

MINUTES
OF THE
216th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
(ORIGINAL)
Free Will Baptist Church
OF
North Carolina

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Held with
TARBORO CHURCH, EDGECOMBE COUNTY
Wednesday, November 4, 1964
and with
SPRING BRANCH CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY
Thursday, November 5, 1964

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Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*
Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*
Rev. R. T. Sasser, *Conference Host*, Wednesday
Rev. William Futch, *Conference Host*, Thursday



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The next session will be held at the Marlboro Church, Pitt County, on
November 10, 11, 1965.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

MODERATOR

Rev. F. B. Cherry, Greenville, 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. F. B. Cherry

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. C. J. Harris

Rev. L. B. Manning

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Willis Wilson (1965)

Rev. Norman Ard (1966)

Rev. Michael Pelt (1967)

Rev. Charles Sapp (1968)

Rev. Edward Miles (1969)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Floyd Harris (1965)

Mrs. J. C. Moye (1966)

A. G. Mangum (1967)

Roy T. Forrest (1968)

Earl W. Skinner (1969)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Albert Proctor (1965)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1966)

Rev. Cecil Rose (1967)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1968)

Daniel Barrow (1969)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mrs. Leon Dunn (1965)

M. S. Cowan (1966)

Luther Dail (1967)

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1968)

Randolph Harris (1969)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Levi Worthington (1965)

McCoy Tripp (1966)

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1967)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. R. W. Allman (1965)

Rev. C. H. Overman (1966)

Leo Tripp (1967)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. R. P. Harris (1965)

Rev. R. L. Norville (1966)

Rev. Melvin Moore (1967)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivery (1966)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Ralph A. Bowen (1966)

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—Morris Elks, Route 3, Greenville
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Edna Horton, Macclesfield
Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Box 157-A, Ayden
Greenville—Mrs. Carl Averette, Route 3, 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—Travis Wooten, Pinetops
 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

LENIOR 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, Route 2, Fremont

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville
 Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman, Jr., Route 3, Wilson
 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—Mrs. Francis Harp, Weldon

Roll of Ministers

	1963	1964
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.	P	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C.	P	P
W. G. Ennis, Winterville, N. C.	P	A
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, N. C.	P	P
Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.	P	A
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.	A	L
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C.	P	A
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C.	P	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.	P	P

C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.	P	P	
C. J. Harris, 601 E. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C.	P	P	
Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.	Letter	L	A
N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.	P	P	
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.	P	P	
R. L. Norville, Route 4, Box 124, Greenville, N. C.	P	P	
Capt. J. B. Narron (Chaplaincy), 2702 Van Bruen, Bellevue, Neb.	A	P	
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.	L	P	
Michael Pelt, 2107 Hillandale Road, Durham, N. C.	P	P	
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C.	P	P	
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C.	P	P	
Edward Miles, 305 W. James Street, Mount Olive, N. C.	P	A	
Ray Harrison, Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, N. C.	P	P	
W. H. Willis, 1121 Dunn Road, Kinston, N. C.	P	P	
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C.	P	P	
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C.	P	P	
Melvin Moore, 208 N. Davis Dr., Farmville, N. C.	P	P	
Jack Mayo, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.	P	P	
Sheldon Howard, 3607 Buffaloe Rd., Raleigh, N. C.	P	P	
Kenneth Grubbs	A	A	
Noah Brown, 517 Jewell Street, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	P	P	
Bobby Bazen, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C.	P	P	
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 20, Enfield, N. C.	A	L	
William Futch, 1213 Charles St., Greenville, N. C.	P	P	
R. W. Allman, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.	P	P	
Cary Cheshire, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.	P	A	
N. W. Ard, Route 1, Ayden, N. C.	P	P	
C. H. Overman, 703 Montague Ave., Ayden, N. C.	P	P	
W. S. Burns, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.	P	P	
Cecil E. Rose, Saratoga, N. C.		P	
Austin Carter, Mount Olive, N. C.		A	
Joe Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C.		P	

(The letter "P" denotes being present; the letter "A" being absent; the letter "L" being represented by letter.)

Licensed Ministers

W. M. Pollard, Roland Smith, Edgar Benton, J. S. Humphrey, and Danny Hooks.

(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 216th session with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, on Wednesday, November 4, 1964, and with Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 5, 1964.

The clerk officially opened the conference and presented the moderator.

The opening song service was under the direction of the Rev. Willis Wilson, song leader, and the Rev. Wayne West, pianist and organist for this conference.

The devotional was given by the Rev. Wayne West, pastor of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church.

The welcome was given by Bro. J. M. Langely of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro.

The response was given by Bro. Charlie Beamon of the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator's address was given at this time.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Western Conference—R. H. Jackson, Frank Ray Harrison, Robert Rollins, and Wayne West. Eastern Conference—Carol B. Hansley and P. C. Wiggs. Cape Fear Conference—Bruce Dudley, Henry Armstrong, Eugene Sumner, and C. M. Coates. Piedmont Conference—Walter Carter.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Children's Home—N. D. Beaman, Randolph Harris, and Mrs. C. A. Eubanks.

Temperance—L. E. Ballard, Mrs. Lucy Tyndall, and Mrs. Hattie Brock.

Nominating—Willis Wilson, Norman Ard, Raymond Sasser, L. B. Manning, and Ray Allman.

Resolutions—F. B. Cherry, R. P. Harris, R. H. Mason, Mrs. H. L. Spivey, and W. H. Willis.

The report of the East Carolina Fellowship was given by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry.

The report of the State Convention was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

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

A motion was made and passed to receive an offering for Cragmont Assembly to apply on the Floyd House option. The amount received was \$109.14.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by the Rev. W. B. Raper. (See report.) An offering was received after this report for the college.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, taken from Isaiah 6:1-10.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotion was conducted by the Rev. Carol B. Hansley.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman. (See report.)

Captain J. B. Narron gave a report on his work in the chaplaincy.

The report of the executive committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress, clerk. The report was adopted by motion.

The report of the conference missions was given Bro. Albert Proctor. (See report.)

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

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

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

The Rev. D. W. Hansley gave a report on the North Carolina Ministers' Conference.

The resolutions committee gave a partial report which was adopted by motion.

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

The conference adjourned until 9:30 a.m., November 5, 1964.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional was given by the Rev. Norman Ard.

The welcome address was given by Bro. Charlie Beamon.

The response was given by Mrs. Ray Cunningham.

Brothers Leo Tripp, Ernest Adams, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, and Mrs. Sallie Murphy were appointed to serve on the finance committee of this conference.

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

The report of the state missions board was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried to accept the invitation to meet with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, for the 1965 session of the conference.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. (See report.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by the Rev. Melvin Moore. (See report.)

The report of the Children's Home committee was given by Bro. Randolph Harris. (See report.)

The Rev. S. A. Smith introduced the Rev. Louis Holliday of South Carolina,, moderator of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. Bro. Holliday spoke on behalf of the fellowship. The next fellowship will meet with the Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina.

The report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow. (See report.)

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

The report of the ordaining council was given by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry. (See report.)

The morning worship service was under the direction of the ordaining council with the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry presiding. During this service Bro. Joe Barrow of the Hull Road church was ordained. The song service was directed by the Rev. Norman Ard. The Scripture reading and prayer was by the Rev. Michael Pelt. The Rev. Willis Wilson delivered the message and the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry gave the charge. The Bible was presented by the Rev. Michael Pelt. The laying on of hands was carried out by the following ministers: N. B. Barrow, C. L. Patrick, Floyd B. Cherry, Willis Wilson, and Michael Pelt.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Morris.

The Rev. Joe Barrow was received into the conference as an ordained minister and his name was added to the list of ordained ministers.

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

The report of the treasurer was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris.

The report of the nominating committee was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report.)

Bro. Ralph A. Bowen was elected to serve as publicity chairman.

The Rev. Michael Pelt gave a report of the chaplain's commission.

A motion was made and carried that the conference extend a rising vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

The conference adjourned to meet with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, for the next session, November 10, 11, 1965.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*
Rev. Hubert' Burress, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(December 3, 1963)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the Free Will Baptist Press at 10 a.m. Members present were C. L. Patrick, Hubert Burress, N. B. Barrow, C. J. Harris, and E. C. Morris. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. C. Morris.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes. The Rev. R. W. Allman was elected to the credentials committee. The Rev. W. S. Burns was elected to represent the conference's stock in the Church Finance Association. Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. J. Harris.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

On October 10, 1964, the following letter was written to the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:
Greetings in the name of our Lord:

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina does on this date grant a letter of recommendation to the Rev. Walter Sutton, Route 1, Beulaville, North Carolina, in keeping with his request to unite with you. Brother Sutton is in good standing with us.

When he is united with you his connection with us will cease.

Yours in Christ,

Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

(October 6, 1964)

The executive committee met on the above date with the Revs. C. L. Patrick, E. C. Morris, and C. J. Harris present. The program for the 1964 session of the Central Conference was adopted as follows:

Wednesday Morning Session

- 9:00—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Wayne West
- 10:15—Welcome Address, J. M. Langley
- 10:20—Response, Charlie Beamon
- 10:25—Moderator's Message
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Report of State Convention, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. N. B. Barrow
- 11:05—Report of East Carolina Fellowship, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry
- 11:15—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. B. Raper
- 11:30—Morning Worship
 - Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Vance Link

12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Carol B. Hansley

1:25—Business Period

Partial Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Executive Committee

Report of Conference Missions

Report of Trustees

Report of Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey

Report of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. L. E. Ballard

3:15—Adjournment

Thursday Morning Session

9:00—Final Registration

9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Norman Ard

9:45—Welcome Address, Charlie Beamon

—Response, Mrs. Ray Cunningham

9:55—Business Period

Reading of Minutes of Previous Day

Recognition of Visitors

Report of Obituary Committee

Report of Temperance Committee

Report of Resolutions Committee

Report of Credentials Committee

10:45—Report of State Missions Board, the Rev. R. H. Jackson

10:55—Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds

11:05—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. M. L. Johnson

11:15—Report of Children's Home, the Rev. M. L. Johnson

11:30—Morning Worship, Ordaining Council

12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. E. C. Morris

1:30—Business Period

Report of Finance Committee

Report of Treasurer, the Rev. C. J. Harris

Final Business

3:00—Adjournment

There was no other business transacted so the meeting adjourned.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burriss, *Clerk*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

November 4, 1964

Greetings:

We are happy to share with our friends in the Central Conference a

report on the progress and future plans of Mount Olive College. We are grateful to you for helping to make 1963-64 the most successful year in the history of the college. The Central led all other conferences in financial support. A report of the gifts received is listed by churches and is attached hereto.

Enrollment for the fall semester totaled 290 students from eight states and two foreign countries, for an increase of 61 over the fall of 1963.

A \$1 million development program on our new 90-acre campus is now underway. Contracts totaling \$815,00 have been awarded for an academic building designed to accommodate 350 students and a three-unit dormitory complex with rooming facilities for 132 students. The college has available in gifts and loans \$700,000 to apply on these contracts. The North Carolina State Convention has called upon Free Will Baptists to raise by June 30, 1965, the additional \$115,000 needed to complete these buildings.

This development program is the most aspiring undertaking in the history of our denomination. It is a challenge to greatness to which Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are responding with faith and dedication.

The general operating budget for the 1964-65 fiscal year totals \$298,830, and of this amount the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are asked to contribute \$60,250. Individual church quotas for the general fund have been prepared and mailed. The successful operation of the college depends upon each church giving its fair share.

High school seniors should make their application now for admission to the fall semester in 1965. Mount Olive College is dedicated to providing opportunities in Christian higher education for the largest number of Free Will Baptist young people.

We ask our friends in the Central Conference to join hands with us to assure that no worthy student is denied the opportunity to achieve his highest intellectual and spiritual destiny.

W. Burkette Raper, *President*

RECORD OF SUPPORT TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

July 1, 1963—June 30, 1964

Mount Olive College expresses its sincere appreciation to the Central Conference for helping to provide Christian higher education for the youth of our church. The report below includes all gifts received, whether from the church, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, leagues, or individuals.

<i>Church</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Development Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Aspen Grove	\$ 283	\$ 245	\$ 528
Ayden	813	6,929	7,742
Bethany	523	681	1,204
Black Jack	566	2,041	2,607
Cedar Grove	—	—	—
Daniel's Chapel	201	577	778
Dawson's Grove	323	370	693

Dilda's Grove	163	177	340
Edgewood	45	355	400
Elm Grove	158	341	499
Faith	162	51	213
Free Union	783	917	1,700
Freindship	283	784	1,067
Greenville	480	1,773	2,253
Grimsley	152	108	260
Gum Swamp	1,303	1,359	2,662
Harrell's Chapel	321	234	555
Hickory Grove	190	242	432
Howell Swamp	374	467	841
Hugo	68	175	243
Hull Road	1,651	1,178	2,829
King's Cross Roads	278	651	929
LaGrange	50	229	279
Little Creek	456	682	1,138
Marlboro	163	273	436
Maury	15	35	50
Ormondsville	323	193	516
Owen's Chapel	86	50	136
Peace	445	252	697
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	—	144	144
Piney Grove (Pitt)	769	1,401	2,170
Pleasant Hill (Pitt)	110	—	110
Reedy Branch	734	573	1,307
Rocky Mount	49	229	278
Rose Hill	305	545	850
Rose of Sharon	83	152	235
Saint's Delight	—	40	40
Saratoga	1,183	327	1,510
Spring Branch	82	578	660
Sweet Gum Grove	55	268	323
Tarboro	140	448	588
Walnut Creek	250	200	450
Watery Branch	95	68	163
Williamston	64	107	171
Winterville	494	1,245	1,739
Otter's Creek	15	210	225
Roanoke Rapids Mission	29	10	39
Community	—	10	10
Conference	492	367	859
Individuals	25	15	40
Totals	\$15,632	\$28,303	\$43,935

(Note: The above figures are given according to the nearest dollar.)

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

—Edwin Markham.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1963-64:

1. We have 9 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number none are from the Central Conference.
2. We have 18 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number 5 are from the Central Conference.
3. Contributions made by the Conference to Superannuation:

Churches	\$ 862.73
Auxiliaries	90.27
Sunday Schools	364.52
Leagues	49.75
Individuals	2,588.75
Unions	177.13

Total\$4,133.15

4. The budget for 1964-65 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. The following is a list of those who have enrolled in the "Ministerial Retirement System": Reverends R. W. Allman, N. B. Barrow, J. P. Barrow, Bobby Bazen, Noah Brown, Hubert Burrell, Floyd B. Cherry, C. D. Hamilton, L. B. Manning, William J. Mayo, Edward W. Miles, R. L. Norville, Fred S. Powers, and Walter Sutton.

7. 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*

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the credentials committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that all delegates who have properly registered for this 216th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1964 session.

We further recommend that all ministers in good standing in this conference be seated in this 1964 session.

Registered today are 26 ministers and 68 delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp
C. H. Overman
R. W. Allman

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Please accept our thanks for the splendid cooperation by the churches in our conference this year. It has been the greatest in our conference mission work.

Two years ago, only eleven churches contributed to our mission program with offerings of \$631.12. Last year there was \$3,136.49 given by 32 churches.

Since last conference, forty churches have given a sizeable increase in the amount of \$7,071.96. This is 80% of all churches contributing.

Not only should we thank our churches for their fine cooperation, but we need to thank our state mission board for its assistance in a time of need. The auxiliaries, Sunday schools, layman's leagues, and individual members have consistently made offerings, for which we are grateful.

The members of the Weldon church and the Roanoke Rapids mission have labored untiringly to build and witness. Together with their pastors, the Rev. Vance Link and Missionary Noah Brown, we are spreading the cause of the Free Will Baptist missions in an area where very few knew anything about it. Our people move from this section of our state to these cities, and we feel that we should endeavor to establish churches in every town.

Last year you approved our report and recommendations, which can be found in the minutes beginning on Page 21. We have sincerely tried to carry out your recommendations. The results can be seen in two fine building programs which we believe you will be proud of when you see them. Also, a growing church at Weldon and growing prospects of a church soon at Roanoke Rapids.

We would like to recommend the following:

1. That each church continue to give as much or more support next year as they have this year.
2. That each church raise a special offering of \$50 or more to pay bills that are now due. This money is needed right away. Our treasurer will give the amount needed in his report.
3. That each church send a delegation for open house to be held soon, as soon as the metal building is erected.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Proctor, *Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT
CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD
Year Ending October 31, 1964

<i>Church</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Ayden	\$ 72.83
Aspen Grove	100.00
Bethany	102.13
Black Jack	190.00
Cedar Grove	20.00
Community (Weldon)	
Daniel's Chapel	60.00
Dawson's Grove	260.00
Dilda's Grove	72.47
Edgewood	115.00
Elm Grove	77.51
Faith (Lenoir)	130.48
Free Union	114.19
Friendship	144.00
Greenville	235.77
Grimsley	61.18
Gum Swamp	116.00
Harrell's Chapel	25.00
Hickory Grove	127.57
Howell Swamp	
Hugo	12.25
Hull Road	365.00
King's Cross Roads	167.29
LaGrange	6.60
Little Creek	25.00
Marlboro	104.00
Maury	
Otter's Creek	
Ormondsville	114.00
Owen's Chapel	136.72
Peace	45.34
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	115.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	118.26
Pleasant Hill	57.40
Reedy Branch	417.67
Roanoke Rapids (Offerings)	1,569.74
Rocky Mount	50.00
Rose Hill	104.00
Rose of Sharon	15.00
Saratoga	137.66
Sweet Gum Grove	
Spring Branch	51.90

Sts. Delight	
Tarboro	254.21
Watery Branch	25.00
Walnut Creek	
Winterville	435.00
Williamston	
Refund	100.00
Interest	8.68
Ministers	188.95
Second Union Meeting	80.66
Fourth Union Meeting	40.81
Second Union Meeting Sunday School Convention	223.69
Fourth Union Meeting League	
Second Union Meeting League	50.00
Fourth Union Meeting Auxiliary Convention	5.00
Other Conferences	23.00
State Mission Board (see below)	900.00
Loan By a Board Member	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$8,971.96</u>

(Note: These figures are all from each church, including the Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, layman's league, individual members, etc.)

November 1, 1963, Balance in Banks \$2,172.64

Receipts

State Mission Board (Salary at Roanoke Rapids)	\$ 400.00
State Mission Board (Metal Building at Roanoke Rapids)	500.00
Churches, Union Meetings, etc. (see above)	7,071.96
Loan	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Receipts (see above) 8,971.96

Total for Which to Account \$11,144.60

Disbursements

Weldon (Building Project Loan)	2,631.95
Roanoke Rapids Mission:	
Metal Building	819.80
Annual Payment and Interest	1,008.00
Furniture and Fixtures	585.11
Missionary Salary	3,900.00
Missionary Rent and Utilities	1,200.00
Mission Utilities	177.49
Repairs, Insurance, Miscellaneous	125.57
Office Expense	73.74
Board Meeting Expense	<u>15.45</u>

Churches	Delegates	Superannuation	Contributions	No. of Members	S. S. Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	To Children's Home	To Education	To Church Finance	To Missions	To Cragmont	To Promotional Work	Paid Out for Repairs And Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes			
PITT COUNTY																								
Ayden	Mrs. L. A. Dunn, Mrs. E. L. Hill	\$ 10	204	173	28	25	15	4		\$106,500	\$1,680	\$150	\$ 24	\$ 64							\$12,277			
Bethany	Mrs. Virginia Wainwright, Mrs. Archie Nobles (year starting 9-1-64)	10	216	63	21	3	5			70,000	630	100		2,372						2,000				
Black Jack	Mrs. J. B. Rouse, Mrs. Blanch Joyner, J. D. Hudson, Leon Hardee, Zeno Dixon	111	15	479	416	57	15	13		100,000	4,545	475	1,186	2,372						17,870				
Dilda's Grove	Mrs. Joyce Corbett, W. C. Dilda	62	10	78	81	24	24	6	10	15,000	1,355	100	438	329		2		2	4,327	4,040	3,303			
Elm Grove	Gerald Briley, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard	100	15	242	251	81	20	2	6	99,000	4,500	200	263	548	10				591	3,255	10,043			
Greenville	Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mrs. Harvey Moore	36	10	650		30	29			85,000	3,600	270	1,300	1,459		2,001	49		105	326	13,507			
Gum Swamp	Floyd Harris, A. L. Morris		10	350	115	37	26	5	26	90,000	3,200	300	802	2,304					2,000	580	9,544			
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Grace Whitehurst, Mrs. Mavis Manning, Mrs. Bill Rollins, Mrs. Lucille Harris	30	10	123	95	16	1	5		17,000	1,230	323	197	454	13			224	59	533	3,317			
King's Cross Roads	Ernest Cobb, Kelly Hedgepeth	89	10	202	158	35	26			25,000	3,315	320	1,163	737					168	181	7,624			
Mariboro	Mrs. Evelyn Moore, Mrs. Hattie Brock		5	170	163	35	5	6		25,000	3,900	450	302	273					2,200	250	7,510			
Pleasant Hill		60	5	103	72	15	20	1	2	25,000	1,950	200	200	100					200	350	3,125			
Reedy Branch	Linwood Hooks, Russell Little, R. L. Worthington, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. J. B. Worthington	50	25	263	204	32	5	16		106,000	4,800	135	570	1,306					591	3,051	10,986			
Rose Hill	R. E. Adams, Mrs. J. J. Carroll	100	20	300	198	25	20	5	5	40,000	1,980	250	450	530					250	961	4,662			
Sweet Gum Grove	(No Report)																							
Piney Grove	Mrs. Roy Avery, Mrs. Sally Beaman, Mrs. R. J. Boswell	138	10	289	239	35	45	4	10	51,000	4,180	200	1,050	1,786	15				1,894	1,952	11,761			
Winterville	Randolph Harris, Mrs. Leo Tripp	39	10	186	159	40	35	18	6	62,000	3,900	250	775	1,065					4,058	1,146	11,391			
GREENE COUNTY																								
Free Union	F. B. Murphy, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. T. E. Tyndall, Mrs. Ida Jones, Mrs. Alton Beaman, Mrs. L. Patrick	53	25	449	329	93	11	11		85,000	4,505	300	1,511	1,604					493	11	84	2,520	1,806	14,533
Friendship	Mrs. Harvey Cobb, Mrs. Hubert Tugwell	20	25	169	208	70	35			18,000	1,920	250	846	1,033					476	20	4,500	1,266	10,313	
Grimsley	Bruce Dall, Floyd Robinson	32		96	74	22	19	3	3	20,000	1,880	200	275	273					113	26	13	3,951	746	7,612
Harrell's Chapel	R. E. Hart	40	10	100	160	20	19	21		20,000	1,000	200	375	570					50	15	25	500	775	3,540
Howell Swamp	Mrs. Richard Holloman		10	135	80	34	7	4		40,000	1,950	100	42	230						24,899	632	27,863		
Hull Road	Laywood Hill, Mrs. Carl Barrow, Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Mrs. D. W. Barrow, Mrs. Z. R. Harrison, Mrs. W. D. Meye, Mrs. Emma Phillips, T. G. Harrison, Robert Beaman	48	10	469	265	50	20	18	11	76,900	4,400	206	873	1,813	20				647	26	76	15,502	2,037	25,690
Spring Branch	Paul Galloway, J. T. Bailey	45	25	237		18	2			47,000	2,237	200	181	476	15				127	15	10	329	1,502	
Sts. Delight	Steve Bowen, Mack Bowen		5	85	51				1	12,000	185	75	15	40						200	102		622	
Little Creek	Mrs. Heber Cox, Mrs. J. E. Humbles	12	10	120	123	20	2			50,000	2,400	100	408	1,137					25	10		1,250	906	6,258
Maury	Mrs. H. L. Spivey		10	30	16					7,000	156		31	230						20			55	492
Ormondsville	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Skinner	73	10	146	135	53	7	4		25,000	2,283	345	1,203	514	20				208	25	20	847	2,675	8,216
EDGECOMBE COUNTY																								
Edgewood	Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harrell		10	140		28	6	4		12,000	1,560	140	340	405					178	70		206	150	3,467
Otter's Creek	Bill Hinson		5	97		20	10	3		20,000	840	85	143							1,285	240		2,593	
Peace			10	42	81	10	1	1		22,472	1,380	125	155	257					30			612	186	2,747
Rocky Mount	Mrs. O. C. Merritt Sr.		10	132	101	20	45	10	6	45,000	3,975	150	240	269					60	70		168	187	8,295
Tarboro	Mrs. Inez Wooten, Mrs. Allen Deal, Mrs. J. M. Langley	10	20	283	241	50	40	26	10	113,500	3,900	200	147	442					403	50		8,479	4,646	18,279
LENOIR COUNTY																								
Falith	(No Report)																							
Hugo	Mrs. Bertha Harris, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks	5	10	124	127	36	3	6		22,400	1,680	95	64	187	5					1,854			3,906	
LaGrange	Melford Singleton, Kendrick Harrison	10	10	156	150	24	19	4	2	30,000	3,975	200	590	246					234	13		36	1,648	6,954
WAYNE COUNTY																								
Walnut Creek	Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Benton	10	10	50	88		4	3		15,000	985	90	70	380						803	340		2,769	
Watery Branch			10	101	115	30	6	4		11,100	1,200	175	155	161					100	10		800	217	3,919
WILSON COUNTY																								
Aspen Grove	Zell Smith	72	10	198	192	47	15		8	30,000	1,820	319	819	435	27				167	79	27	60	993	4,014
Daniel's Chapel	Robert Strickland, Jimmie Harrell, Edward Pittman	75	10	206	174	36	25	3	4	40,000	4,224	200	381	758					250			1,098	2,112	9,950
Owen's Chapel	R. Walston, Beaman Baker	50	10	170	185	25	21	11	6	20,000	3,445	250	300	90					280	30		4,230	2,297	10,993
Saratoga	Mrs. B. A. Saunders, Mrs. Cecil Rose, Mrs. Preston Proctor		10	202	151	32	31	5	7	50,000	3,900	250	556	482					165	82		990	1,614	8,041
MARTIN COUNTY																								
Cedar Grove			5	58	70	14	4	6		8,000	720	150	25							433	325		1,764	
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan, Lester Terry	20	10	148	90		6	5		10,000	1,200	100	210	147						3,000	423		5,000	
Williamston	Mrs. Nellie Rogerson	12	5	109	105	38	20	4		20,000	1,320	200	158						55		16	1,270	958	4,148
BEAUFORT COUNTY																								
Piney Grove			10	87	65	15	1	1		8,000	1,240	250	229	273					108			64	388	2,596
HALIFAX COUNTY																								
Dawson's Grove	Mrs. Hubert Dickens	3		51	66	17	2			21,000	1,425	100	172	636						251			4,074	
Community			5	79	110	42	12	24	4	15,000	1,300	85		28	50				35			1,408	46	3,058

Total Disbursements

10,537.11

Balance in Bank, November 1, 1964—

Edgecombe Bank and Trust Co.

\$ 607.49

(Note: Total in property this year, \$5,044.86; last year, \$1,908.06; or grand total for the two years, \$7,052.92. These amounts will be repaid according to agreement, to be used in similar mission building programs, as opportunity permits.)

Outstanding Bills

Weldon:

Lumber Bill (9/16/63)

\$400.00

Other Accounts 3/19/64)

344.54

\$744.54

Roanoke Rapids

Literature and Miscellaneous

\$250.00

Annual Real Estate Payment (2/22/65)

970.20

1,220.20

Loan By a Board Member at 6% Interest

1,000.00

Total

\$2,964.74

Your cooperation this year is sincerely appreciated by your board members who have worked together untiringly and harmoniously doing what they believe to be the best way to move forward toward the goal: "An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town." Your continued and increased support is prayerfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The board of trustees reports that the Weldon church has paid the interest on the money loaned to them for 1964. Another payment is due in February, 1965.

No meetings have been held since we had no business requiring a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *Secretary*

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY REPORT

We are pleased to report that the season just ended at Cragmont Assembly was one of the best ever enjoyed by the institution. Conference registrations exceeded any previous year, and the income from operations amounted to more than any previous year. Our treasurer's report shows also that it has been a good season for gifts for general purposes coming in from the field.

During the season a total exceeding 1,400 people have registered for the various conferences and as guests or visitors.

Cooperation from the churches of the Central Conference has been good. Several of the churches sent nice groups to the youth conferences, and quite a number of our adult church members have visited the assembly during the year. Some of the largest donations for special funds for which appeals have been made during the year came from Central Conference churches.

At the present time an appeal is being made for funds with which to purchase a cottage on the property which was built by a minister some year ago on a leased lot. Since this minister is no longer a member of the organization operating Cragmont, and the cottage has not been used recently in such a manner as to be an asset to the institution, the board has deemed it wise to purchase the interests of this minister so that the cottage can be used to supplement the present facilities. More room is badly needed. We urge Central Conference churches to make as liberal donations as possible to this fund as early as possible. Send donations to Mrs. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, North Carolina, and state that it is for "the Floyd Cottage fund." We express our appreciation to the conference for an offering in the amount of \$109.14 for this fund received today.

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard, *Co-managers*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Church Finance Association, Inc., was founded in April, 1940. It has been recognized by the North Carolina State Convention as the agency for helping with church extension within 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. Our 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 by individuals and organizations. Many of our individual members and organizations use the Church Finance Association, Inc., as a savings depository.

The solvency of this enterprise can be seen from the following financial condition of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as reflected by its annual report as of January 1, 1964:

Total Assets	\$152,448.11
Total Liabilities	139,268.20
Surplus or Earned Profits	\$13,179.91

During the years of its operation, the Church Finance Association, Inc., has made ninety-eight (98) different loans for a total of \$493,982.45.

There has been a noticeable increase of interest and confidence in the Church Finance Association, Inc., this year. This is reflected both in the number of loans applied for and the amount of funds made available to us.

We are endeavoring to work with the various mission boards of this state in helping in the establishing of new churches.

We have applications for more loans than we are able to make at this time. Individuals and organizations interested in depositing funds on savings with us to help make more loans available are invited to ask for information about terms and conditions. New members, and increased memberships by present members, are also needed. Correspondence should be addressed to: Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 220, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Our next annual meeting will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 12, 1965, at 10:30 a.m.

The Central Conference has \$50 in the association, for which it holds two (2) certificates of membership stock.

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists wish to thank you of the Central Conference for your prayers and support. You have helped make the work this year a success.

It is the purpose of the North Carolina Board of Missions to work harmoniously with all the Original Free Will Baptist conferences in the state.

It is gratifying to take note of the work at Roanoke Rapids and Weldon. We are grateful to the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention for purchasing the metal building which is being erected in Roanoke Rapids. We trust that this building will be in service in the near future. The people and the conference have shown a great interest in the erecting of the nice new building at Weldon. The board of missions is grateful that our people are seeing the opportunity for mission work and the funds have come in better this fall than last fall.

The board is reaching out beyond the borders of the state. The board has counseled with a group and organized them into a mission church at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

At the present, Mexico is our foreign mission field. One oil company's travel brochure said, "When one steps across the Rio Grande he is just as much in a foreign land as if he had crossed the ocean." Working in Eastern Mexico is James E. Timmons, P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas. There are several native workers helping him. In Western Mexico (the Arizona-Mexico Missions), are the Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston, the Rev. and Mrs. James Lanier, and Miss Barbara Becton. Miss Becton is a member of Elm Grove church of the conference. Also helping with the work in this area

are several native workers. These natives workers receive \$12 per week. Some churches and conferences which are underwriting the native workers' salaries add a few dollars more each week to help with the expenses.

The board has employed the Rev. A. B. Bryan of Cove City as promotional director-treasurer of the North Carolina missions program. Mr. Bryan could not be with us today because of sickness.

You are urged to continue to pray for missions. Send your conference missions funds to your conference missions treasurer: The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina. Send your state and foreign missions funds to the Rev. A. B. Bryan, P. O. Box 308, Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. H. Jackson, *Chairman*

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee reports the total registration for this session of the Central Conference: ministers, 31; delegates, 89; churches represented, 36; churches not represented, 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Tripp
C. H. Overman
R. W. Allman

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas: Members of the Central Conference were among the pioneers of our faith who helped to establish the Free Will Baptist Children's Home; and

Whereas: The *Golden Anniversary Development Program* currently being conducted by the Free Will Baptist Children's Home dedicates this conference year to the founders of the said Children's Home; and

Whereas: This development program affords us an excellent opportunity to honor those who helped as founders of our Children's Home;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we urge our member churches to sincerely try to raise their suggested quotas for our Children's Home during this conference year.

2. That we petition the administration of our children's Home to officially designate W. J. Braxton, A. T. Dawson, and others whom the record may indicate as founders of said Home, and that their names be so recorded in the historical review being prepared in connection with the *Golden Anniversary Development Program*.

3. That we encourage individuals, churches, and other organizations to make special donations to our Children's Home in memory of the above during this conference year.

This resolution was approved by the Children's Home committee: Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Randolph Harris, and N. D. Beaman.

We, the resolutions committee, wish to submit the following partial report:

Be it resolved, that we extend our thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro and the community for the wonderful manner in which they entertained our conference on Wednesday, November 4, 1964. We wish to extend to them a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Floyd B. Cherry
R. P. Harris
R. H. Mason
Mrs. H. L. Spivey
W. H. Willis

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The temperance committee appointed at the 1964 session of the Central Conference wishes to make the following recommendation to our people:

Recognizing the futility of lengthy articles for recommendations, we simple appeal to our people to educate our young people to the devastation of the evil of strong drink, pointing directly to the tragedies attributed to drink and encourage them to total abstinence. We should educate them to the fact that a moderate drinker becomes worse.

Recognizing also the abundant energy of our young folk, we appeal to our people to encourage our youth to channel this energy in constructive uses. Plan your AFC and YFA to do all the things becoming to Christians and entertain them so it will be a Christian pleasure.

Respectfull submitted,
Mrs. Hattie W. Brock
L. E. Ballard
Mrs. T. E. Tyndall

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

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

The Central Conference is composed of 48 churches with a membership of 8,501. They gave to the Children's Home last year \$24,842.78, which amounted a little better than \$2.92 per member.

At the Children's Home we have a Central Conference Building Program that was started six years ago. At present we have \$7,505.15 in this fund with only \$381.24 being given last year.

We recommend that all our churches use the specified occasions to raise the money to meet the suggested quota of \$30,000 for this year.

We also recommend that our people give in a greater way to our Central Conference Building Program and do all that they can for the *Golden Anniversary Development Program*.

We request that the conference give a rising vote of thanks to our superintendent and all the working staff of the Home for their faithfulness to the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. Beaman

Mrs. C. A. Eubanks

Randolph Harris

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

The Free Will Baptist Press makes the following report for the year July 1, 1963—June 30, 1964: Total sales, \$197,654.28; total expense of operation, \$178,491.10; net surplus for expansion, \$22,438.81 (this includes miscellaneous income).

Each one dollar (\$1.00) invested in the Free Will Baptist Press is now worth \$23.65½. The Press is equipped to furnish your church with all of its needs in printing, books, and church furniture. As you use our services, we can help new churches in a more efficient manner.

N. B. Barrow, *Manager*

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We thank you for the valuable support you gave this Children's Home last year. Our records show that during the year ending August 31, 1964, we received a total of \$24,842.78 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of your district. (This includes gifts from all sources and for all purposes and is the amount actually received in our office, but does not include funds that were en route at the close of year.) Forty-six of your churches were represented by these gifts.

In addition to the cash given by you during the year, many of you also remembered this Home with coupons, food, linens, clothing, visits, prayers, and in many other ways. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have seventy-six children in our care. One other child has been approved for admission. Applications are pending for several children more than we will be able to care for.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 526. Applications have been made for many others who were worthy, but for whom we had no room. We need to enlarge our facilities if we are to serve all those who look to us and are worthy.

Most of our plans for improvement and expansion for the next five years are incorporated in our *Golden Anniversary Development Program* which was adopted by our Board of Trustees on September 3, and endorsed by our State Convention in its recent session. We urge you to become familiar with this program and help to carry it out. The outline of this development program was published in *The Free Will Baptist* recently.

Mimeographed copies are also available at this meeting. Anyone desiring further information is invited to visit, call, or write the superintendent.

We have distributed at this meeting a report of the gifts from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1964-1965.

We realize that, in some cases, the new quotas represent an increase over last year. However, these new quotas are based upon our needs for general operating funds, and to help reach the goals established in our *Golden Anniversary Development Program*. We hope to be able to carry out our development and expansion program without a special building fund campaign, the use of special building fund quotas, or the necessity of "going in debt."

Please try to reach your quota—so we can reach our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, Superintendent

GIFTS AND RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

Church	Gifts During 1963-1964	Suggested Quota 1964-1965
Aspen Grove	\$ 1,189.98	\$ 1,250.00
Ayden	1,041.97	1,250.00
Bethany	294.33	500.00
Black Jack	1,183.75	1,250.00
Cedar Grove	25.00	275.00
Daniel's Chapel	446.21	550.00
Dawson's Grove	196.21	300.00
Dilda's Grove	463.47	500.00
Edgewood	328.71	400.00
Elm Grove	572.49	700.00
Faith	31.64	250.00
Free Union	1,586.64	1,500.00
Friendship	849.51	1,000.00
Greenville	1,559.94	1,500.00
Grimsley	268.95	350.00
Gum Swamp	1,030.24	1,200.00
Harrell's Chapel	550.00	500.00
Hickory Grove	115.76	250.00
Howell Swamp	81.27	500.00
Hugo	126.89	350.00
Hull Road	898.15	1,000.00
King's Cross Roads	1,229.14	1,200.00
LaGrange	580.78	550.00
Little Creek	416.28	450.00
Marlboro	542.82	750.00
Maury	10.50	150.00
Ormondsville	1,179.83	1,200.00

Otter's Creek	230.00	250.00
Owen's Chapel	360.28	400.00
Peace	171.63	200.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	185.99	200.00
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	1,080.67	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00	300.00
Reedy Branch	822.50	1,000.00
Rocky Mount	230.76	375.00
Rose Hill	703.53	800.00
Rose of Sharon	222.00	300.00
Saints' Delight	15.00	100.00
Saratoga	423.34	500.00
Spring Branch	436.61	500.00
Sweet Gum Grove	368.53	500.00
Tarboro	177.57	250.00
Walnut Creek	70.00	150.00
Watery Branch	155.27	200.00
Williamston	158.95	250.00
Winterville	835.30	800.00
Miscellaneous	1,194.39	2,250.00
Totals	\$24,842.78	\$30,000.00

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The first action of the council this year was the ordination and installation of Bill Futch at the conference in session at Friendship church.

On March 10, 1964, the council voted to permit Spring Branch church to license J. S. Humphrey; and on June 19, 1964, voted to permit Daniel's Chapel to license Danny Hooks.

On July 13, 1964, the council met to consider the situation existing in the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, having been informed of this situation and requested by members of the church to take some action. The council instructed the clerk to write the Rev. Robert Crawford requesting a time of meeting which would be convenient to him. The clerk wrote to Mr. Crawford on August 13, 1964, but has not to this date received a reply to the letter. Since the letter was sent by registered mail, we are in receipt of the fact that Mr. Crawford received our communication on August 15, 1964. At a later meeting in September, the council decided by unanimous vote to publish in *The Free Will Baptist* the following letter:

"Be it known to all concerned that since the Rev. Robert Crawford is no longer a member of any church in good standing with the State Convention of Free Will Baptists, and because he has refused to meet with the ordaining council concerning the difficulties involving his pastorate in Greenville, he is held out of order and out of fellowship with the Central Conference until further action is taken either by the conference itself or Mr. Crawford himself."

The ordaining council met on October 29 and examined for the gospel ministry the applicant from Hull Road church, Joe Barrow. After due examination, both written and oral, the council voted to recommend him to the conference for ordination in this session.

The ordaining council met for its last meeting of the year the first day of this session of the Central Conference when meeting with the Tarboro church. The Revs. Floyd B. Cherry, Willis Wilson, and Charles Sapp were the regular members present. The Rev. E. C. Morris was asked to sit with us during our deliberations. The council voted to recommend Dr. Burkette Raper, the Rev. E. C. Mooris, and the Rev. Fred Powers to the Cape Fear Conference for membership. The council voted to recommend to Watery Branch church that Edgar Benton be licensed to preach for one year. The council also voted to accept the recommendation of the State Convention regarding the ordination of ministers.

Done by order of the ordaining council this the 4th day of November, 1964.

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, *President*
 Rev. Charles Capp, *Clerk*
 Rev. Michael Pelt
 Rev. Edward Miles
 Rev. Willis Wilson

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Receipts

By Church Letters	\$493.00
Mount Olive College (offering)	83.62
Cragmont Assembly (offering)	109.14
Children's Home (offering)	134.80

Total to Account For	\$820.56
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Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Free Will Baptist Press	221.02
Moderator's Expenses	25.00
Clerk's Expenses	11.36

Total Disbursed	292.38
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Amount Turned Over to the Treasurer	\$528.18
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Rev. Bobby Bazen, *Chairman*
 M. S. Cowan
 R. E. Adams
 Leo Tripp
 Mrs. John R. Murphy
 Mrs. Leon Dunn

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee wishes to nominate the following for officers of the Central Conference for the years—1965-1966:

Moderator: Floyd B. Cherry

Assistant Moderator: N. B. Barrow

Clerk: Hubert Burress

Assistant Clerk: Sheldon Howard

Treasurer: C. J. Harris

Executive Board: L. B. Manning to serve as member at large.

Board of Ordination: Edward Miles to succeed himself (1969); Norman Ard to replace Floyd B. Cherry (1966).

Board of Trustees: Earl W. Skinner to succeed himself (1969).

Board of Missions: Daniel Barrow to succeed himself (1969); Cecil Rose (1967).

Board of Finance: Randolph Harris (1969)

Representative of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: N. D. Beaman (1969)

Credentials Committee: Leo Tripp to succeed himself (1967).

Obituary Committee: Melvin Moore (1967)

Conference Historian: Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1966)

Stock in Church Finance Association, Inc.: W. S. Burns (1966)

Respectfully submitted,

Willis Wilson, *Chairman*

Norman Ard

R. W. Allman

R. T. Sasser

L. B. Manning

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury	\$128.06
Contributions from Churches	480.00
Offering for Children's Home	105.68
Offering for Mount Olive College	94.52
Collected Since Little Creek Church	10.00
Community Free Will Baptist Church Revivals	10.00

Total to Account For	\$828.26
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Disbursements

Michael Pelt	\$ 11.90
Free Will Baptist Press:	
April 25, 1963	279.39
November 30, 1963	10.30
September 30, 1963	9.79

Hubert Burress	35.00
Mount Olive College	94.52
Children's Home	105.68
C. L. Patrick (traveling 615 miles)	36.90
Walter Reynolds (traveling 150 miles)	9.00
Hubert Burress (traveling 457 miles)	27.42
Stamps, etc.	4.34
C. J. Harris	3.60
C. L. Manning	9.00

Total Disbursements

616.75

Balance in Treasury

\$211.51

C. J. Harris, *Treasurer*

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 Con-

ference; 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 Conference'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.

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