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North Carolina

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Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

Rev. Jack Mayo, Greenville, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. James Lupton, Winterville, 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. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.

Rev. Jack Mayo

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. C. H. Overman (1973)

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry (1977)

Rev. James Lupton (1976)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1975)

Rev. C. L. Patrick (1974)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy T. Forrest (1973)

A. G. Mangum (1977)

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1976)

Rufus Harrell (1975)

Earl Skinner (1974)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1973)

Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1976)

Albert Proctor (1975)

Daniel Barrow (1974)

BOARD OF FINANCE

J. B. Rouse (1973)

Steve Little

Rev. Kemery Ard (1977)

M. S. Cowan (1976)

Rev. R. C. Proctor (1975)

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1974)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

W. S. Wooten (1974)

Floyd Harris (1973)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. R. P. Harris (1974)

Leo Tripp (1973)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1975)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1973)

Rev. E. C. Morris (1974)

Mrs. J. T. Beddard (1975)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1973)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1973)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Wayne Dixon

(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

Route 2

Kinston, North Carolina

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones

Puerto Princessa

Palawan, Philippines

Roll of Churches with Clerks and Addresses

PITT COUNTY

- Bethany—Mrs. Dorothy Dail, Route 1, Box 206, 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 3, Box 314, Ayden 28513
 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, Box 254, 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. Effie Jones, Route 1, Box 452, Winterville 28590
 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, Route 1, Snow Hill 28580
 Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill 28580
 Howell Swamp—James E. Shackleford, Walstonburg 27888
 Hull Road—James P. Wooten, Box 354, Snow Hill 28580
 Little Creek—Mrs. Wanda T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden 28513
 Ormondsville—John R. Stephens, Route 1, Box 425, Ayden 28513
 Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard E. Owens, Walstonburg 27888
 Saints Delight—Mrs. Lucille Stanley, Route 1, Farmville 27828

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

- 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. Howard Holt, Route 1, Kinston 28501

WAYNE COUNTY

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

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. Albert Proctor, Route 2, Walstonburg 27888

MARTIN COUNTY

Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston 27892
 Williamston—Mrs. Ruby Barnhill, 1106 N. Haughton 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

Roll of Ministers

	1971	1972
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	A
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Box 465, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
*Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590		
*J. P. Barrow, Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, N. C. 28551		
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	A	P
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	A	
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
C. J. Harris, 21135 S. View Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	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. 75301	A	A
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	L
Michael Pelt, Route 4, Box 363, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 637, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, Box 2216, New Bern, N. C.	A	P
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	A
Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, N. C.	P	P
Jack Mayo, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, N. C.	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 3, Dudley, N. C.	P	P
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823	P	
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	A
Joe Barrow, Route 2, Kinston, N. C.	L	A
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P

James W. Pittman, 116 Boswell Street, Wilson, N. C.

27893

Kemery Ard, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, N. C.

Joseph H. Lehmann, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville

N. C. 27828

James Lupton, P. O. Box 514, Winterville, N. C. 28590

Walter Pollard, 1200 Broad Street, Greenville, N. C.

27834

Charles Edwin Branch, Route 1, Box 290, Winterville, N. C.

Charles Crisp, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro,

N. C. 27886

N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501

E. C. Morris, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888

H. Adrian Grubbs, Greenville, N. C. 27834

N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580

Chris Singleton, LaGrange, N. C. 28551

Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513

Donald Venable, 1424 Rosewood Street, Rocky Mount,

N. C. 27801

Clinton Davis, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C.

Gary Bailey, Route 4, Box 382, Williamston, N. C.

Larry Barbour, Box 637, Saratoga, N. C.

Walter Reynolds, 401 New Circle Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513

Bobby Bazen, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C.

Tom Miller, Hookerton, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Danny Braswell, Randy Everton, Danny Hooks, and Scott Sowers.

(NOTE: The name of any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for three consecutive conferences will be dropped from the roll of the conference, and the minister 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 224th annual session with the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Greene County, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8, 9, 1972.

The clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress, officially opened the conference and presented the Rev. Jack Mayo, assistant moderator, who served as moderator for the session.

The devotional was conducted by Mr. Danny Braswell, a licensed minister of the Conference. Song leader was the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The welcoming address was given by the host pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, with Steve Little responding.

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

The moderator's address was given by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions: the Rev. Bruce Barrow, Glenwood Wooten, and the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Temperance: the Revs. Charles Crisp, James Lupton, and Kemery Ard.

Nominating: the Rev. L. B. Manning, Randolph Harris, and the Rev. E. C. Morris.

Parliamentarian: the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

Visiting ministers were as follows: Edgar Benton, W. L. Poythress, Billy Ray Jordan, Frank Hanson, Foy Futrelle, and Joe Ingram (Western Conference); Walter Reynolds and Bobby Bazen (Cape Fear); Larry Barbour (Albemarle); Walter Sutton (Eastern); Tom Miller (General Conference of the National Association of Free Will Baptists); and Buddy Moore (Southern Baptists).

The report of the executive committee of the Central Conference was given by the clerk and adopted by motion. (See report No. 1.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., was given by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 2.)

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 3.)

The report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. (See report No. 4.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home's superintendent was given by the Rev. Graham Lane. (See report No. 5.)

The report of the treasurer was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. (See report No. 6.)

The offering for the Children's Home was received in the amount of \$99.28.

The morning worship service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of Greenville church. His subject was "Vision and Perishing," with Scripture taken from Proverbs 29:18.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was led by the Rev. James Lupton.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Scott Sowers.

The Rev. N. B. Barrow presented a motion to lay on the table the following resolution: Be it resolved that the schedule of the Central Conference be changed from two days to one day, with a fellowship rally on the night of the Conference.

A motion was made to remove the resolution from the table.

A motion was made by the Rev. Charles Crisp and passed to amend the motion to read, "Thursday and Thursday evening," instead of "Wednesday and Wednesday evening." This was laid on the table. In order to conform with the resolution, this requires constitutional change in Article 9 and a change in section 10 of the bylaws.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 7.)

The report of the Central Conference Mission Board was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser. (See report No. 8.)

The trustees had no report.

The report of the Central Conference historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. (See report No. 9.)

The report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

The minutes were read and approved.

The session adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. James Lupton.

The report of the nominating committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. (See report No. 10.)

A motion was made to record the names of all ministers who have served 25 years in the Conference or who have been ordained 25 years or more. They are as follows: E. C. Morris, 58 years; L. E. Ballard, 54 years; L. B. Manning, 48 years; F. B. Cherry, 40 years; C. L. Patrick, 26 years; Walter Reynolds, 25 years; N. D. Beaman, 39 years; C. D. Hamilton, 30 years; and N. B. Barrow, 37 years.

The report of the obituary committee was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The Rev. N. B. Barrow gave the report of the resolutions committee. (See report No. 11.)

A motion was made and passed to remove the resolution of the previous day from the table. No action taken.

The report of the temperance committee was read, received, and adopted by motion. (See report No. 12.) The committee appointed for Article 3 of the report included Charles Crisp, James Lupton, and Kemery Ard. (Their duty was to contact the state attorney general for information on ways to prevent nudity in films.)

The report of the ordaining council was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 13.)

A motion passed that the Conference inform licensed ministers to advise the ordaining council when their churches have renewed their licenses.

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 during 1971-72 the sum of \$25,946.03.

The report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. W. Burkette Raper. He reported that the churches of the Central Conference gave a total of \$25,476.08 to the College for the year 1971-72.

The final report of the credentials committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 14.)

The report of the finance committee was given by Mrs. Randolph Harris. (See report No. 15.)

The conference voted to accept Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church's invitation to meet with them in 1973.

A motion was passed for the executive committee to take care of any unfinished business in approving the minutes.

An offering for the College was taken in the amount of \$43.41.

The Rev. Bobby Bazen brought the morning message, taking as his Scripture, Acts 17:10-12.

The executive committee met and approved the minutes for publication.

Jack Mayo, Moderator

Hubert Burress, Clerk

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Number 1)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met November 11, 1971, after the conference adjourned, with all members present.

A motion was made and passed for the conference to meet with the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County in 1972.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the 1971 session. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Jones, Moderator

Hubert Burress, Clerk

The Executive Committee met September 13, 1972, at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Present were Harry Jones, James Lup-ton, L. B. Woodall Jr., and Jack Mayo.

A motion was made and passed to grant the request of the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church to sell a lot across the road from the church, and to authorize our Board of Trustees to sign the deed for the lot.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the program as prepared.

A motion was made and passed to accept the resignation of our moderator, Harry Jones, with regrets and to express our thanks to him for serving the Central Conference.

In keeping with our constitution, the assistant moderator, the Rev. Jack Mayo, will fill the office of moderator until the next session of our conference.

A letter of transfer to the Albemarle Conference was granted to Brother Harry Jones.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Jones, Moderator

Jack Mayo, Assistant Moderator

Hubert Burress, Clerk

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Number 2)

We are very grateful to the Lord for another good year in our work. A special thanks to you for remembering us in your prayers and for supporting this institution! If we did not have the support of our Free Will Baptist people, we could not continue rendering service as we do to our denomination.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is the oldest Free Will Baptist

institution in North Carolina, having been in existence for almost one hundred years. This institution belongs to Free Will Baptist people, and it is one of which we can be proud. Through the years the Lord has blessed and helped us to make progress. He has been our refuge in every difficult time. In this day of unrest, rising prices, and ever-increasing inflation, we continue to seek the Lord's help and guidance.

All the other Free Will Baptist institutions of our state call for contributions from you to support their programs. The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation does not do this; however, we depend on you even more for support. We have to compete in the business world for your patronage in order to maintain our existence. The Press Foundation is more than a business bidding for your support in the business world. It is a service agency to our denomination. This institution is ours—*yours* and *mine*—and as such, we should seek to make it the very best institution possible.

You may live near one of the three branch bookstores. If you do, we invite you to visit the one nearest you: New Bern Bible & Bookstore, 213 Middle Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone 638-6193; Smithfield Bible & Bookstore, 122 South Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, telephone 934-7149; and Wilson Bible & Bookstore, 1101 Downing Street (Five Points), Wilson, North Carolina 27893, telephone 243-4982. We are thankful that we have been able to branch out with our bookstores. They have been a real asset to our work.

Every Free Will Baptist should be receiving *The Free Will Baptist*, our weekly paper. If you are not receiving it, you should subscribe to it now.

We urge you to visit the Press Foundation individually or in groups. Auxiliaries, youth groups, men's groups, Sunday school classes, etc., are invited to hold their meetings in the chapel at any time. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Press Foundation, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, telephone 746-6128.

The Press Foundation will be glad to help you with any of your Sunday school or church needs. We can supply you with classroom equipment, visual aid materials, lesson commentaries, as well as church furniture, art stained and decorative glass work, fiber glass church steeples and baptismal pools, pianos, organs, choir robes, and other religious merchandise. We urge you to use the Press Foundation for your church needs so that we can better serve our Lord and our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, Manager

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

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July 1, 1971—June 30, 1972
This has been another good year in our work, and for this we are very grateful. We thank you for your prayers and support.

There are two primary needs this year in our work. First, more funds

are needed to increase every phase of our superannuation program. We need over twenty-five hundred dollars in gifts (not premium payments) each month from our churches to reach the budget of thirty 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 *Superannuation Program*. There are almost two hundred ministers associated with the State Convention, but only ninety-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 can assist your pastor in preparing for retirement by honoring the request of the State Convention that our churches assist their pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program as follows:

Minimum Assistance

(1) A full-time church pay \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.

(2) A part-time church pay \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

Note: This minimum assistance should either be increased by the church or matched by the ministers.

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 contributions 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	\$40.15	\$ 175.00
Ayden	150.00	225.00
Bethany		75.00
Black Jack	35.00	575.00
Cedar Grove		75.00
Community		200.00
Daniels Chapel	120.00	275.00
Dawson's Grove	30.00	50.00
Dilda's Grove	168.73	125.00
Edgewood		150.00
Elm Grove	100.00	250.00
Faith		125.00
Free Union	89.00	275.00
Friendship	388.25	225.00

Greenville, First	50.00	175.00
Grimsley	75.00	75.00
Gum Swamp	150.00	325.00
Harrell's Chapel	50.50	150.00
Hickory Grove	71.92	100.00
Howell Swamp	50.00	125.00
Hugo	50.00	75.00
Hull Road	100.00	400.00
King's Cross Roads	32.67	175.00
LaGrange	25.00	100.00
Little Creek	25.00	100.00
Marlboro		225.00
Maury		50.00
Ormondsville	65.00	150.00
Otter's Creek		50.00
Owen's Chapel	60.00	200.00
Peace	31.80	50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)		50.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	39.60	250.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	100.00
Reedy Branch		250.00
Rocky Mount, First	45.00	100.00
Rose Hill	165.00	225.00
Rose of Sharon	30.00	125.00
Saratoga	17.32	150.00
Spring Branch	25.00	200.00
Saints Delight		150.00
Sweet Gum Grove	33.00	50.00
Tarboro, (First)	55.00	300.00
Walnut Creek	100.00	100.00
Watery Branch	25.00	50.00
Williamston, First	15.00	100.00
Winterville	110.00	200.00
Fourth Union Meeting	62.00	75.00
Second Union Meeting	116.60	125.00
Individuals	50.00	
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REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Number 4)

August 31, 1972

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, 1972) for this year were \$74,000. Total loans since April 20, 1940, are \$926,218.13. However, the demands for loans still exceed our funds. *Will you help us meet these needs by purchasing one or more membership this year?*

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 the following.
 - 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 Burruss: (919) 827-4139, residence; (919) 827-5402, office.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Smith, *President*

Hubert Burruss, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Number 5)

For the Year Ending June 30, 1972

Appreciation

Please accept our most sincere appreciation for your continued valuable support during the past year! Financially, we have had one of the best years in the history of the Children's Home and you have helped make it that way. Thanks, also, for your prayers and moral support. We must

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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 Superannuation	Paid to Church Finance Association	Paid to Missions	Paid to Cragmont
PITT COUNTY																	
Ayden		187	70					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethany																	
Black Jack	Mrs. Mamie Dixon, Mrs. Lena Dixon, Wayne Dixon	594	486	85	21	13	15	10	200,000	8,096.51	300.00	2,768.02	411.48			298.00	
Dilda's Grove	Mrs. Earline Wooten, Mr. Greenwood Wooten	107	72	20	7	3	10			1,590.00	330.00	1,203.32	376.28			3,272.59	80.80
Elm Grove	Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr., Mrs. Ernest Carraway	275	157	50	20	8	12	15	143,000	6,500.00	240.00	562.03	487.83	159.70	25.00	728.69	73.14
Greenville, First														100.21	10.00	544.12	100.00
Gum Swamp	Mrs. Nannie Dunn, Mrs. Mildred Carraway	393	145	12	30	19	13	10	103,000	7,424.00	260.00	1,388.63	777.47				
Hickory Grove		113	82	12	18	1	2	10	50,000	2,193.00	589.26	704.92	364.42	154.50	100.00	1,102.25	158.75
King's Cross Roads	Hattie Brock, Reba Carraway, Ella Shirley, Jeanette Parker	200	154	24	5	1	10		25,000	3,900.00	230.00	1,681.04	843.15	33.51	14.59	285.73	17.94
Marlboro	Catherine R. Gaskins, Ruby C. Gaskins		189	45	10	7	10		100,000	5,200.00	200.00	250.00	400.00	23.87		321.30	50.00
Pleasant Hill	Ruby Joyner, Joan Hines	115	68	22	10	6	25		35,000	2,500.00	350.00	350.00	100.00			100.00	
Piney Grove	Mrs. Pearl Worthington, Mrs. Lena Hooks, Mrs. Nannie Combs	257	147	23	46	2	11	10	55,000	6,807.62	160.00	463.00	598.00	60.00		35.00	
Reedy Branch	Mrs. Effie Jones, Mrs. Olive Haddock	294	168	63	30	7	8	25	133,000	6,500.00	100.00	786.00	527.00	39.60	9.90	418.00	209.00
Rose Hill	Mr. Randolph Harris, Mrs. Leo Tripp	220	115	22	17	4	4	20	65,000	5,280.00	464.00	452.00	650.00			607.00	319.00
Winterville		211	146	45	44	3	3	10	60,000	5,720.00	225.00	1,833.93	863.79	225.00		484.00	20.00
GREENE COUNTY																	
Free Union	Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Sally Murphy, Ida Jones, Alma Hinson	314	222	70	15	3	15		105,000	6,560.00	400.00	2,539.00	909.00				
Friendship	Mrs. J. O. Beaman, Mrs. Walter Lovie, Mrs. C. Little	249	210	80	37	10	3	25		1,800.00	450.00	1,497.16	510.54	100.00	2.00	509.00	71.00
Grimsley	Mr. Jasper Lee, Jones, Mr. Blaney Harper	81	81	22	22	3	2	10	30,000	3,799.17	225.00	551.15	421.76	188.25		625.47	144.26
Harrell's Chapel	Mr. Allen Sumrell, Mrs. Anna Bell Marshburn	180	195	30	24	12	4	10	40,000	5,980.00	300.00	700.00	650.00	75.00	25.00	470.50	62.00
Howell Swamp	Carl Cobb	129			1	4	10		40,000	1,875.00	100.00	250.00	218.00	60.00		805.00	10.00
Hull Road	Miss Evelyn Hill, Mrs. Emma M. Phillips, Mrs. Bessie Woodall	440	154	30	12	17	20		95,000	6,530.00	320.00	1,204.95	2,052.86	50.00		50.00	
Little Creek		133	96	29	20	3	10		65,000	2,825.00	120.00	325.00	424.50	100.00		1,331.75	100.00
Maury														25.00	25.00	71.00	50.00
Saints Delight	Mr. Edward Bowen, Mr. J. R. Martin	90	88	16				10			200.00	30.00				30.00	
Ormondsville	Mr. Charlie Beamon, Mr. Ray Dock Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Proctor	174	122	40	4	3	10		50,000	4,800.00	265.00	1,573.00	360.00	60.00		430.00	130.00
Spring Branch		225	110	27				25	4,700	1,110.00	280.00	682.46	500.00	95.00		120.00	15.00
EDGEWATER COUNTY																	
Rocky Mount, First		142	87	14	11	2	10		75,000	6,056.96	150.00	200.00	125.00				
Tarboro, First	Mrs. Howard Evans, Mrs. Billy Trevathan	323	214	40	60	17	18	20	113,500	6,033.33	200.00	634.18	447.50	50.00	50.00	225.00	100.00
Otter's Creek	Mrs. Leslie Moore, Mrs. Eva Causey	74	72	22	14	4	5		50,000	1,595.00	300.00	533.65	135.00	75.00		645.00	85.00
Peace		101	125	26	67	1	10		40,000	2,030.00	265.00	411.65	160.00			110.00	42.00
Edgewood														61.57	25.00	422.41	
LENOIR COUNTY																	
LaGrange	Ivey Smith, Mrs. Thurman Brown	83	89	15	16	4	5		34,000	6,300.00	300.00	233.07					
Faith	Mrs. Bertha Harris	98	144	24	6	3	10		22,400	2,400.00	100.00	614.00	437.27		1,065.00	228.98	40.00
Hugo														50.00		185.00	
HALIFAX COUNTY																	
Dawson's Grove	Mr. James Howard	30	28	9		1			25,000	1,500.00	137.85	150.00	260.00				
Roanoke Rapids		24	26	6	4	4	10									391.00	20.00
WILSON COUNTY																	
Aspen Grove	Mr. A. G. Mangum	177	159	45	18		7	10	70,000	2,400.00	278.48	2,275.15	297.00				
Daniels Chapel	Charles W. Pittman Jr., Nelma Pope	316	203	23	22	5	20		167,000	6,865.00	300.00	700.00	500.00	68.88	41.83	294.43	63.25
Owen's Chapel	Donald Webb	195	152	46	21	5	9	10		5,525.00	375.00	514.00	161.00	120.00	25.00	750.00	100.00
Saratoga	Mrs. Beasley Beamon, Mrs. E. Brice	158	75	14	3	3	10		50,000	3,985.00	100.00	480.53	737.60	60.00	25.00	436.00	
MARTIN COUNTY																	
Cedar Grove														19.72		194.84	3.60
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan	168	110	12	12	2	10		20,000	2,500.00	250.00	100.00	247.79	20.00		135.00	
Williamston, First	Harry Lee Rogerson	23	63	22	3	1	5		30,000	4,950.00	200.00	319.04	50.00	15.00	1,571.00	125.00	
WAYNE COUNTY																	
Walnut Creek		77	89		5	3	5		80,000	1,490.00	150.00	200.00	210.00	100.00		300.00	
Watery Branch																	
BEAUFORT COUNTY																	
Piney Grove		47	51	12	2	10			15,000	1,430.00	100.00	307.68	100.26	18.75		87.00	

Churches	Paid to Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
PITT COUNTY				
Ayden	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethany				
Black Jack		794.34	1,874.43	11,391.30
Dilda's Grove	14.00	9,455.39	12,559.41	37,000.40
Elm Grove		669.41	1,809.27	8,178.13
Greenville, First		1,001.24	1,085.82	12,943.40
Gum Swamp				
Hickory Grove	24.00	2,079.21	664.94	22,981.98
King's Cross Roads	56.89	330.96	1,564.11	7,156.33
Marlboro		566.09		9,836.36
Pleasant Hill			3,848.88	10,843.88
Piney Grove		2,000.00	50.00	5,470.00
Reedy Branch		229.38	2,765.10	12,672.60
Rose Hill		3,622.00	4,671.00	17,132.00
Winterville	10.00	3,185.20	580.00	76,370.00
GREENE COUNTY				
Free Union		1,196.39	1,925.64	16,710.93
Friendship	4.00	7,861.00	2,900.00	24,658.00
Grimsley		19,702.99	3,582.67	28,501.34
Harrell's Chapel	20.00	168.58	1,438.23	7,256.39
Howell Swamp		2,600.00	3,115.00	14,230.00
Hull Road		48.04	696.01	3,297.05
Little Creek	40.00	4,151.23	3,826.33	19,657.12
Mauzy		837.26	2,286.39	6,989.15
Saints Delight				
Ormondsville		90.80	200.00	620.80
Spring Branch		7,436.00	3,534.00	18,636.00
EDGECOMBE COUNTY	10.00	419.60	403.04	5,854.56
Rocky Mount, First				
Tarboro, First		1,503.25	4,870.14	13,330.35
Otter's Creek	50.00	337.09	18,046.66	26,603.76
Peace		2,561.48	1,106.84	6,388.97
Edgewood		553.11	2,177.21	6,105.95
LENOIR COUNTY				
LaGrange				
Faith				
Hugo		522.16	261.29	9,973.96
HALIFAX COUNTY	48.00	2,242.55	1,080.39	7,197.21
Dawson's Grove				
Roanoke Rapids	10.00	3,742.46	310.24	7,315.74
Community				
WILSON COUNTY				
Aspen Grove	33.19	18,000.00	2,413.22	26,175.43
Daniels Chapel	90.00	1,380.29	19,343.46	30,173.25
Owen's Chapel		4,541.00	2,488.00	14,125.00
Saratoga	2.60	454.37	559.14	7,399.47
MARTIN COUNTY				
Cedar Grove				
Rose of Sharon				4,100.00
Williamston, First			463.74	7,693.78
WAYNE COUNTY				
Walnut Creek		2,111.30	557.77	4,969.07
Watery Branch				
BEAUFORT COUNTY				
Piney Grove		319.00	324.75	2,697.44

continue to have these in order for our ministry of child care to be successful.

Open-Door Visitation Policy

We always appreciate your letters, cards, gifts, contributions, and any other way you may remember our children. However, it means much greater understanding and appreciation if you can visit us in person and know that you have had a part in making their lives more meaningful. You have a standing invitation to visit on campus, to observe the operation of the Home, and to discuss any questions which may be of concern to you. Please be assured that you will be given a hearty welcome.

Our Children

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, since 1920 when the first children were admitted, has continued to provide a home for those committed to its care. A total of 66 children are now making their home with us, 65 on campus and one in higher education.

Director of Campus Life

The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey became director of campus life in February of this year. His duties are varied, but generally deal with the lives of the children. Medical, dental, emotional, and social phases of the child-care program at the Home are under his direction. The superintendent deals primarily with administrative duties, while the director of campus life is concerned with the actual care and supervision of staff and children.

Religious Program

The religious program of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home is planned to meet the needs of our children in the best possible way. Realizing that many have very difficult problems, there is a great need to restore to each child the feeling that he is loved. The Rev. Terry Woodard serves as the pastor of Memorial Chapel and also as the director of the religious life on campus.

November Is Children's Home Month

Again this year, the month of November has been designated as "Children's Home Month" and Sunday, November 19, as "Children's Home Day" by the North Carolina State Convention. We urge each church and other organizations to give at least \$1 per member as a special Thanksgiving gift to the Home. An honor roll of all organizations who send this amount will be published in *The Free Will Baptist* and all gifts will be reported in our *Newsletter*.

Report of Contributions and Suggested Quotas

Attached hereto is a report of the contributions received from this district during last year, compared with those of the year before, and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1972-1973. The suggested quotas are based on the suggested conference quotas as approved by the North Carolina State Convention on September 13, 1972. They are based upon our needs

for general operating funds in order to meet our budget of \$223,500, which is very much in line with the last year's budget. If each church will meet its challenge, we will have raised the \$200,400 needed in religious contributions. Please help your church meet this challenge.

The following is a report of gifts received from the Central Conference for 1971-72 compared with 1970-71 and the suggested quotas for 1972-73. These quotas are based upon the increase in the cost of living and the ever-growing needs of our children.

Churches	1971-72	1970-71	Suggested Quotas 1972-73
Aspen Grove	\$ 1,981.50	\$ 1,581.80	\$ 2,500.00
Ayden	822.88	945.00	1,500.00
Bethany	490.34	766.82	1,000.00
Black Jack	2,866.82	2,191.14	3,000.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	100.00	200.00
Community	775.24	287.42	1,000.00
Daniels Chapel	887.75	845.00	1,200.00
Dilda's Grove	1,049.14	615.00	1,200.00
Dawson's Grove	148.00	228.00	500.00
Edgewood	28.00	452.88	800.00
Elm Grove	631.61	504.75	800.00
Faith	232.64	40.00	300.00
Free Union	2,544.42	1,967.45	3,000.00
Friendship	1,687.16	1,438.82	2,000.00
Greenville	641.50	1,015.00	1,500.00
Grimsley	506.15	362.15	700.00
Gum Swamp	1,437.50	872.21	1,500.00
Harrell's Chapel	609.75	617.00	900.00
Hickory Grove	987.52	584.72	1,500.00
Howell Swamp	314.12	298.34	500.00
Hugo	689.00	322.95	800.00
Hull Road	1,414.95	1,361.67	1,800.00
King's Cross Roads	1,455.86	1,743.54	2,200.00
LaGrange	395.00	312.41	500.00
Little Creek	430.00	348.87	600.00
Marlboro	395.14	45.00	500.00
Ormondsville	1,370.15	1,461.84	1,600.00
Otter's Creek	433.65	125.93	600.00
Owen's Chapel	619.22	556.81	800.00
Peace	376.80	403.00	600.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	258.45	399.62	800.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	523.60	735.98	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	511.00	110.00	600.00
Reedy Branch	1,099.30	1,075.57	1,200.00
Roanoke Rapids	20.25		150.00

Rocky Mount	200.00	152.50	300.00
Rose Hill	456.70	617.58	800.00
Rose of Sharon	190.00	345.00	500.00
Saints Delight	61.50	47.00	150.00
Saratoga	832.73	478.96	1,000.00
Spring Branch	1,332.46	432.94	1,500.00
Sweet Gum Grove	651.00	509.95	900.00
Tarboro	518.30	423.94	800.00
Walnut Creek	250.00	300.00	500.00
Watery Branch	207.00	100.00	300.00
Williamston	326.11	122.90	400.00
Winterville	1,797.77	2,008.31	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	985.67	417.20	1,000.00
	<u>\$36,533.40</u>	<u>\$30,693.22</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 6)

Balance in Checking Account in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Snow Hill, N. C., November 10, 1971 \$ 681.45

Receipts

From 1971 Conference \$571.55
 From Three Churches since the 1971 Conference 30.00
Total Receipts 601.55
Total for Which to Account \$1,283.00

Disbursements

Christian Action League, Raleigh, N. C. \$ 25.00
 Conference Clerk's Salary 35.00
 Conference Executive Committee and Other Travel Expenses 68.98
 Free Will Baptist Children's Home Offering Received at 1971 Conference 45.30
 Mount Olive College Offering Received at the 1971 Conference 76.95
 Supplies 52.01
 1971 Conference Minutes 299.52
Total Disbursements 602.76

Balance to Account for in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.,
 Checking Account No. 5-073-089, November 8, 1972 \$ 680.24

Other Central Conference Assets

*Deposit Loan Certificates with the Church Finance Association and 1970 Interest \$4,634.06

*1971 Interest on Loan Certificates and Compounded
Interest with the Church Finance Association

163.78

Total Assets for Which the Conference Treasurer Is
Responsible

\$5,478.08

*These securities are in deposit box No. 82 in Wachovia Bank and Trust
Co., Snow Hill, North Carolina. This deposit box is listed in the
name of Leonard B. Woodall Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard B. Woodall Jr., *Treasurer*

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 7)

Reading from the constitution of the Central Conference, portions
from Articles I and II:

"This Conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers
and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and all general
officers, and members of standing boards and committees of the Confer-
ence. . . .

"Each church shall represent with one delegate for each hundred mem-
bers or fraction thereof."

Therefore, we, the credentials committee, submit the following partial
report:

1. We recommend that all delegates who have properly registered for
the 224th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1972
session.

2. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing be seat-
ed.

3. We further recommend that all ministers and delegates having
identification cards and having been registered be seated.

4. The following have registered today: Central Conference ministers,
21; visiting ministers, 12; delegates, 53; churches represented, 29; licensed
ministers, 2; and ministers by letter, 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph H. Lehmann
Leo Tripp

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 8)

Balance, July 1, 1971

\$4,908.66

Receipts

Churches (including S.S., W.A., etc.)
Second Union Meeting

\$3,283.97
45.85

Daisy Moore Estate (see Nov. 4, 1970 minutes)	184.15
Interest on Savings	205.28

Total Receipts	3,719.25
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Total for Which to Account	8,627.91
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Disbursements

Roanoke Rapids Church	
Annual Payment and Interest	\$ 702.45
Pastoral Supplement	1,325.00
Insurance on Property	30.60
Total Disbursements	2,058.05

Balance in Bank and Savings Account	\$6,569.86
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(NOTE: Of the balance stated above, \$6,000 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.)

The final payment on the Conference property at Roanoke Rapids is due February 22, 1973, in the amount of \$630, plus interest for one year.

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

Church	Amount	Church	Amount
Ayden	\$ 5.00	LaGrange	5.00
Aspen Grove	5.00	Little Creek	
Bethany	5.00	Marlboro	5.00
Black Jack	1,151.83	Mary	
Cedar Grove		Otter's Creek	
Community	38.96	Ormondsville	39.00
Daniels Chapel	5.00	Owen's Chapel	88.00
Dawson's Grove		Peace	15.00
Dilda's Grove	58.90	Piney Grove (Beaufort)	55.00
Edgewood	124.21	Piney Grove (Pitt)	5.00
Elm Grove	210.92	Pleasant Hill	5.00
Faith		Reedy Branch	
Free Union	5.00	Rose Hill	5.00
Friendship	130.00	Roanoke Rapids	
Greenville	5.00	Rocky Mount	5.00
Grimsley		Rose of Sharon	10.00
Gum Swamp	167.00	Saratoga	15.00
Harrell's Chapel	5.00	Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
Hickory Grove	110.09	Spring Branch	5.00
Howell Swamp	5.00	Saints Delight	
Hugo	5.00	Tarboro	230.00
Hull Road	30.00	Watery Branch	
King's Cross Roads	95.34	Walnut Creek	

Church	Amount	Other	Amount
Williamston		Second Union Meeting	45.85
Winterville	629.72	Daisy Moore Estate	184.15
		Interest Earned	205.28
Total, Churches (S.S., W.A., etc.)	3,283.97	Grand Total	\$3,719.25

We, your Mission Board, would like to express our sincere appreciation to each church that has supported our Conference mission program this year, and to each church, which in past years, has backed up our efforts with your prayers and support.

In our 1962 report, your board reported a three-phase program. This program was by faith, as the contributions that year amounted to only \$631.12.

- (1) Maintain a "watch care" assistance program for the new church at Weldon.
- (2) Stand ready to assist any church in our conference that might need help because of conditions that existed at the time.
- (3) "Establish new mission points in the coming year" since "there are many towns in the conference that do not have a Free Will Baptist church. To establish work there requires money, materials, and dedicated workers."

Your board has done its best. In the words of St. Paul, we have not been "disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (see Acts 26:19) of the motto that was established ten years ago, "An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town."

Your board desires to see this vision come true. We believe many of our churches and the vast majority of our faithful Free Will Baptist members in this conference desire this also. There is one big problem "... The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38).

Today, this should be the number one goal of our Conference—to answer the Macedonian call of our young church at Roanoke Rapids. (See Acts 16:9.) Pray that someone will have a transforming vision like Isaiah and say, "Here am I; send me" (see Isaiah 6:8).

Respectfully submitted,
 Albert Proctor, *Chairman*
 The Rev. R. T. Sasser, *Treasurer*
 The Rev. L. E. Ballard
 The Rev. Vance Link
 Daniel Barrow

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

(Number 9)

Our historical collection continues to grow.

We wish to announce that Mount Olive College has purchased a machine that can reproduce any articles which you may have and do not want to give to our collection. If you will loan the article to us, we can make a copy and then will return your copy to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Number 10)

The nominating committee reports the following nominations to the various boards and committees of the conference:

Moderator: the Rev. Jack Mayo

Assistant Moderator: the Rev. James Lupton

Clerk: the Rev. Hubert Burress

Assistant Clerk: the Rev. James Pittman

Treasurer: the Rev. L. B. Woodall

Executive Board: the Rev. N. B. Barrow

Board of Ordination: the Rev. F. B. Cherry (1977)

Board of Trustees: A. G. Mangum (1977)

Board of Missions: the Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)

Board of Finance: Steve Little (1977)

Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: W. S. Wooten (1974)

Credentials Committee: the Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1975)

Obituary Committee: Mrs. J. T. Beddard (1975)

Conference Historian: Mrs. H. L. Spivey

Publicity: the Rev. Walter Reynolds

Church Finance Association: Wayne Dixon

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Manning, *Chairman*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Number 11)

Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to our host church for its many acts of kindness and Christian hospitality during this conference.

Be it resolved that we, the Central Conference, express our disapproval of X-rated films and request the theatres of our area to please cease showing such films. Also, that a copy of this resolution be given to the news agency of our area. We further resolve that a letter be sent from the moderator and clerk to the various theatres, when their addresses and names are fur-

nished. Also, that we request all Central Conference members to refrain from viewing such films.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. Barrow

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 12)

The temperance committee makes the following recommendations:

1. In accordance with our church covenant, we are to abstain from the sanction or use of intoxicating beverages: (a) Let us involve ourselves in the area of social and political action; and (b) support the Christian Action League in its battle against this deadly drug.

2. Since drugs are becoming a problem of increasing proportions, we recommend that our people become involved in the fight against the drug traffic by cooperating with law enforcement, by informing themselves, by sharing information with others (especially, youth and children) of the dangers of drugs.

3. Since X-rated movies are being shown more and more publicly, we recommend that this Conference appoint a committee to contact the state attorney general for information on ways and means to prevent nudity from being exposed to the general public from drive-in movies.

4. We recommend that this conference contribute \$25. to the Christian Action League to help in our battle against drugs and alcohol.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Crisp

James Lupton

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REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Number 13)

Since the last conference, the Ordaining Council has had many meetings for the examination and ordination of candidates for the ministry.

On April 6 the council met and examined Danny Braswell of Owen's Chapel church. The council recommended that his church grant him license to preach for one year.

On May 30 the council met to examine Clinton Davis and Gary Bailey for ordination. The examinations were satisfactory and it was decided to ordain Clinton Davis on July 5 at Harrell's Chapel church and Gary Bailey on July 5 at Rose of Sharon church. This was done.

On June 18 the council met to examine Scott Sowers from Hull Road church. The examination was satisfactory, and the council recommended that Hull Road grant him a license to preach for one year.

On November 8 the council met at the Friendship church. The Rev. Larry Barbour requested transfer from the Albemarle Conference, the Rev. Walter Reynolds requested transfer from the Cape Fear, and the Rev. Bobby

Bazen requested transfer from the Cape Fear. The council voted to recommend to the conference that Brother Reynolds and Brother Barbour be received with their letters, and Brother Bazen be received, pending a letter from his conference.

The Rev. Tom Miller, pastor of the Grimsley church, was questioned, and the council voted to recommend his reception, pending a letter from the General Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The Rev. Cary Cheshire has turned in his credentials as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister.

The Rev. Dallas Carter has turned in his credentials as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister

Licensed ministers are as follows: Randy Everton, Danny Hooks, Danny Braswell, Scott Sowers, and William Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,
F. B. Cherry, *Chairman*
Willis Wilson, *Secretary*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 14)

Raised by Church Letters \$475.00

Disbursements

Hubert Burress, Clerk's Salary	\$ 35.00
Hubert Burress and L. B. Woodall, Expenses	38.32
Board of Ordination	43.68

Total Disbursements	117.00
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Balance	\$358.00
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Respectfully submitted,
L. B. Woodall Jr.
Mrs. Randolph Harris

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 15)

We, the credentials committee, report the total registration of the 1972 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers Present	26
Visiting Ministers Present	16
Delegates Present	68
Churches Representing	31
Licensed Ministers	2
Ministers by Letter	2

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Tripp

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 Founda-

tion 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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