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In Memorium

In rags,
In poverty,
Before the Father undone.
Careless
And undeserving,
A meeting with the Son

Unrest, no peace of mind,
A soul broken in despair;
He cried,
He was heard,
Salvation was his to share.

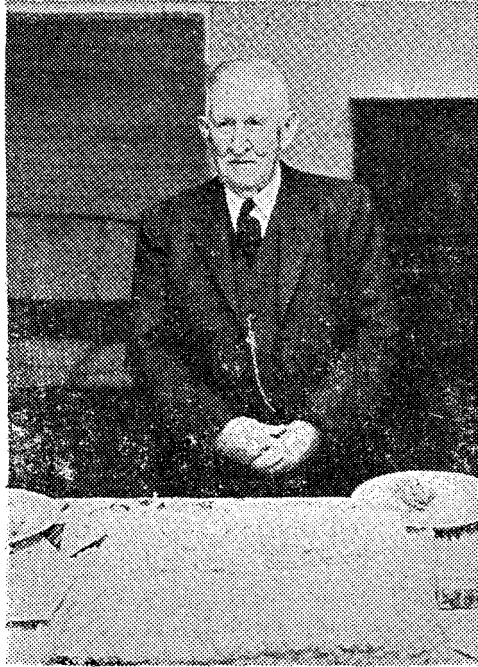
Then he saw,
Then he heard
That the world lay in sin.
Praying, crying
To the Lord for souls to win.

Peace and contentment,
As to the task he set;
But in the world
Cold and resentment
As to hearts he met.

Across Jordan,
To the other side,
In realms of the portal
To join,
And live
With all the immortals.

Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Dedication



Rev. W. B. Nobles

This minute is dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. W. B. Nobles.

We wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved brother. He will long be remembered for his faithfulness to the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptists. His quiet, mannerly life, his faithfulness to the ministry, his love for the Word of God, his evangelistic fervor, his life of prayer, his spirit of humbleness, his faithfulness to the task, his unswerving devotion to God, his faith in the miraculous power of God's Word shall long be remembered by his host of friends; therefore, we dedicate the 1960' minutes of Central Conference.

The Obituary Committee

Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

Rev. Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

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

CLERK

Rev. C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. LaRue Davis, Greenville, N. C.

TREASURER

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

Boards and Committees

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Walter Reynolds	Rev. C. L. Patrick	Rev. C. H. Overman
Rev. C. J. Harris		Rev. R. B. Crawford

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. D. W. Alexander	Rev. Michael Pelt	Rev. F. B. Cherry
Rev. Henry Melvin		Rev. Willis Wilson
	Rev. Ed Miles	

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Leo Tripp	Mr. Luther Barrow	Mr. M. S. Cowan
Rev. Raymond Gaskins		Mr. Luther Dail

TO REPRESENT STOCK IN PRESS

Mr. Norman Stanley	Mr. C. F. Little	Mr. Levi Worthington
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BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. R. L. Norville	Rev. Charles Keith	Mr. Albert Proctor
Mr. Daniel Barrow		Rev. Robert Edwards

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. Garland Teasley	Rev. N. D. Beaman	Rev. Adam Scott
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CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Rev. Hubert Burress

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

PITT COUNTY

Ayden—Mrs. Marie W. Harris, 220 Montague Ave., Ayden
Bethany—Mrs. Dorothy Dail, Route 1, Winterville
Black Jack—A. G. Gaskins, Route 3, Box 296, Greenville
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Edna Horton, Macclesfield
Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Ayden
Grace—Mrs. Peggy Peaden, Polk Ave., Greenville
Greenville—Mrs. James Crawford, 305 Elizabeth St., Greenville
Grifton—Mrs. J. V. Braswell, Route 2, Grifton
Gum Swamp—Willie E. Bell Jr., Route 6, Greenville
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Conetoe
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. E. Tugwell, Route 2, Farmville
Marlboro—Mrs. Alice C. Parker, Route 1, Box 329, Farmville
Parker's Chapel—James H. Vernelson, Route 5, Box 356, Greenville
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norman Stanley, Route 3, Box 438, Greenville
Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forrest, Route 2, Box 59B, Greenville
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette Jr., Route 1, Box 86, Winterville
Rose Hill—Charles C. Hardee, Route 1, Box 596, Ayden
*Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville
Winterville—Mrs. Barbara Manning, Winterville
Maranatha—Mrs. Earl Garriss, Route 3, Box 611, Greenville

*No Report

GREENE COUNTY

Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg
Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville
Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Route 1, Box 237, Farmville
Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill
Howell Swamp—James E. Shackelford, Walstonburg
Hull Road—M. C. McCoy, Route 1, LaGrange
Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden
Maury—Mrs. Leonard Cox, Maury
Ormondsville—John Stephens, Route 1, Ayden
Spring Branch—Mrs. Mildred Owens, Walstonburg
Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Route 1, Snow Hill
Mt. Calvary—Bobby Jones, Route 1, Hookerton

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville
*Otters Creek—Raymond Jefferson, Fountain
Peace—Irving Wooten, Pinetops
Rocky Mount—Robert Pierce, 304 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount
Tarboro—Mrs. Billy Trevathan, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro

*No Report

LENOIR COUNTY

Faith—Herman Spence Jr., Route 1, Kinston
Hugo—Mrs. Howard Holt, Route 1, Box 496, 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
*No Report

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. Warren, Everetts
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston
Williamston—Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Williamston

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Alton G. Ausbon, Route 5, Box 256, Greenville
Washington—Maurice Cartwright, 814 E. 5th St., Washington

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Hubert R. Dickens, Route 1, Enfield
Hope—Mrs. Bessie Strickland, 201 N. Chestnut St., Scotland Neck

ROLL OF MINISTERS

D. A. Windham, 1128 Evans St., Greenville, N. C.
J. C. Moya, Snow Hill, N. C.
D. W. Alexander, Bethel, 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.
N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.
Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C.
L. E. Ballard, Box 338, Scotland Neck, N. C.
Leonard Earl Harris, 269 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.
C. J. Harris, 601 E. 9th St., Greenville, N. C.

T. P. Ellis, Route 1, Fountain, N. C.
 Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.
 Rashie Kennedy, Box 913, Greenville, N. C.
 N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.
 W. B. Raper, Mount Olive, N. C.
 Charles Craddock, 805 Lafayette St., Dothan, Ala.
 Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.
 Henry Melvin, Winterville, N. C.
 Charles E. Keith, Route 3, Box 10, Washington, N. C.
 R. L. Norville, Route 4, Greenville, N. C.
 R. B. Crawford, 303 Meade St., Greenville, N. C.
 J. B. Narron
 R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
 Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C.
 F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Greenville, N. C.
 I. J. Blackwelder, Turbeville, S. C.
 J. C. Lynn, Box 99, Elm City, N. C.
 J. W. Everton, Middlesex, N. C.
 Willis Wilson, Robersonville, N. C.
 Jack Paramore, Greenville, N. C.
 Gordon Hart, Smithfield, Mississippi
 Billy Davidson
 Adam Scott, Winterville, N. C.
 C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.
 Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.
 Billy Walker, Route 1, Wendell, N. C.
 Jerry Ballard, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Melvin Worthington, Route 1, Chocowinity, N. C.
 Milton Worthington, Greenville, N. C.
 Guy Owens, Route 6, Greenville, N. C.
 Billy Jackson, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
 LaRue Davis, 1110B S. Cotanche St., Greenville, N. C.
 Raymond Gaskins, Ayden, N. C.
 Rev. Robert E. Edwards, 1424 Rosewood Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
 Rev. W. M. Fulcher, Foreign Missions Dept., 3801 Richland Ave.,
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Carroll Alexander, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.
 Ed Miles, Walstonburg, N. C.
 Robert Paul Smith, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
 Walter Sutton Jr., Williamston, N. C.
 Henry Hagan, 1207 Franklin St., Greenville, N. C.
 R. J. Kennedy, F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
 Ray Harrison, Grifton, N. C.
 William Thomas Godley, F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
 W. H. Willis, Greenville, N. C.
 Garland Teasley, Winterville, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Charles Doss, F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
Nathan Earl Eason, Tarboro, N. C.
Melvin Moore, Farmville, N. C.
Mack Humbles
Ward Sutton, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.
Robert May, Mount Olive, N. C.
Bobby Abrams
Jackson Mayo
James Levy Corey, Winterville, N. C.
A. C. Morgan, Farmville, N. C.
Ronnie Lee Dail
Lloyd W. Johnston

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

PITT COUNTY

Ayden—Raymond Gaskins
Bethany—Garland Teasley
Black Jack—Floyd B. Cherry
Dilda's Grove—R. L. Norville
Elm Grove—Wayne Smith
Grace—Rashie Kennedy
Greenville—R. B. Crawford
Grifton—Galen Dunbar
Gum Swamp—Guy Owens
Hickory Grove—Willis Wilson
King's Cross Roads—L. B. Manning
Marlboro—S. R. Kennedy
Parker's Chapel—Milton Worthington
Pleasant Hill—N. D. Beaman
Piney Grove—Jerry Rowe
Reedy Branch—Henry Melvin
Rose Hill—Clifton Rice
Winterville—Adam Scott
Maranatha—LaRue Davis

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Hull Road—Walter Reynolds
Little Creek—Hubert Burress
Maury—Henry C. Hagans
Ormondsville—Clifton Rice
Spring Branch—Ed Miles

Sts. Delight—A. C. Morgan
Mount Calvary—David Paramore

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Edgewood—Robert Lee Norville
Peace—Hubert Burress
Rocky Mount—Robert L. Edwards
Tarboro—Raymond T. Sasser

LENOIR COUNTY

Faith—Carroll Alexander
Hugo—N. D. Wiggs Jr.
LaGrange—Thurman Hall

WAYNE COUNTY

Antioch—L. R. Ennis
Watery Branch—C. M. Coates
Walnut Creek—E. E. Bryan

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—L. B. Manning
Daniel's Chapel—David Charles Hansley
Owen's Chapel—J. C. Lynn
Saratoga—Fred S. Powers

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Walter Sutton Jr.
Rose of Sharon—C. D. Hamilton
Williamston—Walter Sutton Jr.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Willis Wilson
Washington—Charles E. Keith

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—L. E. Ballard
Hope

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened in its two hundred twelfth session with the Free Union Church, Greene County, November 9, 10, 1960. The moderator, the Rev. F. 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. D. W. Alexander whose subject was, "Glorifying God Through Praise."

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

The welcome was given by Mrs. Frank Walston, a member of the host church.

The response was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

The program was presented and by motion it was adopted as the basis for the business of the conference with any necessary changes to be made by the moderator.

The following recommendation, from the ministers of the Central Conference, was presented by the assistant moderator, Rev. Walter Reynolds:

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

By motion, the recommendation was adopted.

The following Central Conference ministers were enrolled: Milton Worthington, Melvin Worthington, Walter Sutton, Carroll Alexander, A. C. Morgan, Walter Reynolds, N. D. Beaman, Michael Pelt, D. W. Alexander, Ray Harrison, R. H. Mason, Raymond Gaskins, Tommy Godley, W. G. Ennis, Clarence Little, Guy Owens, Robert L. Norville, Henry Melvin, Hubert Burress, C. L. Patrick, Willis Wilson, C. H. Overman, F. B. Cherry, L. B. Manning, Rashie Kennedy, C. J. Harris, W. B. Raper, T. P. Ellis, Wilbert Everton, Robert Edwards, LaRue Davis, Charles Keith, Bill Fulcher, Nathan Eason, Mack Humbles, R. B. Crawford, Adam Scott, N. B. Barrow, E. L. Abrams, Ed Miles.

By Letter, J. C. Lynn, J. B. Narron.

By motion, the minister, delegates, boards and committees were seated.

By motion, the union meeting delegates be seated as fraternal members.

The following visiting ministers were recognized, welcomed and seated: Western Conference: Raymond Sasser, Garland Teasley, Ronald Creech, W. L. Poytress, M. L. Johnson, Willie Renfrow, R. H. Jackson; Eastern Conference: S. A. Smith, W. H. Willis, J. C. Griffin, H. W. Armstrong, Jerry Rowe; Cape Fear Conference: C. M. Coates; Albemarle Conference: W. H. Cox; Piedmont Association: Owen Ganey; Southwest Association of Virginia: Raymond Riggs; South Carolina Conference: Fred Powers.

Churches	Delegates	Contributions	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	To Orphanage	To Education	To Superannuation	To Church Finance	To Missions	To Cragmont	No. of Members	Sunday School Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Church Members Gained	Church Members Lost	To Promotional Work	For Repairs and Improvements	Paid Out for All Purposes
Pitt County																				
Ayden	Mrs. J. A. Parker, Mrs. Wilbur Worthington, Ira L. Hart	\$10.00	\$ 90,000	\$4,660.00	\$725.00	\$675.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 40.00	\$	\$ 326.10	\$	325	230	62	29	51	2	\$	\$ 273.97	\$ 8,529.51
Bethany	Mr. Luther Dail, Mrs. Clara Dail, Nobles Craft	10.00	62,000	3,380.00	100.00	220.77	64.75			125.00		225	104	15	13	2			\$ 842.00	6,281.21
Black Jack	Mrs. Alice Elks, Mrs. F. B. Cherry, Cass Hudson, Roy Stokes, L. T. Hardee	10.00	100,000	4,200.00	589.15	691.80	93.96			366.40		488	404	88	26	9			666.71	9,007.28
Dilda's Grove	Arthur Corbitt	10.00	15,000	1,115.00	100.00	417.80	115.92	18.25		20.00	21.25	101	108	23	24	7	2		217.75	2,880.36
Elm Grove	J. T. Beddard Jr., Elma Beddard, Eva Worthington, Lester Garriss	10.00	98,500	3,120.00	200.00	467.24	532.47	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	353	196	22	26	5	10		300.00	6,500.91
Grace	Bobby E. Smith, Mrs. Frank Wagner	5.00	35,000	4,821.00	390.20	448.82	104.21	40.00		1,483.02	40.00	387	399	70	46	11		5.00	763.95	12,999.07
Greenville	Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. Claude Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. Fronie Hawkins, Mrs. D. A. Windham, Mrs. B. Snell	10.00	115,000	4,500.00	440.00	555.97	387.45	60.00		1,896.70	22.90	880	430	121	71	44	21		8,816.93	21,559.36
Grifton	No Delegates		4,000	2,936.00	680.33	56.00				554.00		143	163	20	42	5			4,226.33	
Gum Swamp	Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hathaway	10.00	40,000	2,760.00	300.00	100.00	358.37	75.00	25.00	562.29	24.00	520	250	35	41	11		294.60	778.87	5,288.03
Hickory Grove	No Delegates	10.00	15,000	1,200.00	284.34	146.03	75.77	45.31	9.31	14.31	5.00	120	113	20	3	5		310.25	452.28	2,552.60
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. Irene Jones, Mrs. Rosa Clark	10.00	10,000	1,662.42	320.00	596.57	25.45	20.00		40.00		201	177	45	33	8	6	12.00	575.97	2,797.57
Marlboro	Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Mrs. May Brooks, Mrs. Ethel Carraway	25.00	6,000	1,750.00	200.00	688.61	310.07	122.75		159.61	50.00	157	179	32	1	5			403.00	3,684.72
Parker's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. D. R. House	10.00	55,000	3,900.00	400.00					105.54		318	292	65	24	5			295.21	13,420.53
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Geneva Bullock, Mrs. Susan Mayo	5.00	25,000	1,680.00	250.00	200.00	50.00	60.00		60.00		95	85	30	5	2			600.00	7,905.00
Piney Grove	Mrs. Jasper Nobles, Mrs. T. E. Dickerson	10.00	34,500	1,371.00	200.00	391.01	708.62	56.75	15.00	148.00	30.00	252	164	40	47	12	9		297.00	4,923.84
Reedy Branch	C. F. Little, R. L. Worthington, Mrs. W. A. Dail	25.00	94,942	4,020.50	152.00	485.00	467.00	60.00		477.51		280	296	47	13	14		14,140.75	22,051.41	
Rose Hill	Johnnie Edwards, Raymond McLawhorn	20.00	25,000	1,800.00	250.00	585.00	100.00	100.00		100.00		310	200	21	20	6	25	25.00		2,980.00
Sweet Gum Church	No Report—J. L. Barnhill																			
Winterville	Leah McGlohon, Aileen Tripp, Leta Forlines	10.00	47,000	3,900.00	200.00	632.00	325.98			111.88	10.00	239	230	35	60	8	6			4,973.42
Maranatha	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garriss	1.00	15,000	3,120.00	100.00	30.00	25.00			55.90	16.00	42	89	13	9	4				3,351.00
Greene County																				
Free Union	W. M. Harrison, Walter Jones, Jack Cunningham, L. W. Heath, Luther Beaman	35.00	73,000	3,900.00	300.00	991.00	429.00	18.00		47.00	19.00	485	313	68	30	19		20.00	302.00	8,171.00
Friendship	Lynwood Cobb, Carl Tyson	15.00	7,000	1,560.00	345.00	709.07	248.51	46.81		45.88	18.00	167	158	75	22	2			138.00	3,477.62
Grimsley	Bruce Dail, Mrs. Seth Meadows	10.00	15,000	1,875.00	240.00	114.91	221.80	52.19	25.00	60.00	18.43	176	116	50	19	3		18.78		3,126.81
Harrell's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. David Corbett	8.00	20,000	700.00	250.00	230.00	425.00	20.00		20.00	16.00	115	165	10	15	9	4		800.00	2,724.76
Howell's Swamp	Thel Davis, E. E. Gay	10.00	20,000	1,800.00	125.00	336.00	948.16	67.00		220.00	35.00	135	89	34	8	5			126.07	4,923.85
Hull Road	Daniel Barrow, P. L. Barrow, Mrs. Carl Barrow, Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Mrs. Milton Harrison	10.00	40,000	4,443.00	100.00	743.33	2,724.40	68.00	8.00	1,134.13	42.20	468	270	40	30	20	12	38.00	1,478.78	12,207.85
Little Creek	C. T. Dail, Mrs. Joe Sumrell	10.00	40,000	2,175.00	100.00	126.77	89.00	11.87				106	139	7	2					3,112.59
Maury	Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mrs. Bernice Eakes	10.00	5,000	700.00	307.50	78.40	12.00			13.00		145	110	8	24	3			34.16	1,713.97
Ormondsville	Mrs. Effie Wooten, Mrs. Bernice Mooring	10.00	20,000	1,800.00	265.00	751.00	201.00	28.00		204.00	20.00	290	129	39	5	8			1,634.00	6,818.00
Spring Branch	Ray Doc Gay, Charlie Walston	25.00	34,500	1,500.00	300.00	672.75	72.00	45.00	20.00	226.11	25.00	233	180	50	20	22	3	15.00	2,235.19	7,185.95
Sis. Delight	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes, Mrs. Mary Wade	5.00	10,000	635.50	180.00	79.35		8.00		60.00		151	98	22	24	37	5	343.31	1,740.00	3,050.85
Mt. Calvary	Mrs. Iona Moye, Mrs. Mary Pittman	10.00	25,000	2,071.79	707.99	165.25	30.00			117.65		135	234	23	25	2			1,800.00	6,039.34
Edgecombe County																				
Edgewood	Frank Abrams	10.00	12,000	1,140.00	100.00	180.00						130	120	32	17	7	2		78.07	1,498.07
Otter's Creek	No Delegates																			
Peace	Tommie Godley, Mrs. Irving Wooten, Mrs. Hubert Burress	5.00	20,000	1,380.00	140.00	56.82	12.89			65.30	2.00	37	90	10	1	2			762.51	2,624.52
Rocky Mount	Mrs. Otto C. Merritt, C. H. Dunn	10.00	45,000	3,640.00	325.00	467.00	180.00	78.00		1,500.00	57.91	105	132	40	28	11	5		1,426.14	11,600.66
Tarboro	Mrs. Albert Sumerlin, Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser	10.00	75,000	3,900.00	280.00	163.48	70.00	10.00		144.61	20.00	252	247	40	35	52	10		1,488.34	12,236.40
Lenoir County																				
Faith	Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor, First Day; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, Second Day	5.00	20,000	3,120.00	250.00	88.69	134.15	7.20	2.40	525.21	2.40	86	112	25	21	6	4	30.00	2,039.72	7,827.06
Hugo	Mrs. Bess McCoy, Mr. Ray Shepherd	5.00	17,750	1,750.00	175.00	60.00	46.60	55.00		9.00	160	110	23	5	3			125.24	56.12	2,834.53
LaGrange	Mrs. J. W. Wilson Jr., Mrs. Alton Aldridge	5.00	25,000	3,120.00	200.00	350.00	125.00	67.00	12.00	310.00	30.00	156	175	26	10	8			100.00	5,281.00
Wayne County																				
Antioch	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lancaster	10.00	25,000	1,440.00	200.00		366.59	50.00		90.63	10.00	141	95	12	25		4		1,884.28	4,423.46
Watery Branch	No Delegates																			
Walnut Creek	No Delegates	5.00	12,000	600.88	150.00	71.81	117.21	20.00		147.69		95	100			2	1		1,578.35	3,037.35
Wilson County																				
Aspen Grove	Fred Moore, Marvin Langley	10.00	30,000	1,625.00	322.20	592.00	55.00	60.00		55.00	5.00	222	213	25	15	1	6		270.06	2,994.26
Daniel's Chapel	C. W. Pittman, Raymond Glover	10.00	40,000	3,480.00	200.00	364.70	230.03	50.00		200.00		200	200	30	26	7			2,376.38	8,060.48
Owen's Chapel	Mrs. Daisy Owens	5.00	15,000	3,100.07	285.00	406.16	50.00	29.84		15.00		169	151	19	28	11			450.00	5,661.00
Saratoga	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proctor, Mrs. Ceber Cobb	10.00	45,000	3,055.00	275.00	254.60	450.85			383.16		136	161	54	25	30	15		50.68	5,812.56
Martin County																				
Cedar Grove	Mrs. Pearl Rogers, Mrs. Eva Wynn	3.00	10,000	1,690.00	205.00	36.38	10.00			10.00		124	95	15	10	3		41.52	141.75	2,134.75
Rose of Sharon	Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cowan	10.00	7,000	1,085.00	180.00	171.66	200.00			70.00		154	79	25	7	3				2,714.00
Williamston	Mrs. Ruby Barnhill, Mrs. Nellie Rogers	5.00	15,000	1,690.00	150.00	96.58	20.00			12.00		68	91					25.00	250.00	3,091.46
Beaufort County																				
Mizpah	No Delegates		10,000	746.72	85.48	2.50	30.88			20.50	2.50	54	96	40	10	3	2		125.00	1,018.58
Piney Grove	No Delegates	10.00	8,000	990.00	100.00	96.62				6.00		89	62	16	5				23.00	1,512.68
Washington	Mrs. James Waters, Doris Wood	15.00	46,000	4,220.50	175.00	181.10	155.00	50.00		190.04	50.00	249	262	47	32	10	3	92.52	429.60	8,941.15
Halifax County																				
Dawson's Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dickens	10.00	18,500	1,374.50	250.00	221.00	143.72	37.00	3.00	298.00	40.05	78	72	26	26	7		95.20	1,684.03	5,090.73
Hone	Mrs. F. W. Moore, Mrs. Irene Morris	5.00	16,000	3,380.00	225.00							146	118	25					984.00	4,889.00

Rev. Walter Jones, a Baptist minister, was recognized.

By motion the visiting ministers were seated and welcomed.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Digest: C. H. Overman, Leah McGlohon and Willis Wilson.

Children's Home: N. D. Beaman, Mrs. Cora Lee Spivey, J. T. Beddard.

Temperance: Rashie Kennedy, Guy Owens, Nathan Eason.

Resolutions: J. W. Everton, Henry Melvin, Walter Sutton, Hubert Burress, Walter Reynolds.

Nominations: C. L. Patrick, R. L. Norville, Michael Pelt, L. B. Manning, Robert Edwards.

The moderator gave his message.

The report of the Children's Home was presented by Rev. Wilbert Everton as information. (See report.)

The report of Mount Olive Junior College was presented by Rev. W. B. Raper as information. (See report.)

The morning message was delivered by Rev. C. L. Patrick. It was entitled, "Glorifying God Through Original Free Will Baptist Practices and Principles." Text, Acts 3:1-9.

The conference was dismissed for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

The devotions were conducted by Rev. T. P. Ellis. His subject was, "Glorifying God in Prayer."

The report of the National Association was given by Rev. Hubert Burress as information.

The report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by Rev. S. A. Smith as information.

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

The report of East Carolina College Student Fellowship was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford as information.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Rev. N. B. Barrow as information.

The report of the ordaining council was given by Rev. Henry Melvin and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

By motion that those whose letters are pending be given the hand of fellowship as members.

The report of the obituary committee was given and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

A verbal report of the Children's Home committee was given by Mrs. J. C. Moye, chairman of the committee. By motion, the following recom-

mendation was adopted: "That the committee get together and plan an itinerary to visit the churches within the conferences and that they be permitted to receive an offering for the building project; that the conference reaffirm its support to this program."

By motion that the back of the 1960 minutes be used for Mount Olive Junior College ad.

Rev. Bill Fulcher, missionary candidate to Uruguay, spoke for a few minutes concerning his interest in visiting any church which might be interested.

The conference missions report was given by Rev. Charles Keith and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The conference adjourned the afternoon session.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services began at 9:30 with song service led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. The devotions were led by Rev. Walter Sutton. His subject was, "Glorifying God in Personal Witnessing."

The minutes of the first day's session were declared approved as read.

The Central Conference ministers and visiting ministers were enrolled. The conference ministers were seated. (The list of ministers present is given during the first day's session.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by the Rev. Guy Owens, and by motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the conference historical committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

A recommendation was made that the conference contribute \$50.00 to Hebron Home and Grace Home. By motion, the recommendation was adopted.

The report of Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson as information.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by the Rev. J. W. Everton and by motion it was adopted.

Reports were given concerning the Cragmont Booster Band by the Rev. L. E. Ballard and Mrs. J. C. Moye as information.

The report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by the Rev. F. B. Cherry as information. He reported that the college enrolled 208 this year with 54 of them from North Carolina. Gifts from our state during the past fiscal year totaled \$12,742.38 for the general fund and \$4,087.67 for the building fund. The budget for this year is \$20,000.

The report of the State Missions Board was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson as information.

BUSINESS SESSION

A motion was made that the conference discontinue the two years college work required for the ordination of its ministers.

By motion that the matter stated in the above motion was postponed until the afternoon business session.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. Raymond Gaskins. His subject was, "Glorifying God in Stewardship." The text was 1 Thessalonians 2:4.

The conference was dismissed for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was led by Rev. Willis Wilson. The devotions were conducted by the Rev. R. L. Norville. His subject was, "Glorifying God in Evangelism."

The motion concerning the ordination of ministers was taken up again and by a vote of 49 to 48 the motion was adopted.

By motion the Mizpah Church of Washington was granted a letter of dismission to the Albemarle Conference.

By motion the Rev. Roland Cherry and Rev. Frank Davenport were granted letters of dismission to the Cape Fear Conference.

The report of the Children's Home committee was given by Mrs. Cora Lee Spivey and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

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

The digest report was given and by motion it was adopted with any changes to be made by the executive committee. (See report.)

The report of the finance committee was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris and by motion it was adopted.

By motion that the placement of the conference for 1961 be left in the hand of the executive committee.

A motion was made that the incoming moderator and officers be responsible for drawing up a constitution for the conference to be presented at the next session. The motion was carried.

The report of the nominating committee was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick and by motion it was adopted as presented. (See report.)

By motion that the minutes of the second day's session be approved by the executive committee.

By motion the conference adjourned.

Rev. F. B. Cherry, Moderator

Rev. C. H. Overman, Clerk

REPORTS

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

September 1, 1959—August 31, 1960

Churches	\$11,005.29
Sunday Schools	4,983.70
Auxiliaries	2,123.70
Leagues	134.60
Miscellaneous	852.36
Total from Conference	<u>\$19,099.66</u>

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Students currently enrolled from churches in the Central Conference or Original Free Will Baptists are as follows:

Name	Church
Marsha Barrow	Hull Road
Sandra Beddard	Eln Grove
Phillip Lee Jackson	Daniel's Chapel
Louvenia Bunn	Little Creek
Dewey Wallace Hart	Harrell's Chapel
Robert May	Hull Road
Phyllis Wooten	Dilda's Grove
Vivian Beaman	Spring Branch
Linda Cherry	Black Jack
William Fleming	Sweet Gum Grove
Frank Ray Harrison	Rose of Sharon

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We are glad to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1959-60:

1. We now have 21 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks. Of this number, one (1) is from this conference.

2. We now have 27 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks. Of this number, three (3) are from this conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$814.62
Sunday Schools	440.96
Leagues	26.45
Auxiliaries	65.50
Union Meetings	99.39
Conference	25.00
Total	<u>\$1,471.92</u>

4. The budget for 1960-61 is \$20,000, based on 50c per member of the churches of 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,

Rev. Walter Reynolds,

Chairman-Treasurer

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council has ordained during the year, Henry Hagan, R. J. Kennedy Jr., Ray Harrison, and William Thomas Godley.

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

The council requested Parker's Chapel Church to issue certificates of licenses to Ronnie Lee Dail and Lloyd W. Johnston.

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

The council advised the Hookerton Church to do the following:

That they call a church conference by an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and call an ordained minister as pastor of their church under which Brother David Paramore will serve as supply.

We recommend that the following brethren be received, by letter of transfer, into full fellowship of the conference: Rev. W. H. Willis, from the Eastern Conference; Rev. J. Garland Teasley, from the Western Conference.

We further recommend that the following brethren be received under the watch care of this conference, pending receipt of letters of transfer from their respective conferences: Rev. Bobby Jackson, from the Western Conference; Rev. Fred S. Powers, from the South Carolina Conference.

We further recommend a letter of transfer to J. O. Fort to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, *Chairman*

Rev. Henry Melvin, *Secretary, pro tem*

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Whereas a desire was expressed in the 1959 session of the conference for a standing obituary committee whose duties it would be to prepare suitable memorial services for all ministers who die during the year preceding the conference, to present to the conference a suitable obituary for publication in the conference minutes, and that a copy of the obituary be presented to the Free Will Baptist for publication, to his nearest kin, and to his local church, and

Whereas Article 4 of the conference constitution empowers the confer-

ence to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program:

Therefore, be it resolved that beginning with the 1960 session of the conference that an obituary committee of three be elected to carry out the above expressed wishes of the conference, and that their term of office be the same as those of other standing boards and committees.

Be it also resolved that the committee elected at the 1960 session prepare or have prepared a suitable obituary for the Rev. W. B. Nobles in time to have it included in the minutes of this session of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. L. Patrick

Rev. Hubert Burruss

Mack Humbles

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

I am happy to bring you greetings from your conference missions board. Work has been started in Weldon. Cottage prayer meetings are being held in the various homes. Interest is good, attendance is fair. We are in the process of renting a suitable building and placing a man on the field. We solicit your continued prayers and support.

You will notice from the treasurer's report that only a small percentage of the churches in the conference are behind this program. This is a worthy cause. We are asking that each church make an effort to send us \$2.00 per week for this program.

Send your contributions to Rev. Charles E. Keith, 208 E. 9th Street, Washington, N. C.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount Brought Forward	\$1,872.38
Received this Year	877.18
Received Through \$1 Club	57.44
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Total	\$2,807.00
Paid Out	80.00
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Balance	\$2,727.00

Submitted by,

Rev. Charles E. Keith, Treasurer

REPORT OF 1960 TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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 literature which may be used in our local churches, in our public schools and in our community organizations that would teach against the use and sale of intoxicating beverages.

3. We recommend that our ministers familiarize themselves with the problem of alcoholism as a sin, rather than as a disease as some teach; and that we teach that rehabilitation may be brought about through Christ. We recommend Hebron Colony and Grace Home, Boone, North Carolina, as a good place for men and women.

4. We recommend that the ministers and other church leaders of the Central Conference teach their people the principles of self-control in word and deed, as set forth in the Bible and Church Covenant.

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 intoxicating, and whereas grocery stores, supermarkets, service stations, and eating places, display beer and wine among their other products for sale; be it resolved that we go on record in this 1960 session of the Central Conference as opposing and detesting such advertising; and that we boycott such places of business.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Rashie Kennedy, *Chairman*
Nathan Eason
Rev. Guy Owens

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

1. We have eight churches in the conference which have elected local church historians.

2. We are interested in getting a copy of the history of every church within the Central Conference in the hands of our historian. We urge each church to send a copy of its history to our historian.

3. The services of the historian are at the disposal of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Hubert Burress, *Historian*

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE, INCORPORATED

The following quotations taken from the Certificate of Incorporation set forth the objects and purpose of the association:

OBJECTS AND PURPOSE:

"3. The objects for which said association is formed are as follows:

"a. To finance or assist in financing church buildings and other denominational property with the express stipulation that

this section and the matters hereinafter set out apply only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

- “b. To serve in the capacity of surety and to guarantee the payment of loans made to such Free Will Baptist organizations, for the purpose of financing denominational property, and in effect to underwrite such payments.
- “c. To finance or assist in financing the purchase or repair of equipment, furniture, or other personal property that may be necessary to the furtherance of the work and purpose of any such Free Will Baptist institution as above stated.
- “d. To extend the denominational work in home missions and church buildings in communities where such institutions are now located or where the location of the same would be expedient or useful.

“5. It is the purpose of the association to further the religious education of the public by lending its support to the strengthening of Free Will Baptist institutions and the creation of new institutions where the same may be feasible.”

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your resolutions committee, recommend that this conference extend a rising vote of thanks and sincere appreciation to the Free Union Church and people, its pastor, for their generous hospitality during this session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Reynolds

Rev. Henry Melvin

Rev. Walter Sutton

Rev. J. W. Everton

Rev. Hubert Burress

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

Several years ago the home was caring for 108 children. Due to the rules and regulations regarding the care of children, we had to reduce our number. If we take any more children, we must build another building. Only 28 churches have sent a contribution for the Central Conference Building Fund; therefore, we recommend:

1. That the pastors and delegates present to their church the urgent need of this building in order that those homeless children now on the waiting list may have a place in the home.

2. That each church, Sunday school, league, Y. P. A., G. T. A., Master's men and woman's auxiliary rally to this needed project by helping to

put on a special drive to raise \$10,000 of the needed \$25,000 in order that the building may be started within the next twelve months.

3. That each pastor and a representative from each church participate in the Thanksgiving service at the home, and take a special offering for the operational expenses of the home.

We have, according to our reports, between 11,000 and 12,000 members in our conference. In order to raise the \$10,000 each member would only have to give about 90c.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dan Beaman

Mr. J. T. Beddard

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On November 8, 1960, the Board of Trustees met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Those present were Brothers Rashie Kennedy, J. T. Beddard Jr., Clarence Little and A. G. Mangum.

Brothers LaRue Davis and Earl Garris of Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville were also present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Earl Garris and called to order by Brother Kennedy. A discussion on the loan that was made to the Maranatha Church of which the first note of \$500.00 with interest will be due on December 12, 1960. Brother Garris said they would not be able to pay the note on that date, and asked for an extension of time. The notes were due in \$500.00 payments with interest as follows; December 12, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963. The principal and interest to date is \$2,382.04. The church is asking for an extension of one year from now to pay the first payment on their loan. On motion we recommend that the request for extension of time be granted.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Clarence Little.

Balance on Hand, \$743.43.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Mangum, Secretary

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number of Churches in Conference	54
Number of Churches Reporting	52
Members	10,136
No. in Sunday School	8,336
No. in Leagues	1,116
No. in Woman's Auxiliary	1,154
No. of Church Members Gained	647
No. of Church Members Lost	281
Net Gain	366
Value of Church Property	1,486,691.30

Contributions to the Conference	\$ 344.00
Paid Out to Pastors	107,542.11
To Evangelists	11,703.86
To Orphanage	14,540.84
To Education	11,342.75
To Superannuation	1,596.72
To Church Finance	124.71
To Missions	11,723.26
To Cragmont	644.64
To Promotional Work	1,544.25
Paid Out for Repairs and Improvements	146,324.88
Paid Out for All Purposes	298,963.63

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. Walter Reynolds

Assistant Moderator—Rev. C. L. Patrick

Clerk—Rev. C. H. Overman

Assistant Clerk—Rev. LaRue Davis

Treasurer—Rev. C. J. Harris

Executive Committee—Revs. Walter Reynolds, C. L. Patrick, C. H. Overman, C. J. Harris, R. B. Crawford.

Ordaining Council—Revs. D. W. Alexander, Michael Pelt, F. B. Cherry, Henry Melvin, Willis Wilson, Ed. Miles.

We recommend that the committee to work with the education board be discontinued.

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

Board of Trustees—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Mr. A. G. Mangum, Rev. Clarence Little, Rev. L. B. Manning, Mr. J. T. Baddard Jr.

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

Board of Missions: Rev. R. L. Norville, Rev. Charles Keith, Mr. Albert Proctor, Mr. Daniel Barrow, Rev. Robert Edwards.

Obituary Committee—Rev. Garland Teasley, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Rev. Adam Scott.

Conference Historian—Rev. Hubert Burress.

Publicity Committee—Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. L. Patrick

Rev. Michael Pelt

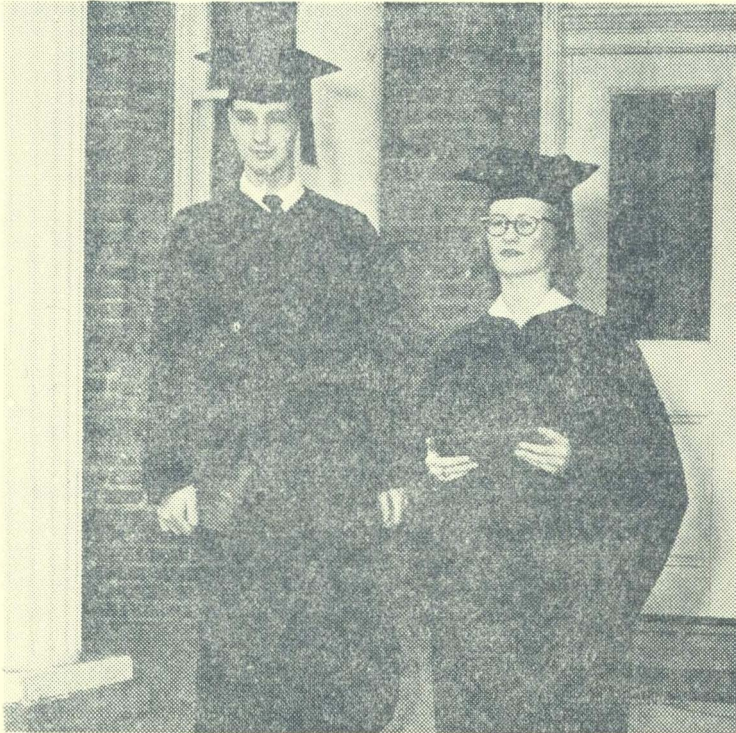
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