

1986-87
Yearbook
for
Original
Free Will Baptists
of
North Carolina

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MINUTES
of the
238TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
NORTH CAROLINA

Held With
Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church
Pitt County
Thursday, November 6, 1986

The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, *Moderator*
The Rev. W. Scott Sowers, *Clerk*
The Rev. Dan Rivers, *Host Pastor*

1986-88 OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

MODERATOR

The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers

CLERK

The Rev. Leon Grubbs

ASSISTANT CLERK

The Rev. Gary Bailey

TREASURER

Mrs. Hilda Sasser

CURRENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, *Moderator*
The Rev. W. Scott Sowers, *Assistant Moderator*
The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*
The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Assistant Clerk*
Mrs. Hilda Sasser, *Treasurer*

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Ray Williamson (1987)	The Rev. W. Bruce Jones (1989)
Dr. Michael Pelt (1988)	The Rev. Harry Grubbs (1990)
The Rev. N. D. Beamon (1991)	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. William Earl Stocks (1987)
Mr. Willie Harris (1988)

Mr. A. H. Cobb (1989)
Mr. Zeb Harrison (1990)

The Rev. C. L. Patrick (1991)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Rev. Raymond Sasser (Honorary)
Mr. Albert Proctor (Honorary)
The Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1987)

Dr. Cedric Pierce (1988)
Mr. Billy Gurkin (1989)
The Rev. Leon Harris (1990)

Mr. Billy Churchill (1991)

BOARD OF FINANCE

The Rev. Edward Thornton (1987)
Mrs. Alice Barrow (1988)

Mr. J. T. Beddard (1989)
Mrs. Mary Boyd (1990)

Mr. Leo Tripp (1991)

REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE FREE WILL
BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

Mrs. Dot Dall (1987)
The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1988)

Mrs. Alma Buck (1989)
The Rev. J. B. Narron (1990)

The Rev. Earl Glenn (1991)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Bryant Hines (1987)

The Rev. Donald Ribeiro (1988)

Mr. J. C. Boyd (1989)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The Rev. David Hill (1987)

Mrs. Hubert Burress (1988)

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1989)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. Ruth Taylor (1988)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Miss Leah McGlohon (1988)

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN CHURCH FINANCE
ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Rev. Willis Wilson (1988)

ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY

	1985	1986
N. D. Beaman	A	L
J. P. Barrow	A	A
C. D. Hamilton	A	A
R. P. Proctor	A	A
C. L. Patrick	L	P
N. Bruce Barrow	A	P
J. B. Narron	P	P
Michael Pelt	P	P

Willis Wilson	L	P
Raymond Sasser	P	P
C. H. Overman	P	L
Joseph Lehmann	P	P
Walter Pollard	A	A
Charles Branch	P	P
Bruce Jones	P	P
Clinton Davis	A	A
Gary Bailey	P	P
Walter Reynolds	P	P
Tom Miller	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	L	L
Leon Grubbs	P	P
Bobby Taylor	P	P
Robert Rollins	A	P
Bobby Futrell	A	A
Ronnie Hobgood	P	P
Cedric Pierce	P	P
Melvin Moore	P	L
Harry Grubbs	P	P
Frank Flowers	L	A
Earl Glenn	A	P
Billy Ray Jordan	P	P
Robert Murray	A	A
R. P. Harris	P	A
Leon Harris	P	P
Clarence Harris	A	A
Clifford Ball	P	P
Edward Thornton	P	P
David Ricks	P	P
Ray Williamson	P	P
Allan Sterbin	A	A
James Owens	P	P
Ronald Braxton	P	P
Donald Ribeiro	P	P
David Hill	P	P
Mark Hobbs	L	L
Ronnie Mohn	P	P
James Sowers	P	P
Roger Heath	A	A
Bass Mitchell	P	P
Bryant Hines	P	P
W. Scott Sowers	P	P
Stanley Buck	P	P
James Lupton	A	P
Robert Burke	A	P
Steve Hargrove	P	P
Jerry Campbell	P	A
Mike Tart	P	P
Dan Rivers		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

Jeffery Harrison	P	L
Samuel Gay	P	P

ROLL OF CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE
Aspen Grove	\$ 20.00
Ayden	30.00
Bethany	30.00
Black Jack	100.00
Community	0
Daniels Chapel	25.00
Dilda's Grove	20.00
Edgewood	10.00
Elm Grove	50.00
Free Union	100.00
Friendship	50.00
Greenville, First	25.00
Grimsley	10.00
Gum Swamp	0
Harrell's Chapel	30.00
Hickory Grove	0
Howell Swamp	10.00
Hugo	0
Hull Road	50.00
King's Cross Roads	45.00
La Grange, First	30.00
Little Creek	0
Marlboro	0
Ormondsville	50.00
Otter's Creek	0
Owens Chapel	10.00
Peace	50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	25.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	25.00
Pleasant Hill	0
Reedy Branch	25.00
Rocky Mount, First	35.00
Rose Hill	20.00
Rose of Sharon	20.00
Saints Delight	0
Saratoga	30.00
Spring Branch	70.00
Sweet Gum Grove	0
Tarboro, First	50.00
Walnut Creek	50.00
Watery Branch	0
Williamston, First	25.00
Winterville	55.00

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 238th annual session with the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, on November 6, 1986, at 9:30 a.m.

Leah McGlohon led the congregation in singing a hymn. Mrs. Alice Barrow, of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, gave a devotion and led in prayer.

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers, clerk, called the annual session to order. The Rev. Dan Rivers, pastor of the host church, extended a warm welcome, which was responded to by the Rev. Donald Ribeiro, of Winterville Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, addressed the Conference. The roll of churches was called, which was followed by the calling of the roll of ministers.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: From the Cape Fear Conference: Ed Miles, and Ed Taylor; from the Eastern Conference: Walter Sutton, Frank Brinson, David C. Hansley, James Evans, and Donald Fader; from the Western Conference: John Williams, J. C. Yates, Harold Jones, and Dennis Sherrod.

The moderator made the following appointments—Parliamentarian: the Rev. J. B. Narron; Resolution and Temperance Committee: the Revs. Willis Wilson, Mike Tart, and Mr. Lester Terry; Nominating Committee: the Revs. Gary Bailey, N. Bruce Barrow, and Mrs. C. L. Patrick; Timekeeper: the Rev. Ed Taylor.

The clerk gave the Executive Committee Report. Upon proper motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Reports of the denominational ministries were given as follows: Free Will Baptist Press by Mr. R. Clifford Gray, executive director; Foreign Missions by the Rev. Harold Jones, director; Cragmont Assembly by the Rev. John Williams, manager; and the Ministers' Program by the Rev. Donald Fader, director.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by the Rev. Ray Williamson. A motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted; that the names of Calvin Heath, Royce Reynolds, and Ray Everton be removed from the list of ordained ministers; that the name of Dan Rivers be added to the list of ordained ministers; that the Conference adopt the recommendation of the Certified Lay Speaker Program and that the Ordaining Council be authorized to promote and supervise its implementation. (See Reports.)

Upon proper motion the above motion was divided. Upon proper motion the first part was adopted. Upon proper motion the portion dealing with the Certified Lay Speaker Program was tabled until the afternoon session.

The report of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Convention President.

The report of the Central Conference Missions Board was given by the Rev. Cedric Pierce. Upon proper motion the written report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Miss Leah McGlohon led the congregation in the singing of a hymn.

Denominational ministries reports resumed as follows: Home Missions by the Rev. David C. Hansley, director; Church Finance Association by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director; Mount Olive College by Dr. Michael Pelt; Children's Home by the Rev. Bobby Taylor, director; and Retirement Homes by the Rev. Walter Sutton, director.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship was begun with the singing of a hymn. An offering was received and special music was rendered by the Sonlight Singers. The Rev. Dan Rivers brought the message and gave the benediction and grace for the meal.

The Conference adjourned for lunch, which was served by the host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference reconvened after lunch, with the Rev. Ron Braxton serving as moderator because the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood had a funeral. Miss Leah McGlohon led the congregation in singing a hymn.

Mr. Ted Harrison, of La Grange Free Will Baptist Church, gave the afternoon devotion.

The Rev. Ron Braxton appointed the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow to serve as Parliamentarian because the Rev. J. B. Narron was involved in a funeral.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. Bryant Hines. Upon proper motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the Rev. Dan Rivers.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Lou McLawhorn. Upon proper motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Lou McLawhorn gave the treasurer's report. Upon proper motion the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Resolutions and Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. Upon proper motions each of the resolutions was adopted separately. (See Reports.)

Upon proper motion the recommendation concerning the Certified Lay Speaker Program was lifted from the table. Upon proper motion the recommendation was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow. Upon proper motion the report was adopted and the names placed in nomination. (See Reports.)

The floor was opened for nominations from the floor. Upon proper motion the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood was elected moderator by acclamation. Upon proper motion that those positions without nominations from the floor be elected at the close. Mr. Billy Churchill was nominated from the floor to serve on the Board of Missions. Upon proper motion the nominations for the Board of Missions ceased. By proper vote Mr. Billy Churchill was elected. Upon proper motion that all nominations cease and that the remaining nominees be elected by acclamation.

By consensus the Conference gave all the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks.

Upon proper motion that the Conference adjourn and leave all unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Note: The Constitution and Bylaws of the Central Conference can be found beginning on page 337 of the 1985 *YEARBOOK*.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 23, 1986, at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, at 3:18 p.m. The following members were present: the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, the Rev. Ron Braxton, Lou McLawhorn, and Leah McGlohon.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Ron Braxton.

In the absence of the clerk, Leah McGlohon read the minutes, which were approved with the suggestions of changing the phrase "until they are deceased" on page 7, paragraph 6, under the afternoon session to "for their lifetime."

Lou McLawhorn reported a balance of \$1,648.93 in the treasury. She also reported receiving a letter from the Church Finance Association of our funds in that program.

The moderator presented the "Five Year Plan" of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and requested that we read over it to see things that our Conference can do and suggest how we can do them.

Two particular things pertaining to the plan were discussed. The first was a proposed pamphlet, "Is God Calling You to the Ministry?" The pamphlet was approved by motion. Ron moved that we also ask the Ordaining Council to prepare a handout that spells out the suggested courses and the hours in each particular discipline to give people entering the ministry. The motion was seconded and passed.

The second thing discussed was a telephone tree for ministers. The moderator will make a telephone tree of ministers of the Conference and ministers pastoring in the Conference to inform them of things of denominational interest and of the death of ministers.

The moderator reported that the Maury Church property, which is not being used, needs to be dealt with. He had copies of two deeds he had found at the Greene County Courthouse. After some discussion, it was decided that the moderator should contact the Board of Trustees of the Conference to look into the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. Ronnie prayed the benediction.

(September 11, 1986)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on September 11, 1986, at the Free Will Baptist Press, at 3 p.m., with all members present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ron Braxton.

Lou McLawhorn reported a balance of \$701.66 in the treasury.

By consensus each member of the Executive Committee to obtain three delegates to the State Convention, with the moderator to secure four.

By consensus that Scott Sowers, Ron Braxton and Lou McLawhorn work on the possibility of a seminar to help ministers and church leaders minister to people with drug-related problems.

The Executive Committee worked on the program for the annual session.

The meeting was adjourned.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council is elected and authorized by the Central Conference to examine and certify each candidate for license and ordination, to give clearance or receive transfer of membership of each minister from another conference, and to grant letters of recommendation to ministers transferring to another conference. The Ordaining Council is also charged with the proper exercise of ministerial discipline as set forth in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*. The members of the Ordaining Council presently serving are: Harry Grubbs, chairman; Dr. Michael Pelt, vice chairman; Ray Williamson, secretary; Dan Beamon; and Bruce Jones.

Since the last session of the Conference, the Rev. Calvin Heath has transferred to the Cape Fear Conference, the Rev. Royce Reynolds has transferred to the Albemarle Conference, the Rev. Ray Everton has transferred to the Western Conference, the Rev. Dan Rivers has transferred to the Central Conference from the Paul Palmer Fellowship Conference, and the Rev. Franklin Brinson of the Eastern Conference was given clearance to work in the Central Conference.

There were no newly licensed or ordained ministers during the year.

The Ordaining Council completed its work, as directed by the Central Conference Executive Committee, on the brochure, "The Call to the Ministry." It was turned over to the Executive Committee.

Considerable time was given during the year to the finalization of the proposed Certified Lay Speaker Program, as approved by the Conference in its last session. The addendum to this report provides an outline of the proposal, which the Council recommends to this session.

I move that this report be adopted, and that the names of Calvin Heath, Royce Reynolds, and Ray Everton be removed from the list of ordained ministers because of transfer of membership; and that the name of Dan Rivers be added to the list of ordained ministers.

I further move that the Conference adopt the recommendation of the Certified Lay Speaker Program, and that the Ordaining Council be authorized to promote and supervise its implementation.

PROPOSED CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER PROGRAM

I. Statement of Need

The need exists for a place within our denomination for those who feel God's calling to preach His Word, have natural abilities, and have a desire for further study and increased service, but do not necessarily feel led to accept the position and responsibilities of an ordained minister. Many new and wonderful opportunities and challenges could be afforded through the lay speaker program. Pastors and churches would have access to a listing of persons who have been trained and certified in basic preaching skills and biblical studies, and could fill the pulpit for a church in the absence of its pastor (i.e., sickness, vacation, etc.). The greatest benefit may be an increased involvement and deeper spiritual commitment among the laity of the church that could help revitalize the spiritual vision and dedication that our denomination critically needs.

II. Qualifications

- A. Salvation experience
- B. Personal background: family and financial stability, personality, moral character
- C. Bible knowledge
- D. Church participation
- E. Ability to communicate
- F. Natural abilities: physical, mental, emotional
- G. Willingness to be trained

III. Procedure

- A. Recommendation from church: letter signed by pastor and clerk
- B. Interview by Ordaining Council
- C. Establishment and completion of minimum study
- D. Certification
- E. Listing of Certified Lay Speakers in Conference minutes and *Yearbook*

IV. Minimum Requirements

- A. Old and New Testament introductions
- B. Church history, doctrine, and polity
- C. Minimum of two Bible courses (i.e., synoptic gospels; Acts, Letters of Paul, etc.)
- D. Personal evangelism
- E. Speech or sermon preparation

V. Restrictions

- A. Not an ordained minister
- B. Not serve as pastor or interim pastor
- C. Not baptize or conduct any other ordinances

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Grubbs, *Chairman*
Ray Williamson, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

We want to thank you very sincerely for your prayers and financial support of our Central Conference Missions Program again this year! Our ladies through the State Woman's Auxilliary Convention have continued their generous contributions for which we extend a very special, "Thank you!" We depend greatly upon all of you to make it possible for your Missions Board to move forward in the areas of responsibility you have assigned to us!

It is our desire and aim to use wisely all that which you commit to our trust! Accordingly, an Endowment has been established for Central Conference Missions. The Endowment Certificate reads in part: "The Mission Board of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina hereby establishes "THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD ENDOWMENT FUND" with the Church Finance Association, Inc. for the sole purpose of further fulfilling the goals and responsibilities of the Central Conference Mission Board as assigned by said Conference which are:

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

We urge our people to add to this Endowment periodically and help build it to the point that it will be possible for us to provide the greatest mission program ever for the Kingdom of Christ through the Central Conference. We further encourage our people to use the services available through your Missions Board to assist churches in need and to establish new churches.

The Grifton Mission, which was started in October, 1982, is continuing to grow under the capable leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Sowers. Your Missions Board has agreed to continue its supplement to the property payment in the amount of \$300 per month for an additional thirteen (13) months, through December 31, 1987. The total payment is \$800.27 per month, \$500.27 of which the Mission is paying. The Mission is also providing payment for all utilities, maintenance and upkeep, improvements, and one-half of the pastor's salary. The State Home Missions Department pays the other half of the pastor's salary. Your Missions Board will further assist the Grifton Mission by underwriting the air conditioning of their building at a one-time cost of \$5,690—the work is to be done by the summer of 1987. Please continue to pray for the Grifton people and support them in every way you can!

We solicit your continued prayer and financial support. All contributions to Central Conference Missions should be mailed to:

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS

c/o Dr. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

Box 36

Pikeville, NC 27863-0036

Mr. Billy Gurkin has been elected Chairman of your Missions Board to be effective at the close of this sitting of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Lehmann, *Chairman*

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

Bill R. Churchill

Billy Gurkin

Leon Harris

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
Aspen Grove	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Ayden	15.00	20.00	15.00
Bethany	10.00	10.00	10.00
Black Jack	30.00	15.00	-0-
Community	10.00	5.00	5.00
Daniels Chapel	10.00	15.00	20.00
Dilda's Grove	402.09	393.87	446.24
Edgewood	-0-	-0-	-0-
Elm Grove	-0-	-0-	5.00
Free Union	110.00	110.00	110.00
Friendship	416.00	305.00	260.00
Greenville, First	10.00	10.00	10.00
Grifton Mission	85.00	95.00	143.44
Grimsley	15.00	-0-	10.00
Gum Swamp	-0-	10.00	10.00
Harrell's Chapel	-0-	-0-	-0-
Hickory Grove	-0-	10.00	-0-
Howell Swamp	10.00	10.00	5.00
Hugo	5.00	-0-	-0-
Hull Road	10.00	10.00	10.00
King's Cross Road	91.15	76.92	76.46
La Grange	10.00	10.00	10.00
Little Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00
Marlboro	25.00	20.00	20.00
Ormondsville	82.00	58.00	69.00
Otter's Creek	-0-	-0-	-0-
Owens Chapel	77.00	101.00	130.00
Peace	5.00	10.00	10.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	90.00	242.50	267.34
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Pleasant Hill	5.00	5.00	10.00
Reedy Branch	10.00	10.00	10.00
Rocky Mount, First	5.00	5.00	5.00
Rose Hill	10.00	10.00	25.00
Rose of Sharon	10.00	10.00	5.00
Saratoga	-0-	5.00	5.00
Spring Branch	10.00	15.00	5.00
Saints Delight	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00	10.00	5.00
Tarboro, First	135.00	85.00	135.00
Walnut Creek	100.00	-0-	-0-
Watery Branch	-0-	-0-	-0-
Williamston	-0-	-0-	-0-
Winterville	990.34	15.00	20.00
TOTAL: Churches, S.S., W.A.	\$2,813.58	\$1,727.29	\$1,887.48
Second Union Meeting	50.31	58.43	54.37
Fourth Union Meeting	-0-	-0-	-0-

Central Conference

Central District Auxillary Convention	10.00	5.00	-0-
Interest Earned	481.94	4,134.35	4,800.95
Miscellaneous	-0-	5.00	-0-
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,355.83	\$5,930.07	\$6,742.80

Year Ending June 30, 1986

Balance on Hand—July 1, 1985			\$61,033.91
Checking Account		\$ 991.91	
Savings Accounts		60,042.00	
Total Balance on Hand—July 1, 1985		\$61,033.91	

Actual Receipts

Churches, Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxillaries, etc.	\$ 1,887.48		
Second Union Meeting	54.37		
Interest on Savings	4,800.95		
Total Receipts as Reflected on Printed Report			6,742.80
TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT			\$67,776.71

Actual Disbursements

Grifton Mission Property Payment Supplement	\$ 2,100.00		
Office Expense	217.77		
Board Meeting Expense	55.00		
Total Disbursements			2,372.77
BALANCE ON HAND—June 30, 1986			\$65,403.94
Checking Account	\$ 361.94		
Savings Account	65,042.00		
Total Balance		\$65,403.94	

Action Since June 30 Regarding Savings Accounts

Established Central Conference Mission Board Endowment Fund	\$60,000.00
Withdrawal for Grifton Work	1,110.00
Balance in Savings Today of	\$ 3,942.00

NOTE: All savings are on deposit with the Church Finance Association, Inc.

Respectfully submitted for the Central Conference Missions Board,
Dr. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Secretary-Treasurer*

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 238th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1986 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—34
 - b. Delegates—51
 - c. Visiting ministers—13
 - d. Churches represented—29 of 43 by delegate, 6 by letter
 - e. Licensed ministers—1
 - f. Officers—3
 - g. Visitors—19
- Total Attendance—121

Respectfully submitted,

Bryant Hines Jr.

Donald Ribeiro

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee of the Central Conference, submit the following report:

Offering Today	\$ 113.05
Monies from Churches	<u>\$1,070.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,183.05</u>

We recommend that this be spent for the Lord's work through the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

Lou D. McLawhorn, *Chairperson*

The Rev. Ed Thornton

The Rev. Charles Branch

Mr. Leo Tripp

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

November 1985—November 1986

Total to Be Accounted For:	\$1,128.29
Checking Account Balance:	<u>1,128.29</u>

Receipts

Conference Collection and Yearbook:	1,213.17
	<u>1,213.17</u>
	\$2,341.46

Disbursements

Ministers' Programs	75.00
Mount Olive College	75.00
Retirement Homes	75.00
Cragmont Assembly	75.00
Children's Home	75.00
Foreign Missions	75.00
Home Missions	75.00
Free Will Baptist Press	75.00
Free Will Baptist Press (Supplies)	68.76
Free Will Baptist Press (Supplies)	23.77
Free Will Baptist Press (Supplies)	73.36

North Carolina State Convention (<i>Yearbooks</i>)	705.92
Free Will Baptist Press (Pamphlets)	113.78
Free Will Baptist Press (Supplies)	39.47
Free Will Baptist Press (Supplies)	14.74
North Carolina State Convention	80.00

Total in Treasury: November 6, 1986

1,719.80

621.66

\$2,341.46

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie V. Hobgood, *Moderator*Lou D. McLawhorn, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of our Conference be given the privilege to choose the speaker for the Conference.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that our pastors make our congregations more aware of the evils and dangers of drugs and alcohol, and that our pastors make themselves available for counseling those with problems.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality and the free lunch they served.

Respectfully submitted,

Willis Wilson, *Chairman*

Mike Tart

Lester Terry

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee makes the following nominations:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator	The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood
Assistant Moderator	The Rev. Scott Sowers
Clerk	The Rev. Leon Grubbs
Assistant Clerk	The Rev. Gary Bailey
Treasurer	Mrs. Hilda Sasser

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Term ending 1990	The Rev. N. D. Beamon
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Term ending 1990	The Rev. C. L. Patrick
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BOARD OF MISSIONS

Term ending 1990	Mrs. Rebecca Davenport
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BOARD OF FINANCE

Term ending 1990	Mr. Leo Tripp
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REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Term ending 1990	The Rev. Earl Glenn
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Term ending 1987	Mr. J. C. Boyd
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OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Term ending 1988

Mrs. C. L. Patrick

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Term ending 1988

Mrs. Ruth Taylor

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Term ending 1988

Miss Leah McGlohon

REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Term ending 1988

The Rev. Willis Wilson

STATE CONVENTION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow

Pleasant Grove	182			98	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	101	81	3,600	46,517	42,917
Powhatan	220			75	4	3	3	3	9	0	-2	102	75	2,058	27,440	25,382
Riverside	133	133	0		12	8	0	4	0	0	16	110	88	2,809	29,545	26,736
Roberts Grove	205			85	0	2	0	2	3	0	-3	146	100	5,246	39,505	34,259
St Mary's Grove	213	213	45	150	3	2	0	4	11	0	-10	139	98	1,432	48,000	46,568
St Paul	111	111	45	45	2	0	0	2	2	0	-2	120	60	2,049	19,626	17,577
Shady Grove	310			110	1	0	0	5	1	0	-5			9,616	65,023	55,407
Smithfield, Firs	130	70	60	60	0	6	0	2	1	0	3		50	1,970	43,777	41,808
Smayna	139	139	0	55	0	0	0	1	1	0	-2	92	65	1,938	125,000	123,062
Steven's Chapel											0					
Tee's Chapel	241			150	14	2	0	3	2	0	11	218	171	4,085	44,332	40,247
Victory	44			40	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	48		1,500	14,700	
West Clinton	85	23	62		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	30		275	9,879	9,604
Wooten's Chapel	116			30	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2	21	19	1,295		
Yelverton Grove	137	137	0	60	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	99	65	2,114	12,637	10,523
Genesis Mission	15	15	0	23	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	21	19	1,504	16,635	15,132

CF TOTALS	4351	1411	579	1957	80	58	12	46	65	11	28	2227	1777	100,260	1,066,218	948,900
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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	237	119	118	105	1	0	0	2	1	0	-2	145	115	5,215		
Ayden	149	98	51	65	1	8	0	1	4	0	4	62	52	3,015	43,669	40,654
Bethany	178	88	90	65	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	79	55	4,426	36,951	32,526
Black Jack	644	644	0	275	6	9	0	6	13	29	-33	460	290	9,480	109,799	100,320
Community	118			75	4	5	0	1	2	0	6	101	65	552	23,600	
Daniels' Chapel											0					
Dilda's Grove	102	102	26	75	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	69	60	4,211	22,777	18,566
Edgewood	41	41	20		1	5	0	1	0	0	5	40		2,415	16,915	14,500
Elm Grove	179	179	0	120	3	1	0	1	2	0	-1	117	92	5,396	44,611	39,215
Free Union	297	297	200	200	2	5	0	4	3	0	0	115	95	6,857	43,998	37,141
Friendship	288			185	4	5	0	5	3	0	1	240	150	20,535		
Greenville	180			150	1	0	0	2	4	0	-5	108	85	9,950	78,069	68,119
Grimsley	72	72	67		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65		2,570	20,253	17,683
Gum Swamp	239	239	209	150	14	2	0	5	2	0	9	195	125	10,706	58,859	48,153
Harrell's Chapel	156	128	28	100	0	2	0	2	2	0	-2	138	122	3,054	33,884	30,830
Hickory Grove	94	94	5		2	0	0	2	1	0	-1	74		3,831	27,451	23,620
Howell Swamp	137				1	0	0	4	1	0	-4			1,525	15,650	14,125
Hugo	99	75	21	65	0	0	0	0	3	0	-3	72	62	7,232	30,264	23,031

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL DATA

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Gain Baptism	Letter	Other	Lost Deceased	Letter	Other	Net Change	Members	Average SS Att	Denom Gifts	Total	Local Use
Hull Road	344			135	0	2	0	3	0	0	-1		95	9,147	46,633	37,487
Kings Cross Road	219			125	5	0	0	1	0	0	4	116	87	14,356	41,641	27,285
LaGrange, First	204	116	88		1	7	2	2	2	4	2		55	5,142	37,875	32,733
Little Creek	149	126	23	75	3	3	0	2	1	0	3		55	3,284	25,100	21,816
Marlboro	266	266	0	145	8	5	0	3	3	0	7	196	136	5,215	56,400	51,185
Ormondsville	196			136	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	113	110	6,325	27,367	21,042
Otters Creek	66	57	31	43	1	0	0	1	1	0	-1	45	40	1,378	18,522	17,144
Owen's Chapel	202			150	2	2	0	0	2	0	2		93	2,514	29,201	26,687
Peace	111	82	29	82	5	18	0	0	2	0	21	72	51	3,048	28,538	25,490
Piney Grove (B)	40	35	5	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	42	28	2,372	17,381	15,009
Piney Grove (P)	181			102	2	14	0	3	0	0	13		83	5,161	44,441	39,280
Pleasant Hill	128				1	6	0	1	3	0	3			1,620	34,820	33,200
Reedy Branch	328	184	140	200	6	0	6	7	2	0	3		125	2,473	53,706	51,233
Rocky Mount											0			4,227	30,965	26,738
Rose Hill	282	199	81		0	1	0	2	0	0	-1	111		5,219	32,815	27,595
Rose of Sharon	177	100	77	80	2	0	0	1	0	0	1		94	7,066	38,498	31,432
Saratoga	185	185	37	108	6	5	0	4	1	0	6	108	88	5,487	35,840	30,353
St Delight	24	14	10	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	36	30	365	5,666	5,301
Spring Branch	235			125	0	0	0	6	8	0	-14	120	90	5,225	27,755	22,530
Sweet Gum Grove	224			112	5	4	0	4	2	0	3	113	85	996	23,276	22,280
Tarboro, First	415			170	9	5	0	2	5	0	7	172	140	12,192	98,800	86,608
Walnut Creek	63			50	0	0	0	0	5	0	-5	69	40	2,956	18,224	15,268
Watery Branch	80	64	16	65	11	13	0	1	3	0	20	76	53			
Williamston	81	81	118	80	7	3	0	1	2	0	7		48	641	32,842	32,201
Winterville	257			139	4	6	1	1	6	5	-1	155	121	17,908	127,165	109,258

C TOTALS	7667	3685	1490	3823	120	138	11	84	92	38	55	3624	3060	225,287	1,540,221	1,317,636
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Angola	57	57	31	30	0	0	0	0	3	0	-3	17	17	437	12,198	11,761
Antioch	317	167	150	225	4	2	0	2	5	0	-1	150	130	2,795	42,619	39,824
Arapahoe	307	171	136	145	13	9	0	1	0	0	21	213	136	4,089	51,853	47,764
Beaufort	80			50	10	5	0	1	1	18	-5	49	32	1,830	21,296	19,466