

**2004  
YEARBOOK  
FOR  
ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL  
BAPTISTS**

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**Central  
Minutes  
of the  
256th 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 4, 2004  
The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Host Pastor**

**Officers of the Conference**

**Moderator: The Reverend Gary Bailey**

**Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Franklin Baggett**

**Clerk: The Reverend Brad Williamson**

**Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Carroll Bradbury**

**Treasurer: The Reverend Kevin Jackson**

**Boards and Committees**

**Executive Committee (2004-2006)**

**The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Moderator  
The Reverend Franklin Baggett, Assistant Moderator  
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Clerk  
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Assistant Clerk  
The Reverend Kevin Jackson, Treasurer**

## Central

### Board of Ordination

The Reverend Philip Wood (2005)

The Reverend Frank Flowers (2006)

The Reverend Walt Tyndall (2007)

The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2008)

The Reverend C.H. Overman (2009)

### Board of Trustees

Mr. Rex Wainwright (2005)

Mr. Darren Davenport (2006)

Mrs. Gladys Oakley (2007)

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

Mrs. Elma Beddard (2005)

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2006)

### Credentials Committee

The Reverend Doug Owens (2005)

The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2006)

Mr. Marc Boswell (2007)

### Memorial Committee

Mrs. Faye Adams (2005)

The Reverend Charles Branch (2006)

Miss Leah McGlohon (2007)

### Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2006)

### Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

Mr. Bill Howerin (2006)

### Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend David Langley (2005)

The Reverend Alan Joyner (2006)

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2007)

### Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Tony Glass (2005)

The Reverend Joey Williams (2006)

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2007)

## Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 256th annual session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Opening scripture and prayer were offered by Mr. Marc Boswell.

The Reverend Brad Williamson, clerk, called the 256th annual session to order. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood from the host church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

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The Reverend Gary Bailey, moderator, gave a challenging address from Psalm 33. The moderator shared several points with the Conference in connection to the Psalm. He stated that God deserves our worship because He has been faithful to us. Even when we gather to conduct the business of the Conference we must not neglect our worship of Him. The moderator stated that just as God provided for the nation of Israel, He can provide for America if we will make Him our God. He reminded the Conference that we can be assured God is watching us. We are to humble ourselves as little children, trusting in Him to meet our needs, and in that assurance we are to carry out the work given to us.

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

Thirteen visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Nominating Committee: Reverends Walt Tyndall, Kevin Jackson, Stanley Buck

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Philip Wood and C.H. Overman

Parliamentarian: Dr. Michael Pelt

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

By motion, the proposed constitutional change was laid on the table.

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

The Reverend Gary Bailey, moderator, along with the Conference extended a welcome to membership in the conference to Reverends Alan Joyner, Greg Mills, and James Owens.

At 10:20 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The service was opened with the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", led by Mr. Blanie Moye. The scripture reading from Psalm 100, and the prayer of invocation was given by Reverend Franklin Baggett. The offering for the conference was then received and the offertory prayer was given by Reverend Kevin Jackson. Special music was presented by Mr. Blanie Moye. The Reverend Walter Reynolds preached the conference sermon. His text came from Matthew 16:13-18. He sought to draw our attention to the words, "I will build my church." The Reverend Walter Reynolds stated that our nation's founders were actively involved in the Church, but that is not the case with our people today. We have become lax and have fallen out of the habit of attending church. He stated that a large portion of the population has no biblical background, no connection, no relationship to Christ. Sunday activities no longer center on the Church. He asked why that was the case. Is it perhaps because of the witness of today's Christians? The world needs to understand that Jesus Christ can meet every need they have. The Church must correct those areas that harms its witness in order to minister to the lost and dying. The Reverend Walter Reynolds asked the Conference what the future of the Church looked like. He referred to Jesus' message to the churches in Revelation. He stated that it was a message of revival.

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The Church must live out the principles of 2 Chronicles 7:14 if we are to see the church alive and growing.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

The service closed in prayer by Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

The business session continued at 11:15 a.m.

Representing the denominational ministries were as follows:

Convention: Reverend Fred Baker; Sunday School Board: Mrs. Mary Dudley; Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Cliff Gray; OFWB International: Reverend Harold Jones; Retirement Homes: Reverend Bruce Dudley; Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry; Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines; Church Finance: Reverend Walter Reynolds; Home Missions and Evangelism: Reverend David C. Hansley; Children's Home: Dr. Bobby Taylor; Camp Vandemere: Mr. Wesley Taylor; State Laymen's League: Mr. Russell Tyson

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12:05 p.m. with a prayer by Reverend Gary Bailey.

## Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:20 p.m. with singing of "Victory in Jesus."

Miss Leah McGlohon and Mrs. Faye Adams gave the report of the Memorial Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend C.H. Overman gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The roll call of ministers was called with forty-eight ministers present.

The Reverend Frank Cockrell gave the report of the Credentials Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Kevin Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Gary Bailey, moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: Reverend Earl Glenn [55 years], Reverend Walter Reynolds [55 years], Reverend Willis Wilson [50 years], Reverend Melvin Moore [45 years], Reverend Charles Branch [35 years], and Reverend Philip Wood [25 years].

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

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The Reverend Tony Glass gave the report of the Church Growth Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Walt Tyndall gave the report of the Nominating Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The floor was opened for other nominations. By motion, the nominations ceased, and the nominees were elected by acclamation.

The moderator called for miscellaneous business. The Reverend Franklin Baggett moved that Reverend Walter Reynolds' sermon be published in *The Free Will Baptist*. The motion was carried. The Reverend Mark Hobbs asked for the Conference to remember the soldiers of this nation as the war on terrorism continues. The proposed constitutional change was removed from the table, and by motion it was carried. Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church of Pitt County extended an invitation to host the 257th session of the Central Conference. This invitation was accepted.

The Conference was adjourned by singing "I Surrender All".

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by the congregation as they recited "The Lord's Prayer."

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Gary Bailey, Moderator  
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Clerk

## Reports

### Report of the Executive Committee

December 1, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on December 1, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Gary Bailey called the meeting to order and Reverend Brad Williamson opened with prayer.

A Central Conference minister shared some personal concerns. The members of the Executive Committee gathered around the minister with Reverend Brad Williamson leading the group in prayer. Upon the minister's leaving, the committee continued with their business.

The minutes of the 255th session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

By motion, it was agreed to send the Board of Ordination the roll call of ministers from the Conference meeting for them to make appropriate responses to those absent without excuse.

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By motion, it was agreed to contact those churches that did not send a letter or contribution this past Conference informing them of this oversight.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

Discussion was made concerning this year's Pre-Conference Worship Service and what if anything could be done to increase attendance.

Executive Committee meetings were scheduled: February 5, May 6, August 5, and October 21. The meetings will be held at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden, pending the availability of the boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

February 5, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on February 5, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Franklin Baggett, Carroll Bradbury, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Gary Bailey, moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The Reverend C.H. Overman, representing the Board of Ordination, met with the Executive Committee and gave a report on the upcoming ordination of a licensed minister.

Minutes of the December 1, 2003 Executive Committee were read and approved.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

Attention was brought to the Executive Committee that Reverend Fred Baker, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, has been severely and unjustly criticized. We, the Executive Committee, wish to let it be known that we support our President. This board shall send a letter of such support and encouragement to Reverend Fred Baker.

Discussion was made concerning how to make the 2004 Central Conference more spiritual. Suggestions were made to include more worship, preaching, and the possibility of having communion and feet washing.

The Central Conference has received no invitations to host the 2004 conference scheduled for November 11. Therefore, the committee will begin seeking for a volunteer host.

The Reverend Carroll Bradbury will continue to serve as an appointed representative to the Church Growth Committee.

The Reverend Franklin Baggett will continue to serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee.



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There being no further business, the next meeting date was stated as May 6, 2004, and the meeting was adjourned through prayer.

May 6, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on May 6, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Carroll Bradbury, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Gary Bailey called the meeting to order and Reverend Frankie Baggett opened with prayer.

The Reverend Eldon Brock and Mr. Ernest Carraway, representatives of Hillside Free Will Baptist Church, met with the Executive Committee concerning issues within the church.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, representative of the Continuing Education Committee, and Reverend C.H. Overman, representative of the Board of Ordination, met with the Executive Committee concerning the lack of interest of the Central Conference ministers for attending events for the opportunity to continue their study and growth. Discussion was made concerning ideas to encourage our ministers to do just that.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

By motion, it was approved to move the Central Conference to November 4th in light of the 11th being Veterans Day. A letter will be sent to our ministers and churches informing them of this decision. Also, to be included in this letter is information concerning a motion to be presented at the annual conference concerning making an amendment to the Central Conference Constitution so that in the future the Central Conference will not fall on Veteran's Day.

By motion, it was agreed to ask Reverend Walter Reynolds to be the Conference speaker.

By motion, it was agreed to accept the invitation from First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, to host the Central Conference in November of this year.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

By motion, it was agreed to continue the Pre-Conference worship service.

By motion, it was agreed to pray over Hillside's situation and ask Reverend Eldon Brock to give a progress report.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

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August 5, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 5, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Carroll Bradbury, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Gary Bailey called the meeting to order and Reverend Brad Williamson opened with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

It was noted that Reverend Walter Reynolds had agreed to be the Conference speaker.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

The Reverend Franklin Baggett presented information from the Continuing Education Committee. The Committee would like to provide an outline of how Central Conference ministers can receive Continuing Education Units. It would also like to provide monetary incentives for our ministers to continue their education if funds are available. Discussion was made concerning how to achieve these goals.

Discussion was made concerning the Pre-Conference worship service and what type of service it would be.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

October 21, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 21, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, and Carroll Bradbury. The Reverend Gary Bailey called the meeting to order and Reverend Frankie Baggett opened with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

By motion, it was agreed not to hold a Pre-Conference Worship Service this year. The reason being that no one had been secured to bring the message.

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan, representative of the Continuing Education Committee, presented a proposal for the Continuing Education Units program along with their recommendations.

By motion, it was agreed to set aside two thousand-one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) for Continuing Educations scholarships with a cap of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per participant.

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The Reverend Gary Bailey presented the treasurer's report due to Reverend Kevin Jackson's illness, and by motion the report was approved.

The Reverend Gary Bailey presented the request from Reverend David C. Hansley, the Interim Director of Home Missions, concerning the need of a conference representative to work with the Harvest Connection Disaster Relief Program. It was agreed to send a letter stating the Executive Committee's belief that our conference representative to the Board of Home Missions should serve in this new capacity.

Discussion was made concerning the proposed Central Conference Constitutional Amendment to be presented at the conference meeting. It was agreed that Reverend Gary Bailey will write the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

November 4, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 4, 2004, at 8:50 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Gary Bailey, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Carroll Bradbury, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Gary Bailey called the meeting to order and Reverend Kevin Jackson opened with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

### *Constitutional Change*

Article IX: The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should a change become necessary.

Article IX to read: The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year, except in years when Veteran's Day falls on that day. In years when Veteran's Day falls on the Thursday before the second Sunday the Central Conference shall meet one week earlier. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should a change become necessary.

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

### **Meetings**

The Board of Ordination has met five times since the last Conference: January 12th, April 12th, April 27th, July 12th, and October 11th of this year.

The Reverend Alan Joyner was ordained on February 8, 2004.

### **Membership Roll**

The Reverend James Owens has requested membership in this Conference and his name is to be added to the membership roll.

The Reverend Greg Mills has requested membership in this Conference and his name is to be added to the membership roll.

The Reverend Calvin Heath has requested membership in the Western Conference and his name is to be deleted from the membership roll.

The Reverend Greg Nethercutt has requested membership in the Eastern Conference and his name is to be deleted from the membership roll.

### **Approved for work in the Conference**

The Reverend Ronnie Drake as pastor of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

Regular meetings of the Board for the Year 2005: January 10th, April 11th, July 11th, and October 10th. Meetings will be held at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

### **Inclusions to this report:**

We wish to remind any church in our Conference, when extending a call to a minister to serve as your pastor, to be sure that the minister gets proper clearance from the Conference Board of Ordination as soon as the agreement is definite.

We want to remind our Conference of our Certified Lay Speaker Program and have included requirements in this report to appear in the Yearbook.

## **Certified Lay Speaker Program**

### **I. Statement of Need**

The need exists for a place within our denomination for those who feel God's calling to preach His Word, have natural abilities and have a desire for further study and increased service, but do not necessarily feel led to accept the position and responsibilities of an ordained minister. Many new and wonderful opportunities and challenges could be afforded through the lay speaker program. Pastors and churches would have access to a listing of persons who have been trained and certified in basic preaching skills and biblical studies and could fill the pulpit for a church in the absence of its pastor (i.e., sickness, vacation, etc.) The greatest benefit may be an increased involvement and deeper spiritual commitment among the laity of the church that could help revitalize vision and dedication that our denomination critically needs.

## **II. Qualifications**

- A. Salvation Experience
- B. Personal Background: family and financial stability, personality, moral character
- C. Bible Knowledge
  - Minimum Requirements:
    - 1. Old and New Testament Introductions
    - 2. Original Free Will Baptist Church history, doctrine and polity
    - 3. Two Bible Courses (i.e., Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Letters of Paul, etc.)
    - 4. Personal Evangelism
    - 5. Speech and/or sermon preparation
- D. Church Participation
- E. Ability to Communicate
- F. Natural Abilities – Physical, emotional, mental
- G. Willingness to be trained

## **III. Procedure**

- A. Recommendation from the church: Letter signed by the pastor and clerk
- B. Interview by the Ordaining Council
- C. Establishment and completion of minimum study requirements
- D. Certification (Certified Lay Speakers will be included in the Conference minutes and Yearbook)

## **IV. Restrictions**

- A. Cannot perform the duties of an ordained minister
- B. Cannot serve as a pastor or interim pastor
- C. Cannot perform baptisms or any other ordinances
- D. Cannot conduct a business meeting

Here are the qualifications and limitations of the licensed minister in the Central Conference to be included in the Yearbook.

### **The Licensed Minister of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists**

#### **The Call of the Minister**

Having recognized that God calls His people into His service, no member shall take unto himself the public Ministry of the Gospel unless he feels sure he is Divinely called to that Ministry. Each individual's Divine calling is unique and different. Such a calling must contain at least three elements.

First, he must know the One who does the calling; i.e., he must be a Christian. No person can in truth say that he has been called into the Gospel Ministry unless he has a "saving" relationship with the Father.

Second, he must possess natural ability or abilities and be committed to improving the abilities he has and acquiring additional abilities that can be used in the services of the Ministry.

Third, he sees the needs of God's people and is willing to be an instrument to help fill those needs. Further, he is willing to minister to those outside of Christ.

Involvement in a call to the Gospel Ministry is a call to grow and prepare that the Ministry may serve God's purpose.

Hebrews 5:4, 1 Corinthians 9:16, Acts 13:2, 20:28; 1 Timothy 4:13-16, and 2 Timothy 2:15

The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)  
1976 revision, pages 85-86

### **The Examination and qualifications for a Licensed Minister**

A person who desires license into the Ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination must have the following qualifications:

- (1) He must have the experience of a Divine call to the Gospel Ministry.
- (2) He must be a member in good standing of an Original Free Will Baptist Church for least one year.
- (3) He must be willing to meet the required standard for licensing set forth by the Ordaining Council of the Conference in which his church is a member (see 1 Timothy 3:2-7, 2 Timothy 2:15, Titus 1:9, and 2 Timothy 1:7-2:2).

The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)  
1976 revision, page 86

### **Procedures**

A proper candidate for licensing into the Gospel Ministry must also adhere to the following procedures:

- (1) He must report to his local church his call to the Gospel Ministry.
- (2) The church in a business session must recommend the candidate to the Conference Ordaining Board for examination for license with a letter signed by the clerk and pastor stating the date of this action. (Central Conference Policy)
- (3) When the Board of Ordination is notified of the action of the church in regards to the intentions of the candidate, a packet of materials, including a booklet entitled Growing in Christ prepared by the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, will be sent to the candidate. The candidate will complete the application form and answer all the questions in the booklet. These will be returned to the Board prior to the candidate's interview with the Board. (Central Conference Policy)

(4) The Ordaining Board shall give the applicant an examination embracing matters of faith, doctrine, polity, and purpose respecting the work of Ministry. They shall also investigate the reputation and ability of the candidate and his present and prospective educational and professional qualifications.

(5) The responsibility is on the candidate to demonstrate his qualifications and abilities. Having successfully passed the examination and investigation, the candidate is then recommended back to the church, which then shall issue to the applicant a license for one year. If during this period of license the licentiate walks disorderly, the church and/or Conference has the power to recall the license at its own discretion. The license of the applicant must not be allowed to lapse during any time prior to ordination.

(6) Once the church issues a license, the following guidance is given:

(a) The candidate will be assigned to a member of the Board of Ordination, who will serve as his advisor. The candidate must meet with his advisor periodically (at least once a year) to evaluate his progress toward ordination. A written report of his progress will be made annually to the Board of Ordination at the October Board meeting and placed in the candidate's file. Upon recommendation of his advisor, the candidate may be requested to appear before the Board of Ordination.

(b) The pastor will work with the candidate and his advisor in achieving the educational requirements.

(c) The candidate will work with the pastor for opportunities for preaching and pastoral experience.

(Central Conference Policy)

The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)  
1976 revision, pages 86-87

### **The Work of the Licensed Minister**

All licensed ministers, regardless of conference affiliation, will abide by the following requirements within the bounds of the Central Conference.

(1) A licensed minister cannot be called or hired as pastor of any church.

(2) A licensed minister can serve a church on an interim or supply basis under the supervision of his Board of Ordination advisor. This service shall be limited to six months in any one church. If the Church wishes an extension on the services of the licensed minister, they must appeal to the Board of Ordination.

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(3) A licensed minister cannot conduct a church business meeting or administer the ordinances of the Gospel—Christian Baptism, The Lord's Supper, and Washing of the Saints' Feet.

(4) A licensed minister cannot perform wedding ceremonies.

(5) A licensed minister can conduct worship services, preach and teach as he has opportunities.

(6) A licensed minister can officiate a funeral service.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverends C.H. Overman, chairman; Walt Tyndall, secretary; Frank Flowers, Philip Wood, Leon Grubbs

### Report of the Memorial Committee

Since our last meeting one minister has passed from our midst, Reverend Bruce Barrow. We thank God for the contributions he has made to our Churches. This afternoon, we are reminded of what Jesus said about faithful servants in Matthew 25:21, "His Lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Faye Adams

Miss Leah McLawhorn

### Report of the Resolution Committee

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

1. Be it resolved that the 256th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the First FWB 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 256th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to Brother Gary Bailey for his leadership as moderator of this conference during the past two years and to others who have served on other boards and committees.
3. Be it resolved that the 256th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to Reverend Walter Reynolds for his inspiring and challenging message.



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4. Be it resolved that we urge everyone to continue in prayer for the work of our denomination, for spiritual renewal in our churches, and continual prayer for our nation and our leaders.
5. Whereas, let us as Central Conference Ministers take a stand because God made them male and female as found in Genesis 1:26 & 27: "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Whereas, let the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists take a stand against gay and lesbian marriages because Genesis 1:28 states that: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.'"

Whereas, let the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists also take a stand against removing the Ten Commandments from our schools and public places.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverend C.H. Overman  
The Reverend Philip Wood

### 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	44
Central Conference Ministers	42
Visiting Ministers	9
Licensed Ministers	6
Visitors	<u>12</u>
Total Registered	113

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverends Doug Owens, Walt Tyndall, Frank Cockrell

### Report of the Continuing Education Committee

#### Continuing Education Units

The purpose of the Central Conference Continuing Education Program is to help our ministers with the practice of life-long learning. By continuing their education Central Conference ordained ministers will continue to grow in their spiritual walk with Christ and as they grow they will be better equipped to serve the churches of the Central Conference.

As the leadership of the churches grow the church itself will grow, therefore the growth and continuing education of the ministers is vital to the growth of the church. It is imperative that the ministers of the Central Conference follow the advice given to Timothy by Paul when he said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

### **Guidelines**

Continuing Education Units (henceforth referred to as CEU's) will be based on educational opportunities. These would include reading a book, attending a seminar or class, or taking a college or seminary class. Books that are read must be submitted with the following information: name of book, author, publisher, dates the book was read and a typed 150-word summary and application of the book. Seminars must be submitted with the following information: organization that sponsored the seminar, presenter's name, length of seminar, and a typed 150-word summary and application of the seminar. College or seminary courses must be submitted with the following information: College or seminary where class was taken, professor's name, copy of the syllabus, and typed 150-word summary and application of the class.

### **Credits**

CEU credits will be given according to the following scale:

Books: up to 200 pages ½ CEU; 200-400 pages 1 CEU. Books over 400 pages will be considered on an individual basis.

Seminars: 3-5 hour seminar ½ CEU; 6-10 hour seminar 1 CEU. Seminar over ten hours will be considered on an individual basis.

College or Seminary Class: If the class is taken from an accredited institution (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada) one will receive 4 CEUs for each credit hour. (Credit hour equals one hour per week in class for sixteen weeks; for example if you take a 3 credit hour course you will receive 12 CEUs.) If the course is taken from an institution that is not accredited by SACS or ATS, then it will be considered on an individual basis.

### **Areas of Study**

**Biblical Studies:** This includes any area of study from the Bible such as books of the Bible, themes, authors, or historical information from the Bible.

**Historical Studies:** This includes History of the Christian Church, Free Will Baptist Denomination, or Local Churches.

**Theological Studies:** This includes areas of studies from the following: Prolegomena, Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Anthropology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, etc.

**Practical Studies:** This includes area of studies concerning the working and growth of the local church, pastoral care, counseling, leadership, administration, evangelism, preaching and worship.

**Spiritual Formation Studies:** This includes area of studies concerning maturity of Christians.

### **Procedures**

To receive credit work must be submitted to the Continuing Education Committee. Proper documentation must be submitted along with the Continuing Education Committee Form. The committee will review all work and the committee will send notification to the one who submitted the work and also the Board of Ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverends Franklin Baggett, Johnny Sullivan, David Langley, Ronnie Hobgood

### **Report of the Church Growth Committee**

The purpose of the Church Growth Committee is, "to promote and provide financial support for church growth and/or leadership development." It is our desire that through the work of this committee more Central Conference Churches will be more fully equipped to reach people without Christ in their communities and will in effect experience real church growth.

Following our last Central Conference Meeting, each Church Clerk and each Pastor were mailed letters of intent, which outlined the Church Growth program, and an application. All one had to do was fill out an application giving a brief explanation of how the funds would be used in their church for Church Growth and/or Church leadership training and a total cost estimate of the project. Any church of the Central Conference may apply for assistance of up to \$500.00 per quarter in the funding of a church growth project such as evangelism training, leadership training, community outreach and so forth.

**This past year we were able to assist Central Conference Churches as follows:**

- 1) Funding was appropriated to assist a church in sending a group of their men to a leadership conference for men in Charlotte, NC.
- 2) Funding was appropriated to assist three churches in Deacon Training Programs.
- 3) Funding was appropriated to assist two churches as they put on a community youth outreach program.
- 4) Funding was appropriated to three churches as they took their young people to the Dare 2 Share Conference in Charlotte, NC. There the youth learned how to evangelize others and actually put what they learned to practice in the Charlotte Area before they left the conference.
- 5) Funding was appropriated to two churches to assist them as they took groups of men and women to the tow day 2004 Catalyst/Young Leaders Conference in Georgia.
- 6) Funding was appropriated to a church to assist in sending a group to the Xtreme Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, TN where they will learn leadership and evangelism principles.

Last year we were budgeted with \$5,000. We distributed \$5,140.80, funding eleven applications. We incurred a mailing expense of \$47.18, making our total expenditures in the amount of \$5,187.98.

We respectfully request \$6,000 to be allotted to our budget for this year. It is our prayer that this year more churches will take advantage of this opportunity to receive funding to assist them in church growth.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reverend Tony Glass, Chairman  
Reverend Joey Williams  
Reverend Tommy Yopp  
Reverend Carroll Bradbury

### Report of the Nominating Committee

#### Executive Committee

Moderator:	The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood	[term to expire 2006]
Assistant Moderator:	The Reverend Franklin Baggett	[term to expire 2006]
Clerk:	The Reverend Brad Williamson	[term to expire 2006]
Assistant Clerk:	The Reverend Phillip Boykin	[term to expire 2006]
Treasurer:	The Reverend Kevin Jackson	[term to expire 2006]

Board of Ordination:	The Reverend C.H. Overman	[term to expire 2009]
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Board of Trustees:	Mrs. Gladys Oakley	[term to expire 2007]
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Representative of Membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.	The Reverend Jack Weathersby	[term to expire 2006]
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Credentials Committee:	Mr. Marc Boswell	[term to expire 2007]
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Memorial Committee:	Miss Leah McGlohon	[term to expire 2007]
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#### Continuing Education Committee:

The Reverend Alan Joyner to fill unexpired term of Reverend Ronnie Hobgood	The Reverend Johnny Sullivan	[term to expire 2007]
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Church Growth Committee:	The Reverend Jack Weathersby	[term to expire 2007]
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Conference Historian:	Dr. Michael Pelt	[term to expire 2006]
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Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.	Mr. Bill Howerin	[term to expire 2006]
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Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Walt Tyndall, Chairman, The Reverend Stanley Buck, The Reverend Kevin Jackson

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

November 1, 2003 to November 4, 2004

Balance brought forward – November 1, 2003 \$7,959.67

Receipts

Pre-Conference Worship Offering	\$117.66
Conference Offering	\$430.00
Church Contributions	\$1,650.00
Church Contributions since Conference	\$1,200.00
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$5,000.00
Interest on Checking	\$17.79
Miscellaneous	\$111.00
Missions	

Total Receipts	<u>\$10,040.57</u>	<u>\$10,040.57</u>
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Total to account for in Checking Account		<u>\$18,000.24</u>
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Disbursements

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	
Conference Secretary	\$40.00
Executive Committee Expenses	
(Meals, travel, telephone, etc.)	\$561.91
Convention of OFWB (Year Book)	\$1,750.00
Office Supplies (Executive Committee, Board of Ordination)	
Pre-Conference Worship Service Expenses	\$797.06
Church Growth Expenses	\$5,187.98
Hurricane Isabel Disaster Relief	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$57.35

Total Disbursements	<u>\$11,330.50</u>	<u>\$11,330.50</u>
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Total in Checking Account as of November 4, 2004		<u>\$6,669.69</u>
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**Central Conference Endowment Fund** \$61,132.04

*(see minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)*

Interest 12-31	\$335.20
Interest 03-31	\$187.50
Interest 06-30	\$188.09
Interest 09-30	\$188.67

Total	\$62,031.50
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Transfer to Central Conference Endowment Interest	\$0.00
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Transfer to Checking Account	\$1,467.24
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Total		\$60,564.26
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<b>Central Conference Endowment Fund Interest</b>	<b>\$26,640.64</b>	
Interest 12-31	\$124.32	
Interest 03-31	\$38.96	
Interest 06-30	\$39.03	
Interest 09-30	\$39.10	
Total		\$25,894.09
Transfer to Checking Account	\$5,000.00	
Total		\$20,894.09
<b>Central Conference of FWB (Savings)</b>	<b>\$26,384.37</b>	
Interest 12-31	\$98.94	
Interest 03-31	\$49.66	
Interest 06-30	\$49.75	
Interest 09-30	\$49.84	
Total		\$26,632.56
<b>Maury Endowment Fund (For Annual Training Conference)</b>		
<i>(see minutes of Executive Committee 09-22-88)</i>		
Transfer from Central Conference Endowment Interest	\$7,500.00	
Interest 12-31	\$46.88	
Interest 03-31	\$23.44	
Interest 06-30	\$23.51	
Interest 09-30	\$23.58	
Total		\$7,617.41
Transfer to Checking Account	\$46.88	
Total		\$7,570.53

Note: Interest from the Central Conference Endowment Fund is transferred to the Central Conference Endowment Fund Interest every January.

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Church	Letter	Delegates	Contributions
Aspen Grove	No	Yes	No
Ayden	Yes	Yes	No
Bethany	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black Jack	Yes	Yes	No
Community	Yes	No	Yes
Daniel's Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dilda's Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edgewood	Yes	Yes	No
Elm Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Union	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	No	Yes	No
Greenville, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grimsley	Yes	No	Yes
Gum Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harrell's Chapel	No	No	Yes
Hickory Grove	Yes	Yes	No
Hillside	Yes	No	Yes
Howell Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hugo	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hull Road	No	Yes	No
King's Cross Roads	Yes	Yes	Yes
La Grange, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marlboro	Yes	No	Yes
Ormondsville	No	Yes	No
Otter's Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Owen's Chapel	Yes	No	Yes
Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	Yes	No	Yes
Pleasant Hill	No	Yes	No
Reedy Branch	No	Yes	No
Rocky Mount, First	Yes	Yes	No
Rose Hill	No	Yes	No
Rose of Sharon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saint's Delight	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saratoga	No	No	No
Spring Branch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweet Gum Grove	No	Yes	Yes
Tarboro, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walnut Creek	No	No	No
Watery Branch	No	No	No
Williamston, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Winterville	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Roll of Central Conference Ministers By Seniority**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Ordained</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
N.D. Beamon	12/04/33	Retired	Retired	Retired
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	P	P	P
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	L	P	P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	A	P	P
C.H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	L	L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	P	P
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	P	P	P
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	P	P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	P	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	P
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	A	P
Ronnie Hobgood	8/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	P	L	L
Earl Glenn	11/02/49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	10/17/62	L	L	L
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	L
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	L	P	P
Leon Harris	05/17/81	P	P	L
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	L	L	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	L	L	L
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	L	L	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	A
David T. Langley	10/05/87	P	L	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	09/20/51	Retired	Retired	Retired
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Allen Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	A	A	A
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	P	P	P
Walter R. Tyndall	08/08/93	P	P	P
Jack Weathersby	02/27/94	P	P	P
Joey Williams	01/15/95	P	P	P
Mark Hogan	09/06/86	A	L	A
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P
Grady Tucker	12/06/78	P	P	P
Brad Williamson	06/28/98	P	P	P



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Minister	Ordained	2002	2003	2004
John R. Harris	08/27/95	P	P	L
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	A	P	P
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	P	P
M.E. Cox	06/01/56	L	L	Retired
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P
Johnny Ray Sullivan	05/21/00	P	P	L
Gene Britt	09/10/72	P	P	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P
Barry Wayne Williamson	09/17/00	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	P	P	P
John C. Simpson	04/29/01	P	P	P
Douglas Owens	05/06/01	P	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	P	L	A
Tommy Yopp	10/21/99	P	P	P
Phillip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P
Charlie Carroll	07/10/94	A	P	A
Woodrow Freeze	11/25/01	P	P	P
Tony Parrish	11/09/88	P	P	A
Jacky Raper	06/08/88		P	P
Alan Joyner	02/08/04			P
James Owens	11/10/81			A
Greg Mills	12/28/83			A

Licensed Minister	Licensed	2002	2003	2004
Michael James Rowell	05/14/00	L	L	A
Jay Tripp	04/08/02	P	P	P
Kelly Smart	04/15/02	P	P	P
Charles Russell	07/07/02	P	P	P
Charles Sutton		P	L	P
Doug Tyson	10/14/02	P	L	P
Marc Boswell	02/02/03		P	P
Alex McCarter	02/08/04			L

## Central

# CENTRAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

We, the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution revised at annual session November 7, 1979, November 4, 1981, November 10, 1982, November 8, 1984, November 5, 1998, November 9, 2000, November 8, 2001, November 7, 2002, and November 4, 2004.

## NAME

This shall be the constitution of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

## PURPOSE

The object of the Central Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

## Article I. COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*, shall be permitted membership in the Central Conference.

## Article II. REPRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church, together with a statement of all funds received and distributed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

## Article III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years. After serving two (2) full terms of two (2) years each, no member shall be eligible for nomination to the same office until after an interval of one (1) year. The duties of said office shall be entered into at the close of the session in which they are elected.

#### Article IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. It shall be the policy of this conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

Section 2. A board of ordination, consisting of five members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. A committee of one shall be elected to represent the conference's membership in the Church Finance Association, Inc.; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 5. A credentials committee and an memorial committee, consisting of three members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 6. A committee of one shall be elected to serve as conference historian; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 7. A committee of one shall be elected to serve as publicity committee; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 8. The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers.

Section 9. Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever purposes may be deemed necessary.

Section 10. A committee of five shall be elected to serve as a Continuing Education Committee with three members being elected to serve three year terms, one rotating off each year, and one member elected by the Ordaining Council annually (from its membership) and one member to be elected by the Executive Committee annually (from its membership).

Section 11. A committee of five shall be elected to serve as a Church Growth Committee with three members being elected to serve three year terms, one rotating off each year, and one member elected by the Executive Committee annually (from its membership) and one member to be elected by the Continuing Education Committee annually (from its membership).

Section 12. A board of trustees consisting of three members shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be three years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

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### Article V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference according to its membership.

### Article VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desires to help promote the program and work of the Central Conference and the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists may present its petition to the regular session of the conference. If the petition for membership is approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

### Article VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the conference by vote of the conference.

### Article VIII. VISITORS

The Central Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

### Article IX. MEETINGS

The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year, except in years when Veteran's Day falls on that day. In years when Veteran's Day falls on the Thursday before the second Sunday the Central Conference shall meet one week earlier. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should a change become necessary.

### Article X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the session of the Central Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates, and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

Section 2. The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and he shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 3. The clerk shall record and preserve a permanent record of the proceedings of all sessions of the Central Conference. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference, hold in trust all documents not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference. He shall conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk shall be the duties of the clerk when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the clerk when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 5. The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference, except that held by other boards and committees of the conference. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the conference.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to hold in trust title to all tangible property belonging to the conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the conference.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board of ordination (1) to examine and recommend the license of ministers; (2) to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* and (3) to examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and to make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation committee to represent the conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press and to do so at any stockholders' meeting.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the credentials committee to check each church report for verification as to their delegates and make recommendations to the conference as regarding their seat during the annual session. The credentials committee shall check registration cards of the enrolling ministers and make recommendations of same to the conference.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the memorial committee to prepare and present a memorial service for all ministers who die during the year preceding the conference. The memorial committee shall prepare a brief biographical sketch for the Historical Collection.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the conference historian to collect and preserve any historical data concerning the conference.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to see that proper publicity is given to the activities and work of the conference.

Section 14. 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.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the Church Growth Committee to promote and support local church growth through outreach ministry and leadership development. Through the work of the committee Central Conference Churches will be more fully equipped to effectively reach people without Christ in their communities. The committee shall establish and coordinate a process and method whereby local churches of the Central Conference may apply for funds to subsidize the cost of special church growth projects and/or leadership development programs.

## BYLAWS

Section 1. A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

Section 2. All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

Section 3. Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

Section 4. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

Section 5. No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

Section 6. The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

Section 7. Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

Section 8. The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

Section 9. The minutes of the conference shall be approved by the Executive Committee before publication.

Section 10. This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented in the morning session for action in the afternoon session.

CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				

**Central Conference**

Aspen Grove	176			1			8	4		165	64	30	50
Aydon	119				2		1	1		119	35	28	45
Bethany	188	114	74	3		3	2			192	89	53	90
Black Jack	607	420	187		3		11	4		595	342	234	325
Community	164	52	122	5	5		3	3		168	43	29	50
Daniels Chapel	444			5	2	1	4	5		443	178	120	225
Dilda's Grove	93	50	43							93	48	34	55
Edgewood	46	46	17	10	6		2			60	61	53	74
Elm Grove	421	235	186	8	10		7	6		426	200	138	204
Free Union	392	212	179	3	8		15			388	146	98	175
Friendship	314	207	107	9	2		8	5		312	130	100	150
Greenville, First	295	295		7	9	2	2	1		310	165	108	153
Grimsley	132	77	55		2					134	65	56	62
Gum Swamp	417	110	307		1		3			415	65	68.5	110
Harrells Chapel	142	120	22	10		1	4	7		142	142	112	112
Hickory Grove	105	39	66		1		2			104	40	36	45
Hillside	63	47	16				1	1		61	3	2	21
Howell Swamp	149				6		5			150	57	40	75
Hugo	149	73	76	7	3	1	3	1		156	74	54.6	94.2
Hull Road													
Kings Cross Roads	320	205	115		3	2	5	2		318	184	132	212
La Grange	191	132	59		8		6	5		188	86	68	106
Little Creek	137	122	15	2	3	1	4	1		138	60	45	55
Marlboro	331					2	5	7		321	193	106	130
Ormondsville	262	192	70	5	2		1	1		267	140	120	155
Otters Creek	47	47			2		1			48			35
Owens Chapel	200	100	99		2		2	1		199	98	85	120
Peace	107	62	45	5			3			109	66	47	55
Piney Grove-Beaufort	34	24	10				1	1		32	25	18	30
Piney Grove-Pitt	46	46		5		4	1		1	53	25	23	40
Pleasant Hill	81	60	20	2	3		2	2		82	60	45	70

CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Reedy Branch	345	125	220		2		3	3		337	136	85	100
Rocky Mount, First	111	49	62		2		1			112	45	35	58
Rose Hill	391	261	130	11	9		5	2		404	200	150	250
Rose of Sharon	235	126	114	4	3		1	1		240	130	90	110
Saint's Delight	115	50	65					20		95	25	18	35
Saratoga	206	206		2			1			207	103	84	92
Spring Branch	181	181	165				3			178	80	70	125
Sweet Gum Grove													
Tarboro, First	184	184		10	7		3			198	137	113	164
Walnut Creek	110	67	43	1	1	1	2			111	71	60	70
Watery Branch	169	117	52				3	2		164	114	80	95
Williamston, First	103	50	53	2	2			1		106	42	32	50
Winterville	321			8	6		7	4		324	162	112	218
Central Conf. Totals	8643	4503	2794	125	115	18	141	91	1	8664	4127	3012.1	4490.2