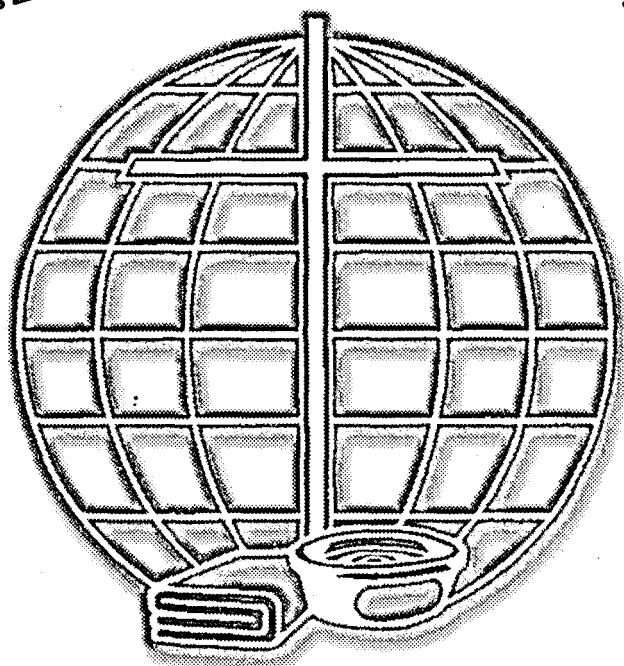


CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS



2005

Convention and Conference
Annual Reports

Minutes
of the
257th Annual Session
of the
Central Conference
of the
Original Free Will Baptists

Held with
Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 10, 2005
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Host Pastor

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Franklin Baggett

Clerk: The Reverend Brad Williamson

Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Phillip Boykin

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 Frank Flowers (2006) The Reverend Walt Tyndall (2007)
The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2008) The Reverend C.H. Overman (2009)
The Reverend Tony Glass (2010)

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Mr. Darren Davenport (2006) Mrs. Gladys Oakley (2007)
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The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2006)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2006) The Reverend Marc Boswell (2007)
The Reverend Doug Owens (2008)

Memorial Committee

The Reverend Charles Branch (2006) Miss Leah McGlohon (2007)
Dr. Charles Russell (2008)

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2006)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

Mr. Bill Howerin (2006)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Alan Joyner (2006) The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2007)
The Reverend Doug Tyson (2008)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Joey Williams (2006) The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2007)
The Reverend Kelley Smart (2008)

Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 257th annual session with Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "This Is The Day." Opening scripture and prayer were offered by Mr. Alex McCarter.

The Reverend Brad Williamson, clerk, called the 257th annual session to order. The Reverend Scott Satterfield from the host church extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, shared several points with the Conference in connection to the Convention's theme for 2005-2006, "Building on This Rock." He reminded the conference of Peter's confession of Jesus Christ, and that as Original Free Will Baptists this confession is central to our beliefs. He noted that since Jesus is our foundation, everything we do must be built upon that foundation. If our churches are doing anything contrary to that building then they must stop. Reverend Hobgood reminded the conference in Jesus' parable of the two houses, that nothing was wrong with the buildings, the foundation is what made the difference. As a Conference, as churches, and as individuals we must examine our foundation. He also stated that we must examine our building materials. Looking to the book of Acts we see that the church used the apostles' teachings; our churches need to return to that model. In Acts fellowship was also important, but such that ministers to the people. Breaking of bread is also mentioned in Acts, which he interprets as the Lord's Supper. Reverend Hobgood mentioned the role of prayer in the early church, and the need for people today to return to that role. Reverend Hobgood challenged each person to begin to build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ with proper building materials. Let us examine what our churches are doing to see if this is taking place.

The roll of churches was called with 36 churches responding with delegates.

14 visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Nominating Committee: Reverends Philip Wood, Kevin Jackson, Johnny Sullivan

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Alan Joyner, Frank Flowers, Mr. Irvin Mizzell

Parliamentarian: Dr. Michael Pelt

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

The report of the Board of Ordination was read by Reverend C.H. Overman. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, along with the Conference extended a welcome to membership in the conference to Reverends Charles Russell, Kelley Smart, Michael Rowell, Charles Sutton, Doug Tyson, Alvin Keener.

At 10:25 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The service was opened with a responsive call to worship led by Reverend Brad Williamson. The prayer of invocation was given by Reverend Williamson. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan in the singing of "To God Be the Glory", "Bless His Holy Name," and "Majesty." The offering for the conference was then received and the offertory prayer was given by Reverend Kevin Jackson. Special music was presented by Mrs. Wendy Adams. The Reverend Phillip Boykin led in the morning prayer. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan in the singing of "Open Our Eyes, Lord." The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett delivered the conference sermon entitled, "Preparing Ourselves for Victory." His text came from 2 Chronicles 20:1-17. Dr. Baggett explained

that God uses difficulties to bring victories. He explained the nature of King Jehoshaphat and his role in the history of Israel. He stated that Israel in the text realized that they had trouble. King Jehoshaphat had several options in dealing with Israel's trouble. He chose the right option – seek the Lord first. The king acknowledged God's majesty, His promises, Israel's need for His help, and the need for all people to be involved with seeking God. We must not forget that we can call on our Father to help us in our time of need, individually and corporately. Our battles are not ours, but the Lord's; every Christian must believe this truth. We must come to the realization that we must completely surrender ourselves over to the Lord. Part of this is to position ourselves to obtain God's victory through preparation of ourselves. Christians are to be equipped to minister through education and study. When we prepare ourselves properly, God will do His part in bringing victory. To prepare ourselves properly, it takes effort.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and a corporate reading of an affirmation of faith based on our Articles of Faith.

The service closed in prayer by Reverend Ronnie Hobgood.

The business session continued at 11:35 a.m.

Representing the denominational ministries were as follows:

Convention: Reverend Buddy Sasser; OFWB International: Reverend Harold Jones; Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Cliff Gray; Church Finance: Reverend Walter Reynolds; Retirement Homes: Mr. Ronnie Taylor; Home Mission and Evangelism and Disaster Relief: Reverend Buddy Sasser; Sunday School Board: Mrs. Mary Dudley; Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry; Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines; Camp Vandemere: Mr. Wesley Taylor; State Laymen's League: Mr. Russell Tyson

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12:15 p.m. with a prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. with singing of "It Is Well with My Soul."

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

The roll call of ministers was called with 51 ministers present.

Mr. Marc Boswell 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]

Central

By motion, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of establishing the Central Conference Minister's Membership Dues as found in the Executive Committee's report.

By motion, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of establishing a budget for the Central Conference based on the Conference year of November to October, and to accept the proposed budget for 2005-2006.

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

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

Dr. Michael Pelt gave an update of the Task-force given the task to establish a seminary for Original Free Will Baptists.

The Reverend Philip Wood 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 Reverend Alan Joyner gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business. By motion, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to support the Central District Youth Fellowship's April production of "He Is..." at a level of \$500.00.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: Reverend Doctor Michael Pelt [55 years], Reverend J.B. Narron [55 years], Reverend Phillip Boykin [25 years], and Reverend Mark Hobbs [25 years].

The Conference was adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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

The Conference reconvened at 7:00pm for a time of worship and learning as the adults were led by the members of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church's youth department, and the teenagers were led by Reverend Scott Satterfield with the praise band 622. In both sessions those present were able to learn practical methods to reach teenagers for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Moderator
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Clerk

Central

Reports

Report of the Executive Committee

November 29, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 29, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Original Free Will Baptists Headquarters in Ayden. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Luke 2:7-10. The Reverend Frankie Baggett opened with prayer.

Mrs. Jean Ackiss, Director of Church Support for Mount Olive College, appeared before the Executive Committee. She shared information concerning Mount Olive College's New Century Campaign. The Trustees of the College have announced that Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper will be honored through the placement of their names on one of the new buildings to be built at the college through the New Century Campaign. Mrs. Ackiss is seeking input from the different Conference Executive Committees as to their feelings about raising the funds to accomplish this task. Discussion was given in regards to this topic.

The minutes of the 256th session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved. It was agreed that a preliminary budget for the Conference should be prepared.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will send letters to the Central Conference committees that have meetings throughout the year asking that they send a copy of their minutes to the Executive Committee after each meeting.

In order for the Conference to move forward in vision and direction, time was spent in discussion of various goals the Conference should try to meet. A need to help churches plan for special services was addressed. The Conference should also continue to plan ways to help the churches of the Central Conference grow. More discussion was given on the need for a Conference budget as the Conference tries to meet these and other goals.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will chair a committee to plan the first workshop on special services. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2005 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. The workshop will focus on Palm Sunday through Pentecost.

Discussion was given concerning the Convention and any support that the Conference can give financially. It was mentioned that the Conference should send delegates to the Convention at its next meeting.

The Reverend Kevin Jackson will serve as an appointed representative to the Church Growth Committee.

Central

The Reverend Phillip Boykin will serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

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.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be January 25, 2005. The meeting 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 Phillip Boykin.

January 24, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 24, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Acts chapter two. The Reverend Phillip Boykin 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.

By motion, it was agreed to purchase a laptop for the conference to store the treasurer's and clerk's information.

Discussion was given in regards to the special service workshop that would be held February 8, 2005 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood stated that he hoped to have a notebook available for each attendee. It was also planned for the Executive Committee to meet briefly prior to the workshop at 6pm.

Discussion was given in regards to other workshops that can be done. Suggestions were helping churches plan building projects, continuation of the special services workshops, and different types of worship services for the observance of our church ordinances.

Discussion was given concerning the Conference worship service. It was decided to have a practical service the evening of the Conference. The idea of focusing on youth & evangelism was again discussed as a possible theme of the service.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

February 8, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on February 8, 2005 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Members present for the meeting were Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Kevin Jackson, and Phillip Boykin. The Reverend Kevin Jackson opened the meeting in prayer.

Central

The minutes from our last meeting were read and approved as read. A verbal treasurer's report was given and approved as read. The Laptop computer was purchased at a cost of \$985.00.

A discussion followed on the different bank accounts the conference has and after an agreement on the issue the following motion was made and seconded and properly approved. The Central Conference Endowment Fund Interest and The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist Savings account will be combined into one account, putting this money into a 12 months CD account. The funds from this CD will be used in the support of the Conference work.

A discussion followed on the following topics. 1) Our representation at the Church Finance Committee annual meeting. 2) The number and cost of our yearbook pages for this year. 3) The upcoming workshop on the Church year and how it will be carried out.

Our next meeting will be on April 11, 2005 at 1st FWB in Greenville. Reverend Frankie Baggett closed the meeting in prayer.

June 14, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on June 14, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Psalm 133. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

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

Discussion was given concerning a Central Conference church. A member of that church has written a letter to the Executive Committee concerning some questions about the procedures of the church. The Executive Committee examined the letter and then met with some of the members of the church. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood read from Psalm 133 and spoke on the need for unity among believers. He then gave a few rules in regards to the discussion by the church concerning these issues. The floor was then opened for discussion concerning the letter. After much discussion Reverend Phillip Boykin closed with prayer. The members were dismissed and the Executive Committee spent a few minutes in discussion concerning the matter. It was decided to send the church a letter explaining the Executive Committee's position with a copy to be sent to the church member.

Discussion was given concerning another workshop on special services. This workshop will cover the season of Advent through the season of Lent. The workshop is scheduled for September 29th, 2005 to be held at Black Jack OFWB Church starting at 7:00pm.

Discussion was given concerning a workshop on helping churches plan building projects. It was decided to focus more on vision and planning. The Reverend Franklin Baggett will have the responsibility of planning this workshop.

Central

Discussion was given concerning the Conference speaker and the post-Conference worship service.

It was agreed by motion to purchase enough Christian flags to have on hand for any Central Conference minister's funeral in the future.

The Reverend Franklin Baggett mentioned that he had a concern to reach out the denomination's college age students. It was mentioned that many of our churches have few of this age group attending them. Discussion was given in regards to what could be done. The Executive Committee will pray over it and continue to discuss this issue at later meetings.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be August 15, 2005 at 9:30am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

July 21, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on July 21, 2005 at Black Jack FWB Church. Members present, Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Kevin Jackson and Phillip Boykin, acting secretary.

The committee discussed a recent situation in our conference and the need for a workshop or class to help our ministers. The workshop or class will be given to educate our ministers on the pitfalls and the legal issues on the use of the Internet and Internet pornography. A discussion followed on the need to block church computers of harmful information and the help that may be available for the minister if there are some problems on this issue. The issue of ethics and the need for a pastor to be able to talk with someone when there are issues in his life that he may need help in was also discussed. A discussion followed on how the Executive Committee will need to require all ministers to attend such workshops or classes.

The committee then went into a joint meeting with the Ordaining Council over some concerns in our conference. After the joint meeting further topics needed on this issue may be: 1) What churches have Internet access computers? 2) Who has access to these computers? 3) Is there any accountability for the materials seen on these computers?

It was determined that the Executive Committee will write a letter to show our support for the church in question and the Ordaining Council will deal with the minister. These two boards will meet together to plan these workshops or classes around September. Both boards agreed that all our ministers need to be educated on these issues and some accountability be given for the lives of our pastors. Reverend Frankie Baggett closed our meeting in prayer.

Central

August 15, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 15, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Romans 12:1-3. Prayer requests were made and Reverend Kevin Jackson opened with prayer.

The minutes of the June 14th meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

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

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood gave an update concerning the status of the church that the Executive Committee met with in its June meeting. He stated that the letter had been sent, and that he had spoken with the Pastor concerning the contents of the letter.

The minutes of the July 21st meeting were read and approved. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood gave an update concerning the contents of the July 21st meeting. Discussion was given in regards to the workshop mentioned at the meeting. The Reverend Kevin Jackson will head up the planning of the workshop. He will collect information concerning ethics and computers. Other names were given in regards to helping provide information on ethics in general. Also mentioned was the need to discuss our churches' legal issues under certain situations.

Discussion was given concerning the Special Services workshop scheduled for September 29th.

Discussion was given concerning the Conference in November. The Conference speaker will be Reverend Franklin Baggett. Music will be provided by the host church. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood stated that the letters to the pastors and churches need to be sent out by the end of September. Discussion was given concerning the post-Conference worship service.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be September 19, 2005 at 9:30am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin.

September 20, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on September 20, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Matthew 16:13-18. The Reverend Frankie Baggett opened with prayer.

Central

The minutes of the August 15th meeting were read and approved.

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

Discussion was given in regards to the issue concerning one of our churches. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood gave an update of the situation. Questions were raised and Reverend Ronnie Hobgood stated that he would try to find out the answers.

Discussion was given concerning the Special Services workshop scheduled for September 29th.

Discussion was given concerning the nominating committee for the Conference meeting. The Reverend Philip Wood was chosen as chairman, Reverend Kevin Jackson volunteered, and Reverend Johnny Sullivan was chosen. If the two chosen are unable to serve, then Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will appoint the members.

Discussion was given concerning the Conference in November. Discussion was given concerning the post-Conference worship service. Several details were worked out concerning both events.

Discussion was given concerning developing a budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Discussion was made concerning the need for the income to match expenses of the Conference. By motion was agreed to recommend to the Conference the institution of the Central Conference Ministers' Membership Dues at a cost of \$30.00 per minister.

Discussion was given concerning Conference goals for 2006. The Committee will continue to discuss these goals at future meetings.

By motion, it was agreed to raise the mileage reimbursement from 35 cents to 40 cents for Conference representatives.

By motion, it was agreed to contact the Disaster Relief program and offer to pay the insurance fee for all members of Central Conference Churches that will be going to the Gulf Coast to help in the clean-up process following Hurricane Katrina.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be October 24, 2005 at 9:30am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

October 24, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 24, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Ephesians. The Reverend Kevin Jackson opened with prayer.

Central

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were read and approved.

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

Discussion was given concerning the budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. More discussion was made concerning the need for the income to match expenses of the Conference. By motion, it was agreed that the Ministerial dues mentioned at the last meeting will need to be collected by Feb. 1 of 2006 for the 2005-2006 year. Starting at the 2006 Conference meeting dues for the next budget year will be due at the Conference meeting.

Discussion was given concerning the Conference in November. The Committee looked over the program and made the necessary changes. Additional comments were made concerning the proceedings of the Conference meeting.

Discussion was given concerning Conference goals for 2006. Future workshops were a topic of discussion. A workshop entitled "Facing Today's Ethical Issues" is planned for Saturday, February 25, 2006. Topics for discussion will be computer & internet safety, pastoral counseling, ministerial ethics, and church legal issues. Starting at 9:00am the workshop will last till 2:00pm with lunch provided. The workshop will be held at Elm Grove OFWB Church in Ayden. The workshop will be repeated divided into two nights on March 7th and 14th. All Ordained and Licensed Ministers will be required to attend the four sessions in some format. Failure to attend all four sessions will result in a letter dealing with the minister's absent being sent to his church's deacon board. The minister will also be required to meeting jointly with the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be November 10, 2005 at 8:30am at Black Jack OFWB Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Frankie Baggett.

November 10, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 10, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the October 24th meeting were read and approved.

It was noted that the proposed workshop scheduled for February 25th, 2006 conflicts with the Sunday School Institute. Pending the availability of the speakers the workshop is rescheduled for March 4th, 2006.

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

Central

Discussion was made concerning the program for the Conference and changes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin.

Report of the Board of Ordination

Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met five times since the last Conference: February 8th, April 11th, July 11th, September 19th, and October 16th of this year.

Ministers Ordained

The Reverend Charles Russell was ordained on November 21, 2004.

The Reverend Kelley Smart was ordained on February 27, 2005.

The Reverend Michael Rowell was ordained on May 15, 2005.

The Reverend Charles Sutton was ordained on August 14, 2005.

The Reverend Doug Tyson was ordained on October 16, 2005.

Mr. Carlton Oakley was approved for license.

Transfer of Conference membership

The Reverend Alvin Keener from the Eastern Conference

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze from the Central Conference

Membership Roll

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

The Reverend Charles Russell

The Reverend Kelley Smart

The Reverend Michael Rowell

The Reverend Charles Sutton

The Reverend Doug Tyson

The Reverend Alvin Keener

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

The Reverend Leon Harris

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze

Approved for work in the Conference

The Reverend Otis Hamm, Western Conference, Pastor of Saratoga FWB

The Reverend Ashley Trogon, Eastern Conference, Pastor of First FWB, Williamston

The Reverend David Allen, Associate Pastor of First FWB, Greenville

Regular meetings of the Board for the Year 2006: January 9th, April 10th, July 10th, and October 9th. 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.

Report of the Memorial Committee

In our memorial service today, we want to remember those who have faithfully served the Lord through the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist.

We have had one of our ministers to enter his eternal reward along with many brothers and sisters from our local churches. We thank God today for the lives and influence of these individuals.

In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 1:2-3, he says, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father" (II Thessalonians 1:2-3).

We remember the Reverend Noah Daniel Beaman.

The Reverend N. Dan Beaman was born October 27, 1909 and passed away on March 5, 2005. He was a native of Greene County and spent most of his life in the Snow Hill area. He was educated in the Greene County Schools and furthered his education in preparation for the ministry at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Beaman was licensed to preach the gospel on December 4, 1932 by Free Union Church. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister on December 4, 1933 by the Central Conference. He spent most of his adult life devoted to his calling in the ministry and continued to actively pastor churches in eastern North Carolina well into his eighties. He devoted almost seventy years to the gospel ministry. Among the churches he pastored were Grimsley, Winterville, Pleasant Hill, Rose Hill, Walnut Creek, Casey's Chapel, LaGrange, Trinity, and May's Chapel.

Mr. Beaman was married to the former Nina Heath Beaman who preceded him in death. They were blessed with two daughters, Joyce Beaman Taylor and Mary Elizabeth Beaman Reed.

Mr. Beaman was also a farmer and a member of Free Union Church at Walstonburg. It was said of him that he was never too tired to attend to the needs of his congregations.

Mr. Beaman was a faithful servant of God and shall long be remembered and appreciated for his untiring efforts and labors for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Information gathered from family, friends, church records, newspaper and funeral home by Rev. Charles Branch serving on the Memorial Committee of the Central Conference, November 10, 2005.)

We remember those deceased members that were reported by their church.

Ayden Church

Ellen Newell Brown

Bethany Church

Wilbur Terry Craft

Alice L Cannon

Robert Bruce Cannon

Daniels Chapel Church

Laura Pittman

Stephen Pittman

Martha Bass

Bobby Bressler

Black Jack Church

Ernestine Forrest
Elton Mills
Cora Belle Gaskins
Leona Hudson
Ada Mae Paramore
Grace Mills
H. J. Stokes

Community Church

Jimmy T. Tidwell
Judy Norwood
Josephine Whitehurst Harris
Levin Derrell Hemby
Neva Mae Harris Garris
Lloyd Swindell Vincent

Grimsley Church

Wilbur Cash
Harriett Hughes
Robert Nethercutt

Harrell's Chapel Church

Roger Sutton, Sr.
Mildred Carraway

Howell Swamp Church

James D. Holloman

Hull Road Church

Miss Glenn Hill
Leonard Cunningham
Nettie Jernigan
Elizabeth Wise
David Askew

King's Cross Roads Church

Tommy Little
Marvin Harris
Ronnie Little
David Owens
Horace Tugwell

La Grange Church

Albert Wade

Edgewood Church

John Taylor
Bobby Walston
Margaret Webb
Florence Harrell

Elm Grove Church

Minnie Irene Garrett
Elma Hines Beddard
Nannie Beddard Honeycutt
Ashley Farmer
Ethel Dudley

Greenville Church

Mary Harris Whichard
Lenard Smith

Little Creek Church

Virginia Forrest
Bobby Bowen

Marlboro Church

Lillie Turner
Rosa Allen Mooring

Reedy Branch Church

Bonnie Evans
Raymond Harris
Tom Thorpe
E.C. Averette

Rocky Mount Church

Charles Bennett
Michael Burchette
Margaret Brown

Rose Hill Church

Dolly Haddock

Saint's Delight Church

Bruce Wade

Tarboro Church

Lorine Godwin

Williamston Church

Janie Coburn Adams

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Faye Adams

Miss Leah McGlohon

The Reverend Charles Branch

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	45
Central Conference Ministers	51
Licensed Ministers	3
Visitors	<u>27</u>
Total Registered	124

Respectfully submitted,
Reverends Doug Owens, Frank Cockrell, and Mr. Marc Boswell

Report of Conference Treasurer

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

November 4, 2004 to November 10, 2005

Balance from November 2004		\$6,669.69
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Receipts

Church Contributions	\$1,900.00	
Conference Offering	\$544.00	
Church Contributions since Conference	\$1,100.00	
Transferred from Maury Endowment	\$94.19	
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$753.52	
Interest on Checking	\$26.81	
Money from closed accounts	\$12,615.77	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Minister Membership Dues	\$0.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$17,034.29</u>	<u>\$17,034.29</u>
Total to account for in Checking Account		\$23,703.98

Disbursements

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	\$0.00	
Board of Ordination	\$42.27	
Church Growth Committee	\$2,850.00	
Conference Expense	\$2,153.22	
Continuing Education Committee	\$0.00	
Convention of OFWB Support	\$0.00	
Convention of OFWB (Year Book)	\$1,960.00	
Executive Committee Expenses	\$265.80	
Office Supplies	\$135.15	
Pre-Conference Worship Service Expenses	\$0.00	
Conference Secretary	\$40.00	
Hurricane Disaster Relief	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$7,446.44</u>	<u>\$7,446.44</u>
Total in Checking Account as of November 10, 2005		\$16,257.54

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Central Conference Endowment Fund	\$60,564.26	
<i>(see minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)</i>		
<i>Xfer to Checking Account (2-14-05)</i>	\$753.52	\$59,810.74
<i>Interest since November 2004</i>	\$980.01	
Total as of November 10, 2005		\$60,790.75
 Maury Endowment Fund	 \$7,570.53	
(For Annual Training Conference)		
<i>(Please see minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)</i>		
<i>Xfer to Checking Account (2-14-05)</i>	\$94.19	\$7,476.34
<i>Interest since November 2004</i>	\$122.53	
Total		\$7,598.87
 Central Conference CD	 \$35,000.00	
(Opened 02/14/05 - Mature Date 05/14/06) 3.10%		
<i>Interest since February 2005</i>	\$726.79	
Total		\$35,726.79

Report of the Church Growth Committee

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

- 1) \$500.00 was allocated to a church that sponsored an old-fashioned tent revival. The main emphasis and objective was to mobilize people to canvas the entire community through an "Adopt A Highway for Christ" strategy. The month preceding the revival, they contacted and left a revival flyer, church information brochure, and a tract at every home on each adopted highway. Volunteer lay counselors were trained to handle decisions at the altar. Outreach follow-up teams visited each prospect following the revival.
- 2) \$350.00 was allocated to a church assist in the purchase of "The Purpose Driven Life Video Conference." This conference dealt with subjects such as "Targeting Your Community for Evangelism," "Attracting a Crowd to Worship," and "Developing Mature Christians."
- 3) \$500.00 was allocated to a church to help send the youth leadership to the National Youth Workers Convention held in Nashville, TN. There, several nationally known Christian speakers trained the attendees in youth work.

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- 4) \$500.00 was allocated to two churches, which assisted in taking teenagers to the Dare 2 Share Conference in November. The conference provides excellent training in how to share the faith.
- 5) \$500.00 was allocated to a church enabling their youth and youth workers to attend Winter Xtreme 2005 in Galtinburg, TN. This is a conference that motivates youth to take up leadership roles in today's church.

Last year we were budgeted with \$6,000. We issued allocations in the amount of \$2,850.00

We respectfully make the following recommendations to the Central Conference:
This report to the Central Conference be accepted.
The Central Conference pray for the growth and the leadership of our churches.
The Central Conference budget \$5,000.00 for church growth the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reverend Tony Glass, Chairman
Reverend Joey Williams
Reverend Johnny Sullivan
Reverend Jack Weathersby
Reverend Kevin Jackson

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 Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, David Langley, Alan Joyner

Report of the Nominating Committee

Board of Ordination:	The Reverend Tony Glass	[term to expire 2010]
Board of Trustees:	Mr. Rex Wainwright	[term to expire 2008]
Credentials Committee:	The Reverend Doug Owens	[term to expire 2008]
Memorial Committee:	The Reverend Charles Russell	[term to expire 2008]
Continuing Education Committee:	The Reverend Doug Tyson	[term to expire 2008]

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Church Growth Committee: The Reverend Kelley Smart [term to expire 2008]

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Philip Wood, Chairman
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan
The Reverend Kevin Jackson

Report of the Resolution Committee

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

1. Be it resolved that the 257th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Black Jack 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 257th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Reverend Doctor Frankie Baggett for an inspiring and challenging messages.
3. Be it resolved that we strongly urge everyone to continue to lift up in prayer the work of our denomination, prayer for continual spiritual growth in our churches, families, our nation and its leaders.
4. Whereas, let us as Central Conference ministers and laity take a strong stand against the pornography that has infiltrated our society via television, internet, radio, and publications. Let us hold to the teachings of Jesus in the values of our family lives. As we seek to protect the sanctity of men, women, and children in our society.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Alan Joyner
The Reverend Frank Flowers
Mr. Irvin Mizzell

CHURCH	LETTER	DELEGATES	CONTRIBUTION
Aspen Grove	Yes		
Ayden	Yes	Yes	
Bethany	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black Jack	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community	Yes		Yes
Daniel's Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dilda's Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edgewood	Yes		Yes
Elm Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Union		Yes	
Friendship	Yes	Yes	
Greenville, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grimsely			
Gum Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harrell's Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hickory Grove		Yes	
Hillside	Yes	Yes	Yes
Howell Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hugo	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hull Road	Yes	Yes	Yes
King's Cross Roads	Yes	Yes	Yes
La Grange, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marlboro	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ormondsville	Yes		
Otter's Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Owens Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)		Yes	
Pleasant Hill		Yes	
Reedy Branch	Yes	Yes	
Rocky Mount, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rose Hill	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rose of Sharon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saint's Delight	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saratoga			
Spring Branch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweet Gum Grove		Yes	Yes
Tarboro, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walnut Creek	Yes		Yes
Watery Branch			
Williamston, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Winterville	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Roll of Central Conference Ministers By Seniority

Minister	Ordained	2003	2004	2005
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	Retired	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	A
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	L
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	L
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	A	P	L
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	L	L	A
Earl Glenn	11/02/49	P	P	P
Billy Ray Jordan	10/17/62	L	L	L
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	L	P
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	P	P
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	L
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	L	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	L	L	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	L	P	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	A	P
David T. Langley	10/05/87	L	P	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	L	A	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
John Robert Harris	08/27/95	P	L	A
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	P	P
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	P	P
M.E. Cox	06/01/56	L	Retired	Retired

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Minister	Ordained	2003	2004	2005
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P
Johnny Sullivan	05/21/00	P	L	P
Gene Britt	09/10/72	P	P	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P
Barry Williamson	09/17/00	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	P	P	P
John C. Simpson	04/29/01	P	P	P
Doug Owens	05/06/01	P	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	L	A	L
Tommy Yopp	10/21/99	P	P	A
Phillip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P
Charlie Carroll	07/10/94	P	A	P
Tony Parrish	11/09/88	P	A	P
Jacky Raper	06/08/88	P	P	P
Alan Joyner	02/08/04		P	P
James Owens	11/10/81		A	P
Greg Mills	12/28/83		A	P
Charles Russell	11/21/04			P
Kelley Smart	02/27/05			L
Michael Rowell	05/15/05			A
Charles Sutton	08/14/05			P
Doug Tyson	10/16/05			P
Alvin Keener				A

Licensed Minister	Licensed	2003	2004	2005
Jay Tripp	04/08/02	P	P	P
Marc Boswell	02/02/03	P	P	P
Alex McCarter	02/08/04		L	P
Carlton Oakley				A

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DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Central Conference													
Alpha & Omega Mission													15
Aspen Grove	164										64	35	60
Ayden	119			1						120	25	20	45
Bethany	192	118	74								89	55	85
Black Jack	594	421	173	6	2		4			598	430		327
Community	168	55	133		1		1			168	32	25	45
Daniels Chapel	443			3	7	3	3			453	165	135	240
Dilda's Grove	93	50	43							93	47	34	55
Edgewood	63	46	17	4	8		2		5	68	61	55	72
Elm Grove	426	243	183	8	4		2			436	200	148	228
Free Union	378	204	174		4		3	2		377	140	97	130
Friendship	312	207	105				3	2		307	130	105	150
Greenville, First	310	310			2		2			310	155	110	181
Grimsley	133	78	55	5				1		137	65	50	60
Gum Swamp	417	110	307	6				2		421		71	101
Harrells Chapel							5	3			100	90	115
Hickory Grove	101	39	62		1	1	1			102	54	30	55
Hillside	60	28	32							60	9	9	28
Howell Swamp	150			5	1					156	57	45	80
Hugo	156	79	77				2			154	71	56	98
Hull Road	305	305		20	4		7	1		321	152	102	146
Kings Cross Roads	318	199	119		2		2			318	189	124	224
La Grange	188	136	52	6			2			192	86	72	160
Little Creek	137	122	15				1	2		134	60	45	55
Marlboro	321	180	141				3	1		317	178	99	139
Ormondsville	267	197	70	5			2			270	100	90	130
Otters Creek	48	48								48	20	17	35
Owens Chapel	196	100	96		3		3			196	99	85	125
Peace	105	56	49	4			1	3		105	56	50	65
Piney Grove-Beaufort	35	25	10							35	20	18	26
Piney Grove-Pitt	53	53		1		2	3		6	47	28	25	44
Pleasant Hill	82	62	20	10	3		3			92	52	40	65

CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Reedy Branch	235	135	100		8		3	5		235	115	85	125
Rocky Mount, First	113	51	62	1			2			112	47	35	55
Rose Hill													
Rose of Sharon	240	126	114	1	1		2			240		88	112
Saint's Delight	95	30	65							95	25	15	30
Saratoga	207	100	107	2			3			206	103	87	90
Spring Branch	181	181		3			6	1		177	80	70	130
Sweet Gum Grove													
Tarboro, First	198	198			1		3			196	135	120	175
Walnut Creek	110	67	43	4	1	3	2			116	71	60	75
Watery Branch	155	111	44				2	3		150	105	70	95
Williamston, First	106	54	52	1					46	61	35	25	40
Winterville	324	324		14	4		6	1		335	160	113	213
Central Conf. Totals	8298	4848	2594	110	57	9	84	27	57	7958	3810	2705	4524