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Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.

CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Sheldon Howard, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

TREASURER

Rev. L. B. Woodall, Snow Hill, N. C.

Boards and Committees

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. L. B. Manning Rev. N. D. Beaman Rev. Hubert Burress
Rev. L. B. Woodall Rev. Harold Jones

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. F. B. Cherry (1972) Rev. W. S. Burns (1971)
Rev. Willis Wilson (1970) Rev. C. L. Patrick (1969)
Rev. Charles Sapp (1968)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. G. Mangum (1972) Mrs. J. C. Moye (1971)
Guy Corbett (1970) Earl W. Skinner (1969)
Roy T. Forrest (1968)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Vance Link (1972) Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1971)
Albert Proctor (1970) Daniel Barrow (1969)
Rev. L. E. Ballard (1968)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Rev. Kemery Ard (1972) M. S. Cowan (1971)
Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (1970) Randolph Harris (1969)
Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1968)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Floyd Harris (1970) Rev. Robert Rollins (1969)
Willard Eller (1968)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Leo Tripp (1970) Rev. C. H. Overman (1969)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. James Pittman (1970) Rev. R. L. Norville (1969)
Rev. Joe Barrow (1968)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1968)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. N. B. Barrow (1968)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Rev. Jack Mayo

(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 28513
Bethany—Mrs. Dorothy Dail, Route 1, Winterville 28590
Black Jack—Morris Elks, Route 3, Box 356, Greenville 27834
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Edna Horton, Macclesfield 27852
Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Box 157-A, Ayden 28513
Greenville—Mrs. Ann Taylor, 108 N. Warren Street, Greenville 27834
Gum Swamp—Floyd Harris, Route 6, Greenville 27834
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Box 32, Conetoe 27819
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Route 2, Farmville 27828
Marlboro—Mrs. Alice Parker, Route 1, Farmville 27828
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norman Stanley, Route 3, Box 438, Greenville 27834
Piney Grove—Mrs. Frances Cassick, Route 1, Box 379, Greenville 27834
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 86, Winterville 28590
Rose Hill—Elwood Nobles, Route 2, Ayden 28513
Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville 27834
Winterville—Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville 28590

GREENE COUNTY

- Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg 27888
Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville 27828
Grimsley—Mrs. Janice Lamm, Maury 28554
Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill 28580
Howell Swamp—James E. Shackelford, Walstonburg 27888
Hull Road—Cicero McCoy, Route 2, Snow Hill 28580
Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden 28513
Maury—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury 28554
Ormondsville—John R. Stephens, Route 1, Box 425, Ayden 28513
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard E. Owens, Walstonburg 27888
Sts. Delight—Miss Dessie Bowen, Route 5, Greenville 27834

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

- Edgewood—Travis Wooten, Route 4, Greenville 27834
Otter's Creek—Mrs. Edna Ruth Pittman, Route 1, Box 295, Macclesfield 27852
Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops 27864
Rocky Mount—Mrs. M. A. Armstrong, 421 Oakdale Road, Rocky Mount 27801
Tarboro—Mrs. Dot Webb, 712 South Avenue, Tarboro 27886

LENOIR COUNTY

- Faith—Mrs. Pearl Hemby, Route 1, Kinston 28501
Hugo—Mrs. Bertha Harris, Route 1, Box 494, Kinston 28501
LaGrange—Mrs. Joyce Cherry, Box 321, LaGrange 28551

WAYNE COUNTY

Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange 28551

Watery Branch—Mrs. Robert Finch, Route 3, Wilson 27893

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville 27828

Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman Jr., Route 3, Wilson 27893

Owen's Chapel—Mrs. Jeanette Braswell, Route 3, Elm City 27822

Saratoga—Mrs. Fred Pittman, Route 1, Stantonsburg 27883

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Rachel E. Wynn, Route 3, Williamston 27892

Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston 27892

Williamston—Mrs. Nellie Rogerson, 111 Plum Street, Williamston 27892

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Alton G. Ausbon, Route 5, Box 256, Greenville 27834

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Mrs. Jean H. Moore, Route 1, Scotland Neck 27874

Community—Mrs. Francis Harp, Route 2, Box 199-A, Halifax 27839

Roanoke Rapids—Mrs. Margaret Hobgood, 1201 Washington Street, Roanoke Rapids 27870

Roll of Ministers

	1966	1967
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
*Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590	A	
J. B. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37200		L
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	L
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
C. J. Harris, 601 E. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
*Clarence Little, Route 1, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	
N. B. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	P	P
R. L. Norville, Route 4, Box 124, Greenville N. C. 27834	P	A
Capt. J. B. Narron, 50th Tactical Fighter Wing (USAFE) APO New York 09109	L	L
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville N. C. 27834	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, 1500 Maple Street, Goldsboro, N. C.	P	P
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	P
Melvin Moore, Elm City, N. C. 27822	P	A
Jack Mayo, 1424 Rosewood Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive N. C. 28365	P	P
Noah Brown, Smithfield, N. C. 27577	A	A
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823	P	A
William Futch, Kenly, N. C.	P	A
R. W. Allman, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822	A	P
Cary Chesire, 607 East Highland Avenue, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	P
N. W. Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, N. C. 28572	P	A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
W. S. Burns, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P

Cecil E. Rose, Creswell, N. C. 27928	A	A
Joe Barrow, Columbia, S. C.	A	
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Robert Rollins, LaGrange, N. C. 28551	P	P
W. L. Poythress, 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Harold Jones, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
James W. Pittman, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Austin Carter, Saratoga, N. C. 27873	P	A
Kemery Ard, 614 Park Avenue, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Joseph H. Lehmann, Farmville, N. C. 27828		P
Bruce Dudley, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888		P
A. J. Lyczkowski, Route 1, Box 608-C, Morehead City, N. C. 28557		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

David Pittman and W. M. Pollard

(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.)

* Retired or Disabled

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 219th session with the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, 1967, at 10 a. m.

The clerk officially opened the conference and presented the moderator, the Rev. L. B. Manning.

The Rev. Jimmie Pittman was appointed song leader for this session.

The devotional was given by the Rev. Robert Rollins.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, the Rev. N. D. Beaman. The response was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

The conference, by motion, voted to accept the printed program with the moderator having the privilege of making any changes he deemed necessary.

The moderator's address was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Western Conference: M. L. Johnson, R. H. Jackson, Joe Ingram, and Willie Renfrow.

Eastern Conference: W. A. Hales, W. L. Moretz, and Jerry English.

Cape Fear Conference: J. W. Everton, Walter Reynolds, and Henry Armstrong.

Albemarle Conference: W. L. Brickhouse, Bobby Bazen, and Bill Gaylord.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions: Rev. C. L. Patrick, Rev. Harold Jones, and Mrs. Lucille Harris.

Nominating: Rev. N. B. Barrow, Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, and Rev. R. W. Allman.

Children's Home: Rev. C. H. Overman, Rev. Kemery Ard, and Mrs. J. C. Moye.

Parliamentarian: Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by the president, the Rev. J. W. Everton.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 2.)

The report of Mount Olive College was given by the president of the college, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. (See report No. 3.)

A worship offering was received for the college in the amount of \$92.06.

The Rev. Charles Sapp brought the morning message, reading from the Book of Psalms.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. James W. Pittman.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman. (See report No. 4.)

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress. (See report No. 1.)

The Rev. W. L. Poythress, Mrs. C. L. Patrick, and Mrs. Joe Jones were appointed to serve this session on the Obituary Committee.

The Revs. C. D. Hamilton and C. J. Harris were appointed to serve this session on the Board of Finance.

The report of the Central Conference Mission Board was given by the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. (See report No. 5.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids was given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

Letters to the following ministers were granted: The Rev. W. H. Willis to the Eastern Conference; the Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. to the Eastern Conference; and the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey to the Cape Fear Conference.

The report of the Central Conference Historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. The report was referred back to the Historian.

A motion was made to make Mount Olive College the depository for the Central Conference Historical Collection.

The Board of Trustees had no report.

A motion was passed that the money on hand in savings be made available for a loan for one year, at no interest, to the East Carolina project of the State Convention.

After the minutes for the day were read and approved, the conference adjourned for the day.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning's devotional was conducted by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. W. L. Poythress. (See report No. 6.)

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. F. B. Cherry. (See report No. 7.) A motion was passed to send \$25 to the Christian Action League, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. C. L. Partick. (See report No. 8.)

The report of the Finance Committee was given by M. S. Cowan. (See report No. 9.)

The report of Cargmont Assembly was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 10.)

A motion was made and carried to accept the Rev. Ed Miles' resignation from the Board of Ordination.

A motion was made and carried requesting the State Convention to publish a map setting forth the boundaries of each conference or association.

The report of the State Mission Board was given by the Rev. Joseph Ingram. (See report No. 11.)

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. (See report No. 12.)

The report of the Children's Home was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. (See report No. 13.)

The report of the Children's Home Committee was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman. (See report No. 14.)

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. W. S. Burns. (See report No. 15.)

The Board of Ordination was in charge of the morning worship service. During the service the Rev. Ed Miles presented the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Lehmann, and Mr. Lehmann was ordained to the ministry. The call to worship was given by the Rev. Michael Pelt, and the Rev. Willis Wilson led the song service. The morning sermon was brought by the Rev. W. S. Burns. The charge was given by the Rev. Michael Pelt, and the Bible was presented by the Rev. C. L. Patrick, Mr. Lehmann's pastor. This was followed by the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Emmitt Bartlett.

By motion the resignation of the Rev. F. B. Cherry from the Executive Committee was accepted by the body.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 16.)

The treasurer, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., gave his report. By motion it was received by the conference. (See report No. 17.)

The meeting place of the next conference was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee's report was read by the clerk and approved by vote of the conference. (See report No. 18.)

A motion was made and passed for the Executive Committee to take care of any unfinished business that came up.

The conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. R. W. Allman.
The Rev. L. B. Manning, *Moderator*
The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Number 1)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, May 22, 1967, at 10 a. m. Members present were L. B. Manning, L. B. Woodall Jr., Hubert Burress, and N. D. Beaman.

Prayer was offered by L. B. Woodall Jr.

The Building Committee of the Children's Home, M. L. Johnson, Robert Bynum, Guy Boyette, and Manley Mallard, met with the committee to discuss the building at the Home to be named the Central Conference Building.

The Executive Committee passed a motion to approve the agreement reached with the Children's Home Building Committee as follows: "That the new girls' cottage be named the Central Conference Building in appreciation of the special funds raised for this building by the Central Conference."

A motion was made and passed to request the Children's Home Building Committee to arrange a special ground-breaking service for the new Central Conference building, and assured them that the Central Conference would cooperate in this project.

The program for the next conference was prepared.

A motion was passed that retired any disabled ministers not to be required to attend the conference.

Adjourned with prayer by L. B. Manning.

L. B. Manning, *Moderator*

Hubert Burress, *Secretary*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, Sunday, July 30, 1967, at 1:30 p. m.

Members present were L. B. Manning, L. B. Woodall Jr., and Hubert Burress. Visiting brethren were the members of the Central Mission Board, Albert Proctor, R. T. Sasser, and Daniel Barrow.

The Mission Board's letter of May 28, 1967, was read and discussed.

A motion was made by Hubert Burress and seconded by L. B. Woodall Jr. as follows: "To organize the mission at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, into a church as requested by the Mission Board on May 28, 1967." Motion passed.

The meeting was continued at the Roanoke Rapids Mission at 3:30 p. m. The Rev. W. L. Moretz, pastor of the mission, led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Vance Link. The church was organized with 29 members present and was named the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The church officers were elected as followed: trustees, James W. Howard, Jesse J. Boyd, and James Tillery; clerk, Mrs. Margaret Hobgood; treasurer, Mrs. Luella Stalls; deacons, Frank R. Marlowe (1 year), Bobby Hobgood (2 years), Bobby Stalls (3 years), and Grady Baggett and Jesse J. Boyd (honorary for life); finance committee, Mrs. Ruth White, Frank R. Marlowe, and James Tillery; building committee, James W. Howard, Bobby Hobgood, and Bobby Stalls. The above were elected by motion of Jesse J. Boyd and seconded by Grady Baggett.

The Rev. W. L. Moretz was elected pastor. The Bible was presented by the Rev. Hubert Burress, and the Statement of Faith and Discipline was read by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. The Church Covenant was read by the moderator, the Rev. L. B. Manning, and it was adopted by the church. The Prayer of Consecration was offered by the Rev. R. T. Sasser, followed with the hand of fellowship given to the church by the Executive Committee.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson, chairman of the State Mission Board, led in the ordination service of the deacons in keeping with the request of the church. All ordained ministers present took part in the laying on of hands.

After the benediction by the Rev. W. L. Moretz, refreshments were served by the Roanoke Rapids Church.

L. B. Manning, *Moderator*

Hubert Burress, *Secretary*

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

(Number 2)

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1966-1967:

1. We have 9 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks. Of this number none are from the Central Conference.

2. We have 16 ministers' widows who receive quarterly pension checks. Of this number 2 are from the Central Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$1,421.77
(2) Auxiliaries	81.25
(3) Sunday Schools	623.34
(4) Leagues	49.00
(5) Individuals	4,303.89
(6) Unions	222.72

Total \$6,701.97

4. The budget for 1967-1968 is \$20,000, based on 75¢ per member of the churches of this state.

5. October was Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(Number 3)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the desire of Mount Olive College to provide educational opportunities for every qualified Free Will Baptist high school graduate who wishes to attend our College. During the 1967-68 fiscal year, the College will administer a student-aid program of approximately \$60,000 including academic scholarships, grants-in-aid to ministerial students, music scholarships, part-time employment, and student loans.

Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and youth workers are urged to encourage young people to consider the educational and religious advantages of attending Mount Olive College. The College welcomes young people to visit its campus and to discuss their educational interests with College officials.

NEW LIBRARY

Construction of the new library is now underway with completion scheduled for July, 1968. Plans are being made to dedicate the library next September during the session of the State Convention which will meet in Mount Olive.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Gifts from the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to Mount Olive College during the fiscal year of July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1967, averaged \$3 per member. Special recognition is given to the following church in the Central Conference which exceeded this level of support:

Ayden	\$17.24	King's Cross Roads	\$ 3.71
Dawson's Grove	11.28	Little Creek	5.09
Dilda's Grove	3.00	Maury	3.93
Friendship	4.11	Peace	6.58
Greenville, First	3.08	Piney Grove (Pitt)	8.71
Grimsley	5.73	Reedy Branch	4.96
Gum Swamp	4.42	Rose Hill	4.00
Harrell's Chapel	6.65	Saratoga	4.14
Hickory Grove	4.32	Spring Branch	3.12
Howell Swamp	6.71	Walnut Creek	3.06
Hull Road	4.80	Winterville	7.00

The College sincerely appreciates the prayers and support of the Central Conference in helping to provide Christian higher education for our youth.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. W. B. Raper, *President*

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 4)

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that all delegates who have properly registered for this 219th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1967 session.

We also recommend that all ministers of the conference in good standing be seated in this 1967 session.

We further recommend that all cards be properly displayed.

Registered today are 25 ministers, 60 delegates, and 10 visiting ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Overman

Leo Tripp

W. H. Willis

TREASURER'S REPORT

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

Year Ending October 31, 1967

(Number 5)

Bank Balance November 1, 1966

\$1,814.43

RECEIPTS

Central Conference Churches, Union

Meetings, etc.

\$7,055.52

State Missions Board for Roanoke Rapids

450.00

Other Conferences

5.00

Total Receipts

7,510.52

Total to Account For

\$9,324.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Community Church, Weldon (Interest per

Agreement

\$ 180.00

Roanoke Rapids (Annual Payment and Interest)

894.60

Roanoke Rapids (Missionary's Salary)

3,900.00

Roanoke Rapids (Mission Rent and Utilities)

960.00

Roanoke Rapids (Missionary's Travel)

260.00

Roanoke Rapids (Insurance on Property)

54.80

Mission Rally Expense

57.26

Office Expense

50.98

Total Disbursements

6,357.64

Balance in Bank October 31, 1967

\$2,967.31

(Of this balance, \$1,700 is on savings for annual payments, etc.)

The amount given to the Central Conference Missions during the year as per church is as follows:

Church	Amount	Church	Amount
Ayden	\$ 2.00	Maury	\$
Aspen Grove	20.00	Otter's Creek	20.06
Bethany		Ormondsville	52.00
Black Jack	796.00	Owen's Chapel	106.00
Cedar Grove		Peace	66.88
Community	323.23	Piney Grove	
Daniel's Chapel	20.00	(Beaufort County)	60.00
Dawson's Grove	318.00	Piney Grove	
Dilda's Grove	102.58	(Pitt County)	130.30
Edgewood	14.00	Pleasant Hill	30.00
Elm Grove	23.39	Reedy Branch	256.73
Faith (Lenoir County)		Roanoke Rapids	
Free Union	63.60	(Offerings)	2,600.84
Friendship	106.00	Rocky Mount	62.00
Greenville, First	160.22	Rose Hill	50.00
Grimsley	8.28	Rose of Sharon	40.00
Gum Swamp	102.40	Saratoga	38.00
Harrell's Chapel	49.00	Sweet Gum Grove	
Hickory Grove	122.41	Spring Branch	64.25
Howell Swamp		Sts. Delight	4.00
Hugo	24.00	Tarboro, First	265.40
Hull Road	333.92	Watery Branch	
King's Cross Roads	89.00	Walnut Creek	
LaGrange	8.08	Winterville	359.99
Little Creek		Williamston	10.80
Marlboro	20.00	Second Union Meeting	53.26
		Second Union	
		S. S. Convention	38.00
		Other Conferences	5.00
		State Missions Board	450.00
		Fourth Union Meeting	20.00
		Miscellaneous	20.90
		Grand Total	\$7,510.52

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond T. Sasser, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

(Number 6)

Whereas, during the past year the Lord saw fit to call from our midst one of our ministers, the Rev. W. G. Ennis, and one member of the Conference Board of Finance, Mr. Luther Dail;

Therefore be it resolved, that we express our gratitude for their years of Christian service by a moment of silent prayer, followed with an oral prayer by someone designated by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Poythress

Mrs. C. L. Patrick

Mrs. Joe Jones

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 7)

We, your Temperance Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That we continue to cooperate with other agencies in the state that oppose the liquor traffic in any form.

2. That each pastor preach at least one sermon per year on the evils of alcohol.

3. That our people be moderate in speech, dress, and habits, as well as total abstainers where alcohol is concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. Cherry

Vance Link

Michael Pelt

Mrs. Bertha Harris

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Number 8)

1. Be it resolved that this conference approve the resolution passed by the State Convention making the fiscal church year July 1 to June 30, and that our churches be urged to cooperate.—F. B. Cherry.

2. Be it resolved that a standing vote of appreciation be extended to the host church, the officers and committees of this conference, those appearing on the conference program, and any others who have contributed toward the success of this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Patrick

Harold Jones

Mrs. Lucille Harris

Churches	Delegates	No. Church Members	No. S. S. Members	No. League Members	No. W. A. Members	No. Members Gained	No. Members Lost	Contributions to Conf.	Value of Church Property	Paid to Pastor	Paid to Evangelist	Paid to Children's Home	Paid to Mount Olive College	Paid to Superannuation	Paid to Church Finance Association	Paid to Missions
PITT COUNTY																
Ayden	No Report															
Bethany		189	79		20	5	2	\$10	\$	\$ 320	\$100	\$ 112.00	\$ 252	\$ 10	\$	\$ 67
Black Jack	Herman Boyd, Coss Hudson, J. B. Rouse	493	405	69	19	34	15		188,000	5,200	350	1,544.00	1,117	121		\$ 884
Dilda's Grove	Charlie Harris	89	83	20	15	7	10		19,000	1,300	100	598.59	233	124		423
Elm Grove	Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr., Gerald Briley	297	213	83	22	20	17	15	111,000	4,000	200	522.00	423	108		85
Greenville, First	Mrs. C. J. Harris	161	206	36	39	26	8	10	112,000	5,284	225	748.00	803	36		726
Gum Swamp	Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris	390	120	50	36	4	7	10	75,000	4,500	318	745.00	1,349	47	23	391
Hickory Grove	Mrs. J. L. Harris	111	86	15	1	4	10		17,000	1,515	347	561.00	529	23	10	430
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. Roy C. Jones, Mrs. Joe James	190						10	25,000	3,380	200	1,145.00	945	63		25
Mailboro	Mr. and Mrs. Rube Joyner		184	33	3	3	5		25,000	4,575	487	428.00	203		379	45
Piney Grove	Mrs. Melton E. Joyner	298	179	40	40	7	2	10	55,000	5,000	200	862.00	2,226	95	50	819
Reedy Branch	Mrs. Lena Hooks, Mrs. Pearl Worthington, Mrs. M. A. Woodard	277	204	25	12	7	25		11,700	5,460	100	424.00	1,052			586
Rose Hill	R. E. Adams, Herman H. Stocks	205	190	30	25	7	4	20	60,000	1,905	300	937.00	607	175		450
Winterville	Almeta Harris, Mrs. Pittman Hines	187	152	30	25	4	5	10	60,000	4,400	100	1,095.00	1,238	35		746
GREENE COUNTY																
Free Union	Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Mrs. John L. Murphy, Jack Cunningham, Ray Cunningham	443	304	87	5	13	25		100,000	5,200	300	1,475.00	1,111	43	1	25
Friendship	Mrs. Dora Mae Little, Mrs. Minnie Louie, Mrs. Verna Heath	243	228	129	35	2	25		50,000	2,230	250	1,380.00	1,045	216		1,048
Grimsley	Bruce Dail	143	70	20	1	1	10		25,000	1,880	265	169.00	418	60	25	84
Harrell's Chapel	George Taylor, Percy Harrell	130	200	23	23	4	8		25,000	43	200	500.00	830	30		160
Howell Swamp		125						10	40,000	1,960	100	250.00	458	50		50
Hull Road	Mrs. Bessie Woodall, Daniel Barrow, Mrs. Florence McCoy, Mrs. Edna Hart, Mrs. Stella Heath	465	185	45	15	16	9	10	70,000	5,200	325	747.00	900	100	1,579	651
Little Creek		116	102	20	25	4	6	10	65,000	2,400	150	478.00	599	45		97
Sts. Delight		66	39	15				10	10,000	500	75	25.00	50			
Ormondsville	Lawrence Tripp, Edward Bowen	160	115	50	7	4	10		35,000	4,050	325	982.00	581	70	25	114
Spring Branch	M. L. Aycock, Ray Doc Gay	225	146	12	16	4	2	25	47,000	1,950	300	353.00	587	45	15	211
EDGECOMBE COUNTY																
Rocky Mount, First	Mrs. Marie Jenkins, Mrs. Ethel Crusenberry	119	103	22	54	6	4	10	75,000	3,604	100	87.00	75	35		150
Tarboro, First	Donald Abrams, Carol Bunn	273	259	60	75	32	70	20	113,500	4,680	200	200.00	437	10		600
Otter's Creek	Mrs. Leslie Moore, Mrs. Belle T. Hinson	67	46	18	6	3	5		25,000	840	250	51.00				21
Peace	Mrs. Hubert Burress	33	70	11	1		10		35,000	1,515	75	246.00	167		10	233
LENOIR COUNTY																
LaGrange	Mrs. Sudie Wiggins, J. W. Wilson, Mrs. Walter Wilson, Kendrick Harrison	160	156	18	19	6	2	70	34,000	4,540	200	255.00	283			50
Faith	Floyd Taylor	113	100	12	7		5		4,800	200	200	250.00	35		994	91
Hugo	Mrs. Pinky H. Letchworth, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Bertha Harris	123	125	20	2		2	10	22,400	1,680	100	138.60	364	32		88
HALIFAX COUNTY																
Dawson's Grove	C. L. Harris	45	30		16		7	15		1,435	150	576.00	521	15		529
Roanoke Rapids, First	Jesse J. Boyd	30	57		8			5	300							
Community		100	131	65	15	9		10	20,000	1,820	185	41.00	115			495
WILSON COUNTY																
Aspen Grove	Mrs. C. H. Overman	200	181	33	15	8	6	10	30,000	1,680	100	1,106.00	335	69	65	765
Daniel's Chapel	C. W. Pittman Jr., J. Clemon Daniel	232	190		26	20	6	20	30,000	5,345	200	506.00	500	120	25	500
Owen's Chapel		156	151		16	9	3	10	20,000	3,890	200	309.00	216	50		309
Saratoga	Mrs. Essie Burress, Mrs. Everette Brice	171	104		15	3	13	10	45,000	3,900		427.00	772	20		105
MARTIN COUNTY																
Cedar Grove		63	74		17	6	4	5	12,000	1,080	160	65.00	97		351	
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan	143	90				2	10	10,000	1,275	100	255.00	261			60
Williamston, First	Mrs. Nellie Rogerson	128	78		24	8		5	30,000	4,035	150	168.00	85	15	1,110	25
WAYNE COUNTY																
Walnut Creek		50	90				4	10	20,000	1,237	175	310.00	210	100		175
BEAUFORT COUNTY																
Piney Grove	No Report															

	To Cragmont Assembly	To Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
PITT COUNTY					
Ayden	\$	\$	\$ 196	\$	\$ 3,720
Bethany	135		30,266	5,746	45,387
Black Jack	58	5	240	29	3,812
Dilda's Grove	277		591	3,115	11,768
Elm Grove	247		5,164		18,468
Greenville, First		90	12,623	3,784	23,889
Gum Swamp		18	1,338	644	5,476
Hickory Grove	45		180	502	7,500
King's Cross Roads			300	2,660	8,699
Marlboro			338	1,714	11,454
Piney Grove	100	50	1,609	3,900	13,264
Reedy Branch	71	60	1,612	2,200	8,387
Rose Hill	30	125	2,751	1,633	12,253
Winterville	253				
GREENE COUNTY					
Free Union	68	28	1,872	321	14,601
Friendship	30		678	2,699	9,577
Grimsley	26	27	81	249	3,629
Harrell's Chapel	19		3,000	100	8,000
Howell Swamp			314	672	5,331
Hull Road	50	736	2,099	127	12,527
Little Creek	35	905		1,815	6,524
Sts. Delight			600		1,375
Ormondsville	35	25	1,639	2,579	10,425
Spring Branch	40	15	436	858	6,604
EDGECOMBE COUNTY					
Rocky Mount, First	10		173	7,134	11,379
Tarboro, First	50	10	2,933	10,395	19,516
Otter's Creek			250	860	2,273
Peace	10		9,043	274	12,333
LENOIR COUNTY					
LaGrange			943	1,311	7,582
Faith			303	873	7,082
Hugo	45	10	225	696	2,380
HALIFAX COUNTY					
Dawson's Grove	10	40	918	1,336	5,530
Roanoke Rapids, First			156	300	3,055
Community	25	20	3,409	514	8,607
WILSON COUNTY					
Aspen Grove	30	45	301	160	4,668
Daniel's Chapel	100	90	2,670	2,784	12,841
Owen's Chapel	82		1,498	2,124	8,681
Saratoga			780	1,526	7,954
MARTIN COUNTY					
Cedar Grove		5	278	374	2,411
Rose of Sharon					2,556
Williamston, First			3,229	793	10,468
WAYNE COUNTY					
Walnut Creek			2,010	355	4,572
BEAUFORT COUNTY					
Piney Grove					

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 9)

We, the Finance Committee, wish to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS

By Church Letters	\$473.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

L. B. Manning	\$24.75
Hubert Burress	24.44
L. B. Woodall Jr.	15.24

Total Disbursements	64.43
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Balance Turned Over to Treasurer	\$408.57
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Respectfully submitted,
M. S. Cowan
Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr.
C. J. Harris

REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY

(Number 10)

Cragmont Assembly is experiencing one of the greatest sessions of its history. Around 70 or more young people attended the youth conferences during this summer than in any prior year.

We have had a good many problems, but the Lord has helped us meet them through loyal devotion of our friends and staff.

The Revs. Willis Wilson and David Charles Hansley helped us off to an encouraging start by spending the bigger part of a week with us and doing a number of jobs of work much needed for a successful season. They replaced our badly worn and really dangerous front steps with new ones of redwood, which will probably out last the main building. Then they improved the appearance of our tabernacle by building a platform for the pulpit, erecting a large cross in the background and doing some painting all of which gave the tabernacle a more worshipful look. They did a number of minor repairs here and there, all of which contributed to the success of the season. Their work saved us well over \$200 in money and should be encouraging to others to contribute work to the assembly.

Here are the figures up to September 1 on attendance: General Youth Conference, 134; Ministers' Conference, 67; Christian Cadets (FWBL) Conference, 89; Youth Frontier (YFA Division), 110; Youth Frontier (AFC Division), 89; Piedmont Weekened Conference, 43; Young People's Conference, 130; Women's Conference, 71; Family Week, 62; paying guests, 460; total number registering for some form of service, 1,255. In addition, we have had around 600 visitors who came by briefly but did not spend a night at the institution.

During the season, several new pieces of needed equipment have

been added by gift or purchased by faith. The First Church of Wilson gave us a dryer; the women of the state supplied us with box springs for the beds in the motel and main building; our Cragmont Sunday school purchased an automatic toaster which has enabled us to serve hot toast to guests; when our ice maker gave out, we purchased by faith with the encouragement of our good women, a new one costing almost \$1,000, all of which has been paid by gifts from our workers and good friends over the state. Many other special gifts and services on a smaller scale have added to the success of the institution, all of which we expect to acknowledge in our official report to the board after the season is over.

The Ballards have now closed Cragmont for the winter and are on their way home.

Respectfully submitted,

Willis Wilson, *President*

REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD

(Number 11)

In behalf of our State Mission Board, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As director, I am grateful to be associated with such a Christian group of men.

I would like to thank each of you for the support you have given the work of missions in our state this past year. It has been a good year in the support of missions and we praise God for it. There are a few items that I would like to call your attention to as the work continues this next year.

The Barrows have now been commissioned to their new field of labor and are presently enrolled in Columbia Bible College, preparing to meet the qualifications set before them for the work. Free Will Baptists will have their missionaries on foreign soil by next year this time if we will join together to support the call to this field.

Brother J. E. Timmons gives us word that all is well in the field in Mexico. He states that there have been some of the work affected by the recent storms that hit parts of Mexico with high winds and hard rains. There is a great need of our continued support to the work there both in prayer and financially.

Our home mission work is coming along fine, in that more and more of the work is self-supporting. We hope to be able to go to other areas in the very near future with the Free Will Baptist Church. This can only be done as we provide the funds to do so.

There has been two mission rallies planned for the Central Conference at Reedy Branch and the First Church in Tarboro. Brother Roy Comrie of Rhodesia will be the speaker for these rallies. Pray for the success of these and the others in other conferences.

RECORD OF GIVING IN THE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS

Aspen Grove	\$ 167.59	\$ 250.00
Ayden	47.00	100.00
Bethany	92.70	150.00
Black Jack	266.30	350.00
Cedar Grove		100.00
Community	94.40	100.00
Daniel's Chapel	438.11	550.00
Dawson's Grove	161.53	250.00
Dilda's Grove	340.76	400.00
Edgewood	86.15	150.00
Elm Grove	77.18	150.00
Faith	90.05	150.00
First Church, Greenville	884.96	1,000.00
First Church, Rocky Mount	40.00	100.00
First Church, Tarboro	396.00	500.00
Free Union	173.25	250.00
Friendship	807.90	900.00
Grimsley	224.56	300.00
Gum Swamp	169.50	250.00
Harrell's Chapel	110.00	200.00
Hickory Grove	232.51	300.00
Howell Swamp		100.00
Hugo	60.00	150.00
Hull Road	508.86	600.00
King's Cross Roads	504.73	600.00
LaGrange	87.00	150.00
Little Creek	97.46	150.00
Marlboro	25.00	100.00
Maury		100.00
Ormondsville	62.00	150.00
Otter's Creek	3.00	100.00
Owen's Chapel	188.87	250.00
Peace	171.88	250.00
Piney Grove	1,135.67	1,200.00
Pleasant Hill	75.00	150.00
Reedy Branch	266.35	350.00
Rose Hill	540.06	600.00
Rose of Sharon	95.00	150.00
Saints Delight	45.00	100.00
Saratoga	55.56	100.00
Spring Branch	150.61	200.00
Sweet Gum Grove	20.00	100.00
Walnut Creek	175.00	250.00
Watery Branch		100.00
Williamston	27.00	100.00

Winterville	353.09	400.00
Central Conference Youth Fellowship	35.15	100.00
Fourth Union	60.95	100.00
Second Union	126.27	150.00
Individuals	57.81	100.00
Roanoke Rapids	40.23	100.00

Totals	\$9,878.00	\$15,750.00
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Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Number 12)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. had its beginning in 1940. It was formed in April, 1940, by the Executive Committee of the State Convention and approved by the convention in session in September of the same year as the agency for helping in church extension within this state.

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

"a. To finance or assist in financing church buildings and other denominational property with the express stipulation that this section and the matters hereinafter set out apply only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

The association now has 295 members who have placed \$20,497.34 in the association as membership fees. In addition, we now hold \$145,941.40 that has been placed with us in deposit loans.

Since it was formed, the association has made a total of 113 loans to churches and denominational institutions and enterprises. The total amount of these loans is \$587,682.45

The solvency of this association is attested to by its financial condition as of January 1, 1967, as follows:

Total Assets	\$196,711.45
Total Liabilities	180,628.42

Surplus or Earned Profits	\$ 16,083.03
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We continue to have applications for more good loans than we have funds to take care of. We invite those who can to help make these funds available through membership fees or deposit loans. Deposit loans currently earn interest at four percent.

This Central Conference has \$50 in the association for which it holds two membership certificates.

For information write Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 220, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Number 13)

We thank you for your continued support to this Children's Home during the past year. Our records show that during the year, ending August 31, 1967, we received a total of \$28,242.07 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of this district. This includes gifts 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 August.

We now have eighty-eight children at the Home—forty-two girls and forty-six boys. We also have five graduates in higher education who are being assisted through our Higher Educational Aid Program. We also have several applications for admission now being processed.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 571.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THIS CONFERENCE

Our Building Program: We are happy to report that the building schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program is progressing "on schedule." We have completed the new cottage for older boys, a large staff residence, and the one family dwelling to replace the old frame dwelling. In keeping with the agreement between the Executive Committee of this Conference and our Board of Trustees, we are now working on the new cottage for older girls. This is to be named the "Central Conference Cottage" and is scheduled for completion during the spring of 1968. The completion of this cottage is very urgent since our present buildings for girls are filled and we do have a waiting list. This building will cost between forty and fifty thousand dollars. The total amount now in the Central Conference Building Fund is \$12,280.35. While the naming of this building is not contingent upon a further amount being raised, we do hope the people of this Conference will make further special contributions while the cottage is being completed.

Report of Gifts and Suggested Quotas: Included with the report is a list of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1967-68.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for the past two years. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds and to help reach the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program. These will help us "keep on schedule" with our development on a "pay as we go basis."

If our people will maintain their gifts to this Home at the same level they have maintained during the past two years, we can do the above. Please help your church reach its suggested quota.

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

The following is a report of gifts received from the Central Conference district for the year 1966-67 and the suggested quotas for the year 1967-1968. These quotas are based upon our needs to meet the

schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

Churches	Gifts During 1966-1967	Suggested Quota 1967-1968
Aspen Grove	\$ 1,241.61	\$ 1,250.00
Ayden	833.37	1,250.00
Bethany	212.97	500.00
Black Jack	1,548.70	1,250.00
Cedar Grove	75.00	275.00
Community	35.59	100.00
Daniel's Chapel	634.70	550.00
Dawson's Grove	569.50	300.00
Dilda's Grove	630.59	500.00
Edgewood	200.02	400.00
Elm Grove	464.10	700.00
Faith	25.15	250.00
Free Union	1,438.88	1,500.00
Friendship	1,382.48	1,000.00
Greenville	753.84	1,500.00
Grimsley	364.58	350.00
Gum Swamp	1,086.25	1,200.00
Harrell's Chapel	718.40	500.00
Hickory Grove	838.98	250.00
Howell Swamp	300.00	500.00
Hugo	129.00	350.00
Hull Road	781.47	1,000.00
King's Cross Roads	1,568.45	1,200.00
LaGrange	310.05	550.00
Little Creek	538.00	450.00
Marlboro	723.02	750.00
Maury	50.00	150.00
Ormondsville	785.67	1,200.00
Otter's Creek	56.26	250.00
Owen's Chapel	409.35	400.00
Peace	546.62	200.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	443.41	200.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County	1,303.14	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	250.00	300.00
Reedy Branch	853.68	1,000.00
Roanoke Rapids Mission	5.00	50.00
Rocky Mount	75.00	375.00
Rose Hill	922.25	800.00
Rose of Sharon	274.00	300.00
Saints Delight	38.09	100.00
Saratoga	680.61	500.00
Spring Branch	468.86	500.00
Sweet Gum Grove	533.00	500.00

Tarboro	210.00	250.00
Walnut Creek	310.00	150.00
Watery Branch	152.97	200.00
Williamston	181.26	250.00
Winterville	1,314.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	974.20	2,100.00

Totals

\$28,242.07

\$30,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

(Number 14)

We, the Children's Home Committee, make the following report and recommendations:

We urge that each church make a special effort to reach its suggested quota to the Home.

We recommend that each church sponsor a special drive among its members for additional funds for the Central Conference building that is now under construction, and that we seek to reach a goal of \$20,000 by the time of its completion.

We recommend, due to the increased enrollment at the Home, that each church increase its support.

We urge each church, auxiliary, or individual to remember the children of the Home on their birthdays with cards and/or gifts.

(Note: Each child's birthday was given in the report of the Children's Home.)

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Overman

Mrs. J. C. Moye

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

(Number 15)

The Board of Ordination of the Central Conference has served the churches of the conference this year by reviewing the request of the churches in regard to the men recommended for license and ordination. In each case the board has functioned within the stipulations of the conference in regard to the personal, academic, and leadership qualifications of the men involved.

The board recommends that David Pittman of the Daniel's Chapel Church be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

The board recommends that Joseph Lehmann be ordained to the ministry in this setting of the Central Conference, having been examined by the board and passing the examination with a satisfactory grade.

The Board of Ordination wishes to state that the Rev. Robert Lee Norville appeared before the board and requested help and council. It was motioned and passed that the following statement be included in the report of the board to the conference, and later submitted to the "Free Will Baptist" for publication, concerning Mr. Norville: "Brother Robert Lee Norville is in good standing with the Board of Ordination of the Central Conference, having appeared before the board voluntarily, to make right certain wrongs he felt he had committed."

We recommend that the names of the following ministers be added to our list of ministers subject to their letter from their respective conference. These men have petitioned the Central Conference for membership: The Rev. J. W. Everton from the Cape Fear Conference, the Rev. Jerry Rowe from the Eastern Conference, the Rev. W. L. Moretz from the Eastern Conference, the Rev. W. A. Hales from the Eastern Conference, and the Rev. Bruce Dudley from the Western Conference.

The Rev. Joe Barrow has missed three conference sessions. But he has made a phone call which we we accept in lieu of a personal letter which is on its way to us. His membership is secure.

We recommend that Emmett Bartlett be granted a letter to the Cape Fear Conference. Brother Bartlett is a licensed minister.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Miles, *Chairman*

W. S. Burns, *Secretary*

Charles Sapp

Michael Pelt

Willis Wilson

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 16)

The Credentials Committee reports the total registration of the 1967 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Ministers	38
Visiting Ministers	14
Delegates	68
Churches Represented	37

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Overman

W. H. Willis

Leo Tripp

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 17)

Balance to Account For in Checking Account November 7, 1966 \$1,137.61

RECEIPTS

Conference Offerings After the Conference \$ 18.00

*Bank Error in Crediting a Deposit August 28, 1967 14.93

Total Receipts	32.93
Total Amount to Account For in Checking Account	\$1,170.54

EXPENDITURES

Travel and Expenses	\$ 37.20
Supplies and Expenses	43.37
Clerk's Salary	35.00
Mount Olive College Offering (1966 Conference)	97.22
Children's Home Offering (1966 Conference)	80.00
Christian Action League	25.00
Supplies (Registration Cards)	9.27
Central Conference Minutes	265.21
Wreath for the Rev. Mr. Ennis	8.27
In Transit Check Payable to Free Will Baptist	
Press for Supplies and Typing	23.08
Total Expenditures	623.62

Balance in Checking Account November 9, 1967	\$ 546.92
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Central Conference Savings Account at First Federal and Loan Association, Greenville, North Carolina, November 7, 1966	\$4,106.18
Interest on Savings Account	177.31

Balance in Savings Account November 1, 1967	\$4,283.49
Total Amount in Checking and Saving Accounts	\$4,830.41

* On August 28, 1967, a deposit of \$14.93 was credited in error to the Central Conference checking account at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Greenville, N. C. The bank does not know at this time whether the deposit was made by the FWB Youth Fellowship at East Carolina University or another youth organization in the Central Conference. The bank says that the \$14.93 deposit did come from a youth organization in the Central Conference. Whenever this error is traced down, the \$14.93 will be drawn from the account and credited to its rightful owner.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Woodall Jr., *Treasurer*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Number 18)

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to make the following report:
Board of Ordination: F. B. Cherry (1972) and C. L. Patrick (1969)
Board of Trustees: A. G. Mangum (1972)
Board of Missions: Vance Link (1972)

Board of Finance: Kemery Ard (1972)
Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Floyd Harris
(1970)

Credentials Committee: Leo Tripp (1970)

Obituary Committee: James W. Pittman (1970)

Church Finance Association: Jack Mayo

Executive Committee: Harold Jones

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. Barrow, *Chairman*

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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 Church 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 titles 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 Free Will Baptist Press Foundation committee to represent the Conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press and 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 ministers 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.



