

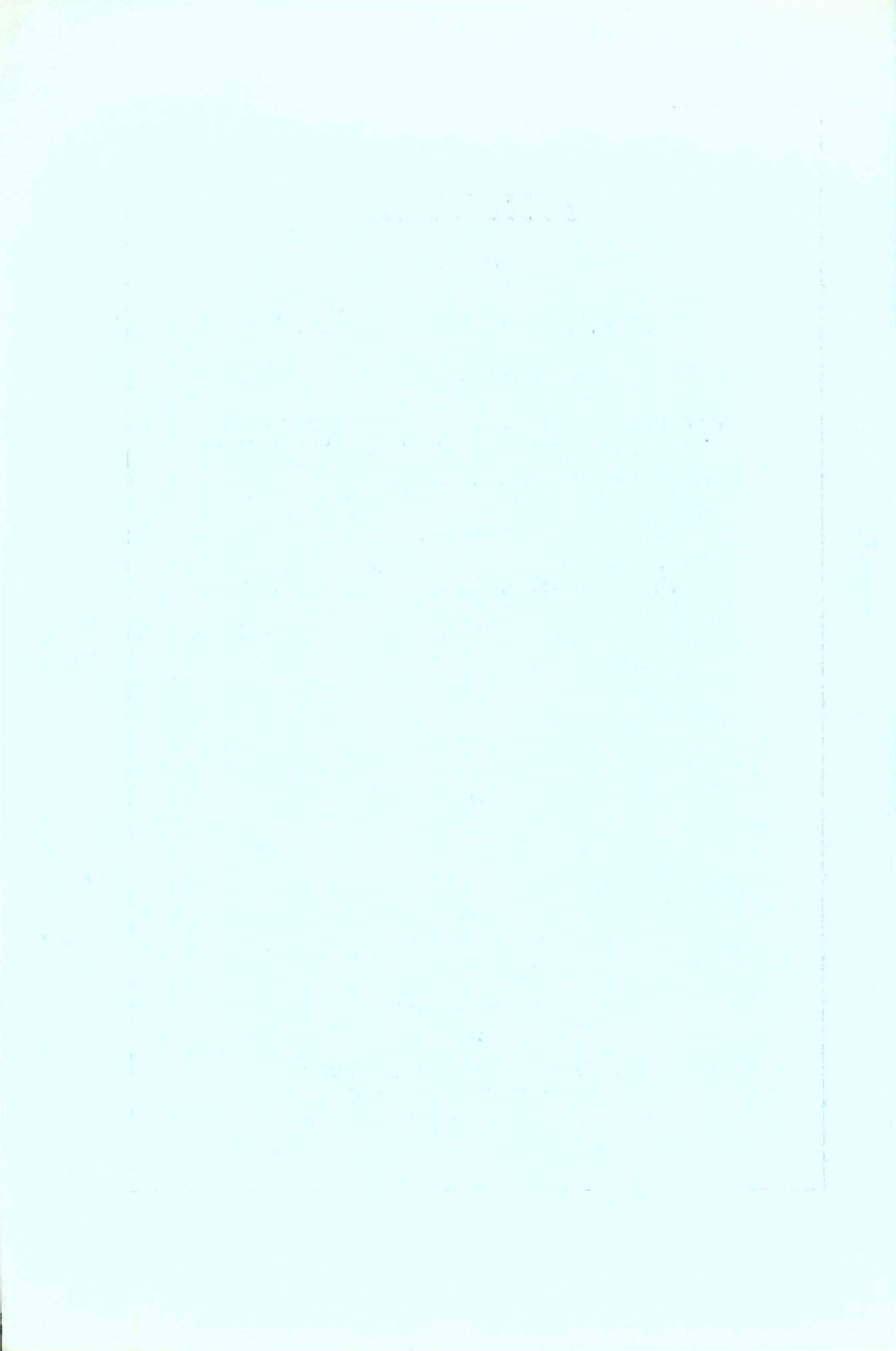
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The next session to be held at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church  
in Greene County, North Carolina.



This issue of the Central Conference Minutes is dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. E. L. Abrams. See the report of the Obituary Committee for further information.

# Officers of the Conference

(Newly Elected)

## MODERATOR

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

## ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. N. B. Barrow, Ayden, N. C.

## CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

## ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Sheldon Howard, Walstonburg, N. C.

## TREASURER

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

# Boards and Committees

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. C. L. Patrick                      Rev. N. B. Barrow                      Rev. Hubert Burress  
Rev. C. J. Harris                      Rev. Walter Reynolds

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Charles Sapp (1963)                      Rev. Edward Miles (1964)  
Rev. Willis Wilson (1965)                      Rev. F. B. Cherry (1966)  
Rev. Michael Pelt (1967)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy T. Forrest (1963)                      Earl W. Skinner (1964)                      Floyd Harris (1965)  
Mrs. J. C. Moye (1966)                      A. G. Mangum (1967)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1963)                      Daniel Barrow (1964)                      Albert Proctor (1965)  
Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1966)                      Rev. Fred S. Power (1967)

## BOARD OF FINANCE

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1963)                      George Harrison (1964)  
Mrs. Leon Dunn (1965)                      M. S. Cowan (1966)  
Luther Dail (1967)

## TO REPRESENT STOCK IN PRESS

McCoy Tripp (1963)                      Rev. N. D. Beaman (1964)  
Levi Worthington (1965)

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Ray Harrison (1963)                      Leo Tripp (1964)                      Rev. L. B. Manning (1965)

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. R. L. Norville (1963)                      Rev. R. B. Crawford (1964)  
Rev. R. P. Harris (1965)

## CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

## PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Miss Leah McGlohon

# Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

## PITT COUNTY

Ayden—Mrs. Thelbert Hart, Route 1, Box 192, 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, Box 157-A, Ayden  
Greenville—Mrs. Garland F. Euck, 1702 Sulgrave Road, Greenville  
Gum Swamp—Viola H. Brown, Route 4, Box 40, Greenville  
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Box 32, Conetoe  
Kings Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Route 2, Farmville  
Marlboro—Mrs. Alice Parker, Route 1, Farmville  
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norman Stanley, Route 3, Box 438, Greenville  
Piney Grove—Mrs. Frances Cassick, Route 1, Greenville  
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 86, Winterville  
Rose Hill—Charles Hardee, Route 1, Box 596, Ayden  
\*Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville  
Winterville—Miss Leah McGolohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville

## GREENE COUNTY

Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, 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. H. L. Spivey, Maury  
Ormondsville—John R. Stephens—Route 1, Box 425, Ayden  
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard E. Owens, Walstonburg  
\*Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Route 1, Snow Hill

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY

\*Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville  
Otters Creek—Raymond Jefferson, Fountain  
Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops  
Rocky Mount—Wilton Cobb, 1201 Hargrove Street, Rocky Mount  
Tarboro—Mrs. Jean Trevathan, 112 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro

## LENOIR COUNTY

Faith—Herman Spence, Jr., Route 1, Kinston  
Hugo—Mrs. Howard Holt, Route 1, Box 496, Kinston  
LaGrange—Mrs. Joyce Cherry, Box 321, LaGrange

## WAYNE COUNTY

Walnut Creek—Miss Anna Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange  
Watery Branch—Raymond R. Pender, Route 6, Box 486, Goldsboro

## WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville  
Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman, Jr., Route 3, Wilson, N. C.  
Owens Chapel—Jeanette Braswell, Route 3, Elm City  
Saratoga—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Route 1, Stantonsburg

## MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Rachel E. Wynn, Route 3, Williamston  
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston  
Williamston—Mrs. Nellie Rogerson, 111 Plum Street, Williamston

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Alton G. Ausbon, Route 5, Box 256, Greenville  
\*Washington—Mrs. Charlie Corey, Route 1, Box 493, Washington

## HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Hubert R. Dickens, Route 1, Enfield  
\*Community—Not Known

\*These sent in no report.

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.  
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C.  
W. G. Ennis, 430 N. Second Street, Smithfield, N. C.  
N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.  
Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.  
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee  
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C.  
L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C. *1225 S. Washington St.*  
Leonard Earl Harris, 269 Tarboro Street, 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. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C.  
T. P. Ellis, Route 1, Fountain, N. C.  
~~Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.~~  
N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.  
W. B. Raper, Mount Olive, N. C.  
Hubert Burruss, Pinetops, 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 Street, Greenville, N. C.  
~~L. R. Narron (Chaplaincy)~~  
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C.  
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Greenville, N. C.  
Willis Wilson, Robersonville, N. C.



Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.  
Edward Miles, Mount Olive, N. C. *mt. olive college*  
Walter Sutton, Jr., Beulaville, N. C.  
Ray Harrison, Grifton, N. C.  
W. H. Willis, Kinston, N. C. *1121 Dunn, Rd.*  
Fred S. Powers, 1424 Rosewood Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Charles Sapp, Winterville, N. C.  
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C.  
Melvin Moore, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.  
Jack Mayo, Mount Olive, N. C.  
Frank Ray Harrison, 402 Broad Street, Wilson, N. C.  
Sheldon Howard, Walstonburg, N. C.  
~~Kenneth Grubbs, Winterville, N. C.~~  
Noah Brown, Elm City, N. C. *pt. 3*  
Bobby Bazen, Saratoga, N. C.  
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 20, Enfield, N. C.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Charles Doss, Ward Sutton, James Levy Corey, Lloyd W. Johnson,  
William Futch, E. J. Hollowell, and Sigbee Dilda.



# PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its two hundred fourteenth session with the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina, Wilson County, November 7, 8, 1962. The moderator, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, presided.

The opening service began at 10 p.m. with song service led by the Rev. R. P. Harris. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of Elm Grove church.

The clerk officially opened the conference and presented the moderator.

The moderator's message was given.

The welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. Bobby Bazen.

The response was given by the Rev. Fred Powers, pastor of Rocky Mount church.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Eastern Conference—J. C. Griffin, Willie Stilley, Sheldon Howard, Norman Ard, Bobby Bazen, S. A. Smith, Ralph Lightsey, Graham Lane, Bruce Dudley, David Hansley; Western Conference—M. L. Johnson, W. E. Renfrow, W. L. Poythress, Melvin K. Everington, R. H. Jackson; Cape Fear—M. E. Godwin, Carey Cheshire; Albemarle—Allen Bryan.

The following Central Conference ministers were present: Walter Sutton, R. C. Proctor, R. B. Crawford, R. H. Mason, L. E. Ballard, Charles Sapp, T. P. Ellis, Bobby Bazen, Willis Wilson, N. B. Barrow, F. B. Cherry, C. D. Hamilton, R. L. Norville, W. Burkette Raper, J. Garland Teasley, J. W. Everton, L. B. Manning, Fred S. Powers, C. H. Overman, C. L. Patrick, Michael Pelt, Ray Harrison, Jr, R. P. Harris, Edward Miles, Walter Reynolds, Raymond T. Sasser, N. D. Beaman, C. J. Harris, Hubert Burress, Frank Ray Harrison, Jerry E. Rowe, and Jack Mayo.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

*Children's Home:* Rev. L. B. Manning, Mr. George Harrison, Rev. Ray Harrison.

*Temperance:* Rev. J. W. Everton, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Rev. R. L. Norville.

*Resolution:* Rev. Charles Sapp, Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, Rev. F. B. Cherry, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Daisy Owens.

*Nominating:* Rev. W. B. Raper, Rev. Fred Powers, Rev. Willis Wilson, Rev. Frank Ray Harrison, Mr. Earl Skinner.

*Committee on Finance:* Leo Tripp, Luther Barrow, M. S. Cowan, Luther Dail, Rev. C. J. Harris.

*Obituary:* Rev. Garland Teasley, Rev. N. D. Beaman, Rev. Edward Miles.

The report of the State Convention was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick, president, as information.

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

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

The report of Church Finance, Inc., was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson and received as information.

The report of Mount Olive Junior College was given by the Rev. Burkette Raper. (See report.) An offering was received during the worship service for the college.

The song service during the morning worship was led by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. F. B. Cherry. His text was Acts 1:8.

The conference adjourned for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison.

The partial report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress and by motion it was adopted. (See report.) The part of the report concerning the seating of ministers and delegates in a particular place was deleted by common consent.

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk. The executive committee meeting of April 6, 1962, was amended to read that the Rev. D. W. Alexander was excommunicated, instead of his name being dropped. Motion was made and carried that the part above be expunged from the record. A substitute motion was made and carried that we reconsider the action concerning the Rev. D. W. Alexander. A motion was made and carried to adopt the item dealing with D. W. Alexander, as was taken on April 6, 1962, by the executive committee.

Motion was made and carried to commend the executive committee for their work done during the past year.

The report of the board of trustees was given by A. G. Mangum. Motion was made and carried that the report be received as information, and that the written report be turned in to the executive committee.

Motion was made and carried that the reports of the morning session be received as information.

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

The report of Cragmont Assembly was given by Fountain Taylor as information.

The conference adjourned until 9:30 a.m., November 8.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Song service was led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Charles Sapp.

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

The report of the obituary committee was given by the committee, Revs. N. D. Beaman, Edward Miles, and Garland Teasley. By motion the recommendations of the committee were adopted. (See report.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by the Rev. J. W. Everton, and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the ordaining council was given by the Rev. Michael Pelt and by motion the report was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that an up-to-date list of the Central Conference ministers be published in "The Free Will Baptist."

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

The report of the state missions board was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson as information.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by the Rev. Charles Sapp. By motion resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted as presented. An amendment was made to Resolution No. 5 that the Executive Committee of the State Convention be requested to reconsider the name given to the new men's organization. By motion the item was received as amended. Resolution No. 6 was adopted. (See report.)

Business was suspended for the morning service.

The report of the Children's Home was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The morning worship was under the auspices of the ordaining council. Vance Link from Dawson's Grove church was ordained during this service. The message was delivered by the Rev. Michael Pelt. The charge was given by the Rev. Edward Miles. The Bible was presented by the Rev. J. W. Everton. The laying on of hands was carried out by the ordaining council.

The conference adjourned for the noon hour.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service and devotions were conducted by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

Report of North Carolina superannuation was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, and by motion it was received as information and that the written report be included in the minutes. (See report.)

The report of the resolution committee was continued. By motion the resolution (No. 7) dealing with ministerial membership was tabled. Resolution No. 8 was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the conference mission board was given by the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. By motion the report and recommendations were received. (See report.)

The report of the Children's Home Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. By motion the report and recommendations were adopted. (See report.)

By motion that the clerk write the Rev. J. W. Everton a letter of appreciation, in behalf of the Central Conference, for the work done while at the Children's Home.

The report of the nominating committee was given by the Rev. W. B. Raper. By motion to receive the report and elect by acclamation unless there are nominations from the floor. (See report.)

By motion that a rising vote of thanks be given to all the retiring officers and board members.

The report of the finance committee was given by Leo Tripp and by motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The treasurer's report was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

Motion was made and carried that the place of the next meeting and any unfinished business, including the approval of the last day's minutes, be left in the hands of the executive committee.

By motion to adjourn.

## REPORTS

### MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE REPORT

#### Report of Gifts and Quotas

Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Fiscal Year September 1—August 31

Churches	Gifts 1961-62	Quotas 1962-63
Aspen Grove	\$ 190.00	\$ 400.00
Ayden	3,292.04	3,000.00
Bethany	279.02	600.00
Black Jack	112.49	500.00
Daniel's Chapel	140.10	400.00
Dawson's Grove	188.86	300.00
Dilda's Grove	79.73	170.00
Edgewood	10.00	125.00
Elm Grove	416.63	780.00
Faith	15.00	100.00
Free Union	354.28	500.00
Friendship	324.38	450.00
Greenville	773.28	1,600.00
Grimsley	259.02	325.00
Gum Swamp	530.00	500.00
Harrell's Chapel	265.00	300.00
Hickory Grove	59.27	200.00

Howell Swamp	413.14	625.00
Hugo	100.50	275.00
Hull Road	1,831.00	2,500.00
King's Cross Roads	178.73	400.00
LaGrange	13.42	200.00
Little Creek	324.28	500.00
Marlboro	93.46	350.00
Maury	1,131.10	250.00
Ormondsville	409.94	550.00
Owen's Chapel	14.60	165.00
Peace	67.75	100.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	775.45	900.00
Reedy Branch	440.09	870.00
Rocky Mount	280.00	500.00
Rose Hill	93.00	325.00
Rose of Sharon	147.04	150.00
Saratoga	640.00	625.00
Spring Branch	171.48	475.00
Sweet Gum Grove	115.00	200.00
Tarboro	110.00	275.00
Watery Branch	25.00	75.00
Williamston	15.31	60.00
Winterville	431.15	550.00
Community		50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort		75.00
Pleasant Hill (Pitt)		100.00
Saints Delight		100.00
Walnut Creek		100.00
Cedar Grove		125.00
Conference. Union Meetings, Woman's Aux- iliary Convention, Individuals, and Miscellaneous	1,237.91	1,280.00
Grand Total		\$23,000.00

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your credentials committee, realizing that this 214th annual session of the Central Conference faces unusual problems, recommend:

That we reaffirm the credentials committee's report of the 213th session, 1961, at Greenville church, on pages 11, 12, and 13, except item 7 which is out of date, which reads as follows:

"1. That this, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, do reaffirm our faith in, continue to be governed by, and adhere to, the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

"2. That all delegates representing churches in this conference, adhering to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists*

of North Carolina be seated in this, the two hundred fourteenth annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, with the privileges of voting or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said conference.

"3. That all ordained ministers in good standing, holding membership in this Conference and adhering to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* be seated in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina with the privilege of voting or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said conference.

"4. We call your attention to the constitutional provision of this conference: Article 1, which reads as follows: 'The conference or association shall be composed of affiliated ministers and churches within its bounds. Each church representing with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof.'

"5. Membership in this conference is open to any minister willing to adhere to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, even though the local church of which he is a member has disqualified itself.

"If such involves you as a minister, please see the credentials committee immediately.

"6. It is our opinion that a church corporation, under a charter that conflicts with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, is an independent unit separate and apart from the union meeting and conference or association; as such, it cannot be in good standing with the annual conference. We, therefore, recommend that any church having so incorporated itself shall not be privileged a seat in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session, of this conference. This recommendation includes both pastor and delegates of such church.

"7. We recommend any person or church not permitted a seat in another conference (or under probation) not be granted a seat in this conference until the case is thoroughly investigated and reported to this conference in session for clarity.

"8. We recommend any person wearing identification cards be seated."

The statement as to why Gum Swamp delegates were seated is as follows:

Whereas much confusion did exist in some of the churches of the Central Conference previous to the 213th annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists because of the incorporation of several churches, and

Whereas the executive committee of the conference on September 6, 1961, did recommend to these incorporated churches, including the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, that they either dissolve the corporation or revise the articles of incorporation and the constitution and



bylaws to harmonize with the "Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina," and

Whereas the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church did on September 23, 1961, vote by 87 to 0 to dissolve the corporation, which in time was accomplished, and

Whereas the executive committee and ordaining council of the Central Conference pledged themselves to assist any group in a church that desires to remain in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, wherein the church has departed from our customs, practices, usages, and printed statement of faith, and

Whereas the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists in its 49th annual session recognized churches or ministers willing to adhere to the "Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina" even though their conference or association had disqualified itself, and

Whereas there have been repeated meetings and requests from groups of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church representing those desiring to remain in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and State Convention, and in view of alleged illegal proceedings in regular business meetings and other business meetings being called illegally, the executive committee and ordaining council in a joint meeting on October 9, 1962, made the following request of the Gum Swamp church: "By motion that we notify the clerk of the Gum Swamp church that their pastor is not in good standing with the Central Conference inasmuch as he is not a member of a conference recognized by the Central Conference, and that we recommend that they take appropriate action to correct this situation before the annual meeting of the Central Conference which meets November 7 and 8, and

Whereas a certain group in the Gum Swamp church (alleged a majority), did on November 4, 1962, make an effort to have a business meeting to comply with the above mentioned request, and have signed and presented to the credentials committee a request that reads: "Since a group of the members of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church has departed from the customs, practices, usages, and the printed statement of faith and discipline in voting illegally without a two-thirds majority to affiliate with the National Association. We, the undersigned members of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist church, do reaffirm our faith and adherence to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, and the customs, practices, and usage of our beloved church and denomination in North Carolina; and request the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina to recognize and declare us to be the true congregation of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church along with all others who will take like action."

Therefore, we your credentials committee, recommend that the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in our 214th annual session

recognize those whose names are signed to this petition and those united in interest with them along with all other members of the congregation who will adhere and submit to the characteristic doctrines, usages, customs, and practices of this church as recognized in the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* and accepted by both factions of the congregation before the dissension arose in the church as being the true congregation of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, and that their delegates be seated in this session of our conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Michael Pelt

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 20, 1961, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee approved the last day's session of the conference.

By motion that an article be written on Section 2-A of the report of the resolutions committee and that it be printed in *The Free Will Baptist* and sent to the three churches out of fellowship (Grace, Grifton, Hope).

November 27, 1961, Mount Olive

Four members of the executive committee met: namely, Reynolds, Overman, Harris, and W. B. Raper, proxy for Patrick. Two members of the ordaining council were also present—Pelt and Everton.

By motion that the conference enter the case now pending in Durham County Superior Court as amicus curiae.

By motion that we retain the services of Isaac J. Horton to represent the conference.

By motion that Mr. Horton meet with the two committees on Friday, December 1.

By motion that the executive committee request the clerk of the so-called revived General Conference to grant a list of the Central Conference ministers and churches who have joined the so-called General Conference.

December 1, 1961, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee and the ordaining council met in joint session. Present were: Reynolds, Overman, Patrick, Harris, Crawford—executive committee; Miles, Pelt, Melvin, Everton, and L. B. Manning proxy for Wilson—ordaining council.

Rev. Hubert Burress and Isaac Horton met with the committee.

By motion that the conference historian and the clerk write an article on the conference history, etc.

By motion that this joint committee recommend to the executive board

of the State Convention to seek a solution to the standing of the Blue Ridge Association in the State Convention.

The ordaining council was asked to write the six ministers whose membership was in question.

By motion that a letter of transfer be granted Jerry Ballard to the Cumberland Association.

By motion that a letter be written to A. C. Morgan by the secretary of the ordaining council asking that his credentials be turned in to the council.

By motion that Melvin Moore be received and that Mack Humbles be written.

By motion that a time be set with Raymond Gaskins to discuss the matter of the petition.

December 14, 1961, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee and the ordaining council met in joint session.

By motion the resignation of Robert Edwards was received from the mission board.

By motion Ronnie Dail was accepted as a member in good standing.

By motion a letter of dismissal was granted Ronnie Dail to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

By motion that Mack Humbles be written.

By motion that L. E. Ballard replace Robert Edwards on the mission board.

By motion that with the compliance of the resolution passed by the conference that Billy Walker's name be dropped.

By motion that in keeping with the resolution passed at the last session of the conference that Adam Scott, Rashie Kennedy, LaRue Davis, be excommunicated and their names be dropped from the roll of ministers, and that they be respectfully requested to submit their credentials to the conference and their churches be notified.

By motion that action on the churches requesting their names be dropped from the conference be postponed until the moderator and assistant moderator have sought legal counsel.

By motion that a committee be appointed to study the matter of licensed ministers serving as supply pastors.

By motion that a statement be prepared similar to that of the Western Conference for publication in *The Free Will Baptist* and *Contact*.

February 19, 1962, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee and ordaining council met in joint session.

By motion that in compliance with the resolution passed at the last session of the conference that Robert Edwards, Carroll Alexander, Guy

Owens, Jack Paramore, and Billy Jackson be excommunicated and they be requested to turn in their credentials to the ordaining council.

By motion that Raymond Gaskins and J. E. Wooten be written a letter requesting them to give us a reply to the letters of December 15, 1961, on or before March 6, 1962, and unless favorable reply is received they be requested to surrender their credentials by March 10, 1962.

By motion that we comply with the request of the North Carolina State Convention in publishing a list of ministers in our conference who are not in fellowship with our conference.

By motion that Galen Dunbar be silenced within the bounds of the Central Conference in view of the fact that he claims to be the clerk of the Central Conference.

By motion that Mack Humbles be requested to meet with the committee and if he fails to meet his credentials will be called for.

By motion that the statement relative to the Prospect church meeting be published and included in our minutes, which reads as follows:

A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

(The following is found on the front page of a mimeographed booklet:)

MINUTES

1961 Session of the Revived

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF  
NORTH CAROLINA

November 20, 1961

Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church

Harnett County

(The above mentioned booklet has been spread and distributed throughout eastern North Carolina and in other areas. On page 3 of the above mentioned booklet is written the following:)

PROCEEDINGS

"Ministers, delegates and visitors gathered at Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Harnett County on November 20, 1961, for the purpose of organizing an Original Free Will Baptist Conference committed to our historic practice of congregational church government. The host pastor, Rev. Carey Watkins, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and acted as temporary chairman. Rev. Bobby Jackson led the congregation in singing 'Faith of our Fathers' and Rev. Rashie Kennedy led in prayer.

"Brother Watkins welcomed the group to Prospect church and stated the purposes of the meeting. Rev. Eugene Waddell brought the message on the subject, 'Who are the Original Free Will Baptists?' We sang 'Amazing Grace.'

"The ministers and delegates from the Western Conference were called into a short session. . . ."

(On pages 5, 6, 7 of the above mentioned booklet is written the following:)

MINUTES OF THE TRUE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF THE  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE

"Rev. Jack Paramore was elected temporary Moderator and Brother Galan Dunbar was elected temporary Clerk. The following ministers were enrolled: Robert Edwards, Adam Scott, Nathan Eason, A. C. Morgan, Rashie Kennedy, LaRue Davis, Carroll Alexander, Guy Owens, Jack Paramore and Galan Dunbar.

"The following delegates were enrolled: Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, N. C.—Tom Miller, Willie Wood, Wilton Taylor. Hope Church, Scotland Neck, N. C.—Mrs. E. W. Moore, Mrs. C. H. Flowers, N. J. Harris. Maranatha, Greenville, N. C.—Mrs. LaRue Davis, Mrs. Earle Garriss. Grafton Church—Tom Hardison, Alvis Harris.

"The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted: Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session November 8, 9, 1961, in Greenville, N. C. by unprecedented action of refusing to seat certain ministers for reasons not specified in the constitution of the Central Conference has departed from the democratic practices, customs, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists; and

"Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in the same session endorsed the action of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in its unprecedented interference in the internal affairs of a local church whereby it became the plaintiff in court proceedings to seize control of the property and award it to a small minority; and

"Whereas, the said conference adopted a resolution supporting the action and affirming the position of a group of men who signed an affidavit stating their belief in a connectional form of church government; and

"Whereas, the chief clause in the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* supporting this practice was taken from the Holiness corrupted Cape Fear Discipline of 1899 which was repudiated by the Original Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. This clause is: "That the annual conference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church; and

"Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session November 9, 1961, passed resolutions which in effect laid the groundwork for said conference to become a part of a new denomination; therefore,

"Be it resolved that we, the delegates who are representing churches and ministers who are adherents to the historic doctrines, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists assembled this 20th day of November, 1961, do hereby declare ourselves to be the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

"Be it further resolved that we repudiate the following statement found on page 53 in the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* which is: "The annual conference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church."

"Be it resolved that we unite with the churches and ministers who are true Original Free Will Baptists from the bounds of the Eastern, Western, Albemarle and Cape Fear Conferences.

"Be it resolved that we declare our determination to maintain our affiliation with our denomination, The National Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

"Be it further resolved that we declare all those churches and ministers in company with us adhering to doctrines, customs, practices and usages of the true Original Free Will Baptists to be in good standing.

"On motion the session of the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference adjourned.

"The ministers and delegates from the Cape Fear Conference were called into a short session. . . ."

This is to declare and give notice to all involved and concerned that the above mentioned and so-called meeting of the Central Conference was an illegal meeting and thereby declared void for the following reasons: (1) It was held outside the bounds of the Central Conference; (2) It was held on a date not in keeping with the constitution, which requires the Central Conference meetings to be held on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year; (3) The Central Conference had already met in its official two hundred thirteenth Annual Session on November 8, 9, 1961, in Greenville, North Carolina; (4) The so-called meeting of the Central Conference was held without the knowledge of the elected officers, boards, and committees and without due notice to the remaining 51 churches of the Central Conference; (5) Some of the ministers listed were not even members of the Central Conference and never have been, and some others were not in good standing in the Central Conference at the time of the so-called meeting.

This is to further declare and give notice to all involved that the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has not repudiated any part of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. The true facts being that the Central Conference adopted said *Statement*, 1955 revision, by a unanimous vote of the Conference while in session at Aspen Grove Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, November 9, 1955, and that the Central Conference did reaffirm its faith in, and adherence to, the said *Statement of Faith and Discipline*, 1955 revision, while in session at the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, on November 8, 9, 1961; that this vote was also an over-whelming majority in the affirmative (100-3), of all members present and voting.

This is to further declare and give notice to all involved and concerned that in view of the above mentioned facts and the official actions taken by the Central Conference during its two hundred thirteenth Annual Session, the so-called meeting of the Central Conference as listed in the above mentioned mimeographed booklet is declared to be an absolute nullity.

This declaration is made in order to avoid the confusion, turmoil, and unrest that might result from the spreading and distributing of the above mentioned mimeographed booklet. Done by the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on February 19, 1962.

December 15, 1961, Free Will Baptist Press

The joint committee continued the previous day's session. Hubert Burruss was proxy for J. W. Everton; N. B. Barrow was proxy for Michael Pelt; and L. B. Manning was proxy for Willis Wilson.

By motion that the Ayden church be instructed that to remain in fellowship with the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists they must abide by the treatise of the North Carolina State Convention. Further, they be instructed that members are not to be received from another Free Will Baptist church without a letter. If such members have been received the matter should be corrected immediately. Also, that if any member or members know of specific instances of violation such violations be presented to the conference in writing. Moreover, the church is requested to act at their next regular conference and immediately thereafter notify the conference of its intention with regard to these requests.

By motion that the ministers who are not in good standing with the conference be given until February 1, 1962, to express their desire concerning their membership in this conference. (Those written were Robert Edwards, Raymond Gaskins, Guy Owens, J. E. Wooten, and Carroll Alexander.)

January 4, 1962, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee and the ordaining council met in joint session.

By motion that Thurman Hall be silenced within the bounds of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists until such time as he accepts the provisions of the motions passed by a majority vote of the LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church on December 27, 1961, regarding his relationship to the church and until he submits himself to the jurisdiction of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion that a letter of this action be sent to the deacon board of LaGrange church, and to Mr. Hall, and that all the information on this matter be sent to the moderator of the Cape Fear Conference.

By motion that Billy Davidson be granted a letter of ministerial membership to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

April 6, 1962, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee and ordaining council met in joint session.

By motion that the request of Rev. D. W. Alexander's that his name be dropped from our list of ministers be granted provided there is no conflict in the Statement of Faith.

By motion that the open letter as presented by the moderator be published in "The Free Will Baptist" concerning the ministers who have been excommunicated.

By motion that the open letter to those churches who have left the conference be published in "The Free Will Baptist."

By motion that the request of transfer for Gordon Hart to the North-east Mississippi Association be granted.

By motion that the executive committee endorse the action of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists taken on March 29 concerning the termination of its relationship in the National Association.

By motion that the statement presented by the moderator be adopted.

By motion that the moderator contact the two groups in the Ayden church in setting a time to meet to mediate the differences which exist between the two groups.

By motion to adjourn.

May 4, 1962, Hull Road Church

Four members of the executive committee met: Walter Reynolds, C. L. Patrick, C. H. Overman, and C. J. Harris.

The following motion was adopted:

Since the executive committee has received no answer to the letter of April 9, to the Ayden church, as requested, the date of May 11, 1962, is set for the meeting with the Ayden church.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas it is reported that there are those members in the Ayden church who refuse to adhere to the North Carolina Statement of Faith, therefore, be it resolved that only those members who do agree to adhere to the Statement of Faith be recognized as the true membership of the Ayden church.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Raymond Gaskins performed a wedding ceremony on March 12, 1962, after receiving due notice from the executive committee and ordaining council of the Central Conference that his credentials were null and void; therefore, to relieve the parties involved of any further anxiety and embarrassment, be it resolved that for the date of March 12 only, Raymond Gaskins be recognized as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister of the Central Conference.

By motion to adjourn.



### August 31, Hull Road Church

Four members of the executive committee were present.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read.

By motion the resignation of Rev. Henry Melvin as a member of the ordaining council was accepted.

By motion Brother Melvin was granted a letter of transfer to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

By motion Rev. J. C. Lynn was granted a letter of transfer to the Tidewater Association of Virginia.

By motion the resignation of Rev. R. B. Crawford as a member of the executive committee was accepted.

It was noted that the letter of resignation was dated April 30, and post-marked August 20.

By motion the following resolution was adopted:

Due to the action taken by the following churches, Antioch, Maranatha, and Mt. Calvary, in joining the newly organized conference, leaving the practice of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Central Conference without asking for a letter of transfer and without any duly authorized communication, we, the executive committee of the Central Conference, declare them out of fellowship with the conference until such time as they may make request for readmission into the Central Conference and agree to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and that this statement be sent to each of the churches involved.

The program for the 1962 session was tentatively arranged.

The delegates to the State Convention were chosen.

By motion to adjourn and meet the next time in joint session with the ordaining council.

### October 9, 1962, Free Will Baptist Press

The executive committee met in joint session with the ordaining council.

The minutes of the last session of the executive committee were read and approved.

By motion that Robert May be granted a letter of recommendation to the Albemarle Conference of North Carolina.

By motion that Raymond Jones be granted a letter of transfer to the Western Conference of North Carolina.

By motion the following ministers were received pending a letter of recommendation from their conferences: Kenneth Grubbs from the Eastern Conference; Noah Brown from the South Carolina Conference; Bobby Bazen from the Eastern Conference.

By motion the Rev. J. E. Howard was approved for work in the Central Conference.

Churches	Delegates	Contributions	No. of Members	S. S. Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	To Evangelist	To Orphanage	To Education	To Superannuation	To Church Finance	To Missions	To Cragmont	To Promotional Work	Paid Out for Repairs And Improvements	Total Paid Out for All Purposes
<b>Pitt County</b>																				
Ayden	Thelbert Hart, Mrs. E. L. Hill	\$15.00	186	147	41	22	1	2	\$10,500	\$3,600.00	\$	\$	\$3,292.04	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,985.00	\$12,377.00
Bethany	Mr. Luther Dail, Mrs. Charles McLawhorn	5.00	216	97	21	6	8		6,000	4,300.00	125.00	219.29	45.02	17.60		75.00			90.37	6,977.35
Black Jack	J. B. Rouse, Cass Hudson, Gleen Gaskins	15.00	501	376	71	24	14		100,000	4,200.00	390.00	1327.23	284.63	18.00		297.37			4,117.98	14,455.03
Dilda's Grove	Glenwood Wooten	10.00	85	99	23	30	5	6	1,000	1,080.00	100.00	430.66	111.46	60.31	1.00	353.65	31.72		39.60	3,690.33
Elm Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Briley, Mrs. Pauline Griffin, Percy Humbles	15.00	391	265	76	26	13	19	99,000	3,875.00	200.00	255.16	226.38	12.50	10.00	173.11	160.20	10.00	861.86	7,928.73
Greenville	R. A. Calhoun, W. E. Hill, Alton Vincent, Stephen Walters	10.00	858	485	110	85	48	26	115,000	4,500.00	210.00	989.00	1,293.28	36.00		2,168.97	117.00		7,303.38	21,909.83
Gum Swamp	Claude Clark, Minnie Ruth Clark	10.00	556	200	40	55	12	14	40,000	3,900.00	369.82	768.47	254.00	87.00		710.88	5.00	435.86	82.15	6,660.18
Hickory Grove	Martha Bell Rollins, Lucille Harris	10.00	128	108	20	1	6		17,000	1,300.00	151.34	220.17	132.50	25.00	15.00	30.00	225.00	15.00	2,339.76	4,463.77
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. Walter Corbett, Mrs. Edwin Corbett	10.00	203	160	35	25	4		25,000	3,401.00	181.97	731.00	178.73	35.00		106.84	50.05	28.00	228.00	6,480.51
Marlboro	Mrs. J. W. Shirley, Mrs. Johnnie Parker	5.00	172	196	32	8	4		25,000	3,900.00	200.00	264.65	56.00						475.00	5,898.12
Pleasant Hill	L. D. Stanley	5.00	105	72	20	8	6		25,000	1,680.00	225.00	200.00	100.00	60.00		50.00			1,000.00	3,217.00
Piney Grove	Mrs. T. E. Dickerson	10.00	297	269	30	46	54	14	48,000	3,365.00	165.00	524.27	668.89	82.00		227.28	34.50		689.93	7,799.74
Reedy Branch	F. McCoy Tripp, Charlie Little, Mrs. Elwood Davenport	25.00	287	232	45	35	8	13	106,000	3,900.00	150.00	492.88	381.09	10.00		256.55	3.00	123.91	4,739.96	12,972.34
Rose Hill	Raymond McLawhorn, Johnnie Edwards	20.00	324	212	41	25	11	9	65,000	1,980.00	275.00	929.00	1,175.00	150.00	5.00	104.00	10.00		600.00	5,248.00
Sweet Gum Grove	No Report																			
Winterville	Randolph Harris, Mrs. Minnie Hines	10.00	186	162	42	1	60		45,000	3,175.00	100.00	648.17	445.00	29.00		341.89	55.00		2,929.71	9,921.29
<b>Greene County</b>																				
Free Union	Stewart Ham, Andrew Heath, Robert Heath, Mrs. Jim Letchworth, Mrs. C. L. Patrick	25.00	497	308	86	9	18		80,000	4,080.00	300.00	1,452.00	475.00	31.00		45.00	31.00	47.00	9,000.00	18,515.00
Friendship	Iessie L. Cobb, Marvin Cobb	15.00	157	177	84	31	2		20,000	1,920.00	215.00	666.84	393.52	45.00		484.46	5.00		1,198.12	7,187.63
Grimsley	Kenneth Dail, Bruce Dail	10.00	164	112		3	10		15,000	1,880.00	200.00	85.90	45.62	12.00		118.71	49.80	12.20	16.00	2,430.23
Harrell's Chapel	Mrs. Loyd Ham, Mrs. Melvin Corbett	8.00	100	154	15	2	8		20,000	700.00	200.00	243.60	265.00	20.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	200.00	2,500.00
Howell Swamp	No Delegates	10.00	125	89	33		4		20,000	1,800.00	100.00	316.25	260.66	50.00		110.00	10.00		82.90	4,104.76
Hull Road	George Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Harrison, Mrs. Carl Barrow, Robert Speight	10.00	461	262	32	14	7	9	40,000	4,420.00	225.00	1,191.13	1,922.56	86.00		227.48	15.00	65.55	3,974.76	14,862.92
Little Creek	C. T. Dail	10.00	117	145	30	6			50,000	2,400.00	100.00	193.98	324.28	47.00		20.00	35.00		6,000.00	9,328.18
Maury	Mrs. H. L. Spivey	10.00	35	75	8				6,000	600.00	156.85		66.00	126.10			90.00		600.00	
Ormondsville	Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Skinner	10.00	273	119	40	3	12		22,000	1,800.00	320.00	828.00	165.00	32.00	10.00	148.00	25.00	10.00	1,685.00	7,278.00
Spring Branch	J. T. Bailey, Thomas Strickland	25.00	246	184	53	21	11	5	45,000	1,750.00	471.28	641.71	65.00	45.00	15.00	121.91	15.00	42.20	6,217.00	9,454.10
Sts. Delight	No Report																			
<b>Edgecombe County</b>																				
Edgewood	No Report																			
Etter's Creek	Raymond Jefferson	5.00	112	80	18	6	5		17,500	890.00	100.00	137.25							186.73	1,318.98
Peace	Mrs. Lester Langley, Alt.: Mrs. Hubert Burress	5.00	48	84	30	18	34		45,000	3,215.00	175.00	172.79	61.06	50.00	10.00	48.80	20.00		920.16	2,731.71
Rocky Mount	Mrs. O. C. Merritt, Mrs. Fred S. Powers	10.00	106	102	21	20	12	27	76,500	3,900.00	270.00	129.10	105.00	10.00		416.90	50.00		642.57	7,283.58
Tarboro	Mrs. Earl Long, Mrs. Allen Deal	20.00	273	216	50	40										237.42	50.00		1,186.60	10,045.48
<b>Lenoir County</b>																				
Faith	Floyd Taylor	5.00	87	112	30	17	2	9	20,000	3,275.00	275.00	138.98	90.00			263.00			164.64	5,028.77
Hugo	C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Ruby Eubanks	10.00	141	88	13				1,500	885.00	227.00	46.01	105.50			80.72			68.00	
LaGrange	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson	10.00	178	144	28	16	5		24,000	3,810.00	125.00	346.69	37.92	13.56		124.56	8.13		553.34	6,236.10
<b>Wayne County</b>																				
Walnut Creek	No Delegates	5.00	35	89			7		18,000	980.00	100.00	100.00				215.00			159.00	1,837.66
Watery Branch	Mrs. Mollie Jones, Mrs. Fitzhue Heath	10.00	114	128	22	12	4		0.075	1,250.00	140.00	150.00		25.00				172.03	743.73	2,455.76
<b>Wilson County</b>																				
Aspen Grove	A. G. Mangum	10.00	214	192	34	12	4		30,000	1,677.50	250.00	951.03	190.00	25.00		47.31	26.55	26.54	233.17	3,437.10
Daniel's Chapel	Edward Pittman, Vernon Howard	10.00	209	184	26	12	5		40,000	3,737.50	200.00	492.00	140.10	50.00		210.00	197.00		1,380.00	7,325.60
Owen's Chapel	Daisy Owens, Charity Proctor	5.00	170	148	67	26	13	7	15,000	3,120.00	250.00	377.00	50.00	29.84		50.00	25.00		200.00	4,106.84
Saratoga	Mrs. C. W. Burress, Mrs. Ruth Thigpen	10.00	214	161	41	23	4	11	3,290.00		245.00	776.00	640.95			33.95	15.00		660.00	
<b>Martin County</b>																				
Cedar Grove	Russell Edmondson, Mack G. Wynn	5.00	126	95	12	1	3		8,000	720.00	150.00	65.00	166.77			10.00		10.00	608.58	1,730.35
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan, Lester Terry	10.00	151	77		3	1		7,000	1,035.00	100.00	122.00		30.00					1,810.76	
Williamston	No Delegates	5.00	115	105	22	9	2		15,000	2,535.00	241.00	46.42	15.31			60.88			360.51	3,740.81
<b>Beaufort County</b>																				
Piney Grove	No Delegates	10.00	87	65	18		3		8,000	965.00	125.00	124.68	77.57	17.50		6.00		251.13	173.93	1,801.62
Washington	No Report																			
<b>Halifax County</b>																				
Dawson's Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Vance Link	10.00	57	67	18	22			18,500	1,656.00	260.00	202.00	209.98	52.35	3.00	444.71	59.40	44.53	1,403.00	5,825.11
Community	No Report																			

By motion that the ordaining council meet next June to examine Bill Futch for ordination and if he passed the examination that he be approved for ordination.

By motion that the statement pertaining to one ordination service per year be amended to permit other services during the year provided the candidate has been approved by the conference.

By motion that we notify the clerk of the Gum Swamp church that their pastor is not in good standing with the Central Conference inasmuch as he is not a member of a conference recognized by the Central Conference; and that we recommend that they take appropriate action to correct this situation before the annual meeting of the Central Conference which meets November 7, 8.

By motion the meeting adjourned.

October 19, 1962, Hull Road Church

All members of the executive committee were present.

By motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas a resolution was passed in the 205th annual session of the Central Conference, held with Hugo church, that recognized the danger of using men who are not in sympathy with the program and work of the conference which reads as follows:

"1. That we, the ministers of the North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, go on record as being definitely opposed to our church endorsing, co-operating with, or supporting any person or group of persons by tendering them use of our churches or pulpits unless it is a person or group of persons of sound doctrine and a good Christian reputation.

"2. That no pastor or church in the conference accept any man or group into the service of the church unless they are acquainted with the individual or individuals and are satisfied concerning his or their character and doctrine to the extent that they are willing to answer to the conference for the result of any service rendered.

"3. Any church or pastor violating these resolutions shall be reported to the conference for discipline."

Whereas because of the present conflict in our denomination, we are facing some of the same dangers from those who have either been excommunicated or have been declared out of fellowship in the Central Conference of the State Convention, and

Whereas it seems to be evident that there is an effort on the part of those who have withdrawn from the State Convention to divide our church and bring about a state of confusion that could result in the loss of the church;

Therefore, be it resolved that we request the churches of the Central Conference to refrain from using those ministers who have been excommunicated or declared out of fellowship by the conference and associations

of the State Convention and all those ministers of the National Association about whom there is question or those known not to be in sympathy with the program of our conference and the State Convention.

Be it further resolved that in view of the fact that letters of transfer have been granted to some of our ministers to conferences and associations that are not in sympathy with the program and work of the Central Conference and the State Convention, and based on information and beliefs which make it seem evident that some of these ministers are aligned with the National Association, and are using their influence against the State Convention and the Central Conference, it is the opinion of this conference that no church should use such ministers.

November 2, 1962, Pine Level

Three members of the executive committee met in special call session at Pine Level. They were the moderator, the assistant moderator, and clerk.

A motion was made and carried that the Central Conference enter the case pending before the North Carolina Supreme Court relative to the Edgemont church dispute as a friend of the court.

Walter Reynolds, *Moderator*  
C. H. Overman, *Clerk*

### REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Brother C. J. Harris and A. G. Mangum met in Greenville, North Carolina, in January with Brother LaRue Davis of Maranatha church, and he paid the loan of \$2,000 with interest and this money was put on saving.

In February the board of trustees met at Reedy Branch church and those present were Brothers L. B. Manning, J. T. Beddard, Charles Sapp, and myself. J. T. Beddard was elected chairman and A. G. Mangum secretary. There being no other business, the meeting closed with prayer by Brother Charles Sapp.

A. G. Mangum, *Secretary*

Amount in treasury as of November, 1962, \$3,360.79.

### REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Your historian has served the Central Conference by meeting with the executive committee during the past year when historical information was needed.

We have assisted our sister conference, the Western Conference of North Carolina Original Free Will Baptists with the use of our historical collection in the trial at Durham in March of 1962.

This year has made each of us realize the value of preserving our history. May each of us seek to do so.

Hubert Burress, *Conference Historian*

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Your obituary committee offers the following obituary report:

REV. E. L. ABRAMS

The Rev. E. L. Abrams was born November 14, 1885, in Edgewood County, near Fountain, N. C. He was married January 13, 1904, to Miss Martha Keel of Crisp, N. C. At the age of 36 he joined Otters Creek Church, near Fountain. There were seven members in his family, including five children.

Mr. Abrams was not fortunate to have any formal training, except close association with the Lord. But even at this he was able to enter the ministry about the age of forty. He joined the Central Conference and remained a member until his death, April 18, 1962.

During his ministry, he was able to accomplish the following: organize Edgewood Church and reorganize Rocky Mount.

During his ministry, he pastored the following churches: Edgewood; Dawson's Grove; Rose of Sharon; Piney Grove, Pitt County; People's Chapel; Barnes Hill; Rocky Mount; Cedar Grove.

We recommend that this issue of the Central Conference minutes be dedicated to his memory, and also carry a suitable picture of Mr. Abrams.

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. Beaman

J. Garland Teasley

Ed Miles

## REPORT OF 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. Whereas it is evident that many people of our time have grown to disregard the Lord's Day as a holy day, we therefore recommend that our ministers, Sunday school teachers, and other church leaders teach and urge upon our people the absolute necessity of keeping the Lord's Day holy.

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, and 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 beverages, 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 1962 session of the Central Conference as opposing and detesting such advertising.

6. We recommend that a copy of this report be sent to *The Free Will Baptist* for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. W. Everton

Rev. R. L. Norville

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

### REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council examined Mr. Sigbee Dilda of the Greenville church and recommended to the Greenville church that he be granted a license. A letter was sent to the Greenville church pastor stating the action of this body.

The council makes the following recommendations:

1. That Noah Brown be received into the conference pending a letter of transfer from the South Carolina Conference.

2. That Bobby Bazen be received into the conference pending a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference.

3. That the ordaining council meet next summer and examine Bill Futch for ordination at the next conference at the request of his church.

4. Inasmuch as the following ministers have either joined another conference or failed to clarify their standing in the conference, that their names be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers of the Central Conference until such time as they show a desire to adhere to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*: Milton Worthington, Melvin Worthington, R. J. Kennedy, Robert Paul Smith, W. M. Fulcher, William Thomas Godley, Henry Hagen, and Johnny Vernelson.

5. That the conference recommend the suggested program of study offered by Mount Olive College in cooperation with the conferences and statewide bodies in North Carolina.

6. That Sheldon Howard be received into the full fellowship of the Central Conference pending a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference.

7. That J. W. Everton be granted a letter of dismissal from the Central Conference to unite with the Cape Fear Conference.

8. That Jerry Rowe be granted a letter of dismission from the Central Conference to unite with the Eastern Conference.

9. That C. H. Overman be granted a letter of dismission from the Central Conference to unite with the Cape Fear Conference.

10. That Vance Link be ordained to the gospel ministry by the Central Conference and that he be received into full membership of this conference, pending his ordination at this session.

11. That J. Garland Teasley be granted a letter of dismission from the Central Conference to the Cape Fear Conference.

Michael Pelt, *Chairman*

Willis Wilson, *Secretary*

#### FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Registration at this session has been as follows: Visitors, 154; visiting ministers, 17; delegates, 88; ministers, 29.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Michael Pelt

#### REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We your committee offer the following resolutions:

##### RESOLUTION NO. 1

*Resolved:* That this, the 214th annual session of the Central Conference, the mother conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, publicly declares on this the eighth day of November, 1962, that it has never been the intention of this conference to be bound or governed by the form of church government as set forth in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, nor have we ever understood that this conference was bound by the form of church government, which is in fact the form of church government as developed and established by the Free, or Freewill, Baptists of the North (Randall Movement). It has always been the intention of this conference to abide by, be governed and bound by, and to practice the form of church government as developed and established by the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina (Palmer Movement). It has in fact been the understanding of this conference, during the entire time of our affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, that the spirit and stated principles upon which the National Association was formed, and subsequently upon the PROVISION AND CLAIM on page 39 of the National Treatise, this conference, as well as other state and district organizations, has been and is still free to continue to operate under our own established usages, customs, and practices. Therefore, this conference has at all times considered and understood that it was bound and governed, and we do still consider, understand, and intend to be bound and governed by, and remain loyal to the doctrines, usages, customs,

practices, rules and regulations of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in general and the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in particular.

#### RESOLUTION No 2

Being very familiar with the report entitled "Edgemont Church" and the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, relative to Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and finding said action to be in complete accord with the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, we do hereby enter the following in our official minutes as our official position relative thereto:

1. It is the judgment of this Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, wherein it recognized the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation of Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church was within the authority and jurisdiction of the Western Conference; and that the Western Conference did act within its authority, jurisdiction, forms, and rules in so recognizing the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation on January 18, 1961.

2. It is further the judgment of this Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that the Western Conference not only had the right to take the action it did on January 18, 1961, but that it also had a duty, in view of the findings of facts and the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Western Conference, to take such action.

3. We therefore approve the action of the executive committee of this Central Conference in making application to file a brief *amicus curiae* with the North Carolina State Supreme Court in support of the position of the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction of Edgemont in the litigations now on appeal to the Supreme Court from the Superior Court of Durham County.

4. We further instruct the executive committee of this Central Conference to furnish any necessary affidavits, briefs, or statements, properly giving verification to any previous action or expression by this Central Conference in support of the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction of Edgemont relative to any litigation now pending which is related to the Edgemont dispute and Ronald Creech.

#### RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas: It is observed that during recent months many absolutely false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information, relative to Original Free Will Baptist institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals, including those of the Cape Fear Conference and those endorsed and supported by the Cape Fear Conference, have been circulated through the United States mail and otherwise, and



Whereas: We have reasons to believe that at least a part of the above constitutes criminal action and the illegal use of the United States mail for the purpose of fraud, in that there appears to have been the willful intent to deprive the above mentioned institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their good name and reputation and the confidence of those to whom knowledge of the false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information have come, and

Whereas: It appears to us that the above publication and circulation constitutes criminal action and illegal use of the United States mail for the purpose of fraud in that there appears to have been present the intent to use deception, deceit, trickery, artifice, and the intentional perversion of truth and fact in efforts to induce the readers, and those to whom knowledge of such publications should come, to believe that the institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals, mentioned above, are not worthy of their good name and reputation and the confidence of the public, thereby depriving said institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their civil and constitutional rights;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the officers and executive committee of this Central Conference be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to join with other organizations, institutions, programs and/or individuals which may be involved, interested, or have a mutual interest, in calling upon proper authorities to fully investigate these matters and things.

2. That the officers and executive committee of this Central Conference be, and are hereby authorized and instructed to furnish any information and/or evidence that may be in their possession or the possession of this Central Conference which would be useful in the investigation called for above.

#### RESOLUTION No. 4

1. We recommend that the Central Conference accept the recommended goal of \$23,000 in gifts to the general fund of Mount Olive College for the 1962-63 year.

2. We further recommend to our member churches that they put forth a sincere and dedicated effort to reach these suggested quotas.

#### RESOLUTION No. 5

Inasmuch as the North Carolina State Convention charged a committee to draw up and execute plans for the formulation of a new men's organization, and inasmuch as this committee has completed this work and plan to set in force a new men's movement under the auspices of the State Convention on the level of the local church, the conference, and the state, be it resolved that the Central Conference elect a committee and charge it with the responsibility of beginning a Laymen's League of Free Will Baptist men of the Central Conference in time to begin functioning by January of 1963 when the Free Will Baptist Press releases the handbook and program book for this new men's organization.

#### RESOLUTION No. 6

Inasmuch as the State Convention elected a committee and charged it with the responsibility of organizing college fellowships on North Carolina college campuses, and inasmuch as the East Carolina College Fellowship is the only such organization in existence to date, be it resolved that the Central Conference urge the North Carolina State Convention to charge this committee to continue the task on other campuses across the state where a sufficient number of Free Will Baptist students merit these services. Be it further resolved that we pledge our support to this cause.

#### RESOLUTION No. 7 (this resolution was tabled)

Be it resolved that this conference henceforth interpret section, page 48, The Ministry, of the North Carolina Statement of Faith to mean that a minister must at all times belong to the conference in which he holds church membership.

Be it further resolved that this conference petition the State Convention to revise and clarify this section of the Statement of Faith.

#### RESOLUTION No. 8

Be it resolved that the Central Conference show its appreciation, by a standing vote, for the use of the fine facilities, and the excellent ease with which the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church and pastor have been host to this 1962 session of the Central Conference of Free Will Baptist Churches.

### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Report of Gifts from September 1, 1961 to August 31, 1962

<i>Church</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Ayden	\$ 477.10
Aspen Grove	1,009.02
Antioch	168.15
Bethany	224.29
Black Jack	1,316.23
Cedar Grove	65.00
Dilda's Grove	430.66
Daniel's Chapel	481.79
Dawson Grove	209.52
Elm Grove	326.75
Edgewood	119.38
Free Union	1,459.16
Friendship	655.51
Faith	173.03
Grace	51.50
Greenville	1,004.12
Grimsley	196.90
Gum Swamp	768.47
Hickory Grove	200.57

Harrell's Chapel	243.60
Hugo	62.01
Howell Swamp	348.25
Hull Road	1,125.57
King's Cross Roads	1,044.91
LaGrange	281.17
Little Creek	193.98
Marlboro	405.65
Maury	55.00
Miscellaneous	1,196.27
Mount Calvary	40.00
Ormondsville	816.00
Otter's Creek	140.25
Owen's Chapel	377.17
Parker's Chapel	173.00
Peace	103.84
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	638.46
Pleasant Hill	271.57
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	123.49
Reedy Branch	588.40
Rose Hill	939.02
Rocky Mount	152.79
Rose of Sharon	166.00
Sweet Gum Grove	286.66
Saratoga	776.00
Saint's Delight	34.00
Spring Branch	480.41
Tarboro	319.10
Winterville	805.93
Walnut Creek	100.00
Watery Branch	150.00
Washington	567.92
Williamston	46.42

Total

\$22,389.99

Central Conference Building Fund \$871.27.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

### REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERANNUATION

We are glad for the privilege of making this report to the Central Conference for the year 1961-62.

1. We now have 14 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks. Of this number, none are from this conference.

2. We now have 19 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks. Of this number, five are from this conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation are as follows:

Churches	\$ 802.64
Sunday Schools	261.48
Leagues	41.00
Auxiliaries	80.14
Union Meetings	88.96
Individuals	411.21
Total	<u>\$1,685.43</u>

4. The budget for 1962-63 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,  
Walter Reynolds

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

The following is the treasurer's report of Central Conference missions:

Receipts during the year from churches:

Second Union, Second Union Sunday School	
Convention, Sunday Schools, and Leagues	\$581.12
Received on Metal Building for Mission Board	<u>50.00</u>

Total Receipts	\$ 631.12
Balance Brought Forward from Last Year's General Account	\$ 803.76
Balance Brought Forward from Last Year's Savings Account	\$2,000.00
Savings Interest	<u>53.59</u>

Total for Which to Account	\$3,488.47
Less Expense	<u>133.53</u>

Balance on Hand	<u>\$3,354.94</u>
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Edgecombe Homestead and Loan Association	2,053.59
Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company	<u>1,301.35</u>

Total	<u>\$3,354.94</u>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Raymond T. Sasser,  
Secretary-Treasurer

Our work this year has been to assist our newest church at Weldon, to prepare a plan of operation, and to employ a part-time field missionary to explore any prospective fields. We have also stood ready to assist any group that needs our help.

In order to be prepared for operation, our board adopted Resolution No. 5, passed by the special session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. We also adopted a motion that we "stand ready to assist any Central Conference church that needs and requests help to hold to original faith of our denomination in event a splinter or split develops."

Acting upon the request of the Weldon church, passed in a regular quarterly conference, we accepted this church under the auspices of the mission board, meaning that they would be under the "watch care" of the board. This is a plan established to render any assistance needed by a new mission church, until such time as they would not require any assistance.

We have made repeated requests of churches and ministers to help us explore new fields, and stand ready to do so when opportunity presents itself. Shortage of ministers has hindered us this year, and we trust and pray that God will send one or more ministers to the field in order that we may establish new mission points in the coming year.

We solicit the support of every church in the conference. Eleven different churches or auxiliaries from the churches, supported the program this year, as well as the Sunday schools, leagues, and also the second union meeting district. We urge each church or church auxiliary to put Central Conference missions in your budget, and send regular offerings. There are many towns in the conference that do not have a Free Will Baptist church. To establish work there requires money, materials, and dedicated workers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Powers, *Chairman*

Your board offers the following recommendations:

1. That the Central Conference endorse a campaign to raise \$3,000 to purchase a metal building to use for mission board church work, and that each church adopt a goal of \$500 or more to be used and sent to the treasurer of the board by January 1, 1963.
2. That each church and/or auxiliary of the church sponsor regular contributions to the board for new mission point work, with a suggested goal of \$8 or more per month, per church.
3. That we extend to the Rev. Jack Mayo and wife a rising vote of appreciation for services rendered in Weldon, over and above the normal call of duty.

#### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

We, the Children's Home Committee of the Central Conference, wish to make the following report and recommendations:

We wish to thank the people of the Central Conference for gifts to the

Children's Home During Last Year in the Total Amount of \$22,389.99

Our Quota for the Year Was \$23,170.00

We Fell Short of Our Suggested Quota for the Year by Only \$ 780.01

We are disappointed that gifts for the Central Conference Building Fund was only \$871.27 for the year.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that this conference express its deep appreciation for the outstanding service rendered by the Reverend and Mrs. J. W. Everton during the time of their stay at the Children's Home and that we also pledge to the Reverend and Mrs. M. L. Johnson our continued cooperation, prayers, and support.

2. We recommend that we urge the people of this conference to try to at least reach the goal of our suggested quota, in the amount of \$23,170, for the general operating fund during this year. We remind our people that the second Sunday in May, Mother's Day, has been designed as Children's Home Day. Therefore, we recommend that we seek to raise our suggested quota in the following ways:

- a. Special Thanksgiving offering during November,
- b. Special Mother's Day offering on second Sunday in May,
- c. Regular monthly contributions.

3. We recommend that we try to raise at least \$5,000 above and beyond the regular quota, to be added to the Central Conference Building Fund during the year. We recommend that each church designate either the second or third Sunday in January to receive a special offering or make a special contribution to the Central Conference Building Fund. Be sure that all donations for the building fund are so designated when they are sent to the Children's Home.

4. We recommend that our people visit the Children's Home as often as they have an opportunity. We especially urge attendance at the annual Thanksgiving service.

Signed:

L. B. Manning

G. H. Harrison

Ray Harrison, Jr.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Officers:* Moderator, Rev. C. L. Patrick; assistant moderator, Rev. N. B. Barrow; clerk, Rev. Hubert Burress; assistant clerk, Rev. Sheldon Howard; treasurer, Rev. C. J. Harris; Rev. Walter Reynolds, member at large.

*Board of Trustees:* Roy T. Forrest (1963); Earl W. Skinner (1964); Floyd Harris (1965); Mrs. J. C. Moye (1966); A. G. Mangum (1967).

*Board of Ordination:* Rev. Charles Sapp (1963); Rev. Edward Miles

(1964); Rev. Willis Wilson (1965); Rev. F. B. Cherry (1966); Rev. Michael Pelt (1967).

*Board of Missions:* Rev. L. E. Ballard (1963); Daniel Barrow (1964); Albert Proctor (1965); Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1966); Rev. Fred S. Powers (1967).

*Board of Finance:* Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1963); George Harrison (1964); Mrs. Leon Dunn (1965); M. S. Cowan (1966); Luther Dail (1967).

*Representatives of Press Stock:* McCoy Tripp (1963); Rev. N. D. Beaman (1964); Levi Worthington (1965).

*Credentials Committee:* Rev. Ray Harrison (1963); Leo Tripp (1964); Rev. L. B. Manning (1965).

*Obituary Committee:* Rev. R. L. Norville (1963); Rev. R. B. Crawford (1964); Rev. R. P. Harris (1965).

*Conference Historian:* Mrs. H. L. Spivey.

*Publicity Committee:* Miss Leah McGlohon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Burkette Raper

Fred S. Powers

Willis Wilson

Earl Skinner

Frank R. Harrison

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the finance committee, wish to submit the following report:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 62.47
Contributions from Churches	463.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	110.35
Offering for Children's Home	116.41

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Total	\$752.23
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Paid Out as Follows:

To Clerk (Salary)	\$ 35.00
Expense of Executive Committee	97.20
Expense of Ordaining Council	31.00
Free Will Baptist Press (Minutes)	223.21
To Mount Olive College	110.35
To Children's Home	116.41

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Total	\$613.17
Balance	<u>\$139.06</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Leo Tripp  
 M. L. Barrow  
 C. J. Harris  
 Luther Dail

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Brought Forward from 1961 Account	\$ 80.34
Received from Churches	451.00
The Children's Home Offering	155.59
Mount Olive Offering	129.12
Came in after Conference	3.00
Pleasant Hill Church	5.00

Total	<u>\$824.05</u>
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#### *Expenses*

Rev. Charles Keith, Missions	\$ 86.70
Rev. C. H. Overman	35.00
Free Will Baptist Press (Minutes)	153.00
Free Will Baptist Press (Bible)	17.51
White and Purple Slips	4.50
Expenses of Ordaining Council	98.27
Rev. Hubert Burress	10.74
Children's Home	155.59
Mount Olive College	129.12
Check for Brother Cherry	4.50

Total	<u>\$761.58</u>
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Balance	<u>\$ 62.47</u>
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. C. J. Harris

### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On December 14th, 1961, the Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville paid off their note to the Central Conference in the amount of \$2,533.34 including interest, and that is all the monies in the hands of the Board of Trustees.

As of today, there is \$3,306.79 in the treasury of the Central Conference which is drawing 4% interest.



On March 2, 1962, the Board of Trustees met at Reedy Branch church, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Brother L. B. Manning. Those present were Bros. L. B. Manning, J. T. Beddard, Jr., Charles Sapp, and A. G. Mangum.

*J. T. Beddard, Jr., was elected chairman to fill the unexpired term of Brother Rashie Kennedy who resigned.*

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Charles Sapp.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Mangum, *Secretary*

# CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

We, the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution.

## NAME

This shall be the constitution of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

## PURPOSE

The object of the Central Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

## ARTICLE I. COMPOSITION

This Conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the Conference. It shall operate under the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* shall be permitted membership in the Central Conference.

## ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church, together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected.

## ARTICLE IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the policy of this Conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the Conference.

A board of trustees, a board of ordination, a board of finance, and a board of missions, consisting of five members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee to represent the Conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press, a credentials committee, and an obituary committee, consisting of three members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as Conference Historian; the term of office shall be two years.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as publicity committee; the term of office shall be two years.

The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer and one member elected by the Conference at the time of the official election of officers.

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the Conference for whatever purpose may be deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the Conference according to its membership.

#### ARTICLE VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desires to help promote the program and work of the Central Conference and the North Carolina State Convention, may present its petition to the regular session of the Conference. If the petition for membership is approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

#### ARTICLE VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the Conference by vote of the Conference.

#### ARTICLE VIII. VISITORS

The Central Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

#### ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the Conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should such a change become necessary.

#### ARTICLE X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Central Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates and representatives;

to serve as ex-officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

Section 2. The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and he shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the Conference.

Section 3. The clerk shall record and preserve a permanent record of the proceedings of all sessions of the Central Conference. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the Conference, hold in trust all documents not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the Conference. He shall conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk shall be the duties of the clerk when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the clerk when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the Conference.

Section 5. The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the Conference, except that held by other boards and committees of the Conference. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the Conference.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the Conference when the Conference is not in session. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the Conference.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to hold in trust title to all tangible property belonging to the Conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the Conference.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board of ordination to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* along with whatever additional requirements may be made by the Conference. The board of ordination shall examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this Conference and make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the board of finance to check and verify all money to be received by the treasurer; they shall make recommended allocations and report same to the Conference.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the board of missions to cooperate with the churches and the Conference in furthering the establishment of churches within the bounds of the Conference. The mission board shall endeavor through cooperating with the State Board of Missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the credentials committee to check each church report for verification as to their delegates and make recommendations to the Conference as regarding their seat during the annual session. The credentials committee shall check registration cards of the enrolling minister and make recommendations of same to the Conference.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the obituary committee to prepare suitable memorial services for all ministers who die during the year preceding the Conference and to present to the Conference a suitable obituary for publication in the Conference minutes and in the *Free Will Baptist*. Copies of the obituary are to be presented to the family of the deceased and to his local church.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the Conference historian to collect and preserve any historical data concerning the Conference.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to see that proper publicity is given to the activities and work of the Conference.

# BYLAWS

Section 1. A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

Section 2. All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the Conference in written form only.

Section 3. Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the Conference is in session or be subject to censure by the Conference and reported to his local church.

Section 4. If any member, in the judgment of the Conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

Section 5. No member shall be excused from any session of the Conference without leave of the moderator.

Section 6. The Conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

Section 7. Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Conference.

Section 8. The Conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

Section 9. The minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

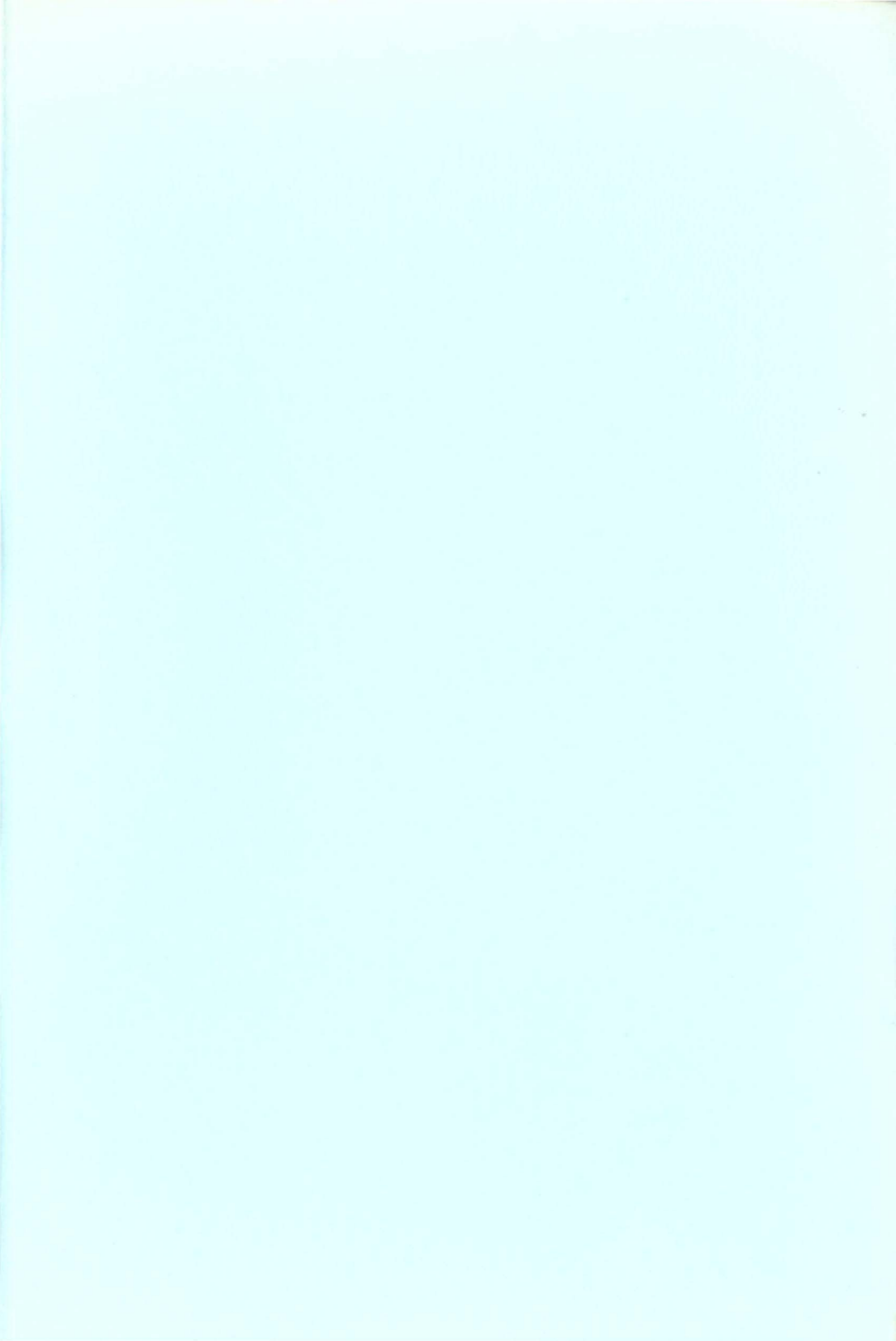
Section 10. This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the annual session for action on the following day.











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