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of

North Carolina

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MINUTES
of the
231st Annual Session
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
NORTH CAROLINA

Held with
Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County
Wednesday, November 7, 1979

The Rev. Willis Wilson, Moderator
The Rev. Leon Grubbs, Clerk
The Rev. Willis Wilson, Host

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

MODERATOR
The Rev. Willis Wilson

ASSISTANT MODERATOR
The Rev. C. L. Patrick

CLERK
The Rev. Leon Grubbs

ASSISTANT CLERK
The Rev. Bobby Futrell

TREASURER
Mr. Boyd Barrow

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Rev. Willis Wilson

The Rev. Leon Grubbs

The Rev. C. L. Patrick

Mr. Boyd Barrow

The Rev. Bobby Taylor, Member at Large

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. R. T. Sasser (1980)

The Rev. Jack Mayo (1982)

The Rev. N. B. Barrow (1981)

The Rev. Gary Bailey (1983)

The Rev. Royce Reynolds (1984)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Carl Barrow (1980)

The Rev. N. D. Beaman (1982)

Mr. A. G. Mangum (1981)

Mr. J. M. Longley (1983)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Albert Proctor (1980)

The Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1982)

The Rev. R. T. Sasser (1981)

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce (1983)

Mr. Randolph Harris (1984)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Miss Ina Ruth Langston (1980)

Mrs. J. O. Beaman (1982)

Mr. M. S. Cowan (1981)

The Rev. Charles Branch (1983)

Mr. J. T. Beddard (1984)

REPRESENTATIVES OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The Rev. David Charles Hansley (1980)

Miss Leah McGlohon (1981)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Julia Smith (1980)

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1981)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1980)

The Rev. Tom Miller (1981)

The Rev. L. B. Manning (1982)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

The Rev. C. H. Overman (1980)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Rev. Walter Reynolds (1980)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. D. W. Barrow (1980)

ROLL OF MINISTERS **ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY**

| | <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| L. B. Manning | P | P |
| N. D. Beaman | P | P |
| *J. P. Barrow | A | A |
| *C. D. Hamilton | A | A |
| *R. H. Proctor | A | A |
| C. L. Patrick | P | P |
| *C. J. Harris | A | A |
| N. B. Barrow | P | P |
| Hubert Burress | P | P |
| Lt. Col. J. B. Narron | L | A |
| Michael Pelt | P | L |
| Willis Wilson | P | P |
| Raymond T. Sasser | P | P |
| Jack Mayo | P | P |
| Vance Link | L | A |
| C. H. Overman | P | L |
| Joseph H. Lehmann | P | P |
| James Lupton | P | A |
| Walter Pollard | A | A |
| Charles Edwin Branch | P | A |
| N. D. Wiggs | P | P |
| N. B. "Tex" Barrow Jr. | A | A |
| Walter Bruce Jones | P | P |
| Clinton Davis | A | P |
| Gary Bailey | P | P |
| Walter Reynolds | P | P |
| Tom Miller | P | P |
| Harry A. Jones | P | A |
| Danny Braswell | A | A |
| O. B. Jones | P | P |
| Stewart Humphrey | P | P |
| Leon Grubbs | P | P |
| Bobby Taylor | P | P |
| Royce Reynolds | P | P |
| Robert Rollins | P | A |
| Beverly Ballard | A | A |
| David C. Hansley | P | P |
| Bobby Futrell | P | P |
| Ronnie Hobgood | P | P |
| Cedric D. Pierce Jr. | P | P |
| Curtis Jones | P | A |
| Bryant Hines | | P |
| David Hines | | P |
| Gordon Massey | | A |

Melvin Moore

W. S. Burns

(*Denotes Retired Ministers)

A
P

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 (*Denotes Retired Minister)

LICENSED MINISTERS

Harris, Clarence
 Harris, Leon
 Heath, Roger
 Hudson, Joe

Lacher, Charles
 Robbins, Frank
 Strickland, Robert

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Aspen Grove—Hubert Burress
 Ayden—C. H. Overman
 Bethany—C. L. Patrick
 Black Jack—Cedric D. Pierce
 Cedar Grove
 Community—Billy Ray Jordan
 Daniels Chapel—David C. Hansley
 Dawson's Grove—Kenneth Carter
 Dilda's Grove—Luther Bissette
 Edgewood
 Elm Grove—W. S. Burns
 Free Union—Bob Fussell
 Friendship—Walter Reynolds
 Greenville, First
 Grimsley—Donald Fader
 Gum Swamp—Bobby Taylor
 Harrell's Chapel—Gordon Massey
 Hickory Grove—Hubert Burress
 Howell Swamp—Joseph Lehmann
 Hugo—Tom Miller
 Hull Road—Leon Grubbs
 King's Cross Roads—Franklin Brinson
 LaGrange—Earl Glenn
 Little Creek—Frank Flowers
 Maury
 Marlboro—W. Scott Sowers

Ormondsville—Jack Mayo
 Otter's Creek—Ralph Aycock
 Owens Chapel—Clinton Davis (Supply)
 Peace—L. B. Manning (Supply)
 Piney Grove (Beaufort)—Beverly Ballard
 Piney Grove (Pitt)—Tommy Evans
 Pleasant Hill—Robert Rollins
 Reedy Branch—Willis Wilson
 Roanoke Rapids, First—Dan Jordan
 Rocky Mount, First—Larry Barbour
 Rose Hill—N. D. Beaman
 Rose of Sharon—Ronnie Hobgood
 Saints Delight—James Warren
 Saratoga—J. C. Yates
 Spring Branch—Royce Reynolds
 Sweet Gum Grove—J. David Hill
 Tarboro, First—O. B. Jones
 Walnut Creek—Robert M. Fader
 Watery Branch
 Williamston, First—Curtis Jones
 Winterville—Bobby Futrell

PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SESSION

The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 231st annual session with the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on November 7, 1979.

The Conference clerk, the Rev. Leon Grubbs, officially opened the Conference and presented the moderator, the Rev. Willis Wilson, who presided over this session of the Conference.

The Rev. Bryant Hines led the opening hymn and the Rev. David Hines conducted the opening devotional.

The welcome address was given by Mr. Russell Little of the host church. The moderator gave a brief address to the Conference.

Visiting ministers were welcomed and recognized by the moderator:

Albemarle Conference: Marvin Waters, Francis Garner

Cape Fear Conference: Dr. W. B. Raper, Taylor Hill, Earl Glenn

Eastern Conference: Franklin Brinson, Don Venable, Bob Fussell, Scott Sowers.

Western Conference: Dan Jordan, Joseph Ingram, Ralph Aycock, Billy Ray Jordan.

The temporary committees were appointed:

Obituary: The Revs. L. B. Manning, Tom Miller and Mrs. Randolph Harris.

Nominating: The Revs. Stewart Humphrey, O. B. Jones, and Mr. Leo Tripp.

Temperance: The Revs. Gary Bailey, W. S. Burns, Bobby Taylor.

Resolutions: The Revs. David C. Hansley, David Hines, and Walter Reynolds.

Parliamentarian: The Rev. C. L. Patrick.

By motion, the printed program was accepted giving the moderator the right to make any necessary changes.

The roll call of churches was made followed by the roll call of ministers.

A proposed constitutional change to Article III, "Officers," was read by the clerk on behalf of the Executive Board: 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. *After serving two (2) full terms of two (2) years each, no member shall be eligible for nomination to the same office until after an interval of one (1) year.* The duties of said office shall be entered into at the close of the session in which they are elected. (The italicized portion being inserted into the present article as an amendment.) On motion, the amendment was tabled until the afternoon session.

A proposed amendment to constitutional Article IV, "Standing Boards and Committees," was read by the clerk on behalf of the Executive Board: No member of a standing board or committee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the same board or committee. He may, however, serve on said board or committee again after an interval of at least one (1) year. (This paragraph to be inserted into the present article at the appropriate place.) On motion, the amendment was tabled until the afternoon session.

Report of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina was given by the Rev. David C. Hansley, president.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds followed by report of Superannuation.

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

Report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. W. B. Raper, president.

Report of the Children's Home was given by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, followed by report of Retirement Homes.

Report of Foreign Missions was given by the Rev. Joseph Ingram.

Report of Home Missions and Church Extension was given by the Rev. Taylor Hill.

Report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. Royce Reynolds. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Conference adjourned for worship. The Rev. Willis Wilson led the congregation in a hymn. An offering for the Conference was received. The Rev. W. S. Burns delivered the introductory sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional conducted by the Rev. Bryant Hines.

Report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of Cragmont Assembly was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mrs. Julia Smith. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Executive Board was given by the Rev. Leon Grubbs. On motion, the report was adopted with exception of the two proposed constitutional amendments which lay on the table. (See Reports.)

Report of Conference Missions was given by the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. W. S. Burns. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. David C. Hansley. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Conference treasurer was given by Mr. Boyd Barrow. On motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey. On motion, the report was adopted and those nominated were elected by acclamation. (See Reports.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: A list of ministers of this Conference be published in the *Yearbook* in alphabetical order. This list should be in the section with the minutes of our Conference and list the address and phone number of each minister.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: A list of our member churches be published in the *Yearbook* in alphabetical order. This list should be in the section with the minutes of our Conference and list the current pastor along with the church name.

On motion, the proposed amendments to the Constitution that were laid on the table in the morning session were brought off the table for discussion. On motion, the amendment to Article III, "Officers" was adopted. On motion, the amendment to Article IV, "Standing Boards and Committees" was adopted. (See minutes for the morning proceedings.)

King's Cross Roads invited the Conference to convene with them for the 1980 session. On motion, their invitation was accepted.

On motion, the reading and approval of the minutes and any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Board.

On motion, the Conference consider ways of honoring the elder ministers and laymen of the Conference who devote years of service to our Conference and denomination.

On motion, we adjourned.

Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*
Willis Wilson, *Moderator*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL TO THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

November 7, 1979

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference has taken the following action since the Conference convened in November of 1978, and awaits the approval of this Conference.

The board met at Hull Road church on November 8, 1978, with all members present. The Rev. Ralph Aycock requested clearance to work in

our conference and the board granted him such clearance. The Rev. Cedric Pierce came with a letter of transfer from the Cape Fear Conference and the board accepted his transfer. The Rev. Curtis Jones also came with a letter of transfer from the Cape Fear Conference and the board accepted his transfer.

The Ordaining Council met on January 9, 1979, at the Ayden Press and granted clearance for Brother Donald Fader to work in our conference at the Grimsley Church. The Rev. Gordon Massey came before our board requesting membership in the conference. The board accepted him pending a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference and the approval of our conference. His letter has been received. The board granted a letter of transfer to the Rev. T. C. Farmer to the Pee Dee Association. The Rev. Jack Mayo resigned as secretary due to a heavy workload, and the board elected the Rev. Royce Reynolds to serve as secretary.

The Ordaining Council met on April 3, 1979, at the Ayden Press and granted clearance for Brother Bob Fussell to work in our conference with the Free Union church. The Rev. W. S. Burns came before our board and asked that we instruct him as to what he must do to come back to our denomination after serving the Methodist church. The board supplied Brother Burns with these requirements. The board decided to meet on May 29, 1979, to give ordination examinations to Brother David Hines and Bryant Hines. The secretary would meet prior to this time and give them the written section of the examination and mail copies to each board member.

The Ordaining Council met at Ayden Press on May 7, 1979, and there was much discussion concerning the fact that Brother Rex Edwards was openly advocating that Edgewood church withdraw their support of Mount Olive College. The board decided to call a meeting with Brother Edwards about the matter.

A motion was passed that Brother W. S. Burns be reinstated as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister in view of the fact that he has met all the requirements of the Central Conference as a minister coming from another denomination. There was also a motion passed to return Brother Burns' former ordination certificate even though a new one is being issued.

Brother J. C. Yates requested clearance to pastor in our conference at the Saratoga church and the board granted him such clearance. A motion was then passed that Brother Gary Bailey serve as vice-chairman of our board.

The Ordaining Council met again on May 9, 1979, at Ayden Press with Brother Rex Edwards and a deacon from Edgewood church to discuss the rumor concerning their threat to withdraw support of Mount Olive College. Both Brother Edwards and the deacon from Edgewood church assured us that they would continue to be loyal in their support of all of our denominational work. About a week later, we received a letter from Brother Edwards stating that he was returning his credentials and that he had resigned Edgewood church along with the entire deacon board and nearly two-thirds of the congregation. Brother Edwards told the secretary of our

board by phone that he had met with the National Association and would start a church in the area for them.

On May 29, 1979, the Ordaining Council met at the Ayden Press and examined Brothers David Hines and Bryant Hines for ordination. Motion was passed to ordain them at the Winterville church on June 7, 1979.

A motion was passed to require all newly ordained ministers to serve a two-year trial period of work, during which time they would have to retain membership in the Central Conference.

On June 7, 1979, the Ordaining Council met with the congregation and interested friends and relatives to carry out the ordination of Brothers David and Bryant Hines at the Winterville church.

On July 23, 1979, the Ordaining Council met at Ayden with Brother Robert Strickland from Daniels Chapel church and Brother Roger Heath from Spring Branch church. Both of these men came with letters from their church asking that the board examine them for a license to preach. After careful examinations, the board decided to ask their churches to license them for one year.

The Council met again on August 3, 1979, with Brother David Hill, at the press in Ayden. Brother Hill was granted clearance to work in our Conference. Brother Leon Harris came with a letter from the Ayden church asking that we examine him for a license to preach. The board talked at length with Brother Harris and a motion was passed that we ask the Ayden church to license him for one year.

On September 13, 1979, the Council met at the close of the State Convention meeting and gave clearance for Brother Melvin Moore to work in our conference. Brother Moore asked for a transfer and it was granted pending a letter from the Albemarle Conference. The board has received the letter.

The Ordaining Council had its last meeting at the Ayden Press on October 16, 1979. There was much discussion concerning the proposed Articles of Faith for our denomination. The board decided to offer a proposal to be given to the Revision Committee concerning the personality of angels. Our hopes are that this will become a part of the Doctrinal section of the proposed Articles of Faith. The section would be entitled "The Personalities of Angels," and would contain statements concerning the present work of God's messengers and the work of those "angels who kept not their first estate," of which Satan is the leader.

Summary of Licensed Ministers:

1. Lost since last conference: Ray Shepherd and Mike Harrell, due to lapsed licenses.
2. Present licensed ministers: Charles Lacher, Joe Hudson, Frank Robbins, Clarence Harris, Leon Harris, Robert Strickland, and Roger Heath.
3. Licensed ministers ordained: Bryant Hines and David Hines.

Summary of Ordained Ministers:

1. Lost since last conference: Ray Williamson to the Eastern Conference, Rex Edwards to the National Association, T. C. Farmer to the Pee Dee Association, L. E. Ballard by death, and R. H. Mason by death.

2. Added since last conference: Bryant Hines, by ordination, David Hines by ordination, Gordon Massey from Piedmont Conference, Melvin Moore from Albemarle Conference, and W. S. Burns from the Methodist church.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the Ordaining Council:

N. Bruce Barrow, *Chairman*

Gary Bailey, *Vice Chairman*

Jack Mayo

Raymond Sasser

Royce L. Reynolds, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, report that the Lord has seen fit to call two of our ministers to their Heavenly reward during the past year: The Rev. R. H. Mason and the Rev. L. E. Ballard.

We respectfully request that this Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of these servants of our Lord who have labored long these past years for our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Manning

Tom Miller

Randolph Harris

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 231st annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1979 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 51
 - c. Visiting ministers 13
 - d. Churches represented 28
 - e. Licensed ministers 2
 - f. Other visitors 15

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby R. Taylor

Ronnie V. Hobgood

Julia Smith

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

(November 30, 1978)

The Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, on November 30, 1978, with all members present.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick led in prayer.

Minutes of the recent Conference were read and approved.

On motion by the Rev. C. L. Patrick and seconded by the Rev. Bobby Taylor and unanimous vote by the Board, we recommend to the Conference amending Article III of the Constitution entitled "Officers" to read: 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. *After serving two (2) full terms of two(2) years each, no member shall be eligible for nomination to the same office until after an interval of one (1) year.* The duties of said office shall be entered into at the close of the session in which they are elected. (The italicized portion being inserted into the present Article as an amendment.)

On motion, we adjourned.

(September 20, 1979)

The Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, on September 20, 1979, with the following members present: The Revs. Willis Wilson, Leon Grubbs, C. L. Patrick, and Bobby Taylor. The Rev. C. L. Patrick led in prayer.

On motion by the Rev. Bobby Taylor, second by the Rev. C. L. Patrick, and unanimous vote of the Board, we recommend to the Conference amending Article IV of the Constitution entitled "Standing Boards and Committees" by insertion of the following paragraph: No member of a standing board or committee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the same board or committee. He may, however, serve on said board or committee again after an interval of at least one (1) year.

It was noted that the Conference will meet with the Reedy Branch church of Winterville, North Carolina, on November 7, 1979.

The program for the Conference was arranged.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, the Board discussed the responsibility of the flag ceremony and presentation at the funerals of deceased ministers in our Conference. The Board recommends this matter be left in the hands of the Ordaining Council of the Conference.

On motion, we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Grubbs, Clerk
Willis Wilson, Moderator

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
TO THE CONFERENCE IN SESSION
NOVEMBER 7, 1979 (YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1979)

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Ayden | 10.00 | Otter's Creek | |
| Aspen Grove | 10.00 | Ormondsville | 54.00 |
| Bethany | 10.00 | Owen's Chapel | 101.00 |
| Black Jack | 5.00 | Peace | 5.00 |
| Cedar Grove | | Piney Grove (Beaufort) | 167.00 |
| Community | | Piney Grove (Pitt) | |
| Daniels Chapel | | Pleasant Hill | 10.00 |
| Dawson's Grove | | Reedy Branch | 5.00 |
| Dilda's Grove | 391.59 | Roanoke Rapids | |
| Edgewood | 10.00 | Rocky Mount | 5.00 |
| Elm Grove | 10.00 | Rose Hill | 5.00 |
| Faith | | Rose of Sharon | 5.00 |
| Free Union | 10.00 | Saratoga | 17.50 |
| Friendship | 119.00 | Sweet Gum Grove | |
| Greenville | 10.00 | Spring Branch | 10.00 |
| Grimsley | 10.00 | Saints Delight | |
| Gum Swamp | 5.00 | Tarboro | 5.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | | Watery Branch | |
| Hickory Grove | 107.84 | Walnut Creek | |
| Howell Swamp | 10.00 | Williamston | |
| Hugo | 10.00 | Winterville | 401.50 |
| Hull Road | 10.00 | Total, Churches, Sunday | 1,656.18 |
| King's Cross Roads | 96.75 | school, Woman's Auxilliary, etc. | |
| LaGrange | 10.00 | Second Union Meeting | 50.46 |
| Little Creek | 10.00 | Miscellaneous and | |
| Marlboro | 10.00 | interest earned | 93.89 |
| Maury | | GRAND TOTAL | \$1,800.53 |

Once again it is our opportunity, as your Mission Board, to express our sincere appreciation to each church that has supported our conference program this year, also to each church that has given support during the years gone by.

Included in this, our annual message of thanks, is a special "thank you" to the Central Conference Woman's Auxilliary Convention. This year most of the auxiliaries have sent special contributions to our program. They have a splendid vision of missions as they support our state mission program, home and foreign.

A further tribute is due our churches for their mission vision. In the annual report of our State Home Mission Department, appearing on pages 135-143 of the 1979 *Yearbook*, you will note our conference was number one in contributions. Our board is happy that you have a wide vision of missions, conference, 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. An instruction was also given our board "stand ready to assist any church in our conference that might need help." This has been especially true for the past few years as Roanoke Rapids church has needed our help from time to time. For about two years they have been self-supporting on a limited basis. They solicit your continued prayers for them as they witness in the Roanoke Rapids area.

Our prayer is that adequate funds will be contributed so that our board may build up a reserve fund adequate to support a mission project in our conference. Let us all be in prayer about this.

Respectfully submitted,
 Albert Proctor
 Jack Mayo
 Joseph Lehmann
 Cedric D. Pierce
 R. T. Sasser

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Mission Board Treasurer's Report June 30, 1979

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Balance, July 1, 1978 | | \$3,701.10 |
| Receipts | | |
| Churches (including Woman's | | |
| Auxiliary, Sunday school, etc.) | 1,656.18 | |
| Second Union Meeting | 50.46 | |
| Miscellaneous and Interest on Savings | 93.89 | |
| Total Receipts | | <u>1,800.53</u> |
| Total for Which to Account | | 5,501.63 |
| Disbursements | | |
| Insurance and Miscellaneous Expense | 65.85 | |
| Board Expense | 16.80 | |
| Office Expense | 40.00 | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>122.65</u> |
| Balance in Bank, and Savings Account | | <u><u>\$5,378.98</u></u> |

Note: \$4,500 is in a savings account with
 the Church Finance Association.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, recognizing the traditional and historic opposition of this body to the abuse of drugs and alcohol recommend that we reaffirm our position.

Further, that we encourage support for the institutions and organizations that work for the rehabilitation for those who have suffered from such abuse.

We further recommend that we go on record as being opposed to the legalization of the non-medical use of marijuana.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Burns
Gary Bailey
Bobby R. Taylor

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(1) Be it resolved that we give the officers of our Conference a standing vote of thanks for a well-planned Conference.

We further resolve that we thank the Reedy Branch church for inviting this session of our Conference to meet with them.

(2) Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the Free Will Baptist Press for their improvement of Sunday school literature, especially the New Bible Series for Children.

Be it further resolved that we recommend this literature and encourage our people to continue to use Free Will Baptist literature in their churches.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be published in the *Free Will Baptist* paper and a letter of thanks be sent to the manager and the Board of Directors.

(3) Whereas there are a sufficient number of people who are capable of holding any office in our Conference, and whereas there seems to be a feeling that we should not impose too great a burden on any one person, therefore, be it resolved that beginning with the 1980 session of the Central Conference that no one be allowed to hold more than one office in the Conference during the same year.

Respectfully submitted,
David C. Hansley
Walter Reynolds
K. David Hines

TREASURER'S REPORT

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|--|-----------------|
| December 5, 1978—Balance Received from Mr. Highsmith | \$1,631.61 |
| Receipts from Churches | <u>83.00</u> |
| | \$1,714.61 |
| Interest Earned from Savings Account | <u>52.88</u> |
| Total for Which to Account | \$1,767.49 |
| Disbursements: The Rev. Willis Wilson | \$24.44 |
| The Rev. R. T. Sasser | 13.34 |
| The Rev. Royce Reynolds | 9.00 |
| The Rev. Royce Reynolds | 35.71 |
| Free Will Baptist Press (Yearbooks) | 324.08 |
| Wachovia (Service Charge) | 1.15 |
| Free Will Baptist Press | <u>2.62</u> |
| Total Disbursements | <u>\$410.34</u> |
| Balance on Hand November 7, 1979 | \$1,357.15 |

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd Barrow, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Board of Ordination: Royce Reynolds to succeed himself.

Board of Trustees: J. M. Longley

Mission Board: Randolph Harris

Board of Finance: J. T. Beddard.

Representative of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Miss Leah McGlohon

Obituary Committee: L. B. Manning

Motion that these names be placed in nomination and the floor be opened for other nominations as the body sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Stewart Humphrey
O. B. Jones
Leo Tripp

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|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| Haymount Mission | 65 | 60 | | 15 | 12 | | | 60,000 | 13,669 | 2,697 | |
| Hopewell | 273 | 198 | | 13 | | 62 | 16 | 237,000 | 25,161 | 9,122 | 34,283 |
| Johnston Union | 282 | 154 | | 15 | 10 | 20 | | 200,000 | 21,174 | 4,768 | 25,942 |
| Lanwood Chapel | 41 | 31 | | | | 15 | | 35,000 | 5,969 | 245 | 6,214 |
| Lee's Chapel | 269 | 221 | | 14 | 18 | 26 | | 125,000 | 39,719 | 8,314 | 48,033 |
| Mount Olive | 10 | | | | | | | | 40 | 1,156 | 1,196 |
| Oak Grove | 144 | 125 | 22 | | | 31 | | 75,000 | 8,861 | 3,257 | 12,118 |
| Palmer Memorial | 156 | 139 | | 10 | 12 | 18 | 8 | 225,000 | 30,453 | 2,805 | 33,258 |
| Pleasant Grove | 171 | 164 | | 14 | 20 | 15 | | | 42,884 | 3,379 | 46,263 |
| Powhatan | 227 | 107 | | 10 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 75,000 | 6,766 | 1,756 | 8,522 |
| Riverside | 88 | 75 | | | | 12 | | 100,000 | 16,598 | 2,769 | 19,367 |
| Robert's Grove | 190 | 162 | | 12 | 16 | 36 | | 155,000 | 24,312 | 4,310 | 28,622 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 209 | 156 | | 10 | 8 | 38 | | 130,000 | 13,369 | 1,911 | 16,280 |
| St. Paul | 192 | 111 | | | | 20 | | 100,000 | 16,534 | 2,906 | 19,440 |
| Shady Grove | 345 | 173 | | | | 18 | | 350,000 | 23,342 | 7,542 | 30,884 |
| Smithfield, First | 240 | 60 | | | 8 | 18 | | 180,000 | 21,225 | 1,900 | 23,125 |
| Smyrna | 138 | 130 | | 10 | 10 | 10 | | 66,000 | 6,542 | 1,040 | 7,582 |
| Steven's Chapel | 116 | 98 | | | | | | 60,000 | 4,746 | 239 | 4,985 |
| Tee's Chapel | 235 | 212 | | 18 | 24 | 24 | | 250,000 | 23,012 | 2,287 | 25,299 |
| Victory Mission | 74 | 69 | | 17 | | 10 | | 40,000 | 6,884 | 771 | 7,655 |
| West Clinton | 32 | 32 | | 8 | | | | 90,000 | 9,008 | 223 | 9,231 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 128 | 60 | | 8 | 4 | 12 | | 70,000 | 11,627 | 1,248 | 12,875 |
| Yelverton Grove | 107 | 109 | | 20 | | 12 | | 50,000 | 11,507 | 2,357 | 13,864 |
| CENTRAL CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aspen Grove | 173 | 166 | 18 | | | 23 | 13 | 100,000 | 15,853 | 3,739 | 19,592 |
| Ayden | 141 | 94 | | 10 | 11 | 18 | 12 | 200,000 | 24,479 | 5,139 | 29,618 |
| Bethany | 117 | 94 | | 8 | 8 | 35 | 30 | 300,000 | 24,436 | 3,765 | 28,201 |
| Black Jack | 706 | 576 | | | | 110 | | 500,000 | 44,400 | 8,681 | 53,081 |
| Cedar Grove | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community | 108 | 117 | 15 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 160,000 | 15,549 | 879 | 16,428 |
| Daniels Chapel | 325 | 203 | | 15 | 15 | 25 | 20 | 275,000 | 51,557 | 6,538 | 58,095 |
| Dawson's Grove | 13 | 13 | | | | | | 25,000 | 3,103 | 1,309 | 4,412 |
| Dilda's Grove | 101 | 68 | | | | 10 | | 150,000 | 10,227 | 3,831 | 14,058 |
| Edgewood | 110 | 101 | | 15 | | 27 | | 100,000 | 11,192 | 3,533 | 14,725 |

| Churches | MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | Total Property Value | TREASURER'S REPORT | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|----|----|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | Church | SS | League | YFA | AFC | WA | LL | | Total Used Locally | Denomi- national Enter | Grand Total |
| Elm Grove | 150 | 130 | | 11 | 7 | 38 | 11 | 250,000 | 30,613 | 8,775 | 39,388 |
| Free Union | 331 | 181 | | | 25 | 66 | 30 | 200,000 | 20,962 | 6,382 | 27,344 |
| Friendship | 284 | 192 | 46 | 8 | 10 | 57 | 22 | 178,000 | 20,297 | 14,369 | 34,666 |
| Greenville, First | 238 | 159 | | 13 | 17 | 46 | 6 | 300,000 | 59,065 | 3,655 | 62,720 |
| Grimsley | 110 | 71 | | 5 | 5 | 22 | | 90,000 | 11,668 | 2,660 | 14,328 |
| Gum Swamp | 412 | 130 | | 20 | 12 | | | 225,000 | 29,455 | 5,217 | 34,672 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 185 | 170 | | 15 | | 20 | | 85,000 | 18,942 | 2,630 | 21,572 |
| Hickory Grove | 89 | 69 | | | | 22 | 13 | 55,000 | 8,237 | 2,600 | 10,837 |
| Howell Swamp | 151 | | | | | | | 85,000 | 22,214 | 1,300 | 23,514 |
| Hugo | 78 | 124 | | 7 | 8 | 15 | | 81,000 | 28,837 | 3,630 | 32,467 |
| Hull Road | 375 | 140 | | 25 | 25 | 40 | | 260,000 | 26,428 | 8,208 | 34,636 |
| King's Cross Roads | 223 | 135 | 48 | 12 | 8 | 28 | 17 | 100,000 | 21,688 | 7,823 | 29,511 |
| LaGrange | 193 | | | | | | | 158,000 | 4,401 | 2,105 | 6,506 |
| Little Creek | 114 | 75 | | | | 20 | | 75,000 | 11,187 | 1,100 | 12,287 |
| Marlboro | 192 | 176 | | 10 | 30 | 43 | 24 | 140,000 | 33,818 | 2,427 | 36,245 |
| Maury | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ormondsville | 174 | 90 | | 15 | 12 | 35 | 30 | 150,000 | 16,989 | 1,902 | 18,891 |
| Otter's Creek | 96 | 55 | | | 13 | 11 | | 50,000 | 9,536 | 3,362 | 12,898 |
| Owen's Chapel | 192 | 131 | 53 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 70,000 | 17,579 | 3,925 | 21,504 |
| Peace | 52 | 72 | | 5 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 80,000 | 66,617 | 1,773 | 68,390 |
| Piney Grove (Beaufort) | 37 | 31 | | | | 12 | | 30,000 | 11,243 | 1,154 | 12,397 |
| Piney Grove (Pitt) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill | 72 | 68 | | | | 18 | | 60,000 | 11,149 | 946 | 12,095 |
| Reedy Branch | 324 | 194 | | | | 30 | | 305,000 | 40,730 | 4,563 | 45,293 |
| Roanoke Rapids | 17 | 19 | | | | 4 | | 20,000 | 2,167 | 45 | 2,212 |
| Rocky Mount, First | 112 | 45 | | | | 12 | | 85,000 | 23,355 | 2,729 | 26,084 |
| Rose Hill | 195 | 106 | 20 | | | 16 | 16 | 110,000 | 8,890 | 4,105 | 12,995 |
| Rose of Sharon | 155 | 131 | | 15 | | 25 | | 165,000 | 21,147 | 2,161 | 23,144 |
| Saint's Delight | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 235 | 200 | 435 |
| Saratoga | 213 | 94 | | 10 | 8 | 25 | | 250,000 | 22,771 | 2,424 | 25,195 |
| Spring Branch | 246 | 131 | | 15 | 12 | 30 | 20 | 115,000 | 32,432 | 3,967 | 36,399 |

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|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sweet Gum Grove | 208 | '85 | | | | 37 | | | | | |
| Tarboro, First | 374 | 222 | | | | | | | 40,701 | 7,980 | 48,681 |
| Walnut Creek | 86 | 77 | | | | | | 100,000 | 22,771 | 1,577 | 24,348 |
| Watery Branch | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williamston, First | 100 | 90 | 18 | | | 22 | 20 | 100,000 | 26,858 | 2,818 | 29,676 |
| Winterville | 241 | 142 | 25 | 9 | 9 | 27 | | 85,000 | 15,365 | 10,219 | 25,584 |
| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Angola | 42 | 51 | | | | | | 20,000 | 3,430 | 266 | 3,696 |
| Antioch | 296 | 193 | | | | 45 | | 200,000 | 13,494 | 3,900 | 17,394 |
| Arapahoe | 193 | 190 | | 10 | 5 | 30 | | | | | |
| Beaufort Mission | 22 | 28 | | | | | | 16,500 | | | |
| Bethel | 75 | 36 | 20 | | | 12 | | 75,000 | 8,527 | 3,533 | 12,060 |
| Bethlehem | 153 | 122 | | 12 | 12 | 25 | | 175,000 | 20,470 | 1,884 | 22,354 |
| Beulaville | 230 | 100 | | 8 | 6 | 12 | | 232,540 | 23,694 | 2,902 | 26,596 |
| Bridgeton | 83 | 83 | | 15 | 13 | 18 | | | 20,379 | 3,315 | 23,694 |
| British Chapel | 61 | 78 | | 8 | 8 | 14 | | 50,000 | 6,777 | 609 | 7,386 |
| Cabin | 179 | 100 | | | 6 | 12 | | 400,000 | 15,742 | 2,040 | 17,782 |
| Christian Chapel | 221 | | 58 | 15 | 18 | 30 | | 266,000 | 53,400 | 3,775 | 57,175 |
| Core Creek | 150 | 88 | | 10 | 10 | 14 | | 150,000 | 16,642 | 4,060 | 20,702 |
| Core Point Chapel | 22 | 22 | | | | | | 15,000 | 6,598 | 456 | 7,054 |
| Crab Point | 75 | 80 | | 6 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 155,000 | 8,344 | 1,553 | 9,897 |
| Croatian | 68 | 70 | | | | 8 | | 55,000 | 22,205 | 1,780 | 23,985 |
| Daly's Chapel | 216 | 99 | | 8 | 6 | 12 | | 140,000 | 8,701 | 250 | 8,951 |
| Davis | 72 | 70 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 15 | | 75,000 | 11,172 | 3,019 | 14,191 |
| Deep Run | 243 | 135 | | | | 30 | | 174,700 | 20,895 | 3,340 | 24,235 |
| Dublin Grove | 179 | | | | | | | 24,000 | 8,683 | 1,917 | 10,600 |
| Edward's Chapel | 122 | 88 | | | | 16 | | 20,000 | 5,122 | 563 | 5,685 |
| Ephesus | 93 | 56 | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| Faith (Bridgeton) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Faith (Leland) | 26 | | | | | | | 55,000 | 300 | 140 | 440 |
| Faith (Morehead) | 48 | 45 | | | | 12 | | 175,000 | 25,406 | 1,045 | 26,451 |
| Folkstone | 303 | 148 | | 20 | 15 | 25 | | 140,000 | 19,913 | 4,603 | 24,516 |
| Free Union | 46 | 42 | | | | 21 | | | | | |
| Friendship | 109 | 37 | | | | 15 | | 75,000 | 6,150 | 1,395 | 7,545 |
| Gethsemane | 165 | 100 | | 8 | 12 | 13 | | 50,000 | 11,305 | 1,280 | 12,585 |