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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

FOR 1974—1976

MODERATOR

Rev. James Lupton, Pikeville, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Gary Bailey, Pikeville, N. C.

CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Larry Barbour, Saratoga, N. C.

TREASURER

Mr. S. N. Highsmith, Greenville, N. C.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. James Lupton

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Hubert Burress

Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Rev. Gary Bailey

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. C. L. Patrick (1979)

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1978)

Rev. Floyd Cherry (1977)

Rev. James Lupton (1976)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1975)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Donald Venable (1979)

Mrs. Richard Owens (1978)

Mr. A. G. Mangum (1977)

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1976)

Mr. Rufus Harrell (1975)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Jack Mayo (1979)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978)

Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1976)

Mr. Albert Proctor (1975)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1979)

Mr. Steve Little (1978)

Rev. Kemery Aid (1977)

Mr. M. S. Cowan (1976)

Rev. R. C. Proctor (1975)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Mr. W. S. Wooten (1976)

Mr. Floyd Harris (1975)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Julia Smith (1977)

Mr. Leo Tripp (1976)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1975)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1977)

Rev. L. B. Manning (1976)

Mrs. J. T. Beddard (1975)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1975)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1975)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. Jessie Boyd

(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

5200 S. Buckner Boulevard

Dallas, Texas 75227

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—Mrs. Inez Davenport, Route 2, Box 604, Ayden 28513
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 670, Greenville 27834
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 452, 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. Shackleford, 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, Ayden 28513

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

Watery Branch—R. D. Lancaster Jr., Route 2, Stantonburg 27883

WILSON COUNTY

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

Daniels Chapel—John C. Avera, Route 3, Wilson 27893

Owen's Chapel—Icelene Braswell, 3811 Bridgers Street, Wilson 27893

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—Rachel Wynn, 1702 W. Main Street, Williamston 27892

BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

HALIFAX COUNTY

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

Community—

Roanoke Rapids—Mrs. Ruth Wright, 222 Hamilton Street, Roanoke Rapids 27870

Roll of Ministers

	1973	1974
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	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		A
*J. P. Barrow, Route 1 Box 475, LaGrange, N. C. 28551	P	A
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	A	L
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, 2113 Southview Drive, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	
N. B. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	P	P
Lt. Col. J. B. Narron, PSC 1, Box 1253, APO San Francisco, California 96286	L	L
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, Route 4, Box 363, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	L	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 637, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	A	P
Edward Miles, Box 2216, New Bern, N. C. 28560	A	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893		P
Jack Mayo, Route 1, Box 309, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 3, Dudley, N. C. 28333	A	
Vance Link, P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852	A	L
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	L	L
Joe Barrow, 5200 S. Buckner Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75227	L	L
Kemery Ard, Clayton, N. C. 27520	P	A
Joseph H. Lehman, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828	A	P
James Lupton, P. O. Box 34, Pikeville, N. C. 27863	P	P
Walter Pollard, 1200 Broad Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	L	L
Charles Edwin Branch, Route 1, Box 290, Winterville, N. C. 28590	L	L
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Route 5, Dunn, N. C. 28334	P	A
N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	A
*E. C. Morris, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	A
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	L	A
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	A

Donald Venable, 1424 Rosewood Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	L	P
Clinton Davis, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	A	P
Gary Bailey, Route 4, Box 382, Williamston, N. C. 27892	L	P
Larry Barbour, Box 637, Saratoga, N. C. 27873	P	P
Walter Reynolds, 401 New Circle Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Bobby Bazen, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Tom Miller, Hookerton, N. C. 28538	P	P
Harry A. Jones, 408 Toyota Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Scott Sowers, Route 1, Box 236-C, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	A
Danny Braswell, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822		P
Paul Montgomery, 206 N. College Street, Wake Forest, N. C. 27587		P
O. B. Jones, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886		P
Rudy Owens, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822		
Stewart Humphrey, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, N. C. 27834		
Buddy Sasser, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834 (Name to be added when letter is received.)		

LICENSED MINISTERS

Tom Everton	William Murphy	Dale Albertson
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TRANSFERS

Rev. Chris Singleton, Eastern Conference, November 7, 1974.

Rev. Charles Crisp, General Baptist, November 19, 1974.

The following ministers were dropped from the roll of ministers of the Central Conference for nonattendance: H. Adrian Grubbs and Charles Sapp.

(Note: The name of any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for three consecutive conference 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 226th annual session with the Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 6, 7, 1974. The Rev. Harry A. Jones served as song leader with Mrs. Judy Owens 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. Danny Braswell.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Judy Moore with the response by the Rev. L. E. Ballard.

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

At this time the moderator addressed the conference.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions: The Revs. Bobby Bazen, L. B. Manning, and Donald Venable.

Nominating: The Rev. L. E. Ballard, Randolph Harris, and Mrs. Catherine Gaskins.

Temperance: The Rev. Walter Reynolds, the Rev. Gary Bailey, and Daniel Barrow.

Parliamentarian: The Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Albemarle Conference—The Revs. Robert May and W. L. Brickhouse; Western Conference—The Revs. Joseph Ingram, C. F. Bowen, and Billy Ray Jordan; Eastern Conference—The Revs. Leon Grubbs and John Williams; Cape Fear Conference—The Rev. R. H. Jackson.

The Rev. Robert May, president of the State Convention, gave an interesting report on the convention.

The Central Conference Mission Board's report was given by the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. (See report No. 1.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation 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.)

There was no report from the Board of Trustees or the Conference Historian.

The Rev. L. B. Manning was recognized as being one of the oldest members in membership of the Central Conference, having joined the conference on November 6, 1924.

A motion was passed by the conference to take a love offering for the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris in appreciation and love for them. The offering received amounted to \$130.60. Brother Morris has served the denomination for 60 years in the ministry. At the present time he is a patient in the Wilson Memorial Hospital. (The Morrises later expressed their thanks for the offering.)

The Rev. Walter Reynolds presented the proposed Retirement Homes plan for Free Will Baptists which was adopted by the North Carolina State Convention. The conference voted to ratify the action of the State Convention.

Brother Reynolds also presented to the conference the annual Yearbook which was approved by the State Convention. A motion was passed to cooperate in this matter.

An offering for Mount Olive College was received in the amount of \$43.78.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. Hubert Burress. His subject was, "The Free Will Baptist Heritage," with Scripture taken from Psalm 16:6.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Joseph H. Lehmann.

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

A report of the Executive Board was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress and adopted by motion.

The Rev. Harry A. Jones gave a report on the Church Extension program.

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

The roll of ministers was called by the clerk.

A report of Cragmont Assembly was given by the Rev. L. E. Ballard.

A motion was made and passed for the Executive Board to approve the minutes for the day, which the board did.

The Wednesday's session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Gary Bailey.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning's session opened with devotional by Dale Albertson.

Brothers B. E. Dixon and J. T. Beddard were appointed to serve today on the Finance Committee.

A report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. (See report No. 6.)

A report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Gary Bailey. (See report No. 7.)

A report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. Bobby Bazen. (See report No. 8.)

A report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 9.)

The State Foreign Missions report was given by the Rev. Joseph Ingram. He stated that the Central Conference gave \$22,483.55 the past year. (See report No. 10.)

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, Sam Weeks. He stated that the churches in the Central Conference gave to the Home \$48,441.99 during the past year. (See report No. 11.)

A report of the Finance Committee was given by the treasurer, S. N. Highsmith.

The report of the treasurer was given by Brother Highsmith. (See report No. 12.)

A report of Mount Olive College was given by the Rev. David C. Hansley. He reported that the Central Conference gave to the college during the past year \$33,446.75. (See report No. 13.)

A motion was made and passed to rescind any past motions limiting any person from holding only one office in the conference.

A report of the Nominating Committee was given by Randolph Harris. A motion was made and passed to elect all nominees. (See report No. 14.)

A final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 15.)

A motion was made and passed for the next conference to convene with Free Union Church in Greene County.

A motion was made and passed for any unfinished business and the approving of today's minutes be left up to the Executive Board.

The Ordaining Council was in charge of the morning worship service, led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. The prayer, Scripture, and message was by the Rev. Floyd Cherry. His Scripture was taken from 2 Kings 4:7-9. The Rev. James Lupton presented the Bible to Rudy Owens, a candidate for ordination. The charge was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. The laying on of hands by all ministers, followed with prayer by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. L. B. Manning.

The Rev. Jack Mayo, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

Executive Board Meetings

The moderator, the Rev. Jack Mayo, called a meeting of the Executive Board on March 12, 1974, at 12 noon, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson. Prayer was offered by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Those present were the Revs. N. B. Barrow and Hubert Burress. Visiting was the superintendent of the Children's Home, Brother Sam Weeks. Due to a quorum not being present, no action was taken. However, those present were in agreement with Brother Weeks in his recommendation that the Central Conference Cottage be air-conditioned at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Burress.

The Rev. N. B. Barrow, *Acting Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

On March 20, 1974, the moderator, the Rev. Jack Mayo, and the clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress, met in Snow Hill to accept the resignation of the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., treasurer of the conference, and to receive the funds of the conference. Brother Woodall was granted a letter to the Cape Fear Conference.

The Rev. Jack Mayo, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

The Executive Board met on September 11, 1974. The opening prayer was by the Rev. Hubert Burress. Board members present were the Revs. Jack Mayo, James Lupton, and Hubert Burress. A motion was made and passed to accept the invitation for the 1974 conference to meet with Aspen Grove Church for the 1974 session. The program for the conference was also arranged and approved. The closing prayer was by the Rev. James Lupton.

The Rev. Jack Mayo, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

The Executive Board met at Gum Neck Church on October 8, 1974, and the moderator, the Rev. Jack Mayo, appointed Mr. S. N. (Nat) Highsmith to fill the vacancy of the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., as treasurer.

The Rev. Jack Mayo, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

REPORTS

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Report No. 1)

Balance July 1, 1973 \$6,837.05

Receipts

Churches (Including Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School, Etc.)	\$2,675.65
Second Union Meeting	44.45
Interest on Savings	307.50
Total Receipts	3,027.60

Total for Which to Account 9,864.65

Disbursements

Pastoral Supplement (Roanoke Rapids Church)	\$1,760.00
Insurance on Property	47.60
Office Expense	40.00
Total Disbursements	1,847.60

Balance in Bank and Savings Account June 30, 1974 \$8,017.05
(Note: \$7,000 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.)

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES, ETC.

Ayden	\$ 5.00
Aspen Grove	5.00
Bethany	5.00
Black Jack	672.08
Cedar Grove	
Community (Weldon)	5.00
Daniels' Chapel	5.00
Dawson's Grove	5.00
Dilda's Grove	313.32
Edgewood	5.00
Elm Grove	160.49
Faith (Lenoir)	2.00
Free Union	5.00
Friendship	119.00
Greenville, First	5.00
Grimley	
Gum Swamp	50.00
Harrell's Chapel	

Hickory Grove	69.55
Howell Swamp	2.00
Hugo	5.00
Hull Road	55.00
King's Cross Roads	93.20
LaGrange	5.00
Little Creek	5.00
Marlboro	5.00
Maury	
Otter's Creek	
Ormondsville	107.00
Owen's Chapel	88.00
Peace	5.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	102.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Reedy Branch	5.00
Rose Hill	
Roanoke Rapids	
Rocky Mount, First	
Rose of Sharon	
Saratoga	
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
Spring Branch	5.00
St. Delight	
Tarboro, First	191.67
Watery Branch	
Walnut Creek	
Williamston, First	
Winterville	555.34

Total Churches, Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxiliaries, Etc.	2,675.65
Second Union Meeting	44.45
Interest Earned	307.50

Grand Total	\$3,027.60
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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, who in past years, has backed up our efforts with your prayers and support.

"An Original Free Will Baptist Church in Every Town" was the motto adopted by our board over ten years ago, and accepted by our conference. It is a goal we must always keep before us. We believe in our denomination, and the faith once delivered to the saints in years gone by. What we believe in we should promote with "steadfast, unmoveable" zeal (see 1 Corinthians

15:58). There are many ways in which each member of our churches in our conference can have a part in this goal; among which are as follows:

1. They must believe this is the will of God for our denomination.

2. They should make this an object of prayer each day, praying that the Holy Spirit might lead some young pastors to get a vision of Home Missions in our conference . . . in the many cities and communities without an Original Free Will Baptist Church. Pray for "labourers into his harvest" (see Matthew 9:37, 38).

3. They should let the Holy Spirit direct their use of God's tithe. We feel confident He will lead you to designate some of it for conference missions. Encourage your church to include Central Conference Missions in your church budget. We cannot do very much without necessary finances to support those who are called to go on to the home mission fields.

4. They should pray for your mission board, as it desires your prayers, concern, and advice how to direct the work of this board.

This year, as in the past few, your board has been busy to help our newest church (on a watch care basis) until it is firmly established and self-supporting. The membership is small, but strong, and desires your prayers and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Proctor

R. T. Sasser

L. E. Ballard

Bobby Bazen

Daniel Barrow

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Report No. 2)

This year was the beginning of our second century of service to the Free Will Baptist denomination. Although we have had many difficulties, it still has been a good year for the Press Foundation. In the midst of inflationary times, we have been able to operate in the black. Price increases have become a way of life, but we have been able to keep our prices comparatively reasonable.

We are indeed grateful for your support and prayers, and we hope that you will continue to support this institution. This is our institution, and we can be proud of its accomplishments.

The Press Foundation renders great and valuable service to our denomination, and to the world in general. There are some services now being rendered of which, perhaps, you are not aware. Even though many of our Free Will Baptist people subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper, this facet of the work is a service to our church, because we do not derive enough income from subscriptions to defray the expenses of this publication. However, we believe that the information from our institutions and churches

needs to be made available to our people; and, through "The Free Will Baptist," this is possible.

Some of our Sunday school and Free Will Baptist League material, because of the small volume, does not bring in enough compensation to defray the expense involved in securing and processing such. Again, we believe that these are needful and that our churches should not be denied Free Will Baptist materials simply because our denomination is small. We are ready and willing to provide this service—even at a sacrifice. Your loyalty and encouragement will help make it possible for us to continue. There are many other areas and many other possibilities for service, and we are eager to serve you in all capacities.

We continue to 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 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, league, 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*

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

(Contributions by Central Conference Churches
July 1, 1973—June 30, 1974)

(Report No. 3)

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Challenges</i>
Aspen Grove	\$ 66.79	\$ 175.00
Ayden	150.00	225.00
Bethany		75.00
Black Jack	55.00	575.00
Cedar Grove		75.00
Community		200.00
Daniels Chapel	120.00	275.00
Dawson's Grove		50.00
Dilda's Grove	205.56	200.00
Edgewood	230.00	150.00
Elm Grove	50.00	250.00
Free Union	55.00	275.00
Friendship	270.00	250.00

Greenville, First	50.00	175.00
Grimsley	75.00	75.00
Gum Swamp	75.00	325.00
Harrell's Chapel		150.00
Hickory Grove	33.55	100.00
Howell Swamp	50.00	125.00
Hugo	60.00	75.00
Hull Road	225.00	400.00
King's Cross Roads	29.09	175.00
LaGrange		100.00
Little Creek		100.00
Marlboro		225.00
Maurv		50.00
Ormondsville	20.00	150.00
Otter's Creek	67.34	50.00
Owen's Chapel	110.00	200.00
Peace	50.00	100.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	21.08	50.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	24.00	250.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	100.00
Reedy Branch		250.00
Rocky Mount, First	100.00	100.00
Rose Hill	180.00	225.00
Rose of Sharon	20.00	125.00
Saratoga		150.00
Spring Branch	38.72	200.00
Sts. Delight		50.00
Sweet Gum Grove	111.00	50.00
Tarboro, First	112.50	300.00
Walnut Creek	110.00	100.00
Watery Branch		50.00
Williamston, First	15.00	100.00
Winterville	100.00	200.00
Fourth Union Meeting	75.98	75.00
Second Union Meeting	71.95	125.00
Individuals	10.00	
Totals	\$3,097.56	\$7,850.00

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, *Secretary-Treasurer*

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
(Report No. 4)

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 and Delegates

	No. Church Members	No. S. S. Members	No. Ladies 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—	142	123			11	4	\$10	\$117,000	\$ 5,720	\$ 300	\$1,811	\$ 725	\$160	\$ 10	\$ 786	\$ 120	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 1,564	\$11,186
Bethany—Mrs. Minnie Chandler, Dorothy D. Dail	182	84			24	21		80,000	6,755	175	541	483			374	271		763		11,132
Black Jack—Mrs. Marvin Smith, Queenie Clark	587	446			35	17		215,000	10,196	350	2,319	1,059	80	25	2,752	1,807		28,347	15,514	62,449
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Joyce Corbett	109	68			20	2		50,000	1,950	270	1,179	553	206		962	137		1,352	712	8,103
Film Grove—Gerald Briley, J. T. Beddard Jr., Mrs. Ernest Carraway	242	150	45		25	1	15	125,000	6,500	240	1,169	736	55	10	486	115		1,358	1,155	15,326
Greenville, First—Pamela Sasser	232	172			25	9	6	240,000	8,004	400	600	625	50		600	200		300	31,832	42,611
Cum Swamp—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harris	400	156			30	5	8	150,000	7,060	315	1,151	914	277		1,008	133	4	1,505	4,850	22,477
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon	118	81	27		8	3	20	55,000	2,600	584	1,384	259	57	21	252	36	121	339	4,007	9,661
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. Edwin Corbette, Mrs. I. C. Tugwell	187	123			24	8	10	35,000	5,200	395	1,853	1,311			526			2,129		
Marlboro—Mrs. Ella Shirley, Alice R. Parker	181	168	20		13	10	10	100,000	7,800	460	300	425	240		300	200		400	10,865	20,990
Pleasant Hill—Catherine Gaskins, Ida Mae Sutton	120	53	33		22	9	25	35,000	5,400	125	278	150	60		50			2,467	360	8,890
Piney Grove—	250	85			4	2	10	55,000	7,615	150	384	384	43	10	384	168		305	393	
Reedy Branch—Mrs. E. C. Davenport, Mrs. Hugh Mills	295	165	35		22	13	25	215,000	7,700	200	2,318	875	25		786	280		466	9,324	21,999
Rose Hill—Mr. Macon Page	232	111	25		13	12	20	75,000	6,375	584	811	577	190		454	20	10	4,141	2,555	15,716
Winterville—Randolph Harris	241	150	45		25	2	10	85,000	7,290	250	2,108	1,379	131		4,026	348		19,055	4,470	39,007
GREENE COUNTY																				
Free Union—Mr. Frank Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath, Mrs. C. L. Patrick	326	246			71	11	6	155,000	7,800	475	3,281	1,329	55		250	62	1	10,191	3,827	30,000
Friendship—Mrs. J. O. Beaman, Mrs. A. H. Cobb	258	203	68		52	1	25		2,025	470	2,044	703	250		1,175	19		1,371		13,640
Grimsley—Mrs. Jasper L. Jones	106	86			22	9	10		3,700	250	505	378	25		116	25	80	8,513	328	13,932
Harrell's Chapel—Clinton Davis, Preston Radford	199	210			25	17	2	85,000	5,980	558	532	541	33		780	50		1,655	11,012	21,141
Howell Swamp—	134				10		10	40,000	1,950	100	250	254	50		50			351	377	4,674
Hull Road—Zeb Roy Harrison, Daniel Barrow, Millard Harrison, Earl Barrow, Florence McCoy, Irene Slater	443	150			30	4	12	100,000	5,975	250	1,000	2,500	225		1,600	200	2,500	8,000	800	19,500
Little Creek—	129	100			3	3	10	65,000	3,025	125	765	405			107	20		319	1,969	6,736
Maury—																				
Saints Delight—	45	50					10		100	100	88							500	203	
Ormondville—Edward Bowen	177	99			38	3	10	75,000	6,100	250	1,730	701	239		453	70		1,601	3,622	14,776
Spring Branch—Mrs. Thomas Strickland, Mrs. Frank Dail, Mrs. Richard Owens	204	110	14		28	5	25	47,000	2,310	175	165	397	45	150	80	15	20	2,748	88	7,048
EDGECOMBE COUNTY																				
Rocky Mount, First—	121	60			10	3	5	65,000	6,949	325	611	140	100		550	100		1,126	5,285	15,187
Tarboro, First—Shelby Evans, Jean Trevathan	347	220			50	11	19	168,000	8,064	250	1,396	859	200	50	1,807	220	50	1,665	9,982	24,543
Otter's Creek—Mrs. Brenda Walston	92	75			20	15	2	50,000	1,665	100	1,323	492	96		390	64		5,137	2,127	11,399
Peace—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Langley	102	105	15		20	5	4	52,000	1,875	342	689	355	155	25	739	20	15	6,989	2,298	13,502
Edgewood—																				
LENOIR COUNTY																				
LaGrange—Kendrick and Martha Harrison	192	145	14		10		20	50,000	5,410	250	588	290	110		259	95		732	2,439	10,173
Faith—																				
Hugo—Mrs. Rudy Eubanks, Faye Rogers	111	151			30	9	3	50,400	3,000	275	432	480	60		550	80		2,600		8,354
HALIFAX COUNTY																				
Dawson's Grove—Henry Harris Jr.	28	20			9		2	25,000	2,400	50	145	225			730	10		488		4,956
Roanoke Rapids—Mrs. Alene Howard, Ruth Wright, Nellie Duncan, W. L. Brickhouse	23				10	2			1,750		5					5				185
Community—																				
WILSON COUNTY																				
Aspen Grove—Cindy McCoy	178	178	47		25	6	6	50,000	3,000	374	2,924	343	57	39	144	75	54	3,506	1,343	11,874
Daniels Chapel—Charlie Jackson, Vernon Howard, Mrs. Shelby Tomlinson	327				40	16	12	167,000	7,800	1,231	1,004	1,235	60		930	160		1,199	28,944	42,564
Owen's Chapel—William Bailey, Lonnie Walston	208	154	43		15	20	9	50,000	7,655	300	936	711	179	25	654		25	10,000	1,107	21,681
Saratoga—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Proctor	176	100			21	13	1	68,000	6,900	245	564	743	2		355	4	5	1,245	754	10,558
MARTIN COUNTY																				
Cedar Grove—	102	110			6	4	10	45,000	2,800	400	100				477	480		5,869	509	12,624
Rose of Sharon—M. S. Cowan, Simon Gardner	177	188			16	3	4	20,000	2,600	253	125		25		70			1,189	1,200	5,339
Williamston, First	50	71			22	9	8	85,000	4,950	350	100	154	15	1,989	75			7,031	1,498	9,206
WAYNE COUNTY																				
Walnut Creek—	81	89			6		10	80,000	1,530	150	200	355	110		200			2,583	514	5,643
Watery Branch—																				
BEAUFORT COUNTY																				
Piney Grove—	47	40			12	1	10	20,000	1,670	200	419	139	24		140			199	262	3,238

churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and all general officers, and members of standing boards and committees of the conference. . . .

"Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members 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 226th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1974 session.

2. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing be seated.

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

4. The following have registered today: Central Conference ministers, 24; visiting ministers, 6; delegates, 63; churches represented, 31; licensed ministers, 1; and, ministers by letter, 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Lehmann

Leo Tripp

R. P. Harris

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(August 31, 1974)

(Report No. 5)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. has been serving Free Will Baptists since 1940. It is owned and operated for and by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. All profits are used for the needs of our people.

God has blessed our Association since it was founded in 1940. We thank Him for it. We would like to express our appreciation to each person who has supported our work with his prayers, funds, time; and we are glad for those who have used our services.

Loans made as of August 1, 1974, totaled \$114,000.

Total loans, April 20, 1940, were \$1,203,507.73.

Two new endowment funds have been established by the Aspen Grove and Hickory Grove Churches in memory of deceased church members for the benefit of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Will your church consider doing this? We will be glad to help any church or any person establish an endowment for any of our enterprises.

The Church Finance Association is helping our people; and in order to serve better, we need your help. We need more funds to meet loans requested. We are paying 5½ percent for funds on deposit. Memberships can be purchased for \$5. Will you let some of your money work for the Lord in helping our people?

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

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Smith, *president*
Hubert Burress, *secretary-treasurer*

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

(Report No. 6)

We have lost during the last conference year one minister by death, the Rev. Robert Lee Norville of Fountain. Brother Norville was born July 19, 1914, and died December 22, 1973. He was ordained to preach July 12, 1952, and preached for 21 years. During his ministry he had 861 decisions for Christ. He held several revivals and pastored the following churches: Dilda's Grove, Friendship, Edgewood, Moseley's Creek, Rose of Sharon, and Union Chapel near Plymouth.

Brother Norville was pastoring Union Chapel at the time of his death and filled the pulpit many times when on the way to church he had to lie down in the car. During his 21 years in the ministry he acquired many friends. He was a good pastor and made many visits to hospitals and homes where people needed his services.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. Manning
E. C. Morris
Mrs. J. T. Beddard

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Report No. 7)

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the 226th annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists reaffirm its stand on temperance as stated in the Church Covenant, as is printed in the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. That we urge our people to cooperate with the Christian Action League of North Carolina in its fight against pornography.

3. That we pledge ourselves to do whatever we can to insure for our country a government with integrity.

4. That we urge continued cooperation and support for the Christian Action League of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds
Daniel Barrow
Gary M. Bailey

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Report No. 8)

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

1. Be it resolved that we give the officers of this conference a rising vote of appreciation for a job well done.
2. Be it resolved that a rising vote of appreciation be expressed to the Aspen Grove Church and her pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burress, for the wonderful hospitality extended to this 1974 session of the Central Conference.
3. Be it further resolved that all literature and information representing the phases of work within the conference be placed on the table as one enters the meeting so that passing such literature will not draw attention away from the speaker. (This resolution was suggested by Mrs. C. L. Patrick.)

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Bazen

Donald Venable

L. B. Manning

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Report No. 9)

Since the last session of the Central Conference, the Ordaining Council has had several meetings for the purpose of examining candidates for license and also for ordination.

In a meeting on July 24, 1974, Danny Braswell was examined for ordination and by motion it was decided to meet on Sunday, July 28, and ordain Danny Braswell. Danny is now pastoring the Peace Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetops.

Also in the meeting on July 24, the Rev. Paul Montgomery of the General Baptist appeared before the Council seeking membership in the Central Conference. He had joined the Rocky Mount Church. By motion it was decided to receive him pending a letter from his conference. The letter has been received.

In a meeting on August 27, 1974, Tom Everton, son of the late Rev. Wilbert Everton, came before the Council seeking a license to preach. After careful examination, by motion it was decided to recommend to the Daniels Chapel Church to grant him a license to preach for one year.

In the meeting on August 27, the Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, came before the Council seeking admission to the conference. By motion it was decided to accept him as a member.

In a meeting on October 14, 1974, Rudy Owens came before the Council for examination for ordination. Rudy is pastor of the Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. After examination it was decided by motion to

ordain Rudy at the second day of the conference, November 7. The Rev. F. B. Cherry is to preach the message.

At a meeting on November 6, 1974, the Council met with the Rev. Buddy Sasser, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Buddy comes to the conference from the Western Conference. By motion it was decided to receive him pending a letter of transfer from the Western Conference.

The licensed ministers are William Murphy, Dale Albertson, and Tom Everton.

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

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

(Contributions to Foreign Missions from the Central Conference,
July 1, 1973—June 30, 1974)

(Report No. 10)

Churches	Amount Given 1973-1974	Suggested Quota for 1974-1975
Aspen Grove	\$ 90.00	\$ 150.00
Ayden	655.93	700.00
Bethany	227.99	275.00
Black Jack	1,170.56	1,225.00
Cedar Grove	374.40	425.00
Community	1,215.33	1,250.00
Daniels Chapel	915.00	975.00
Dawson's Grove	546.00	600.00
Dilda's Grove	586.57	625.00
Edgewood	415.15	475.00
Elm Grove	139.40	200.00
Faith	156.00	200.00
First, Greenville	335.00	400.00
First, Rocky Mount	505.00	550.00
First, Tarboro	1,216.19	1,250.00
Free Union	105.55	150.00
Friendship	1,115.18	1,150.00
Grimsley	408.00	450.00
Gum Swamp	981.04	1,050.00
Harrell's Chapel	715.00	775.00
Hickory Grove	181.91	225.00
Howell Swamp	80.00	125.00
Hugo	521.27	575.00
Hull Road	941.67	1,000.00
King's Cross Roads	932.30	1,000.00
LaGrange	237.92	300.00

Little Creek	102.00	175.00
Marlboro	335.00	400.00
Maury	20.00	100.00
Ormondsville	335.87	400.00
Otter's Creek	417.86	475.00
Owen's Chapel	482.75	525.00
Peace	384.73	425.00
Piney Grove	65.00	125.00
Pleasant Hill	45.00	125.00
Reedy Branch	724.16	775.00
Roanoke Rapids	7.50	100.00
Rose of Sharon	145.00	200.00
Rose Hill	462.51	525.00
St. Delight	10.00	100.00
Saratoga	293.68	350.00
Spring Branch	96.22	150.00
Sweet Gum Grove	45.00	125.00
Walnut Creek	300.00	350.00
Watery Branch	73.22	125.00
First, Williamston	93.00	150.00
Winterville	2,950.78	3,000.00
Individuals	145.00	
Second Union Sunday School Convention	43.07	100.00
Fourth Union Sunday School Convention	24.07	100.00
Fourth Union	55.80	100.00
Second Union	35.47	100.00
Youth Fellowship	22.50	100.00
Totals	\$22,483.55	\$25,300.00

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(July 1, 1973—June 30, 1974)

(Report No. 11)

Note: The challenge is based on \$6.50 per member or less from some churches.

Churches	1973-74	1972-73	1974-75 Challenge
Aspen Grove	\$ 3,109.10	\$ 2,996.20	\$ 1,300.00
Ayden	1,846.31	1,643.00	1,300.00
Bethany	881.05	888.97	780.00
Black Jack	2,929.88	2,666.77	3,250.00
Cedar Grove	100.00	150.00	325.00
Community	649.04	701.09	650.00

Daniels Chapel	1,184.00	1,521.00	1,625.00
Dawson's Grove	201.54	85.00	325.00
Dilda's Grove	1,233.79	944.70	975.00
Edgewood	1,520.59	489.00	975.00
Elm Grove	1,167.68	1,234.06	1,300.00
Faith	322.00	425.13	650.00
Free Union	3,221.96	2,297.98	1,950.00
Friendship	1,914.12	1,444.30	1,625.00
Greenville, First	890.00	600.00	1,300.00
Grimsley	399.00	340.00	585.00
Gum Swamp	1,318.00	1,088.00	1,625.00
Harrell's Chapel	746.00	491.46	975.00
Hickory Grove	1,572.98	934.79	975.00
Howell Swamp	374.76	351.65	650.00
Hugo	536.60	495.30	585.00
Hull Road	953.65	1,291.59	1,625.00
King's Cross Roads	1,619.65	1,526.52	975.00
LaGrange	510.00	275.00	975.00
Little Creek	680.00	735.00	812.50
Marlboro	328.25	222.30	975.00
Saints' Delight	227.00		195.00
Ormondsville	1,372.49	1,075.00	975.00
Otter's Creek	1,095.08	680.99	650.00
Owen's Chapel	1,381.14	1,089.41	975.00
Peace	689.95	615.86	650.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	477.69	265.46	520.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	260.47	473.04	650.00
Pleasant Hill	248.18	494.35	650.00
Reedy Branch	2,218.23	1,439.32	1,625.00
Roanoke Rapids	7.50	55.00	65.00
Rocky Mount, First	528.00	220.00	650.00
Rose Hill	871.46	763.71	1,300.00
Rose of Sharon	472.00	472.00	650.00
Saratoga	886.20	605.88	975.00
Spring Branch	449.30	633.21	975.00
Sweet Gum Grove	960.00	793.00	975.00
Tarboro	1,927.82	1,391.77	1,625.00
Walnut Creek	100.00	176.71	325.00
Watery Branch	306.43	125.00	325.00
Williamston, First	228.54	150.54	142.50
Winterville	2,025.79	2,266.22	1,300.00
Central Conference	86.60	104.28	100.00
Second Union	157.41	45.00	100.00
Fourth Union	624.96	678.35	650.00
Layman's League	63.35	50.00	60.00
District Auxiliary Convention	135.45	257.32	140.00

Youth Fellowship	380.00	300.00
Second Sunday School Convention	200.00	150.00
Totals	\$48,441.99	\$48,750.00

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Weeks, *Superintendent*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Report No. 12)

Balance in Checking Account in Wachovia Bank and Trust
Company, Snow Hill, N. C. (November 8, 1973) \$ 604.82

Receipts

From 1973 Conference	\$ 594.05
Hubert Burress (Gift)	10.00
Church Receipts Since Conference	35.00
North Carolina Sales Tax Refund	16.77
Savings Account Interest Through September 30, 1974	14.07
Total Receipts	669.48

Total for which to Account 1,275.71

Disbursements

Children's Home Offering	\$ 86.60
Conference Clerk's Salary	35.00
Conference Clerk's Expenses	24.04
Christian Action League	50.00
Supplies	9.51
Mount Olive College Offering	33.50
Travel and Expenses	46.60
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation (1973 Minutes)	436.03
Total Disbursements	721.28

Balance in Savings Account in Bank of North Carolina,
Farmville, N. C. (September 30, 1974) \$ 554.43

OTHER CENTRAL CONFERENCE ASSETS

Deposit Loan Certificates and Compounded Interest with the Church Finance Association	\$5,037.73
1973 Interest on Loan Certificates and Compounded Interest with Church Finance Association	258.45

Total Conference Assets as of November 1, 1974 \$5,850.61

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. Highsmith, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE
 (Contributions from the Central Conference Churches,
 July 1, 1973—June 30, 1974)
 (Report No. 13)

Church	Challenge Gifts	Chapel Gifts	Total Gifts	(a) Per Capita	(b) 1974-75 Challenge
Aspen Grove	\$ 405.88	\$ 10.00	\$ 415.88	\$2.02	\$ 600
Ayden	2,359.00	270.00	2,629.00	9.62	2,400
Bethany	414.26	60.00	474.26	2.35	700
Black Jack	628.28	381.12	1,009.40	1.07	1,200
Cedar Grove					50
Community					100
Daniels Chapel	614.67		614.67	2.08	700
Dawson's Grove	215.00		215.00	5.37	225
Dilda's Grove	508.39		508.39	5.18	500
Edgewood	510.00		510.00	5.60	500
Elm Grove	446.00	300.00	746.00	1.59	600
Free Union	680.67	500.00	1,180.67	2.26	1,000
Friendship	167.10	213.66	380.76	.68	750
Greenville, First,	676.50		676.50	3.00	1,000
Grimsley	428.44		428.44	5.42	500
Gum Swamp	1,219.00	100.00	1,319.00	3.14	1,200
Harrell's Chapel	608.47		608.47	3.53	600
Hickory Grove	176.99		176.99	1.55	375
Howell Swamp	927.28	250.00	1,177.28	7.41	900
Hugo	515.00		515.00	4.86	500
Hull Road	2,516.81	1,290.00	3,806.81	5.65	2,500
King's Cross Roads	794.60	700.00	1,494.60	4.05	1,000
LaGrange	362.50		362.50	2.02	400
Little Creek	405.38	350.00	755.38	3.68	450
Marlboro	357.59	250.00	607.59	2.35	400
Maury	105.00		105.00	3.50	100
Ormondsville	643.00	460.00	1,103.00	3.73	650
Otter's Creek	208.04	50.00	258.04	2.14	225
Owen's Chapel	506.71	90.00	596.71	2.72	500
Peace	200.00	150.00	350.00	6.89	200
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	117.38		117.38	1.34	150
Piney Grove (Pitt)	21.81	220.00	241.81	.08	1,000
Pleasant Hill	215.00		215.00	1.79	250
Reedy Branch	664.99	500.00	1,164.99	2.25	1,500
Roanoke Rapids					30
Rocky Mount, First	155.00		155.00	1.22	250
Rose Hill	557.50		557.50	2.45	750
Rose of Sharon	517.00	125.00	642.00	3.29	550
Saints' Delight					75

Saratoga	679.00	500.00	1,179.00	4.27	700
Spring Branch	681.22	230.00	911.22	3.19	700
Sweet Gum Grove	391.00	200.00	591.00	1.64	400
Tarboro, First	622.50	237.50	860.00	1.92	800
Walnut Creek	385.00		385.00	5.00	375
Watery Branch					150
Williamston, First	154.00		154.00	4.53	150
Winterville	1,366.54	825.00	2,191.54	6.48	1,400
Subtotal	\$24,128.50	\$8,262.28	\$32,390.78	\$2.88	\$30,055
Other Gifts			1,055.97		

Total	\$24,128.50	\$8,262.28	\$33,446.75	\$2.88	\$30,055
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(a) The per capita for North Carolina was \$2.83 based on challenge gifts only.

(b) The challenge does not include gifts to the Chapel Fund. Gifts to this project go with a separate account.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Hansley

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Report No. 14)

Moderator: The Rev. James Lupton

Assistant Moderator: The Rev. Gary Bailey

Clerk: The Rev. Hubert Burress

Assistant Clerk: The Rev. Larry Barbour

Treasurer: Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Executive Board: The Rev. Gary Bailey and Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Board of Ordination: The Revs. C. L. Patrick (1979) and N. D. Beaman (1978)

Board of Trustees: The Rev. Donald Venable (1979)

Board of Missions: The Rev. Jack Mayo (1979)

Board of Finance: Mrs. Randolph Harris (1979)

Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Mr. W. S. Wooten (1976)

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Julia Smith (1977)

Obituary Committee: Mr. Randolph Harris (1977)

Conference Historian: Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1975)

Publicity Chairman: The Rev. Walter Reynolds (1975)

Stock in Church Finance Association: Mr. Jessie Boyd (1975)

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Ballard

Mrs. Catherine Gaskins

Randolph Harris

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Report No. 15)

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1974 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers	24
Visiting Ministers	11
Delegates	64
Churches Represented	31
Licensed Ministers	3

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

Joseph H. Lehmann

R. P. Harris

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution.

NAME

This shall be the constitution of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

PURPOSE

The object of the Central Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE I. COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* shall be permitted membership in the Central Conference.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church, together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected.

ARTICLE IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the policy of this conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

A board of trustees, a board of ordination, a board of finance, and a board of missions, consisting of five members each shall be elected. The

term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee to represent the conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press, a credentials committee, and an obituary committee consisting of three members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as conference historian; the term of office shall be two years.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as publicity committee; the term of office shall be two years.

The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and one member elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers.

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever purposes may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V. FINANCE

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

ARTICLE VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

ARTICLE VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

ARTICLE VIII. VISITORS

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

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

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

ARTICLE X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Central Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates, and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board of ordination (1) to examine and recommend the license of ministers; (2) to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, and (3) examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the board of finance to check and verify all money to be received by the treasurer; they shall make recommended allocations and report same to the conference.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the board of missions to cooperate with the churches and the conference in furthering the establishment of

churches within the bounds of the conference. The mission board shall endeavor through cooperating with the State Board of Missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation committee to represent the conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press and to do so at any stockholders' meeting.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the credentials committee to check each church report for verification as to their delegates and make recommendations to the conference as regarding their seat during the annual session. The credentials committee shall check registration cards of the enrolling minister and make recommendations of same to the conference.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the obituary committee to prepare suitable memorial services for all ministers who die during the year preceding the conference and to present to the conference a suitable obituary for publication in the conference minutes and in *The Free Will Baptist*. Copies of the obituary are to be presented to the family of the deceased and to his local church.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the conference historian to collect and preserve any historical data concerning the conference.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to see that proper publicity is given to the activities and work of the conference.

BYLAWS

Section 1. A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

Section 2. All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

Section 3. Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

Section 4. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

Section 5. No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

Section 6. The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

Section 7. Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

Section 8. The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

Section 9. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

Section 10. This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the annual session for action on the following day.

1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is assigned to the case. The investigator will then gather information about the problem and the people involved. This information will be used to determine the cause of the problem and the best way to solve it.

