

**1976**  
**Year Book**  
**for**  
**Original**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**of**  
**North Carolina**

**Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.**  
**Ayden, N. C.**

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1976 Yearbook

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**227th ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
(Original)  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
of  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held With**  
**FREE UNION CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY**  
**Wednesday and Thursday, November 5, 6, 1975**

**Rev. James Lupton, Moderator**  
**Rev. Hubert Burress, Clerk**  
**Rev. C. L. Patrick, Conference Host**

**OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**

(For 1974—1976)

**MODERATOR**

**Rev. James Lupton, Pikeville, N. C.**

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR**

**Rev. Gary Bailey, Ayden, N. C.**

**CLERK**

**Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.**

**ASSISTANT CLERK**

**Rev. Larry Barbour, Wilson, N. C.**

**TREASURER**

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

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. James Lupton

Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. Gary Bailey

### BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Willis Wilson (1980)

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1978)

Rev. C. L. Patrick (1979)

Rev. Jack Mayo (1977)

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1976)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Alice Barrow (1980)

Mrs. Richard Owens (1978)

Rev. Donald Venable (1979)

Mr. A. G. Mangum (1977)

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1976)

### BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Albert Proctor (1980)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978)

Rev. Jack Mayo (1979)

Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1976)

### BOARD OF FINANCE

Miss Ina Ruth Langston (1980)

Mr. Steve Little (1978)

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1979)

Rev. Kemery Ard (1977)

Mr. M. S. Cowan (1976)

### REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1977)

Mr. W. S. Wooten (1976)

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Joseph Lehamm (1978)

Mrs. Julia Smith (1977)

Mr. Leo Tripp (1976)

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (1978)

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1977)

Rev. L. B. Manning (1976)

### CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1976)

### PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1976)

### STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. D. W. Barrow (1976)

### MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. E. Timmons, Director

P. O. Box 517

Eagle Pass, Texas 78852

Rev. Vance Link

P. O. Box 517

Eagle Pass, Texas 78852

# ROLL OF MINISTERS

	1974	1975
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	A
*J. P. Barrow, Route 1, Box 475, LaGrange, N. C. 28551	A	A
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	L	A
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	A
*R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	A	P
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	
*C. J. Harris, 2113 Southview Drive, Greenville, N. C. 27834		
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	P
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, Route 4, Box 363, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, Box 2216, New Bern, N. C. 28560	P	A
Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Jack Mayo, Route 1, Box 309, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 3, Dudley, N. C. 28333	A	A
Vance Link, P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852	L	A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	L	A
Joe Barrow, 5200 S. Buckner Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75227	L	A
Joseph H. Lehmann, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828	P	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	A	A
N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501	A	P
*E. C. Morris, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	A	A
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., P. O. Box 3247, Creedmoor, N. C. 27522	A	L
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	P
Clinton Davis, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Gary Bailey, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	
Larry Barbour, Route 3, Box 637, Wilson, N. C. 27893	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, P. O. Box 1105, Grifton, N. C. 28530	P	P
Danny Braswell, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822	P	P
Paul Montgomery, 206 N. College Street, Wake Forest, N. C. 27587	P	A
O. B. Jones, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	P
Stewart Humphrey, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, N. C. 27834		P

Bobby Taylor, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590  
 Leon Grubbs, Route 2, Box 290, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580  
 Royce Reynolds, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Tom Everton  
 Steve Dickens

William Murphy  
 Keith Cobb  
 Dale Albertson

Wayne Griffin  
 Rex Edwards

1. (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.)

2. The Board of Ordination receives and grants all letters of ministers coming in and going out of the conference.

3. \* 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 227th annual session with the Free Union Church in Greene County, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 5, 6, 1975. The Rev. Harry A. Jones served as song leader with the Rev. R. P. Harris as pianist.

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

The devotional was conducted by Mr. Rex Edwards.

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

The welcome address was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick, host pastor. The response was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

At this time the moderator addressed the conference.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

**Resolutions:** The Revs. Harry A. Jones, L. E. Ballard, and Mrs. Rosa Proctor.

**Nominating:** The Revs. Jack Mayo, Gary Bailey, and Miss Ina Ruth Langston.

**Temperance:** The Rev. Bobby Bazen, Mr. D. W. Barrow, and Mrs. Alice Barrow.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Albemarle Conference—The Rev. Royce Reynolds; Western Conference—The Rev. Billy Jordan; Eastern Conference—The Revs. Rudy Shepard and Noah Brown; Cape Fear Conference—The Rev. R. W. Allman.

The Revs. F. B. Cherry and James Lupton resigned from the Ordaining Board. By motion and vote their resignations were accepted becoming effective at the end of this conference.

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

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, Mr. Sam Weeks.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes was given by Mr. Sam Weeks.

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

The report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by the president, the Rev. Robert May.

The Rev. Stewart Humphrey gave the report of the Foreign Missions Board.

The Rev. Noah Brown gave a report on the work at the Roanoke Rapids Church.

The report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was given by the Rev. Taylor Hill and received by motion and vote of the conference.

The report of the North Carolina Historical work was given by Dr. Michael Pelt.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mr. Leo Tripp. The report was received by motion and vote of the conference.

An offering for the Children's Home was received in the amount of \$110.66.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. N. D. Beaman, reading Scripture from 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and 2 Timothy 4:2.

The clerk gave the Executive Committee report which was received by motion and vote of the conference.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Clinton Davis.

The Board of Trustees had no report to be given.

The historian had no report to be given.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the ordination procedures and requirements recommended by the State Convention.

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

The Central Conference Missions report was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser.

The Nominating Committee's report was given by the Rev. Jack Mayo. All were elected as nominated.

The day's session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning session opened with a devotional by the Rev. Dale Albertson.

The Obituary Committee had no report to be given.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. Harry A. Jones.

The Rev. Willis Wilson gave the report of the Ordaining Council.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by the president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper.

A final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mr. Leo Tripp.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Mr. S. N. Highsmith. The report was received by motion and vote of the conference.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. S. N. Highsmith and received by motion and vote of the conference.

The conference voted to meet with the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden for its 1976 session.

A motion was made and passed by the conference giving the Executive Board the privilege to take care of any unfinished business of the conference.

An offering for Mount Olive College was received in the amount of \$48.12.

The Rev. Gary Bailey delivered the morning message, taking his Scripture from Luke 24:13-15, 30-32.

The conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Harry A. Jones.

The Rev. James Lupton, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burrese, *Clerk*

The Executive Board met after the morning session and approved the minutes.

## REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

(July 10, 1975)

The Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden, at 10 a. m., July 10, 1975. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jack Mayo. Present for the meeting were the Revs. Gary Bailey, Hubert Burrese, Jack Mayo, proxy for the Rev. N. B. Barrow; and the Rev. Buddy Sasser, proxy for Mr. S. N. Highsmith.

The Rev. Gary Bailey, assistant moderator, presided. (The Rev. James Lupton, moderator, was a patient in Wayne Memorial Hospital due to a heart attack.)

The board discussed a letter received from some of the members of Saints Delight Church in Greene County. The secretary called the Rev. Walter Pollard, pastor of the church, who stated he would like for the Executive Board to meet with the church. Mr. Pollard was advised to have the church set a date for the board to meet with them and notify the board by letter.

The program for the 1975 session of the conference was arranged.

A motion was made and passed to place the \$38 in the Five Dollar Builder's Club (no longer active) in the Central Conference treasury.

Charges by some of the members of Saints Delight Church against the pastor, the Rev. Walter Pollard, were turned over to the Rev. C. L. Patrick of the Board of Ordination.

The board adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Gary Bailey.

The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Acting Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burrese, *Clerk*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

(August 14, 1975)

The Executive Board met at Saints Delight Church, Greene County, August 14, 1975, at 6:45 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

The purpose of the meeting was for the board to sit in conference with the church for a retrial of Mr. Glenn Bowen who had been tried by the church on May 7, 1975. A retrial was requested by the Executive Board due to some people voting at the previous trial who were not members, not having been properly received into the church.

Board members present for the meeting were the Rev. Jack Mayo, proxy for the Rev. James Lupton; Mr. S. N. Highsmith; the Rev. Gary Bailey; the Rev. Buddy Sasser, proxy for the Rev. N. B. Barrow; and the Rev. Hubert Burress. Mr. Burress, secretary, was elected spokesman for the board. Mr. Burress was also requested by the church to act as moderator for the conference. The pastor, the Rev. Walter Pollard, called the church conference to order and turned the meeting over to Mr. Burress.

A list of charges were read to Mr. Bowen whose plea was not guilty to charges one through five, but guilty of charge six. The church, after the charges were considered one by one, found Mr. Bowen guilty by a majority of votes, to all six charges.

A motion was made and passed to exclude Mr. Glenn Bowen as a member of Saints Delight Church, and declare any office he held in the church vacant. (Mr. Bowen was a trustee of the church.) The vote was 20 for and 8 against.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Acting Moderator*  
 The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*  
 The Rev. Walter Pollard, *Pastor of Church*  
 Mrs. Lucille Stanley, *Church Clerk*

During the year the Executive Board granted letters of transfer to the following ministers: The Revs. Donald Venable, Eastern Conference; Rudy Owens, Western Conference; and Curtis Jones, Cape Fear Conference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(November 6, 1974—November 1, 1975)

Balance in Savings Account (Bank of North Carolina)

November 6, 1974

\$ 554.43

## Receipts

Offering for Mount Olive College	\$ 43.77
From 1974 Conference	540.00
Offering for Children's Home	77.02
Late Conference Receipts	53.00
Interest on Savings Through September 30, 1975	28.86
Sales Tax Refund, July 11, 1975	38.00

Total Receipts

780.65

Total for Which to Account

1,335.08

*Disbursements*

Offering for Children's Home	\$ 77.02	
Offering for Mount Olive College	43.77	
Clerk's Salary	35.00	
Secretarial Help	20.00	
Travel and Other Expenses	112.59	
Press Foundation, November 11, 1974	4.55	
Press Foundation for Printing, March 17, 1975	400.00	
Total Disbursements		692.93
Balance November 1, 1975		\$ 642.15
Balance in Savings Account (Bank of North Carolina)		\$ 621.29
Balance in Checking Account (Wachovia Bank)		20.86
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts, November 1, 1975		\$ 642.15

*Other Central Conference Assets*

Deposit Loan Certificates and Compounded Interest, December 31, 1974	\$5,598.26
(Compounded interest for 1975 to be added to Loan Certificates for 1975.)	

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. S. N. Highsmith, *Treasurer*

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Be it resolved, that a rising vote of thanks be expressed to the Free Union Church and its pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, for their wonderful hospitality extended to this 1975 session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Harry A. Jones  
The Rev. L. E. Ballard  
Mrs. Rosa Proctor

**PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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

"This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and all general officers and members of standing boards or 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 report:

1. We recommend that all delegates who have properly registered for the 227th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1975 session.
2. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing with the conference be seated.
3. We further recommend that all ministers and delegates having identification cards and having registered properly, be seated.
4. The followed have registered today:

a. Central Conference Ministers	27
b. Visiting Ministers	12
c. Delegates	56
d. Churches Represented	23

Respectfully submitted,  
 The Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann  
 Mrs. Julia Smith  
 Mr. Leo Tripp

### REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

On January 20, 1975, the council voted to recommend to the Harrell's Chapel Church that Edwin Wayne Griffin be granted license to preach for one year.

On April 14, 1975, the council met with the Rev. W. S. Burns who wanted to come back to the Free Will Baptist Denomination. By motion it was decided not to reinstate him at this time.

On July 29, 1975, the council met with Brother Rex Edwards of the Saratoga Church. By motion it was decided to recommend to his church that he be granted a license to preach for one year.

On September 12, 1975, the council in a meeting examined Steve Dickens from the Community Church in Weldon. By motion it was decided to recommend that his church grant him license to preach for one year.

At this same meeting letters of transfer for the Rev. Kemery Ard and the Rev. Curtis Jones were granted to the Cape Fear Conference.

On October 23, 1975, the council met with Keith Cobb of the Dilda's Grove Church. By motion it was decided to recommend that his church grant him license to preach for one year.

Beverly Ballard was asked to join a Free Will Baptist church in the Central Conference and reappear before the council.

On November 5, 1975, at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, the council met on the first day of the conference.

The Rev. Wiley Lewis of the National Association was requested to unite with the Roanoke Rapids Church and then appear before the council.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor was received into the Conference pending a letter from the Eastern Conference.

The Rev. Leon Grubbs was recommended to the Central Conference upon the basis that he has already received his letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference to the Central Conference.

Beverly Ballard was asked to give proof of his ordination by getting a letter from the Eastern Conference.

The Rev. F. B. Cherry was granted a letter of transfer from this conference to the Western Conference.

Rev. Royce Reynolds was received into the conference from the Albemarle Conference pending a letter of transfer.

Licensed ministers are Tom Everton, Wayne Griffin, William Murphy, Dale Albertson, Steve Dickens, Keith Cobb, and Rex Edwards.

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

#### REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the 227th annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists reaffirm its stand on temperance as stated in the Church Covenant.
2. That we vote to insure our country a government with leaders of integrity this election year.
3. That we urge continued cooperation and support for the Christian Action League of North Carolina.
4. That we support our law enforcement officers and aid them ourselves by scrupulously obeying the law.
5. That we as Christians set examples by worshiping regularly during the vacation season and by not spending all our summer away from God's house.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey  
Mr. D. W. Barrow  
Mrs. Bruce Barrow

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, make the following nominations to the Central Conference:

1. *Board of Ordination*: The Rev. Jack Mayo to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry (1977); the Rev. Walter Reynolds to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. James Lupton (1976); the Rev. Willis Wilson to succeed himself (1980).
2. *Board of Trustees*: Mrs. Bruce Barrow (1980).
3. *Board of Missions*: Mr. Albert Proctor to succeed himself (1980).
4. *Board of Finance*: Miss Ina Ruth Langston (1980).
5. *Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation*: Mrs. C. L. Patrick to succeed herself (1977).
6. *Credentials Committee*: The Rev. Joseph Lehmann to succeed himself (1978).
7. *Obituary Committee*: Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. to succeed herself (1978).
8. *Conference Historian*: Mrs. H. L. Splivey to succeed herself (1976).
9. *Publicity Chairman*: The Rev. Walter Reynolds to succeed himself (1976).
10. *Stock in Church Finance Association, Inc.*: Mr. D. W. Barrow (1976).

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Jack Mayo  
The Rev. Gary Bailey  
Miss Ina Ruth Langston

# REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

(Year Ending June 30, 1975)

Churches	Amount
Ayden	\$ 15.00
Aspen Grove	15.00
Bethany	15.00
Black Jack	561.16
Cedar Grove	
Community	10.00
Daniels Chapel	15.00
Dawson's Grove	5.00
Dilda's Grove	319.55
Edgewood	5.00
Elm Grove	215.00
Faith (Lenoir)	
Free Union	15.00
Friendship	332.70
Greenville, First	15.00
Grimsley	5.00
Gum Swamp	73.00
Harrell's Chapel	
Hickory Grove	62.38
Howell Swamp	5.00
Hugo	5.00
Hull Road	65.00
King's Cross Roads	93.63
LaGrange	15.00
Little Creek	15.00
Maury	
Marlboro	15.00
Otter's Creek	
Ormondsville	67.00
Owen's Chapel	172.59
Peace	10.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	108.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	
Pleasant Hill	15.00
Reedy Branch	15.00
Rose Hill	15.00
Roanoke Rapids	
Rocky Mount, First	
Rose of Sharon	
Saratoga	28.40
Sweet Gum Grove	10.00
Spring Branch	5.00
Saints Delight	

Tarboro	340.00
Watery Branch	
Walnut Creek	
Williamston, First	
Winterville	436.53
Total for Churches, SS, WA, etc.	<u>\$3,114.94</u>
Second Union Meeting	48.19
Miscellaneous and Interest earned	<u>391.42</u>
Grand Total	\$3,554.55

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

This has been an eventful year, and the following is a summary of important facts:

1. First of all, we are happy to report that your contributions were more this year than last—17 percent. We offer a special note of thanks to the woman's auxiliaries. They are mission minded and work diligently year after year to support all phases of missions in our denomination.

2. The Roanoke Rapids Church has deeded one-half interest in their building lots to the trustees of the Central Conference. A copy of the deed has been filed with the trustees. This, we feel, is a step in the right direction for our denomination. If the conference had had legal rights to each of our churches in years gone by, we would not have lost some of them to other denominations.

3. As a board, we have been praying for guidance as to the best steps to take to help these fine Christians at Roanoke Rapids. We felt led to suggest to them that they vote to invite our State Home Mission Board to take over this work. Your conference board has voted to continue to support this work; thus, at this time, placing no added financial burden on our state board. They have better facilities, more experience, and we feel they will be able to complete the mission work we began there.

We solicit your continued prayers and financial support to the end that we will continue to be able to back this young church which is not yet ready to be weaned. Our prayers should include our State Home Mission Board. They have a vision of an *Original Free Will Baptist Church in every town*. Let us continue to support all phases of mission work.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

### *Treasurer's Report*

Balance July 1, 1974	\$8,017.05
<b>Receipts</b>	
Churches (Including WA, SS, etc.)	\$3,114.94
Second Union Meeting	48.19
Miscellaneous and Interest on	
Savings	<u>391.42</u>

**Total Receipts**  
**Total for Which to Account**

**3,554.55**  
**11,571.60**

**Disbursements**

**Pastoral Supplement (Roanoke Rapids Church)**

**\$3,675.00**

**Insurance on Property**

**47.60**

**Office Expense**

**46.98**

**Total Disbursements**

**3,869.21**

**Balance in Bank and Savings Account**

**\$7,702.39**

**Note: \$7,000 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mr. Albert Proctor  
 The Rev. R. T. Sasser  
 The Rev. L. E. Ballard  
 The Rev. Bobby Bazen  
 The Rev. Jack Mayo

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1975 session of the Central Conference as follows:

<b>Conference Ministers</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Visiting Ministers</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Delegates</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Churches Represented</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Licensed Ministers</b>	<b>3</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Julia Smith  
 The Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann  
 Mr. Leo Tripp

Lee's Chapel	277	246	10		12	36		80,000	16,886	6,464	23,350
Mount Olive	12	21							63	3,234	3,297
Oak Grove	134	125	24			25		75,000	8,014	2,409	10,423
Palmer Memorial	142	141	10		15	26	14	150,000	25,861	1,701	27,562
Pleasant Grove	177	161	11		14	18	14	80,000	15,830	1,625	17,455
Powhatan	224	138			12	16	10	75,000	8,754	1,422	10,176
Riverside	94	73	12			15		50,000	14,211	2,136	16,347
Robert's Grove	260	149	8		25	30		120,000	16,371	1,355	17,726
St. Mary's Grove	216	184	18		25	40		130,000	16,311	1,563	17,874
St. Paul	188	107				26		25,000	6,529	2,680	9,209
Shady Grove	349	173				20		130,000	38,034	7,030	45,064
Smithfield, First	244	104				15		118,000	21,374	1,491	22,865
Smyrna	131	140				15		66,000	6,866	1,094	7,960
Steven's Chapel	117	104							3,909	205	4,114
Tee's Chapel	231	192	23			25		100,000	24,922	3,034	27,956
West Clinton	38	58	15			12		35,000	4,478	772	5,250
Wooten's Chapel	124	75	10			14		30,000	25,812	3,861	29,673
Yelverton's Grove	100	126	17		8	17		35,000	13,665	2,087	15,752

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	183	187	20	20		29	12	\$ 50,000	\$15,344	\$3,249	\$18,593
Ayden	142	111		16		18		135,000	14,321	6,881	21,202
Bethany	184	84		10	7	20	15	100,000	10,583	1,547	12,130
Black Jack	600	443				110		215,000	35,682	8,740	44,422
Cedar Grove											
Community											
Daniels Chapel	321	182		12	15	35		170,000	36,845	3,690	40,535
Dawson's Grove											
Dilda's Grove	106	78				20		60,000	4,555	648	5,203
Edgewood	94	102				18			9,049	2,209	11,258
Elm Grove	386	100			8	32		185,000	17,216	4,081	21,297
Free Union	335	208		15	12	70	20	155,000	22,642	4,603	27,245
Friendship	253	181	41	12	7	49	15	178,000	23,471	4,129	27,600
Greenville, First	237	165		10	15	25	19	250,000	45,628	2,060	47,688

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Williamston, First	75	70				22		85,000	11,025	1,942	12,967
Winterville	244	158	45	17	12	25		85,000	13,290	8,165	21,455
EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Angola	46	42				14		\$ 18,000	\$ 3,853	\$ 160	\$ 4,013
Antioch	270	155	25			30		100,000	9,060	1,697	10,757
Arapahoe	160	127		12		30		140,000	20,441	875	21,316
Bethany											
Bethel	111	46	26			18		30,000	6,384	1,500	7,884
Bethlehem	154	118		16	7	20		56,000	11,884	1,563	13,447
Beulahville	232	125		10	8	12		150,000	19,403	2,319	21,722
Bridgeton	182	100		8	10	18			12,292	1,288	13,580
British Chapel	90	67		10		10		50,000	4,707	688	5,395
Cabin	169	106				20		80,000	19,992	1,454	21,446
Christian Chapel	201	149	58	12	14	32		20,000	25,800	2,265	28,065
Core Creek	125	85		10		15		100,000	13,926	4,650	18,576
Core Point	15	20						10,000	1,560	146	1,706
Crab Point	110	125		12	15	12	12	116,000	18,663	1,215	19,878
Croatan	73	90				14		26,000	8,009	925	8,934
Daly's Chapel	228	92		10	15	10	10	212,000	9,272	263	9,535
Davis	75	70	25	8		17		45,000	10,220	2,802	13,022
Deep Run	248	190		12	15	34		80,000	15,493	2,294	17,787
Dublin Grove	177	102		9	11	27		20,000	5,730	1,381	7,111
Edward's Chapel	130	89		10	8	16		20,000	3,959	366	4,325
Ephesus											
Faith (Leland)	26	30				9		43,000			
Faith (Morehead)	231	179						120,000	13,980	2,390	16,370
Free Union											
Folkstone	302	148		15	20	30		90,000	16,364	1,021	17,385
Friendship	113	104				15		40,000	11,696	800	12,496
Gethsemane	150	100						50,000	7,540	855	8,395
Grant's Chapel	75	61		10	9	14		30,000	9,223	472	9,695
Gray Branch	241	120	45			20		35,000	6,755	1,963	8,718
Hillsberry	67	71	20	6	7			26,000	8,616	589	9,205
Holly Springs	403	174		13	10	35	25	150,000	19,115	5,261	24,376