

MINUTES
OF THE
215th Annual Session
OF THE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
(ORIGINAL)
Free Will Baptist Church
OF
North Carolina

HELD WITH
FRIENDSHIP CHURCH
Greene County
November 6, 7, 1963

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Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*
Rev. Robert Lee Norville, *Conference Host*

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The next session will be held at the Tarboro Church, Edgecombe County, the first day, November 4; and with Spring Branch, Greene County, the second day, November 5, 1964.

Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

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

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

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

CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burruss, 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 Burruss

Rev. C. J. Harris

Rev. E. C. Morris

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Edward Miles (1964)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1965)

Rev. F. B. Cherry (1966)

Rev. Michael Pelt (1967)

Rev. Charles Sapp (1968)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Earl W. Skinner (1964)

Floyd Harris (1965)

Mrs. J. C. Moye (1966)

A. G. Mangum (1967)

Roy T. Forrest (1968)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Daniel Barrow (1964)

Albert Proctor (1965)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1966)

Rev. Fred S. Power (1967)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1968)

BOARD OF FINANCE

George Harrison (1964)

Mrs. Leon Dunn (1965)

M. S. Cowan (1966)

Luther Dail (1967)

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1968)

TO REPRESENT STOCK IN PRESS

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1964)

Levi Worthington (1965)

McCoy Tripp (1966)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Leo Tripp (1964)

Rev. R. W. Allman (1965)

Rev. C. H. Overman (1966)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. R. B. Crawford (1964)

Rev. R. P. Harris (1965)

Rev. R. L. Norville (1966)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1964)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Miss Leah McGlohon (1964)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Rev. W. S. Burns

(It is understood that the first named person on any committee is temporary chairman.)

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. Bill Nelson, Maywood Drive, Greenville

Gum Swamp—Charlie Spain, Route 6, Box 132, Greenville

Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Box 32, Conetoe

King's 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—D. R. Watson, Route 1, Winterville

*Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville

Winterville—Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville

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. Shackleford, Walstonburg

Hull Road—M. C. McCoy, Route 2, Snow Hill

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—Miss Dessie Bowen, Route 1, Ayden

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville
Otter's 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—Mrs. Paul Hemby, Route 1, Kinston
Hugo—Mrs. Bertha Harris, Route 1, Box 494, Kinston
LaGrange—Mrs. Joyce Cherry, Box 321, LaGrange

WAYNE COUNTY

Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange
Watery Branch—Mrs. Edgar Benton, Fremont

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville
Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman, Jr., Route 3, Wilson, N. C.
Owen's Chapel—Mrs. Jeanette Braswell, Route 3, Elm City
Saratoga—Mrs. Clinton O. Proctor, Saratoga

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

HALIFAX COUNTY

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

*These sent in no report.

Roll of Ministers

1963 Session

L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C.	P
W. G. Ennis, Winterville, N. C.	P
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, N. C.	P
Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.	P
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.	A
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C.	P
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C.	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.	P

C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.	P
C. J. Harris, 601 E. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C.	P
Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.	Letter
N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.	L
W. B. Raper, Mount Olive, N. C.	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.	P
R. L. Norville, Route 4, Box 124, Greenville, N. C.	P
R. B. Crawford, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C.	P
J. B. Narron (Chaplaincy)	P
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.	L
Michael Pelt, 2107 Hillandale Road, Durham, N. C.	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C.	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C.	P
Edward Miles, 305 W. James Street, Mount Olive, N. C.	P
Walton Sutton, Jr., Route 1, Beulaville, N. C.	P
Ray Harrison, Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, N. C.	P
W. H. Willis, 1121 Dunn Road, Kinston, N. C.	P
Fred S. Powers, 1424 Rosewood Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.	P
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C.	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C.	P
Melvin Moore, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.	P
Jack Mayo, Pikeville, N. C.	P
Sheldon Howard, Walstonburg, N. C.	P
Kenneth Grubbs	A
Noah Brown, 517 Jewell Street, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	P
Bobby Bazen, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C.	P
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 20, Enfield, N. C.	A
William Futch, Grifton, N. C.	P
R. W. Allman, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.	P
Cary Cheshire, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.	P
N. W. Ard, Route 1, Ayden, N. C.	P
E. C. Morris, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.	P
C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.	P

Licensed Ministers

W. M. Pollard and Roland Smith

(NOTE: Any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for three consecutive conferences his name will be dropped from the roll by order of the conference.)

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 215th session with the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County, November 6, 7, 1963. The moderator, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, presided.

The opening service began at 10 a. m. with devotions by the Rev. Cedric Pierce, Jr., pastor of the Winterville church.

The clerk officially opened the conference and presented the moderator.

The welcome was given by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. R. L. Norville.

The response was given by Mrs. Melvin Cunningham of the Free Union church.

The moderator's message was given.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Children's Home—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Mrs. Harvey Moore, and Mrs. Archie Coggins.

Temperance—Rev. Bobby Bazen, Mr. Lawrence Tripp, and Rev. Ed Miles.

Nominating—Revs. N. B. Barrow, F. B. Cherry, Charles Sapp, L. E. Ballard, and Willis Wilson.

Resolution—Revs. Fred Powers, Walter Sutton, Robert Crawford, C. D. Hamilton, and Ray Harrison.

The report of the State Convention was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman as information.

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

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

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Eastern Conference—Lloyd Vernon, James Howard, Graham Lane, J. C. Griffin, Carol Hansley, Henry Armstrong, Bruce Dudley, Ed Fordham, and A. B. Bryan. Western Conference—Cedric Pierce, Jr., W. L. Poythress, M. L. Johnson, and R. H. Jackson. Cape Fear Conference—J. W. Everton, C. H. Overman, Walter Reynolds, and James A. Evans. (Both days.)

The report of the State League Convention was given by the vice-president, the Rev. Bruce Dudley.

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

The Rev. Cedric Pierce, Jr., led the song services during the conference.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. Walter Sutton. His text was 1 Corinthians 1:26, 27.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Bobby Bazen.

The partial report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. He reported 32 ministers and 67 delegates present. A motion was made and passed that they be seated.

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk and adopted by the body.

The report of the conference missions was given by the Rev. Fred Powers. (See report.)

A motion was made and passed to encourage all Free Will Baptists in the Central Conference to meet at 8 a. m., November 16, 1963, at Weldon to help put the top on the church.

A motion was made and carried that Roanoke Rapids be received as a mission.

A partial report of the board of ordination was given and adopted.

The report on superannuation was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report.)

Motion made and carried that the reports of the morning session be adopted. (See reports.) (State Convention by the Rev. C. H. Overman, East Carolina Fellowship by the Rev. R. B. Crawford, and Mount Olive College by the Rev. Burkette Raper.)

The report of the historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey.

The conference adjourned until 9:30 a. m., November 7, 1963.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. S. Burns.

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

The chair appointed the Rev. R. W. Allman to work with the resolution committee in the place of the Rev. R. B. Crawford who was unable to be present.

The obituary committee's report was given by the Rev. R. L. Norville. (See report.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by the Rev. Bobby Bazen. (See report.)

The report of the state mission board was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson for information.

Special prayer was held for the Rev. Clarence Little.

The report of the resolution committee was given by the Rev. Fred Powers. (See report.)

The report of Cragmont Assembly was given by the Rev. L. E. Ballard. (See report.)

The final report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. (See report.)

The report of the board of trustees was given by Mrs. J. C. Moye. (See report.)

The report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. (See report.)

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

A motion was made and passed that state agencies be asked hereafter to submit in connection with their general report for information, a condensed report for the insertion in the minutes, limited to facts pertaining to the participation of the conference in their progress and appeals made especially to the conference for the program.

A motion was made and carried to meet with the Tarboro church for the first day and with Spring Branch church the second day of the next conference year.

The morning worship was under the auspices of the ordaining council with the Rev. Michael Pelt, chairman, presiding. During this service William Futch of Elm Grove church was ordained. The message was delivered by the Rev. Charles Sapp; the charge was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson; and the Bible was presented by the Rev. F. B. Cherry. The laying on of hands was carried out by the ordaining council; the Rev. Norman Ard, his pastor; and the Rev. C. L. Patrick, the moderator.

The conference adjourned for the noon hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Austin Carter.

Mr. Leo Tripp and Mrs. J. T. Beddard were appointed to serve on the finance committee in the place of those committee members not present.

A motion was made and passed for the finance committee to pay the bills of the conference and keep the balance in the treasury.

The conference Children's Home committee's report was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. (See report.)

The ordaining council's report was given by the Rev. Michael Pelt. (See report.)

A motion was made and passed to accept the Rev. L. B. Manning's resignation from the credentials committee.

A motion was made and passed that any vacancies occurring be filled by the executive board.

The nominating committee's report was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson and adopted. The nominees are:

Executive Board: The Rev. E. C. Morris

Board of Ordination: The Rev. Charles Sapp (1968)

Board of Trustees: Mr. Roy T. Forrest (1968)

Board of Missions: The Rev. L. E. Ballard (1968)

Board of Finance: Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1968)

To Represent Stock in Press: Mr. McCoy Tripp (1968)

Credentials Committee: The Rev. C. H. Overman (1966)

Obituary Committee: The Rev. R. L. Norville (1966)

The finance committee's report was given by Mr. Leo Tripp. (See report.)

The report of the treasurer was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris and adopted. (See report.)

A motion was made and passed for any unfinished business to be left in the hands of the executive committee.

By motion to adjourn.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator

Rev. Hubert Burress, Clerk

REPORTS

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 18, 1962

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at 10 a. m. in the Free Will Baptist Press building on December 18, 1962:

Prayer by Rev. Hubert Burress.

Members present: C. L. Patrick, N. B. Barrow, Hubert Burress, C. J. Harris, Walter Reynolds, and C. H. Overman, retiring clerk.

Motion passed for the clerk to get the written report of the board of trustees and approve it for the minutes of 1963.

A Layman's League Committee was elected for promotion of the Layman's League within the Central Conference. They were: F. McCoy Tripp, chairman; George Harrison, Route 2, Snow Hill; Norman Letchworth, Route 3, Wilson; J. M. Langly, Tarboro; and George Welton, Saratoga.

A Motion was made and passed to adopt the 1962 minutes of the Central Conference.

Adjourned with prayer by C. J. Harris.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Moderator

Rev. Hubert Burress, Clerk

February 5, 1963

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at 10:25 a. m. in the Free Will Baptist Press building on February 5, 1963.

Prayer by Bro. N. B. Barrow.

The board of trustees met in joint session with the executive committee.

Members of executive committee present: C. L. Patrick, C. J. Harris, Walter Reynolds, N. B. Barrow, and Hubert Burress.

Members of board of trustees present: A. G. Mangum, E. W. Skinner, Floyd Harris, and Mrs. J. C. Moye.

A motion was made and passed for the moderator, clerk, and trustees to sign the application for a loan to purchase the church property in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

A motion was made and passed by the board of trustees and executive committee endorsing the Palmer Institute sponsored by the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference under the direction of Mount Olive College.

Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Moye.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

March 14, 1963

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists met at 10 a. m., on March 14, 1963, at the Free Will Baptist Press building in Ayden, North Carolina.

Prayer by N. B. Barrow.

Members present were C. L. Patrick, Walter Reynolds, N. B. Barrow, and Hubert Burress.

Two letters from the Old Sts. Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, were read requesting the moderator to meet with the church in the quartly meeting on March 16, 1963. The moderator and clerk were elected to meet the church on the above date.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Hubert Burress.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

P. S. The moderator and clerk met with the church on the above date. The church was reorganized and reaffirmed its loyalty to the Central Conference.

March 22, 1963

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at 10 a. m., in the Free Will Baptist Press building on March 22, 1963.

Members present: C. L. Patrick, Hubert Burress, N. B. Barrow, and Walter Reynolds.

A group of the members from the true congregation from the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with the executive committee.

The following motion was made and carried: "For the moderator to act with full authority of the executive committee in working with the true congregation of the Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church." The moderator will call a meeting of the executive committee if he sees fit.

Motion to adjourned with prayer by C. L. Patrick.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

P. S. The moderator has since that date worked with the true congregation of Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church.

October 8, 1963

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at 2 p. m., on October 8, 1963, in the Free Will Baptist Press building.

Members present: C. L. Patrick, Hubert Burress, C. J. Harris, L. B. Manning, proxy for N. B. Barrow, Norman Ard, proxy for Walter Reynolds.

The minutes of all board meetings were read and approved.

The program was made and approved.

A motion was made and carried that all ministers sign for their identification cards.

Adjourned with prayer by C. J. Harris.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

On October 10, 1963, by letter, the Rev. Walter Reynolds was released from his office at his request and granted a letter to the Cape Fear Conference.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward from 1962 Account	\$ 62.47
Contributions	463.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	110.35
Offering for Children's Home	116.41

Total to Account For \$ 752.23

Expenses

L. B. Manning	\$ 9.00
Expenses of Executive Board	132.20
Expenses of Ordaining Council	33.00
Mount Olive College	110.35
Children's Home	116.41
Free Will Baptist Press	223.21

Total Expenses 624.17

Balance in Treasury \$ 128.06

On Interest \$ 975.57

Loan to Weldon Church \$2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. J. Harris

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received Today \$473.00

Offering for Mount Olive College 94.52

Offering for Children's Home 105.68

Total to Account For \$673.20

Paid Out

Clerk \$35.00

Expenses of Ordaining Council 11.90

Total Paid Out 46.90

Balance to Go to Treasurer \$526.30

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

J. T. Beddard, Jr.

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall

George H. Harrison

M. S. Cowan

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

We, the Children's Home committee, wish to give the following report and recommendations:

We thank the people of the Central Conference for the contributions given to the Children's Home of \$20,111.55.

We suggest that a special Thanksgiving offering and a Mother's Day offering be taken, along with the regular monthly offerings and given to the Children's Home in order that we reach our quota.

We recommend the following:

1. That we urge our people to strive to meet our quota for the ensuing year.

2. That each member of the Central Conference do his best to give donations for the Central Conference Building Fund.

3. We invite all of our people to visit the Home and see the improvements made, and see the needs of the Home.

4. We recommend that all churches, with their pastor, have a good representation at the Home on Thanksgiving Day, bringing a liberal offering.

Central Conference Quota for the Year \$23,170.00

Raised During 1963 20,111.55

Short of the Quota \$ 3,058.45

Raised for Central Conference Building During 1963

\$1,036.64

Balance Due on Central Conference Building

\$ 7,123.91

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, *Chairman*

Mrs. Harvey Moore

Mrs. Archie Coggins

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

September 1, 1962 to August 31, 1963

Church	Amount
Antioch	\$ 50.00
Aspen Grove	832.43
Ayden	546.07
Bethany	208.24
Black Jack	912.21
Cedar Grove	10.00
Daniel's Chapel	333.26
Dawson's Grove	143.00
Dilda's Grove	493.44
Edgewood	80.00
Elm Grove	317.35
Faith	144.00
Free Union	1,359.55
Friendship	843.04
Greenville	940.98
Grimsley	327.32
Gum Swamp	986.26
Harrell's Chapel	295.20
Hickory Grove	292.34
Howell Swamp	352.07
Hugo	104.15
Hull Road	768.83
King's Cross Roads	1,174.44
LaGrange	113.00
Little Creek	45.03
Marlboro	249.38
Maury	116.26
Miscellaneous	1,253.44
Ormondsville	709.34
Otter's Creek	70.46
Owen's Chapel	288.26
Peace	162.59
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	68.68
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	867.65
Pleasant Hill	200.00
Reedy Branch	578.82

Rocky Mount	256.75
Rose Hill	799.33
Rose of Sharon	151.00
Saratoga	481.55
Saints Delight	20.00
Spring Branch	344.40
Sweet Gum Grove	301.38
Tarboro	225.00
Walnut Creek	200.00
Watery Branch	158.12
Williamston	133.98
Winterville	802.95

Total	\$20,111.55
Central Conference Building Fund Balance	\$ 7,123.91

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Church Finance Association, Inc., is a nonprofit membership corporation. It was founded in April, 1940, under the direction and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and has been endorsed and approved by the convention as the agency for helping in church extension in this state.

The purpose of the Church Finance Association, Inc., is to "finance or assist in financing" church buildings, equipment and furnishings, institutional property or equipment and furnishings, and other denominational property. The Certificate of Incorporation stipulates that the services of this association apply only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Funds for use by the Church Finance Association, Inc., come from the following sources: Membership fees paid in by members, earnings from the operations of the association, and funds deposited with the association, as loans, by individuals and organizations. Many of our individual members and organizations use the Church Finance Association, Inc., as a savings depository.

During the years of its operation, the Church Finance Association, Inc., has made 90 different loans for a total of \$418,782.45.

Our annual report as of January 1, 1963, showed the following financial condition of the Church Finance Association, Inc.:

Total Assets	\$138,201.02
Total Liabilities	\$125,902.22
Surplus, or Earned Profits	\$ 12,298.80

Any church or denominational enterprise or institution in North Carolina desiring to obtain a loan for capital purposes is invited to make application to the Church Finance Association, Inc. Any individual or organization

interested in depositing funds on savings with the Church Finance Association, Inc., is invited to ask for information about terms and conditions. Correspondence should be addressed to: Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 220, Middlesex, North Carolina.

The Central Conference has \$50 in the Church Finance Association, Inc., for which it holds two (2) \$25 Certificates of Membership.

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

We, the Board of Trustees of the Central Conference, wish to make the following report:

The committee visited the Weldon church and made some investigation about the worth of their lot and its building.

On February 1, 1963, the committee decided to lend them the sum of \$2,500. On February 8 the check for \$2,500 was delivered to them with the proper deed of trust and a note for the same. The church is to pay back this money in this manner: \$500 per year, plus interest, to be paid on February 6 each year. The first payment of \$500 to be paid on February 6, 1964, and each year thereafter for five consecutive years.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Mangum, *Chairman*

Mrs. J. C. Moye, Sr., *Secretary*

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the credentials committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that all delegates for churches in the Central Conference adhering to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina be seated in this conference.

We further recommend that all ministers in good standing in this conference be seated in this session of the conference.

Registered today are 34 ministers, 78 delegates, with 37 churches represented:

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

L. B. Manning

Ray Harrison, Jr.

REPORT OF THE 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 times 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.

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 Evang. list	To Orphanage	To Education	To Superannuation	To Church Finance	To Missions	To Cragmont	To Promotional Work	Paid Out for Repairs And Improvements	Miscellaneous	Total Paid Out for All Purposes
Pitt County																					
Ayden	Mrs. J. A. Parker, Mrs. Zelbert Cox	\$15 215	160	30	25	20	6		\$106,500	\$3,600	\$300.00	\$ 546.07	\$1,642.80								\$ 9,145.61
Bethany	Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. Archie Nobles, Mrs. B. T. Nobles	10 216	54	21			5		77,000	2,400	100.00	200.00	567.00	10.00		40.00			175.00	744.00	5,500.00
Black Jack	Ray Stokes, Leon T. Hardee, Jasper Hudson, Marshall Buck	15 504	390	68	32	18	15		100,000	4,400	250.00	800.00	200.00	150.00		265.00			5,500.00		11,500.00
Dilda's Grove	Arthur Corbett	10 86	108	29	28	2	12		5,500	1,115	100.00	392.83	89.26	62.49	1.72	235.08	61.95		2,551.94	1,002.00	5,621.27
Elm Grove	Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard, Jr., Mrs. Levi Worthington	15 405	249	85	25	20	4		104,000	4,420	200.00	340.00	192.15	25.00	10.00	180.77	25.00		286.43	2,743.44	8,437.84
Greenville	Mrs. Steve Waters, Mrs. Harvey Moore, Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. J. R. Hawkins	10 836	416	97	70	20	46		115,000	4,800	200.00	825.01	581.00	36.30		2,401.12	30.00		2,692.01	2,662.83	18,968.49
Gum Swamp	(From April 1963) Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Clark, Mrs. H. L. Lewis, Mrs. E. C. Lewis	10 200	104	26	6	120			110,000	710	150.00	358.09	1,361.49			150.00			2,566.35	695.45	6,111.36
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Shirley Whitehurst, Mrs. Martha Rollins	10 127	101	19	4	5			17,000	1,130	156.57	252.79	206.50	19.50	12.00	88.00	276.06	8.00	906.20	291.66	3,223.62
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. J. J. Wooten, Mrs. T. C. Tugwell	10 203	159	35	25	3			25,000	3,401	181.97	731.00	178.73	38.00		106.84	50.05	28.00	228.06		6,480.51
Marlboro	Mrs. Claude Joyner	10 168	166	30	2	10			25,000	3,900	385.00	125.38				10.00			205.97	1,124.19	5,750.54
Pleasant Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Otis Stokes	5 103	72	20	1	2			25,000	1,950	200.00	200.00	100.00	60.00					200.00	558.00	3,273.00
Reedy Branch	F. McCoy Tripp, C. F. Little	25 270	231	25	2	24			90,000	4,083	125.00	420.45	411.98			125.00	32.00		205.00	3,519.13	8,946.12
Rose Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stocks	20 197	192	28	22	3	5		4,400	1,980	200.00	700.00	100.00	100.00		100.00			400.00	500.00	8,500.00
Sweet Gum Grove	(No Report)																				
Piney Grove	Mrs. Leon Joyner, Mrs. Jasper Nobles	10 293	251	37	45	5	9		51,000	3,974	100.00	684.20	993.37	130.11	21.93	489.58	100.22	10.92	435.68	2,610.95	9,551.31
Winterville	Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Lawrence, Randolph Harris, Johnnie Harris	10 176	149				4	10	45,000	3,004	200.00	807.31	590.76	63.41		231.53	85.00		1,732.23	1,222.76	7,937.56
Greene County																					
Free Union	Mrs. T. E. Tyndall, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Ida Jones, Mrs. Addie Mae Coggins	25 449	337	85	1	5			85,000	4,420	300.00	1,218.00	902.00	41.00		171.00	40.00	20.00	2,800.00	4,758.00	14,695.00
Friendship	L. D. Braxton	25 166	165	89	34	10	3		35,000	1,910	200.00	858.18	901.22			559.72			435.09	1,032.66	7,038.32
Grimsley		10 99	97	20	18	3	5		20,000	1,880	200.00	389.52	203.39	36.76		30.00	30.03	9.26	2,398.25	238.31	5,315.52
Harrell's Chapel	R. E. Hart	8 100	180	14	7	6			20,000	960	200.00	300.00	464.00	25.00		50.00			820.00	1,265.00	3,984.00
Howell Swamp	Carl Cobb	10 132	96	32	10	6			20,000	1,950	100.00	311.00	304.30	60.00		75.00			21.15	999.40	3,830.85
Hull Road	Mrs. John Slater, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, Mrs. Raymond Seymour, Daniel Barrow	10 462	237	65	15	16	16		60,000	4,135	125.00	833.88	1,839.72	148.00		898.30	41.00	25.00	927.00		10,743.52
Little Creek	Charlie T. Dail	10 118	121	32	12	1			50,000	2,400	100.00	55.00	632.00	12.00		149.00			370.00		5,912.00
Maury	Mrs. H. L. Spivey	10 135	40						6,000	720		25.00	100.00	13.2		25.00	44.00		1,000.00		2,021.98
Ormondsville	R. L. Tripp	10 137	121	38	2	129			22,000	1,800	150.00	637.00	655.00	20.00		197.00	20.00		81.00	2,344.00	5,904.00
Spring Branch	J. T. Bailey, Charlie Beaman	25 242	175	50	18	3			41,000	2,000	300.00	501.72	659.60	70.00	15.00	160.79	85.00	69.11	2,825.60	2,154.77	8,866.59
Sts. Delight	Jesse Bowen, Fred Tripp	10 83	84	15	25				40,000	100	150.00								800.00		1,060.00
Edgecombe County																					
Edgewood		10 137	132	28	1	2			12,000	1,560	140.00	80.00	140.00			25.00			50.00	50.00	2,494.00
Otter's Creek	Mrs. Lessie Moore	5 116	80	15	1				25,000												
Peace		5 42	84	11	1				22,050	1,515	100.00	137.59	265.15	50.00	15.00	126.25	20.00	11.62	363.15	77.61	2,681.37
Rocky Mount	Mrs. Otis Merritt, Mrs. Fred Powers	10 128	113	19	24	30	3		45,000	3,900	390.00	283.75	568.78	24.00		170.25	10.00		1,369.51		9,736.24
Tarboro		20 267	234	35	40	7	13		113,500	3,900	235.00	125.00	230.00	10.00		325.00	50.00	10.00	10,577.43	3,567.00	19,030.23
Lenoir County																					
Faith	Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor	5 120	130	40	15	24			35,000	4,260	250.00	104.00	65.00		6.50	192.00			7,689.05		13,215.05
Hugo	Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Rayburn Faulkner, Mrs. Jessie Harris	10 126	110				1		16,500	1,700	75.00	94.15	130.00			29.75		235.56		253.11	2,477.57
LaGrange	Mrs. Alton Aldridge, Mrs. Sudie Wiggs, Mrs. Mary Hardy, Mrs. Vina Wilson	10 153	142	20	20	2	23		35,000	2,325	200.00	60.75	112.76			167.14	15.00	25.00	150.00	347.88	3,903.53
Wayne County																					
Walnut Creek		5 60	85	1	1	4			15,000	985	115.00	200.00	230.00	100.00		200.00			359.53	498.72	2,688.25
Watery Branch	R. B. Lancaster, Jr.	10 198	106	21	6	2			10,000	1,200	200.00	125.00	131.51	30.00	25.00	33.72	10.00	22.00	1,000.00	354.62	3,141.85
Wilson County																					
Aspen Grove	A. B. Mangum	10 206	190	47	12	8			30,000	1,820	319.61	819.45	229.91	75.48	27.69	67.53	79.59	27.05	60.32	93.46	3,620.06
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Clemon Daniel	10 202	188	26	2	6			35,000	3,945	200.00	400.00	350.00	75.00		300.00	25.00		1,400.00	1,592.98	8,287.98
Owen's Chapel	Mrs. Authur Ray Walston, Mrs. Clay Braswell, Jr.	10 175	200	28	25	5	10		20,000	3,350	270.00	300.00	75.00	29.45		129.27			3,000.00	1,200.00	8,353.72
Saratoga	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proctor, W. R. Owens	10 204	163	29	24	4	13		65,000	3,900	235.00	431.62	241.62	20.00		50.71	5.00	7.20	413.43		8,023.76
Martin County																					
Cedar Grove		5 122	74			3			8,000	720	150.00										1,345.00
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan, Lester Terry	10 145	82			14			10,000	825	100.00	100.00	70.00	20.00					325.00	150.00	1,710.32
Williamston		5 54	80	25	3	2			20,000	1,315	200.00	133.98	46.00	12.00		55.00			1,055.04	1,087.78	3,904.80
Beaufort County																					
Piney Grove	(No Report)																				
Halifax County																					
Dawson's Grove	Mrs. Henry Harris, Jr., Mrs. Charlie Harris	10 53	58	19	6	12	8		21,000	1,200	261.00	159.50	152.96	8.80	3.00	549.86	77.91	3.00	1,260.68	340.84	4,944.42
Community (Weldon)		10 59	58			1			5,000	900	50.00		10.00					10.00	1,000.00	110.00	2,201.73

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 ministers familiarize themselves with the problem of alcoholism as a sin, and as a disease as some teach; and that we teach 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 1963 session of the Central Conference as opposing and detesting such advertising.

6. We further recommend that ministers and church members take a closer look at the many ways of being intemperate other than the use of alcohol. It is the feeling of this committee that many of our people are just as intemperate as the alcoholic when they abuse their physical body. We believe that God expects each person to take good care of the body by:

a. Not over eating.

b. Getting adequate rest.

c. Studing to show ourselves approved unto God.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bobby Bazen

Mr. Lawrence Tripp

Rev. Ed Miles

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY REPORT

We are glad to report to the friends and supporters of Cragmont Assembly in the Central Conference that we have had one of the very best years in the history of Cragmont. More people have been to the Assembly, either as attendants at conferences or as guests or visitors this year than in any previous year.

While we do not have the figures either on financial support or attendance at the various conferences and camps broken down to the conference level, we can report that the degree of support and attendance from the Central Conference has been as good this year as from any area of the state. The Sunday schools of the conference responded in a splendid manner in the drive to remodel the old Massey House into "Sunday School Cottage," and

the auxiliaries, Free Will Baptist Leagues, and other organizations of our Central Conference churches have given liberally to the various special projects for which it has been necessary to ask support during the year. Also the cooperation given the directors of the various conference groups from this area contributed much to the success of the conferences. We are indebted to the Free Will Baptist Press, located in this conference, for furnishing us literature for our Cragmont Sunday School which was a regular feature of the Cragmont program during this season.

We earnestly solicit the continued support of the churches of this conference in prayer and giving to the Assembly. We urge that the churches remember us as liberally as possible in their budgets, so that the institution can make steady progress in the months and years to come. We believe that Cragmont as much or more than any other of our institutions can help to unify the thinking and acting of our people in the years to come as thousands of our young people are brought together in the conferences for fellowship and instruction.

Loy E. and Gertrude Ballard, *Co-Managers*

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the resolution committee, submit the following report:

Be it resolved that this conference extend to the host church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality that has been extended this session of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred S. Powers, *Chairman*
R. W. Allman
Ray Harrison, Jr.
Walter Sutton

OBITUARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the obituary committee, are glad to report that we have not had a death of any minister of the Central Conference during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Norville
R. B. Crawford
R. P. Harris

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Your historian reports that she has collected a copy of *The Free Will Baptist* dated February 24, 1897; have secured Central Conference minutes for 1901-1911; and have many pictures of the Ayden Seminary students.

Anyone having any old printed materials pertaining to Central Conference Free Will Baptists please let us have them for our collection. These will be placed in a fire-proof vault at Mount Olive Junior College. Anyone wishing to can secure any information from this collection.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, *Historian*

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Greetings: We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1962-63:

1. We have 12 ministers who receive regular pension checks. Of this number none are from the Central Conference.

2. We have 20 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks. Of this number five (5) are from the Central Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$1,243.83
Auxiliaries	66.82
Sunday Schools	321.35
Leagues	56.25
Individuals	2,230.97
Unions	97.33

Total \$4,016.55

4. The budget for 1963-64 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

5. October was Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

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, *Chairman-Treasurer*

PETITION IN REPORT

700 Franklin Street

Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina

Dear Brethren:

We, the Original Free Will Baptist Mission of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, do hereby submit application for recognition in the Central Conference with mission status.

We have on roll in the Sunday school, 36; the average attendance for October, 22; average attendance for church services in October, 22; offering for September and October (eight weeks), \$152.78, an average of \$19 each week.

In behalf of our people,

In His service,

Noah D. Brown, *Minister*

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The officers of the ordaining council this year have been Rev. Michael

Pelt, chairman; Rev. Floyd Cherry, vice-chairman; and Rev. Charles Sapp, secretary.

The ordaining council sponsored the Paul Palmer Institute this year, meeting in the Reedy Branch church annex with a total of 17 members in the two classes of *Old Testament* and *Free Will Baptist Doctrine*. The courses were taught by Rev. Charles Sapp and Rev. Floyd Cherry, and the council was pleased with the response of the laymen to this effort, but sadly disillusioned at the response on the part of the ministry of the church.

The ordaining council requested and received the credentials of Charles Keith in its January meeting and they are on file under his name.

The recommendations of the council are as follows:

(1) We recommend that Bill Futch be added to the list of ordained ministers.

(2) We recommend that Rev. R. W. Allman from the Cape Fear Conference, Rev. W. S. Burns from the Eastern Conference, Rev. Cary Cheshire from the Cape Fear Conference, Rev. N. W. Ard from the Eastern Conference, and Rev. E. C. Morris from the Union Association in Georgia be received into full fellowship of the Central Conference, having been granted letters of dismissal and recommendation from their respective conferences.

(3) We further recommend that Rev. M. Austin Carter and Rev. C. E. Rose be accepted into the conference pending a letter from their respective conferences.

(4) We further recommend that T. P. Ellis be dropped from the list of ministers of this conference.

(5) And finally, we recommend that W. M. Pollard, Roland Smith, and Joe Barrow be granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

This concludes the report of your ordaining council.

Respectfully, submitted,

Michael Pelt, *Chairman*

Floyd Cherry, *Vice-Chairman*

Charles Sapp, *Secretary*

Willis Wilson

Edward Miles

REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Please accept our sincere thanks for the cooperation that each church has made during the past year, to make this year the greatest year of cooperation in the history of our conference. Thirty-two churches have cooperated. Last year only eleven made contributions to the program. Our treasurer's report gives the detailed information for your information. The totals for each church include all gifts from each church, whether member or organization, with a special amount the ministers are contributing as a fund to pay the next payment on our property at Roanoke Rapids. Grand total receipts for

the year were \$3,136.49. Previous high receipts was in 1956 with a total of \$2,263.62.

Page 35 of our minutes for last year reveals that the total contributions received last conference year were only \$631.12. This is a sizeable increase . . . however:

1. Page 36 reveals we voted for a \$3,000 campaign for a metal building for our new church at Weldon. The grand total received on this so far is \$718.10. It was our plan to use the savings account of \$2,053.59 on this until the total could be raised.

2. As you know, on December 10, 1962, upon the combined judgment and consultation of our conference executive board, Church Finance Association, and our mission board, as well as the state mission board, we felt the Lord was leading us to adopt a goal of "An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town." After careful survey had been made by a member of our board, our missionary, Rev. Noah Brown, and the chairman of our board, Roanoke Rapids was selected as a starting point. The work was carried on there on a part-time basis until September 1, when our missionary and his family moved there to begin full-time work. We believe this is God's plan to carry out our mission work for our denomination—in the meantime it takes a lot of money.

3. We have spent to date at Weldon on the building project, \$1,113.06; and we have a bill due in 30 days for \$1,265.58. We have spent to date at Roanoke Rapids, \$3,136.49. This includes down payment on the property, repairs, salary, travel, etc. The annual payment of \$1,078 is due in January, 1964.

URGENT: We need as liberal an offering from each church as you can possibly give by December 1. We would suggest \$100 from each church with 150 or more members.

All transactions at the Weldon church (or any church group we will work with) have been made on contract basis to protect the gift you give. These contracts are made in the spirit of resolution Number 5 adopted at the special session of the North Carolina State Convention on March 29, 1962. (See 1962 convention minutes, page 16.)

We are deeply appreciative to each and everyone for his support. To us it means that you like the goal of our board: "An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town." Today you will find a display of the NEWS BULLETINS and other materials used to promote the mission work. We urge you to make this a matter of very definite prayer, first of all for your mission board, second for your missionaries, third for your church that each one will have a better *vision of missions*. We are confident your young people who are growing up and moving away from their home churches would like to be able to find a church of their faith in their new home communities. It is up to us to be busy establishing these churches as fast as possible.

May God bless you one and all is our prayer.

Central Conference Mission Board,
Rev. Fred Powers, *Chairman*
Rev. Raymond Sasser, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Rev. L. E. Ballard
Albert Proctor
Daniel Barrow

TREASURER'S REPORT
CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Year Ending October 31, 1963

<i>Church</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Total Gifts</i>
Ayden	186	\$
Aspen Grove	214	100.00
Bethany	216	
Black Jack	501	25.00
Cedar Grove	126	
Community (Weldon)	50	
Daniel's Chapel	209	25.00
Dawson's Grove	67	80.65
Dilda's Grove	85	
Edgewood	129	
Elm Grove	391	54.00
Faith	87	
Free Union	497	30.00
Friendship	157	104.00
Greenville	858	138.09
Grimsley	164	
Gum Swamp	556	51.00
Harrell's Chapel	100	40.00
Hickory Grove	128	76.00
Howell Swamp	125	5.00
Hugo	141	
Hull Road	461	214.05
King's Cross Roads	203	76.83
LaGrange	178	
Little Creek	117	11.68
Marlboro	172	10.00
Maury	35	
Otter's Creek	112	
Ormondsville	273	25.00
Owen's Chapel	170	176.90
Peace	48	76.52
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	87	20.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	297	10.00
Pleasant Hill	105	

Reedy Branch	287.50	130.00
Roanoke Rapids		104.47
Rocky Mount	106	186.25
Rose Hill	324	68.00
Rose of Sharon	151	20.00
Saratoga	214	11.30
Sweet Gum Grove	194	
Spring Branch	246	66.26
Sts. Delight	93	
Tarboro	273	140.00
Watery Branch	114	33.22
Walnut Creek	35	125.00
Winterville	186	15.00
Williamston	115	
Miscellaneous		5.00
Interest on Savings		148.10
Ministers		195.00
Conferences:		
Second Union Meeting		64.37
Fourth Union Meeting		85.00
Second Union Meeting Sunday School Convention		390.30
Fourth Union Meeting League		15.00
Second Union Meeting League		25.00
Western Conference (Wilson First Church)		59.50
Totals	9,583	\$3,136.49

These figures are the total from each church, its members or groups, like Sunday schools, etc.

November 1, 1962, Balance in Banks \$3,354.94

Receipts

Metal Building	\$ 718.10	
Ministers (First annual payment on Roanoke Rapids property—pledge \$325)	195.00	
Interest on Savings	148.10	
General	2,070.29	
For State Missions (transferred)	5.00	3,136.49
Total for Which to Account		\$6,491.43

Disbursements

Roanoke Rapids, Down Payment, etc.	\$ 795.00	
Roanoke Rapids, Missionary Salary, Expenses, etc.	2,278.04	
Weldon, Building Project	1,113.06	
Other, Board, Meetings, Postage, Printing, etc.	132.69	4,318.79
Balance in Banks, November 1, 1963		\$2,172.64
Edgecombe Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 970.95	

Edgecombe Homestead Savings & Loan 1,201.69

Total \$2,172.64

Bills Outstanding

Weldon: Lumber Bill, Dated 9-16-63 \$1,265.58

Roanoke Rapids; Church Finance Association
(annual payment on property due January, 1964) \$1,078.00

NOTE: In the Central Conference Ministers' Conference on October 8, a vote was made for the ministers to give the next annual payment on the property at Roanoke Rapids; and \$325 was pledged by 15 of those present, of which \$195 has been received on these pledges.

During this year I have attended all five of our board meetings and several committee meetings about the board work; prepared and distributed five NEWS BULLETINS, worked with mission banks, and in general have assisted in any and every way possible to promote our conference mission goal: "An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town." Your board members have worked together in the best of mutual spirit and harmony. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. It has been suggested we present a goal for each church to achieve. We feel you can do this better; therefore, the above information will help to guide you to do the best you can.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond T. Sasser, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF EAST CAROLINA FELLOWSHIP

September 11, 1963

Balance September 11, 1962 \$1,491.64

Auxiliary Donations (serving meals) 55.00

Total to Account For \$1,546.64

F. B. Cherry Insurance Agency (bond fee) 7.50

Balance September 11, 1963 \$1,539.14

Saving Account (First Federal Savings and Loan Association,
Greenville) \$1,450.00

Checking Account (State Bank and Trust Co., Greenville) 89.14

Balance Accounted For \$1,539.14

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Boyd, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

November 6, 1963

Greetings:

We sincerely thank our friends in the Central Conference for helping to make 1962-63 the most successful year in the history of Mount Olive College. Enrollment and financial support exceeded all previous years.

Forty-six churches and other organizations within the conference contributed \$21,023.26 during our fiscal year July 1, 1962, through June 30, 1963.

GROWTH

This fall our enrollment has climbed to an all-time high of 226. Of this number 131 are boarding students. Because college-owned dormitory space is limited to 22 students, it was necessary for us to find off-campus accommodations for 109 students this fall. It was only by urgent appeals through newspaper, radio, and personal friends that we were able to find enough rooms for our students.

Moreover, the college is now paying more than \$10,000 annually in rent for space to house its students, faculty offices, and other activities. The future growth of the college will depend upon the development of our new 90-acre campus.

RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

In order to assure the continued service and growth of the college, we have submitted to our churches two recommended quotas for 1963-64: one quota for the general fund and another for the development fund. A summary of support last year and recommended quotas for this year for the churches of the Central Conference is submitted with this report.

The North Carolina State Convention has approved an overall budget of \$82,000 in denominational support for the general fund and \$50,000 to the development fund for the 1963-64 fiscal year.

The Central Conference has a membership of approximately 9,297 Original Free Will Baptists, and your recommended quotas total \$24,675 to the general fund and \$15,000 to the development fund.

We recognize that in most cases the recommended quotas will require sincere dedication in order to be reached. But Christian education does not come easily nor is it cheap. The higher the goal, the greater the sacrifice required to attain it. Jesus never set low goals for His followers, and neither can the church today.

Christian education is worth whatever it costs.

REPORT OF GIFTS AND RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

Fiscal Year—July 1—June 30

Church	Approximate Membership	Total Gifts 1962-63	Recommended Quotas 1963-64	
			General Fund	Development Fund
Aspen Grove	214	\$ 326.65	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Ayden	186	1,642.90	1,500.00	2,000.00
Bethany	216	537.83	800.00	400.00
Black Jack	501	258.11	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cedar Grove	126		125.00	100.00
Daniel's Chapel	203	496.29	500.00	300.00

Dawson's Grove	61	595.39	300.00	200.00
Dilda's Grove	85	77.66	200.00	100.00
Edgewood	128	135.00	200.00	100.00
Elm Grove	391	417.15	600.00	500.00
Faith	87	14.00	150.00	100.00
Free Union	497	838.53	750.00	500.00
Friendship	157	854.30	600.00	500.00
Greenville	858	581.00	750.00	500.00
Grimsley	165	332.45	300.00	250.00
Gum Swamp	560	740.00	900.00	350.00
Harrell's Chapel	100	474.12	400.00	250.00
Hickory Grove	128	135.41	250.00	150.00
Howell Swamp	125	716.71	500.00	500.00
Hugo	143	80.00	150.00	150.00
Hull Road	461	3,069.96	2,800.00	1,000.00
King's Cross Roads	203	383.41	500.00	300.00
LaGrange	178	133.60	250.00	200.00
Little Creek	117	632.00	700.00	200.00
Marlboro	172	121.46	300.00	200.00
Maury	35	150.25	150.00	100.00
Ormondsville	273	517.99	500.00	300.00
Owen's Chapel	165	121.95	250.00	150.00
Peace	48	265.15	300.00	100.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	87	20.00	100.00	50.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	297	1,132.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill (Pitt)	105	200.00	300.00	150.00
Reedy Branch	289	579.22	800.00	500.00
Rocky Mount	106	604.74	700.00	300.00
Rose Hill	324	356.90	600.00	400.00
Rose of Sharon	151	126.00	200.00	100.00
Saints Delight	104	10.00	50.00	50.00
Saratoga	214	320.02	1,350.00	300.00
Spring Branch	242	780.60	500.00	500.00
Sweet Gum Grove		25.00	200.00	100.00
Tarboro	273	270.00	400.00	250.00
Walnut Creek	53	240.00	250.00	200.00
Watery Branch	114	38.22	125.00	100.00
Williamston	57	46.00	75.00	50.00
Winterville	186	738.27	700.00	300.00
Otter's Creek	112		100.00	200.00
Conference, etc.		958.47		400.00

Totals	9,297	\$21,023.26	\$24,675.00	\$15,700.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, *President*

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met on September 11, 12 at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. A total of 538 ministers and delegates registered during this year's session, with at least an equal number of visitors. It is estimated that more than sixteen hundred attended the different sessions. The convention sermon was delivered by the Rev. Clifton Rice.

The special highlight was the Wednesday evening service which consisted of a pageant depicting the work of the convention. The pageant was carried out under the able leadership of the Rev. Earl H. Glenn and the Rev. Ed. Taylor. Another highlight was the mission service on Thursday morning. The Rev. and Mrs. John B. Elliston, a student from the Nogales Academy of the Arizona-Mexico missions, and Miss Winnifred Averett of Winterville, who recently visited the Academy, appeared on the program. Free Will Baptists were challenged to greater service in the cause of missions.

Special offerings were received during the convention for Mount Olive Junior College, the Children's Home, and missions. These offerings totaled more than \$2,300. Around \$1,700 was received as anniversary gifts in celebration of the "Year of Jubilee." Final count shows that 197 churches reported with gifts amounting to approximately \$2,000.

A special offering was received on Wednesday evening to begin a heritage preservation fund to be used under the direction of the advisory committee in assisting those churches and conferences that have or may have struggles over church property.

Amendments were made to the constitution and bylaws which called for a Commission on Chaplains and a Layman's League Board.

The convention voted to "continue to recognize, stand by and support, in case of division, that party of any church, conference, or association, whether it be a majority or minority, that contends for and remains loyal to the original faith, polity, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists." Members of the convention were called upon to assist the Western Conference and the congregation recognized by it, by making generous contributions to help pay the heavy cost of the action taken by the conference. Contributions to this cause can be made through the Heritage Preservation Fund, or directly to the Western Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Overman

Secretary of State Convention

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 committee to represent the Con-

ference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press to do so at any stockholders' meeting.

Section 12. 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.

