

**2001-2002  
YEARBOOK  
FOR  
ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**

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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**253rd ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held with  
**First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville**  
**Pitt County, North Carolina**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2001**  
**The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Host Pastor**

**Officers of the Conference**

Moderator: The Reverend Ray Williamson  
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Joey Williams  
Clerk: The Reverend Franklin Baggett  
Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Carroll Bradbury  
Treasurer: The Reverend Walter Reynolds

**Boards and Committees**

Executive Committee (2000-2002)

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator  
The Reverend Joey Williams, Assistant Moderator  
The Reverend Franklin Baggett, Clerk  
The Reverend Carroll Bradbury, Assistant Clerk  
The Reverend Walter Reynolds, Treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Calvin Heath (2002)                      The Reverend Harry Grubbs(2003)  
The Reverend C.H. Overman (2004)                      The Reverend Phillip Wood (2005)  
The Reverend Frank Flowers (2006)

Board of Trustees

Mr. Joseph Williams (2002)                      The Reverend David Langley (2003)  
Mrs. Gladys Oakley (2004)                      Mr. Rex Wainwright (2005)  
Mr. Darren Davenport (2006)

Board of Finance

Mrs. Joyce Hathaway (2002)                      The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2003)  
Mr. Macon Page (2004)                      Mrs. Annie Craft (2005)  
The Reverend Melvin Moore (2006)

Koinonia Advisors

The Reverend Brad Williamson (2002)                      The Reverend Ron Braxton (2003)

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

The Reverend Thomas Bowen (2002)

Mrs. May Pitman (2003)

Mrs. Louise Whitehurst (2004)

Mrs. Elma Beddard (2005)

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2003)

## Credentials Committee

The Reverend Doug Owens (2002)

Mr. Michael J. Rowell (2003)

The Reverend Walter Tyndall (2004)

### Obituary Committee

Mrs. Faye Adams (2002)

The Reverend Leon Harris (2003)

Miss Leah McGlohon (2004)

## Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2002)

Publicity Chairperson

Mrs. Jennifer Williamson (2002)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Reverend Charles Branch (2002)

### Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend David Langley (2002)

The Reverend Ed Thorton (2003)

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2004)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Tony Glass (2002)

The Reverend Kevin Jackson (2003)

The Reverend David Pooser (2004)

## Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 253rd annual session with the

First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 8, 2001, at 9:30 am.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "Power In The Blood." Opening scripture and prayer were offered by Mr. Michael Rowell, a licensed minister.

The Reverend Franklin Baggett, clerk, called the annual session to order. Mr. Jarvis Mills from the host church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Ray Williamson, moderator, gave a challenging address from I Corinthians 16:9. Reverend Williamson reminded the Conference of two realities. First, that we are

living in perilous times. Second, that we have a great opportunity before us to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with the world. We need to work together to see great things happen in the kingdom of God.

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

Ten visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed by the moderator:

Western Conference: Reverend Harold Jones and Reverend Dennis Sherrod; Eastern Conference: Reverend Bruce Dudley, Reverend J.C. Yates, Reverend Michael Williams, Reverend Bryant Hines, Reverend David C. Hansley, Reverend Robert Burke; Cape Fear Conference: Reverend Al Markuson; Albemarle Conference: Reverend Everette Harper.

The Moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Parliamentarian: Dr. Michael Pelt; Resolutions and Temperance: Reverend Gary Bailey, Reverend David Pooser, and Mr. Delano Wilson; Nominating Committee: Reverend Charles Branch, Reverend David Langley, and Reverend Philip Wood.

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

By motion, the proposed constitutional changes were laid on the table.

The report of the Board of Ordination was read by Reverend Ronnie Hobgood. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The report of the Conference Historian was given by Dr. Michael Pelt. [see Reports]

At 10:20 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The service was opened with scripture reading from Isaiah 6:1-8, and the prayer of invocation was given by Reverend Joey Williams. The Reverend Ray Williamson led the congregation in the singing of "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name" followed by the offering for the conference and the offertory prayer by Reverend Walter Reynolds. Special Music was presented by Miss Melissa Creech. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood preached the conference sermon. His text came from Acts 2:14-21; 40-47. The main emphasis and challenge of this message was redreaming the dream that God has given us. When we redream the dream four things were pointed out that will happen. First, we have a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit. Second, we will see the wonders of the Lord. Third, we will see the salvation of lost souls. Fourth, we shall live holy lives. The message ended with a challenge to redream the dream.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Breathe On Me." The service closed in prayer by Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

The Reverend Ray Williamson, moderator, along with the Conference extended a wel-

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come to membership in the conference to Reverend David Pooser, Reverend Doug Owens, and Reverend Tommy Yopp.

The business session continued at 11:30 a.m.

The Reverend Leon Harris led the conference in a time of remembering those who have passed since the last conference. He then led the conference in a time of remembering the victims of the attack on September 11th. This time of remembrance was concluded with the singing of the first verse of "America the Beautiful".

The Reverend Doug Owens 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 Ray Williamson, moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: Reverend Bruce Jones [30 years], Reverend Stanley Buck [25 years], and Reverend Calvin Heath [25 years]. The Reverend Stewart Humphrey [35 years], and Reverend Norwood Futrell [50 years] were not in attendance to receive their certificates.

The roll of ministers was called with 49 ministers responding present.

The Reverend Everette Harper gave an information report on Renewed Vision Ministries.

The Conference recessed for the noon meal with a prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

## Afternoon Session

The Afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of "I Am Resolved."

The Reverend C. H. Overman recognized Reverend Bruce Barrow and Reverend Dan Beamon for their many years of service. The Reverend Dan Beamon is 92 years old and has been ordained for 68 years. The Reverend Bruce Barrow is 90 years old and has been preaching for 70 years.

The Reverend David C. Hansley, Convention General Administrator, updated us on the work of the Convention. Representing the denominational ministries were as follows: Reverend Bobby Taylor, Children's Home; Reverend Bryant Hines, Cragmont Assembly; Mr. Cliff Gray, Free Will Baptist Press; Reverend Al Markuson, Home Missions and Evangelism; Reverend David Hansley, Church Finance and the Minister's Program; Reverend Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College; Reverend Harold Jones, OFWB International; Reverend Bruce Dudley, Retirement Homes; Mrs. Mary Dudley, Sunday School Board.

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Following the OFWB International report it was moved that the Conference give a rising vote of support to Reverend Harold Jones. Motion was seconded and adopted.

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

The Reverend Mike Williams gave a report on Camp Vandermere.

The Reverend Joey Williams gave the report of the Continuing Education Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article X Section 15 was removed from the table.

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article X Section 15 was adopted.

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article IV Section 11 was removed from the table.

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By motion, the Constitutional change for Article X Section 17 was removed from the table.

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article X Section 17 was adopted.

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article IV Section 3 was removed from the table.

By motion, the Constitutional change for Article IV Section 3 was adopted.

The Reverend Charles Branch 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.

Mr. Delano Wilson gave the report of the Resolution and Temperance Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business.

By motion, it was asked that Reverend Ronnie Hobgood send a copy of the morning message to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication.

The Moderator accepted an invitation from Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church for the 254th session of the Central Conference.

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By motion, the Conference adjourned.

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by Dr. Michael Pelt.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Ray Williamson, Moderator

The Reverend Franklin Baggett, Clerk

## Reports

### Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference

November 19, 2000

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 19, 2000, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

The Minutes of the 252nd Session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion a letter will be sent to all committee members providing guidelines and information to help them with their work.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds shared information about money at Mount Olive College. By motion it was decided to redeem the funds that were deposited.

A discussion was held regarding various issues that need to be taken care of in the next year (study committee, seminars, committee issues and training programs).

The Reverend Joey Williams was appointed as the representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

Executive Committee Meetings were scheduled: February 6, April 3, July 10, and October 2.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

February 6, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on February 6, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at Dixie Queen Restaurant in Farmville, NC. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Walter Reynolds.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

A discussion was held regarding the letters sent out to all churches and committee members. Follow-up will be done. It was mentioned that the Continuing Education committee would work with the Reverend Joey Williams to set up a seminar in near the future.



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A discussion was held regarding coming up with guidelines and procedures for looking after the money that was transferred to the conference from the mission board. It was decided to appoint a temporary committee to work on this matter. The committee will be as follows: Reverend Frankie Baggett, Reverend Carroll Bradbury, Reverend David Pooser, Reverend Walt Tyndall, Mr. George Wooten, Reverend Phil Wood, Reverend Tony Glass, and Mr. Steve Little.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds was appointed to represent the Central Conference at the Church Finance Association Meeting.

A discussion was held on the Central Conference Churches who did not have pastors. It was decided to call these churches and see if the Conference could help in any way.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

April 3, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on April 3, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Farmville, NC. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury, Walt Tyndall, David Pooser and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams.

A discussion was held on guidelines, procedures, accountability and direction for the study committee. After much dialogue this committee was asked to meet and come up with a plan to be presented at the next Conference.

The Executive committee decided to review the possibilities of helping churches with their needs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

The Reverend Joey Williams on behalf of the Continuing Education Committee moved that we have a seminar for the Conference on October 13, 2001, to approve a \$500.00 honorarium for Dr. William Bennett and to approve the cost of publicity for the seminar not to exceed \$250.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Reverend Joey Williams on behalf of the Continuing Education Committee moved the approval of a quarterly newsletter on continuing education, and to approve the cost to produce this newsletter and the cost of mailing it to all Central Conference ministers. Motion was seconded and carried.

By motion it was decided to have a worship service the Wednesday night before the Conference for all Conference churches. It was also decided to ask Bishop L.N. Forbes to be the speaker for that worship service.

Information was shared about the churches in the Central Conference who did not have pastors.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

July 10, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on July 10, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Farmville, NC. Present for the

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meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

By motion, the minutes were accepted as printed.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

A discussion was held on the seminar to be held October 13, 2001 at Daniel's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The seminar will begin at 10:00 and last until 3:00. By motion, it was agreed that the topic would be How to be a Traditional Church in a Contemporary World.

A discussion was held on guidelines, procedures, accountability and direction for the study committee. It was decided to meet on Monday August 20th at Peace Free Will Baptist Church to iron out details to be presented to the Conference.

The Reverend Ray Williamson asked the Reverend Joey Williams to study the constitutional guidelines of the Continuing Education Committee and come back to the Executive Committee with recommendations on how to expand the responsibility of said committee.

A discussion was held on the Central Conference that will be held on November 8th at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville. By motion it was agreed to invite the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood to speak at the Conference. The Wednesday night worship service was also discussed.

Information was shared about the meeting of the Convention Restructure Commission.

Information was shared about the churches in the Central Conference who did not have pastors. [Marlboro, Black Jack, Rocky Mount, Owens Chapel]

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

### August 20, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 20, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at Peace Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetops, NC. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize plans for the proposal to the Central Conference. The committee reviewed, discussed and adopted a proposal to be presented to the Central Conference.

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

### October 2, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 2, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Farmville, NC. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Frankie Baggett, Bruce Barrow and Mr. Joseph Williams. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Joey Williams. By motion, the minutes were accepted as printed.

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A discussion was held on the Wednesday evening service. The Moderator asked that the Reverends Joey Williams and Frankie Baggett work on the order of service.

A discussion was held on the Conference Session, which will be held Thursday, November 8th. The order of the program was decided.

By motion, it was agreed to add section numbers to Article IV of the Constitution for clarity.

By motion, it was agreed to suggest to the Conference to change Article IV Section 3 to read as follows: A committee of one shall be elected to represent the conference's membership in the Free Will Baptist Press; the term of office shall be two years. By motion, it was agreed for the moderator to appoint a committee to study the status, duties and functions of all committees and present a report with suggestions on needed updates and changes at the next annual session of the Conference.

The Reverend Joey Williams presented a proposal for the Constitutional change for Article X, Section 15. By motion, it was agreed to suggest the following change to the Constitution: Article X, Section 15. It will be the duty of the Continuing Education Committee to set guidelines concerning what materials, classes, seminars, and other forms of training and instruction will be recognized as qualified disciplines for our ministers to receive credits as Continuing Education and to set the number of units that can be credited for such work. **Also, this committee is to plan and promote seminars and training opportunities which will be recognized as qualified disciplines for our ministers to receive credits as Continuing Education.** Furthermore, this committee is to review annually such applications as may be submitted by our ministers for Continuing Education Units of Credit and report them to the Conference in session.

It was decided to send all proposals and Constitutional changes to the churches before the Conference session.

By motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned by motion and prayer was lead by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

November 8, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 8, 2001, at 8:30 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ray Williamson, Joey Williams, Walter Reynolds, Carroll Bradbury and Frankie Baggett. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson.

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference meeting on October 2nd were approved.

By motion, the order of service for the 253rd session of the Central Conference was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

### **Report of the Board of Ordination**

#### **Meetings**

The Board of Ordination has met seven times since the last Conference. The Board met

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on January 8, 2001, April 9, 2001, July 9, 2001, August 13, 2001, August 26, 2001, October 8, 2001, and October 30, 2001.

### Ministers Ordained

Rev. John Simpson, April 29, 2001  
Rev. Doug Owens, May 6, 2001  
Rev. David Pooser, June 24, 2001  
Rev. Roger Haithcock, August 26, 2001

### Transfer of Conference Membership

The following minister has transferred his conference membership to the Central Conference: Rev. Tommy Yopp, Eastern Conference

### Membership Roll

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

Rev. John Simpson, Pastor of Bethany Church  
Rev. Doug Owens, Pastor of Otters Creek Church  
Rev. David Pooser, Associate Pastor of Elm Grove Church  
Rev. Roger Haithcock, Pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount  
Rev. Tommy Yopp, Pastor of Friendship Church

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

Rev. David Spence Varnell

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

Mr. Shelton Rouse, First Church, Williamston

### Approved for work in the Conference

The following ministers have been cleared for work within the conference:

Dr. David Hines, Pastor of Free Union Church  
Rev. Willie Sumerlin, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church  
Mr. Wayne Gunnoe, Supply work at Black Jack Church  
Mr. Woodrow Freeze, Supply Pastor of First Church, Williamston

### Meetings of the Board for the Year 2002

January 14, 2002	10:00 a.m.	First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville
April 8, 2002	10:00 a.m.	First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville
July 8, 2002	10:00 a.m.	First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville
October 14, 2002	10:00 a.m.	First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reverend Harry Grubbs, Chairman  
Reverend Calvin Heath  
Reverend Philip Wood

Reverend Ronnie V. Hobgood, Secretary  
Reverend C. H. Overman

**Report of the Credentials Committee**

We, the Credentials Committee, respectfully submit the following attendance totals subsequent to the approval of the conference:

Central Conference Delegates	39
Central Conference Ministers	49
Visiting Ministers	10
Licensed Ministers	3
Visitors	16
Total Registered	117

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reverend Tony Glass  
Reverend Doug Owens

**Report of the Treasurer**

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer' s Report

November 1, 2000 — October 31, 2001

Balance brought forward—November 1, 2000		\$ 4,301.38
Receipts		
Conference Offering—November 8, 2000	\$ 212.00	
Church Contributions	1,770.00	
Church Contributions since Conference	546.96	
Mount Olive College CD	6,728.48	
Interest on MOC CD	86.43	
Interest on Checking	27.40	
Miscellaneous	<u>151.56</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 9,522.83	\$ <u>9,522.83</u>
Total to account for in Checking Account		\$ 13,824.21
Disbursements		
Southern Bank (Bank charges)	18.00	
Conference Secretary	40.00	
Executive Committee expenses (Meals,travel, postage, telephone, etc.)	446.77	
Convention of FWB (Year book)	980.00	
Office Supplies (Executive Committee, Ordination Council)	216.86	
CFA for Mission Fund	266.88	
CFA for Central Conference Fund	6,814.91	
Seminar (Honorarium, expenses)	<u>690.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$ 9,473.42	\$ <u>9,473.42</u>
Balance in bank as of October 31, 2001		\$ 4,350.79

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Central Conference Funds on deposit as of 9-30-2001:	
Church Finance Association	\$ 25,384.04
Mission Funds on deposit as of 9-30-2001:	
Church Finance Association	\$ 30,716.85
Mission Endowment Fund on deposit as of 9-30-2001:	
Church Finance Association	\$ 65,047.94

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Ray Williamson, Moderator  
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Treasurer

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

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

Board of Ordination	The Reverend Frank Flowers	[term to expire 2006]
Board of Trustees	Mr. Darren Davenport	[term to expire 2006]
Board of Finance	The Reverend Melvin Moore	[term to expire 2006]
Koinonia Advisor	The Reverend Ron Braxton	[term to expire 2003]

Representation of Membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation

	The Reverend Jack Weathersby	[term to expire 2003]
Credentials Committee	The Reverend Walter Tyndall	[term to expire 2004]
	Mr. Michael Rowell	[term to expire 2003]

Continuing Education Committee

	The Reverend Johnny Sullivan	[term to expire 2004]
Church Growth Committee	The Reverend Tony Glass	[term to expire 2002]
	The Reverend Kevin Jackson	[term to expire 2003]
	The Reverend David Pooser	[term to expire 2004]

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Charles Branch, Chairman  
The Reverend David Langley  
The Reverend Philip Wood

**Report of the Resolution and Temperance Committee**

We, the Resolution Committee, submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that the 253rd Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, for extending its hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of said conference.
2. Be it resolved that the 253rd Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the retiring officers and board members of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists.
3. Be it resolved that the 253rd Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists observe a minute of silence in prayer for our nation, it's leaders, its military, and those who have suffered from the recent terrorists attacks during this time of national crisis.

Respectively submitted,  
Mr. Delano Wilson, Chairman  
The Reverend Gary Bailey  
The Reverend David Pooser

**Report of the Conference Historian**

An important milestone for the denomination in the coming year will be the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of the first General Baptist/Original Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina. This church was gathered by Rev. Paul Palmer in 1727 in a small community north of Edenton in Chowan Precinct (now Chowan County). Plans are being made to commemorate this event with a tour to Edenton and to the site location of this church on Saturday, April 13, 2002. We will also visit historical sites in Edenton, an important center of colonial life in the early 1700s. We hope to make travel arrangements for all who wish to join this tour, using several church buses. If your church has a bus that can be used that day, please contact Dr. Pelt by mail or by calling 919-658-2343.

Another tour is planned for Saturday, August 24, 2002 in celebration of our denominational heritage during Heritage Month. It will focus on historical and contemporary sites in and around Ayden and will include a visit to Little Creek Church, the oldest existing Original Free Will Baptist church. Again, we plan to use church buses to facilitate transportation to these locations.

By examining our history and heritage, we want to develop greater appreciation for our denomination and its role in serving God's purposes in the world. Look for notices and articles in *The Free Will Baptist* during the coming year, calling attention to the above described events. We invite your participation and welcome any suggestions that will enhance the value of these experiences for all who would like to participate.

Yours in Christ,  
Michael Pelt  
Conference Historian

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**Report of the Continuing Education Committee**

The Continuing Education Committee of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination has met twice this year, March 6, 2001 at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church and April 2, 2001 at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church. In each meeting, we discussed at length different possibilities for the enhancement of continuing education through seminars, training sessions, course work, and books.

**1. Seminar — Dr. William Bennett**

It was discussed to invite Dr. William Bennett to come and do a seminar for the conference on October 13, 2001. The seminar would include a morning and afternoon session with a lunch separating the two. The morning session will consist of a lecture by Dr. Bennett on a topic to be determined. The afternoon session will consist of a question and answer session. Daniels Chapel has extended an invitation to host the meeting and to contact a caterer for the event.

The Committee recommends to the Executive Committee this seminar to be acted upon.

**2. Quarterly Seminar 2002**

It was discussed about having quarterly seminars in the year 2002.

**3. Book List for 2001**

It was discussed developing a suggested book list for our ministers.

**4. Central Conference Continuing Education Newsletter.**

It was discussed developing a quarterly newsletter for continuing education in the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Joey Williams

**Roll of Central Conference Ministers By Seniority**

Minister	Ordained	1999	2000	2001
N.D. Beamon	12/4/33	P	P	P
N. Bruce Barrow	09/19/35	P	P	P
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	P	P	P
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	P	P	P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	P	P	P
C.H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	L	L
Joseph Lehman	11/9/67	A	A	A
Charles Branch	1/25/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	9/5/71	P	L	P
Gary Bailey	7/12/72	L	L	P
Walter Reynolds	7/30/49	P	P	P
Tom Miller	7/2/67	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/2/73	P	P	P
Leon Grubbs	9/5/68	P	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	8/13/78	P	P	P



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Minister	Ordained	1999	2000	2001
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	L	L	P
Harry Grubbs	2/24/67	P	P	A
Frank Flowers	6/2/72	L	P	P
Earl Glenn	11/49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	10/17/62	L	L	L
R.P. Harris (Ret)	11/20/33	L	L	A
Leon Harris	5/17/81	L	P	P
Clifford Ball	8/20/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	5/11/77	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	2/3/83	L	L	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	L	P	A
David Hill	10/31/68	P	L	P
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	L	L	L
Stanley Buck	9/17/76	P	P	P
David T. Langley	10/5/87	P	P	P
Philip Wood	5/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	9/20/51	A	A	L
Calvin Heath	10/31/76	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Allen Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	L	A	A
Carroll Bradbury	8/23/92	L	P	P
Larry Letchworth	8/23/92	P	P	P
Frank Robbins	9/8/93	P	P	P
Walter R. Tyndall	9/8/93	L	P	P
Jack Weathersby	2/27/94	P	P	P
Joey Williams	1/15/95	P	P	P
Mark Hogan	9/6/86	A	A	A
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P
Wayne Watson	5/3/70	L	A	A
Grady Tucker	12/6/78	P	P	P
Brad Williamson	6/28/98	P	P	P
John R. Harris	8/27/98	P	P	P
Edward Thorton	3/10/81	P	P	P
Tony Glass	3/28/99	P	P	P
M.E. Cox		P	L	L
Frank Cockrell	11/15/00		P	P
Johnny Ray Sullivan	5/21/00		P	P
Gene Britt	9/10/72		P	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82		P	P
Barry Wayne Williamson	9/17/00		P	P
Todd Sutton	2/11/96		P	P
John C. Simpson	4/29/01			A
Douglas Owens	5/6/01			P
Roger Haithcock	8/26/01			L
David Pooser	6/24/01			P
Tommy Yopp				P

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<b>Licensed Minister</b>	<b>Licensed</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Alan Joyner	10/17/99	A	P	P
Gregory Keith Nethercutt	4/16/00		P	P
Michael James Rowell	5/14/00		P	P

<b>Church</b>	<b>Letter</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
Aspen Grove	N	Y	Y
Ayden	Y	Y	N
Bethany	Y	N	Y
Black Jack	N	Y	Y
Community	Y	N	Y
Daniel's Chapel	Y	Y	Y
Dilda's Grove	Y	Y	Y
Edgewood	Y	Y	Y
Elm Grove	Y	Y	Y
Free Union	Y	Y	Y
Friendship	Y	Y	Y
Greenville, First	Y	Y	Y
Grimsley	Y	Y	Y
Gum Swamp	N	Y	N
Harrell's Chapel	Y	N	Y
Hickory Grove	Y	Y	Y
Hillside	Y	Y	N
Howell Swamp	Y	Y	Y
Hugo	Y	Y	Y
Hull Road	Y	Y	N
King's Cross Roads	N	N	N
LaGrange, First	Y	Y	Y
Little Creek	N	Y	N
Marlboro	Y	Y	Y
Ormondsville	N	N	N
Otter's Creek	Y	Y	N
Owen's Chapel	Y	N	Y
Peace	Y	N	Y
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	Y	Y	Y
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	Y	Y	Y
Reedy Branch	Y	Y	Y
Rocky Mount, First	Y	N	N
Rose Hill	N	Y	N
Rose of Sharon	Y	Y	N
Saint's Delight	Y	Y	Y
Saratoga	Y	Y	Y
Spring Branch	Y	Y	Y
Sweet Gum Grove	N	Y	N
Tarboro, First	Y	Y	Y
Walnut Creek	N	N	N
Watery Branch	N	N	N
Williamston, First	Y	Y	Y
Winterville	Y	Y	Y

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				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Central Conference													
Aspen Grove	190	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	0	184	79	55	70
Ayden	119	119	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	112	25	18	40
Bethany	174	109	65	1	6	8	4	1	0	184	71	55	90
Black Jack	601	406	203	22	2	0	6	10	0	609	0	243	266
Community	167	0	0	7	7	1	3	3	0	176	70	37	60
Daniels Chapel	428	0	0	8	2	0	3	1	0	434	148	120	220
Dilda's Grove	97	57	38	2	0	0	3	0	1	95	39	32	52
Edgewood	39	39	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	40	30	23	27
Elm Grove	394	174	220	5	11	0	1	0	0	409	198	127	175
Free Union	348	348	0	5	8	0	4	11	0	346	154	120	310
Friendship	315	175	140	3	0	0	2	2	0	314	135	100	150
Greenville, First	279	279	0	5	6	0	5	1	0	284	146	95	155
Grimsley													
Gum Swamp	508	115	393	0	6	0	1	0	0	513	85	63	115
Harrell's Chapel	146	118	28	5	0	0	1	3	0	147	118	102	110
Hickory Grove	96	41	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	36	34	40
Hillside	54	68	2	7	7	4	1	1	0	70	6	5	40
Howell Swamp	133	0	0	5	5	0	2	1	0	140	61	45	70
Hugo	145	92	50	5	0	0	3	0	0	147	81	71.4	103.3
Hull Road	300	150	150	3	0	0	6	1	0	296	136	90	150
Kings Cross Roads	279	193	98	4	11	0	3	0	0	291	185	127	210
La Grange	191	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	193	88	67	88
Little Creek	155	140	15	1	2	0	5	0	0	153	60	45	55
Marlboro	324	324	0	3	6	0	7	1	0	325	193	110	151
Ormondsville	228	156	72	5	18	0	2	0	0	249	130	110	180
Otters Creek	56	56	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	55	15	10	40
Owens Chapel	208	0	0	7	6	0	3	4	0	214	101	83	115
Peace	102	72	30	5	0	0	4	0	0	103	65	48	75
Piney Grove-Beaufort	33	20	13	1	2	0	1	0	0	35	18	14	22
Piney Grove-Pitt	35	35	0	2	0	4	1	0	2	38	22	12	31
Pleasant Hill	177	80	97	1	2	0	2	0	0	178	98	45	70

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				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Reedy Branch	390	150	240	0	3		1	8	0	384	130	87	120
Rocky Mount, First													
Rose Hill	365	0	0	0	0	38	4	2	0	397			180
Rose of Sharon	209	114	95	11	3	0	2	0	0	221	138	95	110
Saint's Delight	77	56	21	10	10	0	0	0	0	97	60	35	75
Saratoga	206	206	0	3	2	0	2	3	0	206	114	90	100
Spring Branch	204	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	213	81	60	135
Sweet Gum Grove	124	124	0	7	0	0	0	3	0	128	70	45	85
Tarboro, First	371	163	208	4	3	0	6	1	13	358	116	99	140
Walnut Creek	109	63	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	70	56	55
Watery Branch	143	94	49	1	7	0	5	0	0	146	122	85	100
Williamston, First	204	59	145	0	0	2	1	1	0	204			
Winterville	308	0	0	5	1	0	2	3	0	309	179	110	190
Central Conf. Totals	9031	4395	2481	158	151	58	109	69	20	9202	3673	2868.4	4570.3