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**MINUTES
of the
233RD 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 4, 1981**

The Rev. Willis Wilson, *Moderator*
The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*
The Rev. Tom Miller, *Host Pastor*

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. O. B. Jones, Member at Large	

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Jack Mayo (1982)	The Rev. Royce Reynolds (1984)
The Rev. Gary Bailey (1983)	The Rev. Harry Grubbs (1985)
The Rev. N. B. Barrow (1986)	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Jack Dail (1982)	Mr. Macon Page (1984)
Mr. J. M. Langley (1983)	Mr. Charles Gaskins (1985)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1982)	Mr. Billy Gurkin (1984)
The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce (1983)	Mr. Linwood Cobb (1985)
Mr. Billy Churchill (1986)	

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. J. O. Beaman (1982)	Mr. J. T. Beddard (1984)
The Rev. Charles Branch (1983)	Mrs. Randolph Harris (1985)
Mr. Leo Tripp (1986)	

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The Rev. Bruce Jones (1982)	The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1983)
Mrs. Alma Buck (1984)	

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Leon Harris (1982)	Mrs. Julia Smith (1983)
The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1984)	

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The Rev. L. B. Manning (1982)	The Rev. W. S. Burns (1983)
The Rev. Tom Miller (1984)	

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

The Rev. C. H. Overman (1982)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Rev. Danny Braswell (1982)

REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIPS IN CHURCH FINANCE
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mr. D. W. Barrow (1982)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</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
N. B. Barrow	P	P
Lt. Col. J. B. Narron	A	L
Dr. Michael Pelt	P	P
Willis Wilson	P	P
Raymond T. Sasser	P	P
Jack Mayo	P	P
Vance Link	L	A
C. H. Overman	L	P
Joseph H. Lehmann	P	P
Walter Pollard	A	A
Charles Edwin Branch	P	P
N. D. Wiggs	P	P
Walter Bruce Jones	P	P
Clinton Davis	P	P
Gary Bailey	P	P
Walter Reynolds	P	P
Tom Miller	P	P
Harry A. Jones	P	P
Danny Braswell	P	A
O. B. Jones	A	A
Stewart Humphrey	P	L
Leon Grubbs	P	P
Bobby Taylor	P	P
Royce Reynolds	P	P

Robert Rollins	P	P
David C. Hansley	P	P
Bobby Futrell	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	A	P
Cedric D. Pierce Jr.	P	P
Curtis Jones	A	A
Bryant Hines	L	A
David Hines	L	A
Gordon Massey	A	A
Melvin Moore	A	P
W. S. Burns	P	P
Harry Grubbs	P	P
Earl Glenn	A	A
Billy Ray Jordan	P	P
Robert Strickland	P	P
Bob Murray	P	L
*R. P. Harris	P	P
Leon Harris		P
Clarence Harris		P
Clifford Ball		P
Edward Thornton		A
David Ricks		P
Ray Williamson		A
Allan Sterbin		P

(*Denotes Retired Ministers)

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Ronald Braxton
Donald Ribeiro
Roger Heath
James Owens
Charles Lacher
Frank Robbins

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Aspen Grove—L. B. Manning
Ayden—David Ricks
Bethany—C. L. Patrick
Black Jack—Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Cedar Grove
Community—Billy Ray Jordan
Daniels Chapel—Earl Glenn
Dawson's Grove—Kenneth Carter
Dilda's Grove—Clifford Ball
Edgewood—Robert Strickland
Elm Grove—W. S. Burns
Free Union—Calvin Heath
Friendship—Walter Reynolds
Greenville, First—Harry Grubbs
Grimsley—Donald Fader
Gum Swamp—Ray Williamson
Harrell's Chapel—Franklin Brinson

Hickory Grove—Leon Harris
Howell Swamp—Joseph Lehmann
Hugo—Tom Miller
Hull Road—Leon Grubbs
King's Cross Roads—Bruce Jones
LaGrange
Little Creek—Frank Flowers
Marlboro—Scott Sowers
Maury
Ormondsville—Jack Mayo
Otter's Creek—Ralph Aycock
Owens Chapel—Melvin Moore
Peace—Danny Braswell
Piney Grove (Beaufort)
Piney Grove (Pitt)—Allan Sterbin
Pleasant Hill—C. F. Bowen
Reedy Branch—Willis Wilson
Roanoke Rapids—Bob Murray
Rocky Mount, First—Mark Hobbs
Rose Hill—N. D. Beaman
Rose of Sharon—Ronnie Hobgood
Saints Delight—James Warren
Saratoga—J. C. Yates
Spring Branch—Bobby Futrell
Sweet Gum Grove—David Hill
Tarboro, First—O. B. Jones
Walnut Creek—Larry Barbour
Watery Branch
Williamston, First—Curtis Jones
Winterville—Edward C. Taylor

PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SESSION

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 233rd annual session with Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Lenoir County, on November 4, 1981.

The Conference opened with the singing of a hymn led by the Rev. Willis Wilson, moderator of the Conference. The Rev. C. L. Patrick conducted the opening devotions.

A welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Tom Miller.

Mrs. Rebecca Davenport responded on behalf of the Conference.

The Conference clerk, the Rev. Leon Grubbs, officially opened the business session by presenting the moderator, the Rev. Willis Willson, who then opened the floor for the transaction of business.

The roll call of churches was made.

The roll call of ministers was made.

Visiting ministers were recognized:

Cape Fear Conference—Phillip Wood, Ed Taylor, Mark Hobbs, Frank Harrison, David Hill.

Eastern Conference—Walter Sutton.

Western Conference—Charles Crisp, J. C. Yates, Ray Wells, Joseph Ingram.

General Association of General Baptists—Allan Sterbin.

The moderator appointed the temporary committees:

Parliamentarian—C. L. Patrick.

Nominating—N. D. Beaman, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Billy Ray Jordan.

Temperance/Resolutions—Bobby Taylor, Ed Taylor, Robert Rollins.

By motion, the day's program was adopted giving the moderator the right to make necessary changes.

A report from the State Convention was given by the Rev. David C. Hansley, president.

By motion, the *Proposed Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* was brought before the Conference for consideration and placed on the table to be removed at 1:05 in this afternoon's session for the purpose of debate and action at that time.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A report of the Superannuation program was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. Burkette Raper.

A report of Cragmont Assembly was given by the Rev. Harry Grubbs.

A report of the Children's Home was given by Mrs. Rebecca Davenport.

A report of the Retirement Homes was given by the Rev. Walter Sutton.

A report of Foreign Missions was given by the Rev. Joseph Ingram.

A report of Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A report of Home Missions and Church Extension was made by the Rev. Ray Wells.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by the Rev. Royce Reynolds. By motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. By motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Conference ceased all business to hold its worship service. An offering was taken during the singing of a hymn. The Rev. Tom Miller preached the introductory sermon. The Conference recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the Conference was opened with devotions led by the Rev. David C. Hansley.

By motion the *Proposed Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* was removed from the table for debate.

By motion, it was adopted unanimously.

By motion, it was decided that next year's Conference will begin at 9:30 a.m.

By motion, the Conference gave \$500 to Cragmont Assembly to help them meet this year's payment on the new building.

The report of the Credentials Committee was made by the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Conference Executive Board was given by the Rev. Leon Grubbs. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The reports of the Temperance and Resolutions Committees were given by the Rev. Ed Taylor. By motion, they were adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the treasurer was given by Mr. Boyd Barrow. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

By motion, the Conference gave \$500 to Mount Olive College for College Hall.

By motion, the Rev. Walter Reynolds was given a rising vote of appreciation for his fifteen years of service at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden.

By motion, the Conference accepted an invitation by the First Church of Greenville to hold its 1982 session of the Conference with them.

The Conference Missions report was given by the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

By motion, the Conference adjourned leaving any unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Board.

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

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

November 4, 1981

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference has taken the following action since the Conference convened on November 5, 1980, and awaits the approval of this Conference.

The Board met on December 3, 1980, in Ayden, with the Rev. Larry Barbour to discuss his work in our Conference in the Rocky Mount area. The Board recommended that Brother Barbour adhere to proper procedures concerning Mission work if he intended to start a Mission in the Central Conference and to cease all appeals for funds until his work is sanctioned by the proper Boards.

The Board met on January 13, 1981, at the Press in Ayden. The Rev. Edward Thornton came with a request from his church that he be examined for Ordination. Brother Thornton passed the examination and was ordained at Harrell's Chapel Church on April 10, 1981. Brother Joe Hudson came with a request that he be examined for Ordination. He was asked to come back before the Board when he felt the denomination had become a part of him. The Board later met with Brother Hudson and his pastor to discuss his ordination further. A motion was passed that the Board notify Brother Hudson in writing that the date and time of his ordination be left up to him. When he decides, through study of our church history, that he wants to become a part of the Ordained Ministry of our church; that copies of the letter are to be sent to the clerk of Black Jack Church and to the pastor of the church. In a later meeting in April, the Board passed a motion to contact Brother Joe Hudson and ask him to explain why we had not heard from him concerning his ordination since the February meeting with him and his pastor. In another meeting in June, a motion was passed that "according to Brother Joe Hudson's request, we hereby rescind the motion to ordain him," making notice of letters received from Brother Hudson in our file.

Also in the January meeting, the Board met with Leon Harris concerning a problem of completing required English courses. The Board assigned Brother Harris extra work in reading and an essay to write.

Brother Harris completed the work and was ordained at Hickory Grove Church on May 17, 1981.

The Board met with Brother Mark Hobbs and gave him clearance to work in the Rocky Mount Church. A motion was passed to require all candidates for ordination to have college transcripts or some official list of courses taken sent to the secretary of the Board of Ordination before meeting with them for examination. A motion was also passed that we inform all candidates coming before the Board that the Board reserves the right to run a credit bureau report on their financial situation.

On April 21, 1981, the Board met with Brother Charles Lacher who came with a request to be examined for ordination. He was later given the written section of the test and the Board voted unanimously that he should study more and take the test again at a later time.

Also in the April meeting, the Board discussed the work of Brother Clarence Harris in the Elm City area. The Board learned that Brother Harris wanted to be ordained and voted to give him an oral examination. Brother Harris passed the examination and was ordained at Tarboro Church on August 14, 1981.

The Board met on June 30, 1981 and passed a motion that Brother David Ricks be accepted in our Conference. Brother Ronald Braxton was given an examination and granted a license to preach by the Winterville Church. Brother Roger Heath also received clearance to be licensed by Spring Branch Church.

Brother Allan Sterbin came to talk with the Board about becoming a Free Will Baptist minister since the Piney Grove Church was considering calling him as pastor. The Board advised him that there would probably be no problem but it would be advisable to have the General Baptists proceed with his ordination. Brother Sterbin comes to us from Arkansas. His ordination has been completed, he has been cleared by the Board, and we await a letter of recommendation from the General Baptists. The Board recommends that Brother Sterbin be accepted in our Conference pending receipt of such letter.

A motion was passed that no helps be allowed at all when taking an examination for ordination—only the exam questions, paper, and pencil. The Board approved the ordination exam taken by Brother Clifford Ball and he was ordained at Elm Grove Church on August 20, 1981.

Brother Donald Ribeiro met with the Board on October 13, 1981, and was examined for a license to preach. The Board granted that the Winterville Church license him. Brother Ray Williamson was given membership in our Conference pending a letter from the Eastern Con-

ference. Brother James Owens and Brother Frank Robbins met with the Board on October 31, 1981, concerning their ordination exams.

Brother Ray Everton met with the Board requesting membership in our Conference. He is a member of the Williamston Church and has been an ordained minister in the Church of Christ for about 20 years. He was asked to continue to familiarize himself with our denomination and meet with the Board again in January, 1982. There are still some ministers pastoring churches in the Conference who have not cleared with the Conference. This is not an acceptable practice in our Conference.

Following is a summary of the standing of all ministers in the Central Conference:

1. We have 54 ordained ministers and 7 licensed ministers.
2. We ordained 4 ministers since our last Conference.
3. We lost 4 ministers since our last Conference: 2 by death, 1 transferred, 1 surrendered credentials.

This report is respectfully submitted to this Conference by the Central Conference Ordaining Council.

Respectfully submitted,
N. Bruce Barrow, *Chairman*
Gary Bailey, *Vice Chairman*
Royce Reynolds, *Secretary*

Jack Mayo
Harry Grubbs

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The Obituary Committee regrets to report the deaths of two of our ministers during the past year: the Revs. Hubert Burress and Beverly Ballard.

Hubert Burress, born September 10, 1924; died March 31, 1981.

He joined the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 16. He was licensed in December 1950 at Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He was ordained December 17, 1951, in his home church of Saratoga. He pastored the following churches:

1. Fremont Chapel for 3 years
2. Rosebud for 3 years
3. Mount Zion for 1 year
4. Trinity for 2 years
5. Little Creek for 10 years
6. Peace for 15 years
7. Hickory Grove for 15 years
8. Aspen Grove for 9 years and 9 months

He was clerk of the Fourth Union of Central Conference for approximately 20 years. He was the Secretary and Treasurer of Church Finance for 12 years. He was on the Board of Directors Free Will Baptist Press Foundation for more than 23 years. He was the clerk of Central Conference for a number of years.

Beverly Ballard, age 54; died September 30, 1981.

The Rev. Beverly Ballard was 54 years old. He had served in the United States Navy during World War II. He attended the Nashville, Tennessee, Bible College. He was a writer like his father. He pastored Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County, and Belhaven Church. He was the son of Mrs. Gertrude and the late Rev. L. E. Ballard.

Philippians 1:21: "... for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"; Revelation 14:13: "... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Miller
L. B. Manning
W. S. Burns

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 233rd annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1981 session.

2. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing with the Central 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—41
- b. Delegates—51

- c. Visiting Ministers—10
- d. Churches Represented—32
- e. Licensed Ministers—2
- f. Visitors—22

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Julia Smith
Leon Harris
Ronnie Hobgood

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Central Conference met at King's Cross Roads Church following the annual Conference on November 5, 1980. The minutes of the Conference were read and approved.

The Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden on May 8, 1981, with the following members present: Willis Wilson, C. L. Patrick, and Jack Mayo, proxy for Leon Grubbs.

By motion the Board selected the Rev. Harry Grubbs to fill the vacancy on the Board of Ordination caused by the death of the Rev. Hubert Burress on March 31, 1981.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

The Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden on August 31, 1981, with the following members present: Willis Wilson, C. L. Patrick, O. B. Jones, and Leon Grubbs.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick opened the meeting with prayer.

The program for this year's Conference was planned and approved. It was noted that the Conference will meet with the Hugo Church on November 4, 1981.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. O. B. Jones.

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

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that all Free Will Baptists reaffirm our commitment to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby R. Taylor
Robert Rollins
Ed Taylor

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(1) We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to Hugo Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality in hosting the 233rd Central Conference, and for the outgoing officers of this conference.

(2) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Conference give full support to programs of our State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bobby R. Taylor
 Robert Rollins
 Ed Taylor

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Checking Account Balance, November 3, 1980	\$ 165.39	
Savings Account Balance, November 3, 1980	<u>2,007.24</u>	
Balance at Beginning of the Year		\$2,172.63
<i>Receipts</i>		
Conference Dues and Yearbook Fees	\$1,079.40	
Interest on Savings	117.22	
1980 Conference Collection	71.32	
Service Charge Refund	<u>9.75</u>	
		<u>1,277.69</u>
Total for Which to Account		\$3,450.32
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Reimbursements to the Revs. Reynolds and Bailey	\$ 265.66	
Free Will Baptist Press	32.88	
Yearbook Expense	565.68	
Intangible Tax	2.05	
Bank Service Charge	<u>1.30</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>867.57</u>
Balance on Hand, November 2, 1981		<u><u>\$2,582.75</u></u>

Checking Account Balance, November 2, 1981	\$ 260.34
Savings Account Balance, November 2, 1981	\$2,322.41
Balance on Hand, November 2, 1981	<u>\$2,582.75</u>

This balance represents an increase of \$410.12 from a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd Barrow, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

Thank you for your support of our Central Conference Missions program again this year as well as for what you have done in the past. A special thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention for their contributions! Your help has made it possible for your Missions Board to move forward again this year.

Our phase-out program at Roanoke Rapids is in the final stages—plans are to be completed by December 31, 1981. The work there has progressed during the past year. Pray for the congregation and its pastor, the Rev. Bob Murray.

A new work has been started in Rocky Mount. After about five months of operation the Mission asked for a joint meeting of the State Home Missions Board and the Central Conference Missions Board where it was decided to endorse and support the New Free Will Baptist Mission in Rocky Mount as a joint venture of the two Boards. Our present assistance is based on \$50 per week "as funds are available." The pastor is the Rev. Edward Thornton. They need your prayers, too!

Your Missions Board has made every effort to fulfill the goals established by this Conference:

- (1) "AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN EVERY TOWN";
- (2) Stand ready to assist any church in our Conference that might need help;
- (3) Be prepared to launch out in the establishment of another mission or supporting a prospective group which feels led to organize.

To accomplish this we have spent more than our income during the past year. We urge all of our churches and groups to give very liberally to Central Conference Missions so we can continue to carry on the work assigned and build a necessary reserve to be ready to "go" when the

opportunity comes. We solicit your continued prayers and financial support.

Our hearts were saddened with the passing of one of our Missions Board members, Brother Randolph Harris, on May 25, 1981. We request that this setting of the Conference stand for one minute of prayer and meditation in his memory and in appreciation for his dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Sasser, *Chairman*

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Secretary-Treasurer*

Joseph Lehmann

Linwood Cobb

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
NOVEMBER 4, 1981 (YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981)

	<u>1979/80</u>	<u>1980/81</u>
Ayden	10.00	20.00
Aspen Grove	10.00	10.00
Bethany	10.00	10.00
Black Jack	10.00	105.00
Cedar Grove		
Community	5.00	5.00
Daniels Chapel	10.00	5.00
Dawson's Grove	15.00	10.00
Dilda's Grove	400.16	409.48
Edgewood		
Elm Grove	10.00	10.00
Free Union	10.00	10.00
Friendship	116.00	133.00
Greenville, First	10.00	10.00
Grimsley		5.00
Gum Swamp	10.00	5.00
Harrell's Chapel		
Hickory Grove	110.00	10.00
Howell Swamp	10.00	10.00
Hugo	5.00	5.00
Hull Road	10.00	5.00
King's Cross Roads	66.39	78.23
LaGrange	10.00	10.00
Little Creek	10.00	10.00

Central Conference		381
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Marlboro	10.00	5.00
Maury		
Ormondsville	52.00	70.00
Otter's Creek		
Owens Chapel	101.00	96.00
Peace	5.00	10.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	49.00	105.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)		
Pleasant Hill	10.00	10.00
Reedy Branch	10.00	10.00
Rose Hill	10.00	10.00
Roanoke Rapids, First		22.44
Rocky Mount, First	5.00	5.00
Rocky Mount Mission		
Rose of Sharon	10.00	
Saratoga	10.00	11.60
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00	5.00
Spring Branch	10.00	5.00
Saints Delight		
Tarboro, First	10.00	10.00
Watery Branch		
Walnut Creek		
Williamston, First		
Winterville	<u>565.40</u>	<u>633.51</u>
Total, Churches, Sunday Schools,		
Woman's Auxilliary	\$1,709.95	\$1,884.26
Second Union Meeting	52.51	57.56
Miscellaneous and Interest Earned	<u>304.89</u>	<u>342.13</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>\$2,067.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,283.95</u></u>

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

Treasurer's Report

Year Ended June 30, 1981

Balance, July 1, 1980		\$5,200.53
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Receipts

Churches, Sunday Schools,	
Woman's Auxiliaries, etc.	\$1,884.26
Second Union Meeting	57.56

Miscellaneous and Interest on

Savings

342.13

Total Receipts

2,283.95

Total for Which to Account

\$7,484.48*Disbursements*

Pastors' Expense Supplement

\$2,310.00

Repairs

100.00

Insurance and Miscellaneous Expense

77.00

Property Taxes (Roanoke Rapids)

123.81

Board Meetings Expense

165.85

Office Expense

117.46

Rocky Mount Mission Supplement

650.00

Total Disbursements

\$3,544.12

Balance on hand, June 30, 1981

(Checking and Savings)

\$3,940.36

NOTE: \$3,000 of the above balance is on savings with the Church Finance Association.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names for nominations:

Board of Ordination—The Rev. Bruce Barrow (1986)

Board of Trustees—Charles H. Gaskins (1985), Jack Dail (1982)

Missions Board—Billy Churchill (1986), Billy Gurkin (1984)

Board of Finance—Leo Tripp (1986)

Representatives of Memberships in the Free Will Baptist Press—Mrs. Alma Buck (1984), the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1983)

Credentials Committee—The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1984)

Obituary Committee—The Rev. Tom Miller (1984)

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. Beaman

Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

Billy Ray Jordan

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution revised at annual session held November 10th and 11th, 1976.

NAME

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

PURPOSE

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

Article I. COMPOSITION

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

Article II. REPRESENTATION

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

Article III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two (2) 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.

Article IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

A board of trustees, a board of ordination, a board of finance, and a board of missions, consisting of five members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Article V. FINANCE

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

Article VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

Article VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

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

Article VIII. VISITORS

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

Article IX. MEETINGS

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

Article X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

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

Section 5: The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference, except that held by other boards and committees of

the conference. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

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

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

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

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

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the board of missions to cooperate with the churches and the conference in furthering the establishment of churches within the bounds of the conference. The mission board shall endeavor through cooperating with the State Board of Missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

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

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

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

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

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

BYLAWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goldsboro, First	259	130	30	5	8	65		300,000	64,354	6,474	70,828
Haymount	50	48				12	10	70,000	23,948	2,566	26,514
Hopewell	176	188		15	11	68	26	268,800	59,286	5,660	64,946
Johnston Union	287	162		15	10	25		200,000	25,316	5,361	30,677
Lanwood Chapel	52	30						35,000	6,432	406	6,838
Lee's Chapel	271	190		20	24	28		125,000	39,844	11,255	51,099
Mount Olive	11								60	4,521	4,581
Oak Grove	146	125	25			31		75,000	8,727	3,974	12,701
Palmer Memorial	168	125		14	10	22	8	200,000	32,848	4,119	36,967
Pleasant Grove	205	170				22			31,536	1,647	33,183
Powhatan	233	124		12	3	17	7	100,000	21,157	1,890	23,047
Riverside	84	73				12		100,000	12,503	2,161	14,664
Robert's Grove	203	142		10	10	36		200,000	21,875	4,065	25,940
Saint Mary's Grove	209	136		12	10	38		130,000	18,378	1,718	20,096
Saint Paul	175	111				29		150,000	9,883	3,280	13,163
Shady Grove	334	123		24	15	20		350,000	39,628	7,371	46,999
Smithfield, First	133	82		5	12	18		150,000	23,827	1,544	25,371
Smyrna	140	122				10		85,000	17,543	980	18,523
Steven's Chapel	127	89									
Tee's Chapel	255	218		14	30	14		250,000	32,331	3,237	35,568
Victory Mission	32	21			6	5	6	52,000	17,728	1,006	18,734
West Clinton	43	35				8		90,000	1,712	233	1,945
Wooten's Chapel	130	50		5	5	10		70,000	7,719	1,913	9,632
Yelverton Grove	149	101		30		12		85,000	12,410	2,122	14,532
CENTRAL											
CONFERENCE											
Aspen Grove	180	168	25			22	12	100,000	18,288	4,458	22,746
Ayden	142	75		6		31	14	265,000	20,302	4,694	24,996
Bethany	129	92		8	10	28	18	275,000	42,836	5,810	48,646
Black Jack	718	485				45		575,000	53,078	11,654	64,732
Cedar Grove											
Community	89	111		5	12	12	4		20,228	2,420	22,648
Daniels Chapel	317	200		18	15	45	14	325,000	60,393	8,357	68,750

Churches	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprise	Grand Total
Dilda's Grove	100	72				14		125,000	9,194	4,568	13,762
Edgewood	59	43				13		100,000	4,035	2,480	6,515
Elm Grove	161	95		8	6	30		260,000	29,257	4,574	33,831
Free Union	322	116			19	66	23	200,000	33,000	5,525	38,525
Friendship	297	197	47	13	14	69	23		49,108	13,863	62,971
Greenville, First	240	130		12	4	30	8	450,000	59,926	4,615	64,541
Grimsley	80	63		7	3	20	19	150,000	19,923	2,798	22,721
Gum Swamp	205	120		15	15			225,000	30,118	5,739	35,857
Harrell's Chapel	190	165		12		16		95,000	22,973	3,867	26,840
Hickory Grove	90	79				22	13	60,000	12,795	3,462	16,257
Howell Swamp	150							150,000	10,127	2,390	12,517
Hugo	90	82			8	17			9,197	4,129	13,326
Hull Road	354	145		17	12	24		280,000	25,549	5,731	31,280
King's Cross Roads	225	130	35	8	10	31	16	100,000			
LaGrange	212	131			6	45			15,793	1,244	17,037
Little Creek	119	75				26		125,000	14,430	2,175	16,605
Marlboro	213	186		20	18	40	25	250,000	36,809	3,274	40,083
Maury											
Ormondsville	184	130		15	4	35	40	250,000	21,669	2,296	23,965
Otter's Creek	88	59		13		12		75,000	11,684	2,631	14,315
Owen's Chapel	208	130	43	18	20	14	6	70,000	21,830	2,412	24,142
Peace	50	58			6	18	6	154,043	18,802	947	19,749
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	39	32				8		60,000	5,242	1,135	6,377
Piney Grove (Pitt)	125	94				35	13	300,000	27,665	2,461	30,126
Pleasant Hill											
Reedy Branch	311	175				25		305,000	42,614	3,930	46,544
Roanoke Rapids, First	20	17				8		20,000	7,084	343	7,426
Rocky Mount, First	110	35		9	5	16		85,000	28,939	3,040	31,979
Rose Hill	203	101	14			14	26	200,000	14,539	3,496	18,035
Rose of Sharon	166	121		17	8	26	20	165,000	17,929	2,993	20,922

Saint's Delight											
Saratoga	209	104		7	8	28		250,000	21,797	3,530	25,327
Spring Branch	246	130		12	11	30	20	140,000	22,163	3,804	25,967
Sweet Gum Grove	210	87				36					
Tarboro, First	381	225		24	16	60	22				
Walnut Creek	90	74						100,000	13,564	1,641	15,205
Watery Branch											
Williamston, First	100	70				20		120,000	51,703	3,795	55,498
Winterville	247	138	35	8	6	27		130,000	22,005	12,816	34,861
EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Angola	46	58				10		30,000	3,099	338	3,437
Antioch	307	176				43		190,000	28,283	3,765	32,048
Arapahoe	226	217		15	25	25	25			1,700	1,700
Beaufort	33	34					7	30,000	20,529	2,108	22,637
Bethel	75	45	20			20		75,000	14,500	2,762	17,262
Bethlehem	153	122		15	12	20		175,000	11,630	2,586	14,216
Beulaville	223	125		10		12		232,540	24,850	2,355	27,205
Bridgeton	180	85		10	10	18			20,017	3,014	23,031
British Chapel											
Cabin	181	75				15		400,000	19,093	3,606	22,699
Christian Chapel	220	129	58	12	15	30		226,000	23,900	2,275	26,175
Core Creek	124	82			6	12	12	175,000	23,157	4,959	28,116
Core Point Chapel											
Crab Point		70		6	6	12		155,000	18,558	1,311	19,869
Croatan	98	75				10		75,000	21,269	2,300	23,569
Daly's Chapel	211	90				15		150,000	13,977	1,048	15,025
Davis	71	73				14		100,000	6,438	4,448	10,886
Deep Run	245	120		10	10	25		180,000	23,513	3,534	27,047
Dublin Grove	168	72				16		35,000	8,757	1,615	10,372
Edwards Chapel	120	80		12		16		20,000	8,782	412	9,194
Ephesus	88	59				18			10,777	629	12,036
Faith (Bridgeton)	230	150				25		200,000			