

# MINUTES

OF THE

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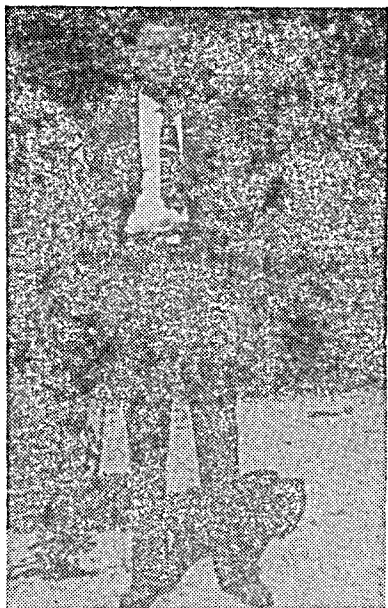
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THIS MINUTE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
The Revs. Clarence J. Little  
and  
J. Wilbert Everton

The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, in its two-hundred-twenty-third annual session, voted to dedicate this 1971 minute to the loving memory of the Rev. Clarence J. Little who passed away Tuesday, February 9, 1971; and the Rev. J. Wilbert Everton who passed away Thursday, March 4, 1971.



CLARENCE J. LITTLE



J. WILBERT EVERTON

The Rev. Clarence J. Little, age 56, was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in July, 1950. He lived in the Ballard's Cross Roads Community in Pitt County, North Carolina, and was a member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina.

After his ordination, Mr. Little pastored various churches in this section, but still remained very faithful and active in his home church as much as possible. However, his ministry was very limited because of ill health, being very sick for seven years and critically ill the two weeks before his death.

In admiration and respect, we pay this small tribute to a real friend whose life on earth has ended, but whose worth will still be measured in the years to come.

The Rev. J. Wilbert Everton, age 45, at the time of his death was pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Everton had been in declining health for the past few years, following a courageous battle with a malignant brain tumor.

During his twenty years as an ordained minister, Mr. Everton made full proof of his ministry. He was held in high esteem by his fellow ministers and endeared himself to a multitude of friends in all walks of life. The Free Will Baptist denomination is fortunate indeed to have had one of his calibre to work within its ranks.

Besides his pastoral duties, Mr. Everton served his denomination in various capacities. He was one of the best superintendents the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, ever had. Also he served a tenure as president of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Convention, a member of the Board of Superannuation, a member of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, to name a few.

We honor the memory of Mr. Everton as that of one who loved the Lord and served Him in all manner of living and commend his godly life to those who remain.

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# Officers of the Conference

## MODERATOR

Rev. Harry Jones Sr., Greenville, N. C.

## ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Jack Mayo, Grantsboro, N. C.

## CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

## ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. James W. Pittman, Wilson, N. C.

## TREASURER

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

# Boards and Committees

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. James Lupton

Rev. Harry Jones

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.

Rev. Jack Mayo

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. C. H. Overman (1973)

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry (1972)

Rev. James Lupton (1976)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1975)

Rev. C. L. Patrick (1974)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy T. Forrest (1973)

A. G. Mangum (1972)

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1976)

Rufus Harrell (1975)

Earl Skinner (1974)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1973)

Rev. Vance Link (1972)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1976)

Albert Proctor (1975)

Daniel Barrow (1974)

## BOARD OF FINANCE

J. B. Rouse (1973)

Rev. Kemery Ard, (1972)

M. S. Cowan (1976)

Rev. R. C. Proctor (1975)

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1974)

## REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

W. S. Wooten (1972)

Floyd Harris (1973)

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. R. P. Harris (1974)

Leo Tripp (1973)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1972)

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1973)

Rev. E. C. Morris (1974)

Rev. R. L. Norville (1972)

#### CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1972)

#### PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Ralph A. Bowen (1972)

#### STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Rev. H. Adrian Grubbs

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

#### MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. E. Timmons, Director

P. O. Box 517

Eagle Pass, Texas 78852

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow

Biriri Mission Station

P.B.M. 7295

Umtali, Rhodesia

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones

Box 345

Davao City

Philippine Islands

## Roll of Churches with Clerks and Addresses

### PITT COUNTY

Ayden—Mrs. David Davenport, Route 1, Box 604, 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—Jarvis Mills, 2706 Jackson Drive, Greenville 27834

Gum Swamp—Mrs. Patsy S. James, Route 1, Tarboro 27886

Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Route 1, Box 414, Bethel 27812

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—Ernest Leroy Avery, 3004 S. Elm Street, Greenville 27834

Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 86, Winterville 28590

Rose Hill—Mrs. Lester Adams, 1810 Sulgrave Road, Greenville 27834

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. Carole Burress, Snow Hill 28580

Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill 28580

Howell Swamp—James E. Shackleford, Walstonburg 27888

Hull Road—Cicero McCoy, Route 2, Snow Hill 28580

Little Creek—Mrs. Wanda 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—Mrs. Lucille Stanley, Route 1, Farmville 27828

#### EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Edgewood—Mrs. Jean Wooten, Route 1, Pinetops 27864

Otter's Creek—Mrs. Edna Ruth Pittman, Route 1, Box 295, Macclesfield 27852

Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops 27864

Rocky Mount—Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, Box 192, Tarboro Highway, Rocky Mount 27801

Tarboro—Mrs. Lillie Mae Case, 2203 Panola Street, 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—R. B. Lancaster Jr., Route 2, Stantonsburg 27883

#### WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Kirby R. Bell, Route 2, Farmville 27828

Daniels 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. Doris H. Stevenson, 509 Warren 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

	1970	1971
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		
*J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37200	A	L
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	A
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	A
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
C. J. Harris, 601 E. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	P
N. B. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	P	P
R. L. Norville, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
Lt. Col. J. B. Narron, 768 Westover Circle, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. 65301	P	
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	A
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	L	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	P
Jack Mayo, Route 1, Grantsboro, N. C. 28529	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365		P
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823	L	P
Cary Cheshire, 607 E. Highland Avenue, Kinston, N. C. 28501	A	A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28531	A	P
Joe Barrow, Biriri Mission Station, P.B.M. 7295, Umtali, Rhodesia		L
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
James W. Pittman, 116 Boswell Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Austin Carter, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	A
Kemery Ard, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Joseph H. Lehamm, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828	P	P
James Lupton, P. O. Box 514, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Walter Pollard, 1200 Broad Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834		A
Charles Edwin Branch, Saratoga, N. C. 27873	L	P
Charles Crisp, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Harry Jones Sr., Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, N. C. 27557	P	P

N. D. Wiggs, Route 7, Box 465, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	P
Dallas Carter, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822		P
E. C. Morris, Route 1, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
H. Adrian Grubbs, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580		L
Chris Singleton, LaGrange, N. C. 28551		L
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513		P
Lewis Sprouse, Weldon, N. C. 27890		P
Donald Venable, 1424 Rosewood Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801		P

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Clinton Davis, Randy Everton, Gary Bailey, 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 of the conference and he is requested to turn in his credentials.)

\*Retired or Disabled

# PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 223rd annual session with the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11, 1971, beginning at 10 a.m.

The clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress, officially opened the conference and presented the moderator, the Rev. Harry Jones Sr.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. James Lupton, with George Harrison as song leader and Mrs. Carl Barrow as organist.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., with the Rev. C. L. Patrick responding.

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

The moderator's address was given by the Rev. Harry Jones Sr.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

*Resolutions:* N. Bruce Barrow, N. D. Beaman, and H. Adrian Grubbs.

*Temperance:* Dallas Carter, Raymond T. Sasser, and Charles Branch.

*Nominating:* F. B. Cherry, Kemery Ard, and Charles Crisp.

*Parliamentarian:* C. L. Patrick.

Temporary appointment to the *Obituary Committee:* E. C. Morris.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

*Western Conference:* W. L. Poythress, James Joyner, Joe Ingram, Frank Ray Harrison, and Foy Futrelle.

*Cape Fear Conference:* Walter Reynolds and W. Burkette Raper.

*General Baptist:* Donald Venable.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. was given by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 1.)

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

The report of the Church Finance Association, Inc. was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. (See report No. 3.)

The report of the State Mission Board was given by the Rev. Joe Ingram. He reported that the churches of the Central Conference gave to the state mission cause \$18,269.99 during the church year, 1970-71.

The report of Mount Olive College was given by the president of the college, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. He stated that the churches of the Central Conference gave a total of \$22,876.12 during the church year of 1970-71, with other offerings totaling \$10,629.25.

The morning worship service was conducted by Dr. Michael Pelt of

Mount Olive College. A group of male students from the college rendered special music and gave their testimony for Christ. This was followed with a solo, "I Know a Name," by George Harrison of the host church. Mr. Pelt brought the message using Scripture taken from Hebrews 11:8-16; 13: 13, 14.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Charles Branch.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. R. P. Harris. (See report No. 4.)

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress and adopted. (See report No. 5.)

The report of the Central Conference Mission Board was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser and adopted. (See report No. 6.)

There was no report from the Board of Trustees.

The report of the Central Conference Historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. (See report No. 7.)

The report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. was given by the Rev. Adrian Grubbs Jr. and received as information.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion to adjourn was passed and the Rev. R. T. Sasser offered the closing prayer.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning devotional was conducted by the Rev. Charles Crisp.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman and adopted. The Revs. R. L. Norville and E. C. Morris conducted a memorial service. (See report No. 8.)

A report of the North Carolina Ministerial Association was given by the Rev. Harry Jones Sr. and received as information.

The report on the North Carolina Ministerial Association was given as information by the Rev. Harry Jones Sr.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Dallas Carter and adopted. (See report No. 9.)

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. Adrian Grubbs Jr. and adopted. (See report No. 10.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Kemery Ard and adopted by the conference. (See report No. 11.)

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson and adopted by the conference. (See report No. 12.)

The Rev. Charles Crisp gave as information a report on the East Carolina University Fellowship.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. Mr. Pierce stated that the

Central Conference churches gave to the Home 1970-71, \$30,693.22. The suggested quota for 1971-72 is \$45,000. This report was adopted as information.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 13.)

The Ordaining Council had charge of the morning worship service. Brother Lewis J. Sprouse from the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina, was presented as a candidate for ordination. The Rev. C. H. Overman delivered the ordination sermon with the Rev. Willis Wilson presenting to Brother Sprouse the Bible. The Rev. C. L. Patrick presented the charge and the prayer of consecration was offered by the Rev. Vance Link. The Ordaining Council performed the act of laying on of hands, setting Brother Sprouse apart to preach the wonderful gospel of Christ.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Randolph Harris. (See report No. 14.)

A motion was passed for the Executive Committee to take care of any unfinished business, approving the minutes, and finding a meeting place for the 1972 session of the Central Conference.

The report of the treasurer was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. (See report No. 15.)

A motion was passed to send \$25 to the Christian Action League.

The Rev. Dallas Carter gave the closing devotions.

The conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. F. B. Cherry.

Rev. Harry Jones Sr., *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burrell, *Clerk*

## REPORTS

### FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

(Number 1)

We have enjoyed another good year and for this we are very grateful. However, we want to especially express our appreciation to you for your prayers and support to this institution. Without this support from Free Will Baptist people we could not render much service to our denomination.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation belongs to Free Will Baptist people and it is an institution that we can well be proud of. This institution has been in existence for almost one hundred years and is the oldest Free Will Baptist institution in North Carolina. God has richly blessed our work through the years. He has guided us through many troublesome times. Even in this very present day with the ever increasing inflation we must trust the Lord to guide us safely on.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is the one institution that does not call for contributions to support its program. However, we must

depend on your concern and patronage in order to maintain a worthwhile existence. The Press Foundation is not just a business bidding for your trade; it is a business which offers a service and is able to provide benefits for those who avail themselves of this service. This is our institution—yours and mine—and as such we expect and need your loyalty; and we in turn offer our best and trust that each new year will find us doing more.

I view the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation as that institution that renders great and valuable service to our denomination and to our world. There are some services now being rendered that perhaps you are not aware of. Even though many of our Free Will Baptist people subscribe to our Free Will Baptist paper, this facet of the work is a service to our church because we do not derive enough money from subscriptions to defray the expenses of this weekly publication. However, we believe the information from our churches and the other institutions needs to be made available to our people, and through *The Free Will Baptist* this is possible. There are also many Sunday school quarterlies that, because of the small volume, do not bring in enough compensation to defray the expense involved. Again we believe that these are needful and that our church should not be denied these materials simply because our denomination is small. We are ready and willing to render this service, even at a sacrifice on our part. Your loyalty and encouragement will help make it possible for us to continue. There are many other areas and many other possibilities for service.

If you are a Free Will Baptist you should be receiving the Free Will Baptist paper. If you are not receiving it, why not subscribe to it now?

You are invited to visit the Press Foundation individually or in groups. We will be glad for youth groups, auxiliaries, men's groups, etc. to hold their meetings in the chapel at any time. Arrangements can be made by contacting Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina—telephone 746-6128.

We will be glad to help you with any of your Sunday school or church needs. The Press Foundation can supply your needs for classroom equipment, visual aid materials, lesson commentaries, as well as church furniture, art stained and decorative glass work, fiberglass church steeples and baptismal pools, pianos, organs, choir robes, and other religious merchandise. Let us help you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Reynolds, *Manager*

#### REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971)

(Number 2)

This has been a good year and the Lord has blessed the superannuation program in many ways. We are grateful to God for His blessings and to you for your prayers and support of this work.

Our work is needful. At the present time there are five ministers and twelve ministers' widows receiving over two hundred sixty-nine dollars on

an average each month. We have life insurance on sixty of our ministers with an annual premium of over fifty-five hundred dollars; and the board pays two thirds of this premium. This life insurance amounts to more than one hundred ten thousand dollars. There are eighteen ministers' families and fifty-one individual ministers and ministers' wives participating in the group hospital program. The monthly premium is more than eight hundred eighty dollars, paid by those participating. There are seventy-six ministers enrolled in the *Ministerial Retirement System* in the approximate amount of fifty-six hundred dollars. Thus the board is liable for about twenty-eight hundred dollars each year to insure the retirement and death benefits of the retirement program.

We have two primary needs. The *first* is more funds to increase every phase of our superannuation work. We need over sixteen hundred fifty dollars in gifts (not premium payments) each month from our churches to reach the budget of twenty thousand dollars adopted by the State Convention. *Second*, there is a need for more and greater participation on the part of our ministers in the *Threefold Superannuation Program*. There are almost two hundred ministers associated with the State Convention, but only seventy-six have enrolled in all or a part of this program.

#### YOU CAN HELP

1. You can and should pray for the work of superannuation and for the members of the Board of Superannuation. You should pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. You should assist your pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program as recommended by the State Convention, either by paying the total premiums or by paying a percentage of the premiums.

3. You can assist your church and pastor in making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Be sure that this cause is included in the budget of your church in proportion to meet our needs. To insure the benefits we are offering to our ministers, we need the support of every Free Will Baptist.

4. Remember that the State Convention designated October as "Superannuation Month" and the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, as "Superannuation Day." Send your contribution to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

#### REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Churches	Contributions	Challenges
Aspen Grove	\$ 35.25	\$ 100.00
Ayden	150.00	200.00
Bethany		50.00
Black Jack	15.00	200.00
Cedar Grove		50.00
Community		50.00
Daniels Chapel	120.00	150.00
Dawson's Grove		50.00
Dilda's Grove	108.75	125.00

Edgewood	135.00	150.00
Elm Grove	50.00	100.00
Faith		50.00
Free Union	100.00	150.00
Friendship	20.00	150.00
Greenville, First	50.00	100.00
Grimsley	28.63	50.00
Gum Swamp	50.00	100.00
Harrell's Chapel	66.72	100.00
Hickory Grove	23.09	50.00
Howell Swamp	50.00	100.00
Hugo	28.75	100.00
Hull Road	105.00	150.00
King's Cross Roads	23.98	50.00
LaGrange		50.00
Little Creek	25.00	50.00
Marlboro		100.00
Maury		50.00
Ormondsville	60.00	125.00
Otter's Creek		50.00
Owen's Chapel	50.00	100.00
Peace	10.00	50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)		50.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	86.95	150.00
Pleasant Hill		50.00
Reedy Branch	5.00	150.00
Rocky Mount, First	25.00	100.00
Rose Hill	205.00	225.00
Rose of Sharon	30.00	50.00
Saratoga	10.00	50.00
Spring Branch	30.00	100.00
Sts. Delight		50.00
Sweet Gum Grove	28.00	50.00
Tarboro, First	25.00	150.00
Walnut Creek	200.00	225.00
Watery Branch	25.00	50.00
Williamston, First		50.00
Winterville	100.00	150.00
Fourth Union Meeting	71.63	75.00
Second Union Meeting	123.63	125.00
Totals	\$2,270.38	\$4,800.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Reynolds, Director-Treasurer

Churches	Delegates	No. Church Members	No. S. S. Members	No. League Members	No. W. A. Members	No. Members Gained	No. Members Lost	Contribution to Conf.	Value of Church Property	Paid to Pastor	Paid to Evangelist	Paid to Children's Home	Paid to Mount Olive College	Paid to Supernannuation	Paid to Church Finance Association	Paid to Missions	Paid to Cragmont	Paid to Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
<b>PITT COUNTY</b>																					
Ayden	Mrs. Anna Hill	247	93	24	20	20	7	\$10	\$ 88,500	\$2,385	\$	\$ 603	\$	\$150	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,346	\$ 6,584
Bethany																					
Black Jack	Mrs. James Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mills, Mr. Fred Hudson, Mrs. Gladys Mills, Mrs. Ruth Stokes	585	457	28	109	43	15	15	195,000	6,806	355	2,045	409	5		2,312	190		5,301	1,164	18,588
Dilda's Grove		98	68		18	7	1	10	40,000	1,541	240	680	446	97		592	64		1,527	517	5,713
Elm Grove	J. T. Beddard Jr., Rev. Bruce Jones	280	156	46	20	13	5	15	143,000	6,745	220	698	314	140	10	579	119		3,447	1,438	15,985
Greenville, First	Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harris	187	149	25	4	4	15	15	75,000	5,830	250	1,000	1,000	50		700	206		186	335	29,194
Gum Swamp	Mrs. Eva Harris, Mrs. Bernice Clark	388	145		27	11	4	10	103,000	6,655	363	735	620	50	25	819	25	100	1,084	630	14,005
Hickory Grove		115	79	16	15	9	5	10	45,000	2,040	529	713	389	31	12	255		205	3,463	1,325	8,963
King's Cross Roads	Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tugwell	196	153		28	6	3	10	25,000	3,975	230	1,899	943	24		650			122		9,783
Marlboro	Mrs. Hattie Brock, Mrs. Reba Carraway	250	155		45	6		10													
Pleasant Hill																					
Piney Grove		266	136	10	30	2	21	10	55,000	6,375	100	671	525	42	11	420	210		691	710	12,881
Reedy Branch	Mrs. Pearl Worthington, Mrs. Nannie Combs, Mrs. Lena Hooks	280	170	92	30	15	6	25	125,000	6,500	100	928	950	25		550	150		2,389	4,690	17,308
Rose Hill	Delano Wilson	227	125	22	18	8	6	20	65,000	4,700	465	593	544	230		533	25	10	1,258	2,379	10,735
Winterville	Randolph Harris, Wayne Vincent	211	150	45	25	5	1	10	60,000	5,450	200	1,949	736	135		2,900	1,098		1,022	3,224	16,712
Sweet Gum Grove																					
<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>																					
Free Union	Mrs. Charity Lovette, Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Mrs. Patty Carraway, Mrs. Frank L. Walston	301	219		78	6	3	15	105,000	5,595	300	1,760	653	116	2	453	172	5	100	3,258	15,919
Friendship	Mrs. Gertrude Beaman, Mrs. Dora Mae Little	243	231	19	38	10	2	25	140,000	1,800	450	1,488	580	20		982	65		12,930	3,300	21,616
Grimsley	Mrs. Nina Suggs, Mr. Blaney Harper	79	74	15	23	3	4	10	30,000	3,730	100	514	398	29		331			694	1,423	7,220
Harrell's Chapel	Mrs. Anna Belle Marshburn, Mrs. Minnie Mae Godley	172	183	35	24	5	13	10	40,000	3,700	300	640	615	87		975			1,940	3,607	11,864
Howell Swamp		132						10	40,000	1,875	100	250	251	50		50			325	867	3,779
Hull Road	D. W. Barrow, Mrs. Iola Barrow, Haywood Hill, Ollie Hill, J. W. Wooten	445	203		30	12	7	10	95,000	6,080	250	1,179	2,285	100		1,467	100		3,024	2,312	16,808
Little Creek		110	100	14	31	1		10	65,000	2,750	100	429	280	50	300	77			2,423	1,118	7,527
Maury																					
Sts. Delight								10													
Ormondsville	Edward Bowen, Lawrence Tripp	172	118		40	8	2	10	40,000	4,800	409	2,069	224	90		123			46	2,510	10,271
Spring Branch	Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Proctor	213	140		15		25	25	47,000	1,700	150	552	277	20	45	135	35	30	330	815	5,490
<b>EDGECOMBE COUNTY</b>																					
Rocky Mount, First		127	98		20	4	5	10	75,000	6,005	290	150	100	25		200	35		3,032	4,185	14,022
Tarboro, First		324	225	30	65	38	14	20	113,500	5,500	225	573	460	75	50	690	75	25	926	18,882	27,483
Otter's Creek	Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Owens	60	60		15		5	5	25,000	1,300	200	193	50			46			252	1,144	3,191
Peace		31	69		10			10	40,000	1,634	100	420	150	20	10	131	10		359		5,807
Edgewood																					
<b>LENOIR COUNTY</b>																					
LaGrange																					
Faith	Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hedgepeth	130	74		13	3	22	5	34,000	4,780	200	129			1,065	310			244	603	10,206
Hugo	Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Bertha Harris	95	129		23	6	2	10	22,400	2,400	182	377	473	34		197	41	42	5,450	1,198	10,404
<b>HALIFAX COUNTY</b>																					
Dawson's Grove		40	28		12	3	1	10	25,000	1,500	150	234	303	30		565			432	790	4,002
Roanoke Rapids, First																					
Community	Mrs. Mattie Link, Mrs. Margo Andrews	210	165	60	15	32	4	10	75,000	5,840	475	240				913	10	10	3,510	1,500	14,406
<b>WILSON COUNTY</b>																					
Aspen Grove	Leroy Ellis	190	175	22	14	4	10	10	30,000	2,270	251	1,550	416	40	37	158	35	42	78	1,419	6,306
Daniels Chapel	Nelmer Pope, Donnie H. Pittman	279	195		33	31	7	20	167,000	6,393	125	700	500	120	25	750	100	90	1,341	15,577	25,721
Owen's Chapel		220	138	48	18	22	8	10	25,000	5,015	300	572	141			174	50		1,796	1,250	9,298
Saratoga	Mr. and Mrs. Beasley Beamon	159	86		16	2	8	10	68,000	4,883	215	263	634	12	8	33	8		4,177	2,310	12,553
<b>MARTIN COUNTY</b>																					
Cedar Grove		93	103		25	4	3	10	17,000	1,440	360	100		25				721	1,640	832	5,127
Rose of Sharon	Jasper Cowan, M. S. Cowan	148	108		1	1	3	10	20,000	2,330	125	265	480	20							4,030
Williamston, First	Joe Boyette	118	63		21	2	3	5	30,000	3,875	150	120			944				189	1,861	7,139
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>																					
Walnut Creek		77	86		2			10	75,000	1,505	100	300	210	200		250			2,312	484	5,361
Watery Branch																					
<b>BEAUFORT COUNTY</b>																					
Piney Grove		57	51		13		2	10	10,000	1,490	100	276	72			48	17		2,000	217	3,707

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(August 31, 1971)

(Number 3)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. is owned and operated by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. The association has been serving the needs of our people since 1940.

We give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on our work. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of our association with his prayers, funds, and time. We thank those who have used the services of our association.

Loans made (as of August 31, 1971) for this year were \$57,255.47. Total loans since April 20, 1940, are \$828,818.13. However, the demands for loans still exceed our funds. Will you help us meet these needs?

Services offered by the association are as follows:

1. Loans for denominational needs.
2. Deposits for individual funds.  
(5% interest paid on \$500 or more, 4% on lesser amounts)
3. Endowments can be set up for:
  - a. Children's Home
  - b. Missions
  - c. Mount Olive College
  - d. Board of Superannuation
  - e. Churches
4. Retirement fund. Example, each \$1,200 will provide \$5 per month income on present interest.
5. All profits remain in the association to better serve Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

How can you help the Church Finance Association? *Pray* for the ministry of the Church Finance Association, Inc. *Deposit* your funds with the association and experience the joy of having your money working for our Lord. *Purchase* memberships in the association at \$25 each. *Use* the services of our association.

We are proud of the repayment record of our people. Many are paying off their accounts ahead of schedule, which helps to make more loans available. All accounts are in good standing.

For information write: Church Finance Association, Inc., Drawer 336, Pinetops, North Carolina 27864; or phone Hubert Burress, (919) 827-4139, residence; (919) 827-5402, office.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Smith, *President*

Hubert Burress, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 4)

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following partial report:

1. We recommend that all delegates who have been properly registered for the 223rd annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1971 session.
2. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing be seated.
3. We further recommend that all ministers and delegates having identification cards and have registered be seated.
4. The following have registered today: Central Conference ministers, 28; visiting ministers, 7; Central Conference delegates, 47; churches represented, 26.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. Harris

Leo Tripp

Joseph A. Lehmann

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Number 5)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, September 15, 1971. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jack Mayo. Members present were Harry Jones Sr., James Lupton, Jack Mayo, and Hubert Burress.

The program for the 223rd session of the conference to be held at Hull Road Church, November 10 and 11, was arranged with Wilbur's Barbecue Restaurant to serve lunch at \$1.25 per plate.

A motion was made and passed to dedicate the 1971 minutes to the Revs. Clarence J. Little and J. Wilbert Everton.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. James Lupton.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Jones Sr., Moderator

Hubert Burress, Clerk

Letters of transfer were granted to the following ministers during the past year:

Dale Bates to the General Baptist.

Robert Rollins, who resigned as a representative of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, to the Cape Fear Conference.

Ray Wells to the Western Conference.

The following business was approved through the mail June 11, 1971:

A motion was approved to deposit the \$3,000 collected from the East Carolina University Fellowship with the Church Finance Association, Inc.

A motion was also approved to give to the fellowship the interest due on the loan.

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 6)

Balance July 1, 1970

\$3,735.68

## Receipts

Churches, Union Meetings, etc.

\$2,621.59

Interest on Savings

141.67

Total Receipts

2,763.26

Total to Account For

6,498.94

## Disbursements

Roanoke Rapids Church

Annual Payment and Interest

\$ 743.40

Pastoral Supplement

750.00

Insurance on Property

30.60

Office Expense

27.50

Board Expense

38.78

Total Disbursements

1,590.28

Balance in Bank and Savings Account June 30, 1971

\$4,908.66

(NOTE: Of the balance stated above \$4,000 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.)

The following are the amounts given to the Central Conference Mission Board the past year by churches of the conference:

Church

Amount

Black Jack

\$ 846.99

Community

30.14

Dawson's Grove

50.00

Dilda's Grove

118.13

Elm Grove

103.46

Friendship

104.00

Greenville

50.00

Gum Swamp

60.00

Hickory Grove

35.16

Hull Road

100.00

King's Cross Roads

72.95

Ormondsville

50.00

Owen's Chapel

96.00

Peace

10.00

Piney Grove (Beaufort County)

65.00

Reedy Branch

60.65

Spring Branch	5.00
Tarboro	225.00
Winterville	494.98
Second Union Meeting	44.13
Miscellaneous (Interest)	141.67

Total \$2,763.26

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Proctor, *Chairman*

Rev. R. T. Sasser, *Treasurer*

Rev. L. E. Ballard

Rev. Vance Link

Daniel Barrow

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

(Number 7)

After much research I located a picture of the Rev. Rufus King Hearne and his wife. His descendants donated the money for having the picture hand painted. The picture will be presented to Mount Olive College on Founders' Day and will hang in the historical room of the college. Mr. Hearne's descendants are having their names put on the heritage plaque at the college.

I also have had materials given to me by the family of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Moye.

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has Free Will Baptist materials they would like to donate to the historical collection, please contact me at Maury, North Carolina 28554.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

(Number 8)

We, your Obituary Committee, regret to report the loss of two of our ministers of the Central Conference (one a member of the Obituary Committee—the Rev. J. W. Everton) during the past year.

On February 9, 1971, the Rev. Clarence J. Little passed on to his heavenly reward. Funeral services were held on February 11 with burial in the Pinewood Memorial Park, Greenville, North Carolina.

Mr. Little was born September 13, 1914. He was ordained to the ministry in July, 1950, at the age of 36. He pastored well a number of churches until his health failed him. He was a life-long member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and a host of friends and relatives.

On March 4, 1971, the Rev. J. Wilbert Everton passed on to his re-

ward. Funeral services were held March 6 with burial in the East Duplin Memorial Gardens, Beulaville, North Carolina.

Mr. Everton was born November 2, 1925, in Beulaville. He was licensed to preach in 1951 and ordained as a minister in 1952. During his ministry he pastored many Free Will Baptist churches.

He also served his Lord in the denominational work in the following capacities:

1. Chairman-treasurer of the North Carolina superannuation work,
2. A member of the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference,
3. Assistant moderator of the Central Conference,
4. Moderator of the Cape Fear Conference,
5. Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home for four years.
6. Vice-president and president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, and
7. At the time of his death was pastor of Daniels Chapel Church and a member of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

Mr. Everton is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sons, and a host of friends and relatives.

Although it is appointed unto man once to die, we hate to give up our minister, friends.

We request that appropriate Scripture be read by the Rev. R. L. Norville and that we stand for a moment of silent prayer, closing with an audible prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. L. Norville

Rev. N. D. Beaman

Rev. E. C. Morris

#### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 9)

The Temperance Committee presents the second paragraph of Page 12 of the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina as our official position on the subject of temperance:

"We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to 'provide things honest in the sight of all men.'"

Also, that our pastors put forth a special effort to educate our people, especially the youth, concerning the danger of harmful drugs.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dallas J. Carter

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser

Rev. Charles Branch

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Number 10)

Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of appreciation to the officers of this conference for performing their duties well. Also, our appreciation to the Hull Road Church for being such a gracious host to this conference.

Be it also resolved that we request Dr. Michael Pelt to submit his sermon manuscript to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Bruce Barrow

N. D. Beaman

H. Adrian Grubbs Jr.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Number 11)

The Nominating Committee reports the following nominations to the various boards and committees of the conference:

Ordaining Council: James Lupton

Board of Trustees: Mrs. Carl Barrow

Board of Finance: M. S. Coward

Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: W. S. Wooten

Credentials Committee: R. P. Harris

Obituary Committee: E. C. Morris

Missions: Raymond T. Sasser

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. Cherry

Kemery Ard

Charles Crisp

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Number 12)

Since the last conference, the Ordaining Council has had seven meetings.

In a meeting on December 14, 1970, the council voted to accept the Rev. Cary Cheshire's apology for missing three conferences in succession.

In a meeting on June 8, 1971, the council voted to waive the educational requirements and examine Brother Lewis J. Sprouse of the Community

Church in Weldon, North Carolina, for ordination. Brother Sprouse took the examination and will be ordained at this conference today.

At a meeting on July 12, the council voted to instruct the Rose of Sharon Church of Williamston to grant Gary Bailey a license to preach for one year.

In a meeting on August 13, 1971, the council voted to examine Walter Bruce Jones Jr. for ordination. Bruce passed the examination and was ordained at Elm Grove Church on the first Sunday in September.

In a meeting on August 19, 1971, the council voted to ask Daniels Chapel Church to grant Randy Everton a license to preach for one year.

In a meeting on Wednesday, November 10, the Ordaining Council discussed with the Rev. Donald Venable of the General Association of General Baptist, the possibility of becoming an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. The council voted to recommend that the conference receive him with every right and privilege as that of a Free Will Baptist minister. He is pastor of the Rocky Mount Church.

By motion it was decided that any church calling a minister coming from another denomination or conference be cleared by the Ordaining Council before the call.

The licensed ministers that we now have are as follows: Clinton Davis, Randy Everton, Gary Bailey, Emmitt Bartlett, and Danny Hooks.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. Cherry, *Chairman*

Willis Wilson, *Secretary*

## FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 13)

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1971 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers Present	29
Visiting Ministers Present	10
Churches Representing	25
Delegates Present	54

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 14)

Raised by Church Letters	\$440.00
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Hubert Burress, Clerk's Salary	\$ 35.00
Hubert Burress, Expenses and Flowers for J. W. Everton	42.76
Willis Wilson, Postage, Telephone, and Mileage	15.00
F. B. Cherry, Mileage	14.40

C. L. Patrick, Mileage and Telephone	15.00
L. B. Woodall Jr., Treasurer	16.90

Total Disbursements	139.06
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Balance	\$300.94
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Respectfully submitted,  
L. B. Woodall Jr.  
Mrs. Randolph Harris

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT (Number 15)

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina, November 5, 1970	\$ 588.05
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## *Receipts*

From 1971 Conference	\$ 552.76
From Churches Since 1970 Conference	58.00
From Payment of Note by ECU Fellowship	3,000.00
Total Receipts	3,610.76

Total to Account For	\$4,198.81
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## *Disbursements*

Conference Clerk's Salary	\$ 35.00
Conference Executive Committee's Supplies and Travel	54.28
Children's Home Offering Received at 1970 Conference	76.48
Mount Olive College Offering Received at 1970 Conference	40.28
Supplies for 1970 Conference	3.38
Wreath for the Rev. Clarence J. Little	10.30
Deposit Loan Certificate with the Church Finance Association	3,000.00
1970 Minutes	297.64
Total Disbursements	3,517.36

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina, November 10, 1971	\$ 681.45
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## *Other Central Conference Assets*

*Deposit Loan Certificates and Interest with the Church Finance Association	\$1,556.25
Interest of \$1,556.25 for 1970	77.81
*Deposit Loan Certificate with the Church Finance Association	3,000.00

Total Assets for Which the Conference's Treasurer is Responsible	\$5,315.51
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\*These securities are in deposit box No. 82 in the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina. This deposit box is listed under the name of Leonard B. Woodall Jr.

NO. 82

NO. 82

Respectfully submitted,  
L. B. Woodall Jr., Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,  
L. B. Woodall Jr.  
Attn: Telephone 1111  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT  
(November 1971)

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina, November 5, 1971 \$ 282.00

Receipts

\$ 22.00  
10.00  
100.00

From 1971 Conference  
From churches since 1970 Conference  
From payment of 1971 BOM Fellowship

\$ 22.00

Total Receipts

\$ 24.00

Total to Account For

Disbursements

\$ 22.00  
11.00  
10.00

Conference Clerk Salary  
Conference Treasurer's Salary and Travel  
Children's Union offering received at 1970 Conference  
Mount Zion Church offering received at 1970

10.00  
10.00  
10.00

Supplies for 1970 Conference  
Travel for the New Church  
Travel for the New Church  
Travel for the New Church

\$ 600.00  
10.00

1970 Balance

\$ 11.00

Total Disbursements

\$ 82.00

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina, November 10, 1971

Central Conference Assets

\$ 22.00

1971 from Churches and balance with the Church Finance Association  
Interest on \$1,000.00 for 1970  
1971 from Churches with the Church Finance Association

\$ 22.00

Total Assets for which the Conference Treasurer is responsible

# 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 purposes may be needed necessary.

#### ARTICLE V. FINANCE

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

#### ARTICLE VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

#### ARTICLE VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

#### ARTICLE VIII. VISITORS

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

#### ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

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

#### ARTICLE X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section. 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according

to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Central Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates, and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board of ordination (1) to examine and recommend the license of ministers; (2) 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*, and (3) 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 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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