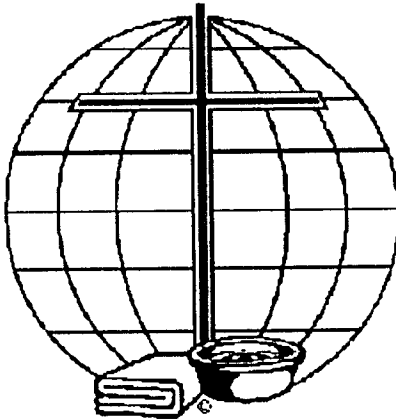


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Minutes

of the

260th Annual Session

of the

Central Conference

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

Held with

Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville

Greene County, North Carolina

Thursday, November 6, 2008

The Reverend Jack Weathersby, Host Pastor

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Phillip Boykin

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Johnny Sullivan

Clerk: The Reverend Alan Joyner

Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Mark Hobbs

Treasurer: The Reverend Charles Branch

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Boards and Committees

Executive Committee (2008-2010)

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 C.H. Overman (2009)

The Reverend Tony Glass (2010)

The Reverend Frank Flowers (2011)

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett (2012)

The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2013)

Board of Trustees

Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

Mrs. Barbara Mills (2010)

Mr. Rex Wainwright (2011)

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

. The Reverend Tony Parrish (2010)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2009)

The Reverend Marc Boswell (2010)

The Reverend Doug Owens (2011)

Memorial Committee

Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

The Reverend Tony Parrish (2010)

The Reverend Charles Russell (2011)

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2010)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds (2010)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Barry Williamson (2009)

The Reverend Bryant Hines (2010)

The Reverend Doug Tyson (2011)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Todd Sutton (2009)

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2010)

The Reverend Kelley Smart (2011)

Central

Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 260th annual session with Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Mr. Keith Phillips read scripture taken from Psalm 96 and led us in prayer.

The Reverend Alan Joyner, clerk, called the 260th annual session to order. The Reverend Jack Weathersby, pastor of the host church, extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, moderator, shared several points using Philipians 4:8 as his text. Phillip reminded each of us that we as the people of God's church are called to do things differently than the world around us. We are a people that understand what love is about and we should be busy loving each other and sharing it with others around us. Phillip read to us "Attitude" by Charles Swindoll. We were then lead in a time of prayer by the Reverend Boykin.

The people of the conference were then asked to meet at least two people that we did not get to see on a regular basis and welcome them to the conference. Everyone really enjoyed the time of fellowship.

The roll of churches was called with 38 churches responding with delegates.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Gary Bailey, Barry Williamson, Tony Parrish
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 Tony Glass presented the motion from the Board of Ordination. [see Reports]

Representing the denominational and conference ministries were as follows:

Sunday School: Mrs. Mary Dudley, Retirement Homes: Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Children's Home: Mr. Gary Lee, Church Finance Association: Reverend Walter Reynolds, Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Darren Davenport, Foreign Missions: Reverend Harold Jones,

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Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry, Ministers Program: Reverend Phillip Boykin, Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines, Youth Commission: Reverend John Hill, Home Mission and Evangelism and Disaster Relief: Reverend Buddy Sasser, Convention Services: Reverend Buddy Sasser, NC Foundation for Christian Ministries: Reverend Dr. Burkette Raper

At 11:05 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The Reverend Jack Weathersby opened our worship with special music. The service was opened in prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan 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. Special music was presented by Mrs. Jennifer Walters. The Reverend Charles Branch led in the Morning Prayer. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan in the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story." The Reverend Doctor Don Ribeiro delivered the conference sermon. Reverend Ribeiro used Malachi 3:6, John 1:1, and Mark 12:28-34 as his text for the message. He said there is a word that we have all heard about over the past few months leading to the election and that word is, "change." There have been a lot of changes that have taken place over the years and the last few weeks. Those changes have included life, people, music, the world, and government. But even with all of those changes there is the one constant that never changes and that is God and God's Word. God and God's Word have stood the test of time and will continue to do so. It is because of that constant, that loving God should be the focal point of being a Christian. If that is our focus, then what is most important in our lives? If we are a people that love God with our heart it will cause us to make changes in things such as our friends and our language. To love God will require a new focus with our minds. It will become such a part of who we are that we will put all of our strength there. We will see that everyone around us is our neighbor. But there are things in our lives that cause us to stray; they were described as the "nesses" of life. The list includes busyness, tiredness, bitterness, selfishness, laziness (complacency), ineffectiveness, and nothingness. These ideas will cause us to miss the mark of loving God. We were reminded to get back to our first love of Jesus Christ so we will not be like those spoken of in Revelation 2. We should get back to the basics of love because of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Just As I Am" and a corporate reading of an affirmation of faith based on our Articles of Faith.

The service was closed as Reverend Mark Hobbs led us in the first verse of "O How I Love Jesus."

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12 p.m. with prayer by Reverend Jack Weathersby.

Afternoon Session

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

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We began our Memorial service with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God." The Reverends Charles Russell, Tony Parrish, and Mr. Jay Tripp gave the report of the Memorial Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, moderator, along with the Conference extended a welcome to Calvin Craft, and Joshua Hobgood as licensed ministers.

The roll call of ministers was called with 54 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 2008-2009.

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 Philip Wood gave the report of the Nominating Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The nominees were elected by acclamation.

The Reverend Barry Williamson gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. [see Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business. [see Reports]

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator and Reverend Johnny Sullivan Assistant Moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: [40 years] Reverend Leon Grubbs, [35 years] Reverend Bobby Taylor, [30 years] Reverend Grady Tucker, Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, [25 years], Reverend Ronald Braxton Reverend Greg Mills, and Reverend Donald Ribeiro.

The Conference was adjourned by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator
The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk

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Reports

Report of the Executive Committee

January 3, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 3, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from II Corinthians 5:20. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the 259th session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

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

By motion, it was agreed during the Conference follow-up that there will be a letter sent from the moderator Reverend Phillip Boykin to each minister with unpaid dues asking that their dues need to be paid by March 1st. If there is no response, they will receive a phone call in further action they will be asked to meet with the Board of Ordination. A letter will also be sent to the chair of each Deacon board of the Central Conference churches that did not respond with contributions to the Central Conference asking for a response by April 1st.

By motion, it was agreed Reverend Phillip Boykin will serve as an appointed representative to the Board of Ordination (Moderators appointment). The Reverend Johnny Sullivan will serve as an appointed representative to the Church Growth Committee. The Reverend Mark Hobbs will serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

Discussion was given concerning the item from the resolutions committee at the 2007 conference. Further discussion will take place.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be May 6, 2008 at 9:30 am at Daniel's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

May 6, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on May 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Daniel's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from II Corinthians 12:9. The Reverend Charles Branch opened with prayer.

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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.

There was a report given by Reverend Phillip Boykin concerning the meeting at Sweet Gum Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. There was a letter read by the secretary that came from Sweet Gum Grove asking for prayer for their church.

Discussion was given concerning ministers with unpaid dues and further follow up that was needed. There will be a personal contact from the Executive Committee to these ministers. It was discussed further that next year the minister's dues need to be in two weeks prior to the conference and that if they are paying at the conference that they not pay the credentials committee but pay their dues to the treasurer. The dues cover from conference to conference.

By motion, it was agreed to send a letter to the Board of Ordination concerning Harry Jones Jr. asking them to drop his name due to inactivity. There have been numerous attempts to contact him but none have been successful.

By motion, it was agreed to reject the application from Saratoga Original Free Will Baptist church that came from The Church Growth and Evangelism Committee due to no contribution from the church to the conference. There will be a letter sent to the Church Growth Committee concerning this action.

There will be further discussion concerning the churches that do not send contributions to the conference each year.

The Board of Ordination has asked the Executive Committee with help in the following two areas:

By motion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee send guidelines (Search Committee policy) to each church that is currently seeking a pastor. This will be an ongoing item that will be sent to each church that is seeking a pastor in the future.

In the upcoming letters going to the ministers before the conference it will be changed to ask for the minister's current church membership.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be July 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Mark Hobbs

July 10, 2008,

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on July 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends

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Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from Psalm 84:1-2 followed by a devotion on the text. The Reverend Phillip Boykin 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 ministers with unpaid dues and further follow up that was needed. After further contact from Executive Committee members the dues are close to being up to date for all ministers.

The Executive Committee reviewed the letter that will be sent to the ministers before the upcoming conference.

Discussion was given concerning our upcoming 2008 conference for our speaker, music leader and committees that need to be in place at this conference.

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be October 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

August 18, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 18, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at Daniels Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The Committee moved into Executive Session.

Upon coming out of Executive Session there were two motions as follows:

By motion the Executive Committee moved to hire C. David Creech of Harris, Creech, Ward & Blackerby, P.A. to represent the Central Conference in the lawsuit brought on by Leon Harris. Mr. Creech is also the lawyer representing Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The vote was unanimous.

By motion the Executive Committee moved to pay the attorney's fees from the North Carolina Central Conference Original Free Will Baptist money market fund. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by all the Executive Committee members.

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October 9, 2008,

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from Matthew 9:10 followed by a devotion on this text from God Sightings by Bass M. Mitchell. The Reverend Mark Hobbs opened with prayer.

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

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

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference to be held at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville on November 6, 2008.

There was further discussion concerning the lawsuit being brought against Rose Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church and the Conference. We are still waiting to hear the latest from our lawyer.

The Committee moved into executive session.

Following the session there was no further business.

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be November 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Reverend Alan Joyner

November 6, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 6, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch, and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and lead in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee recommends that the conference give \$350 to the Convention office for new office equipment for the secretary.

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

The meeting was adjourned by the Reverend Phillip Boykin.

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Report of the Board of Ordination

Central Conference Board of Ordination

Rev. C.H. Overman, Chairman

Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

Rev. Leon Grubbs

Rev. Frank Flowers

Dr. Franklin Baggett

Meetings

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

Approved For License

- Greg Barnes
- Calvin Craft
- Josh Hobgood

Ordained Minister

- Glen Batten

Scheduled meetings and of the Board of Ordination for the year 2009

January 13, 2009 at Hull Road Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

April 7, 2009 at Howell Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

July 14, 2009 at the Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters at 10 am.

October 13, 2009 at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

Inclusions to this report:

1. The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists in Section 1: The Local Congregation states the following on page 68 concerning the church's calling of a pastor: *"The church shall call its own pastor, from among the duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers who are approved by the Conference of which the church is a member."*
2. 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 before assuming duties as pastor of the church.
3. All candidates for ordination in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists must take and pass the Ordination Examination.

Motions from Board of Ordination to the 260th 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 three years to maintain their

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Conference Credentials. Exceptions will include those on active full time military duty, full time foreign missionaries and those confined to home or health care facilities. [*Motion Passed*]

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 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 and deceased members:

Aspen Grove

Gordon Owens
Donnie Hue Baker
James Gay
Ben Gardner
Horace Ellis

Ayden

Pauline Dixon Dail
Geneva Bryan Ritchie
James Mitchell McLawhorn

Bethany

Lucy Gray Dupree
Mary A.R. Smith
Mildred Savage
Jean Hamm
Jim Henry Tripp
Geneva Ann Cox

Black Jack

Ruth Stokes
Melba White
Maycie Culbreth
Bruce Mills
Louise Cox
Elmer Dixon

Community

Carolyn McKay
Ernest Edward Sweat
Gladys Brake

Daniels Chapel

William Lewis
Walter Gorman
Jeffrey Reason
Pearl Walston

Dilda's Grove

Edgewood

Carol York

Elm Grove

Catherine Louise Dennis
Helen Stancill
Betty B. Johnson

First FWB Church, Greenville

Ruth Taylor
Sudie L. Garris
Marian L. Wilson
Dallas Tripp
Agnes Harris Baker
Gene P. Baker

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First FWB Church, Rocky Mount

Eddie Holloman
Edwin Earl Gay
Walter Fred Corbett

First FWB Church, Tarboro

Irene Brown
Pearlie Andrews

First FWB Church, Williamston

Free Union

Clara Patrick
Jo Ann Beaman Wade
Marie Eastman
Bill Stocks
Bernice Harrell
Ray Clark
Donnie Langston
Lessie Heath Barber

Friendship

Gertrude Beaman
Earl Strickland
Peggy Brann
Paul Stanley

Grimsley

Mollie Mae Nethercutt
Ronald Earl Murphy

Gum Swamp

Minnie Ruth Clark
Charlie Spain

Harrell's Chapel

Hickory Grove

Doris Joyner
Dennis Warren

Hillside

Isolene Rhodes
Pastor Eldon Brock
Edna Smith
Roberta Griffin

Howell Swamp

Elma B. Fulford
Julia T. Gay

Hugo

Joyce Jones
Corby Jones
Charles Johnson
Eddy McCoy

Hull Road

King's Crossroads

Edna Corbett
Geneva Tugwell

LaGrange

Mary Malpass
Ruby Gray
Edna Hart
Louie Kennedy

Little Creek

Marlboro

Lossie Turner Wooten
David Arthur Moore
Myrtle Baily Nelson
Edna Wooten Beaman

Ormondsville

Otter's Creek

Eloise Crowder
Robert Barry
Shelby Sutton
Willie Lee Clayton

Owens Chapel

Peace

Earl Askew
Ed Casey
Staton Cummings
Myrtle Lee Harrell
Margaret Webb

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Piney Grove (Beaufort County)

Alton G. Ausbon

Otis Farmer

Jimmy Cumbee

Alton Cowin

Piney Grove (Pitt County)

Francis Cassick

Charlotte Crawford

Rosa Lee Boyd

Mac Beaman

Saint's Delight

W.D. Jarman

Jack Avery

Arthur Lee Bowen

Pleasant Hill

Saratoga

Marvin Langley

E. Jay Hogge Murray

Alice Langley

Reedy Branch

Joan Averette Hooks

Lena Rivers Horne

Burnice Smith

Brownie Tripp

Gladys Worthington

Spring Branch

Jimmy Mercer

Elaine Walston Blackmon

Rose Hill

Leonard Barham

Rubelle S. Pollard

Erma Ford

Lillian McDaniel

Hazel S. Dixon

Sweet Gum Grove

Walnut Creek

Sidney Allen Tilghman

Rose of Sharon

E. D. Harrison

Winterville

Chessie Stox Robinson

Lighting of the Memorial Candle

A Moment of Silent Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Reverends Charles Russell, Tony Parrish, and Mr. Jay Tripp
November 6, 2008

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	47
Central Conference Ministers	49
Licensed Ministers	10
Visitors	17
Visiting Ministers	<u>7</u>
Total Registered	130

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

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Report of Conference Treasurer

Central Conference Treasurer's Report
31-October-08

Balance from November 2007

\$807.03

Receipts

Church Contributions	\$5,271.00
Conference Offering	\$407.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0.00
Endowment Income	\$1,820.35
Maury Endowment	\$227.54
Miscellaneous	
Minister Membership Dues	\$1,695.00

Total	<u>\$9,420.89</u>	<u>\$9,420.89</u>
Total Income plus starting balance		\$10,227.92

Disbursements

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	\$0.00
Board of Ordination	\$0.00
Church Growth Committee	\$1,250.00
(Rose Hill - \$250.00; Free Union \$500.00, Friendship \$500.00)	
Conference Expenses	\$302.20
Conference programs and reports - \$ 302.20	
Continuing Education Committee	\$0.00
Convention of OFWB Support	\$500.00
Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$770.00
Executive Committee Expenses	\$245.60
Office Supplies	\$195.75
Conference Secretary	
Conference Treasurer	
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Pastor's Banquet	
Non-Budgeted items	\$2,200.00
Bobby Taylor Endowment - \$1,000.00	
North Carolina Foundation of Christian Ministries -	
\$1,200.00	

Endowment for Ministerial Students	\$2,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$7,763.55

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Total in Checking account as of October 06, 2008 **\$2,464.37**

Money Market in RBC		\$15,176.22
Interest 10/31	\$ 47.20	
Interest 11/30	\$ 43.77	
Interest 12-31	\$ 43.38	
Interest 1-31-08	\$ 39.65	
Interest 2-29-08	\$ 30.55	
Interest 3-31-08	\$ 30.26	
Interest 4-30-08	\$ 22.95	
Interest 5-30-08	\$ 22.88	
Interest 6-30-08	\$ 23.57	
Interest 7-30-08	\$ 25.99	
Interest 8-30-08	\$ 26.00	
Interest 9-30-08	\$ 22.98	
Total	\$ 379.18	\$15,555.40

Central Conference Endowment Fund **\$60,000.00**

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

Interest for 2008

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**

Total

Maury Endowment Fund (For Annual Training Conference) **\$7,500.00**

(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)

Interest for 2008

Total **\$7,500.00**

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**

Total

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

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<i>Interest for 2006-2007</i>	\$1,374.86
<i>(Renewed 06/15/07 - Mature Date 07/15/08) 5.20% APY</i>	
<i>Interest for 2007-2008</i>	\$2,165.62
<i>(Renewed 07/15/08 - Mature Date 05/15/09) 4.15% APY</i>	
TOTAL	\$40,519.14

TOTAL OF ALL MONIES

(not including interest from Church Finance) **\$126,038.91**

Report of the Church Growth Committee

During the 2007/2008 year the Church Growth and Evangelism Committee approved the following requests for aid:

Rose Hill OFWB Church received \$250 to assist with starting a clown ministry. The ministry would allow children, youth, and adults to work within the church and community (nursing homes, sister churches, hospitals, parades, etc.) to spread the Gospel in a unique way. The funds would help with training materials, props, costumes, and help the church grow through fellowship, evangelism, and outreach.

Free Union OFWB Church received \$500 to assist with their trip to Winter Xtreme in Gatlinburg, TN. Winter Xtreme is a conference that helps equip youth and their leaders through workshops, worship, and music to live their faith more effectively. This year's conference placed a major emphasis on Christian apologetics and sharing one's beliefs.

Friendship OFWB Church received \$500 to help with their trip to Dare 2 Share in Washington, DC. This conference equips youth through workshops and hands on evangelism experiences to share the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Kelley Smart – Chair

The Reverend Todd Sutton

The Reverend Jack Weathersby

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ CEU; 200-400 pages 1 CEU. Books over 400 pages will be considered on an individual basis.

Seminars: 3-5 hour seminar $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

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Respectfully submitted,
Reverends Doug Tyson, Barry Williamson and Bryant Hines

Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Committee

Moderator (2010)	Reverend Phillip Boykin
Assistant Moderator (2010)	Reverend Johnny Sullivan
Clerk (2010)	Reverend Alan Joyner
Assistant Clerk (2010)	Reverend Mark Hobbs
Treasurer (2010)	Reverend Charles Branch

<u>Board of Ordination</u>	Reverend Leon Grubbs	2013
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<u>Board of Trustees</u>	Mr. Rex Wainwright	2011
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<u>FWB Press Foundation Representative</u>	Reverend Tony Parrish	2010
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<u>Credentials Committee</u>	Reverend Doug Owens	2011
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<u>Memorial Committee</u>	Reverend Charles Russell	2011
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<u>Conference Historian</u>	Dr. Michael Pelt	2010
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<u>Church Finance Association Representative</u>	Mr. I. Z. Cobb	2010
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<u>Continuing Education Committee</u>	Reverend Doug Tyson	2011
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<u>Church Growth Committee</u>	Reverend Kelley Smart	2011
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Respectfully submitted;
Reverend Philip Wood, Chairman
Reverend Bryant Hines
Reverend Kelley Smart

Report of the Resolution Committee

We, the resolution committee, submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that the 260th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Friendship FWB Church of Farmville, North Carolina for extending its hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of said conference. [*Passed*]

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2. Be it resolved that the 260th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Reverend Doctor Donald Ribeiro for an inspiring and challenging message... (and request that the message be printed in *The Free Will Baptist*.) [*Passed*]
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. [*Passed*]
4. Be it resolved that we give the Executive Committee a rising vote of appreciation for their diligent work during the past year. [*Passed*]
5. Whereas the Central Conference was a defendant in a recent lawsuit brought by a former minister regarding the termination of his credentials,
Therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination cooperatively select a committee to write procedures for suspension of ministers who have been charged with criminal conduct and termination of ministers who have been found guilty of criminal charges or immoral acts.
Also, be it recommended that Mr. Charles McLawhorn, Attorney at Law and member of Reedy Branch OFWB Church, and the Reverend Harry Grubbs, Chaplain at Maury Correctional Institution and pastor of Ayden OFWB Church, be asked to serve on the committee. [*Passed*]

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Barry Williamson, Chairman
The Reverend Gary M. Bailey
The Reverend Tony Parrish

Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made for \$350 to be sent to the Convention office for new office equipment for the secretary. [*Motion Passed*]

A motion was made for \$1800 to be given to Foreign Missions for the new mission work in Liberia. [*Motion Passed*]

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

King's Crossroads Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, N. C. has asked to host the 2009 Central Conference.

Roll Call of Churches

Central

CHURCH	LETTER	DELEGATES	CONTRIBUTION
Aspen Grove	Yes		Yes
Ayden	Yes	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
Grimsely	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gum Swamp	Yes		Yes
Harrell's Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hickory Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hillside	Yes		Yes
Howell Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hugo	Yes		Yes
Hull Road		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	Yes
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	Yes		Yes
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	Yes		
Williamston, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Winterville	Yes		Yes

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Roll of Central Conference Ministers by Seniority

ORDAINED MINISTERS	Ordained	2006	2007	2008
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	Retired P	Retired	Retired P
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
C.H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	Retired P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	L	L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	E	P
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	L	P	P
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	Retired P	Retired P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	P	P	L
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	P
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	P	A
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	L	L	P
Earl Glenn	11/02/49	Retired	Retired	Retired P
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	L
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	Retired P	Retired P
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	L
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	A
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	P	L	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	A	A	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	P
David Langley	10/05/87	P	L	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	09/20/51	Retired	Retired	Retired
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	A	A	A
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	L	P	E
Walt Tyndall	08/08/93	A	E	L
Jack Weathersby	02/27/94	P	P	P
Joey Williams	01/15/95	L	P	P
Mark Hogan	09/06/86	A	A	A
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P
Grady Tucker	12/06/78	P	P	Retired P
Brad Williamson	06/28/98	P	L	P
John Robert Harris	08/27/95	A	P	P
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	P	P
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	E	P
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P

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Johnny Sullivan	05/21/00	P	L	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P
Barry Williamson	09/17/00	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	L	L	L
John Simpson	04/29/01	P	A	Retired
Doug Owens	05/06/01	P	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	P	E	P
Philip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P
Charlie Carroll	07/10/94	P	A	L
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	E	E
Greg Mills	12/28/83	P	L	L
Charles Russell	11/21/04	P	P	P
Kelley Smart	02/27/05	L	L	L
Michael Rowell	05/15/05	L	L	P
Charles Sutton	08/14/05	P	P	P
Doug Tyson	10/16/05	P	P	L
Alvin Keener		P	E	P
Marc Boswell	1/08/06	P	L	L
Arnold Price	69	P	P	P
Bobby Jones	74	P	E	A
Bryant Hines	06/07/79		E	P
Ronnie Mohn	3/80		E	P
Doug Skinner	07/02/72		E	P
Glenn Batten	10/25/08			P

LICENSED MINISTERS	Licensed	2006	2007	2008
Carlton Oakley	07/28/05	P	L	P
Matt Stocks	11/11/05	L	A	A
Brian Perry	07/10/06	P	L	A
James Wiggins	08/14/06	P	E	E
Dustin Bannister	11/09/06		L	E
Shannon Rodgers	11/09/06	L	L	P
Spencer Owens	4/24/07		A	L
Andy Sugg	10/16/07		E	P
Keith Phillips	10/17/07		P	P
Greg Barnes	1/08/08			L
Calvin Craft	4/08/08			P
Joshua Hobgood	7/08/08			P

P - Present
L - Letter

E - Excused
A - Absent