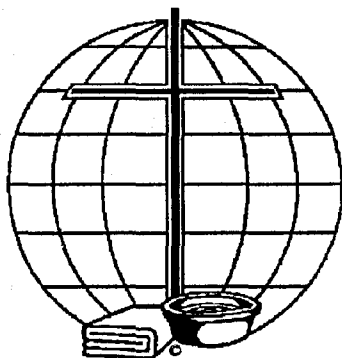


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**Minutes**

**of the**

**259th Annual Session**

**of the**

**Central Conference**

**of the**

**Original Free Will Baptists**

**Held with**

**Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church of Walstonburg**

**Greene County, North Carolina**

**Thursday, November 8, 2007**

**The Reverend Alan Joyner, Host Pastor**

**Officers of the Conference**

**Moderator: The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood**

**Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Johnny Sullivan**

**Clerk: The Reverend Alan Joyner**

**Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Phillip Boykin**

**Treasurer: The Reverend Charles Branch**

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**Boards and Committees**

**Executive Committee (2006-2008)**

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator  
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan, Assistant Moderator  
The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk  
The Reverend Mark Hobbs, Assistant Clerk  
The Reverend Charles Branch, Treasurer

**Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2008)                      The Reverend Tony Glass (2010)  
The Reverend C.H. Overman (2009)                      The Reverend Frank Flowers (2011)  
The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett (2012)

**Board of Trustees**

Mr. Rex Wainwright (2008)                      Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)  
Mrs. Barbara Mills (2010)

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

The Reverend Tony Parrish (2008)

**Credentials Committee**

The Reverend Doug Owens (2008)                      The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2009)  
The Reverend Marc Boswell (2010)

**Memorial Committee**

The Reverend Charles Russell (2008)                      Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)  
The Reverend Tony Parrish (2010)

**Conference Historian**

Dr. Michael Pelt (2008)

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

Mr. I.Z. Cobb (2008)

**Continuing Education Committee**

The Reverend Doug Tyson (2008)                      The Reverend Barry Williamson (2009)  
The Reverend Bryant Hines (2010)

**Church Growth Committee**

The Reverend Kelley Smart (2008)                      The Reverend Todd Sutton (2009)  
The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2010)

## Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 259th annual session with Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church of Walstonburg, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "The Family of God." Mr. James Wiggins read scripture taken from Matthew 26:36-46 and lead us in prayer.

The Reverend Alan Joyner, clerk, called the 259th annual session to order. The Reverend Alan Joyner, pastor of the host church, extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, shared several points using Psalm 126:5-6 as his text. Ronnie reminded the Conference of the harvest that we see being taken in all around us. He reminded us that there should be a joy in our hearts as we see the harvest coming in from God. First there must be a time planting and that it may not always take place within the church walls. Second there must be a time of watering. We should have a heart cry for those around us and those in our churches that are not growing. It takes time for those who are willing to invest in the lives of others. Thirdly there will be a time of Harvesting and joy if we continue along the proper path of service to God.

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

Fourteen 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, Gary Bailey, 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 C. H. Overman presented the motions from the Board of Ordination. [see Reports]

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, moderator, along with the Conference extended a welcome to membership in the conference to the Reverends Bryant Hines, Ronnie Mohn, and Doug Skinner as ordained ministers. Welcome was also extended to Spencer Owens, Keith Phillips, Andy Sugg, and Chris Alphin as licensed ministers.

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At 10:40 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The service was opened in prayer by Reverend Ronnie Hobgood. The congregation was then led by Reverend Phillip Boykin in the singing of "Praise Him! Praise Him!" The offering for the conference was then received and the offertory prayer was given by Reverend Alan Joyner. Dr. Taylor was presented a certificate from the Central Conference in honor of his many years of service at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Special music was presented by Mrs. Janet Joyner. The Reverend Charles Branch led in the Morning Prayer. The congregation was then led by Reverend Boykin in the singing of "Let's Just Praise the Lord." The Reverend Doctor Bobby Taylor delivered the conference sermon. Before he delivered the message he gave a special thank you to all that had helped and given so much to meet the needs of the Children's Home. His text came from Acts 1:6-8. Dr. Taylor stated that the disciples were called to work not rest on what they had done. The church is also called to go and do just as the disciples. The church is not called to operate alone it receives its power from the Holy Spirit to share God's redemptive love to the world. We are to seek out humanity and tell them of God's grace. Dr. Taylor reminded us that the church must have a vision if all of these things are to be carried out. The first church was complimented by prayer, sharing, and caring for those that surrounded them. The church that grows has the missionary vision in order to share through its motives of love of Christ, commission for Christ, to share where there is a need and to service as the Lord did. We were given the reminder that we are all called to the ministry to go and share. Dr. Taylor shared as he closed that as we stand looking for Christ we should be moved and reverently serving Christ.

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

The service closed in prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin.  
The business session continued at 11:40 a.m.

Representing the denominational and conference ministries were as follows:

Children's Home: Dr. Bobby Taylor; Camp Vandemere: Reverend Wesley Taylor; Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines; Foreign Missions: Reverend Harold Jones; Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Darren Davenport; Home Mission and Evangelism and Disaster Relief: Mr. Roy Wetherington; Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry; Ministers Program: Reverend Phillip Boykin; Sunday School Board: Ms. Mary Dudley; Retirement Homes: Mr. Ronnie Taylor

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12:20 p.m. with prayer by Reverend Alan Joyner.

## Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

We began our Memorial service with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God."

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The Reverend Charles Russell, Mrs. Faye Adams, and Mr. Jay Tripp gave the report of the Memorial Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [see Reports]

We continued with the denominational and conference ministries as follows:

Convention: Reverend Buddy Sasser; N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries: Dr. Burkette Raper

The roll call of ministers was called with 38 ministers present.

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

The Reverend Charles Branch 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 2007-2008.

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

The Reverend Barry Williamson 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. [see Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business. [see Reports]

The Reverend Alan Joyner, clerk and the Reverend Charles Branch, treasurer, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: Reverend C. H. Overman [55 years], Reverend Tom Miller [40 years], Reverend Harry Grubbs [40 years], Reverend Gary Bailey [35 years], Reverend Frank Flowers [35 years], Reverend Ray Williamson [30 years], and Reverend Kevin Jackson [25] years.

The Conference was adjourned by singing "The Bond of Love"

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

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, Moderator  
The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk

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### Reports

#### Report of the Executive Committee

*January 5, 2007*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 5, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Phillip Boykin, Charles Branch and Brad Williamson. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Proverbs 3:5-6. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

The minutes of the 258<sup>th</sup> session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

Discussion was given during the Conference follow-up that there will be a letter sent to each minister with unpaid dues giving a specific date of when the dues will need to be paid, or they will be asked to meet with the Board of Ordination. A letter will be sent to the chair of each Deacon board of the Central Conference concerning the contributions to the Central Conference.

By motion, it was agreed Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will serve as an appointed representative to the Board of Ordination, and Reverend Johnny Sullivan will serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee and the Church Growth Committee.

Discussion was given concerning the projects for 2007. We should continue to support the college ministry. A fellowship dinner for ministers and wives may be held in conjunction with the Ministerial Association. The book on Conference will hopefully be completed by the Conference. Delegates to the convention are 1 for every 100 members.

A format and discussion was given concerning the "Open Forum on The Ministry." The Executive Committee will meet with the Board of Ordination on this subject.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented to the Executive Committee that Miss Leah McGlohon has asked to be replaced on the Memorial Committee. By motion it was agreed to ask Mrs. Faye Adams to finish out the current term.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be January 22, 2007 at 9:30am at the First FWB Church, Greenville. This will be a joint meeting with the Central Conference Board of Ordination.



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The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin

January 22, 2007

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met jointly with The Central Conference Board of Ordination on January 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch, Tony Glass, Frank Flowers, Frankie Baggett, and C.H. Overman. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Proverbs 3:5-6. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood opened with prayer.

The purpose of this joint meeting was for the planning of the open forum on "The Ministry." The forum will be on April 21, 2007 from 9-12 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, NC. The areas that were discussed were attendance, topics to be addressed, and scripture to be addressed. Every minister of the Central Conference and those serving Central Conference churches will be invited to attend. Each church may send a representative just as they do to the convention 1 per 100 members. The President of the Convention and the Director of Convention Services will be invited as observers. The topics and speakers that will be asked to present are, "What is Ministry" (Reverend C. H. Overman), "The Call to Ministry" (Reverend Gary Bailey), "Receiving the Call to Ministry" (Reverend Brad Williamson and Reverend Michael Pelt). Each presenter will be asked to present a written copy of their talk.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Charles Branch.

July 16, 2007

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on July 16, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church Walstonburg. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Phillip Boykin, and Charles Branch. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Psalm 1. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

The Executive Committee discussed possible sites for the 2007 Conference. Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church Walstonburg, N.C. will be asked to host this year's Conference. The Reverend Dr. Bobby Taylor will be asked to deliver the message for the Conference. We would also like to honor Dr. Taylor for his work at the Children's Home.

Discussion was given concerning the college ministry program. The Reverend Phillip Boykin will get in touch with the Reverend Scott Satterfield and see when he could meet

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with the Executive Committee. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood will follow up on this meeting.

Discussion was given to host a joint event with the Ministerial Association for a meal and time of fellowship among the ministers and their wives. The Reverend Johnny Sullivan will check on possible dates and places for this event in the spring of 2008.

The Executive Committee agreed to purchase a laptop to be used by the Central Conference Board of Ordination.

The Reverend Charles Branch was asked to send a letter to each church concerning their contribution to the Central Conference.

The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood was asked to send a letter to the ministers of the Central Conference with unpaid dues.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

## October 25, 2007

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 25, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church Walstonburg N.C. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Phillip Boykin, and Charles Branch. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order and read from Acts 1:8. The Reverend Charles Branch opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming conference. The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett and the Reverends Frank Cockrell and Barry Williamson will be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee. There was discussion concerning the format for the conference.

By motion it was agreed to present the Reverend Doctor Bobby Taylor with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, N.C. along with \$1000.00 to be given to the Doctor Bobby Taylor Endowment at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

By motion it was agreed to recommend to the Nominating Committee for the Reverend Phillip Boykin to fill the unexpired term of the Reverend Ronnie Hobgood as Conference Moderator.

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By motion it was agreed to recommend to the Nominating Committee the Reverend Mark Hobbs be asked to fulfill the unexpired term of the Reverend Phillip Boykin as assistant clerk.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be November 8, 2007 at 8:30 am at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

November 8, 2007

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 8, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church Walstonburg N.C. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Ronnie Hobgood, Alan Joyner, Phillip Boykin, and Charles Branch. The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood called the meeting to order.

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 in prayer by the Reverend Phillip Boykin.

### Report of the Board of Ordination

#### Central Conference Board of Ordination

Rev. C.H. Overman, Chairman      Rev. Leon Grubbs

Rev. Frank Flowers      Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

Dr. Franklin Baggett

### Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met eight times since the last conference.

### Approved For License

- Mr. Spencer Owens
- Mr. Keith Phillips
- Mr. Andy Sugg
- Mr. Chris Alphin

### Transfer of Conference Membership

- Rev. Bryant Hines has requested his membership be transferred from the Eastern Conference to the Central Conference.
- Rev. Ronnie Mohn has requested his membership be transferred from the Eastern Conference to the Central Conference.
- Rev. Gene Britt has requested his membership be transferred from the Central Conference to the Cape Fear Conference.

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- Rev. Doug Skinner has requested his membership be transferred from the Western Conference to the Central Conference.

Approved for work in the Conference

- Rev. Glen Batten assumed pastoral duties of Bethany Original Free Will Baptist Church under the direction of the Board of Ordination.
- Rev. Doug Skinner assumed pastoral duties of Spring Branch Original Free Will Baptist Church.
- Mr. Duane (Butch) Haddock assumed pastoral duties of Hillside Original Free Will Baptist Church under the direction of the Board of Ordination.

Meetings of the Board for the Year 2008

- |                    |          |                                |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| • January 8, 2008  | 10:00 AM | Hull Road FWB Church           |
| • April 8, 2008    | 10:00 AM | First FWB Church of Greenville |
| • July 15, 2008    | 10:00 AM | The Free Will Baptist Press    |
| • October 14, 2008 | 10:00 AM | Elm Grove FWB 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.

Motions from Board of Ordination to the 259th Session of the Central Conference

- The Board of Ordination moves that all Central Conference Ordained Ministers must physically attend at least one Conference meeting every four years to maintain their Conference Credentials.  
*[Motion was referred back to the Board of Ordination]*
- The Board of Ordination moves that all Central Conference Ordained Ministers must maintain their church membership in an Original Free Will Baptist Church.  
*[Motion Passed]*
- The Board of Ordination moves that the educational requirements for ordination be as follows: *[Motion Passed]*

## 64 Total Semester Hours

### 30 Semester Hours General College Education

#### English Composition      6 Hours

- \*Composition I: Expository Writing
- \*Composition II: Writing About Literature

#### Literature      3 Hours

- English Literature I, II
- American Literature I, II
- Major Works in World Literature

#### History      3 Hours

- Western Civilization I, II
- American History I, II

#### Mathematics      6 Hours

- Business Math
- College Algebra I, II
- Calculus
- Geometry
- Trigonometry

#### Natural Sciences      6 Hours

- Biology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Geology
- Zoology
- Physics

#### Social Sciences      6 Hours

- Psychology:      \*Introduction to Psychology  
                              (Other courses in  
                                      Psychology)
- Sociology:      Introduction to Sociology  
                              Marriage and the Family  
                              Social Problems

*\*Required Courses in General College Education.*

*Electives may be chosen from the listing in each category.*

### 34 Semester Hours in Professional College Education for Ministry

#### Biblical Studies      9 Hours

- \*Introduction to the Old Testament
- \*Introduction to the New Testament
- \*The Life and Teachings of Jesus  
    Hebrew Prophets  
    The Life and Letters of Paul  
    Biblical Interpretation

#### Historical Studies      6 Hours

- \*History of Christianity
- \*The Free Will Baptist Church
- Religion in America
- World Religions

#### Theological Studies      3 Hours

- \*Systematic Theology
- \*Christian Beliefs
- Christian Ethics
- Modern Christian Theology

#### Practical Studies      6 Hours

- \*Sermon Preparation and Delivery
- \*Pastoral Ministry
- Church Growth and Evangelism
- Church Leadership
- Introduction to Christian Education
- Hymnody
- \*Required courses in Professional College Education for Ministry. Electives may be chosen from the listing in each category.*

### Report of the Memorial Committee

Paul says in II Timothy 4:6-8, "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

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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, and gone on to enter their eternal reward. We thank God for the lives and influence of these individuals. For any names of deceased members not listed, or misspelled, we regret and apologize.

Churches:

**Aspen Grove Church**  
Gordon Owens

**First FWB Church, Rocky Mount**

**Ayden Church**

**First FWB Church, Tarboro**  
James Phelps  
Myrtle Summerlin

**Bethany Church**  
Louise Baker

**First FWB Church, Williamston**  
Margorie Stephenson

**Black Jack**  
Ledrew Coward  
Dora Lee Buck  
Donnie Dixon  
Elmer Dixon  
Lizzie Williams  
Doris Hudson

**Free Union Church**  
Donald Beamon  
Dorothy Beamon  
Blanche Tugwell  
Dinah Beaman  
Miriam Edwards

**Community Church**

**Friendship Church**  
Faye Sutton  
Evelyn Reynolds  
Mary Smith

**Daniels Chapel Church**  
Ollie Mae Murphy  
Goodman Owens, Jr  
Daylon Skinner  
Ada Barfield Thorne

**Grimsley Church**  
Kenneth Dail

**Dilda's Grove**  
G. Wooten

**Gum Swamp Church**  
Minnie Block

**Edgewood Church**

**Harrell's Chapel Church**

**Elm Grove Church**  
Jimmy Lewis  
Evelyn Parishner  
Roger Cannon

**Hickory Grove Church**

**Hillside Church**

**First FWB Church, Greenville**  
Lloyd Stokes

**Howell Swamp Church**  
H. Lee Shackelford  
Vernice Gay Jones

**Hugo Church**

Gaitha Rouse

**Hull Road Church**

Nan Jones

Helen Hill

**King's Cross Roads Church**

Jane Tripp

Joan Corbett

**La Grange Church**

**Little Creek Church**

Jenny Landon

Kathleen Manning

Bernice Bunn

Hannah Murphey

**Marlboro Church**

Virginia Skinner

**Ormondsville Church**

**Otter's Creek Church**

**Owens Chapel**

Mike Owen

Lonnie Walston

**Peace Church**

Ray Dunn

Mike Todd

**Piney Grove Church (Beaufort Co)**

Rev. Robert Burke

Lighting of the Memorial Candle.

A Moment of Silent Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Charles Russell, Chairman

Mr. Jay Tripp

Mrs. Faye Adams

**Piney Grove Church (Pitt County)**

**Pleasant Hill Church**

Walter Lee Haddock

Dan Mayo

Hilton Benton

Sam Mills

**Reedy Branch Church**

Corlee Harris

**Rose Hill Church**

**Rose of Sharon Church**

Marie Harris

Francis Farmer

**Saint's Delight Church**

**Saratoga Church**

Marvin Langley

**Spring Branch Church**

Ruby Craft

A. C. Turner

**Sweet Gum Grove Church**

**Walnut Creek Church**

**Watery Branch Church**

**Winterville Church**

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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	48
Central Conference Ministers	45
Licensed Ministers	3
Visitors	16
Visiting Ministers	<u>11</u>
Total Registered	123

Respectfully submitted,

Reverends Doug Owens, Frank Cockrell, and Marc Boswell

**Report of Conference Treasurer**

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

November 10, 2006 to November 8, 2007

Balance From November 2006	\$15,928.28
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**Receipts**

Church Contributions	\$4,034.00	
Conference Offering	\$329.27	
Interest CD/Checking	\$26.44	
Transferred from Savings	\$0.00	
Endowment Income	\$1,531.6	
Miscellaneous	\$789.17	
Love Offering (Hunter Penland)	\$ 679.17	
Voided Check # 1128	\$100.00	
Minister Membership Dues	\$1,900.00	
Total	<u>\$8,610.49</u>	<u>\$8,610.49</u>
Total Income plus starting balance		<u>\$24,538.77</u>

**Disbursements**

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	\$0.00
Board of Ordination	\$0.00
Church Growth Committee	\$1,000.00
Conference Expense	\$543.37
Memorial Committee	\$ 31.59
First FWB Church	\$ 170.73
CDYF lock-in expense	\$ 341.05



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Continuing Education Committee	\$0.00	
Convention of OFWB Support	\$500.00	
Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$840.00	
Executive Committee Expenses	\$148.00	
Office Supplies	\$170.07	
Stamps \$ 7.80; 78.00 postage FFWBC;		
\$84.27 seminar expense FFWBC		
Conference Secretary	\$50.00	
Conference Treasurer	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	
2 delegates to Convention	\$3,430.30	
Non-Budgeted items		
Love gift for Hunter Penland \$ 679.17		
Gift to NC Foundation for Christian Ministries \$1200.00		
Conference gift to Hunter Penland \$ 250.00		
Computer for Board of Ordination 1301.13		
Endowment for Ministerial Students	\$2,000.00	
Transfer to Money Market at RBC	\$15,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$23,731.74

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<i>Total in Checking account as of July 16, 2007</i>	<i>\$807.03</i>
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Money Market in RBC	\$15,000.00	
Interest 6/30	17.34	
Interest 7/31	53.82	
Interest 8/31	54.02	
Interest 9/28	51.04	
Total		\$15,176.22

<i>Central Conference Endowment Fund</i>	\$60,000.00	
(See minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)		
Interest for 2007		\$60,000.00
Jan, Feb, March interest due \$450.00		
Apr., May, June interest due \$453.38		
July, Aug., Sept. interest due \$456.78		
Total		\$60,000.00

<i>Maury Endowment Fund (For Annual Training Conference)</i>	\$7,500.00	
(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)		
Interest for 2007		
Total		\$7,500.00

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Jan, Feb, March interest due \$56.25  
Apr., May, June interest due \$ 56.67  
July, Aug., Sept. interest due \$57.10

**Total** **\$7,500.00**

**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% APY  
Interest for 2006-2007 \$1,374.86  
(Renewed 06/15/07 - Mature Date 07/15/08) 5.20% APY

**TOTAL** **\$38,353.52**

**TOTAL OF ALL MONIES** **\$121,029.74**  
(not including interest from Church Finance)

**Report of the Church Growth Committee**

During 2006/2007 the Central Conference Church Growth and Evangelism Committee approved the following requests:

Saratoga Original Free Will Baptist Church requested \$500 for an evangelism conference entitled Student Life. The trip exposes youth to evangelism work with senior citizens, children, soup kitchens, etc. The exposure has given youth and even adults the drive needed to come back to the local community and serve others. An outreach team has been put into place at Saratoga to help with work in their community as a result of the experience received from this conference.

Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church in Walstonburg requested \$500 to assist with a young adult outreach evening. The evening provided food and fellowship, but most importantly a means for assessing the needs of young adults and promoting new programs geared toward younger adults. “

*We were able to look at what types of programs will gain the interest of younger families, college age adults, and middle age parents. As a result we have begun solidifying our adult Sunday school and Bible study programs, and are in the process of beginning a college and career program. We are also hoping to begin a Bible study geared toward young men.”*

The Rev. Kelley Smart—Chair  
The Rev. Johnny Sullivan  
The Rev. Todd Sutton  
The Rev. Jack Weathersby

## **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.

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**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 Johnny Sullivan, Doug Tyson, and Barry Williamson

### Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Committee:	Moderator - The Reverend Phillip Boykin
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[To fulfill un-expired term 2008]	
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	Asst. Clerk – The Reverend Mark Hobbs
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Board of Ordination:	Doctor Franklin Baggett
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[term to expire 2012]	
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Board of Trustees:	Mrs. Barbra Mills
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[term to expire 2010]	
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Credentials Committee:	The Reverend Marc Boswell
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[term to expire 2010]	
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Continuing Education Committee:	The Reverend Bryant Hines
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Church Growth Committee:	The Reverend Jack Weathersby
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Memorial Committee:	The Reverend Tony Parrish
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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. Whereas we live in a technological society that has made the availability of information almost instantaneous when compared to the process of sharing reports of denominational work in the past, and whereas denominational ministries are doing an excellent work in communicating with our churches, ministers and people throughout the year. Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Committee study the possibility of restructuring our Constitution in such a manner that the conference meet every other year. Such restructuring will necessitate reworking the terms of certain officers. Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee bring back to the 2008 Conference recommendations concerning the implementation of this proposal. *[Tabled]*
2. Be it resolved we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for the delicious meal and wonderful hospitality shared with the conference today. *[Passed]*

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverend Leon Grubbs  
The Reverend Gary Bailey  
The Reverend Philip Wood

### Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made for Dr. Bobby Taylor's message to the Central Conference to be submitted to appear in the Free Will Baptist. *[Motion Passed]*

A motion was made for \$1200 to be given to the N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries. *[Motion Passed]*

Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, N. C. has asked to host the 2008 Central Conference.

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

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Roll of Central Conference Ministers by Seniority

<b>ORDAINED MINISTERS</b>	<b>Ordained</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
J.B. Naron	10/13/50	P	P	Retired
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	P	P	Retired P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	P	P	P
C.H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	A	L	L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	P	E
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	P	L	P
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	P	Retired P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	L	P	P
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	L	P	P
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	L	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	A	L	L
Earl Glenn	11/02/49	P	Retired	Retired
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	P
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	P	Retired P
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	L	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	P	P	L
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	P	A	A
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	P
David Langley	10/05/87	P	P	L
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 Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	A	A	A
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	P	L	P
Walt Tyndall	08/08/93	P	A	E
Jack Weathersby	02/27/94	P	P	P
Joey Williams	01/15/95	P	L	P
Mark Hogan	09/06/86	A	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	L
John Robert Harris	08/27/95	A	A	P
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	P	P
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	P	E
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P

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Johnny Sullivan	05/21/00	P	P	L
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P
Barry Williamson	09/17/00	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	P	L	L
John Simpson	04/29/01	P	P	A
Doug Owens	05/06/01	P	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	L	P	E
Phillip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P
Charlie Carroll	07/10/94	P	P	A
Tony Parrish	11/09/88	P	P	P
Jacky Raper	06/08/88	P	P	P
Alan Joyner	02/08/04	P	P	P
James Owens	11/10/82	P	P	E
Greg Mills	12/28/83	P	P	L
Charles Russell	11/21/04	P	P	P
Kelley Smart	02/27/05	L	L	L
Michael Rowell	05/15/05	A	L	L
Charles Sutton	08/14/05	P	P	P
Doug Tyson	10/16/05	P	P	P
Alvin Keener		A	P	E
Marc Boswell	1/08/06		P	L
Arnold Price	69		P	P
Bobby Jones	74		P	E
David Allen	05/08/03		P	A
Bryant Hines				E
Ronnie Mohn				E
Doug Skinner				E

LICENSED MINISTERS	Licensed	2005	2006	2007
Carlton Oakley	07/28/05		P	L
Douglas Quintas	06/01/06		A	A
Shannon Rodgers	11/09/09		L	L
Matt Stocks	11/11/05		L	A
Brian Perry	07/10/06		P	L
James Wiggins	08/28/06		P	E
Dustin Bannister	11/09/06			L
Spencer Owens	4/24/07			A
Andy Sugg	10/16/07			E
Keith Phillips	10/17/07			P
Chris Alphin				E

A - Absent  
E - Excused  
L - Letter  
P - Present