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MINUTES of the 242ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the CENTRAL CONFERENCE of the ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS of NORTH CAROLINA

Held With Winterville Free Will Baptist Church Pitt County, North Carolina Thursday, November 8, 1990 The Rev. Doug Skinner, Host Pastor

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1992) The Rev. Leon Grubbs, Moderator The Rev. Gary Bailey, Assistant Moderator The Rev. Doug Skinner, Clerk The Rev. Philip Wood, Assistant Clerk The Rev. Stanley E. Buck Jr., Treasurer

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. N. D. Beaman (1991)The Rev. J. B. Narron (1992)The Rev. Dr. Michael Pelt (1993)The Rev. W. Bruce Jones (1994)The Rev. Charles Branch (1995)

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The Rev. Leon Harris (1995)

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Mrs. Mary Boyd (1995)

KOINONIA ADVISORS

The Rev. Doug Skinner (1991)

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1993)

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

The Rev. Earl Glenn (1991)

The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1993)

Mrs. Dot Dail (1992)

Mr. Randy Tyson (1992)

Mrs. Janie Sowers (1992)

Mrs. Louise Whitehurst (1994)

The Rev. J. B. Narron (1995)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Donald Ribeiro (1991)

Mr. Macon Page (1993)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hubert Burress (1991)

The Rev. Earl Glenn (1992)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN Miss Leah McGlohon (1992)

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1993)

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON Mrs. Janie Sowers (1992)

REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIPS IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. The Rev. Steve Hargrove (1992)

ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY

	Ordained	1988	1989	1990							
N. D. Beaman	12/04/33	Р	Р	Р							
R. P. Proctor (Retired)		Α	Α	Α							
C. L. Patrick	04/20/47	Р	Р	Р							
N. Bruce Barrow	09//35	Р	Р	Р							
J. B. Narron	10/13/50	Р	Р	Р							
Michael Pelt	//50	Р	Р	Р							
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	Р	Р	Р							
Raymond Sasser	07/27/55	Р	Р	\mathbf{L}							
C. H. Overman	/52	Р	Р	Р							
Joseph Lehmann	11/09/65	Р	Р	\mathbf{P}							
Charles Branch	01/05/69	Р	Р	Р							
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	Р	Р	Р							
Clinton Davis	07/05/72	Р	Р	Р							
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	Р	Р	Р							
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	Р	Р	Р							
Tom Miller	07/02/67	Р	Р	Р							
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	\mathbf{L}	L	\mathbf{L}							
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	Р	Р	Р							
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	Р	Р	Р							
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	Р	Р	Р							
Melvin Moore		Р	Р	Р							

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Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	Р	L	Р
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	Р	Р	Р
Earl Glenn	//49	Р	Р	Р
Billy Ray Jordan	10/17/62	Р	Р	Р
R. P. Harris (Retired)	11/20/33	Р	Р	Α
Leon Harris	05/17/81	Р	Р	Р
Clarence Harris	08/14/81	Р	Р	\mathbf{P}
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	Р	Р	Р
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	Р	Р	Р
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	Р	Α	Р
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	Р	Р	Р
Donald Ribeiro		L	Р	Р
David Hill	10/31/68	Р	Р	Р
Mark Hobbs		L	L	\mathbf{L}
James Sowers	11/04/81	Р	Р	Р
Bass Mitchell	10/31/76	Р	Р	Р
W. Scott Sowers	07/01/73	Р	Р	Р
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	Р	Р	Р
James Lupton (Retired)	11/18/52	Р	Р	Р
Steve Hargrove	05/31/78	Р	Р	Р
Dan Rivers		Α	Р	Α
David Langley	10/05/87	Α	Р	Р
Philip Wood	05/12/79	Р	Р	Р
Doug Skinner	07/02/72	\mathbf{L}	Р	Р
Norwood Futrell			Р	Р
David Parrish			Р	Р
Tony Parrish			P	Р
Howard Starling			P	P
Joe Ratcliffe			P	A
Thomas Parrish	02/10/63			Р
Wayne Hargrove	03/04/86			P
Calvin Heath	,,			P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90		Р	P
Jeff Cockrell	,,		P	-
			-	
	LICENSED	MINISTERS		
Douglas Gayhardt		Р	Р	\mathbf{L}
Carroll Bradbury		Р	Р	Р
Herbert Pennell Norman		Α	Р	Р
Larry Letchworth		Р	Р	Р
Glen A. Mills		Р	Р	Р
Frank Robbins		Р	Α	Α
Stephen Atkins				Р
Harry Allen Jones Jr.				Р
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ADDRESSES OF LICENSED MINISTERS

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Letchworth, Larry (Dilda's Grove), Route 1, Box 185-D, Pinetops, NC 27864; phone, 827-5813

Mills, Glen A. (Reedy Branch), Route 2, Box 559-C, Ayden, NC 28513; phone, 746-6924 Norman, Herbert P. (King's Cross Roads), Box 723, Farmville, NC 27828; phone, 753-3385

ROLL OF CHURCHES

	ROLL OF CHURCHES		
	Delegates	Letter	Contribution
Aspen Grove	no	yes	none
Ayden	yes	yes	30.00
Bethany	yes	yes	10.00
Black Jack	yes	yes	none
Community	yes	yes	25.00
Daniel's Chapel	no	yes	25.00
Dilda's Grove	yes	yes	20.00
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	yes	yes	25.00
Gum Swamp	yes	no	none
Harrell's Chapel	yes	yes	30.00
Hickory Grove	yes	no	none
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	100.00
Ormondsville	yes	no	none
Otter's Creek	yes	yes	50.00
Owen's Chapel	yes	yes	50.00
Peace	yes	yes	50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	yes	yes	none
Piney Grove (Pitt)	yes	no	none
Pleasant Hill	no	no	none
Reedy Branch	yes	yes	25.00
Rocky Mount	no	yes	50.00
Rose Hill	no	no	none
Rose of Sharon	yes	no	none
Saints' Delight	no	no	none
Saratoga	yes	yes	30.00
Spring Branch	no	yes	70.00
Sweet Gum Grove	yes	no	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	no	no	none

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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 242nd annual session with the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 8, 1990, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference was opened with a hymn, "Love Divine," led by Miss Leah McGlohon. Harry Jones Jr. 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.

Miss Leah McGlohon extended a cordial welcome to the Conference on behalf of the host church. The moderator addressed the Conference with comments based on Psalm 51:10-17. The roll of churches was called with thirty-one responding with delegates.

Thirteen visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator—From the Cape Fear Conference: Charles Barnard and Calvin Heath; from the Eastern Conference; Don Fader, Ralph Sumner and Graham Lane; from the Western Conference: Luther E. Bissette, Dennis E. Sherrod, John Williams, Paul Grubbs, Harold Jones and Aubrey Williamson; others: David Corbett and Tom Harris.

The moderator appointed temporary committees—Parliamentarian: the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow; Resolutions and Temperance: the Rev. Steve Hargrove, chairman; the Rev. Philip Wood and Mr. Wesley Oakley; Nominating: the Rev. Willis W. Wilson, chairman; the Rev. Charles Branch and the Rev. Bobby Taylor; Time Keeper: the Rev. Leon Grubbs.

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

By motion, a proposed addition to the Constitution was placed on the table for consideration in the afternoon session. The proposed addition is to be added as the third paragraph to Article IV, Standing Boards and Committees, and reads as follows: "A committee of three shall be elected to serve as advisors to the East Carolina University/Pitt Community College Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship. The term of office for members of this committee shall be three years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually."

Certificates of recognition were presented to the following for their years of service to our denomination as ordained ministers: for 55 years, N. Bruce Barrow and N. Dan Beaman; for 40 years, J. B. Narron and Michael Pelt; for 35 years, Willis W. Wilson and Raymond Sasser.

At 10 o'clock, Conference business was set aside for the worship service. Miss Leah McGlohon led the congregation in singing "A Mighty Fortress," followed by the receiving of an offering for the Conference. The Rev. David Parrish brought special music. The Rev. Walter Reynolds preached the worship sermon entitled, "Commit Thy Way Unto the Lord," based on Psalm 37:5. The worship service ended with the hymn, "Standing on the Promises," followed by the prayer of benediction.

Conference business resumed with reports from denominational ministries: State Convention by the Rev. Scott Sowers; Denominational General Secretary by the Rev. C. H. Overman; Free Will Baptist Press by Mr. R. Clifford Gray; Foreign Missions by the Rev. Harold Jones; Minister's Program by the Rev. Don Fader; Mount Olive College by Dr. Michael Pelt.

Reports were temporarily halted as the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Reports continued: Retirement Homes by the Rev. Walter Sutton; Children's Home by the Rev. Bobby Taylor; Home Missions by the Rev. David C. Hansley; Church

Finance by the Rev. Walter Reynolds; Cragmont Assembly by the Rev. John Williams; Camp Vandemere by the Rev. Ralph Sumner.

The Conference adjourned for lunch with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session of the Conference opened with the hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

The report of the Sunday School Board was given by Miss Leah McGlohon.

The clerk called the roll of ministers, with forty-three ordained ministers and five licensed ministers answering. Three ordained ministers and one licensed minister sent letters asking to be excused from the Annual Conference.

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

The report of the Conference Board of Missions was given by Mr. Billy Gurkin. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

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

By motion, the proposed addition to Article IV of the Constitution, which was tabled in the morning session, was brought off the table for consideration. It was adopted with no opposition.

By motion, the Conference will purchase, at a cost of one hundred fifty dollars, a chair to be placed in the office of the Denominational Headquarters in Ayden.

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. Willis Wilson. By motion, the report was received and the names in it placed in nomination. (See Reports.)

The floor was opened for further nominations. With no additional nominations being made, 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.

The report of the Resolutions and Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Steve Hargrove. By motion, the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. The outgoing officers and members of standing boards and committees of the Conference were given a rising vote of appreciation for jobs well done.

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

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

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 17, 1989)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at Hull Road Church on November 27, 1989, at 10 a.m.

Present: Scott Sowers, Gary Bailey and Leon Grubbs.

Mr. Sowers called the meeting to order and Mr. Bailey led in prayer.

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

Mr. Sowers reported that the Executive Committee of the State Convention has asked for permission to reprint for the denomination the brochure, "Is God Calling You to the Ministry?", which was published by the Central Conference. By motion, permission is granted.

Plans were formalized for the first annual training workshop sponsored by the Conference. The workshop will center on the "Ministry of the Deacon" and will be coordinated by Dr. David Hines. It will be held at Greenville, First Church, on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. We will ask for pre-registration of ministers and deacons two weeks in advance so adequate seating, refreshments, printed materials, etc., can be provided. A letter will be sent to all denominational pastors explaining the workshop with an invitation for them and their deacons to attend. The letter will emphasize that the Central Conference is paying all expenses for the workshop.

By motion, the plans were approved.

We adjourned with prayer led by Mr. Grubbs.

(January 4, 1990)

The Executive Committee met at Hull Road Church on January 4, 1990 at 10 a.m. Present: Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers and Leon Grubbs.

Mr. Hobgood called the meeting to order. Mr. Sowers led in prayer.

The deacon training workshop was discussed and final details worked out. By motion, it was decided that the clerk will send a letter of invitation to the workshop to all ministers of our denomination. The letter will explain what the workshop is intended to accomplish, include an outline of subjects to be covered, stress that all ministers and deacons are welcome to attend, and stress that all expenses are to be covered by the Conference.

We adjourned with prayer led by Mr. Grubbs.

(June 4, 1990)

The Executive Committee met on June 4, 1990, at the Three Steers Restaurant in Greenville, following the Minister's Fellowship meeting.

Present: Scott Sowers, Leon Grubbs, Hilda Sasser and Gary Bailey.

Mr. Sowers read a letter from the Community Church in Weldon requesting assistance in securing a pastor and with finances. By motion, the request will be referred to the Central Conference Board of Missions.

It was noted that feedback on the deacon training workshop was generally positive. A possible workshop topic for next year, homiletics for ministers, was discussed.

We have had no invitation for this year's Conference meeting. By motion, the moderator and assistant moderator will secure a place.

By motion, we adjourned.

(August 27, 1990)

The Executive Committee met at Hull Road Church on August 27, 1990, at 10 a.m. Present: Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers and Leon Grubbs.

Mr. Hobgood called the meeting to order and Mr. Grubbs led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were read.

A treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$3,479.87.

Mr. Hobgood reported that the East Carolina Free Will Baptist Fellowship was having good participation. They have adopted the name "Koinonia" and are in the final stages of writing a constitution to be ratified by the group and Conference Executive Committee. By motion, the fellowship will be financed by the interest earned on funds the Conference has deposited with Church Finance, funds that came from the sale of the property owned by the Conference in Greenville that had been used by the Free Will Baptist Student Union. These finances will be used under the strict supervision of the fellowship's advisors chosen by the Conference.

By motion, Mr. Hobgood, one of the fellowship's advisors, was given authorization to receive one year's interest from Church Finance through the Conference treasurer to be used in funding the fellowship.

Mr. Hobgood reported that the Annual Conference will be held with the Winterville Church. The program for the meeting was arranged.

We adjourned with prayer led by Mr. Sowers.

(November 8, 1990)

The Executive Committee met on November 8, 1990, at the Winterville Church prior to the Annual Conference.

Present: Ronnie Hobgood, Scott Sowers, Leon Grubbs and Gary Bailey.

Mr. Hobgood called the meeting to order.

The program for the Annual Conference was reviewed. By motion, it was approved. By motion, an addition to Article IV of the Constitution, Standing Boards and Committees, will be recommended to the Annual Conference. The addition, to be inserted as the third paragraph, reads as follows: A committee of three shall be elected to serve as advisors to the East Carolina University/Pitt Community College Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship. The term of office for members of this committee shall be three years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

By motion, the constitution ratified by Koinonia was approved.

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

REPORT OF THE 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 five meetings during the past year to conduct its business. All meetings were held at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden, NC.

Stephen Curtis Atkins, a member of King's Cross Roads Church, appeared before the Council on January 8 to be examined for license. Following an oral examination, we recommended him to his local church for license to preach for one year.

Thomas Parrish was approved to serve as pastor of Gum Swamp Church on March 27. He desires to transfer his membership to this Conference from the Piedmont Conference. Since we have received a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference, we recommend that he be received into this Conference.

Harry Allen Jones Jr., a member of Black Jack Church, met with the Council on March 27 to be examined for license. We recommended him to his local church to be licensed to preach for one year.

Wayne Hargrove, who is serving as pastor of Owens Chapel Church, met with the Council at our request on May 1 to explain his standing as an Original Free Will Baptist minister and to seek approval to serve as a pastor in the Central Conference. On the basis of information presented to us, we concluded that he is a member in good standing of the Piedmont Conference. He desires to become a member of this Conference and since we have received a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference, we recommend him for membership. He was also granted approval to serve as pastor of Owens Chapel Church, pending his admission to membership in this Conference.

Floyd B. Cherry met with the Council on July 3 to explain the programs offered by Carolina Bible Institute and to seek approval for credits earned by candidates for the ministry toward meeting requirements for ordination in this Conference. A statement in response to his request was approved by the Council and a copy was sent to Brother Cherry.

Having taken the written examination for ordination, Thomas Bowen met with the Council on October 9 to be examined orally. Upon satisfactory completion of his examintion, it was moved and carried that we recommend him for membership in the Central Conference, pending his ordination service, which is scheduled to be held on November 25 at Reedy Branch Church.

At the request of the Council the secretary wrote to the clerk of each church in which we have a licensed minister to ask whether or not the church had taken action to renew the license of each minister. As of this date, we have received no official word concerning James Pittman (Daniel's Chapel Church). We have received word that Samuel Gay (Howell Swamp Church) and J. D. Thorne (Peace Church) have not requested to have their licenses renewed.

Charles Barnard, a member of the Cape Fear Conference, met with the Council on November 8 to ask for clearance to serve as pastor of Rose of Sharon Church. Approval was granted by the Council. Calvin Heath met with us to request membership in the Central Conference. It was moved and carried that he be received pending a letter of transfer from the Cape Fear Conference. Jeff Cockrell, now serving as pastor of Harrell's Chapel Church, has applied for membership in this Conference. We have his letter of transfer from the Western Conference and we recommend that he be received. Ronnie Mohn has applied for membership in the Eastern Conference and will be granted a letter of transfer from the Central Conference.

Since Mack Humbles' credentials were declared null and void by the Conference in 1987, this Council having voted on January 5, 1987 to invalidate his credentials and to request that he return them to us, it was moved and carried that the secretary send him a letter requesting that he turn in his credentials to this Council.

Finally, we recommend that the names of Thomas Parrish, Wayne Hargrove, Calvin Heath, Thomas Bowen, and Jeff Cockrell be added to the list of ordained ministers; that the names of Stephen Atkins, and Harry Allen Jones Jr. be added to the list of licensed ministers; that the names of James Pittman, Samuel Gay, and J. D. Thorne be dropped from the list of licensed ministers; and that the name of Ronnie Mohn be dropped from the list of ordained ministers.

I move that this report be adopted.

Harry Grubbs, Chairman Michael Pelt, Secretary J. B. Narron N. D. Beaman Bruce Jones

CENTRAL CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL

July 5, 1990

To: Floyd B. Cherry, President of Carolina Bible Institute

From: Central Conference Ordaining Council

Subject: Credits earned at CBI

We have discussed your request of this Council while in session on July 3. To the best of our knowledge a request by an official of an educational institution that credits earned at that institution be accepted by this Council toward meeting requirements for ordination is without precedent. Since it is the business of Ordaining Councils to examine and approve candidates for the ministry, it is not our responsibility to accredit such institutions. Rather, it is the prerogative of every educational institution to seek accreditation and approval of its academic programs by a bona fide agency which is established for that purpose.

In light of these considerations persons who have been approved for license to preach by this Council may present to us credits earned at CBI, along with credits earned at other educational institutions, and these credits will be evaluated to determine whether or not the candidate has satisfied the requirements of the Central Conference. The completion of the seminary curriculum at CBI (48 semester hours) and the addition of at least 12 semester hours in general education (to be chosen from history, English composition, literature, foreign language, fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences) will give the candidate a definite advantage in satisfying these requirements.

We trust that this response will be satisfactory to you and that it will provide the basis for a working relationship between this Council and Carolina Bible Institute.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

The Central Conference Missions Board wants to thank all of you for your prayers and your financial support during the past year. A very special "Thank you" is extended to the ladies, who through the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, have continued a most generous support. We also want to express our deep appreciation to the churches who send monthly gifts.

The goals of the Central Conference Missions Board 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 of \$7,479.21, and expenditures of \$7,471. These expenditures reflect our continued monthly support of Hillside Mission, as well as a new roof for their building. Your Central Conference Missions Board also helped Hillside Mission refinance the loan for its property at a much lower rate of interest reducing their payments significantly.

The Hillside Mission has set a target date to reach church status by the third Sunday in October 1992. During the coming year, your Missions Board will continue its phase-out program by reducing our assistance by \$50 per month.

We thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in us by electing us to your Missions Board; however, we cannot serve this Conference effectively without your prayers and support.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL	L CONFERENC	E MISSIONS	
	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Aspen Grove	\$ 20.00		
Ayden	10.00	5.00	5.00
Bethany	5.00	5.00	5.00
Black Jack	5.00		40.00
Daniel's Chapel	5.00		
Dilda's Grove	439.76	304.42	275.81
Edgewood	5.00		
Elm Grove			
Free Union	115.00	100.00	200.00
Friendship	275.00	270.00	195.00
Greenville First	5.00	25.00	
Grifton (Hillside)	200.00		
Grimsley	10.00		
Gum Swamp	5.00		
Harrell's Chapel			
Hickory Grove	5.00	28.50	116.00
Howell Swamp	10.00		
Hugo			
Hull Road	10.00		5.00
King's Cross Roads	85.82	193.60	135.13
La Grange	5.00		
Little Creek		20.00	
Marlboro	10.00	106.30	
Ormondsville	57.00	48.00	26.00
Owen's Chapel	106.00	101.00	53.00
Peace	10.00	5.00	
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	161.66	136.00	88.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)			
Pleasant Hill	5.00		
Reedy Branch			5.00
Rocky Mount			
Rose Hill	10.00	195.62	47.79
Rose of Sharon	5.00		
Saratoga	5.00		
Sweet Gum Grove		5.00	
Spring Branch	15.00	5.00	5.00
Saint's Delight			
Tarboro	115.00	100.00	90.00
Winterville		15.00	35.00
Williamston			5.00
Second Union	100.69	43.75	147.48
Total	\$1,815.93	\$1,712.19	\$1,479.21
Miscellaneous	5.00		–
Interest	3,897.66	500.00	6,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,718.59	\$2,212.19	\$7,479.21

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand as of July 1, 1989 Savings (Including Endowment)

\$66,780.70

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Checking	412.76	
Total		\$67,193.46
Actual Receipts		
Churches	\$ 1,479.21	
Interest	6,000.00	7,479.21
Total		\$74,672.67
Actual Disbursements		
Property Payments (Hillside)	\$ 1,631.00	
Repair of Roof (Hillside)	5,840.00	
Total		\$ 7,471.00
Checking Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1990		\$ 420.97
Savings		66,780.70
Total in Checking and Savings		\$67,201.67

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

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

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 242nd annual session of the Central Conference be seated in the 1990 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. Churches Represented by Delegates	31
b. Central Conference Ministers	44
c. Central Conference Delegates	54
d. Visiting Ministers	16
e. Licensed Ministers	7
f. Visitors	12
TOTAL	133

Respectfully submitted, Donald Ribeiro Randy Tyson Macon Page

REPORT OF THE TREASU	RER
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 2,640.42
RECEIPTS	
From Churches	\$ 1,320.00
Convention Offering	189.00
Interest on Mount Olive College Note	690.19
Interest on Checking	160.82
Total Receipts	2,360.01
Total for Which to Account	\$ 5,000.43
DISBURSEMENTS	
F.W.B. Press (Membership Cards, Certificates)	\$ 102.84
Yearbook Pages	748.02
N.C. State Convention (Registration)	5.00
Seminar	621.04
Secretary Salary and Expense	110.50
Miscellaneous Expense (Stamps, Phone, etc.)	20.00
Total Disbursed	1,607.40
Balance in Bank 10/31/90	\$ 3,393.03
SUMMARY	
Branch Bank Checking	\$ 3,393.03
Mount Olive College Note G197	7,500.00
Church Finance Association (On Deposit	
as of 1/1/90. Interest added for 1989	
was \$915.37.)	16,171.55
Grand Total	\$27,064.58
	Respectfully submitted,
	Ronnie V. Hobgood, Moderator
	Hilda B. Sasser, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee of the Central Conference, submit the following: Offering Today \$ 148.25 From Churches (Donations and Yearbooks) 1,468.92 Total Receipts \$ \$1,617.17 Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officers:

Moderator: The Rev. Leon Grubbs Assistant Moderator: The Rev. Gary Bailey Clerk: The Rev. Doug Skinner Assistant Clerk: The Rev. Phil Wood Treasurer: The Rev. Stanley Buck Board of Ordination: The Rev. Charles Branch (1995) Board of Trustees: Mr. Zeb Roy Harrison (1995) Board of Missions: The Rev. Leon Harris (1995) The Rev. Scott Sowers (1992) to replace Mr. Linwood Cobb

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Board of Finance: Mrs. Mary Boyd (1995)

The Rev. James Sowers (1992) to replace the Rev. Charles Branch Representative, Free Will Baptist Press: The Rev. J. B. Narron (1995) Credentials Committee: Mr. Macon Page (1993) Obituary Committee: The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1993) Conference Historian: Miss Leah McGlohon (1992) Publicity Chairperson: Mrs. Janie Sowers (1992) Representative, Church Finance: The Rev. Steve Hargrove Koinonia Advisors: The Rev. Doug Skinner (1991) Mrs. Janie Sowers (1992)

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1993)

Respectfully submitted, Willis Wilson, *Chairman* Bobby Taylor Charles Branch

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. WHEREAS, our nation is involved in seeking peace in the Middle East; and WHEREAS, many of our service men and women have been called into this task of bringing about this peace even at the cost of their lives; and WHEREAS, some service personnel have already lost their lives; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christians of this Central Conference be much in prayer for God's leadership and guidance and that His will be done in the Gulf Crisis.

2. Since the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church of Winterville has been a gracious host for the 1990 session of the Central Conference; BE IT RESOLVED, that we give a rising vote of thanks to the members of the church.

3. Since some 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.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Hargrove, *Chairman* Philip Wood Wesley Oakley

Lee's Chapel	289	289		160	6	3		7	1		1	135	135
Mount Olive	No Report	•											
Oak Grove	154			68	2	1		2			1	128	70
Palmer Memorial	191	93	95	90		1	1	1	5		-4	74	50
Pleasant Grove	198		92		1	3		2	6	3	-7	120	105
Powhatan	251			95	16	2	2	2	1		17	123	94
Riverside	78	75		70	2	2	2	3	16		-13	70	64
Robert's Grove	204			95	7			1			6	154	105
Shady Grove	294			114	9	3		1	1		10	115	93
Smithfield, First	118			50	1			4			-3	42	22
Smryna	136	136		75						2	-2	92	77
St. Mary's Grove	232			120	14	4	3	7	1		13	135	87
St. Paul	146	88	58	55		1		6	ł		-6	95	50
Steven's Chapel	No Report												
Tee's Chapel	No Report												
Vandora Springs	58	58	35		2				7	4	-9	40	55
Victory	No Report												
West Clinton	57	25	62	25								34	25
Wootens Chapel	115	30	85	25		1			2		-1	25	18
Yelverton Grove	146			65	2	2		1	2		1	103	74
Cape Fear Totals	3829	1189	683	1684	80	41	15	57	71	11	0	2030	1570
CENTRAL CONFERENCI	E												
Aspen Grove	242	147	95	120	5			2	1		2	122	100
Ayden	134			60		1		3	1		-3	56	43
Bethany	129	125	52	70	11	7		2	2		14	60	45
Black Jack	625			225	1			11	5		-15	363	232
Community	No Report												
Daniels Chapel	373				1	3		7	9		-12		
Dilda's Grove	108	71	37	65	2	4		3			3	60	55
Edgewood	44	44		37								49	42
				110	1	6					7	137	96
Elm Grove	197												

CHURCHES	Church			Average		Add by	Add by		Lost by	Lost by	Net	ss	Average
	liembers	Active	Inactive	MW Att	Baptism	Letter	Other	Death	Letter	Other	Change	Members	SS Att
friendship	297			150	2	1		2	5		-4	150	120
Greenville, First	230			120		2		3	1		-2	116	95
Grimsley	63	63	69	45	2			1			1	65	42
Cum Sawmp	120	120	395	50	5	3		6	7		-5	75	70
Harrells Chapel	150	120	30	105	1	2		2	1			120	102
Hickory Grove	86	85		60	2			1			1	72	52
Howell Swamp	137			45		1		1	2		-2	63	38
Hugo	106	67	39	71				2	1		-3	66	59
Hull Road	335			150	6	4		3	2		5	105	95
King's Cross Roads	212	212		147	3	1			2	22	-20	139	96
La Crange, first	No Report												
Little Creek	148	128	20	50	3	2	1	4		1	1	50	55
Marlboro	298			175	11	3		3	2		9	202	175
Ormondsville	123	123	69	112				1			-1	105	78
Otter's Creek	67	67		55	3						3		
Owens Chapel	206			140	11	1		2	1		3	109	97
Peace	91			53	4			2	4		-2	49	49
Piney Grove (Beau.)	36	36	10	32		1					1	36	28
Piney Grove (Pitt)	116	116	37	65	1			2			-1	55	45
Pleasant Hill	133	55	78	50		2			2			74	40
Reedy Branch	355			200	9	15		4	6		14	222	150
Rocky Mount, First M	No Report												
Rose Hill	289	229	60	175	4	7		3	2		6	112	77
Rose of Sharon	184	90	94	80	6	1		4	3			108	87
Saratoga	205	205		115	6	2			1		7	123	94
Spring Branch	208			70	4	3		1	10		-4	85	65
St. Delight	16			25								20	15
Sweet Gum Grove	215			100	2	2		2	2			145	82
Tarboro, First	171	171	220	140	4			4	6		-6	112	110
Walnut Creek	45	32		40		2		4	1		-3	51	32
Watery Branch	108	72	36	75		4	1		ŀ		4	80	55

Williamston, First Winterville	201 258	85	116	80 139	4 3	3		4	1 5		3 -3	46 155	
Central Totals	7385	2791	1627	3831	128	95	2	91	87	23	24	3935	
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EASTERN CONFERENCE													
Angola	77	43	46	50	2	3		1	3	3	-2	25	
Antioch	321			200	5			2	2		1	124	
Arapahoe	348			160	1	4	6		3		8	159	
Beaufort	60			50	4	1					5	55	
Bethel	44	28	16	35		4		2	1		1	41	
Bethlehem	178	140	38	80		2		2					
Beulaville	207	107	100	75	1			2	1		-2	75	
Bridgeton	177	25	152	30		2		1	1			25	
British Chapel	107	50	57	50	1			1				56	
Cabin	158	50	108	60		2		7	2		-7	75	
Christian Chapel	259			85	5			5	8		-8	117	
Core Creek	113	73	40	65		2		4	2		-4	70	
Crab Point	119	35	84	50		3		1	7		-5	28	
Croatan	131			100	1	1					2	85	
Daly's Chapel	197							3			-3	71	
Davis	67			35	1			2	1		+2	36	
Deep Run	202			85	1			3	2		-4	100	
Dublin Grove	149	56	85	40				3	1		-4	50	
Edwards Chapel	121			60				2	2		-4	58	
Ephesus	118	42	76	46				1			-1	46	
Faith (Brunswick)	64	20	44	20								44	
Folkstone	180				1	2	2		4		1	153	
Free Union	No Report												
Friendship	95	30		40				3	1		-4	35	
Gethsemane	170			80	3	3		2			4	75	
Grant's Chapel	No Report												
Hillsberry	51	42	9	38	2	1					3	40	
Holly Springs	413	234	179	210	11	2	17	5	3		22	186	