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for
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of
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**MINUTES
of the
240TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held With
Marlboro Original Free Will Baptist Church
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 10, 1988**

The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, *Moderator*

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers, *Host Pastor*

**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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood

The Rev. Leon Grubbs

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers

The Rev. Gary Bailey

Mrs. Hilda Sasser

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. W. Bruce Jones (1989)

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Mr. William Earl Stocks (1992)

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Mr. Albert Proctor (Honorary)

Mr. Billy Gurkin (1989)

The Rev. Leon Harris (1990)

Mr. Billy Churchill (1991)

Mr. Linwood Cobb (1992)

The Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1993)

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Mr. Leo Tripp (1991)

The Rev. Charles Branch (1992)

Mrs. Alice Barrow (1993)

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The Rev. Earl Glenn (1991)

Mrs. Dot Dail (1992)

The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1993)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. J. C. Boyd (1989)

Mr. Macon Page (1990)

The Rev. Donald Ribeiro (1991)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1989)

The Rev. David Hill (1990)

Mrs. Hubert Burress (1991)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. Ruth Taylor (1990)

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

Miss Leah McGlohon (1990)

**REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIPS IN CHURCH FINANCE
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The Rev. Willis Wilson (1990)

ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
N. D. Beaman	L	P	P
J. P. Barrow (Retired)	A	A	A
R. P. Proctor (Retired)	A	A	A
C. L. Patrick	P	P	P
N. Bruce Barrow	P	P	P
J. B. Narron	P	P	P
Michael Pelt	P	P	P
Willis Wilson	P	P	P
Raymond Sasser	P	P	P
C. H. Overman	L	P	P
Joseph Lehmann	P	P	P
Walter Pollard	A	A	L
Charles Branch	P	P	P

Bruce Jones	P	P	P
Clinton Davis	A	P	P
Gary Bailey	P	P	P
Walter Reynolds	P	P	P
Tom Miller	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	L	L	L
Leon Grubbs	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	P	P	P
Robert Rollins	P	P	E
Ronnie Hobgood	P	P	P
Cedric Pierce	P	P	L
Melvin Moore	P	P	P
Harry Grubbs	P	P	P
Frank Flowers	A	P	P
Earl Glenn	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	P	P	P
R. P. Harris (Retired)	A	A	P
Clifford Ball	P	L	P
Edward Thornton	P	A	P
David Ricks	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	P	A	P
Ronald Braxton	P	A	P
Donald Ribeiro	P	P	L
David Hill	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	L	L	L
Ronnie Mohn	P	P	P
James Sowers	P	P	P
Bass Mitchell	P	P	P
Bryant Hines	P	P	A
W. Scott Sowers	P	P	P
Stanley Buck	P	P	P
James Lupton (Retired)	P	P	P
Steve Hargrove	P	A	P
Jerry Campbell	A	A	A
Mike Tart	P	P	A
Dan Rivers	P	A	P
David Langley		P	A
Philip Wood			P
Doug Skinner			L

LICENSED MINISTERS

Samuel Gay	P	A	P
Douglas Gayhardt			P
J. D. Thorne			P
Carroll Bradbury			P
Herbert Pennell Norman			A
Larry Letchworth			P
Glen A. Mills			P
Frank Robbins			P
James Pittman			P

Excused by the Executive Committee

ROLL OF CHURCHES

	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Aspen Grove	yes	yes	\$ 30.00
Ayden	yes	yes	30.00
Bethany	no	yes	10.00
Black Jack	yes	yes	100.00
Community	no	no	none
Daniels Chapel	yes	yes	25.00
Dilda's Grove	yes	yes	20.00
Edgewood	yes	yes	10.00
Elm Grove	no	yes	50.00
Free Union	yes	yes	100.00
Friendship	yes	yes	50.00
Greenville, First	yes	yes	25.00
Grimsley	no	no	none
Gum Swamp	yes	yes	none
Harrell's Chapel	yes	yes	30.00
Hickory Grove	no	yes	35.00
Howell Swamp	yes	yes	10.00
Hugo	yes	yes	10.00
Hull Road	yes	yes	50.00
King's Cross Roads	no	yes	45.00
La Grange, First	yes	yes	50.00
Little Creek	no	yes	50.00
Marlboro	yes	yes	none
Ormondsville	yes	yes	50.00
Otter's Creek	yes	yes	20.00
Owens Chapel	no	yes	50.00
Peace	no	no	none
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	yes	yes	25.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	yes	yes	25.00
Pleasant Hill	yes	yes	none
Reedy Branch	no	no	none
Rocky Mount, First	yes	yes	30.00
Rose Hill	yes	yes	20.00
Rose of Sharon	yes	yes	20.00
Saints Delight	no	no	none
Saratoga	yes	yes	30.00
Spring Branch	yes	yes	70.00
Sweet Gum Grove	yes	yes	none
Tarboro, First	yes	yes	50.00
Walnut Creek	no	yes	50.00
Watery Branch	no	no	none
Williamston, First	yes	yes	25.00
Winterville	yes	yes	55.00
Hillside Mission (Grifton)	yes	no	none

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 240th annual session with Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, on Thursday, November 10, 1988, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference was opened with a hymn, "To God Be the Glory," led by Miss Leah McGlohon. Douglas Gayhardt brought opening devotions and led in prayer.

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, clerk, called the annual session to order and presented the moderator, the Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood, who presided over the session.

The Rev. Scott Sowers, host pastor, extended a warm welcome to the Conference.

The moderator gave response to the welcome and addressed the Conference.

The roll of churches was called with thirty-one, including Hillside Mission in Grifton, answering.

Visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator. From the Cape Fear Conference: James Corbett, Foy C. Futrelle and Ed Taylor; from the Eastern Conference: David Hines, O. B. Jones, Ralph Sumner, David C. Hansley, Walter J. Sutton and Donald Fader; from the Western Conference: De W. Eakes, Ray Wells, Harold Jones and J. C. Yates; from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church: Norwood B. Futrell.

The moderator appointed temporary committees. Parliamentarian: the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow; Resolutions and Temperance: the Rev. C. L. Patrick, chairman, the Rev. Charles Branch and Mr. Earl Lewis; Nominating: the Rev. Earl Glenn, chairman, the Rev. Ron Braxton and Mrs. Alma Buck; Pianist: Mrs. Ruth Taylor; Song Leader: Miss Leah McGlohon; Timekeeper: the Rev. Leon Grubbs.

The clerk gave the report of the Executive Committee. (See Reports.)

Upon proper motion and second, the proposed Constitutional changes contained in the report of the Executive Committee were placed on the table until the afternoon session.

Upon proper motion and second, the report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

At 10 a.m. Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation" followed by a solo, "People Need the Lord," sung by Mrs. Lori Harper. The Rev. Bobby Taylor preached the worship sermon based on Mark 9:14-29. Worship was concluded with the hymn of affirmation, "I Am Resolved," followed by the benediction.

Conference business resumed with reports from denominational ministries: State Convention by the Rev. De W. Eakes, President; Sunday School Convention by the Rev. Bass Mitchell, Field Secretary; Ministerial Association by the Rev. Ray Wells, President; Retirement Homes by the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, Director; Mount Olive by the Rev. David Hines, Director of Education for Christian Ministries; Ministers' Program by the Rev. Donald Fader, Director-Treasurer; Home Missions by the Rev. David C. Hansley, Director; Free Will Baptist Press by Mrs. Janie Sowers, Editor.

Business was temporarily set aside as the Conference stood and sang "Amazing Grace."

Reports of denominational ministries continued: Foreign Missions by the Rev. Harold Jones, Director-Treasurer; Cragmont Assembly by the Rev. Harry Grubbs, Board Chairman; Church Finance by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, President; Children's Home by the Rev. Bobby Taylor, Executive Director; and Camp Vandemere by the Rev. Ralph Sumner, Manager.

The Conference adjourned for lunch with prayer led by the Rev. Scott Sowers.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the Conference opened with "Blest Be the Tie."

A memorial service was conducted by the Obituary Committee. Mrs. C. L. Patrick read John 14:1-6 and made appropriate comments. The Rev. David Hill led in the memorial prayer. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by Dr. Michael Pelt, secretary. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The right hand of fellowship was extended by Conference officers to the Rev. Phillip Wood, welcoming him as a new member of the Conference.

The roll of ministers was called with forty answering. Six ministers sent letters to the clerk asking to be excused.

The report of the Conference Missions Board was given by Mr. Billy Gurkin, chairman. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Mr. J. C. Boyd. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Upon proper motion and second, the two proposed changes to the Constitution were taken from the table for consideration.

Upon proper motion and second, they were adopted. (See report of the Executive Committee, minutes of September 22, 1988.)

A verbal report of the Board of Trustees was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. The trustees signed the legal papers for the sale and transfer of the Maury Church property. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted.

A verbal report was given by the Conference historian, Mrs. Ruth Taylor. She made an appeal to all Conference churches to turn over any items and documents of historical significance to the Conference. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted.

The report of the Resolutions and Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Hilda Sasser. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Conference Treasurer was given by Mrs. Hilda Sasser. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Earl Glenn. Upon proper motion and second, the report was adopted. Upon proper motion and second, the nominees were elected by acclamation. (See Reports.)

Upon proper motion and second, the Conference adjourned, leaving all unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor pronounced the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronnie V. Hobgood, *Moderator*
Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 5, 1987)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 5, 1987, in joint session with the Conference Mission Board, at La Grange Church, following the

close of the meeting of the Conference. All members were present. Members of the Missions Board expressed their concern for problems the Community Church in Weldon is experiencing. It was decided that the moderator would contact officers of the church, discuss with them the concerns brought to our attention, and offer our assistance if needed.

(December 3, 1987)

The Executive Committee met at Hull Road Church on December 3, 1987, at 10 a.m. The following members were present: Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers, Gary Bailey and Leon Grubbs.

Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and Gary Bailey led in prayer.

The minutes of the Conference were read and approved after minor corrections.

Concern was expressed at the number of churches who did not represent at the Conference by delegate or letter. Out of 43 churches, 12 turned in no letter, 18 had no delegates, and 15 gave no contribution. Concern was also expressed over the number of ministers who were not present at the Conference and at the number who left after the roll of ministers was called.

Several ideas that could possibly help remedy these problems were discussed: 1) Notify the Ordaining Council of the names of ministers who have missed two or more consecutive meetings of the Conference; 2) Contact churches and ministers who missed the last Conference and encourage them to attend in the future; 3) Send letters to the church clerks in early October to inform them of the Conference meeting place and date; 4) Notify all Conference ministers of the Conference meeting place and date; 5) Take the official roll of ministers from the registration cards filled out on the day of the Conference; 6) Compile a list of the rules and regulations pertaining to Conference attendance and notify each minister of them.

The moderator read an invitation from the Marlboro Church for the Conference to meet with them on November 10, 1988. By proper motion, their invitation was accepted.

We adjourned with prayer led by Scott Sowers.

(May 23, 1988)

The Executive Committee met on May 23, 1988, at Marlboro Church at 1:30 p.m. All members were present.

The moderator called the meeting to order and Scott Sowers led in prayer.

The treasurer reported \$14,426.65 on deposit with the Church Finance Association and a balance on hand of \$9,032.31; \$7,500 of this money is from the sale of the Maury Church property and is to be placed in bonds at Mount Olive College. Gary Bailey will invest this money on behalf of the Conference at the best rate available, but for no more than one year.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will address the program and other details of the meeting of the Conference.

We adjourned with prayer led by Gary Bailey.

(September 22, 1988)

The Executive Committee met at Hull Road Church on September 22, 1988, at 10 a.m. All members were present.

The moderator opened the meeting. Scott Sowers led in prayer.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting.

The treasurer reported that the \$7,500 from the sale of the Maury Church property was invested in a bond at Mount Olive College.

By motion, we recommend to the Conference that the funds received from the sale of the Maury Church property (\$7,500) be placed in an endowment for continuing education for Free Will Baptist ministers and lay leaders of the local church. The principal is to remain on deposit at Mount Olive College and the interest is to be used for an annual training program to be held within the Central Conference for ministers and lay persons under the direction of the Central Conference Executive Committee.

The Conference program was arranged.

It was decided that visiting ministers be requested to fill out registration cards. Information from those cards will be included in the minutes of the Conference for the purpose of identifying visiting ministers.

By motion, all ministers of the Conference will be informed that attendance requirements at the Conference will be according to the *Articles of Faith* and Section 3 of our By-Laws, that the official roll of ministers attending the Conference be taken from registration cards, and that a roll call be taken in the afternoon session of the Conference.

By motion, we recommend to the Conference changing Article IV of the Constitution, "Standing Boards and Committees," the following to be inserted and become the ninth paragraph: After serving two (2) full terms, no member of a Standing Board or Committee shall be eligible for nomination to the same office until after an interval of at least one (1) year. (This change to become effective at the close of this year's Conference.)

By motion, we recommend that Article X, Section 9, be amended to read, "It shall be the duty of the board of finance to check and verify all money received by the treasurer at the Conference."

By motion, we voted to have Conference programs, constitution and proposed constitutional changes printed in the program books compiled by the Press for the Conference.

We adjourned with prayer led by Leon Grubbs.

(November 2, 1988)

The Executive Committee met at the Greenville Church on November 2, 1988, at 10 a.m. The following members were present: Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers, Mrs. Hilda Sasser and Leon Grubbs.

The moderator called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1,578.54 in addition the \$7,500 bond at Mount Olive College and \$14,426.65 on deposit with Church Finance.

We discussed a request from members of Aspen Grove Church to assist the church in settling a dispute over church property and other internal problems. We decided to meet with the pastor and church officers to offer our advice and assistance.

The moderator informed the Committee that we had been requested to assist Gum Swamp Church in formulating criteria for selecting a new pastor. The moderator and Scott Sowers will meet with them.

We adjourned with prayer led by Scott Sowers.

(November 7, 1988)

The Executive Committee met with the pastor and officers of Aspen Grove Church on November 7, 1988, at 7 p.m., to offer advice and assistance in helping them with problems the church is experiencing in obtaining a deed to church property.

Members of the Executive Committee present were Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers, Gary Bailey and Leon Grubbs.

We adjourned with prayer led by Scott Sowers.

(November 10, 1988)

The Executive Committee met at Marlboro Church on November 10, 1988, at 9 a.m., prior to the meeting of the Conference.

Members present were Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers, Gary Bailey and Leon Grubbs.

The moderator opened the meeting. Gary Bailey led in prayer.

The minutes of Executive Committee meetings were read and approved.

The printed program for the Conference was approved.

We adjourned with prayer led by Scott Sowers.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronnie V. Hobgood, *Moderator*
Leon Grubbs, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

There have been no names of ministers' deaths in the Central Conference turned in to the committee.

However, today we want to honor the memory of our brothers and sisters who were active in the Central Conference and have gone on to be with the Lord.

Surely we miss them greatly and we do appreciate all they did for our denomination.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way you know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:1-6).

Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Hubert Burrress
David Hill
Mrs. C. L. Patrick

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 10, 1988)

The Ordaining Council has the responsibility of examining and certifying each candidate for license and ordination, giving clearance or receiving transfer of each minister from another conference, and properly exercising ministerial discipline as set forth in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Baptists*. The Council held six meetings during the past year to conduct its business.

Two ministers were given letters of transfer: Robert Burke to the Eastern Conference and James Owens to the Albemarle Conference.

Two ministers met with the Council to request membership in the Central Conference: Phillip Wood and Douglas Skinner, both from the Eastern Conference. Letters of transfer have been received.

The Council approved the following to serve as pastors in our conference: Todd Pierce, a member of the Eastern Conference, to serve as pastor of Gum Swamp Church; James Corbett, a member of the Cape Fear Conference, to serve as pastor of the Williamston Church.

The Council examined and recommended for license the following candidates for the ministry: Herbert Pennell Norman from King's Cross Roads Church, Larry Letchworth from Dilda's Grove Church, Glen Mills from Black Jack Church, Frank Robbins from Tarboro Church, and Jimmy Pittman from Daniels Chapel Church. Each of these candidates for license was urged to work toward the completion of the educational requirements of this conference, namely sixty-four semester hours of accredited work including Bible, church history, theology, and Free Will Baptist history, as well as courses in general education.

Norwood Futrelle appeared before the Council and asked to be received as a Free Will Baptist minister. He comes to us from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Having joined Piney Grove Church (Beaufort County), he was received under the watchcare of the Council. A request from that church that he be allowed to supply the pulpit until such time as he is received into full membership in the conference was granted.

At the request of the Council, the secretary has written to the following ministers who, according to conference minutes, have neither attended nor represented by letter at the last three sessions of this conference: Walter Pollard, Robert Murray, Clarence Harris, and Roger Heath. (We did not have an address for Allan Sturbin, who likewise failed to represent at the last three sessions of the conference.) Only two of these brethren have responded: Clarence Harris and Walter Pollard.

On January 18, the Council met with Samuel Gay and the deacons of Hickory Grove Church to assist in resolving some issues that had been raised while he was supplying the pulpit of that church. After the discussion of these matters, Brother Gay announced that he had terminated his work at the church.

On February 11, David Ricks appeared before the Council to answer a written statement of charges against him, signed by several members of Peace Church, which he was serving as pastor. Brother Ricks was given an opportunity to respond to each of the charges. Some members of the church who were present assented to these charges and sought to clarify them while other members present rejected the charges outright and sought to refute them. After hearing the charges, as well as the statements of Brother Ricks and the members of Peace Church who were present, the Council entered into executive session and discussed the entire matter. It was concluded that the charges were not of sufficient merit to justify any further action by the Council and that the charges should be dismissed. This conclusion was then reported to David Ricks and to the members of Peace Church.

Brother Frank Thigpen requested membership in the Conference on April 3 and at its meeting on July 11, the Council was informed that he had voluntarily surrendered his credentials as a minister and had resigned as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church. Since his transfer of membership from the Albemarle Conference had not been completed, this matter was referred to the Ordaining Council of that conference.

We recommend that the names of Philip Wood and Douglas Skinner be added to the list of ordained ministers, that the names of Herbert Pennell Norman, Larry Letchworth, Glen Mills, Frank Robbins, and Jimmy Pittman be added to the list of licensed ministers, that the names of Robert Burke and James Owens be removed from the list of ordained ministers, and that the name of John Price be removed from the list of licensed ministers at his request.

Harry Grubbs, *Chairman*
 Michael Pelt, *Secretary*
 Dan Beaman
 J. B. Narron
 Bruce Jones

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

The Central Conference Mission Board has experienced another great year for which we want to thank all of you very sincerely as you have made it possible through your prayer and financial support!!! We extend a very special "THANK YOU" to our ladies who, through the State Woman's Auxillary Convention, have continued their generous support. Contributions from our churches and church organizations have been down this year compared to the last several years. Don't forget that we depend greatly upon all of you for your support which makes it possible for us to move forward in the responsibilities you have assigned to us!

Please encourage your folks to give memorial gifts, etc. to the "CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD ENDOWMENT FUND" so it will grow and enable your Board to do a better job with each passing year! REMEMBER: The sole purpose of the Endowment, as stated in the Certificate, is to further fulfill the goals and responsibilities of the Mission Board as assigned by this 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.

The Hillside Free Will Baptist Mission (Grifton) is continuing to grow under the able leadership of the Rev. Jimmy Sowers. Your Mission Board has continued its supplement to the property payment; however, at the request of the Mission we are working on a phase-out program which reduces our support by \$50 per month every six months. We highly commend the Grifton people for taking this gigantic step forward. Accordingly, our supplemental support for 1988 has been \$250 per month for January-June and \$200 per month from July-December. Proportionately, our 1989 support will be \$150 per month during January-June and \$100 per month from July-December. In addition, your Board has agreed to underwrite the cost of installing a new roof on the Hillside building at the contract price of \$5,840—this work is to be done immediately, before the bad winter weather, to correct a roof leaking problem. Continue to pray for the Grifton people and their work!

We hereby make one recommendation: That the Central Conference Churches, Sunday Schools, auxiliaries, and other organizations be challenged to contribute \$100 each to Central Conference Missions during this next year for the purpose of helping with the roof project at Grifton.

Please note that your Mission Board has a new secretary-treasurer effective this date. Therefore, all contributions to Central Conference Missions should be mailed to:

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS

c/o The Rev. Leon E. Harris

Route 3, Box 36

Ayden, North Carolina 28513

Phone: (919) 746-4320

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Billy Gurkin, *Chairman*

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

Leon Harris

Mr. Bill R. Churchill

Mr. Linwood Cobb

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
To the Conference in Session at Marlboro Church
November 10, 1988 (Year Ending June 30, 1988)

	<u>1985/86</u>	<u>1986/87</u>	<u>1987/88</u>
Aspen Grove	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
Ayden	15.00	15.00	10.00
Bethany	10.00	5.00	5.00
Black Jack	-0-	30.00	5.00
Community	5.00	-0-	-0-
Daniels Chapel	20.00	10.00	5.00
Dilda's Grove	446.24	501.38	439.76
Edgewood	-0-	10.00	5.00
Elm Grove	5.00	5.00	-0-
Free Union	110.00	110.00	115.00
Friendship	260.00	522.63	275.00
Greenville, First	10.00	5.00	5.00
Grimsley	10.00	5.00	10.00
Gum Swamp	10.00	-0-	5.00
Harrell's Chapel	-0-	-0-	-0-
Hickory, Grove	-0-	25.00	5.00
Hillside, Grifton	143.44	200.00	200.00
Howell Swamp	5.00	10.00	10.00
Hugo	-0-	10.00	-0-
Hull Road	10.00	10.00	10.00
King's Cross Roads	76.46	96.43	85.82
La Grange	10.00	10.00	5.00
Little Creek	10.00	12.50	-0-
Mariboro	20.00	10.00	10.00
Ormondsville	69.00	53.00	57.00
Otter's Creek	-0-	-0-	-0-
Owens Chapel	130.00	101.00	106.00
Peace	10.00	13.00	10.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	267.34	285.25	161.66
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Pleasant Hill	10.00	5.00	5.00
Reedy Branch	10.00	5.00	5.00
Rocky Mount, First	5.00	5.00	-0-
Rose Hill	25.00	26.00	10.00
Rose of Sharon	5.00	10.00	5.00
Saratoga	5.00	-0-	5.00
Spring Branch	5.00	-0-	15.00
Saints Delight	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00	10.00	-0-
Tarboro, First	135.00	110.00	115.00
Walnut Creek	-0-	-0-	-0-
Watery Branch	-0-	-0-	-0-
Williamston	-0-	-0-	-0-
Winterville	20.00	10.00	-0-
TOTAL: Churches, S.S., W.A.	<u>\$1,887.48</u>	<u>\$2,241.19</u>	<u>\$1,720.24</u>

Second Union Meeting	54.37	48.54	50.69
Second Union Sunday School Convention	-0-	125.00	50.00
Fourth Union Meeting	-0-	-0-	-0-
Central District Auxiliary Convention	-0-	-0-	-0-
Interest Earned	4,800.95	4,798.89	3,897.66
Miscellaneous—Mattie Shirley Circle	-0-	-0-	5.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,742.80	\$7,213.62	\$5,723.59

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 1988

November 10, 1988

Balance on Hand—July 1, 1987		\$2,790.45
Checking Account	\$ 790.45	
Savings Account	2,000.00	
Total Balance on Hand—July 1, 1987	\$2,790.45	

Actual Receipts

Churches, Sunday Schools, Women's Auxiliaries, etc.	\$1,720.24	
Second Union Meeting	50.69	
Second Union Sunday School Convention	50.00	
Interest on Savings and Endowment	3,897.66	
Miscellaneous—Mattie Shirley Circle	5.00	
Total Receipts as Reflected on Printed Report	\$5,723.59	5,723.59
TOTAL FOR WHICH TO ACCOUNT		\$8,514.04

Actual Disbursements

Grifton Mission Property Payment Supplement	\$3,300.00	
Office Expense	160.19	
Board Meetings Expense	-0-	
Deposit Slips—First Citizens Bank	13.84	
Total Disbursements	\$3,474.03	3,474.03
BALANCE ON HAND—June 30, 1988		\$5,040.01

Checking Account	\$ 642.35
Savings Account	4,397.66
Total Balance on Hand—June 30, 1988	\$5,040.01

Note: All Savings are on deposit with the Church Finance Association, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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 240th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1988 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: 40

b. Central Conference delegates: 49

c. Visiting ministers: 14

d. Licensed ministers: 7

e. Visitors: 25

Total registered attendance: 135

Churches represented by delegates: 28

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Boyd

Carolyn Hill

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality during this session of the Central Conference.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that we also express appreciation to the officers, boards and committees of the Conference in their planning and work of the Conference during the past year by standing.

3. Whereas the use of intoxicating beverages and illicit drugs has become a national problem; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference urge total abstinence from both.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Patrick

Earl Lewis

Charles Branch

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Offering Today	\$ 122.00
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From Churches (Donations and <i>Yearbooks</i>)	<u>1,275.00</u>
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Total Receipts	<u>\$1,397.00</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Hilda B. Sasser, *Chairperson*

Mary Boyd

Alice Barrow

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

11/10/88

Balance Brought Forward		\$ 1,172.91
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Receipts

From Churches	\$ 1,210.00
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Convention Offering	79.34
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Maury Church Land Sale	7,500.00
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Interest on Checking Account	<u>193.55</u>
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Total Receipts		<u>8,982.89</u>
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Total for Which to Account		<u>\$10,155.80</u>
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Disbursements

Superannuation (Ministers' Program)	\$ 100.00	
NC State Convention (Headquarters)	200.00	
NC State Convention (<i>Yearbooks</i>)	720.00	
Horton, Crutchfield and Hurbutt		
(Stamps for Maury Church Deed)	7.50	
Convention Expenses	197.39	
Mount Olive College (Promissory Note)	7,500.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>8,724.89</u>
Balance in Bank 10/31/88		<u>\$ 1,430.91</u>

Summary

Branch Bank Checking Account	\$ 1,430.91
Promissory Note #G197 @ 8%	
Mount Olive College	7,500.00
On Deposit With Church Finance Association	
as of 1/1/88	<u>14,426.65</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$23,357.56</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Ronnie V. Hobgood, *Moderator*
 Hilda B. Sasser, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Committee:

Moderator—Ronnie V. Hobgood
 Assistant Moderator—W. Scott Sowers
 Clerk—Leon Grubbs
 Assistant Clerk—Gary Bailey
 Treasurer—Hilda Sasser

Board of Ordination: Michael Pelt

Board of Trustees: Willie Harris

Board of Missions: Joseph Lehman

Board of Finance: Alice Barrow

Representative of Memberships in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.:

Billy Ray Jordan

Credentials Committee:

Donald Ribeiro

Macon Page

Obituary Committee: Mrs. Hubert Burress

Conference Historian: Ruth Taylor

Publicity Chairperson: Leah McGlohon

Representative of Memberships in Church Finance Association, Inc.:

Willis Wilson

Respectfully submitted,
 Earl H. Glenn
 Ron Braxton
 Alma Buck

Johnston Union	289	203	86	120	3			3	0	139	102	
Lanwood Chapel	32	20	13	25			1		-1	33	20	
Lee's Chapel									0			
Mount Olive	7			25			1		-1			
Oak Grove	152			62	1		1	1	-1	125	72	
Palmer Memorial	193	97	96	94	3			2	1	73	65	
Pleasant Grove	195			101	5	9	1		13	115	88	
Powhatan	224			85	3	1		5	3	-4	115	83
Riverside	123	121	36	125	2	2	2		2	90	85	
Robert's Grove	204			80	3		2		1	163	100	
Shady Grove	286			118	2		6	6	-10	115	91	
Smithfield, First	77	77	52		1	8	1	1	7			
Smyrna	141	141		50	6		4	2	0	106	75	
St. Mary's Grove	215	215	31	130	2		1		2	135	91	
St. Paul	97	97	56	50	2		1		1		50	
Steven's Chapel									0			
Tee's Chapel	228			175	9	4	3		10	202	163	
Victory									0			
West Clinton	83	28	55	32		2		1	1		32	
Wooten's Chapel	118	15	93	25	3		1		2	11	18	
Yelverton Grove	139	139		60			1		-1	99	66	

Cape Fear Totals	3906				50	38	4	35	34	10	13	2121
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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	241			110	6	3		2	8		-1	133	105
Ayden	144	65	79	65		3		4	7		-8	54	46
Bethany	184	90	94	60	1	5		1	3		2	60	50
Black Jack	649			275	9	8		12	2		3	438	261
Community	114	0	0	45		2		4	9	1	-12	50	39
Daniels Chapel	394				6	6		4	1		7	170	
Dilda's Grove	102	102	27	75					2		-2	63	60

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	SS Members	Average SS Att
Edgewood	44			3		1		1		34	-34	48	45
Elm Grove	192					4		5			-1	133	
Free Union	297	297	195	150	1	7		4	4		0	117	95
Friendship	198			150	2	3		1	3		1	175	130
Greenville, First	186			125		2		1	2		-1	97	85
Grimsley	62	62	69	50	1	1	1		4		-1	71	48
Gum Swamp	241	150	289	105	2	4		2	4		0	101	88
Harrell's Chapel	156	116	40	115	4			2	2		0	130	110
Hickory Grove	85	85	5	60		2		2	9		-9	81	51
Howell Swamp											0		
Hugo	85			75	3			1			2	58	55
Hull Road	341			150		1		2	2		-3	158	95
King's Cross Roads	244	244		150	1	13					14	135	102
La Grange				99							0	120	100
Little Creek	150	127	23	55	1	5		2	2		2	80	55
Marlboro	277	273		175	3	2	1		2		4	202	170
Ormondsville	190	130	60	107	1	4		2			3	116	94
Otters Creek	79			75	8	10		2	1	2	13		48
Owen's Chapel	205	0	0	150		2	2	1	1		2	100	92
Peace	105	0	0	40	1			2	14		-15	39	32
Piney Grove (B)											0		
Piney Grove (P)											0		
Pleasant Hill	134	65	69	60		3			2		1	70	45
Reedy Branch	341	124	155	71091		15		4			11	175	50
Rocky Mount, First	108	39	71	40	2	5		3	1		3	35	20
Rose Hill	207	207		175	12	4		11	1		4	113	75
Rose of Sharon	178	104	74	85	2	4		2		1	3	108	87
Saints Delight											0		
Saratoga	193	193	34	111	5	10		3	2		10	116	91
Spring Branch	228			70		1		1			0	120	75

Sweet Gum Grove	214	214		88	3			4	6	-7	117	88
Tarboro, First	387			150	2	4		5	13	-12	137	115
Walnut Creek	49			45				2	1	-3	56	42
Watery Branch										0		
Williamston	196	77	121	70	1	6	0	4	5	0	46	35
Winterville	257			142		3	1	5	3	2	155	114

Central Totals	7457				77	143	5	101	116	40	-32	4177
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Angola	53	20	33	25			1		1	0	36	15
Antioch	319			180		1		1	4	-4	168	
Arapahoe										0		
Beaufort	71			40						0	48	40
Bethel	44	29	15	32	1			1		0	38	30
Bethlehem	173	136	39	100	1		1	2	2	0	130	90
Beulaville	198			100		1		4	7	-10	100	75
Bridgeton	181	29	152	25					5	-5	31	20
British Chapel										0		
Cabin	170	70	100	75				1	1	-2	102	75
Cape Cateret										0		
Christian Chapel	264			110	7	4		4	3	4	104	97
Core Creek	114	114		65	2	3		2	4	-1	42	43
Core Point Chapel										0		
Crab Point										0		
Croatan	130			90	3	2				5	90	60
Daly's Chapel	203			45	2			1	1	0	50	40
Davis	70	22	30		4			2		2	55	50
Deep Run	208		70	65					1	-1	100	80
Dublin Grove	153	56	97	25				2		-2	43	30
Edwards Chapel	125			80		2			1	1	58	50
Ephesus	121	62	59	60				2		-2	60	40