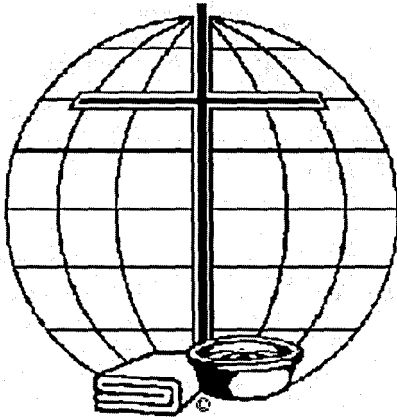


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# **Convention Of Original Free Will Baptists**



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**Central**  
**Minutes**  
**of the**  
**264<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**  
**of the**  
**Central Conference**  
**of**  
**Original Free Will Baptists**  
**Held at**  
**Reedy Branch Original Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Pitt County, North Carolina**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2012**  
**The Reverend Arnold Price, Host Pastor**

**Officers of the Conference**

**Moderator: The Reverend Phillip Boykin**

**Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Bryant Hines**

**Clerk: The Reverend Kelley Smart**

**Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Mark Hobbs**

**Treasurer: The Reverend Doug Skinner**

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### **Boards and Committees Executive Committee (2012-14)**

The Reverend Bryant Hines, moderator  
The Reverend Kelley Smart, assistant moderator  
The Reverend Mark Hobbs, clerk  
The Reverend Barry Williamson, assistant clerk  
The Reverend Brad Williamson, treasurer

### **Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2013)                      The Reverend Ronnie V. Hobgood (2014)  
The Reverend Tony Glass (2015)                      The Reverend Mark Hobbs (2016)  
The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett (2017)

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Mr. Irvin Mizzell, Jr. (2015)

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### **Credentials Committee**

The Reverend Ronnie Mohn (2013)                      The Reverend Doug Owens (2014)  
The Reverend Carlton Oakley (2015)

### **Memorial Committee**

Mrs. Virginia Holmes (2013)                      The Reverend Dr. Charles Russell (2014)  
The Reverend Ray Williamson (2015)

### **Conference Historian**

The Reverend Dr. Michael Pelt (2013)

### **Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.** Mrs. Marci Rollins-Smart (2013)

### **Continuing Education Committee**

The Reverend Tom Malin (2013)                      The Reverend Stanley Buck (2014)  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Pelt (2015)

### **Church Growth Committee**

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2013)                      The Reverend James Owens (2014)  
Mr. Greg Barnes (2015)

## Central

### Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convening its 264th Annual Session at Reedy Branch OFWB Church on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The Reverend Bryant Hines, assistant moderator, led in the singing of "To God Be the Glory."

Mr. Greg Barnes shared the devotion from Psalm 90. He then led in prayer.

The Reverend Kelley Smart, clerk, called the 264<sup>th</sup> Annual Session to order. The Reverend Arnold Price offered words of welcome on behalf of the host church.

The Reverend Phillip Boykin gave the moderator's message and emphasized the importance of trusting God as the only hope for a troubled world.

Reverend Smart read the two proposed constitutional changes. [See Reports] By motion it was decided to refer the proposed changes back to the Executive Committee for further study.

The Reverend John Hill provided a brief presentation on the need for counseling services for today's ministers and their families.

A time of fellowship followed Reverend Hill's presentation. Everyone was challenged to find people they did not know and introduce themselves.

Reverend Smart conducted the roll call of churches with 31 out of 44 reporting.

Reverend Boykin asked for any visitors to the Conference to stand and introduce themselves.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Nominating: The Reverend Gary Bailey (chair), The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, and The Reverend Dr. Don Ribeiro

Resolutions: The Reverend Brad Williamson (chair), The Reverend Charles Branch, and The Reverend Kevin Jackson

Parliamentarian: The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett

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

The Reverend Tony Glass gave the report of the Board of Ordination. He emphasized a mandatory workshop that is to be held in February 2013 for all licensed ministers. [See Reports]

Representing the denominational ministries and ancillary programs were as follows:

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Convention Services: The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Sunday School: Ms. Mary Dudley, Retirement Homes: The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Cragmont Assembly: The Reverend John Williams, Free Will Baptist Press: The Reverend Jeff Daughtry, Children's Home: The Reverend Johnny Sullivan, Mount Olive College: The Reverend Neal Cox, Foreign Missions: The Reverend Harold Jones, OFWB Minister's Program: Mr. Gene Paramore, North Carolina Foundation: The Reverend Ricky Warren, Home Missions: The Reverend Harold Swinson, Convention of OFWB: The Reverend Harold Swinson, OFWB Ministerial Association: The Reverend Brad Williamson

A special presentation was given by Mrs. Tina Mann, daughter of the late Reverend C.H. Overman. Reverend Overman made significant contributions to the OFWB denomination and worked to put some of his ministry experiences into book form. Ms. Mann shared that *Hands to the Plow* had been recently published by the OFWB Press and was available for \$15.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the newly licensed ministers.

At 11:15 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for a time of worship. The Reverend Kelley Smart, clerk, led in the call to worship and invocation. The congregation was then led in the singing of "Love Lifted Me." The offertory prayer was given by The Reverend Doug Skinner. Mrs. Courtney Whichard of the host church shared special music followed by the morning prayer by Reverend Hines. The congregation was led in the singing of "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Reverend Boykin introduced the speaker, The Reverend Philip Wood. Reverend Wood read Scripture from Acts 11:25, Acts 26:27-29, and I Peter 4:16. He mentioned how the term "Christian" is used three times in the New Testament and how often this title is misunderstood. At one time being American and Christian were synonymous. However, times have changed. Churches are failing to nurture new believers and it is essential that churches help new Christians "get their salvation out of the box." Being a Christian is a huge decision and all believers must work together to share their faith in difficult times. So often, Christians get caught up on uniformity and they miss out on unity within the Body of Christ. Reverend Wood closed with a challenging thought. God may allow persecution once again if Christians fail to be the Church. The only way to be the Church is to allow God to be the Lord of all life. Reverend Hines moved the service into a time of prayer for Christians to be recommitted and do the work of the church with diligence.

## Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

The memorial ceremony began with the singing of "Sweet Bye and Bye."

The Reverends Dr. Charles Russell and Ray Williamson gave the report of the Memorial Committee and led the Conference through the ceremony. The service was closed in prayer by the Reverend Ray Williamson. By motion the report was adopted. [See Reports]

The roll call of ministers was conducted by the clerk with 51 ministers present.

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

The Reverend Doug Skinner 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 2012-13.

The Reverend Todd Sutton gave the report of the Church Growth Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [See Reports]

The Reverend Brad Williamson gave the report of the Continuing Education Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [See Reports]

The Reverend Gary Bailey gave the report of the Nominating Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [See Reports]

The Reverend Brad Williamson gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. [See Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business.

Reverend Boykin presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: [20 years] Carroll Bradburry, Larry Letchworth; [25 years] Dr. Franklin Baggett; [30 years] Kevin Jackson; [35 years] Ray Williamson; [40 years] Frank Flowers, Doug Skinner, Gary Bailey; [45 years] Harry Grubbs, Tom Miller

With no further business, the Conference concluded with the singing of "Victory in Jesus." Reverend Hobbs pronounced the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, moderator

The Reverend Kelley Smart, clerk

## Reports

### Executive Committee Report

*January 26, 2012*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 26, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Doug Skinner, and Mark Hobbs. Reverend Boykin called the meeting to order and read from I Peter 3:13-16. He shared how our mission is to ask if others have a spiritual need and to be ready to give an account of our faith. We are called to stay on mission. Reverend Hines opened with prayer.

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The Reverend Brad Williamson was present to share on behalf of the Continuing Education Committee. He indicated very few ministers had taken advantage of the funds offered over the years. The Continuing Education Committee was challenged to look into the opportunities for education that are currently offered within the denomination (i.e. conferences, seminars, retreats) and to draft a letter sharing this information with the ministers.

The minutes of the 263<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

The treasurer's report was read, corrected, and approved. Reverend Skinner indicated there were just a few ministers and churches with unpaid dues/contributions. Contact will be made with these ministers and churches.

Recommendations were made for the unexpired term of the Reverend Alan Joyner on the Continuing Education Committee.

The following committee appointments were made: Reverend Smart will serve as a representative to the Church Growth Committee. Reverend Hines will serve as a representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

The 264<sup>th</sup> Session of the Central Conference will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Reedy Branch OFWB Church. The 265<sup>th</sup> Session of the Central Conference will meet on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Winterville OFWB Church.

Discussion was held on a concern from a local church.

Brief discussion was held on the subject of counseling services for Central Conference ministers. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Reverend Hines expressed concern for greater communication between the boards and committees of the Conference. This led to a general discussion on fellowship and communication amongst Conference ministers.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Skinner.

### *April 26, 2012*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on April 26, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Doug Skinner, and Mark Hobbs. Reverend Boykin called the meeting to order and read from John 20:19-21 and focused his remarks on Jesus' words "Peace be with you." He shared how there are times in ministry when we feel alone and frightened and have great need for God's peace. He then opened with prayer.



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The Reverend John Hill was present to share information about counseling opportunities available for ministers through Carenet East. Carenet East was present at the OFWB Convention a few years back and has also offered workshops at the OFWB Ministers' Conference. Reverend Hill indicated that ministers face great challenges and at times need someone they can talk with about personal and professional issues. Discussion will continue on the matter of counseling for Conference ministers.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasure's report was read and approved. Reverend Skinner indicated there were a few ministers and churches with unpaid dues/contributions. Contact will be made. A question was raised about what to do when ministers have not reported or paid dues in several years. This will be brought to the attention of the Board of Ordination.

Reverend Smart shared that additional contact had been made with Reedy Branch OFWB Church to confirm their hosting of the 264<sup>th</sup> Session of the Central Conference in November.

Discussion was held on the matter of relations between the Conference and local churches (particularly with regard to ministerial candidates). A joint meeting was suggested between the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination to address a series of questions. The Reverends Smart and Hobbs will work together to compose questions based upon the items discussed. Reverend Hines will create a suggested form letter for communication between the Board of Ordination and local churches that present candidates for licensing. Reverend Smart will make contact with the Board of Ordination in order to arrange the meeting.

A question was raised about Conference records, their location, and potential backup of these documents on microfilm at Mount Olive College. Reverend Hobbs shared the possibilities for protecting and backing up the current electronic documents.

Additional discussion was held on the possibility of providing counseling resources to the Conference ministers. By motion it was decided to appoint a temporary Ministry Care Committee made up of the Reverend John Hill (chair), the Reverend Bobby Taylor, and Mrs. Janie Taylor (who works with Carenet East) and to allow them to spend up to \$500 from the Continuing Education Committee line item to assist ministers with counseling at Carenet East. The Ministry Care Committee will be asked to develop a proposal for the future of this ministry and be prepared to present at the Central Conference in November. The Continuing Education Committee will be informed of this decision.

Discussion was held on a few concerns from Conference churches.

Reverend Boykin stated that the Reverend Tom Malin had agreed to fulfill the unexpired term of the Reverend Alan Joyner on the Continuing Education Committee.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Monday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden.

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The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Hobbs.

### *August 23, 2012*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Doug Skinner, and Mark Hobbs. Reverend Boykin called the meeting to order and read from I John 3:16. His remarks were focused on the greatness of God's limitless love. Reverend Smart led in prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The treasure's report was read and approved. Reverend Skinner indicated that three ministers and two churches had not paid dues or made contributions for 2011-12. A suggestion was made to include in the Conference letters a line requesting each church to mark on their form and check if they are paying their minister's dues with their contribution.

Reverend Boykin shared that official contact had been made with the Reverends John Hill and Bobby Taylor, and Mrs. Janie Taylor concerning the appointment of the Ministry Care Committee. The Reverend Brad Williamson had also been informed of the \$500 designated from the Continuing Education Committee's funds. A question was raised about Carenet's services for laity and the possibility of being able to assist those whose insurance may not cover these services. Further contact will be made with this Committee in preparation for the Central Conference in November and this program will be included in the proposed budget for 2012-13.

The 264<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Central Conference is scheduled for November 8, 2012 at Reedy Branch OFWB Church in Winterville. Reverend Smart stated that contact had been made with the church to confirm this gathering and for the meal to be arranged. He will make further contact to line up ushers for the day. The Committee worked on a list of possible speakers for devotions and the worship service. Appointed committees were also discussed and contact will be made with these ministers. The Committee looked over the list of boards and committees to see who will be rotating off and this information will be provided to the Nominating Committee.

Reverend Smart will begin preparing the letters concerning the Conference in the coming weeks and Reverend Hines volunteered to assist with name badges once again. A suggestion was made that the clerk and Credentials Committee meet each year, prior to the Conference, to go over the various forms, name badges, and reports. This should make the Credentials Committee's task a bit easier at the Conference.

Discussion continued on making improvements in the communication between the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination. Several ideas were suggested on making the relationship between the Board of Ordination, licensing candidates, and local churches more effective. Reverends Hines and Hobbs will work on drafting some points for consideration, email them to the Executive Committee, and further discussion will be held. A question was raised about the possibility for the clerks of the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination to exchange minutes following each other's

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meetings to keep the two groups up to date on licensing candidates, ministers joining the Conference, and any other pertinent matters. A suggestion was made that the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination meet once following each year's Conference in preparation for the new year.

Reverend Skinner will work on the proposed budget for 2012/13 and have it ready to present at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the Reverend John Hill attend the September meeting to provide an update on the Ministry Care Committee. Details will be worked out on formally presenting this ministry at the Conference in November and a proposed change to the Central Conference Constitution will be drafted to reflect the new ministry.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Thursday, September 20 at 9:30 at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Hines.

### *September 20, 2012*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on September 20, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Doug Skinner, and Mark Hobbs. Reverend Boykin called the meeting to order and read from I Peter 5:2-4. He focused on how ministers need frequent reminding of their responsibilities as shepherds of God's people. Reverend Skinner led in prayer.

The Reverend John Hill was in attendance to discuss the Ministry Care Committee in preparation for the Conference in November. Following communication with Mrs. Janie Taylor from CareNet, she developed a proposal that lists all services offered by the organization along with costs. Reverend Hill emphasized the confidentiality of the CareNet partnership. Discussion was held on making a constitutional change that reflects the formation of the Ministry Care Committee and its responsibilities. If adopted, Article IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES Section 13 will read as follows: A Ministry Care Committee shall be composed of three members. Each member will follow a three year rotational term with one member rotating off each year. Article X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Section 16 will read as follows: It shall be the duty of the Ministry Care Committee to provide and maintain relationships with CareNet East of Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem to provide counseling, coaching, and other supportive services for ordained and licensed ministers of the Central Conference and their immediate families. The proposed changes will be provided in the report book for the meeting and Reverend Hill will offer a presentation.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

The treasure's report was read, corrected, and approved. Reverend Skinner presented the proposed budget for the 2012/13 year. Reverend Skinner will email a revised proposed budget to all committee members and it will be approved over the Internet.

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The 264<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Central Conference is scheduled for November 8, 2012 at Reedy Branch OFWB Church in Winterville. Reverend Smart indicated that ushers, servers, food, and sound equipment had all been arranged for the Conference. Letters were sent to all ministers and churches. Reverend Hines will help Reverend Smart with name tags and cards. The temporary committees, speakers, and worship order were finalized. Reverend Smart reminded the Executive Committee about the certificates that are given each year to ministers with at least 20 years of service. These certificates are given for every 5 years beginning with at least 20 years.

Reverend Hines developed a list of ideas for consideration by the Board of Ordination to assist licensed ministers as they begin their ministry process and the churches that sponsor licensed ministers. He requested to attend the next meeting of the Board of Ordination. He will work on a list of informational points and a form letter to share with the Board.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Thursday, November 8 at 8:00 at Reedy Branch Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Hobbs.

*November 8, 2012*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, and Doug Skinner. Reverend Boykin called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report and proposed budget were read and approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator  
The Reverend Kelley Smart, Clerk

### **North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists Report of the Board of Ordination November 8, 2012**

#### **Central Conference Board of Ordination**

Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett, Chairman	Rev. Leon Grubbs
Rev. Ronnie Hobgood	Rev. Mark Hobbs
	Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

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

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The following candidates were approved by the board for licensing:

Mr. Caleb Hines      Mr. Jay Summerlin      Mr. Michel Blake Bryan

The following were dropped from the list of Licensed Ministers:

Mr. Matthew Stocks      Mr. Jason Mitchell

The following Ministers were ordained into the Gospel Ministry of the Central Conference:

Reverend Bill Groce      Reverend Spencer Owens

The following Ministers have transferred their conference membership:

Reverend David Langley from the Central Conference to the Cape Fear Conference.

Reverend Walt Tyndall from the Central Conference to the Western Conference

The following ministers were dropped from the list of Ordained Ministers of the Central Conference

Reverend John Robert Harris      Reverend Mark Hogan

Scheduled meetings of the Board of Ordination for the year 2013:

Monday January 14, 2013 at Hull Road Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

Monday April 8, 2013 at La Grange Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

Monday July 8, 2013 at the Howell Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

Monday October 14, 2013 at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

The Board of Ordination will conduct a mandatory workshop for all Licensed Ministers at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday February 23, 2013 at 10 am.

**All Licensed Ministers must attend this workshop before being considered for ordination.**

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."* 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

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- clearance from the Conference Board of Ordination before assuming duties as pastor of the church.
2. All candidates for ordination in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists must take and pass the Ordination Examination.
  3. We wish to remind all Central Conference ordained ministers of the following resolution, which was adopted at the conference meeting of November 6, 2008.  
*"All Central Conference Ordained Ministers must physically attend at least one Conference meeting every three years to maintain their 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."*
  4. In accordance with "The Articles of Faith and Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of The English General Baptist Heritage) under 'The Rules Of Church Government,' 'Section 1: The Local Congregation,' 'Meetings Of the Local Congregation:' *'The ordinances of the Gospel are administered only by ordained ministers.'*"

### Report of the Conference Treasurer

#### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report

November 8, 2012

<i>Balance from November 2011</i>	<b>\$ 9187.99</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Church Contributions 2011	\$ 1,589.00
2011 Late Church Contributions (after conference)	530.00
Church Contributions for 2012 through Oct. 31	2,263.00
Conference Offering	464.00
Church Finance Endowment Income 2011	1,209.03
Maury Endowment Income 2011	151.12
2011 Ministers Membership Dues	420.00
2011 Ministers Late Membership Dues (after conference)	360.00
Ministers Membership Dues 2012 through Oct. 31	540.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,526.15</b>
<b>Total to account for with balance brought forward</b>	<b>\$ 16,714.14</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
PNC Bank Charges	\$ 15.75
Board of Ordination	0.00
Church Growth Committee	500.00
Saratoga OFWB - \$500.00	

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Conference Expenses	353.10
FWB Press: bulletins - \$13.64	
FWB Press: Conference book and bulletins - \$339.46	
Continuing Education Committee	0.00
Convention of OFWB (Support)	750.00
Convention of OFWB (Year Book)	770.00
Executive Committee Expenses	493.30
Mileage - \$493.30	
Office Supplies	135.32
(Stamps, paper, envelopes, deposit stamp for checks)	
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer	50.00
NC Foundation Endowment	500.00
NC Foundation Scholarship	1,000.00
Foreign Missions	2,000.00
Non-Budgeted Items	1,500.00
Hurricane Relief:	
Bethel OFWB - \$500.00	
Dublin Grove OFWB - \$500.00	
Wardens Grove OFWB - \$500.00	
Miscellaneous	328.30
Returned Ministers Dues (not members of this conference) - \$125.00	
Two Christian Flags - \$203.30	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>8,445.77</b>
<b>Balance in Checking November 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 8,268.37</b>
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<b>PNC Bank Money Market</b>	
Beginning balance of Money Market 11-1-11	\$ 55,544.29
Interest	107.44
<b>Balance November 1, 2012</b>	<b>55,651.73</b>
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>	
<b>Central Conference Endowment Fund (Church Finance)</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
(See minutes from Central Conference 11-9-01	
Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)	
<b>Maury Endowment Fund (Church Finance) for Training</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>
Conference	
(See Minutes of Executive Committee Sept. 22, 1988)	
<b>NC Foundation Endowment through June 20</b>	<b>\$ 10,550.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL MONEY</b>	<b>\$141,970.10</b>

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**Proposed Conference Budget for 2012/13**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2011-12</b>	<b>Actual 2011-12</b>	<b>Proposed 2012-13</b>
Church Contributions	5,000.00	4,382.00	5,000.00
Conference Offering	500.00	464.00	500.00
Endowment Income	1,500.00	1,360.15	1,500.00
Interest	1,800.00		
Ministers Membership Dues	1,500.00	1,320.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	0	250.00
Monies from Money Market	3,900.00	0	5,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,450.00</b>	<b>7,526.15</b>	<b>\$14,550.00</b>
<b>Debits</b>			
Bank Charges	100.00	\$15.75	100.00
Board of Ordination	200.00	0.00	200.00
Church Growth Committee	2,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Conference	2,000.00	353.10	1,500.00
Continuing Education Committee	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
Convention of OFWB Support	750.00	750.00	750.00
Ministry Care Committee		0.00	2000.00
Convention of OFWB Yearbook	1,000.00	770.00	1,000.00
Executive Committee	500.00	493.30	500.00
Office Supplies	300.00	135.32	300.00
Secretary	50.00	50.00	100.00
Treasurer	50.00	50.00	100.00
Foundation Endowment	500.00	500.00	500.00
Foundation Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Foreign Missions	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	328.30	500.00
Non-Budgeted Items	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,445.77</b>	<b>\$14,550.00</b>

**2012 Church Growth and Evangelism Committee Report**

The Central Conference Church Growth and Evangelism Committee approved the following requests during the past year:

Saratoga OFWB Church requested \$500 to assist with the purchase of portable stage drama lighting for the youth ministry drama team. The youth have become eager to share their drama talents in the church, the community and various revival services and other



settings in which they are afforded the opportunity. Drama is a strong method of presenting the gospel and touching the lives of all ages.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Todd Sutton  
The Reverend Jack Weathersby  
The Reverend James Owens

### **Report of the Continuing Education Committee**

Many ministers are pursuing additional educational opportunities on a regular basis. Perhaps you have attended a seminar or read a book or completed a college or seminary course. We applaud you in this endeavor. We also want to reward you and give you credit for your diligence in continuing your education and training. To receive credit from the Central Conference, simply complete a Continuing Education Report Form and write a 150 word summary about the seminar, book read, or course completed and send it to one of the Continuing Education committee members. More information for submitting requests for Continuing Education Credit is outlined in the "Procedures" section below.

#### **Purpose**

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 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 (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 course.

#### **Continuing Education Units/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 Course: 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 hours equal one hour per week in class for sixteen weeks. If you take a 3 credit hour

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course, you will receive 12 CEU's. If the course is taken from an institution that is not accredited by SACS or ATS, 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 continuing education credits, work should be submitted to the Continuing Education Committee. Simply write a 150 word summary and application of the seminar, book read, or college or seminary course completed and attach it to the Continuing Education Report Form. The report form is available at the annual conference or can be requested from a committee member or you can simply create your own report form by including the following. For a seminar, include the title of the seminar, sponsoring organization, presenter's name, and length of seminar. For a book you have read, include the title of the book, author, publisher, and date the book was read. For a college or seminary course, include the name of the course, name of the college or seminary, professor's name, and a copy of the syllabus. The committee will review all work and will send notification to the one who submitted the work and also the Board of Ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverends Brad Williamson, Tom Malin, and Stanley Buck

### Ministers' Dues (As of 12/10/12)

<b>ORDAINED MINISTERS</b>	<b>Status</b>
J.B. Narron	Retired
Michael Pelt	Retired
Willis Wilson	Retired
Stewart Humphrey	Retired
Charles Branch	Retired
Bruce Jones	Pd
Gary Bailey	Pd
Tom Miller	Retired
Bobby Taylor	Pd
Leon Grubbs	Pd
Ronnie Hobgood	Pd

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Melvin Moore	Retired
Earl Glenn	Retired
Harry Grubbs	Pd
Frank Flowers	Retired
Clifford Ball	Pd
Ray Williamson	Pd
Mark Hobbs	Pd
Ronald Braxton	Retired
Donald Ribeiro	Pd
Stanley Buck	Pd
Philip Wood	Pd
Thomas Bowen	Pd
Larry Letchworth	Pd
Carroll Bradbury	Pd
Jack Weathersby	Pd
Joey Williams	Pd
Frankie Baggett	Pd
Grady Tucker	Retired
Brad Williamson	Pd
Edward Thornton	
Tony Glass	Pd
Frank Cockrell	Pd
Johnny Sullivan	Pd
Kevin Jackson	Pd
Barry Williamson	Pd
Todd Sutton	Pd
John Simpson	Retired
Doug Owens	Pd
Roger Haithcock	Pd
Phillip Boykin	Pd
Jacky Raper	Pd
James Owens	Pd
Charles Russell	Pd
Kelley Smart	Pd
Michael Rowell	Pd
Charles Sutton	Pd
Doug Tyson	Pd
Alvin Keener	
Marc Boswell	Pd
Arnold Price	Pd
Bryant Hines	Pd
Ronnie Mohn	Pd
Doug Skinner	Pd
Glenn Batten	Pd
Dustin Bannister	Pd
Keith Phillips	

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Ernest Jones	Pd
Tom Malin	Pd
Carlton Oakley	Pd
John Hill	Pd

**Church Contributions (As of 12/10/12)**

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

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Sweet Gum Grove	
Tarboro, First	Yes
Walnut Creek	Yes
Watery Branch	Yes
Williamston, First	Yes
Winterville	Yes

## Report of the Memorial Committee to the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists—2012

Paul says in 11 Timothy 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the 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 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 Baptists, and gone on to enter their eternal reward. We thank God for the lives and influences of these individuals. For any names of deceased members not listed, or misspelled, we regret and apologize. For churches not listed in this report, there were no reports of deceased members received by this committee.

### Churches

Magaleen Paramore Nobles

### Ayden

Ruth Wood Tripp

### Community

George Willis

### Bethany

Clinton Cannon  
Lila Cannon Daughtry  
Madalene Edwards  
David Manning

### Daniels Chapel

Pearl Bass  
Barbara Lawrence

### Edgewood

James Dalton Boyette

### Black Jack

Effie Bailly  
Harvey Weeks  
Martha Lee Buck  
Jean Keeter  
Mary Ruth Stocks  
Robin Stokes  
William Stewart "Bill" Carson  
Carlton Hubert Mills

### Elm Grove

Marie Garriss  
Irene Williamson  
Judy Beacham  
Tommy Burney  
Joan Briley  
Stella Worthington  
Myrna Horton

**First Free Will-Greenville**

Eva Lee Hudson  
Carl Tetterton  
Glenn Cannon  
Eunice Tetterton  
Virginia Dail Brown Mills

**Free Union**

Ray Cunningham  
Addie Mae Coggins  
Henry "Buck" Langston  
Marilyn Ellis

**Grimsley**

Jimmy Lee Jones

**Gum Swamp**

Bertie Colville

**Harrell's Chapel**

Carl Sutton  
Geraldine Mewborn  
Camilla Pender  
Bobby McCoy

**Hickory Grove**

Ralph Whitehurst  
Jeffrey L. Warren

**Howell Swamp**

Shannon D. Moore  
James Russell Gray  
Frances Sawrey Taylor

**Hugo**

Lou Ann Dudley  
LaGrange  
Carolyn Hill  
Helen Pelletier  
Evelyn Hines

**Little Creek**

Loede McLawhorn Cahoon  
Donald Wayne Stokes, Sr.

**Marlboro**

Judith Rouse  
Betty Baldree Hobgood

**Marlboro continued...**

Mildred Baker Wainwright  
Robert Starling  
Estelle Hobgood  
Michael Walston  
Mary Pollard Civils

**Ormondsville**

Louise May  
Althea Langley  
Timmy Grimsley  
Elsie Bowen

**Peace**

Lillian White

**Piney Grove-Beaufort**

Lavavor "Shug" Bullock

**Reedy Branch**

Elsie Smith

**Rose of Sharon**

Helen Cherry  
Ben Cowin  
Machue Bailey

**Tarboro First**

J.M. Langley  
Danny Godwin  
Laura Privette Mitchell  
Larry P. Hathaway

**Spring Branch**

Paul Galloway  
Alvin Dildy  
Beasley Hill

**Walnut Creek**

Fred Wade  
Mary Ann Bartlett  
Lamont Perry  
Norman Rollins  
Donnie Butts  
Keith Tyndall  
Margaret Parrish

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### **Watery Branch**

Shelby Watson  
Kathleen Rowe

### **Williamston First**

Roland Rogers  
Marie Hardison

Respectively Submitted,  
Reverends Charles Russell (Chair), Ray Williamson

### **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	41
Licensed Ministers	7
Visitors	8
Visiting Ministers	<u>8</u>
Total Registered	112

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverends Frank Cockrell, Doug Owens, and Ronnie Mohn

### **Report of the Resolutions Committee**

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

1. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Reedy Branch OFWB Church for hosting the Conference. [Passed]
2. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for their leadership of the Conference. [Passed]
3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Reverend Phillip Wood for an outstanding message delivered during our worship service. [Passed]
4. Be it resolved that in light of the recent national elections and natural disasters, that we members of the Central Conference, at this time, offer a prayer to the LORD God on behalf of our nation and our elected officials. [Passed]

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Chair  
The Reverend Charles Branch  
The Reverend Kevin Jackson

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### Proposed Constitutional Changes

#### Article IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES Section 13

A Ministry Care Committee shall be composed of three members. Each member will follow a three year rotational term with one member rotating off each year.

#### Article X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Section 16

It shall be the duty of the Ministry Care Committee to provide and maintain relationships with CareNet East of Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem to provide counseling, coaching, and other supportive services for ordained and licensed ministers of the Central Conference and their immediate families.

#### Proposal to the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

By  
CareNet of North Carolina  
For  
Counseling and Professional Services

**Purpose:** CareNet of North Carolina, a subsidiary of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, was engaged by leadership of the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to provide a proposal that covers counseling and educational services to ministers, their families, and congregations. The intent is to extend compassionate and professional care to the Free Will Baptist fellowship.

**Counseling:** CareNet currently has contractual relationships with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Moravian Church, and Disciples of Christ denominations to provide counseling to clergy and their families.

#### Proposals:

- # 1. Become the preferred provider for all Free Will Baptist congregations. In the event we cannot provide appropriate care we would become a referral source.
- # 2. In the event a Free Will Baptist minister and/or their family seeks counseling CareNet would provide two initial assessment sessions at \$75 per session that would be funded by the denomination. If continued counseling is indicated then the client's insurance would be filed.
- # 3. In the event the minister and/or their family members are under or uninsured the client would be responsible for \$20 per session and the denomination would subsidize \$50 per session to be capped at \$500 per client per calendar year. Appeals could be made based on presenting problem and medically necessary treatment.

**Education:** The Free Will Baptist annual Convention in May is a time of fellowship, inspiration, and conducting denominational business. There is also a minister's retreat in Black Mountain, NC, yearly where ministers gather for inspiration and reflection.



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### Proposals:

- # 1. CareNet of North Carolina is a vendor at the Convention this May to provide information and materials about our ministry.
- # 2. CareNet of North Carolina provides an educational workshop or breakout session at the annual Convention on a topic related to clergy or congregational care.  
Fee: \$100.00 per hour plus expenses
- # 3. CareNet develop with Free Will Baptist Leadership a retreat experience for the annual Free Will Baptist ministers retreat.  
Fee: \$500.00 half day plus expenses  
\$1,000 for full day plus expenses
- # 4. CareNet provide regional workshops for minister's designed to meet the group's needs.  
Fee: \$100.00 per hour

**Coaching:** Ministry coaching is fast becoming a growth and development service many ministers are finding essential to their health and sustainability in leadership.

### Proposals:

- #1. CareNet provide certified ministry coaches to Free Will Baptist ministers and congregations that provide coaching on critical issues related to ministry and congregational effectiveness.  
Fee: Fee per hour to be negotiated with coach for individual coaching. Group rates could also be negotiated.
- #2. CareNet provide a strong start educational and coaching track for young ministers or those new to ministry.  
Fee: To be negotiated based on program design.

CareNet of North Carolina operates according to HIPAA guidelines, which guarantees the confidential treatment of and for all individuals. When individuals associated with the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina contact CareNet for services, their identity(ies) will be protected. If funds from the Conference are to be used for payment, clients will be informed their patient identification numbers will be used in the billing process, but reminded no identifying information will be shared with the Conference. The client will be asked to sign a consent form so billing can be facilitated. The local center will then forward the bill to the Conference treasurer for the appropriate amount (as noted herein).

**Conclusion:** CareNet of North Carolina is grateful for your request of this ministry proposal. The trust and confidence it exemplifies is appreciated. Our desire is to be a bridge to the local church when professional counseling and professional services are required by persons sensitive to faith and spiritual values.

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Janie J. Taylor, PhD, LMFT, Interim Coordinator of Clinical Services  
CareNet Counseling East

**Report of the Nominating Committee  
of the Central Conference  
November 8, 2012**

**Executive Committee (2012-2014)**

The Reverend Bryant Hines, Moderator  
The Reverend Kelley Smart, Assistant Moderator  
The Reverend Mark Hobbs, Clerk  
The Reverend Barry Williamson, Assistant Clerk  
The Reverend Brad Williamson, Treasurer

**Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett (2017)

**Board of Trustees**

Mr. Irvin Mizell, Jr. (2015)

**Credentials Committee**

The Reverend Carlton Oakley (2015)

**Memorial Committee**

Ms. Virginia Holmes (2013) filling unexpired term of the Rev. Tony Parrish  
The Reverend Ray Williamson (2015)

**Continuing Education Committee**

Dr. Michael Pelt (2015)

**Church Growth Committee**

Mr. Greg Barnes (2015)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary M. Bailey, Chairman  
Ronnie V. Hobgood  
Dr. Donald Ribeiro