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for

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Free Will Baptists

of

North Carolina

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

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MINUTES
of the
228th Annual Session
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
NORTH CAROLINA
Held with
Elm Grove Church, Pitt County
Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11, 1976

Rev. James Lupton, Moderator
Rev. Hubert Burress, Clerk
Rev. Gary Bailey, Conference Host

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

MODERATOR

Rev. Gary Bailey, Ayden, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.

CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Leon Grubbs, Snow Hill, N. C.

TREASURER

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. N. D. Beaman
Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Rev. Hubert Burress
Rev. Gary Bailey

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. R. P. Harris (1981)
Rev. C. L. Patrick (1979)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1980)
Rev. N. D. Beaman (1978)

Rev. Jack Mayo (1977)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1980)
Mrs. Richard Owens (1978)

Rev. Royce Reynolds (1979)
Mr. A. G. Mangum (1977)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1981)
Rev. Jack Mayo (1979)

Mr. Albert Proctor (1980)
Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978)

Rev. Bobby Bazen (1977)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. M. S. Cowan (1981)
Mrs. Randolph Harris (1979)

Miss Ina Ruth Langston (1980)
Mr. Steve Little (1978)

Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (1977)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Mr. W. S. Wooten (1978)

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1977)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bobby Taylor (1979)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1978)

Mrs. Julia Smith (1977)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. L. B. Manning (1979)

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

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1977)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Rev. C. H. Overman

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1977)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. D. W. Barrow (1977)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	1975	1976
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	A	A
L. E. Ballard, 1225, S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	P
* R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	A
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	P	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	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Jack Mayo, Route 1, Box 273-1, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 3, Dudley, N. C. 28333	A	P
Vance Link, P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas 78852	A	A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	P
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 589, Winterville, N. C. 28590	L	L
N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	P
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., P. O. Box 3247, Creedmoor, N. C. 27522	L	A
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	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	A
Walter Reynolds, 401 New Circle Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	L
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	A	A
O. B. Jones, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	L
Stewart Humphrey, Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Bobby Taylor, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590		P
Leon Grubbs, Route 2, Box 290, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580		P
Royce Reynolds, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888		
Robert Rollins, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580		A
Beverly Ballard, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834		P
Wiley Lewis, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. 27870		P
Keith Cobb, Route 1, Box 327, Fountain, N. C. 27829		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

Ray Shepherd
Tom Everton

Wayne Griffin
William Murphy

Dale Albertson
Steve Dickens
Rex Edwards

Franklin Robbins
Clarence Harris
Johnny Taylor

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 228th annual session with the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County on Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11, 1976.

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 the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Gary Bailey. The response was given by the moderator, the Rev. James Lupton.

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

At this time the moderator addressed the conference.

A motion was made and passed for the conference to send a sympathy card to the Rev. Robert Rollins in the loss of his wife.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Cape Fear Conference—the Revs. Swade Benson, R. W. Allman, and Kemery Ard; Western Conference—the Revs. Douglas Skinner, Bobby Futrell, Joe Ingram, F. B. Cherry, and Luther Bisette; Eastern Conference—the Rev. David Charles Hansley; Albemarle Conference—the Rev. Robert May and the Rev. Royce Reynolds.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Nominating: The Revs. N. D. Beaman and Bruce Barrow, and Mr. M. S. Cowan.

Resolutions: The Revs. Leon Grubbs and Tom Miller, and Mr. Walter Heath.

Temperance: The Revs. Bobby Bazen, Jack Mayo, and Mr. Daniel Barrow.

Parliamentarian: The Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was given by the Rev. Joe Ingram.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser.

The report of the Board of Superannuation was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser.

The report of Mount Olive College was given by Harold Herring.

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

A motion was made and passed to amend the Constitution as follows: Article IX—Meetings: 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.

Section 10—Bylaws: 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 for action in the afternoon session. This item was placed on the table for action in the Thursday session.

The changes as recommended were removed from the table and adopted by motion passed in the session on Thursday.

The Central Conference Mission Board's report was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser. (See report.)

An offering for Mount Olive College was received in the amount of \$47.23.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. Wiley Lewis.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Bobby Taylor.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mr. Leo Tripp. (See report.)

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress, and was adopted by motion. (See report.)

The report of the Church Extension was given by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The Board of Trustees had no report.

The report of Cragmont was given by the Rev. Douglas Skinner.

A motion was made and passed to increase mileage allowance to twelve cents per mile.

The minutes of the Wednesday session were read and approved by motion.

The day's session adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning session opened with a devotional by the Rev. Bobby Futrell.

The State Convention's report was given by its president, the Rev. Robert May.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (See report.)

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Bobby Bazen. (See report.)

The Resolutions Committee's report was given by the Rev. Leon Grubbs. (See report.)

A motion was passed to keep the roll of ministers as it is, but to include the things mentioned in the resolution.

A motion passed that each minister is to be responsible for sending his name, address, current church, and phone number to the clerk, and any change in the above is to be mailed to clerk.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. (See report.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mr. M. S. Cowan. (See report.)

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

The Retirement Homes report was given by the Rev. Sam Weeks.

The Children's Home offering amounted to \$53.50

The conference rendered thanks to Brother Leo Tripp for 51 years of service to the conference. Tribute was made by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mr. Leo Tripp. (See report.)

The report of the treasurer was given by Mr. S. N. Highsmith.

The conference gave a rising vote of thanks to the outgoing officers.

A motion was passed to leave all unfinished business to the Executive Committee.

The Ordination Board had charge of the final service.

Willis Keith Cobb of Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church was ordained.

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick presented the candidate, and the ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. B. Cherry. The Rev. C. L. Patrick spoke the charge and presented the Bible to the candidate, a gift from his home church, Dilda's Grove.

The prayer of consecration was prayed by the Rev. N. B. Barrow, followed by the laying on of hands by the ministers who were present.

The Central Conference voted to meet with the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church in its next session.

A motion was passed to publish the morning message in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST.

The session was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The Rev. James Lupton, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

The Executive Committee met after the conference.

The minutes of the conference sessions were read and approved by motion.

A motion was made and passed to send in lieu of flowers: \$25 each to Mrs. E. C. Morris and the Rev. Robert Rollins; and \$25 to Mount Olive College as a memorial gift for Mrs. H. L. Spivey.

The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

(September 15, 1976)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in Mount Olive, at the State Convention, on September 15, 1976. The following members were present: The Revs. James Lupton, Gary Bailey, N. B. Barrow, and Hubert Burress.

The program for the 1976 session was arranged.

The Rev. James Lupton, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Treasurer's Report

(June 30, 1976)

Balance July 1, 1975		\$7,702.39
<i>Receipts</i>		
Churches (Including WA, SS, etc.)	\$2,141.50	
Second Union Meeting	48.49	
Miscellaneous and Interest on Savings	401.37	
Total Receipts		<u>2,591.36</u>
Total for Which to Account		10,293.75
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Pastoral Supplement (Roanoke Rapids Church)	\$3,900.00	
Insurance on Property, and Deed Expense	76.60	
Board Expense	69.86	
Office Expense	40.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>4,086.46</u>
Balance in Bank, and Savings Account		<u>\$6,207.29</u>

Note: \$5,000.00 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. R. T. Sasser, *Treasurer*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Ayden	10.00	Edgewood	5.00
Aspen Grove	5.00	Elm Grove	17.60
Bethany	10.00	Free Union	10.00
Black Jack	99.35	Friendship	116.00
Cedar Grove		Greenville	10.00
Community	9.76	Grimsley	
Daniel's Chapel	10.00	Gum Swamp	5.00
Dawson's Grove	10.00	Harrell's Chapel	
Dilda's Grove	497.26	Hickory Grove	76.27

Howell Swamp	5.00	Roanoke Rapids	
Hugo	5.00	Rocky Mount	5.00
Hull Road	35.00	Rose of Sharon	25.00
King's Cross Roads	92.99	Saratoga	18.40
LaGrange	10.00	Sweet Gum Grove	
Little Creek	10.00	Spring Branch	10.00
Maury		St. Delight	
Marlboro	10.00	Tarboro	265.00
Otter's Creek		Watery Branch	
Ormondsville	70.00	Walnut Creek	
Owen's Chapel	106.00	Williamston	
Peace	10.00	Winterville	434.87
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	108.00	Total for Churches, SS, WA, etc.	\$2,141.50
Piney Grove (Pitt)		Second Union Meeting	48.49
Pleasant Hill	10.00	Miscellaneous and Interest earned	401.37
Reedy Branch	10.00	Grand Total	\$2,591.86
Rose Hill	10.00		

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. Included in this message of thanks is a special message to the Woman's Auxiliaries of our conference who this year, as in years past, have sent special gifts to your conference board. They have a splendid vision of missions.

The Number two rule of our board as approved by the 1962 session of our conference was as follows: "Stand ready to assist any church in our conference that might need help because of conditions that existed at the time."

This rule has been especially true for the past few years. Our newest church, Roanoke Rapids, has done remarkably well under difficult circumstances. As we reported to you last year, our State Home Missions Board has taken over this young church, to operate it as if it were a mission. Our conference board has provided regular weekly pastoral support. The young church, under the leadership of the Rev. Wiley Lewis since November 1, 1975, has made remarkable progress. They have spent all of their building savings account to remodel and make repairs and improvements. Their attendance is up considerably; they are receiving new members and making progress. They are thankful for your support, and they solicit your continued support of the mission program in our conference. They will want to help in this support in the near future, when they will have become self-supporting.

Your board continues to solicit your prayers and support. The goal established years ago is the motivating principle of your board: "AN ORIGINAL F. W. B. CHURCH IN EVERY TOWN." This can be established in

one step at a time. We finish the step we are in now, to begin another one soon.

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

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE 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 228th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1976 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 following have registered today:

a. Central Conference Ministers	21
b. Visiting Ministers	8
c. Delegates	37
d. Churches Represented	18
e. Licensed Ministers	1

Respectfully submitted,
 Mr. Leo Tripp
 Mrs. Julia Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT

(November 1, 1975—November 1, 1976)

November 1, 1975	Balance in Savings Account (Bank of North Carolina, Farmville, N. C.)	\$621.29
November 1, 1975	Checking Account (Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Greenville, N. C.)	15.73
		\$637.02

Receipts

From the 1975 Conference	587.10
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Collection 1975 Conference for Yearbook	111.20	
Collection 1975 Conference for Children's Home	110.66	
Collection 1975 Conference for Mount Olive College	148.12	
Late Conference Receipts	62.40	
Interest on Savings Through October 31, 1976	<u>51.87</u>	
Total to Account for		\$1,071.35

Disbursements

Mount Olive College—From Conference Offering	148.12	
Children's Home—From Conference Offering	110.66	
Free Will Baptist Press	371.00	
Clerk's Salary	35.00	
Secretarial Help	20.00	
Travel and Other Expenses	<u>52.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 736.78.

Balance in Wachovia Banking and Trust Co., November 1, 1976	318.41	
Balance in Bank of North Carolina (Savings Account)	<u>653.18</u>	
Balance Accountable for November 1, 1976		\$ 971.59

Other Central Conference Assets

Church Finance Association, Inc., Certificate and Compounded Interest to December 31, 1975		\$5,932.98
(Compounded Interest for 1975 to be added to loan certificates for 1976)		

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

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the 228th 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 urge continued cooperation and support for the Christian Action League of North Carolina in its fight against alcoholic beverages and pornography.
3. That we support our law enforcement officers and aid them ourselves by obeying the law.
4. 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.
5. That the Conference secretary notify the three major television stations in this area of our opposition to the permissive, immoral, and profane programs that are being shown.
6. That we voice our objection to the use of profanity in the textbooks and

library books of the North Carolina state public school system.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, *Chairman*
The Rev. Jack Mayo
Mr. D. W. Barrow

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee offers the following report:

1. Be it resolved, that a list of our ministers, including address, telephone, and current church, be listed in alphabetical order in our minutes for publication.

2. Be it resolved, that a rising vote of thanks be expressed to the Elm Grove Church and its pastor, the Rev. Gary Bailey, for the wonderful hospitality shown during this 1976 session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Leon Grubbs
Mr. Walter Heath
The Rev. Tom Miller

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee make the following report:

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of our beloved minister of Christ, the Rev. E. C. Morris, and our sister lay worker, Mrs. H. L. Splvey.

We are grateful to God for their many years of service, their inspiration, and the example they have left us to follow.

As a token of our respect we, the Obituary Committee, recommend that this conference stand in silent prayer in their memory, after which, we ask the moderator of the conference to lead us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. L. B. Manning
Mrs. Raymond Harris
Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

To the Central Conference, Elm Grove Church, November 11, 1976:

The Ordaining Council has met on numerous occasions since the last session of the Central Conference. This Council has been given the responsibility to examine candidates for license and also candidates for ordination. We have met with a number of men either seeking license or ordination, and it has been quite a rewarding year since November of last year.

The Council met at the Press on June 8, 1976. The purpose of this meeting was to examine Brother Johnny Taylor of the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church for license. By motion it was decided to ask the church to grant him license to preach for one year.

On August 9, 1976, the Council met the Press in Ayden. The Rev. Robert Rollins came with his letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference. By

motion it was decided to recommend that he be received into full fellowship by the Central Conference.

The Rev. Bobby Futrell of Winterville, pastor of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church came to the Council for clearance to work with the Winterville church. The Council was most appreciative of his attitude.

On September 13, 1976, the Council met at the Press in Ayden. Brother Clarence Harris and Brother Franklin Robbins, of Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church, appeared before the Council seeking license to preach. By motion it was decided to ask the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro to grant these men a license to preach for one year.

By motion it was decided to receive Beverly Ballard, son the the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, into full fellowship as an ordained minister. The Council so recommends this to the Conference.

On October 25, 1976, the Council met again at the Press. Keith Cobb of Dilda's Grove church met with the Council and was given an oral test for ordination. Having done an excellent job on his test, the Council voted to ordain him on the second day of the Conference. Keith requested that the Rev. Floyd Cherry preach the ordination sermon.

By motion a letter of transfer was granted to the Rev. Larry Barbour to the Western Conference.

On Wednesday, November 10, 1976, the Council met at the Elm Grove church on the first day of the Central Conference.

By motion it was decided to recommend that the Rev. Wiley Lewis, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids church, be received into full fellowship by the Central Conference and that his credentials of ordination from the National Association be recognized by our Conference.

By mistake on the part of the secretary, the name of Ray Shepherd was left off of the list of licensed ministers last year. We regret this mistake and gladly add it this year.

Our licensed ministers now are Tom Everton, Wayne Griffin, William Murphy, Dale Albertson, Steve Dickens, Rex Edwards, Franklin Robbins, Clarence Harris, Johnny Taylor, and Ray Shepherd.

By motion it was decided to drop Joe Barrow's name from our roll of ministers since he turned in his credentials after having joined another denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Chairman*
The Rev. Willis Wilson, *Secretary*

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1976 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers	25
Visiting Ministers	13
Delegates	41
Churches Represented	21

Licensed Ministers

1

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Julia Smith
Mr. Leo Tripp

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Moderator: The Rev. Gary Bailey

Assistant Moderator: The Rev. N. D. Beaman

Clerk: The Rev. Hubert Burress

Assistant Clerk: The Rev. Leon Grubbs

Treasurer: Mr. S. N. Highsmith

Executive Board Member at Large: The Rev. N. B. Barrow

Board of Ordination: The Rev. R. P. Harris (1981)

Board of Trustees: The Rev. Royce Reynolds (1979), Mrs. Carl Barrow (1980)

Board of Missions: The Rev. R. T. Sasser (1981)

Board of Finance: Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (1977), Mr. M. S. Cowan (1981)

Representative of Free Will Baptist Press (Stock): Mr. W. S. Wooten (1978)

Credentials Committee: The Rev. Bobby Taylor (1979)

Obituary Committee: The Rev. L. B. Manning (1979)

Conference Historian: The Rev. C. H. Overman

Stock in Church Finance Association, Inc.: Mr. D. W. Barrow

Publicity Chairman: The Rev. Walter Reynolds (1977)

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. N. D. Beaman
The Rev. Bruce Barrow
Mr. M. S. Cowan

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Williamston, First	100	84				22		85,000	15,628	377	16,005
Winterville	256	158	40	17	12	25		85,000	10,999	8,819	19,818
EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Angola	44	47				13		\$ 18,000	\$ 6,937	\$ 340	\$ 7,287
Antioch	285	166	20			15		100,000	12,986	2,107	15,093
Arapahoe	162	149		20		30		120,000	6,940	575	7,515
Bethany											
Bethel	111	50	26			23		50,000	6,975	2,688	9,663
Bethlehem	155	129		15	4	25		175,000	14,379	2,484	16,863
Beulaville	234	125		10	8	12		150,000	21,825	2,408	24,233
Bridgeton	190	115				18			15,357	1,025	16,382
British Chapel	75	78				10		50,000	4,980	800	5,780
Cabin	171	100				23		80,000	3,123	22,799	25,922
Christian Chapel	197	148	56	12	15	30		20,000	28,400	2,240	30,640
Core Creek	129	90		6		15		110,000	23,336	5,063	28,429
Core Point	20	20						10,000	2,040	202	2,242
Crab Point	70	87		10	12	9	10	116,000	17,534	2,049	19,583
Croatian	67	90				10		26,000	12,420	1,480	13,900
Daly's Chapel	228	92		10	15	10	10	150,000	13,063	100	13,163
Davis	74	70	25			15			7,303	3,280	10,583
Deep Run	250	148		15	12	35		80,000	15,832	1,961	17,793
Dublin Grove	183	105		10	12	27		20,000	5,582	1,899	7,481
Edward's Chapel	132	88				13		20,000	5,115	1,034	6,148
Ephesus	85	75				18			6,976	530	7,506
Faith (Bridgeton)	108	82				15		35,000	2,660		2,660
Faith (Leland)	108	82				15		35,000			
Faith (Morehead)	75							125,000	11,110	2,142	13,252
Free Union	38	40						65,000	6,215	165	6,380
Folkstone	312	148		25		30		125,000	22,058	1,297	23,355
Friendship	110	101	18			16		40,000	9,408	1,166	10,574
Gethsemane	155	90						50,000	9,115	1,035	10,150
Grant's Chapel	76	61				14			7,461	773	8,234
Gray Branch	148	106	44	20	15	30		100,000	21,274	1,043	22,317
Hillsberry	66	71	20	6	3	19		26,000			