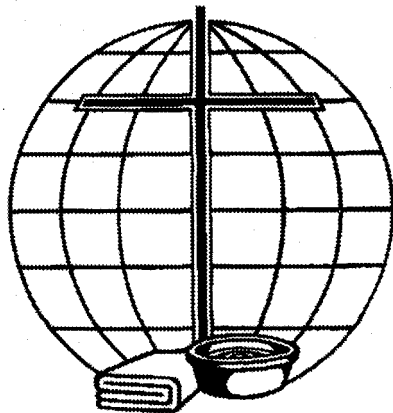


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Go... Tell the Story

The 95th Annual Session
of the
Convention of
Original Free Will Baptists

May 22 - 24, 2007

Reports Book

**Minutes
of the
258th Annual Session
of the
Central Conference
of the
Original Free Will Baptists**

**Held with
Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 9, 2006
The Reverend Ronnie Mohn, 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

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Boards and Committees

Executive Committee (2006-2008)

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Moderator
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan, Assistant Moderator
The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Assistant Clerk
The Reverend Charles Branch, Treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett (2007) The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2008)
The Reverend C.H. Overman (2009) The Reverend Tony Glass (2010)
The Reverend Frank Flowers (2011)

Board of Trustees

Mrs. Gladys Oakley (2007) Mr. Rex Wainwright (2008)
Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

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

The Reverend Tony Parrish (2008)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Marc Boswell (2007) The Reverend Doug Owens (2008)
The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2009)

Memorial Committee

Miss Leah McGlohon (2007) The Reverend Charles Russell (2008)
Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2008)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

Mr. I.Z. Cobb (2008)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2007) The Reverend Doug Tyson (2008)
The Reverend Barry Williamson (2009)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2007) The Reverend Kelley Smart (2008)
The Reverend Todd Sutton (2009)

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Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 258th annual session with Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "Majesty." Opening scripture and prayer were offered by Rev. David Allen.

The Reverend Brad Williamson, clerk, called the 258th annual session to order. The Reverend Ronnie Mohn, pastor of the host church, extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, shared several points using 1 Samuel 2:35 as his text. The Reverend Hobgood reminded the Conference that the priest Eli has failed in his duties and that God was going to clean house. God would not do away with the office of priest, but He would choose someone who is faithful. The text tells that this faithful servant would do what God wanted to be done. The Reverend Hobgood stated that we must be careful to carry out the work of our Lord. It must be His work because it is His Church. He exhorted us to keep this in mind as the Conference meets; that our desire would be to faithful to carry out His work. He exhorted us to do God's will God's way.

The roll of churches was called with 35 churches responding with delegates.

14 visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Nominating Committee: Reverends Frankie Baggett, Frank Cockrell, Barry Williamson

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Leon Grubbs, Tony Glass, Philip Wood

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 Tony Glass. 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 David Allen, Marc Boswell, Bobby Jones, and Arnold Price as ordained ministers. Welcome was also extended to Devlyn McCreight, Bryan Perry, and James Wiggins as licensed ministers.

At 10:15 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 Ronnie Hobgood. The prayer

of invocation was given by Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett. The congregation was then led by Reverend Philip Boykin in the singing of "Praise Him! Praise Him!", "Praise the Name of Jesus," and "Let's Just Praise the Lord." The offering for the conference was then received and the offertory prayer was given by Reverend Kevin Jackson. Special music was presented by the Reverend Grady Tucker. The Reverend Phillip Boykin led in the morning prayer. The congregation was then led by Reverend Boykin in the singing of "Sanctuary." The Reverend Johnny Sullivan delivered the conference sermon entitled, "Enabled by the Spirit." His text came from Isaiah 41:8-13. Reverend Sullivan stated that every minister of God must be ready to face the spiritual battles around. However, we have hope knowing that God will be with us every step of the way. We must look to God knowing that He is the One Isaiah spoke of concerning Israel's safety. We must rely upon the Spirit of Almighty God to enable us everyday to minister in the local church. He stated that God is able to do all things, but we must make a commitment to surrender everything to His will. The text of Isaiah shows us several promises that we can claim as our own as we serve the Lord. Christians must be students of prayer and Bible study, and young and old alike must make the most of the opportunities given to us. Reverend Sullivan exhorted the Conference to be a people of vision trusting that God will bring His plans to completion. Christians must take a stand for the things of God and rely upon the Bible as we operate under God's care. If the Church has been enabled by the Spirit, then let us be proactive. Since we have been enabled by God's Spirit we have nothing to fear. Reverend Sullivan stated that he sought to encourage the Conference and remind the Conference what an Awesome God we serve. He also stated that now is the time for us to move forward for Christ.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Breath on Me" and a corporate reading of an affirmation of faith based on our Articles of Faith.

The service closed in prayer by Reverend Brad Williamson.

The business session continued at 11:10 a.m.

Representing the denominational and conference ministries were as follows:

Convention: Reverend Charles Renfrow, president; Retirement Homes: Mr. Ronnie Taylor; Children's Home: Dr. Bobby Taylor; Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Darren Davenport; Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines; Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry; Church Finance: Reverend Walter Reynolds; Ministers Program: Reverend Philip Boykin; Home Mission and Evangelism and Disaster Relief: Reverend Charles Renfrow; Sunday School Board: Reverend Charles Renfrow; Camp Vandemere: Mr. Wesley Taylor; Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Jane Tripp; State Laymen's League: Mr. Elmer Harrell

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett, assistant moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: Reverend Norwood Furtrell [55 years], Stewart Humphrey [40 years], Reverend Stanley Buck [35 years], Reverend Bruce

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Jones [35 years], Reverend Clifford Ball [25 years], and Reverend James Owens [25 years], Reverend Ed Thorton [25] years.

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12:00 p.m. with the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story" and a prayer by Reverend Charles Branch.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with singing of "He Leadeth Me."

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

Reverend Marc Boswell gave the report of the Credentials Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The roll call of ministers was called with 55 ministers present.

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

By motion, it was agreed to accept the proposed Conference budget for 2006-2007. [see Reports]

The Reverend Jack Weathersby 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]

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett 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 Leon Grubbs 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 recommendations of the Executive Committee. [see Reports]

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, gave challenging closing remarks concerning the work of Conference and the need for us to rely upon the Lord as we seek to serve Him in the coming year.

A love offering was received for a family whose baby has had three liver transplants within

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the last month. By motion, it was agreed for the Conference to add two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the offering of \$679.17 received.

The Conference was adjourned by singing "He Is Lord."

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

The Conference in connection with the Central District Youth Fellowship reconvened at 6:30pm for a time of worship and fun as the youth of our Conference met together at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church for a lock-in. Several churches were represented at the lock-in and had a wonderful time.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Moderator

The Reverend Brad Williamson, Clerk

Reports

Report of the Executive Committee

November 28, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 28, 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 Isaiah 9:6-7. The Reverend Kevin Jackson opened with prayer.

The minutes of the 257th 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. It was also decided that Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, would send a letter to the ministers who were absent.

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 given concerning the upcoming workshop "Facing Today's Ethical Issues." It was noted that one presenter had a conflict with Tuesdays. For the workshop that will be

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divided into two parts, the first session will be March 7th and the second session will be March 16th. Other details were worked out as well.

It was mentioned that a letter would need to be sent out reminding the ministers of Central Conference of the dues now required.

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 discussion followed.

Discussion was given concerning the request to examine the wording of the Conference's Constitution in regards to the Church Growth Committee and who that committee is able to help financially. The Executive Committee decided to continue this discussion at later meetings.

By motion, it was agreed Reverend Kevin Jackson will continue to serve as an appointed representative to the Church Growth Committee, and Reverend Phillip Boykin will continue to serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be February 6, 2006 at 9:30am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin.

February 6, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on February 6, 2006, 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 1:16. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

An update was given concerning some of the Central Conference churches.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming workshop in March. The need for the sessions to be video-taped was discussed. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood appointed Reverends Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, and Kevin Jackson to oversee the project.

By motion, it was agreed that the Conference will send one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to

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the North Carolina Foundation For Christian Ministries. This money will be for the Michael R. Pelt Endowed Scholarship Fund. The funds from the scholarship will be used by Original Free Will Baptist ministers enrolled in seminary or divinity school.

Discussion was given concerning other business. It was decided that the Board of Ordination and the Executive Committee should meet jointly to discuss a few issues.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be March 13, 2006 at 10:00am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

March 13, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on March 13, 2006, at 10:00 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 5:13-16. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

An update was given concerning the Minister's Seminar, noting the success of the workshop.

Discussion was given concerning other possible events and workshops. One possibility discussed was a dinner for ministers and their wives. It was decided to continue to discuss this issue at a later meeting.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference. It was noted that Marlboro Original Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville has extended an invitation to host the 2006 Conference. Thought was given concerning the possible evening program following the Conference. The Committee is also to think about a speaker for the Conference.

Discussion was given concerning the joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination. It was noted that the meeting will be April 10, 2006 at 10:00am at the First FWB Church, Greenville.

Discussion was given concerning other business. It was brought to the attention of the committee that Reverend Scott Satterfield, an Original Free Will Baptist minister, has begun a ministry for East Carolina University students. Any church that would like to help support this ministry is encouraged to do so. Attendance at each Conference was also discussed with a decision to continue the discussion at later meetings.

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The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

April 10, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on April 10, 2006, 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 Proverbs 3:5-6. The Reverend Kevin Jackson opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

An update was given concerning the Boards and Committees of the Conference.

Discussion was given concerning other possible events and workshops. The possibility of a dinner for ministers and their wives was again discussed. It was decided that Reverend Ronnie Hobgood would begin to work on planning this dinner.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference and a possible speaker for the Conference.

It was noted that the Conference will be sending at least two delegates to the 2006 Convention.

At that time the Executive Committee met jointly with the Board of Ordination. Discussion was given concerning the format and other considerations of the Ordination Service of Ministers. Other concerns were discussed as well. It was decided to meet together May 16, 2006 at 9:00am (moved to August 14th at 10am) at First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, to continue these discussions.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Leon Grubbs.

August 14, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 14, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Frankie Baggett, Brad Williamson, Phillip Boykin, and Kevin Jackson. The Reverend Frankie Baggett called the meeting to order and read from Proverbs 3:5-6. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

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It was noted that Reverend Walt Tyndall has resigned from the Board of Ordination and the Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett will serve until the November Conference.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference and it was stated that the letter to the Churches and Ministers need to be sent by September 15, 2006.

Discussion was given concerning the publication of a book on Conference policies and procedures. These would include all committees and the motions passed at each Conference. The minutes for the last twenty-five years will be examined with each Executive Committee member taking five years apiece.

It was noted that the Church Growth Committee has met through email several times. The Continuing Education Committee has not had a need to meet since nothing has been sent in by any minister.

Discussion was given concerning the Churches in the Conference that are in need of a Pastor.

It was noted that the battery on the Conference computer was going bad and it was agreed to purchase a new one.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be September 19, 2006 at 10:00am at the First FWB Church, Greenville. (moved to September 26th)

At that time the Executive Committee met jointly with the Board of Ordination. Discussion was once again given concerning the format and other considerations of the Ordination Service of Ministers. Other concerns such as a revision of the ordination exam and educational requirements were discussed as well.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

September 26, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on September 26, 2006 at 9:00 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 Frankie Baggett called the meeting to order and read from Zachariah 4:6 and Acts 1:8. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last 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 last joint meeting with the Board of Ordination, as well as the Church Growth Committee and Continuing Education Committee.

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Discussion was given concerning the November 2005–October 2006 Conference budget. The November 2006 – October 2007 budget was then discussed and finalized for final approval at the Conference.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference. It was noted that Reverend Johnny Sullivan would bring the morning message during the Conference. The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett agreed to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Reverends Frank Cockrell and Barry Williamson were chosen to serve on the Nominating Committee, with Reverends Leon Grubbs and Phillip Wood as alternates. It was noted that Conference reports should be given to the Moderator, Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, by October 15, 2006. A Central District Youth Fellowship lock-in was discussed to coincide with the Conference meeting. The Reverend Brad Williamson agreed to represent the Executive Committee to work with the Central District Youth Fellowship leaders in planning the event. The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett agreed to prepare the certificates for Central Conference ministers serving twenty-five years or more on a five year interval. The Reverend Charles Branch will oversee the Memorial Service. Discussion was also given concerning the Conference format.

Discussion was given concerning the publication of a book on Conference policies and procedures. These would include all committees and the motions passed at each Conference. The minutes for the last twenty-five years will be examined with each Executive Committee member taking five years apiece. The Reverend Brad Williamson will examine 2000-present; Reverend Kevin Jackson will examine 1995-1999; Reverend Phillip Boykin will examine 1990-1994; Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett will examine 1985-1989; Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will examine 1980-1984.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be November 9, 2006 at 8:45am at Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Kevin Jackson.

November 9, 2006

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 9, 2006 at 8:45 a.m. at the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville. 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. The Reverend Frankie Baggett opened with prayer.

By motion it was agreed to make the recommendation that we establish an Endowment for Ministerial students attending Seminary or Divinity School. That the amount be \$10,000.00 and to be given over a period of five years (\$2,000.00 per year). That the Endowment be made with the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries. That eligibility for the scholarships be according the policies of the Foundation for Central Conference ministers.

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By motion it was agreed to make the recommendation that we give a gift of \$1,200.00 to the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries in support of scholarships to students attending Seminary or Divinity School for the 2006-2007 year.

Discussion was given concerning a planned open forum to review our procedures for ordination in early spring of 2007.

By motion it was agreed to accept the order of the Conference and to allow the Moderator to make any necessary changes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.

Recommendations

The Executive Committee is recommending that we establish an Endowment for Ministerial students attending Seminary or Divinity School. That the amount be \$10,000.00 and to be given over a period of five years (\$2,000.00 per year). That the Endowment be made with the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries. That eligibility for the scholarships be according to the policies of the Foundation for Central Conference ministers.

The Executive Committee is recommending that we give a gift of \$1,200.00 to the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries in support of scholarships to students attending Seminary or Divinity School for the 2006-2007 year.

Report of the Board of Ordination

Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met seven times since the last Conference: November 10, 2005; December 6, 2005; January 8, 2006; April 10, 2006; July 10, 2006; August 14, 2006; and October 9, 2006.

Ministers Ordained

The Reverend Marc Boswell was ordained on January 8, 2006.

Approved for License

Mr. Dustin Bannister

Mr. Devlyn McCreight

Mr. Bryan Perry

Mr. Matthew Perry

Mr. Douglas Quintas

Mr. Shannon Rodgers

Mr. Matt Stocks

Mr. James Wiggins

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Transfer of Conference membership

The Reverend Arnold Price from the Eastern Conference

Membership Roll

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

The Reverend Marc Boswell

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

The Reverend Billy Ray Jordan (deceased)

Approved for work in the Conference

The Reverend Arnold Price

The Reverend Ronnie Mohn

The Reverend Foy Houston

Regular meetings of the Board for the Year 2007: January 9th, April 10th, July 10th, and October 9th. Meetings will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville.

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 II Timothy 4:6-8, Paul says, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing".

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.

We remember the Reverend Billy Ray Jordan.

The Reverend Billy Ray Jordan was born March 27, 1941 and passed away on March 15, 2006. He was a native of Wayne County. He graduated from Nahunta High School, attended Mount Olive College and received an associate degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 14. He was licensed to preach at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church and was ordained by the Western Conference on October 17, 1962. He later transferred to the Central Conference.

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Among the churches he served were Northern, Trinity, Shiloh, New Sandy Hill, May's Chapel, Community, Spring Branch, Piney Grove (Albertson) and Indian Springs.

Reverend Jordan is survived by his mother, Annie Talton Jordan, two sisters, Roseitta Holland and Lillian Starling and several nieces and nephews.

(Information taken from Reverend Jordan's personnel resume, information in the Historical Collection at Mount Olive College and friends.)

We also remember those members who faithful served the Lord through their churches. The following were reported by the churches:

Aspen Grove Church

Edna Page
W. S. Warren

Ayden Church

No deaths

Bethany Church

No deaths

Black Jack Church

D. J. Spain
J. H. Mills
Blanch Kalback
Betty Lou Dixon
Doris Arnold
Herman Ingalls
Buddy Hudson

Community Church

Rey Massengale
Elizabeth Anderson
Alice S. Rosch

Daniels Chapel Church

Earney W. Cayton
Blanche Collier
Thad Russell Lawrence
Ruby Pittman
Nancy Sawrey
Leslie W. Skinner

Dilda's Grove

Ethel Lee Cobb

Edgewood Church

No report

Elm Grove Church

Emmy Lou Jones
W. B. (Pete) Jones
Lottie D. Oakley
Jimmie Lee Stokes

First FWB Church, Greenville

James Ed Manning
Hilda Little
Lillian Smith Rath
Carold Little
Ronald Rice, Sr.

First FWB Church, Rocky Mount

No report

First FWB Church, Tarboro

No report

First FWB Church, Williamston

Evelyn Meeks Boyette

Free Union Church

Sallie J. Mercer
Beadie H. Letchworth
Emma Mae Hardison
A.L. Coggins
Lucy Pollock
Guy Jones, Jr.
Fannie Farmer
Selma Epps
Carson Beaman

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Friendship Church

Wiley Mayo
Minnie Lovic
Sallie Stanley
Francis Avery

Grimsley Church

Ray Jones

Gum Swamp Church

Wallace Williams
E. R. Lewis
Bill Jones

Harrell's Chapel Church

Dwight Davis
Doris Moore
Ricky Harrell
Florence Carlyle

Hickory Grove Church

No report

Hillside Church

No deaths

Howell Swamp Church

Inez Taylor
William Vick, Sr.

Hugo Church

No report

Hull Road Church

No report

King's Cross Roads Church

Edna Hedgepeth
Margarie Dail
Lillian Corbitt
Edgar Owens
Christine Windham

La Grange Church

Mary Katherine Matsko
Margaret Sutton
Anne L. Wilson

Little Creek Church

No report

Marlboro Church

Sylvia Allen Fisher
Alma Carraway Hobgood
Lila Mae Carraway
John William Shackleford

Ormondsville Church

No report

Otter's Creek Church

Learline Hamilton Horton

Owens Chapel

No report

Peace Church

No report

Piney Grove Church (Beaufort Co)

William Upton

Piney Grove Church (Pitt Co.)

Ernest J. Cassick
Ruby Ross Joyner
Lymond L. Hodges

Pleasant Hill Church

Jo Ann Smith Hall
Lila Mae Adams
Faye Paramore
Lou Wetherington
Lillian Sutton
James Buck
Patsy Hagan

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Reedy Branch Church

Burney Tucker
Tommy Hooks
Jimmy Stocks

Rose Hill Church

Greg Delong
Willie Robinson
Lindy Wilson
Denny Branch
Julia Branch
David Jones

Rose of Sharon Church

Eleen Terry

Saint's Delight Church

Lois Jarmen
Phyllis Ross
Bonnie Mae Moore

Saratoga Church

No report

Lighting of Memorial Candle.

Poem:

"Some Time We'll Understand"

*Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears, And there, some time, we'll, understand.
We'll catch the broken thread again, And finish what we here began;
Heav'n will the mysteries explain. And then, ah, then, we'll understand.
We'll know why clouds instead of sun Were over many a cherished plan;
Why song has ceased when scarce begun; 'Tis there, some time we'll understand.
God knows the way, He holds the key, He guides us with unerring hand;
Some time with tearless eyes we'll see; Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.
Then trust in God thro' all the days; Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Though dark the way, still sing and praise, Some time, some time, we'll understand.*

---Maxwell N. Cornelius

Moments of Silent Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Charles Branch, Chairman, Miss Leah McGlohon, Reverend Charles Russell

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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	46
Central Conference Ministers	51
Licensed Ministers	5
Visitors	31
Total Registered	133

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

Report of Conference Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report

November 10, 2005 to November 9, 2006

<i>Balance from November 2005</i>		\$16,257.54
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Receipts

Church Contributions	\$2,884.00	
Conference Offering	\$315.00	
Church Contributions since Conference	\$1,345.00	
Transferred from Maury Endowment	\$132.11	
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$1,056.91	
Interest on Checking	\$32.90	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Minister Membership Dues	\$1,605.00	
Total	<u>\$7,370.92</u>	<u>\$7,370.92</u>

<i>Total to account for in Checking Account</i>		\$23,628.46
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Disbursements

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	\$0.00	
Board of Ordination	\$21.40	
Church Growth Committee	\$1,991.70	
Conference Expense	\$2,952.28	
Continuing Education Committee	\$0.00	
Convention of OFWB Support	\$500.00	
Convention of OFWB (Year Book)	\$805.00	
Executive Committee Expenses	\$304.00	
Office Supplies	\$85.80	
Pre-Conference Worship Service Expenses	\$0.00	
Conference Secretary	\$40.00	
Hurricane Disaster Relief	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$7,700.18</u>
<i>Total in Checking Account as of November 9, 2006</i>		\$15,928.28

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Central Conference Endowment Fund	\$60,000.00	
<i>(See minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)</i>		
Interest for 2005	\$1,056.91	\$61,056.91
Xfer to Checking Account (1-06-06)	\$1,056.91	
Total		\$60,000.00
Interest for 2006 (as of 9/31/06)	\$1,018.21	
Total		\$61,018.21
 Maury Endowment Fund		
(For Annual Training Conference)	\$7,500.00	
<i>(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)</i>		
Interest for 2005	\$132.11	
Total		\$7,632.11
Xfer to Checking Account (1-06-06)	\$132.11	
Total		\$7,500.00
Interest for 2006 (as of 9/31/06)	\$127.28	
Total		\$7,627.28
 Central Conference CD		
(Opened 02/14/05 - Mature Date 05/14/06) 3.10%	\$35,000.00	
Interest for 2005	\$912.35	
Interest for 2006	\$1,066.31	
(Renewed 05/15/06 - Mature Date 06/15/2007) 5.00%		
Total		\$36,978.66

Report of the Church Growth Committee

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

- 1) Elm Grove OFWB Church requested \$491.70 for the purchase of 300 *God's Sacrifice for You* books to pass out during the Lenten Season. Church members were encouraged to pass out the books to those who do not attend church and who do not know Christ as Savior. The books are written by Billy Graham and Max Lucado. They are divided into small chapters; the first dealing with the need for salvation, then the sacrifice that Christ made, how one can be saved, and what it means to be saved.
- 2) Friendship OFWB Church requested \$500.00 toward a Hispanic Revival in Walstonburg, May 11-14. The money was used to assist with outreach, music, speakers, and materials.

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- 3) Rose Hill OFWB Church requested \$500.00 to assist with a family outreach program in August. The funds were used to reestablish the family unit at Rose Hill. Activity equipment was rented and information was mailed into the surrounding community. The hopes of the project were to connect the past, present, and future church together. It was to be a day for the entire family.
- 4) Free Union OFWB Church requested \$500.00 toward its annual trip to Winter Xtreme in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The program is geared toward teenagers and the challenges they face in their personal evangelism. The leaders of the conference include Johnny Hunt, Josh McDowell, and Dave Edwards. The youth have been blessed during the past two years and have come back motivated toward deeper Christian service and outreach. Last year 2 youth made first time decisions and 13 rededicated their lives from Free Union.

We would like to encourage our churches to take advantage of this opportunity for assistance. The limit is one request per church per quarter. Up to \$500.00 may be requested to assist with church evangelism projects.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reverend Kelly Smart, Chairman
Reverend Kevin Jackson
Reverend Johnny Sullivan
Reverend Jack Weathersby
Reverend Joey Williams

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

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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 Alan Joyner, Johnny Sullivan, and Doug Tyson

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Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Committee:	Moderator - The Reverend Hobgood	[term to expire 2008]
	Asst Moderator – The Reverend Johnny Sullivan	[term to expire 2008]
	Clerk – The Reverend Alan Joyner	[term to expire 2008]
	Asst Clerk – The Reverend Phillip Boykin	[term to expire 2008]
	Treasurer – The Reverend Charles Branch	[term to expire 2008]
Board of Ordination:	The Reverend Frank Flowers	[term to expire 2011]
	Doctor Franklin Baggett (to fill unexpired term)	[term to expire 2007]
Board of Trustees:	Mr. Jay Tripp	[term to expire 2009]
Credentials Committee:	The Reverend Frank Cockrell	[term to expire 2009]
Memorial Committee:	Mr. Jay Tripp	[term to expire 2009]
Continuing Education Committee:	The Reverend Barry Williamson	[term to expire 2009]
Church Growth Committee:	The Reverend Todd Sutton	[term to expire 2009]
Conference Historian	Doctor Michael Pelt	[term to expire 2008]
Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.	Mr. I.Z. Cobb	[term to expire 2008]
Representative of Membership in Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.	The Reverend Tony Parrish	[term to expire 2008]

Respectfully submitted,
Doctor Franklin Baggett, Chairman
The Reverend Frank Cockrell
The Reverend Barry Williamson

Report of the Resolution Committee

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

1. Be it resolved that the 258th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Marlboro FWB Church of Farmville, North Carolina for extending its hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of said conference.

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2. Be it resolved that the 258th 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 message, and request that the message be printed in *The Free Will Baptist*.
3. Be it resolved that we give the Executive Committee a rising vote of appreciation for their diligent work during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Tony Glass
The Reverend Philip Wood
The Reverend Leon Grubbs

2007 Budget

INCOME	<u>2007 Budget</u>
Church Contributions	\$4,500.00
Conference Offering	500.00
Endowment Income	1,500.00
Interest CD/Checking	1,800.00
Minister Membership Dues	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Monies from Savings	4,700.00
Total	\$15,050.00
EXPENSES	
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Board of Ordination	500.00
Church Growth Committee	3,000.00
Conference	3,000.00
Continuing Education Committee	2,100.00
Convention of OFWB Support	500.00
Convention of OFWB Year Book	1,000.00
Executive Committee	500.00
Office Supplies	300.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer	50.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Endowment	2,000.00
Non-Budgeted Items	1,450.00
Gift for Endowment \$1200.00	
Conference Gift to Hunter Penland \$250.00	
Total	\$15,050.00

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ORDAINED MINISTERS	Dues 05-06	Dues 06-07
J.B. Narron (Retired)	Pd	Pd
Michael Pelt (Retired)	Pd	Pd
Willis Wilson (Retired)	Pd	Pd
C.H. Overman (Retired)	Pd	
Stewart Humphrey	Pd	
Charles Branch	Pd	Pd
Bruce Jones	Pd	
Gary Bailey	Pd	Pd
Walter Reynolds (Retired)	Pd	
Tom Miller (Retired)	Pd	Pd
Bobby Taylor	Pd	Pd
Leon Grubbs	Pd	Pd
Ronnie Hobgood	Pd	Pd
Melvin Moore	Pd	
Earl Glenn (Retired)		Pd
Harry Grubbs	Pd	Pd
Frank Flowers	Pd	Pd
Clifford Ball	Pd	Pd
Ray Williamson	Pd	Pd
Mark Hobbs	Pd	Pd
Ronald Braxton	Pd	
Donald Ribeiro	Pd	Pd
Stanley Buck	Pd	Pd
David Langley	Pd	Pd
Philip Wood	Pd	Pd
Norwood Futrell (Retired)		
Thomas Bowen	Pd	Pd
Harry Jones, Jr.		
Larry Letchworth	Pd	Pd
Carroll Bradbury	Pd	Pd
Walt Tyndall	Pd	Pd
Jack Weatherby	Pd	Pd
Joëy Williams		
Mark Hogan		
Frankie Baggett	Pd	Pd
Grady Tucker	Pd	Pd
Brad Williamson	Pd	Pd
John Robert Harris		
Edward Thorton	Pd	Pd
Tony Glass	Pd	Pd
Frank Cockrell	Pd	Pd
Johnny Sullivan	Pd	Pd
Gene Britt	Pd	Pd
Kevin Jackson	Pd	Pd

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	Dues 05-06	Dues 06-07
Barry Williamson	Pd	Pd
Todd Sutton	Pd	Pd
John Simpson	Pd	Pd
Doug Owens	Pd	Pd
Roger Haithcock	Pd	Pd
Tommy Yopp		
Phillip Boykin	Pd	Pd
Charlie Carroll	Pd	Pd
Tony Parish	Pd	Pd
Jacky Raper	Pd	Pd
Alan Joyner	Pd	Pd
James Owens	Pd	Pd
Greg Mills	Pd	Pd
Charles Russell	Pd	Pd
Kelley Smart	Pd	Pd
Michael Rowell	Pd	
Charles Sutton	Pd	Pd
Doug Tyson	Pd	Pd
Alvin Keener	Pd	Pd
Marc Boswell	Pd	Pd
David Allen	Pd	Pd

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