

**1989-90  
Yearbook  
for  
Original  
Free Will Baptists  
of  
North Carolina**

**Ayden, North Carolina 28513-0039**

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**MINUTES  
of the  
241ST ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE  
of the  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
of  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held With  
First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville  
Pitt County, North Carolina  
Thursday, November 9, 1989  
The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood, Host Pastor**

**OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE**

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*

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Ronnie Vann Hobgood  
The Rev. Leon Grubbs

The Rev. W. Scott Sowers  
The Rev. Gary Bailey

Mrs. Hilda Sasser

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Mrs. Hubert Burress (1991)

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**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**

	1987	1988	1989
N. D. Beaman	P	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	P	P	P
Joseph Lehmann	P	P	P
Charles Branch	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	P	P	P
Clinton Davis	P	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
Ronnie Hobgood	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	P	P	P
Harry Grubbs	P	P	L
Frank Flowers	P	P	P
Earl Glenn	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	P	P	P
R. P. Harris (Retired)	A	P	P
Leon Harris	P	P	P
Clarence Harris	P	P	P
Clifford Ball	L	P	P
Edward Thornton	A	P	P
Ray Williamson	A	P	A
Ronald Braxton	A	P	P
Donald Ribeiro	P	L	P
David Hill	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	L	L	L
James Sowers	P	P	P
Bass Mitchell	P	P	P
W. Scott Sowers	P	P	P
Stanley Buck	P	P	P
James Lupton (Retired)	P	P	P
Steve Hargrove	A	P	P
Dan Rivers	A	P	A
David Langley	P	A	P
Philip Wood		P	P
Doug Skinner		L	P
Norwood Futrell			P
David Parrish			P
Tony Parrish			P
Howard Starling			P
Joe Ratcliffe			P

## LICENSED MINISTERS

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

## ROLL OF CHURCHES

	Delegates	Letter	Contribution
Aspen Grove	no	yes	\$10.00
Ayden	yes	yes	30.00

Bethany	yes	yes	10.00
Black Jack	yes	yes	100.00
Community	yes	yes	25.00
Daniels Chapel	no	yes	25.00
Dilda's Grove	yes	yes	none
Edgewood	no	yes	10.00
Elm Grove	yes	yes	50.00
Free Union	yes	yes	100.00
Friendship	yes	yes	50.00
Greenville, First	yes	yes	25.00
Grimsley	no	yes	25.00
Gum Swamp	yes	no	none
Harrell's Chapel	yes	yes	25.00
Hickory Grove	yes	yes	35.00
Howell Swamp	yes	yes	10.00
Hugo	yes	yes	10.00
Hull Road	yes	yes	60.00
King's Cross Roads	yes	yes	45.00
La Grange, First	yes	yes	50.00
Little Creek	yes	yes	50.00
Marlboro	yes	yes	none
Ormondsville	yes	yes	50.00
Otter's Creek	yes	yes	25.00
Owen's Chapel	yes	yes	50.00
Peace	yes	yes	none
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	yes	yes	25.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	yes	yes	25.00
Pleasant Hill	yes	no	none
Reedy Branch	yes	yes	25.00
Rocky Mount	no	yes	30.00
Rose Hill	yes	yes	none
Rose of Sharon	no	yes	30.00
Saint's Delight	no	no	35.00
Saratoga	yes	yes	30.00
Spring Branch	yes	yes	70.00
Sweet Gum Grove	yes	no	none
Tarboro, First	no	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)	no	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 241st annual session with First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 9, 1989, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference was opened with a hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him!," led by the Rev. Bass Mitchell. Glenn A. Mills read Scripture and led in prayer.

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

Mrs. Ruth Taylor extended a warm welcome to the Conference on behalf of the host church.

The moderator addressed the Conference. His comments were based on Acts 8:1-8. The roll of churches was called with thirty-three responding.

Fourteen visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator. From the Albemarle Conference: Wayne Hargrove; from the Eastern Conference: A. B. Bryan, James A. Evans, David Hines, Ralph Sumner and Walter J. Sutton; from the Western Conference: Luther E. Bisette, Jeffery L. Cockrell, De W. Eakes, Dennis E. Sherrod, John Williams and Aubrey Williamson.

The moderator appointed temporary committees—*Parliamentarian*: the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow; *Resolutions and Temperance*: the Rev. J. B. Narron, chairman; the Rev. David Hill; and Mr. Billy Gurkin; *Nominating*: the Rev. Doug Skinner, chairman; the Rev. Walter Reynolds; and Mrs. Alice Barrow; *Timekeeper*: the Rev. Gary Bailey.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Conference ministers having twenty-five or more years of ordained ministry to our denomination: 27 years—Billy Ray Jordan; 30 years—Melvin Moore; 34 years—Raymond T. Sasser and Willis Wilson; 36 years—James Lupton and Dan Rivers; 37 years—C. H. Overman; 39 years—J. B. Narron and Michael Pelt; 40 years—Earl H. Glenn and Walter Reynolds; 42 years—C. L. Patrick; 54 years—N. Bruce Barrow and N. Dan Beaman; 56 years—R. P. Harris.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the clerk. By motion, it was adopted. (See Reports.)

At 10 o'clock Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The Rev. Bass Mitchell led the congregation in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," followed by the receiving of an offering for the Conference. The New Life Quartet, from Stoney Creek Church near Goldsboro, brought special music. The Rev. Willis Wilson preached the worship sermon, entitled "The Four Most Difficult Lessons in the Ministry," based on Nehemiah 4 and Romans 12:1-2. The worship service ended with the congregation singing "Draw Me Nearer" and the prayer of benediction led by the Rev. Earl Glenn.

Conference business resumed with reports from denominational ministries: State Convention by the Rev. De W. Eakes, president; Denominational General Secretary by the Rev. C. H. Overman; Cragmont Assembly by the Rev. John Williams, manager; Church Finance by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, president; Home Missions by the Rev. Bruce Jones, board member; Children's Home by the Rev. Bobby Taylor, executive director; Retirement Homes by the Rev. Walter J. Sutton, director.

Reports were temporarily halted as the congregation sang the first verse of "Love Lifted Me."

Reports continued: Mount Olive College by Dr. David Hines, director of Education for Christian Ministries; Ministers' Program by the Rev. Earl Glenn, board member.

The Conference adjourned for lunch with prayer led by the Rev. Bobby Taylor.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the Conference opened with singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Reports from denominational ministries continued: Foreign Missions by the Rev. Gary Bailey, board member; Free Will Baptist Press by Mr. Clifford Gray, executive

director; Sunday School Board by the Rev. Bass Mitchell, field secretary; Camp Vandemere by the Rev. Ralph Sumner, manager.

The Obituary Committee conducted a service memorializing two ministers of the Conference who died during the past year: the Rev. Walter Pollard and the Rev. Robert Rollins. Mrs. C. L. Patrick read Revelation 14:13, made personal comments about the dedicated service rendered by each of the two deceased ministers, and read Tennyson's poem, "Crossing the Bar." The Rev. C. H. Overman led in prayer. By motion, the report of the Obituary Committee was adopted. (See Reports.)

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

The clerk called the roll of ministers, with 39 ordained ministers and 7 licensed ministers answering. Three ministers sent letters asking to be excused from the Annual Conference.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by officers of the Conference welcoming newly received ministers as members of the Conference: Norwood Futrell, David Parrish, Tony Parrish, Howard Starling and Joe Ratcliffe.

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

The report of the Resolutions and Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. J. B. Narron, chairman. The four resolutions were read and adopted separately by proper motions. (See Reports.) Mr. Narron also pointed out, in conjunction with resolution number 1, that pamphlets entitled "Have You Been Called to the Ministry?" were available to be taken back by ministers and delegates to all Conference churches.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. Donald Ribeiro. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

By motion, that the Board of Ordination take into consideration allowing all ministers and delegates at the Annual Conference to offer the right hand of fellowship to new ministers received into the Conference. The motion passed.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick reported that the Board of Trustees had conducted no business during the past year.

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

The report of the Conference Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Hilda Sasser. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Doug Skinner. By motion, the report was received and the names in it placed in nomination. (See Reports.)

After the moderator opened the floor for further nominations, a motion was made that nominations cease and that the nominees in the report of the Nominating Committee be elected by acclamation. The motion passed.

By motion, we adjourned leaving all unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow pronounced the benediction.

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

## REPORTS

(November 30, 1988)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at Hull Road Church on November 30, 1988, at 10 a.m. The following members were present: Ronnie Hobgood,



Scott Sowers, Gary Bailey and Leon Grubbs.

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

The clerk read the minutes of the Annual Conference. By motion, they were approved.

The lay speaker program was discussed. It was decided to ask the Ordaining Council for an update on how they are progressing with the planned brochure explaining the program for the churches of the Conference.

By motion, the clerk will also ask the Ordaining Council for clarity on the status of several ministers: Robert Murray, Roger Heath and Allen Sterbin.

Possible subjects for a continuing education seminar/workshop were discussed: 1) the lay speaker program; 2) the minister's personal life; 3) the ministry of the deacon.

By motion, Robert Rollins was excused from the last Annual Conference due to his confinement in a nursing home.

By motion, the Ordaining Council will be informed that Jerry Campbell has missed three consecutive meetings of the Annual Conference and that his credentials be called for unless he can give valid and satisfactory reasons for his absences.

By motion, the clerk will notify each church that did not represent by letter at the Annual Conference and ask that a letter be sent as soon as possible.

By motion, we adjourned. Gary Bailey prayed the benediction.

(September 15, 1989)

The Executive Committee met at Hull Road Church on September 15, 1989, at 10 a.m. The following members were present: Ronnie Hobgood, Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey and Scott Sowers.

The moderator called the meeting to order and gave the agenda for the meeting. Gary Bailey led in prayer.

The minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting were read by the clerk. By motion, they were approved.

The clerk gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Mrs. Sasser who could not attend the meeting; Checking Account—Balance on hand 8/31/89—\$2,742.27; on deposit with Church Finance Association 1/1/89—\$15,526.18.

The moderator extended an invitation for the Annual Conference, scheduled for November 9, 1989, to meet with the Greenville Church. By motion, the invitation was accepted.

The program for the Annual Conference was discussed. Bass Mitchell will be asked to direct congregational singing and provide special music. Glenn A. Mills will be asked to conduct morning devotions. Willis Wilson will be asked to bring the message during the worship service. Janie Sowers will be asked to be the organist and Elma Beddard the pianist for the meeting. The clerk will contact the head of each denominational ministry and inform them they will be allowed five minutes if they wish to report to the Conference, and request that they provide the clerk with the name of the individual who will be giving the report.

The moderator reported that contact had been made on three separate occasions with the Campus Ministries of East Carolina University for the purpose of possibly beginning a Christian fellowship for interested students. This would provide an excellent opportunity to establish a ministry, especially for the Free Will Baptist students. It was noted that an East Carolina Fellowship could be easily funded by using the interest earned from monies on deposit with Church Finance (about \$825 annually).

By motion, a committee from the Conference composed of Ronnie Hobgood, Janie Sowers and Doug Skinner be asked to meet with the State Convention's Commission on Free Will Baptist Fellowships for the purpose of establishing an East Carolina Fellowship.

The continuing education workshop was discussed. Gary Bailey will contact David Hines about the possibility of holding a seminar on the ministry of the deacon and report back to the Executive Committee.

Possible ways to give special recognition to our ordained ministers who have twenty-five or more years of service to the denomination were discussed. By motion, certificates of appreciation will be presented at this year's Annual Conference to each minister who is a member of the Central Conference who has twenty-five or more years of ministry to our denomination as an ordained minister. Hereafter, the Ordaining Council and Executive Committee will present, at the Annual Conference, appropriate certificates of appreciation to ministers with twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty, forty-five, fifty, etc., years of ordained ministry in our denomination.

The clerk will provide a card requesting each minister to provide the Executive Committee with his date of ordination. These cards will be mailed with the letters informing Conference ministers of the meeting of the Annual Conference.

We adjourned with prayer led by Leon Grubbs.

(November 9, 1989)

The Executive Committee met at First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville on November 9, 1989, at 8:30 a.m., prior to the meeting of the Annual Conference. Members present were Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers and Leon Grubbs.

The moderator called the meeting to order. Leon Grubbs led in prayer.

The clerk read the report of the Executive Committee to be given at the meeting of the Annual Conference. By motion, it was approved.

The program for the meeting of the Annual Conference was discussed. It was decided to present Certificates of Recognition to ministers with twenty-five or more years of ministry to our denomination as ordained ministers, prior to the report of the Executive Committee. It was also decided that the roll call of ministers be made following the report of the Ordaining Council.

We adjourned with prayer led by Scott Sowers.

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

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, 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" (Revelation 14:13).

In November, 1988, the Rev. Walter Pollard made his departure to be with the Lord. Brother Pollard fought a gallant battle with declining health.

On March 10 of this year, the Rev. Robert Rollins, after a long battle with injuries from a car accident, went to be with the Lord. Today our hearts are saddened in the loss of these two brothers in Christ. "They fought a good fight, they kept the faith." These two servants of God served the people to the very best of their ability for many years.

Surely we miss them in the Central Conference today, but we know they are in a much better place.

We also want to remember our laity who have made their departure to be with the Lord. We have such precious memories of those also.

Everything these dear ones did to help build up our denomination we truly appreciate.

### Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place,  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,  
When I have crossed the bar.

—Tennyson

The Rev. C. H. Overman closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Hubert Burress  
Rev. David Hill  
Mrs. C. L. Patrick

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference has the responsibility of examining and certifying each candidate for license and ordination, granting 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 Will Baptists*. The Council held four meetings during the past year to conduct its business.

Mike Tart, after having resigned as pastor of Piney Grove Church (Pitt County), met with the Council and voluntarily surrendered his credentials as an Original Free Will Baptist minister due to medical reasons.

Thomas Bowen, a member of Reedy Branch Church, was examined and recommended for license. He was asked 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 Futrell, who was approved last year to serve as supply pastor of Piney Grove Church (Beaufort County), has been approved for membership in the Conference and is hereby recommended for membership. David Parrish, who has been serving as

supply pastor of Bethany Church, has been examined and approved for membership and is hereby recommended to this body. Each of them has been issued a certificate of ordination.

Three ministers met with the Council to request membership in the Conference: Tony Parrish from the Piedmont Conference, who is serving as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church; Howard Starling from the Western Conference, who is serving as pastor of La Grange Church; and Joe Ratcliffe from the Western Conference, who is serving as pastor of Piney Grove Church (Pitt County). Each of these was received by the Council and granted approval to serve as pastor until they are formally received into the Conference at this session. Letters of transfer for each of them have been received. We recommend each of them for membership in the Conference.

The Council approved two ministers to serve as pastors in our Conference: Aubrey Williamson, a member of the Western Conference, to serve as pastor of Saratoga Church; Jeff Cockrell, also a member of the Western Conference, to serve as pastor of Harrell's Chapel Church.

Jerry Campbell was granted a letter of transfer to join the Piedmont Conference.

It was agreed that David Langley could continue his membership in this Conference while serving as pastor of Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church.

We recommend that the names of Norwood Futrell, David Parrish, Tony Parrish, Howard Starling, and Joe Ratcliffe be added to the list of ordained ministers of this conference; that the name of Thomas Bowen be added to the list of licensed ministers; and that the names of Mike Tart and Jerry Campbell be dropped from the list of ordained ministers.

We move that this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Pelt, *Secretary*  
Harry Grubbs, *Chairman*  
John B. Narron  
Dan Beaman  
Bruce Jones

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

November 9, 1989

The Central Conference Missions Board has experienced a very productive year. We want to thank all of you for your prayers and your financial support this past year. A very special "Thank You" is extended to our ladies who, through the State Woman's Auxilliary Convention, have continued a most generous support. We also want to express our deep appreciation to the churches who send monthly gifts. We depend greatly upon all of you to make it possible for us to continue down an aggressive path toward the goals of your Central Conference Missions Board. These goals as assigned by this Conference are as follows:

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.

Our financial report reveals deposits in our checking account of \$2,854.54, and expenditures of \$2,252.98; \$2,100 was used to support the Grifton Mission. We also have monies in a savings account and "The Central Conference Missions Board Endowment Fund" with the Church Finance Association. The interest from these savings has enabled us over the last two years to purchase central air conditioning units for Hillside as well as replace a roof.

The Grifton Mission is continuing to grow under the able leadership of the Rev. Jimmy Sowers. During this last year your Missions Board has continued its supplement to the property payment in the amount of \$200 per month from July to December, and \$150 per month from January to June. The Grifton Mission has requested that we begin a phase-out program of support by reducing our supplemental support. In January we will reduce our support by \$50 per month and continue to reduce every six months until all our support is phased-out! Grifton has set a target date to reach church status by the third Sunday of October 1992.

We continue to solicit your prayer and financial support! All contributions to the Central Conference Missions should be mailed to:

Central Conference Missions  
c/o Rev. Leon Earl Harris  
Route 3, Box 36  
Ayden, NC 28513

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Gurkin, *Chairman*  
Leon Harris, *Treasurer*  
Joseph Lehmann  
Billy Churchill  
Linwood Cobb

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS

	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
Aspen Grove	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	
Ayden	15.00	10.00	5.00
Bethany	5.00	5.00	5.00
Black Jack	30.00	5.00	
Daniels Chapel	10.00	5.00	
Dilda's Grove	501.38	439.76	304.42
Edgewood	10.00	5.00	
Elm Grove	5.00		
Free Union	110.00	115.00	100.00
Friendship	522.63	275.00	270.00
Greenville, First	5.00	5.00	25.00
Grifton (Hillside)	200.00	200.00	
Grimsley	5.00	10.00	
Gum Swamp		5.00	
Harrell's Chapel			
Hickory Grove	25.00	5.00	28.50
Howell Swamp	10.00	10.00	
Hugo	10.00		
Hull Road	10.00	10.00	
King's Cross Roads	96.43	85.82	193.60
La Grange	10.00	5.00	
Little Creek	12.50		20.00
Marlboro	10.00	10.00	106.30
Ormondsville	53.00	57.00	48.00
Owen's Chapel	101.00	106.00	101.00
Peace	13.00	10.00	5.00

## Central Conference

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Piney Grove (Beaufort)	285.25	161.66	136.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)			
Pleasant Hill	5.00	5.00	
Reedy Branch	5.00		
Rocky Mount	5.00		
Rose Hill	26.00	10.00	195.62
Rose of Sharon	10.00	5.00	
Saratoga		5.00	
Sweet Gum Grove	10.00		5.00
Spring Branch		15.00	5.00
Saint's Delight			
Tarboro	110.00	115.00	100.00
Winterville	10.00		15.00
Williamston			
Second Union	173.54	100.69	43.75
Total	<u>\$2,414.73</u>	<u>\$1,815.93</u>	<u>\$1,712.19</u>
Miscellaneous		5.00	
Interest	<u>4,798.89</u>	<u>3,897.66</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,213.62</u>	<u>\$5,718.59</u>	<u>\$2,212.19</u>

## CONTRIBUTIONS ENTERED REFLECT YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

Central Conference Missions  
Treasurer's Report  
Year Ending June 30, 1989

Beginning Balance (Checking)		\$ 642.35
Actual Receipts		
Churches, Sunday Schools, Women's Auxiliaries	\$1,712.19	
Interest	<u>500.00</u>	<u>2,212.19</u>
Total		<u>\$2,854.54</u>
Disbursements		
Property Payments	\$2,100.00	
(Grifton Mission)		
Miscellaneous	<u>152.98</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$2,252.98</u>
Balance In Checking as of June 30, 1989		\$ 601.56
Savings		<u>3,897.66</u>
Total on Hand as of June 30, 1989		<u>\$4,499.22</u>

## RESOLUTION AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, wrote in the April 1989 issue of *The Free Will Baptist*: "Our denomination is beginning to experience a real crisis in pastoral leadership . . . There are not enough ministers available who are both qualified and willing to fill the pulpits and to do the work of a pastor in our local churches." This problem is *real* and exists within the boundaries of our Conference. BE IT RESOLVED, that we as ministers and pastors and lay members of our churches forthrightly present the challenge of Christian ministry to our church members and especially to our young people. Further, let us provide a climate in our churches to nurture our young people

- so they may be able to "hear" the voice of God if and when He calls them. BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask each pastor in the Conference to preach on the subject, "Divine Call," during the next year.
2. Since drug abuse is one of the major social problems of our society and exists in our own neighborhoods, BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask each minister, delegate and the churches of this Conference to provide continuous drug education programs in our local churches and we support school and community drug education programs.
  3. Since the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville has been a gracious host for the 1989 session of the Central Conference, BE IT RESOLVED, that we give a rising vote of thanks to members of the church.
  4. Since some of the officers and board members of the Conference will be outgoing this year, BE IT RESOLVED, that we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for a job well done to these outgoing officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. J. B. Narron, *Chairman*  
 Rev. David Hill  
 Mr. Billy Gurkin

#### 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 241st annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1989 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	44
b. Central Conference delegates	47
c. Visiting ministers	14
(Eastern, 6; Albemarle, 1; Western, 7)	
d. Churches represented	33
e. Licensed ministers	7
f. Visitors	14
Total	126

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald Ribeiro

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Offering Today

\$ 189.00

From Churches (Donations and Yearbooks)  
Total Receipts

1,075.00

\$1,264.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Hilda B. Sasser, *Chairperson*  
Mary Boyd  
Alice Barrow

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Board of Ordination:* The Rev. Bruce Jones

*Board of Trustees:* Mr. Wesley Oakley

*Board of Missions:* Mr. Billy Gurkin

*Board of Finance:* Mrs. Alma Buck

*Representatives of Memberships in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.:* Mrs.

Louise Whitehurst

*Credentials Committee:* Mr. Randy Tyson

*Obituary Committee:* The Rev. Earl H. Glenn

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Doug Skinner  
The Rev. Walter Reynolds  
Mrs. Alice Barrow

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November 9, 1989

Balance Brought Forward

\$ 1,430.91

## RECEIPTS

From Churches

\$ 1,275.00

Conference Offering

122.00

Interest on Checking

128.75

Mount Olive College, Note Interest

612.00

Total Receipts

2,137.75

Total for Which to Account

\$ 3,568.66

## DISBURSEMENTS

Free Will Baptist Press (Program Books, etc.)

\$ 91.93

N. C. State Convention (*Yearbooks*)

711.45

U. S. Postal Service (Stamps)

10.00

Secretary's Salary and Expense

114.86

Total Disbursed

928.24

Balance in Bank 11-9-89

\$ 2,640.42

## SUMMARY

Branch Bank Checking Account

\$ 2,640.42

Mount Olive College Note #G197 @ 8%

7,500.00

On Deposit With Church Finance Association

as of 1/1/89

15,526.18

Grand Total

\$25,666.60

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



Johnston Union	299	208	86	125	4	8	2	5	5	141	103
Lanwood Chapel	30	20	10	30		7	1	2	4	30	25
Lee's Chapel				150	2	5			1	6	125
Mount Olive	7										
Oak Grove	153			65		3	1	2	0	125	60
Palmer Memorial	195	96	99	90	3	5		4	2	79	57
Pleasant Grove	205			102	9	4	1		2	10	123
Powhatan	234			95	5	12	1	6		10	120
Riverside	132	132	34	95	5	3	2			6	85
Robert's Grove	198			85			4	2		-6	101
Saint Mary's Grove	219	219	42	125	2	3	1	2		4	136
Saint Paul	152	97	55	50	2		3			-1	101
Shady Grove	284			114	3	2	5	2		-2	113
Smyrna	138	138		73	4	1	1	7		-3	100
Steven's Chapel											
Tee's Chapel											
Vandora Springs	70				6	13				19	53
Victory											38
West Clinton	87	34	53	34	4	2	2			4	50
Wooten's Chapel	116	30	86	30		5		7		-2	25
Yelverton Grove	145	145		60	5	2	1			6	105

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Cape Fear Totals	3850	1257	625	1904	74	102	1	41	70	9	57	2100	1631
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#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	243	149	94	110	3					3	128	105
Ayden	137			61		2	1	1	9	-7	57	50
Bethany	189	90	99	60	3	3		1		5		50
Black Jack	640			225	5	1		10	7	-11	330	245
Community	109	44	65	45		1		1	5	-5	40	35
Daniels Chapel	385				4	8		6	8	-2	175	

Dilda's Grove	105	77	28	77	2	2	1		3	59	56	
Edgewood	44			38	3	12	2	1	12	49	45	
Elm Grove	190			113	6	1	2	1	11	-3	137	86
First, Greenville	243			125	3	10	2	3	1	7	97	85
First, La Grange	195				4	3		5		2	108	99
First, Rocky Mount	108	45	63		4	2	3			3	55	32
First, Tarboro	177	177	221	150	7	5	2	3	217	-210	137	110
First, Williamston	198	79	119	70	3		1			2	48	35
Free Union	301	301	125	125	4	10	5	5		4	132	100
Friendship	301			150	2	2	1	1		2	150	120
Grimsley	62	62	69	48	1	1				2	68	45
Gum Swamp	214			125	3	1	3	28		-27	75	65
Harrell's Chapel	150	114	36	105			5	1		-6	120	110
Hickory Grove	86	86	5	64		6	1	4		1	84	58
Howell Swamp	141			50	1	2				3		37
Hugo	83			75	3		2	3		-2	59	53
Hull Road	330			150		5	4	5		-4	106	94
King's Cross Roads	232	232		151	1	11	3		21	-12	129	101
Little Creek	147	126	21	50			3			-3	80	55
Marlboro	289			175	5	8	2	3		12	202	170
Ormondsville	190	119	71	90			1			-1	105	96
Otter's Creek	81	81		68	3	3	1	2	4	1	50	42
Owen's Chapel	197			150			2	1		-3	96	90
Peace	93			45	2	1	4	11		-12	48	39
Piney Grove (B)	35	35		35			2	3		-1	36	25
Piney Grove (P)	117	117	37	70	5	2	2	3		4	115	60
Pleasant Hill	133	68	65	60	1	1	2	1		-1	74	45
Reedy Branch	361	162	199	200	13	16	8	1		20	230	140
Rose Hill												
Rose of Sharon	184	100	84	88	6	1	1			6	108	88
Saint's Delight	16			25							32	18
Saratoga	198	198		119	1	7	1	2		5	126	94

Spring Branch	205			75	1			7		-6		70	
Sweet Gum Grove	215	215		90		7		3	1	3	130	85	
Walnut Creek	45	45		45	6	1	1	3		5	53	35	
Watery Branch													
Winterville	261			144	1	7		3	1	4	163	117	
Central Totals	7633	2725	1401	3646	106	142	11	96	131	239	-207	3959	3095
EASTERN CONFERENCE													
Angola	35	26	42	45	3	3				6		22	
Antioch	320			90	2				1	1		69	
Arapahoe		153	157	160	21	12		6	7	20	159	130	
Beaufort	75			50	1			1		0		40	
Bethel	44	27	17	37							35	33	
Bethlehem	179	139	40	100		1		1	1	-1	109	90	
Beulaville	211	115	95	85		6		4	1	1	75	65	
Bridgeton	177			30				2	7	-9	28	15	
British Chapel	124	55	69	61	7	3		1	1	8	56	51	
Cabin	165	50	115	60	1			2	3	-4	85	55	
Cape Cateret													
Christian Chapel	256				8	7		4	5	6	110		
Core Creek	117	75	42	65	3					3	62	45	
Core Point Chapel	65			55		4		1	1	2	30	40	
Crab Point	124	40	84	50	1	1		1	1	0	40	33	
Croatan	131			100		3		2		1	102	75	
Daly's Chapel	261				1	1		1	1	0	60		
Davis	69	35	34	36				1		-1	30	25	
Deep Run	204			85		3		1	5	-3	100	70	
Dublin Grove	153	59	94	37	2	1		1	2	0	51	33	
Edwards Chapel	124			60				2	1	-3	58	48	