

**1999-2000
YEARBOOK
FOR
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL
BAPTISTS**

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**MINUTES
of the
251ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
of the
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held with
LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church
Lenoir County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 11, 1999
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Host Pastor**

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Ray Williamson
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Joey Williams
Clerk: The Reverend J. B. Narron
Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Franklin Baggett
Treasurer: The Reverend Walter Reynolds

Boards and Committees

Executive Committee(1998-2000)

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator
The Reverend Joey Williams, Assistant Moderator
The Reverend J. B. Narron, Clerk
The Reverend Frankie Baggett, Assistant Clerk
The Reverend Walter Reynolds, Treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Philip Wood (2000) The Reverend Ronnie V. Hobgood (2001)
The Reverend Calvin Heath (2002) The Reverend Harry Grubbs(2003)
The Reverend C.H. Overman (2004)

Board of Trustees

Mr. Rex Wainwright (2000) The Reverend N. Bruce Barrow (2001)
Mr. Joseph Williams (2002) The Reverend David Langley (2003)
Mrs. Gladys Oakley (2004)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Leon Harris (2000) Mr. George Wooten (2001)
The Reverend Carroll Bradbury (2002) The Reverend Gary Bailey (2003)
The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2004)

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Board of Finance

Mrs. Annie Craft (2000) The Reverend Frank Flowers (2001)
Mrs. Joyce Hathaway (2002) The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2003)
Mr. Macon Page (2004)

Koinonia Advisors

The Reverend Brad Williamson (2000) The Reverend John R. Harris (2001)

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

Mrs. Elma Beddard (2000) The Reverend Ron Braxton (2001)
The Reverend Thomas Bowen (2002) Mrs. May Pitman (2003)
Mrs. Louise Whitehurst (1999)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend David Hill (2000) Mr. Tony Glass (2001)
Mr. Doug Owens (1999)

Obituary Committee

The Reverend Tom Miller (2000) Miss Leah McGlohon (2001)
Mrs. Faye Adams (2002)

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (1999)

Publicity Chairperson

Mrs. Jennifer Williamson (2000)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Reverend Willis Wilson (2000)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Stanley Buck (2000) Mr. Johnnie Sullivan (2001)
The Reverend David Langley (2002)

Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 251st annual session with LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church of LaGrange, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 11, 1999 at 9:30 am.

The Reverend Grady Tucker led the conference with a hymn, "Because He Lives." Opening scripture and prayer were offered by Mr. Johnny Sullivan, licensed minister.

The Reverend J.B. Narron, Clerk, called the annual session to order. The Reverend Brad Williamson, from the host church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator, gave a challenging address from Matthew 16:13-19 encouraging the Central Conference Churches to become as strong as possible by being the kind of church that Jesus wanted to build; i.e. churches built upon the rock foundation of Jesus Christ.

The roll of churches was called with 27 churches responding with delegates.

Five visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the Moderator: Western Conference: The Reverend Dennis Sherrod; Eastern Conference: The Reverends Bruce Dudley, David C. Hansley, Stephen Prescott; Cape Fear Conference: The Reverends Al Markuson, Frank Harrison.

The Moderator appointed temporary committees as follows: Parliamentarian: Dr. Michael Pelt; Nominating: the Reverend Leon Harris, chairman, the Reverend Joey Williams, the Reverend Charles Branch, and the Reverend Jack Weathersby; Resolutions and Temperance: the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, chairman, the Reverend Willis Wilson, and the Reverend Phillip Wood; Song Leader: the Reverend Grady Tucker.

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

The report of the Board of Ordination was read by the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports) The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator, extended a welcome to membership in the Conference to the Reverends M. E. Cox and Tony Glass.

At 10:22 am, Conference Business was set aside for the Worship service. The service was opened with scripture reading from Joshua 3:1-6, and the prayer of invocation was given by the Reverend Joey Williams. The Reverend Grady Tucker led the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art" followed by the offering for the conference and the offertory prayer by the Reverend Walter Reynolds. Special Music was presented by the Reverend Stephen Prescott and Mr. Johnny Sullivan. The Reverend Calvin Heath preached the conference sermon. His text came from Colossians 2:6-10. The main emphasis and challenge of this message was that through Christ believers are complete, certified, confident and under control. We as Free Will Baptists need to walk in the Lord and stay with what we know is godly. The worship service concluded with the singing of "I Surrender All." The service closed in prayer by the Reverend Frankie Baggett.

The business session continued at 11:25 a.m. with remarks from the Reverend David C. Hansley, Convention General Administrator, concerning the work of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Representing the Denominational Ministries were as follows: the Reverend Bobby Taylor, Children's Home; the Reverend John Williams, Cragmont Assembly; the Reverend Walter Reynolds, Church Finance; the Reverend C.H. Overman, Free Will Baptist Press; the Reverend Al Markuson, Home Missions and Evangelism; the Reverend Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College; the Reverend Bruce Dudley, Retirement Homes; and the Reverend Stanley Buck, Minister's Program.

Remarks and greetings were given by the Reverend Leon Grubbs, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Conference recessed for the noon meal with a prayer by the Reverend John Robert Harris.

Central

Afternoon Session

The Afternoon session was called to order at 1:20 p.m. with the singing of "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."

The Reverend Tom Miller gave the report of the Obituary Committee. (see Reports)

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: the Reverend Charles Branch, 30 years; the Reverend Melvin Moore, 40 years; the Reverend Willis Wilson, 45 years; the Reverends Walter Reynolds and Earl Glenn, 50 years.

The roll of ministers was called.

The Reverend Leon Grubbs gave the report of the conference Board of Missions. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Tony Glass gave the report of the Credentials Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Walter Reynolds gave the Treasurer's Report. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend C. H. Overman gave the report of the Continuing Education Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Reverend Joey Williams 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 Ronnie Hobgood gave the report of the Resolution and Temperance Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. (see Reports)

The Moderator called for miscellaneous business. The Conference historian, Dr. Michael Pelt, gave reasons why we should have better knowledge of our history. (see Reports)

By motion, it was decided that the Central Conference would send \$5000.00 to Little Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church and \$3081.25 to the Original Free Will Baptist Disaster Relief Fund. This money will come from deposits held at Mount Olive College.

Prayer requests were taken.

By motion, the Conference adjourned.

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Earl Glenn.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator

The Reverend J.B. Narron, Clerk

REPORTS

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference November 15, 1998

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 15, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, J. B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend J.B. Narron.

The Minutes of the 250th Session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

It was agreed to by the Executive Committee that letters be sent to the churches that missed the conference.

It was agreed that the moderator would send letters of appreciation to the host church, speaker, and musicians.

The request of Hillside Mission to become a church was discussed. More information would be obtained and this matter would be discussed at another meeting.

The committee discussed the need to have a joint meeting with the Central Conference Board of Missions.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

January 25, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 25, 1999, at 4:30 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, J.B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Frankie Baggett.

Minutes from the November 15, 1998, meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

It was decided to give the names of the ordained ministers (the Reverends Bass Mitchell, and Archie Brock) and licensed ministers (Shelton Rouse, Sammy Gay) who have missed three Central conferences to the Board of Ordination for action.

A discussion was held about the Constitution and By-laws of the Central Conference. It was noted that the Constitution and by-laws were printed in the 1997 Convention Yearbook.

After discussion, a motion was made to recommend that Hillside Mission of Grifton, NC be recommended for Church status. The moderator will meet with the Director of Home Missions and Evangelism to arrange the appropriate service. The Executive Committee recommends that Hillside Mission develop a constitution and by-laws.

A request from the Pastor of Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church concerning the sale of some church property was discussed. The Executive Committee decided to wait until an official letter was sent from the Church to take action.

The Reverend J.B. Narron was appointed as the representative to the Continuing Education Committee. It was mentioned that the Board of Ordination also needs to appoint a representative.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Central

March 25, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on March 25, 1999 at 6:00p.m. at the Hillside Mission, Grifton, NC for a called meeting. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, J.B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.

The treasurer was authorized to pay a bill to the Free Will Baptist Press for the publication of a Resource Booklet for the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The service of the organization of Hillside Mission to church status was reviewed, after which the Executive Committee, Board of Home Missions and the Conference Board of Missions conducted a special service to establish Hillside Mission as a member church of the Central Conference.

April 25, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference held a joint meeting with the Central Conference Mission Board on April 25, 1999, at 4 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, J.B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey, Carroll Bradbury and Mr. George Wooten. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Gary Bailey.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss a motion that was passed at the annual session of the Conference of 1998 for the Executive Committee to study the feasibility of paying to help someone receive training for planting churches within the Central Conference. After a lengthy discussion of this motion, it was moved that the Moderator of the Conference, along with the chairman of the Board of Missions, meet with the Executive Director of Home Missions and Evangelism to discuss the possibility of training and the costs involved.

After that meeting the Executive Committee held their regular quarterly meeting. Present for this meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, and J.B. Narron.

Minutes from the January 25, 1999 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

By motion, the moderator was to contact the convention to clarify a bill concerning publicity material paid for by the conference.

The committee discussed the problem of storage space for the Conference records.

A discussion was held regarding seminars for pastors and church leaders. The Moderator is to contact Dr. David Hines to see what he would recommend. These seminars could be used for Conference Continuing Education Credits.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

July 26, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville on July 26, 1999, at 10:00a.m. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Frankie Baggett, and Carroll Bradbury. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

Minutes from the April 25, 1999 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

Information was given by the Moderator on the discussion with the Reverend Al Markuson, the Reverend David Charles Hansley and the Reverend C.H. Overman concerning the feasibility of funding the training of someone to conduct church planting work within the Central Conference. Following discussion, it was decided to continue to study this matter in conjunction with the Central Conference Mission Board.

A report was given by the moderator about discussion with the Reverend C.H. Overman about the Resource Booklet. Discussion followed about the use of funds for promotional materials. The Reverend Joey Williams is to talk to the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood to clarify the understanding of the use of these funds.

The Moderator reported that he had talked to Dr. David Hines about seminars to help the pastors and leaders of the churches of the Central Conference. The Assistant Moderator accepted the responsibility of planning these seminars.

By motion, the committee agreed for the conference to purchase a four-drawer filing cabinet to store conference records in (the Reverend Joey Williams was asked to purchase the cabinet). The cabinet will be stored at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville.

By motion, the committee agreed to accept the invitation extended by LaGrange First Free Will Baptist Church to host the 251st Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion, the committee agreed to invite the Reverend Calvin Heath to be the speaker of the 251st Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion, the committee agreed that the moderator plan the program for the conference.

It was decided that the Reverend Joey Williams would represent the Conference at the Project Solution Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 10, at Abbott's Restaurant in Kinston, NC.

By motion, the committee agreed to ask the Board of Ordination to contact the Reverend Charles Parrish to validate his credentials and establish clearance to preach in the conference. The Board of Ordination will be asked to report back to the Conference Moderator immediately.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Frankie Baggett.

Central

August 17, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met with Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, on August 17, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Frankie Baggett, and Harry Grubbs, as well as many members of Edgewood church. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson. Reverend Grubbs read from 1 Corinthians chapter 12. Following ground rules given by Reverend Williamson, a discussion of the church situation was conducted. After everyone was given the opportunity to speak, a plan of action was discussed. A letter will be sent to the church from the Executive Committee outlining some possible suggestions for the church to follow. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

October 25, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 25, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, J.B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, Frankie Baggett, Gary Bailey, and Leon Grubbs. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Frankie Baggett.

Minutes from the July 26th and August 17th meetings of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

A discussion by the members of the Executive Committee and the Conference Board of Missions was held in regards to the motion made at the 250th annual session of the Conference regarding the feasibility of the conference paying to help someone receive training for planting churches within the Central Conference. After much discussion it was decided that this motion was not feasible, based upon the committee's study. However, the study has led to the conclusion that the purpose and function of the Central Conference Mission Board need to be re-evaluated.

Further discussion was held on the prospect of the Conference Board of Missions being disbanded or revamped. It was decided that the Moderator would appoint a committee to study the function of the Conference Mission Board and how the existing funds may be able to best meet the needs of our conference through offering programs, seminars, and training sessions to strengthen the leadership within our churches.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

November 11, 1999

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 11, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. at the LaGrange First Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, J.B. Narron, Walter Reynolds, and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

By motion, the order of service for the 251st Session of the Central Conference was adopted.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference meetings were corrected and approved.

Information was given by the Reverend Joey Williams on discussions with the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood concerning the money to be used by the Denomination for printing.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Report of the Board of Ordination

Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met four times since the last Conference. The Board met on January 4, 1999, April 12, 1999, August 9, 1999, and October 4, 1999.

Minister Ordained

The Reverend Tony Glass

Transfer of Conference Membership

The following minister has transferred his conference membership to the Central Conference: The Reverend M.E. Cox (Western Conference)

The following ministers have transferred their conference membership from the Central Conference: The Reverend Archie Brock (Western Conference, up-date of files), The Reverend Cliff Harwood (Western Conference)

Membership Roll

The following ministers are to be added to the roll of ordained ministers:

The Reverend Tony Glass

The Reverend M.E. Cox

The following ministers are to be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers:

The Reverend Archie Brock, The Reverend Cliff Harwood, Rev. Bass Mitchell, Rev. Todd Sutton

The following ministers are to be added to the roll of licensed ministers:

Mr. Keith Phillips (April 12, 1999) Winterville Church

Mr. Alan Joyner (October 4, 1999) Aspen Grove Church

The following ministers are to be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers:

Mr. Keith Phillips (August 9, 1999)

Mr. Sammy Gay (August 9, 1999)

Approved for Work in the Conference

The Reverend Bob Burke (Eastern Conference) Piney Grove Church, Beaufort County

Report of the Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, are not aware of any Central Conference Ministers passing since our 1998 Conference meeting. A former Central Conference Minister, the Reverend O.B. Jones passed a few weeks ago and we thought it would be appropriate to mention the Reverend Jones. We have other ministers in our denomination that have passed and many members that have contributed much to the Free Will Baptist denomination and all will be missed and never forgotten. Revelation 14:13 says "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Let us all stand and have a moment of silent prayer for the families that have lost family members.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Tom Miller

Miss Leah McGlohon

Report of Central Conference Mission Board

This report comprises highlights of the four meetings held since the 1998 session of the Annual Conference.

The Central Conference Missions Board met on April 26, 1999, 3:30 p.m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Present were the Reverends Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey, Carroll Bradbury and Mr. George Wooten

Officers were elected: the Reverend Leon Grubbs, Chairman; the Reverend Gary Bailey, Vice Chairman; the Reverend Carroll Bradbury, Secretary/Treasurer.

It was decided to bond the treasurer in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars.

It was decided to give \$7000.00 to Hillside Church to assist them in paying off their mortgage.

Following its meeting, the Mission Board met jointly with the Conference Executive Committee to begin action on the motion passed at the last meeting of the Conference: that the two boards study the possibility of securing someone, preferably a minister, to be trained in church planting with the goal of planting churches within the Central Conference. The cost of that training is to be paid from funds held by the Central Conference and Central Conference Missions Board.

After in-depth discussion on many facts of such a plan, it was decided that the Reverends Ray Williamson and Leon Grubbs would meet with the Reverend Al Markuson, Director of Home Missions. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the possibility of a joint venture with Home Missions and Evangelism, to brainstorm ideas for developing a plan of implementation, and a determination of the projected cost.

The Central Conference Missions Board met on October 25, 1999, 3:00 p.m., at First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Present were the Reverends Leon Grubbs, Gary Bailey, Carroll Bradbury, and Mr. George Wooten.

The Board discussed the current operating procedures for Conference Missions as set forth by the Conference in its Constitution and by-laws. It has become increasingly apparent that the role of Conference Missions in church planting has become practically obsolete with the inception of Home Mission by the Convention. It was agreed that the mission and focus of Conference Missions need to be changed to better serve the Conference and denomination. Several possible proposals to be presented to the Conference Executive Committee for needed change were discussed. These possible proposals included abolishment of the Central Conference Board of Missions. It was decided to make no definite proposals at this time.

Following the meeting, the Mission Board met jointly with the Conference Executive Committee. The feasibility of undertaking the financial responsibility of training someone in church planting seems to be somewhat remote at this time. It also seems that such an endeavor would be better left in the hands of our denomination's Home Mission program.

The need to change the focus of Conference Missions was discussed with several options being presented, but nothing definite being decided.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Leon Grubbs, Chairman

Report of the Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

The following have registered today:

Central Conference Delegates	33
Central Conference Ministers	32
Visiting Ministers	7
Licensed Ministers	4
Visitors	12
Total Registered	88

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend David Hill
The Reverend Tony Glass
Mr. Douglas Owens

Report of the Continuing Education Committee

One minister has complete 7 CE Credits - the Reverend Walt Tyndall.

The Committee will design an appropriate certificate of recognition to present to each person completing CE credits.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend C. H. Overman

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following have agreed to serve on the following boards and committees:

Board of Ordination	The Reverend C.H. Overman	(term to expire 2004)
Board of Trustees	Mrs. Gladys Oakley	(term to expire 2004)
Board of Missions	The Reverend Leon Grubbs	(term to expire 2004)
Board of Finance	Mr. Macon Paige	(term to expire 2004)
Koinonia Advisor	The Reverend John R. Harris	(term to expire 2001)
Representation of Membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation		
	Mrs. Louise Whitehurst	(term to expire 2004)
Credentials Committee	Mr. Doug Owens	(term to expire 2002)
Obituary Committee	Mrs. Faye Adams	(term to expire 2002)
Publicity Chairperson	Mrs. Jennifer Williamson	(filling the unexpired term of Mr. Todd Sutton, to expire 2000)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Stanley Buck	(term to expire 2000)
Mr. Johnnie Sullivan	(term to expire 2001)
The Reverend David Langley	(term to expire 2002)

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Charles Branch
The Reverend Jack Weathersby
The Reverend Joey Williams

Central

Report of the Resolution and Temperance Committee

Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of appreciation to La Grange First Free Will Baptist Church for its fine hospitality during this session, and the Executive Committee for its work in planning this 251st session of the Central Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Chairman
The Reverend Willis Wilson
The Reverend Phillip Wood

Report of the Conference Historian

As a member of our Convention's Historical Commission I have long had a deep concern for the fact that so many in our church have little knowledge of our history and heritage as a denomination. Too often our interest does not extend beyond the local church or possibly the conference of which our church is a member. Many are brought up in our churches with scant knowledge of these important matters, it is not enough to teach young and old the doctrines of our church. We must also teach new and older members to know how and why we came to have the doctrines, practices and polity that are distinctive to our denomination. This will involve some instruction in church history. Here are some basic reasons why we ought to have a better knowledge of our church history as Original Free Will Baptists and of church history in general.

1. It will help build a better sense of community in our conferences and the Convention.
2. It will help people to understand the present situation of our denomination.
3. It will strengthen denominational identity in an age when loyalty to denominations is declining.
4. It will inspire our people to a greater commitment to the causes that are sponsored by our Convention.
5. It will deepen our appreciation for the contributions of those who were in Christ before us [Romans 16:7]

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Michael Pelt

Central Conference Treasurer's Report - November 1, 1998 - October 31, 1999

Balance brought forward - Nov. 1, 1998

\$2070.50

Receipts

Conference Offering-Nov. 5, 1998	\$219.15
Church Contributions	\$1270.00
Church Contributions since Conference	\$300.00
BB&T - CD	\$2103.34
Interest on BB&T CD	\$.17
Interest - Church Finance Assoc.	\$582.49
Interest on Checking	\$22.32

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Interest on checking	<u>\$22.32</u>
Total Receipts	\$4497.47

Disbursements

FWB Ministries (\$100.00 each)	\$1100.00
FWB Press (Hillside Church)	\$64.65
FWB Press (Resource Booklets)	\$644.48
Southern Bank (Checks, Bank Charges)	\$26.00
Ordination Council Expenses	\$16.78
Conference Secretary	\$40.00
Executive Committee expenses (meals, travel, postage, telephone, etc.)	<u>\$577.68</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2469.59</u>

Balance in bank as of October 31, 1999	\$4098.38
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Money on Deposit:

Mount Olive College	\$6281.11
Mount Olive College	\$8081.25
Church Finance Association	<u>\$18006.25</u>
Total Funds to Account For	\$36466.99

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator
The Reverend Walter Reynolds, Treasurer

Central

Roll of Central Conference Ministers By Seniority

Minister	Ordained	1997	1998	1999
N.D. Beamon	12/4/33	P	P	E
N. Bruce Barrow	09/35	P	L	E
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	P	P	P
Michael Pelt	09/50	P	L	P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	P	P	P
C.H. Overman	08/52	P	P	P
Joseph Lehman	11/9/65	L	L	A
Charles Branch	1/5/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	9/5/71	P	P	P
Clinton Davis	7/5/72	L	P	L
Gary Bailey	7/30/49	P	P	L
Walter Reynolds	7/30/49	P	L	P
Tom Miller	7/2/67	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	P	L
Leon Grubbs	9/5/68	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/2/73	P	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	8/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	P	P	L
Harry Grubbs	2/24/67	P	P	P
Frank Flowers	6/2/72	P	P	L
Earl Glenn	11/49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan (Ret)	10/17/62	L	L	L
R.P. Harris (Ret)	11/20/33	L	L	L
Leon Harris	5/17/81	P	P	L
Clifford Ball	8/20/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	5/11/77	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	2/3/83	P	L	L
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	L	P	L
David Hill	10/31/68	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	A	P	L
Stanley Buck	9/17/76	P	P	P
David T. Langley	10/5/87	P	P	P
Phillip Wood	5/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	9/51	P	L	A
Thomas Parrish	1/10/63	P	P	A
Calvin Heath	10/31/76	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Allen Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	L	P	L
Carroll Bradbury	8/23/92	P	P	L
Larry Letchworth	8/23/92	P	A	P
H.P. Norman	9/8/93	L	P	E
Frank Robbins	9/8/93	A	L	P
Walter R. Tyndall	9/8/93	P	L	L
Jack Weathersby	2/27/94	P	A	P
Joey Williams	1/15/95	P	P	P

Central

Minister	Ordained	1997	1998	1999
Mark Hogan	9/6/86	P	P	A
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P
Wayne Watson	5/3/70	P	P	L
Grady Tucker	12/6/78		P	P
Brad Williamson	6/28/98	P	P	P
John R. Harris	8/27/95		P	P
Edward Thorton			P	P
Tony Glass	3/28/99			P
M.E. Cox				P
Licensed Minister	Licensed	1997	1998	1999
Barry Wayne Williamson	10/24/93	A	L	A
Shelton Eugene Rouse	05/95	A	A	A
Doug G. Owens	8/13/95	P	P	A
Johnny R. Sullivan	7/26/98		P	P
David Varnell	10/25/98		L	P
Alan Joyner	10/17/99			A

Church	Letter	Delegates
Aspen Grove.	N	N
Ayden	Y	Y
Bethany	Y	N
Black Jack	Y	Y
Community	N	N
Daniel's Chapel	N	Y
Edgewood	N	N
Elm Grove	Y	Y
Free Union	Y	Y
Friendship	Y	Y
Greenville, First	Y	Y
Grimsley	N	N
Gum Swamp	N	Y
Harrell's Chapel	Y	Y
Hickory Grove	N	N
Hillside Mission	N	N
Howell Swamp	Y	N
Hugo	Y	Y
Hull Road	N	Y
King's Cross Roads	Y	Y
LaGrange, First	Y	Y
Little Creek	Y	N
Marlboro	Y	Y
Ormondsville	N	N
Otter's Creek	Y	Y
Owen's Chapel	Y	Y
Peace	Y	N
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	Y	Y
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	N	N
Pleasant Hill	Y	Y
Reedy Branch	Y	Y

Central

Church	Letter	Delegates
Rocky Mount, First	Y	Y
Rose Hill	N	Y
Rose of Sharon	Y	Y
Saint's Delight	Y	Y
Saratoga	Y	N
Spring Branch	Y	N
Sweet Gum Grove	N	Y
Tarboro, First	Y	Y
Walnut Creek	Y	N
Watery Branch	N	N
Williamston, First	Y	Y
Winterville	N	Y

CHURCHES	1999 Membership	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Central Conference													
Aspen Grove	194	74	120	5	2	0	7	0	0	194	90	55	90
Ayden	128			0	2	0	4	5	0	119	19	19	40
Bethany	164	99	65	3	1	2	5	1	0	164	69	45	84
Black Jack	602	426	166	7	0	0	12	7	0	592	376	253	271
Community	139	78	85	14	10	0	2	0	0	161	55	37	56
Daniels Chapel	410			12	7	0	1	2	0	426	172	120	215
Dilda's Grove	102	57	42	1	0	0	3	1	0	99	43	32	55
Edgewood	175			5	15		1			190	35	29	42
Elm Grove	190	190	214	4	15	0	1	3	0	205	176	115	163
Free Union	362	359	0	4	1	0	3	5	0	359	152	105	200
Friendship	299			12	1	0	2	1	0	309	160	100	125
Greenville First	276	278	0	3	9	0	7	2	1	278	154	103	151
Grimsley	69	69	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	73	55	60
Gum Swamp	110	115	290	7	1	0	2	1	0	115	88	80	105
Harrells Chapel	156	149		5	0	0	10	2	0	149	110	106	110
Hickory Grove	97	41	54	0	0	0	2	0	0	95	34	25	45
Hillside	51	51		1	0	0	2	0	0	51	3	6	34
Howell Swamp	120			3	4	0	2	2	0	123	48	45	60
Hugo	135	90	52	5	5	2	1	2	2	142	71	59	96
Hull Road	334			5	1	0	4	1	0	335	147	100	140
Kings Crossroads	272	192	87	2	8	0	3	0	0	279	208	138	210
LaGrange	197			7	2	0	4	4	0	198	89	69	90
Little Creek	140	126	17	1	3	0	1	0	0	143	60	45	60
Marlboro	336			0	1	2	7	2	2	328	181	102	146
Ormondsville	181	135	72	22	6	0	2	3	0	207	110	98	110
Otters Creek	61			0	1	0	3	1	0	58	22	15	50
Owens Chapel	215	105	106	3	0	0	4	3	0	211	101	93	125
Peace	104	66	106	0	0	0	2	0	0	102	66	52	70
Piney Grove-Beaufort	25	24	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	20	10	22
Piney Grove-Pitt	33	33	0	1	3	2	3	0	3	33	17	12	30
Pleasant Hill	70	65	95	6	3	0	1	4	0	74	69	55	62
				GAIN			LOSS						

CHURCHES	1998 Membership	Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
Reedy Branch	258	250	181	6	1	0	0	15	0	250	107	78	100
Rocky Mount First	120	79	40	2	0	0	0	3	0	119	40	40	60
Rose Hill	331	359	59	21	13	1	7	0	0	359	125	106	200
Rose of Sharon	185	120	80	11	6	0	2	0	0	200	139	100	105
Saint's Delight	56	38	30	8	5	0	1	0	0	68	46	30	50
Saratoga	203	209	0	9	7	0	5	5	0	209	111	89	98
Spring Branch	201			6	3	0	5	1	0	204	79	75	100
Sweet Gum Grove	240	195	0	12	10	0	2	2	43	195	76	50	83
Tarboro First	354	150	221	10	10	0	3	0	0	371	108	100	150
Walnut Creek	49	55	0	9	4	0	0	0	0	62	67	58	60
Watery Branch													
Williamston First	222	59	145	0	0	0	11	0	8	204	40	30	70
Winterville	296			23	10	1	1	5	0	324	165	119	171
Central Conf. Totals	8262	4336	2354	255	170	10	139	83	59	8397	4121	3053	4364