress and Mack Humbles.

By motion that the visiting ministers be given every right of the conference except that of voting.

Report of the conference historian was given by Rev. Hubert Burress. By motion the recommendations were adopted, and the rest of the report was received as information. (See report.)

Report of temperance committee given by C. H. Overman. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

Additional information was given concerning the loyalty fund at Mount Olive Junior College by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Report of the resolutions committee was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

Report of mission board was given by Rev. L. B. Manning and Rev. Charles Keith. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The resignation of Rev. L. B. Manning on the mission board was accepted.

Rev. R. L. Norville and Roy T. Forrest were elected on the mission board to fill the vacancies of Rev. L. B. Manning and Rev. J. C. Smith, deceased.

By motion that the election of Rev. R. L. Norville and R. T. Forrest on the mission board be made unanimous.

Report of Cragmont Assembly was given by Rev. J. E. Wooten and was received as information.

Report of Church Finance Association was given by Rev. M. L. Johnson and was received as information.

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

By motion that the conference purchase a \$25.00 share of stock in the Church Finance Association.

Churches	Delegates	To Missions	To Cragmont Assembly	Contributions	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	To Orphanage	To Education	To Superannuation
<b>PITT COUNTY</b>										
Ayden	Mrs. J. A. Parker, Mrs. J. E. Wooten	\$ 288.76	\$	\$10.00	\$ 90,000	\$3,765.00	\$200.00	\$ 514.58	\$ 465.00	\$40.00
Bethany	Nobles Craft	82.40		10.00	62,000	4,050.00	210.00	303.65	90.00	
Black Jack	Vernie Hudson, Virginia Hudson, Doris Hudson, Hollie Mills	499.47	2.50	10.00	100,000	3,600.00	566.44	1,088.60	519.00	43.00
Dilda's Grove	Arthur Corbitt	37.01		10.00	1,500	1,130.00	125.00	346.98	12.76	5.65
Elm Grove	Clarence Burroughs, Mrs. E. B. Murphy	286.00	5.00	10.00	98,500	3,120.00	300.00	496.94	138.09	40.09
Greenville	Mrs. Sophie Hardee, Mrs. Blanche Snell, Mrs. Paul Vincent, Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. Claude Joyner	1,300.04	5.00	10.00	115,000	4,500.00	400.00	857.68	539.54	24.46
Gritton	Mrs. Eugene Mumford, Mrs. Herman Owens	190.00		5.00	6,000	2,114.39	170.00	33.00		7.86
Hickory Grove	No Delegates	30.00		10.00	10,000	1,200.00	293.64	53.08	10.00	7.50
King's Cross Roads	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cobb	195.45		10.00	10,000	1,430.00	320.00	687.92	140.00	27.64
Marlboro	Robert Moore, Jack Nanny	124.50		25.00	8,000	2,347.50	200.00	356.00	142.50	146.11
Parker's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hardee Jr.	146.00		10.00	55,000	3,495.00	380.00	252.00		
Piney Grove	Mrs. Grover Beddard, Mrs. T. E. Dickerson	185.84	18.00	10.00	34,500	1,560.00	310.00	360.00	268.10	66.00
Pleasant Hill	L. D. Stanley	50.00		5.00	25,000	1,680.00	250.00	200.00	50.00	60.00
Reedy Branch	Mrs. Floyd Mills, Mrs. Josephine Tripp, R. L. Worthington	465.83		25.00	90,000	3,900.00	203.51	512.16	248.48	15.00
Rose Hill	Mr. Ernest Adams, Mr. A. D. Adams Sr.	150.00	10.00	20.00	22,500	1,800.00	275.00	700.00	350.00	100.00
Sweet Gum Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnhill	84.00	30.00	10.00	15,000	1,440.00	100.00	495.00	274.50	34.00
Winterville	Miss Leah McGlohon, Leo Tripp	83.00		10.00	47,000	2,860.00	200.00	525.00	463.74	
Gum Swamp	J. F. Hathaway	219.75		10.00	110,000	2,038.54	287.31	293.88	417.64	140.50
Grace	Mrs. Lois Wagner, Mrs. T. N. Stocks, Mrs. A. B. Stocks	893.49	5.95	10.00	30,000	3,900.00	707.24	56.17	17.49	22.65
Maranatha	Mrs. LaRue Davis	83.00	3.92		15,000	3,120.00	100.00	5.50	18.00	6.80
<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>										
Friendship	Mrs. J. C. Cobb, Mrs. K. Z. Cobb	75.30		15.00		1,820.00	200.00			
Free Union	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. Ruby Heath, Roy Heath, Alton Harrell	92.72	6.00	35.00	70,000	3,825.00	300.00	859.15	416.31	23.64
Grimsley	No Delegates	25.00		10.00	15,000	2,040.00	251.22	330.81	104.82	73.15
Harrell's Chapel	Paul Marshburn, R. E. Hart	196.04	45.30	8.00	20,000	700.00	200.00	207.35	308.07	25.00
Hull Road	Mrs. Carl Barrow, Mr. Daniel Barrow, Mr. Haywood Hill	95.06		25.00	40,000	3,640.00	200.00	835.72	2,460.58	101.00
Little Creek	Roy T. Forrest, C. T. Dail, W. S. May			10.00	40,000	1,975.00	100.00	63.70	25.00	
Maury	Mrs. John Stepps, Mrs. Lester Merritt	87.99		5.00	4,500	525.00	143.00	6.00	227.71	
Saints' Delight	No Delegates	286.00		5.00	5,000	340.00	100.00	40.01		28.00
Ormondsville	Lawrence Tripp, Gennis Mooring	120.75	23.00	10.00	20,000	1,800.00	290.00	276.00	240.00	50.00
Spring Branch	Jesse Proctor, Ray Doc Gay	212.26	15.00	25.00	31,500	1,425.00	350.00	870.72	183.63	45.00
Howell Swamp	No Delegates	106.83	26.70	10.00	20,000	1,800.00	125.00	414.25	919.56	50.00
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. James Carraway, Mrs. Carlton Parker			5.00	20,000	1,407.19	360.00	60.00	24.00	9.00
<b>EDGEcombe COUNTY</b>										
Edgewood	C. F. Abrams	120.00		10.00	12,000	1,380.00	140.00		180.00	60.00
Rocky Mount	Mrs. R. L. Edwards	1,085.46	25.21	10.00	46,000	3,640.00	335.00	361.21	135.21	53.61
Tarboro	No Delegates	136.89	35.00	10.00	40,500	3,900.00	140.70	137.83	179.42	
Peace	Mrs. Irving Wooten, Mrs. Hubert Burress	42.56	5.25	5.00	17,500	1,260.00	290.00	21.48	10.56	11.88
Otter's Creek	Mrs. Frank Morgan, Mrs. A. C. Turner			6.07	15,000	740.00	215.00	125.00		48.00
<b>MARTIN COUNTY</b>										
Cedar Grove	No Delegates	10.00		10.00	15,000	480.00	225.00	16.25		
Rose of Sharon	James Bailey, Gilbert Rawls			10.00	7,000	1,045.00	175.00	110.00	30.00	20.00
Williamston	Ruby Barnhill			8.00	10,000	520.00	110.00	52.02		
<b>LENOIR COUNTY</b>										
Hugo	Mrs. Roland Grant, Mrs. Edward Hardee	167.34		10.00	16,500	2,060.00	160.00	33.30	142.16	
LaGrange	Mrs. Joe Hines, Mrs. Della Dawson	200.00	25.00	5.00	25,000	2,550.00	100.00	360.00	110.00	65.00
Faith	Floyd Hemby, Nelson Taylor	99.74		5.00	20,000	3,575.00	300.00	50.00		
<b>WILSON COUNTY</b>										
Aspen Grove	A. G. Mangum, Zell Smith	18.80		10.00	30,000	1,500.00	250.00	568.00	101.54	50.00
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pittman	263.60	25.00	10.00	40,000	3,245.00	200.00	359.39	429.11	50.00
Owen's Chapel	No Delegates	56.43		5.00	16,000	2,886.00	260.00	85.00	36.92	25.00
Saratoga	W. R. Owens, Mrs. George Weldon, Mrs. Fred Pittman	208.72		10.00	47,000	3,512.00	140.00	320.61	171.80	
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>										
Antioch	Jim Lancaster, Marvin Smith	25.00		10.00	20,000	1,200.00	125.00	165.78	295.17	26.58
Walnut Creek	No Delegates	91.00		5.00	12,000	776.40	100.00	150.02	163.20	53.00
Watery Branch	Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Benton	10.00	15.00	10.00	7,075	767.58	144.94	133.96	123.23	
<b>BEAUFORT COUNTY</b>										
Piney Grove	No Delegates			10.00	7,500	1,030.00	170.00	143.24	5.61	
Washington	Eldon Hollowell, Mrs. Dennis Roebuck	200.00	100.00	15.00	46,000	4,179.22	200.00	200.00	50.00	60.00
Shiloh	Mr. and Mrs. John Foreman	341.26		15.00	30,000	1,560.00	200.00	100.11	80.00	14.68
Miznah										
<b>HALIFAX COUNTY</b>										
Dawson's Grove	Henry Harris Jr.	178.58	11.35	10.00	16,000	1,200.00	125.00	148.00	126.17	15.50
Hone	Mrs. Gene Harrell, Miss Lillie Bland			5.00	4,587	3,380.00	267.35			
<b>PASQUOTANK COUNTY</b>										
St. Paul	Rev. Roland Cherry	100.00	5.00	5.00	35,000	3,380.00	265.00	99.41	24.02	5.00

Churches	Number of Members	Sunday School Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Church Members Gained	Church Members Lost	To Church Finance Association	To Promotional Work	For Repairs and Improvements	Paid Out for All Purposes
<b>Pitt County</b>										
Ayden	272	246	36	22	9		\$	\$	\$ 376.98	\$ 7,820.79
Bethany	228	97		18	20	5			3,076.20	8,411.86
Black Jack	473	408	88	70	13	6			8,579.62	17,984.69
Dilda's Grove	97	102	36	22	1	1		2.07	30.20	1,699.67
Elm Grove	359	199	51	30	21	9	5.00	5.00	218.00	5,124.00
Greenville	857	613	114	42	30	18			12,469.94	25,809.63
Grifton	99	113	30	40	10	5		39.04	6.36	3,894.40
Hickory Grove	122	113		20	7	3			3,600.00	5,194.22
King's Cross Roads	201	162	45	33	4	2			313.10	3,124.19
Marlboro	170	224		30	7	11			62.69	3,188.02
Parker's Chapel	294	331		30	79	6			4,936.00	12,467.00
Piney Grove	258	242	35	49	18	12			1,910.38	6,095.69
Pleasant Hill	92	89		20	8	2			4,200.00	6,889.00
Reedy Branch	275	296		47	31	11			10,127.58	17,296.03
Rose Hill	329	218	30	15	12	9			255.00	3,660.00
Sweet Gum Grove	194	172		35	6	2	2.00		221.46	3,546.31
Winterville	239	254		50	18	2			1,359.00	3,107.13
Gum Swamp	520	228		35	7	7	15.00	366.08	3,562.84	7,341.54
Grace	388	373	60	60	68	37	5.59	10.58	650.00	11,616.05
Maranatha	33	85		12	12	2				3,652.00
<b>Greene County</b>										
Friendship	170	168	70		2	4				
Free Union	474	299		79	10	10	1.00	23.00	3,608.04	11,000.00
Grimsley	175	119		23	8	7	25.00	26.43	337.00	3,281.15
Harrell's Chapel	110	160	25	20	36	8		30.00	500.00	2,395.42
Hull Road	471	261	45	33	2	8	6.00	94.20	16,099.13	26,870.75
Little Creek	114	121		22					1,100.00	3,929.18
Maury	75	106		6	28	8			188.25	1,094.96
Ormondsville	293	143		34	12	6	30.00	20.00	1,626.00	6,006.00
Howell Swamp	131	78		32			25.00	10.00	443.27	4,036.04
Spring Branch	221	145	45	19	18	7	20.00	150.00	1,817.35	5,483.36
Saints' Delight	120	93			13	1			552.60	1,156.50
Mt. Calvary	89	178			62	3		80.00	760.00	6,626.97
<b>Edgecombe County</b>										
Edgewood	129	133	32	15	1	5			40.28	1,920.28
Rocky Mount	94	117	15	24	16	1		129.21	737.70	11,870.33
Tarboro	210	221	45	30	26	5			1,572.47	11,417.64
Peace	42	87		21	12	1			79.33	1,725.06
Otter's Creek	117	81		22	8	1			2,000.00	3,134.67
<b>Martin County</b>										
Cedar Grove	125	95		17		1			400.00	1,350.29
Rose of Sharon	147	73				3				1,686.96
Williamston	110	85	10	23	10				17.22	2,678.96
<b>Lenoir County</b>										
LaGrange	142	234		30	18	2			2,000.00	5,405.00
Hugo	165	137		38	2	1			1,342.48	3,905.28
Faith	99	111	28	16	20	6		30.00	1,454.48	6,223.01
<b>Wilson County</b>										
Aspen Grove	215	220	25	20	20	7				3,146.08
Daniel's Chapel	195	193	35	25	9	4			8,000.00	12,572.10
Owen's Chapel	177	153	28	30	17	9	12.00		1,300.00	4,500.00
Saratoga	126	167	33	23	7	8	89.35		163.00	6,088.29
<b>Wayne County</b>										
Antioch	125	90		30		2	10.00	55.15	1,079.18	3,412.88
Walnut Creek	55	80							1,393.55	3,286.95
Watery Branch	57	72		15	6	5		10.00	20.00	1,214.71
<b>Beaufort County</b>										
Mizpah										
Piney Grove	103	61		17		3			255.90	1,762.75
Washington	247	244	50	30	27	7	50.00	346.00	1,723.50	8,804.22
Shiloh	305	182	50	26	15	4			2,203.98	4,596.50
<b>Halifax County</b>										
Dawson's Grove	71	64	22	18	7	2	5.00	5.00	2,062.00	5,518.30
Hope	139	106		30	32	2				4,918.30
<b>Pasquotank County</b>										
St. Paul	112	136		25	4	1	5.00	145.00	100.00	5,612.38

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, dean of the college. The report was received as information.

Report of Children's Home committee was given by Rev. L. E. Ballard. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Carol Alexander. His text was Acts 1:6-11.

The conference was dismissed for the noon hour.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Guy Owens. Subject: "Fellowship in Evangelism."

Report of digest committee was given by the clerk. By motion the report was adopted and that a space be allowed for miscellaneous giving. (See report.)

By motion that the request for Mount Olive Junior College to use the back of the minutes be granted.

A report of the missionary conferences to be held within the bounds of the Central Conference was given as information by Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By motion that the year of the conference be given on the front of the minutes.

Report of the finance committee was given by Rev. R. A. Gaskins. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

Report of the treasurer was given by Rev. C. J. Harris. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

By motion the conference adjourned the 1959 session.

REV. F. B. CHERRY, Moderator

REV. C. H. OVERMAN, Clerk

## Reports

### ORPHANAGE REPORT

September 1, 1958—August 31, 1959

Churches .....	\$10,749.42
Sunday Schools .....	3,434.57
Auxiliaries .....	1,758.05
Leagues .....	92.22
Concert Classes .....	2,668.99

Total for Conference .....\$18,703.25

### REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Students currently enrolled from churches in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists:

Student—Church

Vivian Jean Beamon—Spring Branch

Linda Faye Cherry—Black Jack  
 Keith Ted Garris—Elm Grove  
 Fannie Annette Griffin—Harrell's Chapel  
 Frank Ray Harrison—Rose of Sharon  
 Patricia Lou Hart—Grifton  
 Carol Frances Hill—Hull Road  
 Thelbert Joe Hines—LaGrange  
 Odia Joseph Huber—Friendship  
 Robert Milton May—Hull Road  
 Barbara Jean Patrick—Free Union  
 Jean Faye Sugg—Grimsley  
 Reuben Lynwood Cherry—Black Jack  
 Judy Daryl Foreman—Shiloh  
 Bertie Ann Hill—Hull Road

### SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1958-59.

1. We now have 22 ministers who receive monthly pension checks. Of this number, two are from this conference.

2. We have 25 minister's widows who receive quarterly pension checks. Of this number, three are from this conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$1,016.36
Sunday Schools	439.67
Leagues	45.08
Auxiliaries	64.12
Unions	112.97

Total .....\$1,678.20

4. The budget for 1959-60 is \$20,000, based on 50 cents per member of the churches in this state.

5. Please send all superannuation funds to: Rev. Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted by

REV. WALTER REYNOLDS

Chairman-Treasurer

### REPORT OR ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council has ordained during the year Rev. Robert Paul Smith Jr. We recommend that his name be listed with the ordained ministers of this conference.

The council ordained Walter Sutton upon condition that he complete

six hours of college credit in English, after which he will be given a certificate of ordination. We recommend that his name be listed with the ordained ministers of this conference upon condition that he complete six hours of credit in English.

The council requested the following churches to issue a certificate of license to the following:

Winterville Church to Ward Sutton; Hull Road Church to Robert May; Peace Church to William Thomas Godley; Tarboro Church to Bobby Abrams and Jackson Mayo; Reedy Branch Church to James Levy Corey Jr.; Marlboro Church to A. C. Morgan.

We recommend these names be listed with the licensed ministers of this conference.

The council granted permission to Mack Humbles to work with Rev. Allen Bryan at Bath, North Carolina, in the Albemarle Conference.

The council recommends the following names be listed with the ordained ministers of this conference:

Robert Edwards from the Eastern Conference; W. M. Fulcher from the Eastern Conference; Carol Alexander subject to a letter from the Central Conference of South Carolina; Ed. Miles subject to a letter from the South Carolina Conference of South Carolina.

The council recommends the following names be given letters of transfer:

Rev. Graham Baker to the Eastern Conference of North Carolina; Rev. Roger Tripp to the South Carolina Conference of South Carolina.

The council recommends that the name of R. H. Gregory be dismissed from the list of licensed ministers due to his license expiring.

The council questioned Mr. Robert Durham from the Watery Branch Church and requested that he further prepare himself until he reach the conference requirements.

The council advised Johnnie Vernelson to present himself to his local church for licenses to preach and follow the same procedure for ordination as any other prospective member.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. W. ALEXANDER, *Chairman*

REV. J. C. LYNN, *Secretary*

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

During the year I have continued my research, on a limited basis, as your conference historian.

We urge the people of our Central Conference to preserve local history by electing a local church historian.

I will be glad to render to any church my services as historian.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. HUBERT BURESS, *Historian*



## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the re-adoption of the 1958 temperance committee report for the year 1959.

### 1958 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 Christian Action 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, billboards, daily and weekly papers and magazines have been used as a means of advertising the sale of alcoholic beverages, and whereas grocery stores and supermarkets display beer and wine among their other products for sale; be it resolved that we go on record in this 1959 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,  
R. L. NORVILLE, *Chairman*  
T. P. ELLIS  
JESSE D. PROCTOR

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your resolutions committee, recommend that this conference extend a rising vote of thanks and sincere appreciation to the Ormondsville Free

Will Baptist Church people, and pastor, for their generous hospitality during this session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. K. L. WOOTEN

REV. J. E. WOOTEN

REV. ADAM SCOTT

REV. R. B. CRAWFORD

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS

I am happy to make this report from your conference mission board. We have been busy; yet, you can see little visible results. We have investigated several fields, but no work has been started.

God saw fit in His wise providence to call home Brother Cicero Smith, one who was very much interested in missions. Your executive board appointed Brother Frank Davenport to fill his unexpired term. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

The DuPont mission has ceased operation due to lack of interest in that community.

We do appreciate the fine co-operation given us through your churches, Sunday schools, leagues, union meetings, ladies' auxiliaries, dollar a month club or whatever way you helped financially. We know that you have been praying. Continue to pray and give to missions as the Lord directs.

Our budget for 1959-60 is \$5,200.00. This can be met if each church in the conference sends us \$2.00 per week.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Total Receipts .....	\$ 869.10
Cash on Hand .....	977.20
Cash Received for Mission Club .....	26.08

Balance November 1, 1959.....\$1,872.38

Send all contributions to Rev. Charles E. Keith, 208 E. 9th St., Washington, N. C.

REV. CHARLES E. KEITH

Secretary-Treasurer

## REPORT OF \$5 BUILDERS' CLUB

### *Paid Out*

2/10/59	Mount Calvary Church, Hookerton.....	\$200.00
2/27/59	Mount Calvary Church, Hookerton.....	10.00
2/27/59	Mizpah Church, Washington.....	5.00
2/27/59	Maranatha Church, Greenville.....	5.00
2/27/59	Hope Church, Scotland Neck.....	5.00

Total Paid Out .....\$225.00

REV. HUBERT BURRESS

Secretary-Treasurer

### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On December 4, 1958, the Board of Trustees met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Those present consisted of the following: Brothers Rashie Kennedy, J. T. Beddard Jr., Clarence Little, Billie Jackson and A. G. Mangum. Brother J. C. Harris, treasurer of the conference, was also present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Kennedy and the meeting called to order. The election of officers was first on the agenda. Bro. Rashie Kennedy was elected chairman and A. G. Mangum, secretary.

The first matter of business was to locate the deed of trust from the Tarboro Church. The last note had been marked both paid and satisfied, canceled with the Register of Deeds office, and mailed to the Tarboro Church. All payments were paid on time.

We are now holding four notes in the amount of \$500.00 each, and making a total of \$2,000.00, which was loaned to Maranatha Church in Greenville of which the interest on the principal was due on the 12th of December, 1958, the 12th of December, 1959, at 6%. On the 12th of December, 1960, there will be a note in the amount of \$500.00 due plus the interest and one note due each in the years 1961, 1962 and 1963.

There is \$698.60 in the treasury as of to date.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by prayer by Bro. Clarence Little.

A. G. MANGUM, Secretary

### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

First of all, the committee would like to call your attention to the report submitted by the superintendent of our Children's Home. Only 14 churches out of 57 in this conference had contributed to the Central Conference Building Fund—the amount of \$1,376.48 on a \$25,000 building.

We, the committee, recommend to the Central Conference that the clerk of the conference, mail a letter to all churches in the conference, requesting their church to put on a special drive immediately to raise their quota on the Central Conference building; this to be over and above their regular general contribution. We suggest this campaign be worked through your church, the most successful plan of raising funds: All organizations of your church are urged to help in this drive (Sunday school, league, woman's auxiliary, Master's Men, and other organizations of the church): We further recommend that our people give more liberally in support of the Children's

Home program, in order that more children may be taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY T. FORREST, *Chairman*

L. E. BALLARD

EDGAR BENTON

### DIGEST REPORT

Number of Churches in Conference .....	56
Number of Churches Reporting this Session.....	55
Number of Church Members .....	11,290
Number of Sunday School Members .....	9,583
Number of League Members.....	1,083
Number of Woman's Auxiliary Members .....	1,488
Number of Members Gained .....	829
Number of Members Lost .....	292
Net Gain .....	537
Contributions to this Conference .....	\$ 572.07
Value of Church Property .....	1,707,373.75
Paid Out to Pastors .....	122,113.82
To Evangelists .....	22,654.35
To Orphanage .....	15,233.00
To Education .....	11,427.65
To Superannuation .....	1,750.30
To Church Finance Association .....	1,204.59
To Missions .....	11,060.87
To Cragmont Assembly .....	459.18
To Promotional Work .....	5,063.11
Paid Out for Repairs and Improvements .....	111,420.57
Paid Out for All Purposes .....	435,611.64

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### Amount Received:

Balance on Hand .....	\$ 185.19
Morning Offerings .....	263.28
Received from Churches .....	584.07
Total .....	\$1,032.54

#### Expenses and Appropriations:

Conference Expense .....	\$195.87
Superannuation .....	25.00
Church Finance .....	25.00
Children's Home .....	148.73
Missions .....	75.00

Fellowship (ECC) .....	75.00
Orphanage Building .....	25.00
Mount Olive Junior College .....	148.73
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	115.82
<b>Total Expenses and Appropriations .....</b>	<b>\$ 834.15</b>
<b>On Hand .....</b>	<b>\$ 198.39</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*Receipts:*

Amount Brought Forward .....	\$ 185.19
Offerings .....	263.28
From Churches .....	584.07
<b>Total Received .....</b>	<b>\$1,032.54</b>

*Paid Out:*

Conference Expenses .....	\$230.87
Appropriations .....	663.28
<b>Total Paid Out .....</b>	<b>894.15</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury .....</b>	<b>\$ 138.39</b>



# **MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

## **MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA**

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5. Free Will Baptist Heritage Foundation

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