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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. Larry Barbour, Saratoga, 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. Charles Crisp (1978) Rev. Floyd B. Cherry (1977)
Rev. James Lupton (1976) Rev. Willis Wilson (1975)
Rev. C. L. Patrick (1974)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Richard Owens (1978) A. G. Mangum (1977)
Mrs. Carl Barrow (1976) Rufus Harrell (1975)
Earl Skinner (1974)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978) Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)
Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1976) Albert Proctor (1975)
Daniel Barrow (1974)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Steve Little (1978) 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 (1975)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. R. P. Harris (1974) Leo Tripp (1976)
Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1975)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

L. B. Manning (1976)

Rev. E. C. Morris (1974)

Mrs. J. T. Beddard (1975)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1974)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1974)

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 Princesa
Palawan, Philippines

Rev. Vance Link

P. O. Box 517
Eagle Pass, Texas 78852

Roll of Churches with Clerks and Addresses

PITT COUNTY

Ayden—

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—Rupert Jay Boswell, Route 8, Box 618, 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

Greenville, First—William R. Hall, 205 Lewis Street, Greenville 27834

GREENE COUNTY

Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg 27888

Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville 27828

Grimsley—Mrs. Imogene Wood, Route 1, Ayden 28513

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

Howell Swamp—James E. Shackelford, Box 25, Walstonburg 27888

Hull Road—Joel Harrison, Box 644, Snow Hill 28580

Little Creek—Mrs. Wanda T. Forrest, Route 1, Box 354, 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

Edgewood—

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

Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops 27864

Rocky Mount—Charles E. Bennett, 713 Cedar Brooks Drive, Rocky Mount 27801

Tarboro—Mrs. Lillie Mae Case, 2203 Panola Street, Tarboro 27886

LENOIR COUNTY

Faith—Mrs. Lucy Smith, Route 2, Box 615, Kinston 28501

Hugo—Mrs. Howard Holt, Route 1, Kinston 28501

LaGrange—Mrs. Joyce Cherry, LaGrange 28551

WAYNE COUNTY

Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 4, Box 301, LaGrange 28551

WILSON COUNTY

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

Daniels Chapel—John C. Anera, 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. James Bunch, 118 Pine Street, Williamston 27892

Cedar Grove—

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Pine 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—

Roanoke Rapids—

Roll of Ministers

	1972	1973
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	F	P
*R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	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		P
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		
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
*C. J. Harris, 21135 S. View Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	A
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	A
Lt. Col. J. B. Narron, PSC 1, Box 1253, APO San Francisco, California 96286	A	L
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	L	P
Michael Pelt, Route 4, Box 363, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	L
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 637, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	A
Edward Miles, Box 2216, New Bern, N. C. 28560	P	A
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	A
Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	
Jack Mayo, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 3, Dudley, N. C. 28333	P	A
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823		A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	L
Joe Barrow, 5200 S. Buckner Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75227	A	L
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Kemery Ard, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Joseph H. Lehmann, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828	P	A
James Lupton, P. O. Box 514, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Walter Pollard, 1200 Broad Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	L
Charles Edwin Branch, Route 1, Box 290, Winterville, N. C. 28590	L	L
Charles Crisp, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	P

N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	P
E. C. Morris, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
H. Adrian Grubbs, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	A	L
Chris Singleton, LaGrange, N. C. 28551	A	A
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	A
Donald Venable, 1424 Rosewood Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	L
Clinton Davis, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580		A
Gary Bailey, Route 4, Box 382, Williamston, N. C. 27892		L
Larry Barbour, Box 637, Saratoga, N. C. 27873		P
Walter Reynolds, 401 New Circle Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513		P
Bobby Bazem, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C. 27834		P
Tom Miller, Hookerton, N. C. 28538		P
Harry A. Jones, 703 Montague Avenue, Ayden, N. C. 28513		P
Scott Sowers, Route 1, Box 236-C, Greenville, N. C. 27834		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

Randy Everton	William Murphy
Danny Hooks	Dale Albertson
Danny Braswell	David Cauley

(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 225th annual session with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 7, 8, 1973. The Rev. N. D. Beaman served as song leader for the conference with the Rev. R. P. Harris as organist.

The clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress, officially opened the conference and presented the Rev. Jack Mayo, moderator, who presided over this session of the conference.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey.

The welcoming address was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow, host pastor, with the Rev. L. B. Manning responding.

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

At this time the moderator addressed the conference.

A special prayer was prayed at this time thanking God for the defeat of the Liquor-by-the-Drink Referendum on November 6, 1973.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions: the Rev. L. B. Manning, the Rev. Larry Barbour, and George Welton.

Temperance: the Revs. Walter Reynolds, Kemery Ard, and James Lupton.

Nominating: Randolph Harris, the Revs. E. C. Morris, and R. P. Harris.

Parliamentarian: the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

Visiting ministers were recognized at this time as follows: Western Conference—the Revs. Ralph Aycock, Billy Jordon, James Joyner, and Willard Poythress; Eastern Conference—the Revs. D. W. Hansley and Walter Sutton; Cape Fear Conference—the Revs. Larry Coats, Stewart Humphrey, and James A. Evans; Albemarle Conference—the Rev. Robert Rollins; Piedmont Conference—the Rev. O. B. Jones; Pentecostal Holiness—the Rev. Calvin Trueblood.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation 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 Executive Committee was given by the clerk and adopted by motion. (See report No. 3.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, Sam Weeks. (See report No. 4.)

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. (See report No. 5.)

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

A partial report of the Credentials committee was given by the Rev. R. P. Harris.

An offering for the Children's Home was received in the amount of \$86.60.

The morning worship service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Sutton. The message subject was "The Elements of Faith," with Scripture taken from Hebrews 4:14.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Larry Barbour.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Revs. N. D. Beaman and E. C. Morris. The report was adopted. By motion the 1973 minutes are to be dedicated to the Rev. Jimmy Pittman. (See report No. 7.)

The Rev. Bobby Bazen 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 only one day (Thursday). The motion was passed.

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

A motion was made and passed to amend the motion to read Wednesday session instead of Thursday.

A motion was passed to lay on the table the Constitution and Bylaws with the following changes:

Constitution, Article IX: The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Wednesday 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.

Bylaws, 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 in the morning session and acted on in the afternoon session.

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

A report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by the Rev. F. B. Cherry, president. Report received as information.

The report of the Central Conference Historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey. Report received as information.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 9.)

A motion was made and passed to send \$50 to the Christian Action League.

A motion was made and passed for the Executive Committee to approve the minutes for the day.

The Wednesday's session of the Central Conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. F. B. Cherry.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning devotional was conducted by the Rev. Harry A. Jones.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. Larry Barbour. (See report No. 10.)

A motion was made and passed to remove from the table the motion tabled the day before dealing with changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the conference.

A motion was made and passed to table indefinitely the Constitution and Bylaws' changes.

A partial verbal report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. F. B. Cherry.

The report of the Foreign Missions Board was given by the Rev. Joe Ingram. He reported that the Central Conference gave to foreign missions \$24,155.20 for the 1972-73 church year. The report was received as information.

The report of the Church Extension Board was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. The report was received as information.

The report of Mount Olive College was given by the president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. He reported that the Central Conference churches gave to the college \$34,025.88 during the 1972-73 church year. The report was received as information.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 11.)

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Randolph Harris. (See report No. 12.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Randolph Harris. (See report No. 13.)

The final report of the Ordaining Council was received in the mail from the secretary, the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 14.)

A motion was made and passed that the Ordaining Council have authority to receive ministers on behalf of the conference and grant to them all rights and privileges of the conference.

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

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. L. B. Manning. His subject was "The Love and Blood of Christ," with Scripture taken from Revelation 1:5.

An offering was received for Mount Olive College in the amount of \$33.50.

A motion was made and passed for the Ordaining Council to receive all letters of transfer of ministers and advise the clerk to add or drop names on the list of ministers.

The name of the Rev. Austin Carter was dropped from the list of ministers for nonattendance.

The 225th session of the Central Conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Jack Mayo, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burriss, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Report No. 1)

Your support and prayers have helped make this another good year in our work, and for this we are very grateful. We need the continued support of Free Will Baptist people so we can continue rendering service to our denomination.

This year the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is celebrating one hundred years of service. Looking back upon the past we hope that you realize what the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation has meant to our church. For years this was the only institution giving any identity to our work. As we reflect on the past we cannot ignore the future for there is much to be done. This institution is ours and we can well be proud of its accomplishments. The Lord has given guidance and help in times of need so that progress has continued. However, in these days of unrest, rising prices, and ever-increasing inflation, we must continue to seek the Lord's help and guidance.

Even though the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation doesn't depend upon contributions, we still depend upon you to support us. The Press Foundation is a business and we need your patronage, but more than this, this institution is a service agency to our denomination. The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is *ours—yours and mine*—and as such, we should seek to make it the very best institution possible.

In celebration of our "One Hundredth Anniversary," we are offering you, from now until December 31, 1973, a one (1) year subscription to "The Free Will Baptist" for \$2, plus tax (limit one subscription per person). Every Free Will Baptist should be receiving this publication into their home.

We invite you to visit one of our bookstores: Ayden Bible and Bookstore, 811 North Lee Street, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, telephone 746-6128; New Bern Bible and Bookstore, 213 Middle Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone 638-6193; Smithfield Bible and Bookstore, 122 South Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, telephone 934-7149; and Wilson Bible and Bookstore, 1101 Downing Street (Five Points), Wilson, North Carolina 27893, telephone 243-4982.

We invite 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 anytime. 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, and 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

(Report No. 2)

We are very grateful for your prayers and support for the work of the Board of Superannuation.

Even though this was another good year in our work, we still need more funds to increase every phase of our program. We need to meet our budget of thirty thousand dollars in gifts from our churches. This past year we received less than half of this amount.

There seems to be an increase in interest among our ministers, and more and more are participating in one or more phases of the program. While this is good, there are many not participating; and, we urge all of our ministers to take advantage of the program offered them.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

1. Pray for the work of superannuation and for the members of the Board of Superannuation. Pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. Remember the request of the State Convention that our churches assist their pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program with minimum assistance as follows:

- a. A full-time church pays \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.
- b. A part-time church pays \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

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

3. Be sure your church is making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Include the work of superannuation 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

<i>Church</i>	<i>Contribution</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
Aspen Grove	\$ 48.88	\$ 175.00
Ayden	150.00	225.00
Bethany		75.00
Black Jack	175.74	575.00
Cedar Grove		75.00
Community		200.00
Daniels Chapel	120.00	275.00
Dawson's Grove		50.00
Dilda's Grove	150.75	150.00
Edgewood	120.00	150.00
Elm Grove	94.37	250.00
Faith		125.00
Free Union	62.37	275.00
Friendship	269.00	225.00
Greenville, First	50.00	175.00
Grimsley	52.50	75.00
Gum Swamp	50.00	325.00
Harrell's Chapel	33.15	150.00
Hickory Grove	90.59	100.00
Howell Swamp	50.00	125.00
Hugo	60.75	75.00
Hull Road	175.00	400.00
King's Cross Roads	22.89	175.00
LaGrange	50.00	100.00
Little Creek	25.00	100.00
Marlboro	10.00	225.00
Maury		50.00
Ormondsville	65.00	150.00
Otter's Creek	51.66	50.00
Owen's Chapel	129.36	200.00
Peace	99.77	100.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)		50.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	56.55	250.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	100.00
Reedy Branch	25.00	250.00
Rocky Mount, First	50.00	100.00

Rose Hill	180.00	225.00
Rose of Sharon	20.00	125.00
Saratoga	17.00	150.00
Spring Branch	115.00	200.00
Sts. Delight		50.00
Sweet Gum Grove	33.00	50.00
Tarboro, First	170.00	300.00
Walnut Creek	100.00	100.00
Watery Branch		50.00
Williamston, First		100.00
Winterville	113.00	200.00
Fourth Union Meeting	66.22	75.00
Second Union Meeting	108.50	125.00
Individuals	150.00	
	<hr/> \$3,471.05	<hr/> \$7,900.00

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Report No. 3)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in session at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, September 12, 1973. Following prayer, the program for the 1973 session of the conference was made and approved.

Present for this meeting were the Revs. Jack Mayo, James Lupton, and Hubert Burruss.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Mayo, *Moderator*
Hubert Burruss, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Report No. 4)

APPRECIATION

We sincerely appreciate the support you have given us during this past year. Financially, and in other ways, we have had one of the best years in the history of the Home. You are responsible for us being able to make such a great claim. We thank you, not only for your financial support, but for your constant prayers. Please continue to remember us and help us throughout the coming year.

OPEN-DOOR VISITATION POLICY

We always appreciate your letters, cards, gifts, contributions and any other way you may remember our children. However, it means a greater understanding and appreciation if you can visit us in person and know that

Churches
and
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 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	Paid to Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
PITT COUNTY																				
Ayden	18	84					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethany—Nobles Craft, Minnie Craft	590	456	85	2	12	19	10	100,000	6,180	150	538	891	155		276	159		1,585		11,322
Black Jack—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mills, Mrs. Thurman Boyd, Grover Smith, Marvin Smith	109	72			7	2	15	195,000	9,390	300	2,065	708	155		2,782	532		6,271	2,273	33,913
Dilda's Grove	257	174	50		3	21	15	35,000	1,840	300	929	458	171		1,005	114		5,739	1,674	12,241
Elm Grove—Mrs. Ernest Carraway, Zelbert Cox	230	164	23	9	1	10	10	124,000	6,625	240	977	863	100	10	508	156		2,790	2,540	17,220
Greenville, First—E. D. Griffin, J. D. Fleming	405	138	23	3	11	10	10	300,000	7,950	75	450	605	50		550	135		562	157	150,000
Gum Swamp—Mildred Carraway, Eva Harris, Bernice H. Clark	113	79	12	23	3	3	10	150,000	8,152	300	1,197	778	153	25	1,086	259	6	2,658	950	36,490
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Madelyn Burress	195	152	23	4	8	10	10	55,000	2,198	459	802	336	86	18	136	68	49	5,694	1,356	11,265
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. Chester Harris, I. C. Tugwell	178	138	23	3	19	9	5	60,000	3,715	290	1,119	624	28		471	345		538	13,738	
Marlboro—Mrs. Linda Beaman, Alice C. Parker, Gladys and Claude Joyner	110	72	33	20	11	6	25	85,000	6,500	562	200	425	10		232	100		600	600	10,099
Pleasant Hill—Ruby Gaskins, Ida Mae Sutton	250	89	15	37	1	12	10	35,000	4,950	125	589	100	60		100			500	1,800	8,249
Piney Grove	295	178	45	35	12	11	25	55,000	3,843	200	487	621	41	10	437	218		165	482	6,516
Reedy Branch	231	110	23	21	7	3	20	215,000	6,500	200	1,379	1,328	25		914	929		5,406	7,472	24,178
Rose Hill—Mrs. Macon Page	224	146	50	46	19	6	10	65,000	5,600	361	824	866	205		425	20	10	4,307	2,146	14,785
Winterville—Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Harris	224	146	50	46	19	6	10	60,000	5,990	225	2,401	1,007	141		3,579	588		1,176	3,976	19,085
GREENE COUNTY																				
Free Union—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath, Mrs. Alma Hinson, Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Pattie Carraway	321	231	68	9	2	15	15	125,000	7,000	425	2,202	812	72		414	171	1	15,561	5,040	31,698
Friendship—Mrs. J. D. Beaman, Mimmie Lovic, Dora Mae Little							25													
Grimsley—Blaney Harper, Jasper Jones	96	80	22	15	10	10	10	30,000	3,575	250	505	469	53	25	615	25	80	839	380	7,704
Harrell's Chapel—Ruth Ginn, Minnie Gadly	183	206	30	26	11	8	10	40,000	5,980	427	560	700	50		780	5		289	5,942	14,743
Howell Swamp—Carl Cobb	133				6	10	10	40,000	1,950	100	250	250	50		50			1,573	834	5,057
Hull Road—Mrs. Margie Barrow, Mixie Harrison, Bessie Woodall, Daniel Barrow, Earl Barrow	434	154	30	6	12	30	10	95,000	6,970	250	1,291	2,368	200		1,313	100	1,556	1,027	1,427	19,443
Little Creek	132	104	27	1	2	10	10	65,000	2,940	125	760	200	30		27	75		3,647	2,049	10,183
Maury																				
Saints Delight	35	50	15	3	10	10	10	17,000	900	200	127							450		15,320
Ormondsville—Edward Bowen, J. R. Martin	180	119	40	5	1	10	10	50,000	4,800	265	1,525	376	250		384	70		1,844	3,962	13,476
Spring Branch—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Proctor	207	110	50	5	5	25	10	47,000	2,310	265	368	366	50	15	150	15	10	613	716	1,427
EDGECOMBE COUNTY																				
Rocky Mount, First	141	85	15	3	4	10	10	75,000	6,110	360	240	256	55		431	110		2,585	3,883	14,031
Tarboro, First—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Deal, Shelby Evans, Jean Trevathan	355	249	40	50	52	20	20	113,500	7,680	250	1,658	559	175	50	744	386	25	1,055	12,925	2
Otter's Creek—Dow Ellis	87	84	20	13	8	5	10	50,000	1,585	225	591	147	52		299	34		4,845	1,347	9,125
Peace	114	123	18	23	22	4	10	4,500	2,310	300	560	200	70	25	441			3,962	9,429	17,307
Edgewood																				
LENOIR COUNTY																				
LaGrange—Kendrick Harrison	192	145	14	10	2	15	15	50,000	5,720	300	275	387	50		98	50		450	1,061	8,391
Faith—Mrs. Charlotte Gray, Mable Hill, Lucy Smith	144	107	15	21	8	5	5	45,000	5,020	300	321				178			364	117	8,476
Hugo—Bobby Letchworth	97	137	20			10	10	26,503	2,425	100	462	475	61		236	80		1,041	1,731	6,611
HALIFAX COUNTY																				
Dawson's Grove																				
Roanoke Rapids																				
Community—Robert Bland, Mary Sweat																				
WILSON COUNTY																				
Aspen Grove—Martha Suggs	178	160	47	18	4	3	10	50,000	3,000	208	2,407	313	59	52	140	89	55	4,758	2,324	13,416
Daniels Chapel—Charlie Jackson, Buddy Pittman, Donnie Pittman, Randy Owens, Vernon Howard	323	230	30	40	16	13	20	167,000	7,850	395	1,056	500	120		770	100		232	143	31,525
Owen's Chapel—Bill and Doris Webb	200	156	48	20	5	5	10	5,325	275	851	354	60	25	520				1,589	2,940	11,939
Saratoga—George W. Wilton	164	89	17	13	7	10	10	50,000	5,800	220	488	649	19		178	4		944	2,532	10,832
MARTIN COUNTY																				
Cedar Grove																				
Pose of Sharon—Simon Gardner, Jasper Cowan	138	136			3	3	10	20,000	2,500	250	195	143	20		120					
Williamston, First—Nellie Rogerson, Rebecca Rogerson	38	81	20	14	1	5	5	50,000	5,250	295	121	131		1,355	25			6,221	3,344	16,743
WAYNE COUNTY																				
Walnut Creek	75	88			2	1	10	80,000	1,470	165	177	360	150	50	150			3,467	1,333	7,322
Watery Branch																				
BEAUFORT COUNTY																				
Piney Grove																				

you have had a part in making their life more meaningful. You have a standing invitation to visit on campus, to observe the operation of the Home, and to discuss any questions that may be of concern to you. Please be assured that you will be given a hearty welcome.

CHILDREN

At the present time, there is a total of 73 children on our rolls. One of the 73 is in college this year. During the past year, there have been 17 children admitted and 9 were discharged, resulting in an increased membership of 8. Of the 9 discharges, 5 had reached their eighteenth birthday, 3 were reunited with their families, and 1 was discharged for cause.

EMPLOYEES

The success of this Home has been, and will continue to be, dependent upon the faithfulness and dedication of the workers who are here. Working here is more than a job, it is a new way of life, which requires every minute of the day. We are very thankful for our willing, dedicated workers, for many of them have given their whole lives to this missionary effort.

At this time last year, the Home had 28 full-time employees. Job billets were reduced earlier this year to 25 employees. At the present time, we have only 23 employees, so, we are in need of two qualified houseparents now.

The Rev. Gene Britt became the director of campus life on September 1, 1973.

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

The religious program of the 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 they are loved. This is accomplished by presenting Christ to them as the answer to their problems and by our daily Christian witness.

On September 1, 1973, the Rev. D. W. Hansley became the pastor of Memorial Chapel and also the director of the religious life on campus. Memorial Chapel has grown physically and spiritually during the past year, and we are looking forward to an even greater year this next year under Mr. Hansley's pastorate. We are having Sunday school and church services each Sunday morning and Sunday evening services.

Memorial Chapel is a member in good standing of the Western Conference. Church membership has increased by ten members during the past year and we have six awaiting baptism.

FARM PROGRAM

The farm was operated for the third year under the management of Mr. J. B. Patterson. He was assisted in the farm work by our older boys. Together they have worked hard and the Lord has blessed us with good crops, for which we are thankful. The entire farm (210 acres) has been in cultivation this year. Again the tobacco was leased off the farm, providing additional acres for raising grain, which will be used to feed our livestock.

The livestock operation is of considerable value. We have 33 black Angus cows, 36 calves, and a Simmental bull. The herd has supplied nearly all our beef needs this past year and will provide it in total the next year. Our pork needs are supplied by the hogs we raise. At the present time, we have 146 head of hogs. Other livestock on the farm consists of 40 turkeys and 5 ponies. The farm has netted a significant profit for the 1972-73 crop year, about \$5,000.

Most of the older children help perform the duties on the farm. They are also encouraged to work off campus in their free time. This gives them experience at employment, contact with the community, and provides additional income to bring home.

EDUCATION

The children are doing very well in school. Last school year we only had one child who failed. All of us are looking for a better educational year ahead, for we have Mrs. Elizabeth (Ma) Hansley as our education counselor. The title of education counselor is a new one and replaces the title of school liaison coordinator. The title was changed to become more self-descriptive of the duties performed, which should avoid some confusion or misunderstanding.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Contributions from churches are about 10 percent higher than at this time last year, although higher costs of living are absorbing them. The Home will realize some money from the sale of timber; however, this money will not be available for routine use nor for operating expenses. Most of the money received from the timber sale will be used for land redevelopment and placed in an endowment fund. The interest earned from the endowment will be placed into the general funds.

FUTURE CHALLENGES — FIVE AVENUES OF SUPPORT

1. *General Funds:* A request was made of each church to include "\$6 per member per year" in their budget for the current year. Many of the churches have responded to this request, but if yours has not, please go back to your church and ask to have your budget modified accordingly.

2. *Sponsorship Program:* This program consists of providing \$660 a year or \$55 a month for the direct support of a child.

3. *Special Love Offerings:* We ask for special offerings on three occasions during the year, which are: Founders' Day (May), State Convention (September), and Thanksgiving (November). We have had a tremendous response to Founders' Day and the State Convention. The convention offering totaled over \$9,800. The State Convention has approved a recommendation that each church observe Children's Day on the second Sunday in November, which is November 11. On that day, we ask each church to take up a love offering for us and bring it to the Thanksgiving services to be held at the Home on November 17. Turkey envelopes are available for churches, if they request them.

4. *Memorial Gifts:* We have memorial gift envelopes available for any-

one who wishes to use them in memory of a friend or loved one who is deceased. We send cards of acknowledgement to the deceased's family.

5. *Endowments, Wills, or Bequests:* Persons may name the Children's Home as a beneficiary on their wills or on their insurance policy or just make an outright gift as an endowment.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. *Laundry Fire:* The laundry caught fire and suffered damage during the latter part of August. The operation of the Home was not hindered to any large degree. All laundry is currently being done in each cottage, which is an overload, but it can be absorbed on a temporary basis. The greatest loss in the fire was winter clothing which had not yet been issued to the children. The building and contents were covered by insurance, which should sustain the major portion of the loss. A decision will be made in the near future as to the disposition of the laundry. Even though it was a great material loss, we are very thankful that no one was injured in the fire.

2. *Information Medias* "The Free Will Baptist" has been and will continue to be the primary source used to provide information to the denomination. If you don't receive it, please subscribe without delay. Also, the Home publishes a quarterly newsletter during the first week of each calendar year.

3. *Coming Events at the Home:* On November 17 we will conduct Thanksgiving services at the Children's Home. This will be an all-day festivity beginning at 10 a.m. We ask each of you to come and visit us on this special day.

CLOSING REMARKS

Thank each of you so very much for your faithful support in providing "a Christian Home for boys and girls." Please come visit with us, write a letter or telephone at any time. Our doors are completely open to you and you are always welcome. Remember us in your daily prayers.

Listed below is a report of gifts received from the Central Conference for 1972-73, compared with 1971-72, and a challenge for 1973-74. The challenge is based on \$6 per church member. If a church will meet its challenge, then the Home will be able to provide for the needs of its children.

Church	1972-73	1971-72	Challenge
Aspen Grove	\$ 2,996.20	\$ 1,981.50	\$ 1,200.00
Ayden	1,643.00	822.88	1,518.00
Bethany	888.97	490.34	1,122.00
Black Jack	2,666.77	2,866.82	3,300.00
Cedar Grove	150.00	100.00	540.00
Community	701.09	775.24	1,488.00
Daniels Chapel	1,521.00	887.75	1,896.00
Dawson's Grove	85.00	148.00	180.00
Dilda's Grove	944.70	1,049.14	720.00
Edgewood	489.00	28.00	606.00
Elm Grove	1,234.06	631.61	1,236.00

Faith	425.13	232.64	498.00
Free Union	2,297.98	2,544.42	1,884.00
Friendship	1,444.30	1,687.16	1,494.00
Greenville, First	600.00	641.50	1,332.00
Grimsley	340.00	506.15	486.00
Gum Swamp	1,088.00	1,437.50	1,800.00
Harrell's Chapel	491.46	609.75	900.00
Hickory Grove	934.79	987.52	720.00
Howell Swamp	351.65	314.12	720.00
Hugo	495.30	689.00	588.00
Hull Road	1,291.59	1,414.95	1,800.00
King's Cross Roads	1,526.52	1,455.86	1,200.00
LaGrange	275.00	395.00	600.00
Little Creek	735.00	430.00	798.00
Marlboro	222.30	395.14	900.00
Ormondsville	1,075.00	1,370.15	1,024.00
Otter's Creek	680.99	433.65	480.00
Owen's Chapel	1,089.41	619.22	1,170.00
Peace	615.86	376.80	606.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	265.46	258.45	272.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	473.04	523.60	1,200.00
Pleasant Hill	494.35	511.00	690.00
Reedy Branch	1,439.32	1,099.30	1,500.00
Roanoke Rapids	55.00		114.00
Rocky Mount, First	220.00	200.00	840.00
Rose Hill	763.71	456.70	1,200.00
Rose of Sharon	472.00	190.00	900.00
Saints Delight		61.50	540.00
Saratoga	605.88	832.73	948.00
Spring Branch	633.21	1,332.46	1,200.00
Sweet Gum Grove	793.00	651.00	900.00
Tarboro, First	1,391.77	518.30	1,800.00
Walnut Creek	176.71	250.00	420.00
Watery Branch	125.00	207.00	420.00
Williamston	150.54	326.11	180.00
Winterville	2,266.22	1,797.77	1,266.00
Auxiliary Convention	257.32	54.63	200.00
Central Conference	104.28	45.30	100.00
Layman's League	50.00	423.01	100.00
Second Sunday School Convention	200.00		200.00
Second Union	45.00	48.35	50.00
Fourth Union	678.35	414.38	600.00

Totals	\$41,060.23	\$36,523.40	\$48,446.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Sam Weeks, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Report No. 5)

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 21, 1973, for this year were \$118,761.28—a record year. Another first this year was passing the one million dollar mark in loans since April 20, 1940. Total loans made now stands at \$1,072,759.99. Our deposits have increased about 15 percent, but not enough to meet the demands. We now need funds to make loans that have been approved. 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.
(5¼ percent interest paid on \$500 or more.)
3. Endowments can be set up for:
 - a. Childrens' 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 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 the 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

CENTRAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Report No. 6)

Balance in Checking Account in Wachovia Bank and Trust
Company, Snow Hill, North Carolina, November 9, 1972 \$ 680.24

Receipts

From the 1972 Conference \$ 607.64
From Two Churches Since the 1972 Conference 25.00

Total Receipts 632.64

Total for Which to Account \$1,312.88

Disbursements

Conference Clerk's Salary \$ 35.00
Conference Clerk's Expenses 28.72
Free Will Baptist Press (Conference Supplies) 14.16
Christian Action League 25.00
Free Will Baptist Press (1972 Conference Minutes) 408.91
Mount Olive College Offering 43.41
Children's Home Offering 99.28
Travel and Telephone Expenses 53.28

Total Disbursements \$ 708.06

Balance to Account For in Wachovia Bank and Trust Company,
Checking Account, No. 5-073-089, November 8, 1973 \$ 604.82

Other Central Conference Assets

*Deposit Loan Certificates and Compounded Interest with the
Church Finance Association \$4,797.84
*1972 Interest on Loan Certificates and Compounded Interest
with the Church Finance Association 239.89

Total Assets for Which the Conference Treasurer Is
Responsible \$5,642.55

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

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Treasurer

OBITUARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Report No. 7)

During the past conference year we have had only one minister to be
taken from our midst: The Rev. James Pittman. Mr. Pittman was born
August 25, 1921, and passed on to be with the Lord June 14, 1973, making
his stay on earth 51 years, 9 months, and 14 days.

Mr. Pittman was married October 30, 1943, to Miss Josephine Lanier. Surviving are his wife and four children, of which two are still at home.

Mr. Pittman was converted at the age of 12 years. He was licensed to preach the gospel on November 21, 1965, and was ordained November 10, 1966. During his ministry he served the following churches: Indian Springs, Fremont Chapel, New Sandy Hill, Piney Grove (near Kenly), and supplied at his home church, Daniels Chapel, during the hospitalization and death of its pastor, the Rev. Wilbert Everton.

Among other services of Mr. Pittman, he served his country during World War II. He was recognized as a very dedicated servant of God and a devoted father and husband.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Chapel Church with the pastor, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Graham Faucett. Burial was in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

This report was read by the committee chairman, the Rev. N. D. Beaman, followed with Scripture read from Philippians 3:7—4:1. The congregation was asked to stand in silent prayer while a stanza of "Precious Memories" was played on the organ. This was followed with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Morris.

Respectfully submitted,
N. D. Beaman, *Chairman*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

(Report No. 8)

Balance July 1, 1972		\$6,569.86
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Receipts

Churches (including Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, etc.)	\$2,759.34	
Second Union Meeting	45.00	
Interest on Savings	281.25	
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Total Receipts		3,085.59

Total for Which to Account		\$9,655.45
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Disbursements

Roanoke Rapids Church:		
Annual Payment and Interest (final payment)	\$ 668.64	
Pastoral Supplement	1,745.00	
Insurance on Property	47.60	
Mission Work	280.00	
Board Expense	30.16	
Office Expense	47.00	
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Total Disbursements		2,818.40

Balance in Bank and Savings Account, June 30, 1973 \$6,837.05
(NOTE: \$6,000 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association, Inc.)

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Report No. 9)

The Temperance Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That we commend the State Convention, individual Free Will Baptist ministers and laymen, other churches, and church people on their stand and efforts to defeat the recent Liquor-by-the-Drink referendum.
2. That we commend all people who voted against the Liquor-by-the-Drink referendum on November 6, 1973.
3. In the face of the resounding victory in the Liquor-by-the-Drink referendum, we urge you not to become complacent in the fight against intemperant evils of our society. We need to continue to involve ourselves in the area of social and political actions.
4. We urge continued cooperation and support for the Christian Action League of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds
James Lupton
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REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Report No. 10)

We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend the following resolutions to the Central Conference:

1. Be it resolved that we go on record commending this the 225th annual session of the Central Conference for its donation of \$50 to the Christian Action League.
2. Be it resolved that this body express its appreciation of thanks to the officers of the conference for a job well done.
3. Be it resolved that a rising vote of appreciation be expressed to the Marlboro Church and its pastor, the Rev. N. B. Barrow, for the wonderful hospitality extended to this 1973 session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Manning
Larry Barbour
George Welton

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Report No. 11)

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1973 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers	25
Visiting Ministers	13
Delegates	67
Churches Represented	27

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Tripp

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Report No. 12)

Raised by Church Letters \$465.00

Disbursements

Hubert Burress (clerk's salary)	\$35.00
Hubert Burress (expenses)	24.04
L. B. Woodall Jr. (expenses)	8.50
James Lupton (Ordaining Council—mileage)	10.50

Total Disbursements

78.04

Balance

\$386.96

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. Woodall Jr.
Mrs. Randolph Harris

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Report No. 13)

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

Assistant Clerk: The Rev. Larry Barbour

Board of Ordination: The Rev. Charles Crisp (1978)

Board of Trustees: Mrs. Richard E. Owens (1978)

Board of Missions: The Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978)

Board of Finance: Mr. Steve Little (1978)

Representatives of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Mrs. Floyd Harris (1975)

Credentials Committee: Mr. Leo Tripp (1976)

Obituary Committee: The Rev. L. B. Manning (1976)

Conference Historian: Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1974)

Publicity Chairman: The Rev. Walter Reynolds (1974)

Stock in Church Finance Association, Inc.: Mr. Wayne Dixon (1974)

Missionaries: The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, Quemada, Texas

Respectfully submitted

Randolph Harris

E. C. Morris

R. P. Harris

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Report No. 14)

The Ordaining Council has had several meetings since the last conference. Several men have come before this group either to be examined for licenses or ordination to preach the gospel.

On March 26, the council met with the Rev. Henry Hagans. Mr. Hagans wanted to join this conference. He comes to us from the National Association and is being called to work with the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church. By motion it was decided by the council to receive him into full fellowship with our conference.

On May 30, the council met at the Press to examine Scott Sowers for ordination. The examination was satisfactory and it was decided to ordain Mr. Sowers on Sunday, July 1, 1973, at the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church.

In the meeting on May 30, Brother Dale Albertson from Daniels Chapel Church appeared before the council requesting license to preach. By motion it was decided to ask Daniels Chapel Church to grant him license to preach for one year.

On September 19, the council met at the Press. The Rev. Larry Coates, pastor of Faith Church near Kinston, brought with him a young man, David Cauley, to be examined for license. By motion it was decided to ask Faith Church to grant him a license to preach for one year.

Licensed ministers are as follows: Randy Everton, Danny Hooks, Danny Braswell, William Murphy, Dale Albertson, and David Cauley.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Cherry, Chairman

Willis Wilson, Secretary

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.

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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.

