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Yearbook
for
Original
Free Will Baptists**

Ayden, North Carolina 28513-0039

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**MINUTES
of the
244th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held With
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF GREENVILLE, NC
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 8, 1992
The Rev. Ronnie V. Hobgood, Host Pastor**

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

MODERATOR: The Rev. Leon Grubbs

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: The Rev. Gary Bailey

CLERK: The Rev. Douglas Skinner

ASSISTANT CLERK: The Rev. Phillip Wood

TREASURER: The Rev. Stanley Buck

MUSICIAN

Mrs. Ruth Taylor

SOLOIST

Mr. Wayne Vincent

SONG LEADER

Miss Leah McGlohon

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Moderator*

The Rev. Gary Bailey, *Assistant Moderator*

The Rev. Phillip Wood, *Clerk*

The Rev. Harry A. Jones Jr., *Assistant Clerk*

The Rev. Stanley E. Buck Jr., *Treasurer*

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Dr. Michael Pelt (1993)

The Rev. Bruce Jones (1994)

The Rev. Charles Branch (1995)

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1996)

The Rev. J. B. Narron (1997)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Willie Harris (1993)
Mr. Zeb Roy Harrison (1995)

Mr. Wesley Oakley (1994)
The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow (1996)

Mr. Joe Williams (1997)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1993)
The Rev. Leon Harris (1995)

Mr. Billy Gurkins (1994)
Mr. Billy Churchill (1996)

The Rev. Scott Sowers (1997)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Mrs. Alice Barrow (1993)
Mrs. Mary Boyd (1995)

Mrs. Alma Buck (1994)
The Rev. Frank Flowers (1996)

The Rev. James Sowers (1997)

KOINONIA ADVISORS

The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood (1993)

The Rev. Donald Ribeiro (1994)

Mrs. Janie Sowers (1995)

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

The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan (1993)
The Rev. J. B. Narron (1995)

Mrs. Louise Whitehurst (1994)
The Rev. Ron Braxton (1996)

Mr. Thomas Strickland (1997)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Macon Page (1993)

The Rev. David Hill (1994)

Mr. Walt Tyndall (1995)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1993)

The Rev. Edward Thornton (1994)

The Rev. Earl Glenn (1995)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Miss Leah McGlohon (1993)

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Janie Sowers (1993)

REPRESENTATIVE OF MEMBERSHIPS IN
CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Rev. Steve Hargrove (1993)

ROLL OF MINISTERS BY SENIORITY

MINISTER	ORDAINED	1990	1991	1992
N. D. Beaman	12/04/33	P	P	P
C. L. Patrick	04/20/47	P	P	P
N. Bruce Barrow	09/-/35	P	P	P
J. B. Narron	10/13/50	P	P	P

Michael Pelt	-/-/50	P	P	P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	P	P	P
C. H. Overman	-/-/52	P	P	P
Joseph Lehman	11/09/65	P	A	P
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	P	P
Clinton Davis	07/05/72	P	A	P
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	P	P	P
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	P	A
Tom Miller	07/02/67	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	L	L
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	-/-/-	P	A	P
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	P
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	P	P
Earl Glenn	-/-/49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	10/17/62	P	P	P
R. P. Harris (Retired)	11/20/33	A	P	L
Leon Harris	05/17/81	P	P	A
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	P
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	P	P	P
Donald Ribeiro	-/-/-	P	L	A
David Hill	10/31/68	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	-/-/-	L	P	L
James Sowers	11/04/81	P	P	P
Bass Mitchell	10/31/76	P	L	L
W. Scott Sowers	07/01/73	P	L	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	P
James Lupton (Retired)	11/18/52	P	P	P
Steve Hargrove	05/31/78	P	P	P
Dan Rivers	-/-/-	A	A	A
David Langley	10/05/87	P	P	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P
Doug Skinner	07/02/72	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	09/-/51	P	P	P
David Parrish	-/-/-	P	L	P
Howard Starling	-/-/-	P	P	P
Thomas Parrish	02/10/63	P	L	L
Wayne Hargrove	03/04/86	P	P	P
Calvin Heath	-/-/-	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Jeff Cockrell	-/-/-	P	P	P
Harry Allen Jones Jr.	10/27/91	P	P	P
Ronnie Mohn	-/-/-		P	P
Mike Daniels	-/-/-			A
Glenn Mills	08/23/92	P	P	P

Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	P	P	P

LICENSED MINISTERS

Licensed Minister	Home Church	1990	1991	1992
Mr. H. P. Norman 506 Bynum Drive Box 723 Farmville, NC 27828	King's Cross Roads F.W.B. Church	P	P	P
Mr. Frank Robbins 311 Carolina Street Tarboro, NC 27886	First F.W.B. Church Tarboro, NC	A	P	P
Mr. Walter R. Tyndall Route 2, Box 443-AA Walstonburg, NC 27888	Howell Swamp F.W.B. Church		P	P
Mr. Jack E. Weathersby 29 Corbett Street Winterville, NC 28590	Winterville F.W.B. Church			L
Mr. Joseph Williams II Box 850 Robersonville, NC 27871	Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church			P
Mr. James Thomas Stocks Route 2, Box 164-B Walstonburg, NC 27888	Otter's Creek F.W.B. Church			P
Billy Todd Sutton Route 4, Box 218 Snow Hill, NC 28580	Harrell's Chapel F.W.B. Church			P

ROLL OF CHURCHES

Church	Delegates	Letter	Contribution
Aspen Grove	yes	yes	none
Ayden	yes	no	70.00
Bethany	yes	yes	15.00
Black Jack	yes	yes	100.00
Community	no	no	none
Daniel's Chapel	yes	yes	25.00
Dilda's Grove	yes	yes	20.00
Edgewood	yes	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	no	none
Gum Swamp	no	yes	10.00
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	no	none
La Grange, First	no	no	none
Little Creek	yes	yes	50.00
Marlboro	yes	yes	100.00
Ormondsville	yes	yes	25.00
Otter's Creek	yes	yes	50.00
Owen's Chapel	yes	yes	50.00
Peace	yes	yes	50.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	yes	no	none
Piney Grove (Pitt)	yes	yes	30.00
Pleasant Hill	yes	yes	25.00
Reedy Branch	yes	yes	25.00
Rocky Mount	yes	yes	50.00
Rose Hill	no	no	none
Rose of Sharon	yes	yes	30.00
Saints' Delight	no	yes	35.00
Saratoga	yes	yes	30.00
Spring Branch	yes	yes	70.00
Sweet Gum Grove	yes	no	none
Tarboro, First	yes	yes	50.00
Walnut Creek	no	yes	50.00
Watery Branch	no	yes	38.59
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 244th annual session with The First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 5, 1992, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with a hymn, "We're Marching to Zion," led by Miss Leah McGlohon. Mr. Walt Tyndall read Scripture and led in the opening prayer.

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

The Greenville Church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference and graciously opened its doors to all.

The moderator gave a brief address to the Conference.

The roll of churches was called, with thirty-five responding with delegates.

Nine visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator. Those visiting ministers were as follows: from the Albemarle Conference—the Rev. W. S.

Burns; from the Eastern Conference—the Revs. David Hines and David C. Hansley; from the Piedmont Conference—the Rev. Ken Hardison; from the Western Conference—the Revs. O. B. Jones, Luther Bissette, Joe Ingram, Harold Jones, and Aubrey Williamson.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows: Parliamentarian—the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow; Nominating—the Revs. C. H. Overman (chairman), David Hill, and Ed Thornton; Resolutions and Temperance—the Revs. Steve Hargrove (chairman), Clifford Ball, and James Sowers; Ushers—the Revs. Calvin Heath (chairman), Carroll Bradbury, Glenn Mills, and Mr. Walt Tyndall; Timekeeper—the Rev. Doug Skinner.

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

During the morning business session, certificates were given to the following ministers in recognition of their years as ordained ministers: Tom Miller and Harry Grubbs—twenty-five; Billy Ray Jordan—thirty; C. H. Overman and James Lupton—forty; and C. L. Patrick—forty-five.

The report of the Joint Study Committee on Educational Requirements for Ordination into the Gospel Ministry in the Central Conference was read by the clerk. By motion, the report was adopted (see Reports).

At 10 o'clock, Conference was set aside for the worship service. The service was opened in prayer by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. Miss Leah McGlohon led the congregation in the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy," followed by the receiving of an offering for the Conference and offertory prayer. Special music was then presented by Mr. Wayne Vincent. The Rev. Earl Glenn preached the worship sermon on the subject of building a church the way Jesus did. He used the Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 as his text. The worship service ended with the singing of the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and with prayer led by the Rev. Bruce Jones.

The Conference business was resumed with the reports of the denominational ministries.

The Rev. Scott Sowers gave a report from the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Rev. C. H. Overman gave the report of the Executive Administrator.

The Rev. Gary Bailey gave the report of Cragmont Assembly.

The report of the Children's Home was given by Dr. Bobby Taylor.

The Rev. David C. Hansley gave the report of Home Missions and Evangelism.

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

Miss Leah McGlohon led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Dr. David Hines gave the report of Mount Olive College.

The Rev. Harold Jones gave the report of Foreign Missions.

The Minister's Program report was given by the Rev. Donald Fader.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Mr. Clifford Gray.

Miss Leah McGlohon led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Love Divine."

The report of the Obituary Committee was given. Mrs. C. L. Patrick led the Conference in a memorial service for the Revs. R. C. Proctor and Clarence Harris (see Reports).

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

The Conference Board of Missions gave no report.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given. By motion the report was adopted (see Reports).

The Conference Trustees reported that they had no activity this year.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor presented the report of the Historian. A document was read concerning the Woman's Auxillary dating back to December 9, 1904. This document is to be placed in the Historical Collection at Mount Olive College; report received.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was given by the Rev. Stanley Buck. By motion the report was adopted (see Reports).

The floor was opened for further business.

The Rev. Scott Sowers stated that the Conference Missions Board had approximately \$75,000 in its treasury and made a motion that the Conference Missions Board work with the Convention's Home Missions and Evangelism Board to establish a new mission within the bounds of the Central Conference. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by the Rev. C. H. Overman and seconded that the right hand of fellowship be given to all new and licensed ministers by those in attendance at the Conference. Motion passed.

A motion was made by the Rev. C. H. Overman and seconded to donate \$250 from the Conference treasury to the Retirement Homes Program. Motion passed.

There being no further business from the floor, the report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. C. H. Overman. The floor was opened for other nominations. There being no other nominations, a motion was made for nominations to cease and the nominees in the report to be elected by acclamation. Motion passed (see Reports).

The Resolutions and Temperance Committee gave their report. By motion the report was adopted (see Reports).

The host church was given a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. The Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination were given a rising vote of thanks for their work as the Joint Study Committee on the Policies and Procedures for License and Ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

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

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Dan Beaman.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Moderator*

The Rev. Doug Skinner, *Clerk*

REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(November 7, 1991)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church on November 7, 1991.

Present at the meeting were the Revs. Philip Wood, Stanley Buck, Gary Bailey, Leon Grubbs, and Doug Skinner.

The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer.

A time for a meeting to approve the Minutes of the 243rd Annual Conference of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists was discussed. The clerk suggested that he would write the Minutes, print them, and send a copy to each member of the Executive Committee for his approval. It was agreed by consent that this would be done instead of holding another meeting for this purpose.

Meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer.

(August 24, 1992)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in the Parlor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, NC, on August 24, 1992, at 5 p.m.

Present for the meeting were the Revs. Stanley Buck, Philip Wood, Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey, and Doug Skinner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grubbs. Opening prayer was given by Mr. Bailey.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin planning the November 5, 1992, meeting of the Central Conference.

The Rev. Earl Glenn will be asked to bring the Conference message, and Walt Tyndall will be asked to bring the opening devotion.

The meeting was adjourned and was dismissed in prayer by Mr. Skinner.

(September 17, 1992)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in Room 203 of College Hall on the Mount Olive College Campus at 2:15 p.m., September 17, 1992.

Present for the meeting were the Revs. Philip Wood, Stanley Buck, Gary Bailey, Leon Grubbs, and Doug Skinner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grubbs.

Mr. Grubbs informed us of the acceptance of the Rev. Earl Glenn as speaker at the 1992 Central Conference, and Walt Tyndall will bring the Conference devotion.

The Committee then asked Mr. Grubbs to work out the program for the rest of the 1992 Annual Central Conference, which will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at Shoney's in Greenville, NC, 7:30 a.m., November 5, 1992, just before the Annual Conference.

The meeting was adjourned and dismissed in prayer.

(November 5, 1992)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at Shoney's of Greenville, NC, on November 5, 1992, at 7:30 a.m.

Present for the meeting were the Revs. Stanley Buck, Philip Wood, Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey, and Doug Skinner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grubbs and opened with prayer by Mr. Buck. The Minutes were read and approved.

The program for the 244th Annual Session of the Central Conference was presented and adopted by motion.

The clerk expressed the need of a briefcase and the treasurer expressed the need for a calculator for the Conference. Mr. Skinner was asked to purchase these items for the Conference.

There was a discussion about the November meeting of the Central Conference ministers. It was noted that the meeting was to take place the week of Thanksgiving; therefore, the meeting for November was cancelled.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was set for Monday, November 30, 1992, at 10 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden, NC, in the conference room.

The meeting was adjourned and then dismissed in prayer by Mr. Grubbs.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Leon Grubbs, *Moderator*

The Rev. Doug Skinner, *Clerk*

REPORT OF THE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Joint Study Committee of the Central Conference, made up of the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination, was formed by the Conference on November 7, 1991. The purpose of the committee is to compile the requirements that have been adopted by the Conference leading to ministerial license and ordination. These requirements, along with recommended changes, are to be presented in written form to the next Annual Conference.

The committee held six meetings during the past year with numerous hours spent compiling and reviewing the adopted policies and procedures for examination of candidates for licenses and ordination to the ministry. All churches, ordained and licensed ministers of the Conference were invited to meet with the committee to share ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Two meetings were held for that purpose with five churches, two ordained and four licensed ministers attending. In addition, as the committee's work progressed, the Central Conference Ministers' Fellowship reviewed and discussed the work on two separate occasions and gave suggestions for improvement.

This report is the result of the Joint Committee's work and is based on the Minutes of the Central Conference (1953, 1961, 1977, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1987) and *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*, Section 2, pp. 85-94.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR LICENSES AND ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS. (These Policies and Procedures are established in accordance with *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptist [Of The General Baptist Heritage]*, Section 2, pages 85-94.)

POLICIES:

- (1) A candidate for license to minister must be recommended by his local church and the pastor. The pastor is required to accompany the candidate to the meeting of the Board of Ordination. If a church does not have a pastor, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons will attend.
- (2) A candidate for license to minister must have a high school diploma or GED diploma recognized by the State Board of Education.
- (3) The Board of Ordination will provide a packet of materials to candidates for license pertaining to ministerial duties.
- (4) The candidate for license will be presented and expected to comply with The Ministerial Code of Ethics.
- (5) The Board of Ordination has the right to ask for a credit bureau report.
- (6) Subject to approval and recommendation by the Board of Ordination, a license is issued by the local church for one year and must be renewed annually before the anniversary date. The church is responsible for advising the Board of Ordination by letter of the renewal of the license.
- (7) To be considered for ordination, a licensed minister must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The candidate must have been licensed for one year, but not over five, and his church must request by letter that he be examined for ordination.
 - (b) The candidate must have completed two years of accredited college (transferable) work, 64 semester hours (96 quarter hours). A minimum of 25 semester hours (39 quarter hours) must be in general education: **English Composition**, 6 semester hours; **Literature**, 3 semester hours (American or

English); **History**, 3 semester hours (world or U.S.); **Mathematics**, 3 semester hours (college algebra, trigonometry, or calculus); **Natural Sciences**, 4 semester hours (biology, chemistry, or physics); and **Social Sciences**, 6 semester hours (psychology and sociology). A minimum of 24 semester hours (36 quarter hours) must be in professional preparation for the ministry: **Biblical Studies**, 9 semester hours (Introduction to the Old Testament, 3 semester hours; Introduction to the New Testament, 3 semester hours; and The Life and Teaching of Jesus, 3 semester hours); **Historical Studies**, 6 semester hours (The Free Will Baptist Church, 3 semester hours, and one general church history, 3 semester hours); **Theological Studies**, 3 semester hours; (Christian Beliefs, 3 semester hours); **Practical Studies**, 6 semester hours (Sermon Preparation and Delivery, 3 semester hours; and Pastoral Ministry, 3 semester hours). The remaining 15 semester hours will be electives.

- (c) The candidate must have an official record of college credits (transcript) sent to the secretary of the Board of Ordination.
- (d) The candidate must make a commitment to serve as a pastor, do evangelistic work, serve as a missionary, or otherwise serve in Christian ministry for the denomination.
- (e) The candidate must pass a written and oral examination administered by the Board of Ordination.
- (f) *Due to extreme circumstances*, the Board of Ordination may waive the educational requirements, provided the candidate receives the endorsement of no less than four members of the Council.
- (g) The candidate will sign The Ministerial Code of Ethics at the time of ordination. The candidate will keep one copy and a copy will be kept on file by the Board of Ordination.

PROCEDURES:

- (1) The local church will notify the Board of Ordination that a candidate has accepted the call to the gospel ministry. The church will state in writing to the Board its endorsement of the candidate and date of this action. Correspondences will be signed by the pastor and church clerk.
- (2) When the Board of Ordination is notified of the action of the church in regards to the intentions of the candidate, a packet of materials, including a booklet entitled *Growing in Christ* prepared by the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, will be sent to the candidate. The candidate will complete the application form and answer all the questions in the booklet. These will be returned to the Board prior to the candidate's interview with the Board.
- (3) Once the candidate is examined and the church issues a license, the following guidance is given:
 - (a) The candidate will be assigned to a member of the Board of Ordination, who will serve as his advisor. The candidate must meet with his advisor periodically (at least once a year) to evaluate his progress toward ordination. A written report of his progress will be made annually to the Board of Ordination at the October Board meeting and placed in the candidate's file. Upon recommendation of his advisor, the candidate may be requested to appear before the Board of Ordination.
 - (b) The pastor will work with the candidate and his advisor in achieving the educational requirements.
 - (c) The candidate will work with the pastor for opportunities for preaching and pastoral experience.

A LIST OF THINGS A LICENSED MINISTER CAN AND CANNOT DO

(Note: All licensed ministers, regardless of conference affiliation, will abide by these requirements within the bounds of the Central Conference.)

- (1) A licensed minister *cannot* be called or hired as pastor of any church.
- (2) A licensed minister *can* serve a church on an interim or supply basis under the supervision of his Board of Ordination advisor. This service shall be limited to six months in any one church. If the Church wishes an extension on the services of the licensed minister, she must appeal to the Board of Ordination.
- (3) A licensed minister *cannot* conduct a church business meeting or administer the ordinances of the Gospel—Christian Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Washing of the Saint's Feet.
- (4) A licensed minister *cannot* perform wedding ceremonies.
- (5) A licensed minister *can* conduct worship services, preach, and teach as he has opportunities.
- (6) A licensed minister *can* officiate a funeral service.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

for the

ORDINATION OF AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER

through the

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

24 SEMESTER HOURS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

English Composition	6 Hours
Composition I: Expository Writing	(3 sh)
Composition II: Writing About Literature	(3 sh)
Literature	3 Hours
English Literature I, II	(3, 3 sh)
American Literature I, II	(3, 3 sh)
Major Works in World Literature	(3 sh)
History	3 Hours
Western Civilization I, II	(3, 3 sh)
American History I, II	(3, 3 sh)
Mathematics	3 Hours
College Algebra	(3 sh)
Trigonometry	(3 sh)
Natural Sciences	3 Hours
Principles of Biology	(4 sh)
Chemistry	(4 sh)
Social Sciences	6 Hours
Psychology: Introduction to Psychology	(3 sh)
Sociology: Introduction to Sociology	(3 sh)
Marriage and the Family	(3 sh)
Social Problems	(3 sh)

NOTE: These courses can be taken at Mount Olive College and at other colleges and universities.

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ALL OF THE COURSES LISTED BELOW CAN BE TAKEN AT
CAROLINA BIBLE INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY.

24 SEMESTER HOURS IN PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Biblical Studies	9 Hours
Bible Chronology I	(3 sh)
Bible Chronology II	(3 sh)
Bible Chronology III	(3 sh)
Bible Chronology IV	(3 sh)
Bible Chronology V	(3 sh)
Bible Chronology VI	(3 sh)
*The Old Testament Survey	(3 sh)
*New Testament	(3 sh)
*The Gospels	(3 sh)
Acts of the Apostles	(3 sh)
1 Corinthians	(3 sh)
Pastoral Epistles	(3 sh)
Manners and Customs	(3 sh)
Historical Studies	6 Hours
*The Church (FWB)	(3 sh)
Church History I	(3 sh)
Church History II	(3 sh)
Theological Studies	3 Hours
*Bible Doctrine I	(3 sh)
Bible Doctrine II	(3 sh)
Systematic Theology I	(3 sh)
Systematic Theology II	(3 sh)
Eschatology	(3 sh)
Apologetics	(3 sh)
Pastoral Theology	(3 sh)

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ALL OF THE COURSES LISTED BELOW CAN BE TAKEN
AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE.

24 SEMESTER HOURS IN PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Biblical Studies	9 Hours
*Introduction to the Old Testament	(3 sh)
*Introduction to the New Testament	(3 sh)

Hebrew Prophets	(3 sh)
The Life and Letters of Paul	(3 sh)
*The Life and Teaching of Jesus	(3 sh)
Biblical Interpretation	(3 sh)
Historical Studies	6 Hours
Religion in America	(3 sh)
World Religions	(3 sh)
*The Free Will Baptist Church	(3 sh)
History of Christianity	(3 sh)
Theological Studies	3 Hours
* + Christian Beliefs	(3 sh)
Christian Ethics	(3 sh)
Modern Christian Theology	(3 sh)
Practical Studies	6 Hours
*Sermon Preparation and Delivery	(3 sh)
+ Church Growth and Evangelism	(3 sh)
Church Leadership	(3 sh)
* + Pastoral Ministry	(3 sh)
Introduction to Christian Education	(3 sh)
Hymnody	(3 sh)

*Required courses for Ordination.

+ These courses can be taken through home study at MOC.

Practical Studies	6 Hours
*Homiletics I	(3 sh)
Homiletics II	(3 sh)
Christian Growth	(3 sh)
Leadership	(3 sh)
*Pastoral Methods	(3 sh)
Introduction to Christian Education	(3 sh)
Teaching Methods	(3 sh)
Church Music	(3 sh)
Christian Counseling	(3 sh)
Hermeneutics	(3 sh)
The Cults II	(3 sh)
The Cults III	(3 sh)
Evangelism I	(3 sh)
Strategies of Administration	(3 sh)

*Required courses for Ordination.

NOTE: Bible Chronology I—VI covers Old and New Testament.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
for the
ORDINATION OF AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER
through the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Name of Licensed Minister: _____

Name of Advisor: _____

CHECK LIST: EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION (24 semester hours)

English Composition (6 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Course: _____ Hours _____

Literature (3 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

History (3 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Mathematics (3 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Natural Sciences (3 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Social Sciences (6 Hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Course: _____ Hours _____

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (24 semester hours)

Biblical Studies (9 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Course: _____ Hours _____

Course: _____ Hours _____

Historical Studies (6 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Course: _____ Hours _____

Theological Studies (3 hours)

Course: _____ Hours _____

Practical Studies (6 hours)

Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____

ELECTIVES (16 semester hours)

Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____
Course: _____	Hours _____

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

(November 5, 1992)

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, and their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

Since we last met in the Central Conference, we have had two ministers to go home to be with the Lord—the Rev. R. C. Proctor and the Rev. Clarence Harris.

Mr. Proctor had been retired for many years. Mr. Harris was pastor of Otter's Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church here in the Central Conference.

I'm sure many of you who knew these two best will remember the many good deeds they did while traveling in this life here on earth.

We would like to also remember the laity who have made their departure to be with our Lord, and the loved ones they left behind.

WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

Wonderful Saviour, Wonderful Friend;
 Wonderful life that never shall end:
 Wonderful peace He's gone to prepare,
 Wonder of wonders, I shall be there.

Anonymous

Prayer (silent).

Respectfully submitted,
 The Rev. Earl Glenn
 The Rev. Edward Thornton
 Mrs. C. L. Patrick

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 5, 1992)

The Ordaining Council of the Central Conference is responsible for 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 prescribed 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, held a service of ordination for three candidates for the ministry, and in addition held several joint meetings with the Executive Committee in order to present to this Conference a clear statement on the educational requirements for ordination.

At our first meeting in January, three men presented themselves as candidates for license: Joseph Williams II of Hickory Grove Church, James Thomas Stocks of Otter's Creek Church, and Jack E. Weathersby of Winterville Church. Each of them was examined and approved by the Council to be recommended for license to preach for one year by his respective church. A letter of transfer for Mike Daniels from the Piedmont Conference was acknowledged and a letter of transfer was granted to Tony Parrish to unite with the Cape Fear Conference.

On April 6, the Council granted clearance to Joseph Ingram of the Western Conference to serve as pastor of Hickory Grove Church.

On June 29, the Council agreed to examine for ordination three licentiates: Glenn Mills, Larry Letchworth, and Carroll Bradbury. The chairman arranged for these three to take the written examination and at our next meeting on July 23 they were each examined orally and approved by vote of the Council to be ordained. Also, on July 23, Billy Toddy Sutton of Harrell's Chapel Church was examined for license to preach. The Council recommended that his church grant him a license to preach for one year. On August 23, Glenn Mills, Larry Letchworth, and Carroll Bradbury were ordained in a service conducted by the Council members at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville.

We recommend that the names of Mike Daniels, Glenn Mills, Larry Letchworth, and Carroll Bradbury be added to the list of ordained ministers; that the name of Tony Parrish be dropped from the list of ordained ministers; and that the names of Joseph Williams II, James Thomas Stocks, Jack E. Weathersby, and Billy Todd Sutton be added to the list of licensed ministers.

I move that this report be adopted.

Michael Pelt, *Secretary*
John B. Narron, *Chairman*
Bruce Jones
Charles Branch
Ronnie Hobgood

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report: The following have registered today:

1. Churches Represented by Delegates	35
2. Central Conference Ministers	46
3. Central Conference Delegates	52
4. Visiting Ministers	9
5. Licensed Ministers	5
6. Visitors	9
Total People Registered	122

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Macon Page
The Rev. David Hill
Mr. Walt Tyndall

1991-92

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance Brought Forward

\$ 4,185.97

RECEIPTS

From Churches	\$ 1,505.00	
Convention Offering	171.81	
Interest on Mount Olive College Note	637.50	
Interest on Church Finance Deposit	996.23	
Interest on Checking	178.34	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 3,488.88</u>
Total to Account for		<u>\$ 7,674.85</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Free Will Baptist Press	\$ 191.01	
Yearbook Pages	770.00	
Secretary Salary and Expense	408.03	
Miscellaneous Expense	418.81	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 1,787.85</u>
Balance in Bank as of 11/5/92		<u>\$ 5,887.00</u>

SUMMARY

Branch Bank Checking	\$ 5,887.00	
Mount Olive College Note	7,500.00	
Church Finance Association	17,141.84	
Grand Total	<u>\$30,528.84</u>	
		Respectfully submitted, Leon Grubbs, <i>Moderator</i> Stanley Buck, <i>Treasurer</i>

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
(November 5, 1992)

Offering Today	\$ 165.00
From Churches	<u>1,293.59</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,458.59</u>
	Respectfully submitted, Stanley Buck, <i>Treasurer</i>

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OFFICERS

Moderator: The Rev. Leon Grubbs
Assistant Moderator: The Rev. Gary Bailey
Clerk: The Rev. Phillip Wood
Assistant Clerk: The Rev. Harry Jones Jr.
Treasurer: The Rev. Stanley Buck
Board of Ordination: The Rev. J. B. Narron (1997)
Board of Trustees: Mr. Joe Williams (1997)
Board of Missions: The Rev. Scott Sowers (1997)
Board of Finance: The Rev. James Sowers (1997)
Koinonia Advisors: Mrs. Janie Sowers (1995)
Representative of Memberships in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.: Mr. Thomas Strickland (1997)

Credentials Committee: Mr. Walt Tyndall (1995)

Obituary Committee: The Rev. Earl Glenn (1995)

Conference Historian: Miss Leah McGlohon (1993)

Publicity Chairperson: Mrs. Janie Sowers (1993)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.: The Rev. Steve Hargrove (1993)

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. C. H. Overman, *Chairman*
The Rev. David Hill
The Rev. Edward Thornton

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(November 5, 1992)

Two resolutions have been submitted to the Committee.

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination have met and spent many hours of work and prayer during this past year of 1992, and as we desire to show our appreciation to those who unify our Conference in the work of Christ;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination for their commitment to the service of the Conference this past year.

Resolution No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED that we give a rising vote of thanks to the members of the First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, NC, for their hospitality in hosting this 244th Session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Steve Hargrove, *Chairman*
The Rev. Clifford Ball
The Rev. James Sowers

STATISTICAL TABLES

CHURCHES	1991 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Lost Deceased	Letter	Other	Net Change	1992 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Average SS Att	Average NW Att
Lanwood Chapel	40		2	8	5	1		14	54	69	40		45	55
Lee's Chapel			1	3		2	1	1		140			130	160
Mount Olive	7							0	7		7			20
Oak Grove	156	9		4		1	1	11	167	128			52	75
Palmer Memorial	192			3		1	6	-4	188	66	81	107	46	65
Pleasant Grove	188	6		3				9	197	117			88	90
Powhatan	264	5		1	3		4	5	269	147			99	110
Riverside	71	7		4			5	6	77	80			65	100
Robert's Grove	203	3		2		3	2	0	203	154			108	109
Shady Grove	288	2				7	1	-6	282	100			75	100
Smithfield, First	73			1		1	3	-3	70	31	69	60	22	40
Smryna	146	3		4		1		6	152	92	152		75	79
Steven's Chapel	119					3	2	-5	114	59			40	50
St. Mary's Grove	219	5				4	1	0	219	134	219	36	82	133
St. Paul	146					2		-2	144	120	90	54	70	70
Tee's Chapel	286	5		7		2	4	5	291	220	291	40	157	175
Vandora Springs	65			11	7		2	13	78	70	8	45	60	
Victory		22		2				24	24	14	24		12	27
West Clinton	72						1	-1	71	23	25	46	20	20
Wootens Chapel								0						
Yelverton Grove	142	2		7		3		6	148	110			76	
Cape Fear Totals	3575	87		70	16	37	40	6	90	3662	2415	1328	628	

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Aspen Grove	237	5				8	3	-6	231	123			95	110
Ayden	133			3			3	0	133	57	133		46	58
Bethany	190	5		5			1	9	199	117	82	50	85	
Black Jack	632	1		2		7	8	7	613	367			258	279
Community	104	4		3		3	7	-3	101	40	42	56	30	40
Daniels Chapel	376	1		6		4	1	2	378					

CHURCHES	1991		Gain		Lost		Net Change	1992		Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Average SS Att	Average NW Att
	Members	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter		Other	Members					
Dilda's Grove								0						
Edgewood	44	3	3		2			4	48	48	42	6	45	40
Elm Grove								0						
First, Greenville	230	7	4		2	1		8	238	128			97	133
Free Union	321	3	7		5	6		-1	320	119	320		109	150
Friendship								0						
Grimsley	61							0	61	60	61	66	40	40
Gum Swamp	128		3		1			2	129	76	129	350	70	115
Harrell's Chapel	136	3	1		5	3		-4	132	120	132		105	110
Hickory Grove								0						
Howell Swamp								0						
Hugo	105	4			3	1		0	105	70	75	30	57	75
Hull Road	336	1			2	2		-3	333	138			95	122
King's Cross Roads	211	7	8		5	7	1	2	213	165			105	155
La Grange	195		4		2			2	197	108			79	109
Little Creek	147	4	4		3	4		1	148	75	130	18	55	50
Marlboro	289	1	8	3	8	3		1					175	175
Ormondsville	162	5	4		4	9		-4	158	108	88	82	82	115
Otters Creek	66	20	9	7	1		2	33	99	48	99		43	74
Owens Chapel	206	11			1	1		9	215	115			101	140
Peace	93	1	3		5	1		-2	91	54			48	50
Piney Grove (Beau.								0						
Piney Grove (Pitt)	80		5	1	3	5		-2	78	78	78		45	55
Pleasant Hill								0						
Reedy Branch	351	13	17		3	4		23	374	180			150	175
Rocky Mount, First	75	4	3					7	82	59	82	50	46	75
Rose Hill								0						
Rose of Sharon	185	7	2		3	3	1	2	187	108	95	92	98	85
Saratoga	210	1			1			0	210	114	210		98	120
Spring Branch	208	7			4	5		-2	206	80			60	80
St. Delight								0						
Sweet Gum Grove								0						
Tarboro, First	172	6			3	8		-5	167	112	167	218	110	140

CHURCHES	1991 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1992 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Average SS Att	Average NW Att
Walnut Creek	45		1				5	-4	41	49	41		35	40
Watery Branch								0						
Williamston, First	199	2	3	2	3	3		1	200	46	94	106	31	75
Winterville	249	8	19		2	6		19	268	172			113	130
Central Totals	5887	134	118	10	85	97	11	69	5955	3134	2100	1124		

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Angola	49	9	9			1	1	16	65	51	67	26	30	88
Antioch	321	3	4					7	328	149			90	215
Arapahoe								0						
Beaufort								0						
Bethel	47	2	1		1	2		0	47	47	20	27	35	40
Bethlehem	175	6			1			5	180		124	56		
Beulahville								0						
Bridgeton	172				3			-3	169	20	25	144	15	30
British Chapel	115	2	6		2	1		5	120	50	60	59	50	61
Cabin	174				4	1	1	-6	168	79	55	113	55	55
Christian Chapel	269	2			6	5		-9	258	109			185	105
Core Creek	117		7		2			5	120	78		40	46	68
Crab Point	120				2	1		-3	117	31	60	57	25	30
Croatan	140		4			2		2	142	82			65	75
Daly's Chapel	195		2		6			-4	191	57			42	53
Davis	69		1		1			0	69	32			28	40
Deep Run	192	1	3			3		1	193	100	71	121	75	85
Dublin Grove								0						
Edwards Chapel	115				2			-2	113	40			34	68
Faith (Bruns)								0						
Faith (Craven)								0						
Faith (Carteret)								0						
Folkstone	184		3		1	3		-1	183	162				