

**1997-98
YEARBOOK
FOR
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**MINUTES
of the
249TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held with
King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 6, 1997
The Reverend Bruce Jones, Host Pastor**

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Gary M. Bailey
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Stanley Buck
Clerk: The Reverend Joey Williams
Assistant Clerk: Dr. Michael Pelt
Treasurer: The Reverend Ray Williamson

Boards and Committees

Executive Committee (1996-1998)

The Reverend Gary M. Bailey, Moderator
The Reverend Stanley Buck, Assistant Moderator
The Reverend Joey Williams, Clerk
Dr. Michael Pelt, Assistant Clerk
The Reverend Ray Williamson, Treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Harry Grubbs (1998) The Reverend Scott Sowers (1999)
The Reverend Phillip Wood (2000) The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood (2001)
The Reverend Calvin Heath (2002)

Board of Trustees

Mrs. C. L. Patrick (1998) Mrs. Gladys Oakley (1999)
Mr. Rex Wainwright (2000) The Reverend N. Bruce Barrow (2001)
Mr. Joseph Williams (2002)

Board of Missions

The Reverend N. Bruce Barrow (1998) The Reverend Leon Grubbs (1999)
The Reverend Leon Harris (2000) Mr. George Wooten (2001)
The Reverend Carroll Bradbury (2002)

Board of Finance

The Reverend David Langley (1998)

Mr. Macon Page (1999)

Mrs. Annie Cratt (2000)

The Reverend Frank Flowers (2001)

Mrs. Joyce Hathaway (2002)

Koinonia Advisors

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood (1998)

Dr. Donald Ribeiro (1999)

Representation of Membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

The Reverend Dan Beaman (1998)

Mrs. Louise Whitehurst (1999)

Mrs. Elma Beddard (2000)

The Reverend Ron Braxton (2001)

The Reverend Thomas Bowen (2002)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Walt Tyndall (1998)

Mr. Doug Owens (1999)

The Reverend David Hill (2000)

Obituary Committee

Mrs. Ruth Taylor (1998)

The Reverend Ron Braxton (1999)

The Reverend Tom Miller (2000)

Conference Historian

Mrs. Kenya Williams (1998)

Publicity Chairperson

The Reverend C. H. Overman (1998)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Reverend Philip Wood (1998)

Roll of Central Conference Ministers By Seniority

Minister	Ordained	1995	1996	1997
N. D. Beamon	12/04/33	P	P	P
C. L. Patrick	04/20/47	A	A	P
N. Bruce Barrow	09/ /35	P	P	P
J. B. Narron	10/13/50	P	P	P
Michael Pelt	09/ /50	P	P	P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	P	P	P
C. H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	P
Joseph Lehman	11/09/65	L	L	L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	P	P
Clinton Davis	07/05/72	P	P	L
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	P	P	P

Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	L	P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	A	L	L
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	A	P
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	L	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	P	P	P
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	L	P	P
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	P	P
Earl Glenn	11/ /49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan (Ret.)	10/17/62	A	L	L
R. P. Harris (Ret.)	11/20/33	P	P	L
Leon Harris	05/17/81	P	P	P
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	L	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	L	P	P
Donald Ribeiro		L	L	L
David Hill	10/31/68	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	L	A	A
Bass Mitchell	10/31/76	A	A	A
W. Scott Sowers	07/01/73	P	P	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	P
David Langley	10/05/87	P	P	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	09/ /51	L	P	P
Thomas Parrish	01/10/63	A	L	P
Calvin Heath	10/31/76	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Allen Jones Jr.	10/27/91	P	L	L
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	P	P	P
Glenn Mills	08/23/92	P	P	P
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
H. P. Norman	09/08/93	P	P	L
Frank Robbins	09/08/93	P	P	A
Walter R. Tyndall	09/08/93	P	P	P
Jack E. Weathersby	02/27/94	P	A	P
Archie Brock	12/06/92	P	A	A
Joey Williams	01/15/95	P	P	P
Mark Hogan	09/06/86	P	P	P
Clifford Harwood			P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	P	A	P
Frankie Baggett			P	P
Wayne Watson				P

Licensed Ministers

Barry Wayne Williamson		L	A	A
Shelton Eugene Rouse		A	A	A
Samuel Earl Gay		A	A	A
Douglas G. Owens		A	P	P
Bradford Ray Williamson	04/21/96		L	P
Tony Glass	09/01/96		P	P

Roll of Churches

Church	Letter	Delegates
Aspen Grove	N	N
Ayden	Y	Y
Bethany	Y	Y
Black Jack	Y	Y
Community	N	N
Daniel's Chapel	Y	Y
Dilda's Grove	N	Y
Edgewood	Y	N
Elm Grove	Y	Y
Free Union	Y	Y
Friendship	N	Y
Greenville, First	N	Y
Grimsley	N	Y
Gum Swamp	Y	Y
Harrell's Chapel	Y	Y
Hickory Grove	Y	Y
Howell Swamp	Y	Y
Hugo	Y	Y
Hull Road	N	Y
King's Cross Roads	Y	Y
La Grange, First	Y	Y
Little Creek	Y	Y
Marlboro	Y	Y
Ormondsville	N	Y
Otter's Creek	N	Y
Peace FWB Church	Y	N
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	N	Y
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	N	Y
Reedy Branch	N	Y
Rocky Mount, First	Y	Y
Rose Hill	N	Y
Rose of Sharon	Y	Y
Saint's Delight	Y	Y

Saratoga	N	Y
Spring Branch	Y	Y
Sweet Gum Grove	N	Y
Tarboro, First	Y	Y
Walnut Creek	Y	N
Watery Branch	N	N
Williamston, First	Y	Y
Winterville	Y	Y
Hillside Mission	N	N

Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 249th annual session with the King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church of Fountain, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 6, 1997, at 9:30 AM.

The Reverend Ray Williamson led the Conference with a hymn, "Glorify Thy Name." Opening Scripture and prayer was offered by Mr. Tony Glass.

The Reverend Joey Williams, clerk, called the annual session to order.

The Reverend Bruce Jones, from the host church, extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Gary Bailey, Moderator, gave a challenging address encouraging the churches of the Conference to have a purpose and a vision.

The roll of churches was called with 37 churches responding with delegates.

Ten visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator: from the Western Conference—The Reverends Joe Ingram, Harold Jones, John Williams, and Dennis Sherrod. From the Eastern Conference—The Reverends Bruce Dudley, Joseph Yates, David Charles Hansley, L. Grady Tucker, and Stephen Prescott. From the Cape Fear Conference—The Reverends John Robert Harris and Michael Ledbetter.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows: Parliamentarian—Dr. Michael Pelt; Nominating—the Reverend Willis Wilson, Chairman, the Reverend Frank Flowers, and the Reverend Stanley Buck; Resolutions and Temperance—the Reverend C. H. Overman, Chairman, the Reverend Earl Glenn, and the Reverend Leon Harris; Song Leader—the Reverend Ray Williamson.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the clerk. By motion the report and the recommendation concerning appropriation of funds for the Convention was adopted. (see Reports)

At 10:00 AM, Conference Business was set aside for the Worship service. The service was opened with Scripture reading from Psalm 96, and the prayer of invocation was given by the Reverend Stanley Buck. The Reverend Ray Williamson led the congregation in the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross," followed by the offering for the Conference and the offertory prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson. Special Music was presented by Miss Chasity Heath from the host Church. The Reverend Mark Hogan preached the Conference sermon. His text came from 2 Timothy 4:1-5. The main emphasis of that message was for Christians to "Return to the Word." He stated that there must be a return to an exposition of the Scriptures, and that this return must begin in the pulpit. He challenged/charged each minister to preach the Word. He referred to this

challenge/charge as: (1) A Spiritual or Sacred Charge, (2) A Serious Charge, (3) A Personal Charge, and (4) A Continual Charge. The worship service concluded with the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story" and with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

The report of the Board of Ordination was read by the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports) The Reverend Gary Bailey, Moderator, extended a welcome to membership in the Conference to the Reverend Wayne Watson.

An oral report covering all of the Denominational Ministries was given by the Reverend Scott Sowers, Executive Administrator of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Reverend Glenn Mills gave the report of the Conference Board of Missions. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Walt Tyndall gave the report of the Credentials Committee. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Ray Williamson gave the Treasurer's Report. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Conference recessed for the noon meal with a prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

The Reverend Tom Miller gave the report of the Obituary Committee. (see Reports)
The Roll of Ministers was called.

The Reverend Stanley Buck, Assistant Moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: the Reverends Clinton Davis, Gary Bailey and Frank Flowers—25 years, The Reverends Tom Miller and Harry Grubbs—30 years, The Reverend Billy Ray Jordan—35 years, The Reverend C. H. Overman—45 years.

The Reverend Scott Sowers gave the report of the Continuing Education Committee. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Willis Wilson gave the report of the Nominating Committee. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports) The floor was opened for other nominations. There were no other nominations. By motion the nominations ceased, and the nominees were elected by acclamation.

The Reverend C. H. Overman gave the report of the Resolutions and Temperance Committee. By motion the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Moderator called for miscellaneous business. Mrs. Leah McGlohon asked to address the Conference in order to encourage the ministers to participate in the Second Union meetings.

By motion the Conference adjourned.

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Michael Pelt.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Gary M. Bailey, *Moderator*
The Reverend Joey Williams, *Clerk*

Reports Executive Committee

November 19, 1996

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, on November 19, 1996. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary M. Bailey, Stanley Buck, Ray Williamson, Michael Pelt, and Joey Williams. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

The Minutes from the 248th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, the committee agreed to print the Constitution and Bylaws in the 1997 edition of the Original Free Will Baptist Yearbook.

It was decided by the committee that a Committee on Continuing Education of five members needed to be selected as follows: one from the Executive Committee, one from the Ordaining Council, three at-large. By consensus the Reverend Stanley Buck was asked to serve on the Committee on Continuing Education representing the Executive Committee. By consensus the Reverend Scott Sowers and the Reverend Ron Braxton were asked to serve on the Committee on Continuing Education representing two of the three at-large members. By consensus we the Executive Committee of the Central Conference ask the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference to recommend a representative from the Ordaining Council.

The committee also discussed acquiring the names, addresses, and phone numbers for the licensed ministers. The committee also discussed contacting the Ordaining Council to advise them of ministers and licensed ministers who have been absent.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

June 2, 1997

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, on June 2, 1997. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary M. Bailey, Stanley Buck, Ray Williamson, and Joey Williams. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

The Minutes from the November 19th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

It was reported that the Ordaining Council had been contacted concerning their representative for the Committee on Continuing Education, however, no recommendation has been received as of this meeting. By consensus, the Executive Committee extended an invitation to the Reverend C. H. Overman, to fill the position of the third at-large member. By consensus, the Executive Committee asked the Reverend Stanley Buck to call this committee together when all the members are named, elect a chairman, and begin the work of this committee as outlined in our minutes.

By motion, the committee agreed to accept the invitation extended by King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church to host the 249th Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion, the committee agreed to invite the Reverend Mark Hogan to be the speaker of the 249th Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion, the committee agreed to sponsor a seminar for all Central Conference ministers,

and invite the Reverend Scott Sowers, Executive Administrator, to speak. The meeting is to be held at Strickland Dail restaurant in Farmville, with the date to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

September 4, 1997

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Gary Bailey. Those present were: the Reverends Gary Bailey, Stanley Buck, Ray Williamson, and Michael Pelt. The Prayer of Invocation was given by Michael Pelt.

A report of a meeting of the Continuing Education Committee, held at Strickland Dail Restaurant on August 21, was submitted by Stanley Buck, a member of that committee. After some discussion of the report, the Executive Committee expressed approval of the actions of the Continuing Education Committee and then recommended that they prepare a form to be used by ministers for reporting any reading, study, or attendance at seminars, etc. for which they wished to receive units of credit (CEU's).

Dr. Michael Pelt submitted copies of an announcement by the Historical Commission of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of a Heritage Tour to be held on Sunday, November 2, 1997. He asked that copies of this announcement be included in the letter sent out to the churches by the clerk prior to the annual meeting of the Central Conference. His request was approved by the committee.

Ray Williamson called attention to the need for the Conference to provide assistance to the Convention in carrying out its mission on behalf of the churches in view of the fact that funds provided for Convention support have not been sufficient to meet the needs of the Convention office. He then gave a brief report on the resources belonging to the Conference and expressed the view that these resources were given to the Conference to be used for worthy purposes. After discussion of these matters the committee agreed by common consent to recommend to the Conference that we contribute \$5,000 to the Convention and that we designate \$1,000 of this amount to be used for the office of Executive Administrator and \$4,000 for the development of printed materials in the form of information packets or brochures which can be presented to new church members and to visitors in our local churches in order to better inform them about the Free Will Baptist Church and their local congregation. Furthermore, this \$4,000 will be delivered to the Convention as soon as the materials are available for distribution.

Copies of the program of the 249th Annual Session of the Central Conference to be held at King's Cross Roads Church were given to members of the Executive Committee as information.

The meeting was adjourned by the moderator and the prayer of benediction was offered by Stanley Buck.

November 6, 1997

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Fountain, prior to the 249th Annual Session of the Conference. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary M. Bailey, Stanley Buck, Ray Williamson, Michael Pelt, and Joey Williams. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. By motion, the program of the 249th Annual Session of the Central Conference was approved as printed.

By motion, the minutes of the Executive Committee were read, corrected, and approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Gary M. Bailey, *Moderator*
The Reverend Joey Williams, *Clerk*

Board of Ordination Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met three times since the last Conference. The Board met on January 6, 1997, April 21, 1997, and October 6, 1997.

Transfer of Conference Membership

The following minister has transferred his conference membership to the Central Conference: The Reverend Wayne Watson [Western (Jan. 6, 1997)]

Membership Roll

The following minister is to be added to the roll of ordained ministers: The Reverend Wayne Watson.

The following minister is to be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers: The Reverend C. L. Patrick (Died December 9, 1996).

The following ministers are to be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers: Mr. Donald Randolph Cobb, Mr. Bryan Garris.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend John B. Narron, *Chairman*
The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood
The Reverend Harry Grubbs
The Reverend Scott Sowers
The Reverend Philip Wood

Annual Report of the Central Conference Missions Board

Balance on hand—July 1, 1996	\$81,130.83
Actual Receipts	
Balance in checking—July 1, 1996	1,071.39
Contributions from Churches	571.05
Total on hand	1,642.44
Actual Disbursements	
Bank Charge	44.00
Total Disbursements	44.00
Balance in Checking—June 30, 1997	1,598.44
Savings	
Endowment Fund (@ 4.7% interest)	60,000.00
Savings (@ 3.25% interest)	20,059.44
Interest earned	3,702.08
Total in Savings	83,761.52
Balance on hand—June 30, 1997	85,359.96

Change of Address: Central Conference Missions
 110 Thad Little Road
 Ayden, North Carolina 28513

Report of the Credentials Committee

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

Central Conference Delegates	44
Central Conference Ministers	42
Visiting Ministers	10
Licensed Ministers	3
Visitors	15
Total registered	114

Respectfully submitted,
 The Reverend J. David Hill
 The Reverend Walt Tyndall

Treasurer's Report

November 1, 1996–October 31, 1997

Balance brought forward—November 1, 1996 \$ 3,489.91

Receipts

Conference Offering—November 7, 1996	\$ 134.00
Church Contributions	1,445.00
Interest on checking	39.49
Interest—Church Finance Association	599.96
Interest—Mount Olive College Note	468.75
Total Receipt	<u>\$2,687.20</u>

Disbursements

Minister's Seminar	\$ 134.00
State Convention of OFWB—Yearbook	1,190.00
FWB Press—flag	67.84
Executive Committee expenses	390.35
Ordaining Council expenses	37.75
BB&T Certificate of Deposit	2,000.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,184.72</u>

Balance in bank as of October 31, 1997	1,992.39
Money on Deposit: BB&T CD	2,000.00
Mount Olive College	12,895.01
Church Finance Association	17,141.84
Total Funds to Account For	<u>\$34,029.24</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 The Reverend Gary M. Bailey, *Moderator*
 The Reverend Ray Williamson, *Treasurer*

Obituary Committee

We, the obituary committee, are aware of one Central Conference minister passing since our 1996 Conference meeting.

The Reverend Christopher Lafayette (better known as C. L.) Patrick died December 9, 1996. Funeral services were held at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County on December 11, 1996 and burial followed in the Snow Hill Cemetery.

Brother Patrick and wife, Clara Smith Patrick made a wonderful team for the cause of Christ for many years, and they will never be forgotten in this world or in the world to come. Revelation 14:13 "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 labors; and their works do follow them."

Let us all stand and have a moment of silent prayer for the Patrick family, and all others, that have lost family members in the Central Conference and all other Conferences of the Denomination. Prayer was by the Reverend Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Tom Miller, Chairman
The Reverend Ron Braxton

The Continuing Education Committee

August 21, 1997

The Continuing Education Committee of the Central Conference met on August 21, 1997, at Strickland Dail Restaurant, Farmville, North Carolina. Members present were: the Reverends Harry Grubbs, C. H. Overman, Scott Sowers, and Stanley Buck. The Reverend C. H. Overman led in prayer.

The Reverend Scott Sowers was elected to serve as chairman. The Reverend Ron Braxton was elected to serve as recording secretary.

The committee discussed the number of hours needed to constitute CEU's. The attendance of a one-day seminar will provide one unit. The reading of a book pertaining to ministry such as Bible Doctrine, Practical Preaching, Visitation Ministry, and Church History will provide one unit of credit. The minister can receive credit for five books on an annual basis.

Seminars less than a day will require eight hours combined to receive one unit of credit.

The fiscal year will begin July 1 and conclude June 30. The minister is required to send credit information to the committee by October 1.

A book list will not be recommended by the committee. We offer the following suggestions for reading in the areas that pertain to Theology, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Church History, Evangelism, Church Growth, Church Administration, and Youth Ministry.

Studies in language, such as Spanish, for the purpose of ministry would receive credit. Courses on counseling would provide credit. Any work that would be practical for ministry would provide credit. Courses in the field of communication, public speaking and improving writing skills for ministry purposes would offer credit.

Suggestions for seminars were as follows: Billy Graham School of Evangelism, FWB Seminars and Workshops, Evangelism Explosion, and John Maxwell Evangelism Conference. There are many other seminars that would be beneficial in education for our pastors.

The committee will meet on October 14, six o'clock, at Strickland Dail Restaurant.

November 4, 1997

The Continuing Education Committee of the Central Conference met on November 4, 1997, at FWB Headquarters in Ayden, North Carolina. Members present were: The Reverends Harry Grubbs, C. H. Overman, Scott Sowers, and Stanley Buck. The Reverend C. H. Overman led in prayer.

Scott Sowers opened the meeting with a discussion on offering a certificate to the participants with five units of credit. This was agreed upon by the committee.

The committee discussed the need for a standardize form to receive the information from the minister. The Continuing Education Report Form will cover the areas of seminars, books read and courses taken by the minister.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Scott Sowers, *Chairman*
The Reverend Stanley Buck, *Assistant Recording Secretary*

Nominating Committee

Board of Ordination: The Reverend Calvin Heath (2002)

Board of Trustees: Mr. Joseph Williams (2002)

Board of Missions: The Reverend Carroll Bradbury (2002)

Board of Finance: Joyce Hathaway (2002)

Koinonia Advisors: Dr. Don Ribeiro (1999)

Representative to the Free Will Baptist Press: The Reverend Thomas Bowen (2002)

Credentials Committee: The Reverend David Hill (2000)

Obituary Committee: The Reverend Tom Miller (2000)

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Willis Wilson
The Reverend Frank Flowers
The Reverend Stanley Buck

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolution No. 1

INASMUCH AS, the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists adopted the vision statement as prepared by Project Solutions Task Force Committee, which states: "In an effort to fulfill the mission of the Original Free Will Baptist Church for the next five church years (1997-98 through 2001-02) we will focus on challenging Original Free Will Baptists to commit to the true meaning of church membership as reflected in our Church Covenant; to practice evangelism as mandated by the Scriptures and our love and compassion for people; and challenge Original Free Will Baptists to increase the number of persons doing ministry as mandated by the words and deeds of the servant, Jesus Christ."

BE IT RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves, as ministers and delegates, to the fulfillment of this vision statement.

Resolution No. 2

That we extend a rising vote of appreciation to King's Cross Roads Church for its fine hospitality during this session, and also to the Executive Committee for its work in planning this session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend C. H. Overman, *Chairman*
The Reverend Earl Glenn
The Reverend Leon Harris

	1997			Gain			Loss			Net	Sunday	Avg. SS	Avg. MW
CHURCHES	Membership	Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Change	School	Atten.	Atten.
Central Conference													
Aspen Grove FWB Church	198			5	3		5	4		-1	98	63	90
Ayden FWB Church	128			0	0	0	3	5	0	-8	19	19	40
Bethany FWB Church	169	107	62	5	3	0	3	1	0	4	77	45	80
Black Jack FWB Church	597	404	193	6	3	0	14	2	0	-7	378	228	252
Community FWB Church	126	58	68	4	10	31	0	2	0	43		33	50
Daniels Chapel FWB Church	398			10	13	0	2	2	0	19	170	130	205
Dilda's Grove FWB Church	99	71	28	7	3	0	0	3	0	7	50	38	65
Edgewood FWB Church	47	36	11	0	4	0	2	1	0	1	38	34	35
Elm Grove FWB Church		143	215	17	13	0	4	9	0	17		107	130
Free Union FWB Church	362	362		6	5	0	4	1	0	6	152	105	165
Friendship FWB Church	298			6	3	0	2	1	0	6	125	115	150
Grant's Chapel FWB Church	68	68	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	81	58	65
Greenville, First FWB Church	271			7	15	1	6	3	0	14	147	101	148
Gum Swamp FWB Church	111	111	340	9	1	0	3	6	0	1		62	78
Harrell's Chapel FWB Church	156	156		3	0	0	5	4	0	-6	133	111	110
Hickory Grove FWB Church	96			2	0	0	2	0	0	0		40	55
Hillside FWB Church	69	61	0	8	7	15	0	0	0	30	17	6	43
Howell Swamp FWB Church	120			1	1	0	5	2	0	-5	65	42	52
Hugo FWB Church	132	97	35	5	1	0	0	0	1	5	60	55	94
Hull Road FWB Church	329	140	185	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	125	85	125
King's Cross Roads FWB Church	257	176	81	5	2	0	1	2	0	4	183	135	212
La Grange FWB Church	206			2	0	3	2	2	0	1	101	76	82
Little Creek FWB Church	142	125	17	0	2	0	2	2	0	-2	62	45	60
Marlboro FWB Church										0			

CHURCHES	1997			Gain			Loss			Net	Sunday	Avg. SS	Avg. MW
	Membership	Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Change	School	Atten.	Atten.
Ormondsville FWB Church	185	101	84	0	0	0	2	2	0	-4	104	87	100
Otters Creek FWB Church	58			13	25	0	0	0	0	38	15	14	50
Owens Chapel FWB Church	211	115	98	1	3	0	3	3	0	-2	110	92	130
Peace FWB Church	106			9	1	0	2	2	0	6	65	62	69
Piney Grove FWB Church-Beaufort	29	29	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1		11	22
Piney Grove FWB Church-Pitt	34	34		0	0	11	0	8	21	-18	22	17	32
Pleasant Hill FWB Church										0			
Reedy Branch FWB Church	448	448		4	6	0	1	5	0	4	200	120	175
Rocky Mount, First FWB Church	124	84	40	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	32	50	68
Rose Hill FWB Church	331	331	59	4	3	7	4	0	4	6	125	80	200
Rose of Sharon FWB Church	197	100	97	2	4	0	4	1	0	1	141	98	103
Saint's Delight FWB Church	39	19	20	2	3	4	0	0	0	9	35	35	55
Saratoga FWB Church	192	192		2	0	0	5	1	0	-4		95	96
Spring Branch FWB Church	201			8	5	0	5	0	0	8	79	72	100
Sweet Gum Grove FWB Church										0			
Tarboro, First FWB Church	358	171	187	6	5	0	4	4	1	2	111	99	140
Walnut Creek FWB Church	43	43		0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	48	35	40
Watery Branch FWB Church										0			
Williamston, First FWB Church	206	109	109	1	2	8	0	7	0	4		33	65
Winterville FWB Church	285			4	4	1	2	6	0	1	157	114	184
Central Totals	7426	3891	1998	170	152	81	103	95	27	178	3325	2847	4015
Eastern Conference													
Angola FWB Church	73	73	88	7	2	0	0	2	0	7	43	30	76
Antioch FWB Church	356		0	0	0	0	4	2	0	-6	0	65	220