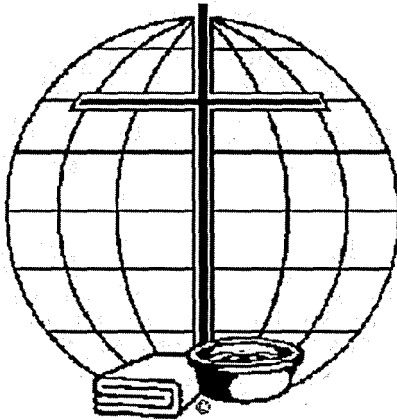


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Central
Minutes
of the
266th Annual Session
of the
Central Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
Held at
Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church
Pitt County, North Carolina
Thursday, November 6, 2014
The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett, Host Pastor

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Bryant Hines

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Kelley Smart

Clerk: The Reverend Mark Hobbs

Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Barry Williamson

Treasurer: The Reverend Dr. Brad Williamson

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Boards and Committees

Executive Committee (2014-2016)

The Reverend Bryant Hines, moderator
The Reverend Kelley Smart, assistant moderator
The Reverend Todd Sutton, clerk
The Reverend Barry Williamson, assistant clerk
The Reverend Tom Malin, treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Gary Bailey (2019) The Reverend Tony Glass (2015)
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2018) The Reverend Mark Hobbs (2016)
The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett (2017)

Board of Trustees

Mrs. Barbara Mills (2016) Mr. Stearle Pittman (2017)
Mr. Irvin Mizzell, Jr. (2015)

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

The Reverend Ron Braxton (2015)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Ronnie Mohn (2016) The Reverend Josh Hobgood (2017)
The Reverend Carlton Oakley (2015)

Memorial Committee

Mrs. Virginia Holmes (2016) The Reverend Keith Gardner (2017)
The Reverend Ray Williamson (2015)

Conference Historian

The Reverend Dr. Michael Pelt (2015)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

Mrs. Marci Rollins-Smart (2015)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Tom Malin (2016) The Reverend Keith Phillips (2017)
The Reverend Dr. Michael Pelt (2015)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2016) The Reverend Bill Groce (2017)
The Reverend Greg Barnes (2015)

Ministry Care Committee

The Reverend Dr. John Hill (2017) The Reverend Todd Sutton (2015)
The Reverend Roger Haithcock (2016)

Central

Proceedings

Preliminary Gathering

The host church provided space for our denominational ministries to set up displays and to have ministry representatives available to meet and greet Conference attendees from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Ministry leaders shared in the sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Opening Session

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convening its 266th Annual Session at Elm Grove OFWB Church on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

The service began with the congregation singing, "To God Be the Glory."

Mr. Blake Bryan read scripture and led in prayer.

The Reverend Mark Hobbs, clerk, called the 266rd Annual Session to order. The host church extended words of welcome to the Conference.

Visitors were recognized by the moderator.

The Reverend Bryant Hines gave the moderator's message emphasizing Joshua's responsibility to lay claim to God's promise to lead his people to victory in the land of promise. Growing churches are looking to the next challenge. Each generation faces new challenges which requires new responses to share the Good News.

Reverends Charles Russell and Ray Williamson conducted our Memorial Service. The Reverend Willis Wilson was remembered for his dedicated service to the Lord.

The moderator appointed the temporary committees needed to conduct our Conference.

Nominating: The Reverend Leon Grubbs, The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, and The Reverend Johnny Sullivan

Parliamentarian: The Reverend Dr. John Hill

Resolutions: The Reverend Gary Bailey, The Reverend Keith Gardner and the Reverend Joshua Hobgood

The clerk reported the Executive Committee had met six times during the year and the minutes were printed in the Conference Report Book on pages 2 through 6.

The Reverend Tony Glass gave the Conference Ordaining Board report.

The Conference offering was received.

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The Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson provided the treasurer's report.

Miscellaneous reports were shared. John Hill spoke about the Ministry Care Program. Ronnie Hobgood reported on The N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries. Mae Pittman gave the Central Conference Women's Auxiliary report.

Newly ordained minister, Reverend Dr. Keith Gardner was recognized.

Our supper was blessed and we were dismissed to eat and fellowship.

Evening Session

The evening session was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The session opened with the singing of, "Lead On, O King Eternal."

The Reverend Barry Williamson presented certificates of service to Central Conference ministers for their dedicated service to the Lord.

Arnold Price and Charles Branch—45 years

Philip Wood and Bryant Hines—35 years

Jack Weathersby—20 years

Frank Cockrell and Tony Glass 15 years

The Credentials Committee report was given by the Reverend Ronnie Mohn.

The Reverend Leon Grubbs provided the Nominating Committee report. The Conference accepted the report and elected the nominees provided by the committee.

The Reverend Joshua Hobgood presented the Resolutions Committee report. Resolution One—"A rising vote of thanks for the Boards that serve our Conference." Resolution Two—"A rising vote of thanks for our host church, Elm Grove, for the excellent work and wonderful hospitality extended to the 266th Conference."

The business session ended as there was no business from the floor.

Our worship began with us singing, "We've a Story to Tell the Nations." Dawn Tyson shared special music. Reverend Harry Grubbs led us in a special prayer for our churches, leaders that were ill, our nation and our political leaders. The Rev. Bryant Hines introduced our Conference speaker, the Rev. Dr. Brad Williamson, Pastor of the Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Williamson challenged us to seek ways to meet the needs of people by focusing on the important issues that touch their lives and the power of God to help them.

After the message, the Rev. Mark Hobbs led in a time of prayer and focus as the Conference celebrated Holy Communion.

Central

The Conference ended upon the conclusion of the service of Holy Communion. The Conference plans to reconvene on November 5, 2015 at Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Bryant Hines, moderator
The Reverend Mark Hobbs, clerk

Executive Meeting Central Conference
9 Jan 2014
Bill's Restaurant, Wilson, North Carolina

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 11:00 am on 9 Jan 2014 at Bill's Restaurant in Wilson, N.C. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson and Brad Williamson.

Bryant shared devotion from Sarah Young's book, Jesus Calling. He discussed the topic, "God is our strength."

Mark presented the minutes of the 265th Central Conference. The minutes were accepted.

Brad shared the treasurer's report. It was accepted.

We reviewed the list of churches and the payment of dues. Bryant will contact the churches that have failed to pay.

Discussion concerning the Conference meeting was focused on the successes and ways to make improvements next time.

- Better registration process
- Rolling power point of denominational ministries

Bryant recapped Care Net, and its funding.

The 2015 Conference location is Black Jack Church. Rose of Sharon will host in 2016, and Free Union will host in 2017.

Our next meeting set for 25 Mar at 1:00 pm, at Elm Grove will feature:

- Flag folding ceremony and practice
- Planning the 2014 Conference

A motion was made and passed to pay a \$100 scholarship for each licensed minister to attend the Minister's Conference at Cragmont.

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We were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

Executive Meeting Central Conference
25 Mar 2014
Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 1 pm on 25 Mar 2014 at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N.C. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson and Brad Williamson.

Bryant shared devotion from Proverbs 1:7. "Wisdom comes from God" was the message. Kelley led us in prayer.

Mark presented the minutes of the 9 Jan meeting. They were approved. Mark is to insure the Ordaining Board informs all licensed ministers of the \$100 scholarship provided by the Conference to attend the upcoming Minister's Conference at Cragmont.

Brad shared the treasurer's report. It was accepted.

We took a tour of the facilities in order to plan for the November Conference to be held at Elm Grove. Ministry displays will be set up in the Family Life Center. Registration will occur in the Family Life Center. We will add a Temporary Registration Committee to assist the Credentials Committee. We will meet in October at Elm Grove to finalize our plans at 1 pm. We will have lunch at noon. The Credentials and Registration Teams will meet with us.

The Registration Committee will be a three person team. The Team will be appointed in July. Our next meeting is set for 10 July at 9:30 am at Elm Grove.

We discussed plans for the Conference Meeting. Brad Williamson will be our keynote speaker. He will share about, "The Essential Church—Building the Kingdom."

We practiced folding the Christian flag in order to be trained when we need to present the flag.

We were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

Central

Executive Meeting Central Conference

21 May 2014

University of Mount Olive, Raper Hall

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the University of Mount Olive in Raper Hall, in Mount Olive, N.C. on 21 May 2014 in a joint meeting with the Central Conference Board of Ordination. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson, Brad Williamson, Frankie Baggett, Ronnie Hobgood, Johnny Sullivan and Tony Glass.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways we might work together to help churches in their struggles with pastors that were non-compliant in following Central Conference Policy as well as churches that were non-compliant in their hiring practices of clergy that had not met with the Ordaining Board to certify the clergy credentials.

A simple reminder—

- Churches are to hire ministers from the list of duly ordained Original Free Will Baptists
- Churches should contact the Board of Ordination to make certain their prospective pastor has been certified by the Board to work in the Central Conference
- Coordination and communication between the local church, the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination will help local church bodies find, call and hire a minister that will effectively serve not only the local church, but will be fully integrated into the Central Conference and our denomination

After discussion we were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

Executive Meeting Central Conference

29 Jul 2014

Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 12:30 pm on 29 Jul 2014 at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, N.C. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson and Brad Williamson.

Bryant shared a devotion reminding us to be bold like Thomas. Barry led us in prayer.

Mark presented the minutes of the 21 May meeting. They were approved.

A discussion of the upcoming conference ensued.

- Focus—to reach the Millennials

Central

- Have any Central Conference ministers died since last November?
- This will be an election year at the conference
- Leon Grubbs and Johnny Sullivan will be asked to serve on nominations committee, with Leon as chair
- Doug Owens, Ronnie Mohn, and Carlton Oakley serve on the credentials committee
- Todd Sutton, Greg Barnes and Marci-Rollins Smart will be asked to serve on the registration committee

Brad shared the treasurer's report. It was accepted.

Ronnie Hobgood will rotate off the Ordaining Board. A replacement will be needed.

A discussion concerning churches in need followed.

The Executive Committee members will call key leaders of all the churches of the Central Conference prior to the September meetings to remind them of the Strategic Planning Sessions on 9 and 11 Sep 2014. The call will serve as a challenge for the churches to bring many folks from their local congregations to the Planning Sessions.

Bryant will write a letter to our Ministries Leaders inviting them to our Nov meeting. They will encouraged to:

- Prepare a power point presentation for the conference detailing their work
- Prepare to speak 5 minutes at the Conference
- Prepare a display with key ministry details to share in the Elm Grove Fellowship Hall

The Executive Committee's next scheduled meeting will be 18 Sep at 9 am at Free Union

Letters to pastors, churches and delegates are to be mailed in Sep. We will use the template Andrea Cox uses for the Convention in May.

Our Sep agenda will include:

- Registration procedures at the Conference
- Establish Conference time line

We were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

Central

Executive Meeting Central Conference 25 Sep 2014 Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 12:30 pm on 25 Sep 2014 at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, N.C. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart and Brad Williamson.

Bryant shared a devotion reminding us that determination is important because life changes can be stumbling blocks. He read from Romans 12:12. Perseverance is the key as God will lead. Mark led us in prayer.

Mark presented the minutes of the 29 Jul meeting. Corrections were made and they were approved.

We discussed

- Care Net procedures and avenues to help ministers in need of counseling
- Churches need to be reminded to follow Conference policies
- Approved 2014-2015 proposed budget

Brad shared the treasurer's report. It was accepted.

We approved a motion to receive a love offering at the Conference to help Rev. Jack Weathersby and his wife Doris, as they suffered a great loss recently with their house being destroyed by fire.

We decided upon the schedule of events for the Conference. Registration begins at 3:30 pm with the Call to order at 5:00 pm.

Michael Bryan will be asked to read scripture and pray at the Conference.

The Resolutions Committee will be Keith Gardner, Josh Hobgood and Gary Bailey.

The Executive Committee's next scheduled meeting will be 21 Oct at 12:30 pm at Elm Grove.

We were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

Central

Executive Meeting Central Conference

21 Oct 2014

Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 12:30 pm on 21 Oct 2014 at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N.C. Team members present were—Bryant Hines, Mark Hobbs, Kelley Smart and Brad Williamson.

We met with the teams that would be doing the registration at the Conference. The Credentials Team will do the registration. Greg Barnes, Todd Sutton, Marci Rollins-Smart and Ronnie Mohn were present.

The teams were dismissed once we had decided on registration procedures.

The Executive Team discussed final plans for the Conference.

On Conference Day the Credentials Team will set up at 2 pm.

We were dismissed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Mark S. Hobbs

**North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists
Report of the Board of Ordination
November 6, 2014**

Central Conference Board of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett, Chairman

Rev. Ronnie Hobgood

Rev. Mark Hobbs

Rev. Johnny Sullivan

Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

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

The following were dropped from the list of Licensed Ministers:

John Chapman, Chris Dunn, Jay Summerlin, Matthew Galloway

The Reverend Keith Gardner was ordained into the Gospel Ministry of the Central Conference.

The Reverend John Mozingo surrendered his Provisional Certificate of Ordination.

The 2015 scheduled meetings of Board of Ordination will be held at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am on the following dates:

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Tuesday January 13, 2015

Tuesday July 14, 2015

Tuesday April 14, 2015

Tuesday October 13, 2015

If you wish to meet with the Board of Ordination, we ask that you contact either the chairman or a member of the board prior to the scheduled meeting.

The Board of Ordination will conduct a mandatory workshop for all Licensed Ministers at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church Saturday February 21, 2014 at 9 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 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."***
5. The Central Conference gives a Christian flag to the family of a deceased ordained minister.

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6. All Ordained Ministers of the Central Conference must maintain membership in an Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Central Conference Treasurer's Report November 6, 2014

Balance From November 1, 2013		\$10,980.11
Receipts		
2013 Conference Offering	\$610.00	
2013 Conference Church Contributions	\$2,456.00	
2013 Conference Church Contributions since Conference	\$900.00	
2013-14 Ministers Dues	\$935.00	
2013-14 Ministers Dues since Conference	\$30.00	
2014 Conference Church Contributions	\$3,027.00	
2014-15 Ministers Dues	\$990.00	
Transferred from Maury Endowment	\$151.13	
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$1,209.03	
Miscellaneous (Weathersby love offering)	\$250.00	
Total	\$10,558.16	\$10,558.16
Total to account for in Checking Account		\$21,538.27
Disbursements		
PNC Bank (Bank Charges)		
Conference Clerk	\$100.00	
Conference Treasurer	\$100.00	
Executive Committee Expenses	\$499.10	
(Meals, travel, telephone, etc)		
Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$930.00	
Office Supplies (Board of Ordination)	\$1,086.15	
Church Growth Expenses	\$500.00	
Ministry Care Committee Expense	\$770.00	
OFWB Convention Support	\$750.00	
North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries		
Central Conference Endowment	\$500.00	
Shepherd's Fund	\$1,000.00	
OFWB International	\$2,000.00	
Miscellaneous		
Christian Flags for deceased Central Conference ministers	\$406.56	
OFWB Press debt reduction	\$1,000.00	
OFWB Philippines relief	\$1,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$10,641.81
Total in Checking account as of October 31, 2014		\$10,896.46
Central Conference Endowment Fund (Church Finance)	\$60,000.00	
(See minutes from Central Conference 11-03-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)		
Interest 12-31	\$304.52	
Interest 03-31	\$300.00	
Interest 06-30	\$301.50	
Interest 09-30	\$303.01	
Total		\$61,209.03
Xfer to Checking Account	\$1,209.03	
Total		\$60,000.00
Maury Endowment Fund For Annual Training Conference (Church Finance)	\$7,500.00	
(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1958)		
Interest 12-31	\$38.06	
Interest 03-31	\$37.50	
Interest 06-30	\$37.69	
Interest 09-30	\$37.88	
Total		\$7,651.13
Xfer to Checking Account	\$151.13	
Total		\$7,500.00
Note: Interest from the Endowment Funds are transferred to the Checking Account each January		
Central Conference Savings Account (Church Finance)	\$56,379.34	
NC Foundation Endowment for Central Conference Scholarships	\$11,550.00	
TOTAL OF ALL MONIES		\$146,325.80

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<i>Income</i>	Proposed 2013-14	Actual 2013-14	Proposed 2014-15
Church Contributions	5,000.00	6,701.00	5,000.00
Conference Offering	500.00	610.00	500.00
Endowment Income	1,500.00	1,360.16	1,500.00
Ministers Membership Dues	1,500.00	1,685.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00	250.00
Transfer from Savings	5,800.00	0	5,800.00
Total	\$14,550.00	\$10,606.16	\$14,550.00
<i>Expense</i>			
Bank Charges	100.00	0.00	100.00
Board of Ordination	200.00	200.00	200.00
Church Growth Committee	2,000.00	500.00	2,000.00
Conference	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Continuing Education Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Convention of OFWB Support	750.00	750.00	750.00
Ministry Care Committee	2000.00	770.00	2,000.00
Convention of OFWB Yearbook	1,000.00	930.00	1,000.00
Executive Committee	500.00	499.10	500.00
Office Supplies	300.00	300.00	300.00
Clerk	100.00	100.00	100.00
Treasurer	100.00	100.00	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	492.71	500.00
Non-Budgeted Items	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	\$14,550.00	\$10,641.81	\$14,550.00

2014 Church Growth and Evangelism Committee Report

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

Free Union OFWB Church requested \$500 to assist the middle and high school youth in attending the Xtreme Conference in Gallinburg, TN. This conference challenges and encourages youth to grow in their faith and serve as a greater witness at home, in school, and in the community. The youth of Free Union always come back with a greater passion to lead, serve, and share their faith with others.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Greg Barnes
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.

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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 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 Tom Malin, and Michel Pelt

Minister's Dues as of Jan 2015

ORDAINED MINISTERS	Status		ORDAINED MINISTERS	
J. B. Narron	Retired		Barry Williamson	Pd
Michael Pelt	Retired		Todd Sutton	Pd
Stewart Humphrey	Retired		John Simpson	Retired
Charles Branch	Retired		Doug Owens	Pd
Bruce Jones	Pd		Roger Haithcock	Pd
Gary Bailey	Pd		Phillip Boykin	Pd

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Tom Miller	Retired	Jacky Raper	Pd
Bobby Taylor	Pd	James Owens	Pd
Leon Grubbs	Pd	Charles Russell	Pd
Ronnie Hobgood	Pd	Kelley Smart	Pd
Melvin Moore	Retired	Michael Rowell	
Harry Grubbs	Pd	Charles Sutton	Pd
Frank Flowers	Retired	Doug Tyson	Pd
Clifford Ball	Pd	Alvin Keener	Pd
Ray Williamson	Pd	Marc Boswell	Pd
Mark Hobbs	Pd	Arnold Price	Pd
Ronald Braxton	Retired	Bryant Hines	Pd
Donald Ribeiro	Pd	Ronnie Mohn	Pd
Stanley Buck	Pd	Doug Skinner	Pd
Philip Wood	Pd	Glenn Batten	Pd
Thomas Bowen	Pd	Dustin Bannister	Pd
Larry Letchworth		Keith Phillips	Pd
Carroll Bradbury	Pd	Ernest Jones	
Jack Weathersby	Pd	Tom Malin	Pd
Joey Williams	Pd	Carlton Oakley	Pd
Frankie Baggett	Pd	John Hill	Pd
Grady Tucker	Retired	Bill Groce	Pd
Brad Williamson	Pd	Spencer Owens	Pd
Edward Thornton		Joshua Hobgood	Exempt
Tony Glass	Pd	Jim Skipper	Exempt
Frank Cockrell	Pd	Greg Barnes	Exempt
Johnny Sullivan	Pd	Keith Gardner	
Kevin Jackson	Pd		
		PROVISIONAL	
		Michael Woolard	

Church Contributions

CHURCH	Contribution	CHURCH	Contribution
Aspen Grove		Marlboro	Yes
Ayden	Yes	Ormondsville	Yes
Bethany	Yes	Otter's Creek	
Black Jack		Owen's Chapel	Yes
Community	Yes	Peace	Yes
Daniel's Chapel	Yes	Piney Grove (Beaufort County)	Yes
Dilda's Grove	Yes	Piney Grove (Pitt County)	Yes
Edgewood	Yes	Pleasant Hill	Yes

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Elm Grove	Yes	Reedy Branch	Yes
Free Union	Yes	Rocky Mount, First	Yes
Friendship	Yes	Rose Hill	Yes
Greenville, First	Yes	Rose of Sharon	Yes
Grimsley	Yes	Saint's Delight	Yes
Gum Swamp		Saratoga	Yes
Harrell's Chapel	Yes	Spring Branch	Yes
Hickory Grove	Yes	Sweet Gum Grove	
Hillside		Tarboro, First	Yes
Howell Swamp	Yes	Walnut Creek	
Hugo		Watery Branch	
Hull Road	Yes	Williamston, First	Yes
King's Cross Roads		Winterville	Yes
La Grange, First	Yes		
Little Creek	Yes		

**Report of the Memorial Committee to the Central Conference
Of Original Free Will Baptists—2014**

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 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, both laity and clergy. Although individual churches and families memorialize these saints throughout the year, we remember them today.

We thank God for the life and ministry of a devoted Central Conference Minister, Rev. Willis Wilson. He was born January 18, 1933. He died on August 2, 2014. His ordination into the Gospel Ministry was on December 28, 1954. His loving wife, Betty Jean Warren Wilson served the Lord with her husband. He served Reedy Branch for 32 years. Rev. Wilson loved Jesus Christ, faithfully preached the word and served God's people. He had a talent for making all who spoke with him laugh and feel loved. His favorite verse was Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

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

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution revised at annual session November 7, 1979, November 4, 1981, November 10, 1982, November 8, 1984, November 5, 1998, November 9, 2000, November 8, 2001, November 7, 2002, November 4, 2004, November 4, 2010 and November 7, 2013.

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This shall be the constitution of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

PURPOSE

The object of the Central Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article I. COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*, shall be permitted membership in the Central Conference.

Article II. REPRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church, together with a statement of all funds received and distributed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

Article III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, and an assistant clerk who shall be elected for a term of two years, serving two (2) full terms of two (2) years each. The office of treasurer may serve up to ten (10) years consecutively, the office of treasurer will be elected every two (2) years, no member shall be eligible for nomination to the same office until after an interval of one (1) year when their term expires. The

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duties of said office shall be entered into at the close of the session in which they are elected.

Article IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. It shall be the policy of this conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

Section 2. A board of ordination, consisting of five members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 3. A committee of one shall be elected to represent the conference's membership in the Free Will Baptist Press; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 4. A committee of one shall be elected to represent the conference's membership in the Church Finance Association, Inc.; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 5. A credentials committee and an memorial committee, consisting of three members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 6. A committee of one shall be elected to serve as conference historian; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 7. A committee of one shall be elected to serve as publicity committee; the term of office shall be two years.

Section 8. The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers.

Section 9. Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever purposes may be deemed necessary.

Section 10. A committee of five shall be elected to serve as a Continuing Education Committee with three members being elected to serve three year terms, one rotating off each year, and one member elected by the Ordaining Council annually (from its membership) and one member to be elected by the Executive Committee annually (from its membership).

Section 11. A committee of five shall be elected to serve as a Church Growth Committee with three members being elected to serve three year terms, one rotating off each year, and one member elected by the Executive Committee annually (from its membership) and one member to be elected by the Continuing Education Committee annually (from its

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membership).

Section 12. A board of trustees consisting of three members shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be three years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

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 V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference according to its membership.

Article VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desires to help promote the program and work of the Central Conference and the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists may present its petition to the regular session of the conference. If the petition for membership is approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the conference by vote of the conference.

Article VIII. VISITORS

The Central Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Article IX. MEETINGS

The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year, except in years when Veteran's Day falls on that day. In years when Veteran's Day falls on the Thursday before the second Sunday the Central Conference shall meet one week earlier. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should a change become necessary.

Article X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted

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parliamentary procedure, over the session of the Central Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates, and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and in general to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

Section 2. The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and he shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 3. The clerk shall record and preserve a permanent record of the proceedings of all sessions of the Central Conference. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference, hold in trust all documents not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference. He shall conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk shall be the duties of the clerk when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the clerk when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 5. The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference, except that held by other boards and committees of the conference. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the conference.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to hold in trust title to all tangible property belonging to the conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the conference.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board of ordination (1) to examine and recommend the license of ministers; (2) to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* and (3) to examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and to make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation committee to represent the conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press and to do so at any stockholders' meeting.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the credentials committee to check each church report

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for verification as to their delegates and make recommendations to the conference as regarding their seat during the annual session. The credentials committee shall check registration cards of the enrolling ministers and make recommendations of same to the conference.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the memorial committee to prepare and present a memorial service for all ministers who die during the year preceding the conference. The memorial committee shall prepare a brief biographical sketch for the Historical Collection.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the conference historian to collect and preserve any historical data concerning the conference.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to see that proper publicity is given to the activities and work of the conference.

Section 14. It will be the duty of the Continuing Education Committee to set guidelines concerning what materials, classes, seminars, and other forms of training and instruction will be recognized as qualified disciplines for our ministers to receive credits as Continuing Education and to set the number of units that can be credited for such work. Also, this committee is to plan and promote seminars and training opportunities which will be recognized as qualified disciplines for our ministers to receive credits as Continuing Education. Furthermore, this committee is to review annually such applications as may be submitted by our ministers for Continuing Education Units of Credit and report them to the Conference in session.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the Church Growth Committee to promote and support local church growth through outreach ministry and leadership development. Through the work of the committee Central Conference Churches will be more fully equipped to effectively reach people without Christ in their communities. The committee shall establish and coordinate a process and method whereby local churches of the Central Conference may apply for funds to subsidize the cost of special church growth projects and/or leadership development programs.

Section 16. It shall be the duty of the Ministry Care Committee to provide and maintain relationships with appropriately accredited agencies to provide counseling, coaching, and other supportive services for ordained and licensed ministers of the Central Conference and their immediate families.

BYLAWS

Section 1. A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

Section 2. All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly

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presented to the conference in written form only.

Section 3. Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subject to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

Section 4. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

Section 5. No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

Section 6. The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

Section 7. Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

Section 8. The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

Section 9. The minutes of the conference shall be approved by the Executive Committee before publication.

Section 10. This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented in the morning session.

The Report of the Credentials Committee

Ordained ministers present—44

Visiting ministers present—8

Licensed ministers present—7

Visitors registered—20

Delegates present—45

Churches represented--39

Total persons registered—124

Respectfully submitted by the Credentials Committee
Rev. Ronnie Mohn

Nominating Committee Recommendations
2014 Central Conference Meeting

Board of Ordination—Gary Bailey (2019)
Board of Trustees—Stearle Pittman (2017)
Credentials Committee—Josh Hobgood (2017)
Memorial Committee—Keith Gardner (2017)

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 Continuing Education Board—Keith Phillips (2017)
 Church Growth—Bill Groce (2017)
 Publicity—Mike Rowell (2015)
 Ministry Care Committee—John Hill (2017)
 Conference Moderator—Bryant Hines (2016)
 Conference Assistant Moderator—Kelley Smart (2016)
 Conference Clerk—Todd Sutton—(2016)
 Conference Assistant Clerk—Barry Williamson
 Conference Treasurer—Tom Malin (2016)

Respectively Submitted: Nominating Committee

Rev. Leon Grubbs
 Rev. Ronnie Hobgood
 Rev. Johnny Sullivan

Resolutions Committee Report

We give a rising vote of thanks to our host church, Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist for love shown to this 266th gathering of this body and give a rising vote of appreciation to the Boards which faithfully served the Conference this year.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Rev. Gary Bailey
 Rev. Keith Gardner
 Rev. Josh Hobgood

Roll of Central Conference Ministers by Seniority

ORDAINED MINISTERS	Ordained	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	Retired L	Retired L	Retired L	Retired E	Retired E
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P	Retired E	Deceased
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	Retired L	Retired L	Retired L	Retired L	Retired L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P	P	Retired P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	P	P	P	P
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	P	P	P	E	P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	A	Retired	Retired L	Retired A	Retired A

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Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	P	P	L
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	P	E	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	P	Retired L	Retired L	Retired A	Retired L
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	P	P	P
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	Retired P	E	Retired E	Retired E	Retired E
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	P	P	P
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/30/80	P	P	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	P	L	P	P	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	P	P	P	P	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	E	P	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P	P	P
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	P	P	L	P	p
Jack Weathersby	02/27/94	P	P	P	P	P
Joey Williams	01/15/95	P	P	P	E	P
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P	P	P
Grady Tucker	12/06/78	Retired E	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Brad Williamson	06/28/98	P	P	P	P	P
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	A	A	A	A
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	E	P	E	P
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P	P	L
Johnny Sullivan	05/21/00	P	P	P	P	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P	P	P
Bary Williamson	09/17/00	P	L	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	P	P	P	P	P
John Simpson	04/29/01	Retired	Retired L	Retired	Retired A	Retired E
Doug Owens	05/06/01	P	P	E	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	P	E	P	P	P
Phillip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P	P	E
Jacky Raper	06/08/88	P	P	P	P	P
James Owens	11/10/81	L	E	E	P	P

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Charles Russell	11/21/04	P	P	P	P	P
Kelley Smart	02/27/05	P	P	P	P	E
Michael Rowell	05/15/05	P	P	P	E	P
Charles Sutton	08/14/05	P	A	P	P	P
Doug Tyson	10/16/05	P	L		P	P
Alvin Keener		P	L		P	A
Marc Boswell	1/08/06	P	P	L	L	P
Arnold Price	69	P	E	P	P	P
Bryant Hines	06/07/79	P	P	P	P	P
Ronnie Mohn	3/80	P	P	P	E	P
Doug Skinner	07/02/72	P	P	P	P	P
Glenn Batten	10/25/08	P	P	P	P	P
Dustin Bannister	9/26/10	P	P	P	P	P
Keith Phillips	9/17/10	P	P	L	P	P
Ernest Jones		P	L	P	A	A
Tom Malin	5/15/11	P	P	P	P	P
Carlton Oakley	12/5/10	P	P	P	P	E
John Hill	6/4/04		P	P	E	P
Bill Groce	9/16/12		A	P	L	P
Spencer Owens	9/23/12	P	P	P	P	A
Joshua Hobgood	1/13/13	E	E	L	P	P
Jim Skipper	7/28/13				P	P
Greg Barnes	8/11/13				P	P
Keith Gardner	7/13/14					P

Provisional Ministers				2013	2014
Keith Gardner				P	N/A
Michael Woolard				P	P

LICENSED MINISTERS	Licensed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Brian Perry	07/10/06	L	A	L	Dropped	N/A
James Wiggins	08/14/06	P	A	E	Dropped	N/A
Joshua Hobgood	7/08/08	E	E	L	Ordained	N/A
Stan Asby	7/13/10	A	A		P	A
Matthew Forrest	7/25/10	P	L	P	A	P
Kiril Sgilenov	10/12/10	A	A	A	A	A
Marci Rollins-Smart	5/23/10	P	P	P	P	P
Michael Arthur	1/18/11		P	P	E	P
Chris Dunn	4/26/11		A		A	Dropped

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Scott Wright	1/23/11		A		A	A
Caleb Hines	2/5/12		P	E	P	P
Michael Blake Bryan	7/9/12				P	P
Jay Summerlin	5/19/12			E	P	Dropped
Matthew Galloway	12/30/12				P	Dropped
Adam Tyndall	2/10/13				P	P
John Chapman					A	Dropped
Robbie Rouse	7/8/13				P	P

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