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**MINUTES
of the
229th Annual Session
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held with
Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Lenoir County
Wednesday, November 9, 1977
Rev. Gary Bailey, Moderator
Rev. Hubert Burress, Clerk
Rev. Harry Jones, 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.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

Rev. Hubert Burress
Rev. Gary Bailey

Central Conference

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. N. B. Barrow (1981)

Rev. R. T. Sasser (1980)

Rev. Royce Reynolds (1979)

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1978)

Rev. Jack Mayo (1982)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1980)

Rev. Royce Reynolds (1979)

Mrs. Richard Owens (1978)

Mr. A. G. Mangum (1981)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1981)

Mr. Albert Proctor (1980)

Rev. Jack Mayo (1979)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1978)

Rev. Bobby Bazen (1982)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. M. S. Cowan (1981)

Miss Ina Ruth Langston (1980)

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1979)

Mr. Steve Little (1978)

Mrs. J. O. Beaman (1982)

REPRESENTATIVES OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Mr. W. S. Wooten (1978)

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1979)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Bobby Taylor (1979)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1978)

Mrs. Julia Smith (1980)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. L. B. Manning (1979)

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

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1980)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Rev. C. H. Overman (1980)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Rev. Walter Reynolds (1980)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. D. W. Barrow (1980)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

	1977	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	L	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	A	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, 1125 Doyle Avenue Charleston AFB, South Carolina 29404	L	L

Central Conference

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Michael Pelt, Route 4, Box 363, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	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
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	A	P
Charles Edwin Branch, Route 1, Box 589, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	L
N. D. Wiggs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501		L
N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr., 2009 Fairview Way, Greenville, N. C. 27834	L	A
Walter Bruce Jones, Route 1, Ayden, N. C. 28513	A	P
Clinton Davis, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	A	P
Gary Bailey, Route 3, Box 294, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Walter Reynolds, 401 New Circle Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	L
Bobby Bazen, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C. 27834	L	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
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	P
Leon Grubbs, Route 2, Box 290, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Royce Reynolds, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
Robert Rollins, Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	A
Beverly Ballard, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
David C. Hansley, Route 3, Box 637, Wilson, N. C. 27893; phone, 243-6512 (E) (11-9-77)		P
Bobby Futrell, Route 1, Box 309, Winterville, N. C. 28590; phone, 756-0520 (W) (11-9-77)		P
Jerry Rowe, Route 1, Box 151, Newport, N. C. 28570; (E) (11-9-77)		P
Rex Edwards, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822; phone, 291-5068 (C) (11-16-77)		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

Ray Shepherd	P
Tom Everton	A
William Murphy	A
Charles H. Lacher	P
Mike Harrell	P
Ronnie Hobgood	P
Ray Williamson	P
Gerald Perry	P
Franklin Robbins	A
Steve Dickens	A

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

The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 229th Annual session with the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church in Lenoir County on Wednesday, November 9, 1977.

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

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Leon Grubbs.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Harry Jones, pastor. The response was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

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.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Cape Fear Conference: The Revs. Taylor Hill and Swade Benson; Western Conference: The Revs. Bobby Futrell and C. F. Bowen; Eastern Conference: The Revs. Bob Fader, Jerry Rowe, and Carlton Lucas.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Nominating: The Revs. Harry Jones, Walter Reynolds, and Royce Reynolds.

Resolutions: The Revs. Leon Grubbs, Bobby Taylor, and N. D. Beamon.

Temperance: The Rev. Tom Miller, Robert Rollins, and Danny Braswell.

Parliamentarian: The Rev. N. B. Barrow

The Rev. Willis Wilson resigned from the Ordination Board, which was accepted by a motion.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick resigned from the Ordination Board, which was accepted by a motion.

A motion was made and passed to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Rev. Willis Wilson and the Rev. C. L. Patrick for long years of service to the conference.

The report of the State Convention was given by the Rev. David Charles Hansley.

The reports of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and Board of

Superannuation were given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

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

The reports of the Children's Home and the Retirement Home were given by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey.

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

The report of Foreign Missions was given by the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

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

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

(See Reports)

The Obituary Committee had no report.

The conference offering was taken.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. Harry Jones: His texts were 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 and 1 Timothy 6:11, 12; his subject was, The Bible, Aid to Christian Living.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. Bobby Taylor.

The Executive Board report was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

Received by motion.

The Central Conference Mission report was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser. Received by motion.

The Temperance Committee report was given by the Rev. Robert Rollins. Received by motion.

The Resolution Committee report was given by the Rev. Leon Grubbs. Received by motion.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. S. N. Highsmith. Received by motion.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Harry Jones. Received by Motion.

The Rev. Harry Jones gave a report on the General Conference.

A motion was made and passed to receive as information a report from the Second Union of the Central Conference.

The conference voted to meet with Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church next year, 1978.

A motion passed for the Executive Board to take care of any unfinished business.

A motion passed giving a rising vote of thanks to the Rev. L. B. Manning for 53 years of service.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. N. D. Beamon.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Moderator*
The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 9, 1977)

The Executive Board and Ordaining Board met after the conference.

The minutes were read and approved by motion.

A motion was made and passed to bind minutes in binder up to 1974 minutes.

A motion was made and passed to have 500 copies of the Constitution and Bylaws printed.

The moderator requested the Ordaining Board to meet as soon as possible to organize and take action on the Rev. Vance Link, who has not represented by Conference requirements for past 3 years.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Moderator*
The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

(February 24, 1977)

The Executive Committee and Board of Ordination met February 24, 1977, at 10 a. m. in the Free Will Baptist Press building in Ayden, N. C.

Present were as follows: Mr. S. N. Highsmith and the Revs. Gary Bailey, N. D. Beaman, Jack Mayo, C. L. Patrick, Hubert Burress, and Walter Reynolds.

Prayer was by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The Rev. Gary Bailey and the Rev. N. B. Barrow were elected to serve on the Subcommittee for the Revision of the Statement of Faith and Discipline.

A motion was made to revive the Central conference Ministers Fellowship. The moderator and assistant moderator are to make arrangements.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Moderator*
The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

(August 30, 1977)

The Executive Board of the Central Conference met August 30, 1977, at 10 a. m. at the Press building in Ayden, N. C.

The opening prayer was by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Present were as follows: The Revs. N. D. Beaman, Gary Bailey, N. B. Barrow, and Hubert Burress.

The program for the 229th Annual session at Hugo was arranged.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Bailey, *Moderator*
Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

(September 12, 1977)

The Executive Board and the Board of Ordination met September 12, 1977, at 10 a. m. at the Press building in Ayden, N. C.

The opening prayer was by the Rev. Jack Mayo.

Present were as follows: The Revs. Gary Bailey, N. D. Beaman, Hubert Burress, and N. B. Barrow.

Ordaining Council: The Rev. Jack Mayo and C. L. Patrick.

A motion was made and passed that all ministers of the Central Conference are required to inform the Secretary of the Board of Ordination before each convening conference giving date and issue and renewal of his license and that the license and renewal be confirmed by signature of the Church Clerk.

The motion passed for the Ordaining Board to keep an official roll of ministers and to provide a list showing the date received and leaving the conference to the Clerk of the Conference for publication.

Motion was made and passed requesting the Ordination Board to prepare a list of procedures and requirements for licensing and ordination of ministers and report to 1977 Conference.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Bailey, *Moderator*
Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

Treasurer's Report

(June 30, 1977)

Balance, July 1, 1976		\$6,207.29
	<i>Receipts</i>	
Churches (including W.A., S.S., etc.)	\$1,494.23	
Second Union Meeting	50.55	
Miscellaneous and Interest on Savings	306.17	
Total Receipts		1,850.95
Total for Which to Account		\$8,058.24
	<i>Disbursements</i>	
Pastoral Supplement (State Home Mission Department, for Roanoke Rapids Church)	\$4,975.00	
Repairs, Sunday School Building, (Roanoke Rapids)	400.00	
Insurance, Fuel Allowance, etc.	201.87	
Board Expense	73.77	
Office Expense	46.31	
Total Disbursements		5,696.95
Balance in Bank, and Savings Account		\$2,361.29

Note: \$2,000.00 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Central Conference Mission Board—Annual Report of the treasurer to the conference in session, Nov. 9, 1977 (year ending 6 30 77)

Ayden	\$ 5.00
Aspen Grove	10.00
Bethany	10.00
Black Jack	10.00
Cedar Grove	
Community	5.00
Daniel's Chapel	10.00
Dawson's Grove	10.00
Dilda's Grove	349.90
Edgewood	24.38
Elm Grove	5.00
Free Union	10.00
Friendship	114.00
Greenville	10.00
Grimsley	
Gum Swamp	10.00
Harrell's Chapel	
Hickory Grove	36.40
Howell Swamp	5.00
Hugo	
Hull Road	10.00
King's Cross Roads	92.56
LaGrange	10.00
Little Creek	5.00
Maury	
Marlboro	10.00
Otter's Creek	
Ormondsville	50.00
Owen's Chapel	109.00
Peace	10.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	54.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Reedy Branch	5.00
Rose Hill	10.00
Roanoke Rapids	
Rocky Mount	5.00
Rose of Sharon	
Saratoga	17.50
Sweet Gum Grove	
Spring Branch	10.00
St. Delight	
Tarboro	10.00

Watery Branch	
Walnut Creek	
Williamston	
Winterville	456.49
Total, Churches,	
(S.S., W.A., etc.)	1,494.23
Second Union Meeting	50.55
Miscellaneous and interest earned	306.17
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,850.95</u>

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 that in past years has backed up our efforts with 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, home and foreign.

"AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN EVERY TOWN" was the motto adopted by our board several years ago, and received by our conference. It is a goal we should always keep before us. We believe in our denomination and the vision of our church members 250 years ago. They were missionary in zeal and accomplishment. We need to regain a portion of their zeal and enthusiasm. We need to be obedient to the command of Jesus to Peter. "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught " (Luke 5:4).

Our forefathers 229 years ago had a vision of conferences, associations, etc. and so our own conference had its beginning. They used plans and programs that were successful. Today, we are launching out with greater obstacles to overcome. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow; however, there is a basic fact we need to keep before us: in our conference, with 48 churches on the list, only 11 are town churches.

For years we have witnessed an exodus of young people, and many older ones as well. They move away to town. Many join another denomination or become inactive "because there is no Original Free Will Baptist church in town." Some might say: "What can we do?" You can (1) pray for your board, and for young pastors to get a vision of home missions; (2) support conference missions.

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

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 229th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1977 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—27
 - b. Delegates—43
 - c. Visiting ministers—9
 - d. Churches represented—34
 - e. Licensed ministers—2

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Julia Smith
Rev. Joseph Lehmann
Rev. Bobby R. Taylor

TREASURER’S REPORT

(November 1, 1976—November 1, 1977)

November 1, 1976, Balance in Savings Account in Bank of North Carolina, Farmville, North Carolina	\$653.18	
November 1, 1976, Balance in Checking Account, Wachovia Bank and Trust, Co., Greenville, North Carolina	23.42	
November 1, 1976, Balance in Savings Account, Wachovia Bank and Trust, Co., Greenville, North Carolina	<u>294.99</u>	
November 1, 1976, TOTAL ON HAND		\$971.59

Receipts

Contributions at the 1976 Conference	741.30	
1976 Conference Contributions to Children’s Home	53.50	
1976 Conference Contributions to Mount Olive College	47.31	
Late Conference Receipts	78.60	
Earned Interest and Other Miscellaneous Income	<u>70.10</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$990.81

Disbursements

Mount Olive College	47.31	
Children’s Home	53.50	
Free Will Baptist Press	409.38	
Clerk’s Salary	35.00	
Travel and other expenses	<u>211.14</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$756.33

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Checking Account, November 1, 1977	47.60
Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Savings Account, November 1, 1977	<u>472.82</u>
BALANCE TO BE ACCOUNT FOR, November 1, 1977	\$ 520.42

OTHER CENTRAL CONFERENCE ASSETS

Church Finance Association, Inc., Certificate and Compound Interest to 11 / 7 / 77	\$6,975.61
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REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

I. Be it resolved, we ask all churches to abide by the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Rollins
Rev. Danny Braswell
Rev. Tom Miller Jr.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas we, as God's people, should accept his teachings through the Holy Scriptures, and whereas, we as a body of believers, should take our stand for the most high and Holy principles of Christian examples; therefore, be it resolved, that we of the Central Conference take a Christian stand against the widespread homosexual movement throughout this state and nation, as being sinful and ungodly, according to the Scriptures, particularly Romans, chapter one.

We, therefore, recommend that a copy of this resolution be submitted for publication in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bobby R. Taylor
Rev. N. D. Beaman

REPORT OF THE SECOND UNION

Whereas the Second Union of Original Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference and the State of North Carolina has been neglected by its member churches, pastors, and denominational enterprises:

Resolved in meeting of October 30, 1977, that all ministers and churches be represented by attendance at the regular scheduled meetings each fifth Sunday.

Resolved to continue our policy of excluding from the active list of pastors within the Second Union those that do not attend at least one meeting a year.

Motion was made and passed that all denominational enterprises not represented lose the financial support presently given by the Second Union if not represented by letter or in person.

Resolved to ask member churches for their help in areas of church and pastoral attendance at these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Randolph Harris, *Moderator*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Board of Ordination: Rev. Jack Mayo (1982), Rev. Royce Reynolds (1979), Rev. R. T. Sasser (1980), and Rev. N. B. Barrow (1981).

Board of Trustees: Mr. A. B. Mangum (1981).

Board of Missions: Rev. Bobby Bazen (1982).

Board of Finance: Mrs. J. O. Beaman (1982).

Representatives of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1979).

Credentials Committee: Mrs. Julia Smith (1980).

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Randolph Harris (1980).

Conference Historian: Rev. C. H. Overman (1980).

Publicity Chairman: Rev. Walter Reynolds (1980).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Walter Reynolds
Rev. Royce Reynolds
Rev. Harry A. Jones

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 9, 1977)

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference has had six meetings since the last session of the Conference.

During these sessions, the following actions have been taken and await the approval of the Conference.

On April 12, 1977, the Ordaining Council met at the Press. Ray Williamson from the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church presented himself for examination for license. The council voted to recommend that his church grant him license for one year.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. Bruce Dudley and ask for a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference to the Central Conference for the Rev. David C. Hansley. The letter has been received from the Eastern Conference.

By motion it was decided to ask all ministers to sign a Code of Ethics and that two copies be given to each minister and the minister send one signed copy to the secretary of the Ordaining Council.

On April 25, 1977, the Ordaining Council met at the Press. The purpose of the meeting was to give Ronald Dale Albertson an examination for ordination. By motion it was decided to ordain Dale at the Daniel's Chapel church on Sunday, May 15.

On July 25, the Council met at Parker's Barbecue in Greenville. Ronnie Hobgood from the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church came seeking license to preach. After examination by the council it was decided to ask the Ayden church to grant him license to preach for one year.

Mike Harrell of the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, came before the Council seeking a license to preach. It was decided to ask the Peace church to grant Harrell a license to preach for one year.

A letter of transfer was granted by the Council for the Rev. Paul Montgomery to the New Liberty General Presbytery in Maldon, Missouri.

At a meeting on September 12, the Council granted the Rev. R. P. Harris a letter of dismissal based on his request, made by letter. He is working with a national church in Rocky Mount.

Motion passed that a list of things the licensed minister can and cannot do be made up and given to each candidate at time of examination.

On September 26, 1977, the Rev. Wiley Lewis was called in for some explanation concerning his standing in the Central Conference. A motion was made that he clear himself with the Eastern Conference or he would be declared out of order in the Central Conference.

November 8, 1977, the Ordaining Council met at the Press. A motion was made that Wiley Lewis be declared not in good standing with the Central Conference based on information received from the Eastern Conference.

By motion the Council requested Franklin Robbins to study for six more months and re-appear before the council for ordination examination.

By motion it was decided to ordain Rex Edwards of Elm City as soon as possible after the Conference on November 9.

Charles H. Lacher from Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church was examined for license. By motion it was decided to ask Otter's Creek church to grant him a license to preach.

By motion the Ordaining Council recommends that the Central Conference adopt the Ordination Procedures and Requirements presented with this report.

The Rev. Ronald Dale Albertson and the Rev. Keith Cobb have transferred to the Western Conference.

The Rev. Larry Barbour is a member of the Western Conference and we recommend that his name be dropped from the list of Central Conference ministers.

The Rev. Sheldon Howard has transferred to the Eastern Conference.

The Council recommends that the name of Rex Edwards appear in the list of Ordained Ministers in the new yearbook, provided he is ordained before date of publication.

The Ordaining Council met at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church on the day of the Conference.

It was called to the attention of the Council that the license of Wayne Griffin had been allowed to lapse. By action of the Council his name will be dropped from the list of licensed ministers.

The Rev. Bobby Futrell of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church appeared before the council seeking membership in the Central Conference. By

vote of the Council he was received, pending a letter from the Western Conference.

The Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Gum Swamp church, appeared before the Council seeking transfer from the Eastern Conference to the Central. By vote of the Council he was received, pending a letter from the Eastern Conference.

Our licensed ministers are:

Tom Everton	Steve Dickens
Ray Shepherd	Ray Williamson
Gerald Perry	Ronnie Hobgood
Johnny Taylor	Mike Harrell
Franklin Robbins	Charles H. Lacher
Clarence Harris	William Murphy

C. L. Patrick, *Chairman*
Willis Wilson, *Secretary*

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

ORDINATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINISTRY:

A. License Standards:

1. The candidate must possess or attain a high school education or its equivalent prior to licensing.
2. The candidate must serve one year as a licensed minister under the direction of his conference ordaining board or an ordained minister approved by the said ordaining board, (this does not affect those now licensed).
3. A candidate shall be allowed a maximum period of five years as a licentiate. If the licentiate fails to qualify for ordination within five years, his license shall be terminated. However, after a period of one year he may request to be examined for license.
4. The candidate shall be required to inform the secretary of the Board of Ordination before each convening conference, giving dates of issue and renewal of his license. Be advised that the license and renewal must be validated by the signature of the church clerk.

B. Ordination Standards:

1. Two years of college work, or the equivalent thereof, with an overall "C" grade average (64 semester hours or 96 quarter hours; 18 semester hours or 28 quarter hours are to be in Professional Preparation for the Ministry).
 - a. Equivalency must give a candidate a thorough knowledge concerning the faith and practice of Free Will Baptists, their history and church government.
 - b. The candidate for ordination should be thoroughly questioned in regards to irregularities in his sex life.
 - c. A very solemn promise in writing shall be required of candidates for ordination to relinquish their credentials voluntarily when they feel they can no longer be loyal to our denomination, our doctrines, or our denominational enterprises and institutions.

d. The two years college work requirement may, at the discretion of the ordaining council, be waived for those who are 35 years of age or older.

2. The Ordination Examination:

a. The ordination examination shall deal with the following areas:

(1) Homiletics, (2) History of the Free Will Baptist Church, (3) Theology (Doctrine), (4) The Church and its Ordinances, and (5) The Scripture.

1. Ministerial Ethics:

a. Candidates will be required to agree, in writing, to the Ministerial Code of Ethics.

b. Failure to agree to this reasonable standard of ethics will disqualify the candidate for ordination.

II. CONFERENCE RELATIONSHIPS:

A. If any minister is not in good standing with any conference, the other conference should be notified by communication in writing through the ordaining councils.

B. We request our churches to call pastors from a list of duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers subject to approval of their own conference ordaining council (this list can be obtained from the Yearbook). It shall be the responsibility of the Church and minister to see that the pastor is an approved minister where the church is located.

C. For the transfer of ministers from conference to conference, refer to Page 48, paragraph number 2 of *The Statement of Faith and Discipline*.

D. Ministers who fail to represent at the conference by letter or in person for 3 consecutive years will have their names dropped from the Roll of Ministers; and be required to turn over their credentials to the secretary of the Ordaining Council.

III. MINISTERS TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:

A. They must join an Original Free Will Baptist Church of the Central Conference and receive a letter of recommendation from them.

B. Unless a good reason can be shown, the candidate must secure a letter of transfer and recommendation from the previous denomination.

C. The minister shall be questioned and shall meet the same requirements as would one of our own licensed ministers who is examined for ordination.

D. New credentials should be given to the candidate.

IV. THE DOCTRINE OF SANCTIFICATION:

A. We reaffirm the historical position of Free Will Baptists and endorse the statement on Sanctification as stated on Page 30 of *The Statement of Faith and Discipline*.

B. This does not include a Second or Third Definite Work of Grace apart from or superior to the salvation experience or spiritual growth of the Christian.

Lanwood Chapel	49	61				15		35,000	9,928	65	9,993
Lee's Chapel	279	222		10	12	32		80,000	24,874	10,648	35,522
Mount Olive	15										
Oak Grove	140	125	25			33		75,000	9,923	2,607	12,530
Palmer Memorial	156	140		12	18	22	16	250,000	27,691	2,717	30,408
Pleasant Grove	191	155		14	20	17		120,000	18,952	1,912	20,864
Powhatan	220	117		6	4	18	10	75,000	18,250	1,379	19,629
Riverside	81	85				12		50,000	10,101	4,550	14,651
Robert's Grove	193	153		9	17	28		135,000	18,494	2,639	21,133
St. Mary's Grove	202	176		20	18	35		130,000	28,769	1,431	30,200
St. Paul	196	111				26		100,000	42,088	2,626	44,713
Shady Grove	353	178				20		150,000	29,719	4,450	34,169
Smithfield, First	254	110			8	20		125,000	20,936	1,425	22,361
Smyrna	133*	146				15		66,000	7,542	869	8,411
Steven's Chapel	120	93				12		60,000	7,810	260	8,070
Tee's Chapel	240	198		19		22		125,000	22,207	3,931	26,138
Victory Mission	69	69				14		40,000	6,304	2,266	8,570
West Clinton	48	48		8		15		35,000	5,111	355	5,466
Wooten's Chapel	130	73		12		14		70,000	14,430	2,460	16,890
Yelverton's Grove	104	113		15	5	15		35,000	9,543	2,055	11,598
CENTRAL CONFERENCE											
Aspen Grove	178	175	44			24	16	50,000	17,074	5,192	22,266
Ayden	146	102		11	15	20		200,000	63,916	3,619	67,535
Bethany	111	94		10	8	25	25	200,000	18,716	2,340	21,055
Black Jack	675	587				110		225,000	46,946	9,582	56,528
Cedar Grove											
Community	211	75	20	6	5	11	10		20,156	2,474	22,630
Daniels Chapel	341	199		12	15	37	15	167,000	40,409	6,307	46,716
Dawson's Grove	18	15	5					30,000	2,943	1,872	4,815
Dilda's Grove	116	96				18		100,000	8,911	3,736	12,647
Edgewood	97	104				18			30,365	2,214	32,579
Elm Grove	149	100		5	15	34	20	200,000	15,873	5,512	21,385
Free Union	330	179				16	30	200,000	29,685	5,818	35,503
Friendship	275	196	50		6	49	21		20,550	7,233	27,783
Greenville, First	259	201		12	17	40	18	400,000	53,695	3,450	57,145

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Williamston, First	85	87	20			25		100,000	33,109	1,431	34,540
Winterville	255	142	27	14	12	23		85,000	15,866	10,678	26,544
EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Angola	43	46						\$ 20,000	\$ 5,861	\$ 480	\$ 6,761
Antioch	300	183	20					165,000	16,011	2,575	18,586
Arapahoe	178	182		20		30				1,225	
Bethany											
Bethel	71	45	20			12		50,000	8,250	1,800	10,050
Bethlehem	152	116		14	9	25		175,000	17,380	1,845	19,225
Beulaville	233	125		10	8	12		160,000	21,298	2,799	24,098
Bridgeton	180	120		12	10				15,645	1,226	16,871
British Chapel	80	70				14		50,000	14,850	619	15,469
Cabin	182	130				20		100,000	22,480	2,938	25,418
Christian Chapel	194	139	52	12	14	33		100,000	28,075	3,550	31,625
Core Creek	139	90		9		15		125,000	26,797	3,014	29,811
Core Point	20	25						8,000	3,865	30	3,895
Crab Point	80	80		10	10	12	9	116,000	13,572	1,527	16,626
Croatan	72	85				10		26,000	10,473	1,240	11,713
Daly's Chapel	221	105				10		90,000	14,958	266	15,224
Davis	73	70	25		7	15			11,453	3,251	14,704
Deep Run	250	129		12	15	30			24,074	2,432	26,506
Dublin Grove	186	76						20,000	9,477	2,796	12,273
Edward's Chapel	127	78				10		20,000	4,336	486	4,822
Ephesus	94	74				18			8,893	508	9,401
Faith (Bridgeton)											
Faith (Leland)											
Faith (Morehead)	100	79				10		115,000	12,669	1,200	13,869
Folkstone	308	148		25		30		125,000	21,127	2,230	23,357
Free Union	41	45							5,019	265	5,284
Friendship	110	106	12			16		40,000	4,140	1,238	5,378
Gethesmane	155	104						50,000	8,635	930	9,565
Grant's Chapel	74	61				12		45,000	10,269	648	10,917
Gray Branch	165	118	32	14	17	26		100,000	31,538	2,085	33,623
Hillsberry	71	77	25	10	10	15		30,000	6,897	588	7,485